

A faint, light-colored map of Saint Paul, Minnesota, showing the city's street grid and various park areas, serves as the background for the slide.

MEETING #4

Design Advisory Committee

September 11, 2012

5:30-7:30pm

Saint Paul Parks and Recreation

AGENDA



- Welcome, Update, & Recap of Previous Meetings
- Project Approach: Phased Buildout
- Design Goals & Objectives
- Concept Plans:
 - Scheme A- Full block, Half block, Pedro Parcel
 - Scheme B- Full block, Half block, Pedro Parcel
- Discussion

MEETING 1 : RE - CAP

Project Background:

Project Origin:
A park is called for at this location in the **Edgewood Park Project Plan**, adopted by the Saint Paul City Council as part of the Comprehensive Plan in 2006.

Redevelopment of the area surrounding this park includes The Porter condominium (200 units) on the west, Rosemont (120 units) building on the east, and City Park (225 units) on the south.

Perfected and Lunda construction are scheduled to begin on the north side of the park in the Spring of 2012.

The Pedro family donated the property in the northeast corner of the park site, for use as a portion of this park. Dedication of the Pedro building occurred in 2011.



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Context - Downtown Saint Paul Parks:



- Wicouita Commons - 1.07 acres
- Pedro Park Site Study - 2.5 acres
- Mears Park - 2.1 acres
- Downtown Children's Play Area - 18 acres
- Hamm Plaza - 13 acres
- Ecoleb Plaza - 45 acres
- Landmark Plaza - 61 acres
- Rice Park - 1.62 acres

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Pedro Park Boundary Discussion:

3rd Street Re-alignment



Description: 3rd Street is realigned as indicated by the Edgewood Park Project Plan.

Notes:
A multi-level pedestrian walkway to Pedro
Remains a part of the development and
located in development parcel at the corner of 3rd Street and Edgewood

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Meeting 1: Background and Site boundary discussion

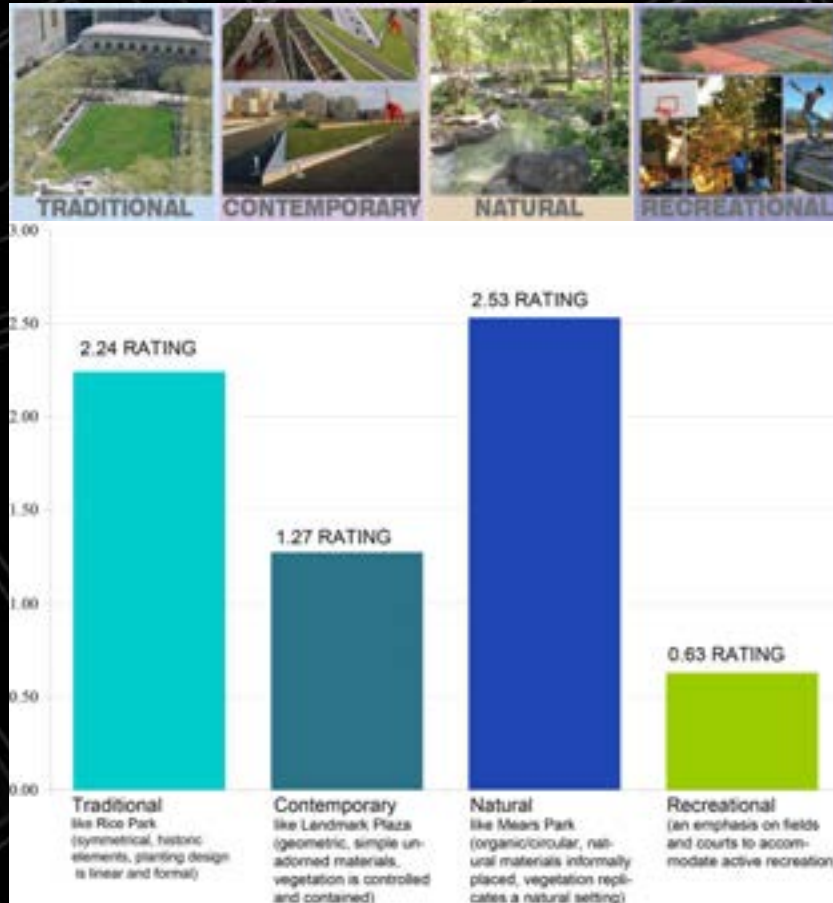
MEETING 2: RE - CAP



Meeting 2: Review of existing conditions related to population and context, and discussion of placemaking goals.

