

# Open Forum 01/16/19 in regards to Blake Lane Park

Thursday 1/10/2019

This is it! This is **your chance to speak up**, or at the very least, **to be present** at the **community meeting/open forum hosted by FCPS**, the Park Authority, and other officials. <https://www.fcps.edu/index.php/event/oakton-fairfax-es-community-meeting>

**This is the only open forum we will get! Now is the time to show up for the cause**, so please make sure to **come in support of keeping Blake Lane Park alive!**

**What: Community Meeting / Open Forum hosted by FCPS**

**Where: Mosby Woods Elementary School** (9819 Five Oaks Rd, Fairfax, VA 22031)

**When: Wednesday, January 16th at 7:00 PM**

**United we stand for this cause!** United, and only united, can we make a difference, so come to the open forum! **If you want to keep the park alive, show up!** You don't have to speak if you don't want to, **your presence alone will be enough**. Also, please help spread the word concerning the open forum!

**Erika Yalowitz** (a candidate for the Providence District Supervisor position opening in 2019) has endorsed us, **she is pro keeping the Park**, and stands on our side fighting to **keep Blake Lane Park** a Park and nothing else.

**Please join us** in the fight for our park, our sanctuary, our happy place, and especially, **keeping even more traffic and pollution away from our neighborhood!**

## **A couple of points to note from the recent design meeting:**

- The kiss and ride area is currently proposed to be on Bushman Drive, and Blake Lane will be the loop for the school buses. To coordinate the traffice, we were told **a permanent police presence** will probably be needed to make things work. **This will be an ongoing additional cost to tax payers one way or another**. Blake Lane Park is simply not the right location for this project!
- The dog park will be eliminated due to health regulations.
- **FCPS does not even know where the kids will be coming from** (the most recent CIP shows a decline of elementary age of about 1,800 by 2024). Not to mention, no new development is going on in our immediate area, but rather near the Vienna metro, which happens to be where **a much closer site is located near the Towers Park area**. Per information publicly available and **attached, the site is accessible**, yet they state it is not, which appears to not be truthful. (Reference: 5 acres owned by FCPS (tax map # 0484 01 0003D), 5 acres owned by the Board of Supervisors (tax map # 0484 01 0006).
- Last but not least, FCPS has the bond approved to plan the school (about \$1,3 Mio) **but not to actually construct the school**, Accoring to Dalia Palchik, **two more bonds have to be voted on** to be able to construct this school. Here is the link to the article: 3rd paragraph ( "\$1.3 million would go **toward planning** for another in the Oakton area.") - [https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/education/wp/2017/11/07/voters-approve-millions-in-bonds-for-northern-virginia-schools/?noredirect=on&utm\\_term=.4e7692166311](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/education/wp/2017/11/07/voters-approve-millions-in-bonds-for-northern-virginia-schools/?noredirect=on&utm_term=.4e7692166311)

If we work together we will save our park!

Sincerely,

[www.saveblakelanepark.org](http://www.saveblakelanepark.org)