

CARROLLTON BOOSTERS/AUDUBON NATURE INSTITUTE PARTNERSHIP

GENERAL FACTS

- The Audubon Commission is made up of 24 members appointed by the mayor of New Orleans with the consent of the City Council. The commission is committed to providing open green space and building recreational facilities for our community.
- This is a \$4 million project that is 100% funded through with private donations and sponsorships. Donors include Tom and Gayle Benson, The Drew Brees Family, IBERIABANK, Tabasco and other philanthropic foundations and individuals. This is not a revenue generating facility.
- Audubon Commission and Carrollton Boosters have a CEA agreement for use of space on the Riverview. Audubon does not receive any profit from this agreement.
- The new construction will include a much-needed pavilion, new restrooms and a playground for the public's use. The existing, outdated restroom building will be demolished.
- The playing surface will be an all pro-turf field that can be used for soccer, flag football, football, kickball and lacrosse which is much needed, given the tremendous demand for the current pro-turf field at Avenger Field.
- The recreational area will also include the "Jay Carisella Pavilion," an inviting new entrance which will house a new pavilion, the new restrooms and a new innovative playground with extensive landscaping surrounding the Sports Complex, all available for public use.
- The recreational area will be overseen by Carrollton Boosters, a volunteer run organization that works tirelessly to provide the highest quality recreational sporting activities to our region's children.
- Carrollton Boosters provides sports programming for children from 135 different schools and 4,200 families. Additionally, the organization hosts numerous tournaments attracting teams from across the Southeast. This terrific new facility will allow Carrollton Boosters to further its mission of cultivating a spirit of sportsmanship, teamwork and competition within our community.

THE PROJECT IS MADE UP OF 4 DISTINCT AREAS

- A new Pavilion that will include new restrooms, vending opportunities, storage space and a locker room. It will be named the "Jay Carisella Pavilion" and be open for public use.

- A new Playground.
- A new tree-covered walkway that connects the new Pavilion, the Playground and the current Carrollton baseball fields. Carrollton is investing \$250,000 in landscaping around the new Sports Complex which will include the planting of approximately 50 oak trees.
- New soccer field – this field will be one of the few pro-turf fields in New Orleans. The field has the ability to be used for soccer, flag football, football, kickball and lacrosse.

QUICK FACTS

- Audubon Commission is responsible for the land and Carrollton Boosters will lease the property.
- Similar to the current baseball fields at Audubon Park, the maintenance and operations of the new project is the responsibility of Carrollton Boosters.
- 2.5 acres of fenced in areas will be open and accessible to all organizations for a fee and Carrollton Boosters will handle all scheduling.
- Any fees generated by the rental of the field will be placed in the “Carrollton Sports Complex Operating & Capital Replacement Fund”. The fund will be used to maintain the field, the restrooms, the lights, the playground and the landscaping.
- The Concession stand inside the Pavilion will be operated by Carrollton Boosters.

MISINFORMATION CIRCULATING ABOUT THE PROJECT

1. Carrollton Boosters is **NOT** taking over the entire “Fly.”
 - Total acreage of the “Fly” = 40.5 acres
 - Current ball fields (baseball and grass fields) = 12.5 acres.
 - New addition (field and stands) = 2.5 acres.
 - Remaining open space = 25.5 acres.
2. There will **NOT** be a restaurant and an education building included in the project. Those components were part of a 35-year-old proposal that were never implemented and there are no plans to build them.
3. Use of the facility will **NOT** be restricted. The restrooms, the new playground, the pavilion and the open space soccer fields will be available for public use.