

Narrative on Athletic Field Located at The Branch Church

Liverpool FC America, a youth soccer club, based in North Texas, found itself in a terrible situation approximately 9 months ago. The church in Flower Mound that had served as practice soccer fields for Liverpool for years found itself growing and needing the space. Concurrently the Mac on 121 Business which was the backup practice fields was sold. Faced with nowhere to go and the future training site at George Bush Highway and Sandy lake over a year or two away, the club was about to be field less. Over the past 10 years of existence the club has successfully partnered with several churches to develop a common use outdoor space for the church, community and the club to use.

We began our search and as good fortune and perhaps divine intervention would have it, we found The Branch Church in Carrollton Texas. After several meetings and many great conversations, the church need of developing some unused land and the club need of practice soccer fields met and an agreement was made. Liverpool FC America would smooth out some non-used land adjacent to the church, improve the area with trees and improved grass and overall beautify it to serve the church, the community and the club. The area was smoothed out by volunteers from the club as well as a field installation professional who assisted and oversaw it all. In addition we laid a small all-weather field for usage by the church and the club in times of inclement weather or dormancy of the grass. A small storage shed was added to house cones, practice bibs and other practice related needs, a vinyl post and rail four foot high white fence on the one side facing the church was added and a six foot vinyl coated chain link fence was added around the small all weather area. The four foot vinyl fence was put in on one side only to simply define the edge and the allow parents to watch and enjoy their children practicing. The chain link fence was added for security and safety as the majority of the usage of the all-weather field will be by those 6 and under from both the church and the soccer club.

Some key points:

- The fence and lighting around the field were put in by two long time installation professionals. Each of them believed each other had pulled the permits or that the church had. A clear error and one I take full responsibility for and am anxious to correct. Once aware of the noncompliance of permitting, the club and the church have worked in unison in a totally open and honest way to insure 100% compliance.
- The field has no permanent seating nor will it, it will serve as a multi-usage field area by the church and practice only area for the soccer club. The church will be actively using it for events like Vacation Bible School, School activities, Congregation events, Sports Camps, Youth Ministry and several other programs. The Soccer Club will use the area, Monday thru Thursday from 5:30 to 8:30 and potentially a few other times throughout the course of the year.

In addition the potential new owner of the adjacent land, Carrollton Christian Academy has expressed enthusiastic interest in using the area for a burgeoning athletic program. The wonderful part is the church usage is during the day, CCA

(if it should happen) would be in the afternoon and Liverpool FC America would be early evening.