MEETING 3: RE - CAP

Question 4: What is the style of park that you would like to see ?



Meeting 3: Reviewed online survey results from 883 participants, presented goals for each phase of construction, and a proposed implementation strategy.

SURVEY RESULTS SUMMARY

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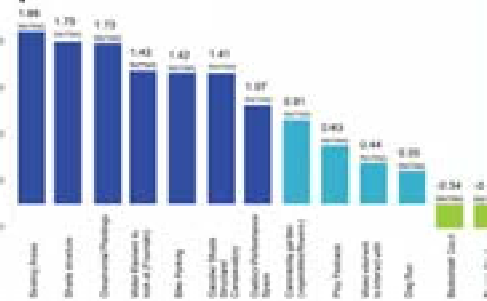
Description: An online survey was available in January 2012 for community members to take and give their opinion on the desired style and elements to consider for the design of Pedro Park. Design staff will use the survey results to inform the conceptual design process.



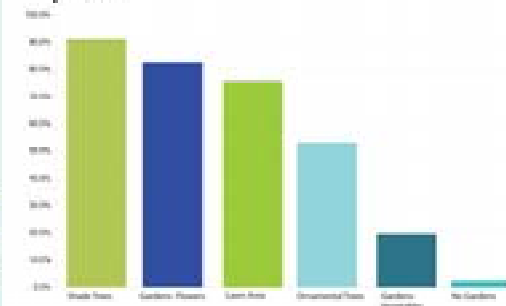
question: What is the style of park you would like to see based on the images and the descriptions?



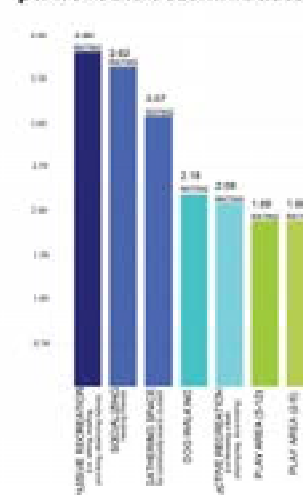
question: What are the elements that the park should accommodate?



question: What types of plantings do you prefer?



question: What are the activities that the park should accommodate?



Survey Results Summary:

- The preferred style of the park is a 'natural' style defined as organic/circular form, natural materials, and vegetation replicating a natural setting. A 'traditional' style is also valued.

- The preferred activities and elements lend itself to a 'passive park' to accommodate gathering spaces, seating for individuals or small groups in a family friendly setting.

