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Regarding the 2018 Broad Ripple Park Master Plan:

The Board of Directors of the Friends of Broad Ripple Park generally support the master plan. The overall plan creates a park with diverse amenities that serve a broad population, including engagement with the river, arts & culture, community festivals, natural areas & environmental education, sports & fitness, and more. We do have some specific concerns:

A lazy river has the same issues of staffing and liability as a lap pool and we urge further consideration as to which feature — a lap pool or a lazy river — better serves the public.

The community center partnership needs to be developed carefully. Depending on how the financial agreement works, the private partner could really shape the project and look out for themselves much more than the park.

We suggest a “phase zero” which addresses side walks and maybe a couple of other low-dollar, high-impact items. The community center partnership could address these items.

The road should be built with traffic-calming features and we encourage using permeable hard surfaces wherever possible.

Care should be taken to minimize lawn chemical runoff into the waterways.

We appreciated the opportunity to participate. The process was inclusive, thorough, and responsive to public comments and feedback. We commend Indy Parks staff, Context Design, Engaging Solutions, and the other private partners for a job well done.

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