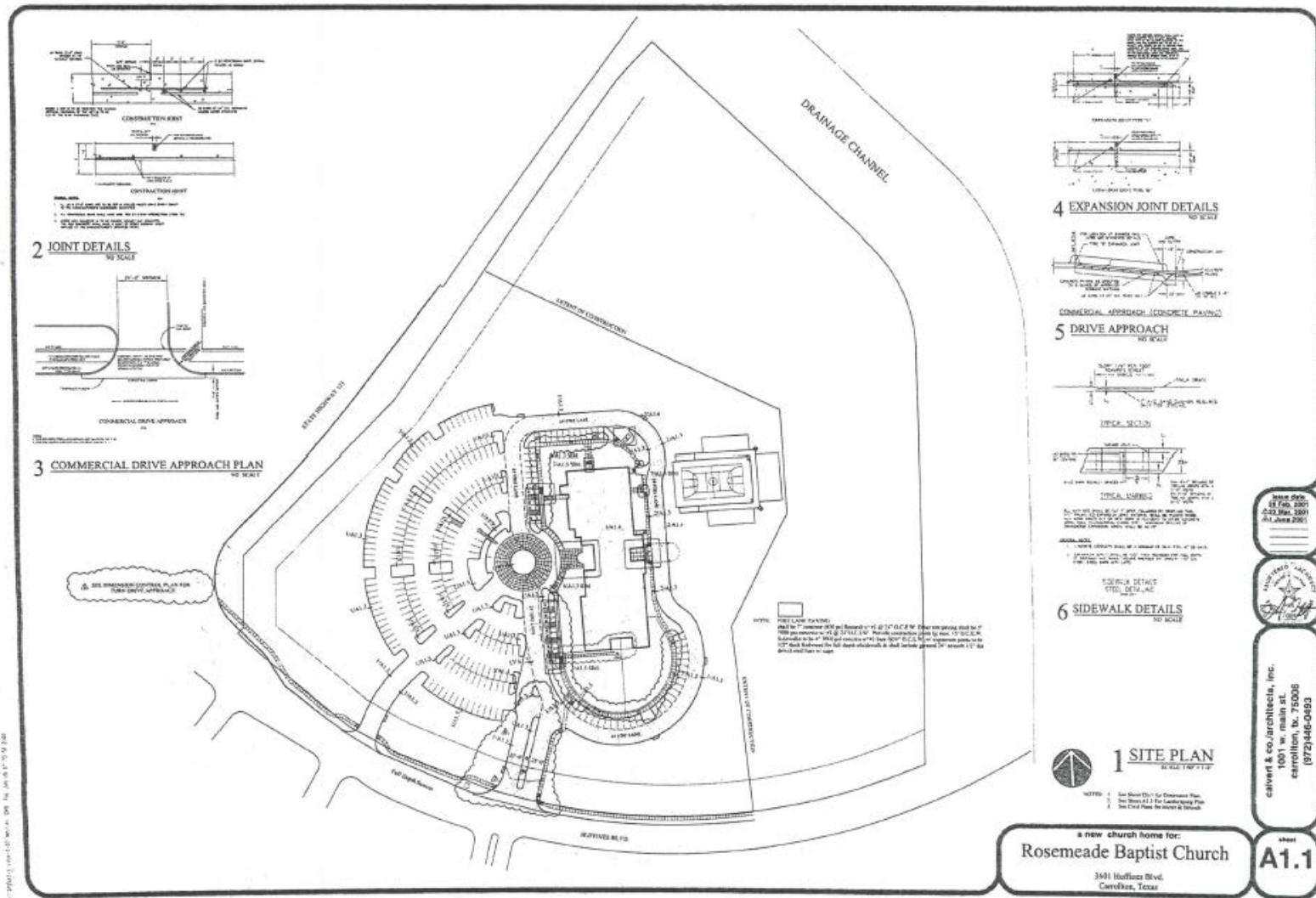
- The church allows Liverpool to use the restrooms and again, if CCA happens, they have also stated they will build an indoor/outdoor restroom.
- The lighting was installed by an over 30 year master electrician and owner of Frisco Electric. There are 6 poles that are 30 foot poles sitting on 5 foot bases with 3 feet in ground and 2 feet above ground. Each pole has three lights on it and currently with 9 inch glare shields. We are installing 15 inch glare shields to insure 100% compliance with the city glare ordinance and will be re-aiming the lights in the next week (pending weather). Insurance of compliance will be conducted by a licensed lighting professional using the most up to date measuring devices.
- The area is located approximately 350 feet from the closest residence and approximately 250 feet from 121 express.
- The soccer club planted several new trees and plans to continue to beautify the area with native wild flowers and other landscaping enhancements per the local code.

In exchange for usage of the field Liverpool cuts the grass, fertilizes and overall keeps the area. In addition Liverpool, as a community based soccer club plans to work with the church on multiple ways to give back to the community and surrounding area.

Hayes School Roster - 2015/2016			
Age	Teachers	Students	Max Students
2's	2	10	16
3's	2	13	16
4's	2	15	16
Pre K	1	8	8
Specials	1		
Staff	4		
Total	12	46	56

Parking Table	
General Spaces	290
Handicap Spaces	12
Total Spaces	302

CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN



PHOTOS OF FENCES AND BALLFIELD LIGHTS