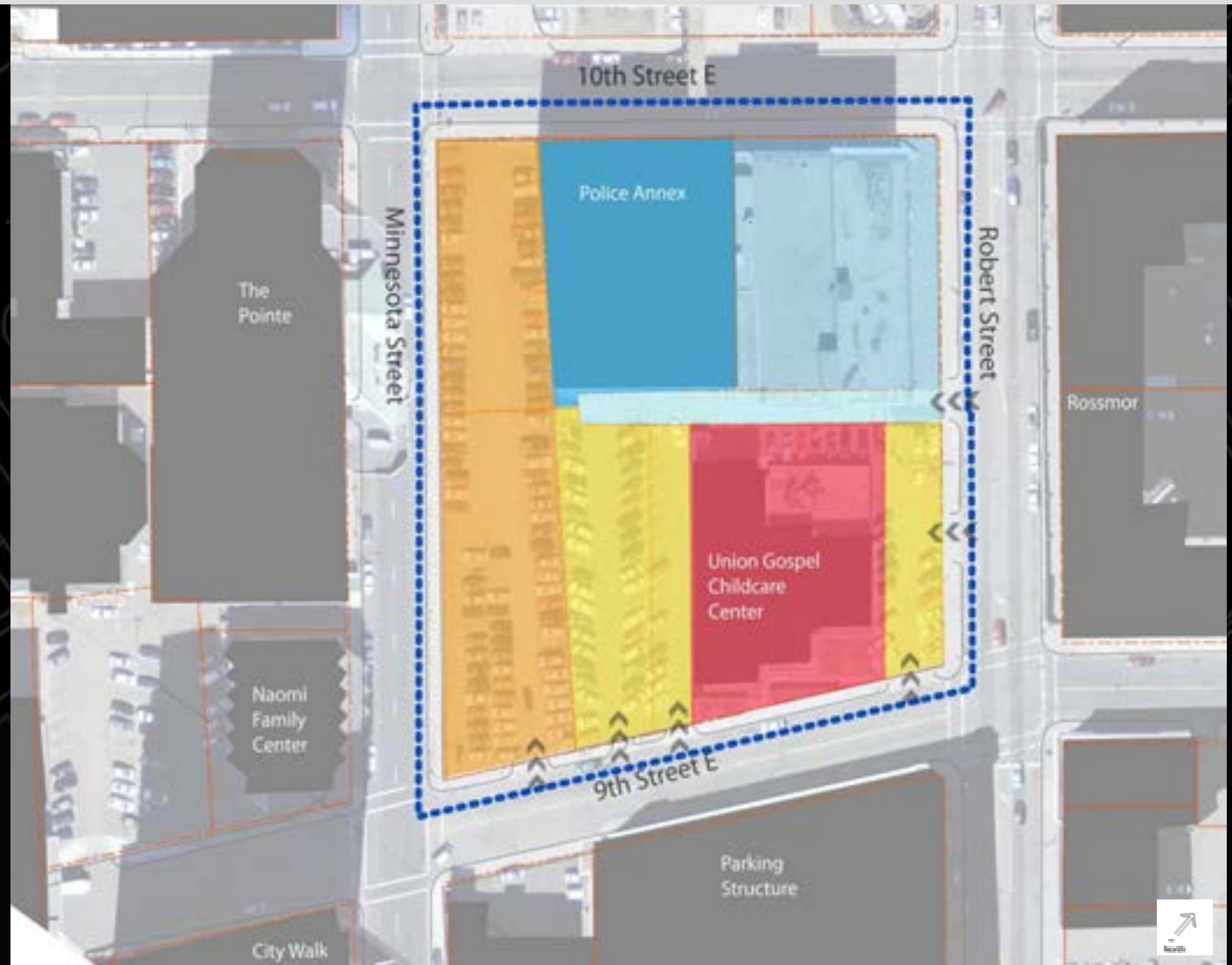
- Attractions to the park might also include ornamental plantings, a performance area, a shade structure or gazebo, a dog area, and a water fountain.

For complete survey results, please see the project website: www.stpaul.gov/pedropark

CURRENT LAND OWNERSHIP

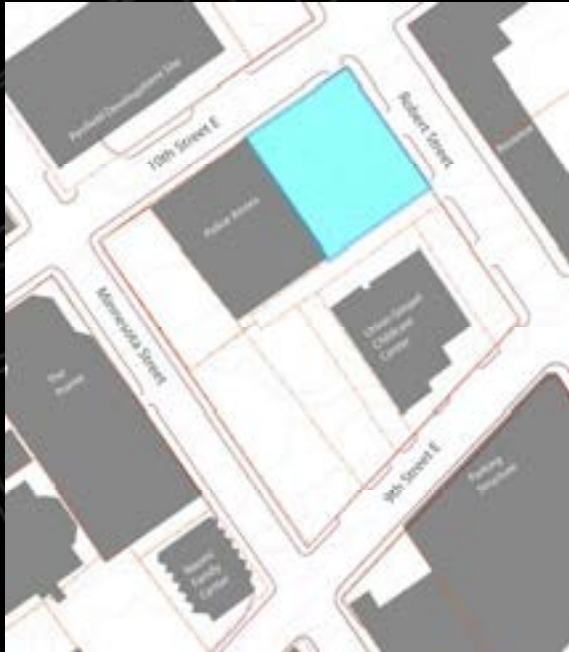
Land Ownership

- THE BLOCK IS DIVIDED INTO SEVEN PARCELS OWNED BY THREE DIFFERENT ENTITIES IN ADDITION TO THE CITY
- THE PEDRO FAMILY DONATED THE PARCEL IN THE NORTHERN CORNER OF THE SITE
- THE DONATED PARCEL WILL BE USED FOR CONSTRUCTION STAGING FOR THE PENFIELD/LUNDS DEVELOPMENT SITE UNTIL FALL 2014 (APPROX.)
- THE CITY IS CONSIDERING WHERE THE POLICE OPERATIONS BUILDING MIGHT BE RELOCATED
- FUNDING FOR FUTURE LAND ACQUISITION HAS NOT BEEN SECURED

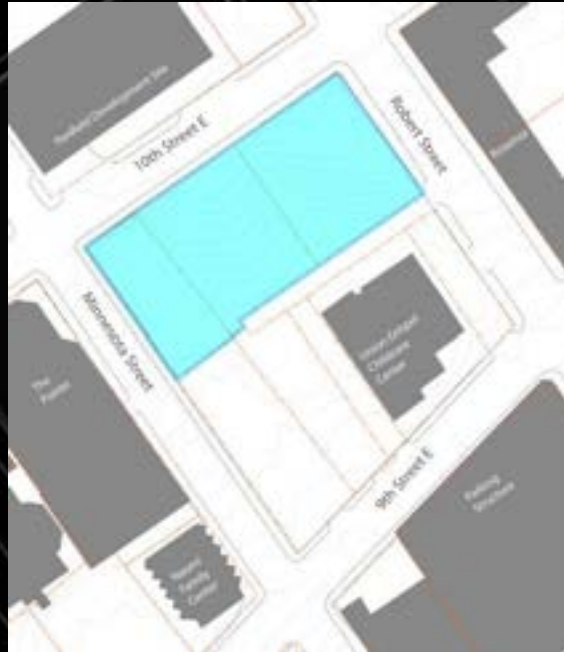


PHASED IMPLEMENTATION OF PARK

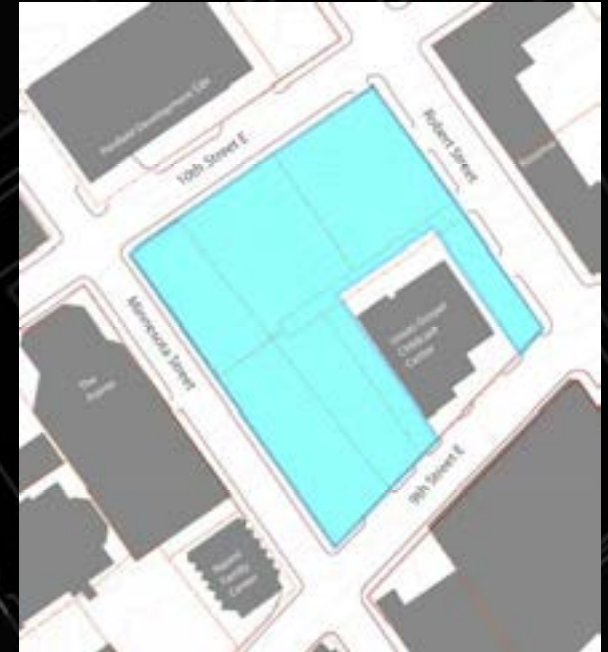
Revision to proposed buildout of Pedro Park:



Temporary: Pocket Park



Short Term: Half Block



Long Term: U-shaped

Design Goals

Project statement :

To provide a plan for phased implementation of a new downtown park that transforms multiple parcels of a city block into a lively and beautiful public green space that will foster community interactions, passive recreation, and provide environmental, recreational, and cultural benefits.

Design Goals

GOAL 1:

Provide a Park Design which combines elements of “Natural Landscape Design” (informal, organic, asymmetrical) with elements of “Traditional Landscape Design” (formal, structured, symmetrical).

- Investigate site layout ideas which contrast informal/organic shapes with formal/symmetrical shapes**
- Utilize a combination of informal/asymmetrical tree and shrub planting schemes with more structured/symmetrical planting ideas**

Design Goals

GOAL 2:

Develop a Park Design which includes a hierarchy of individual, small group and large group gathering space within an overall family friendly setting.

- Provide small seating areas for quiet contemplation
- Provide small group gathering areas for neighborhood interaction
- Provide open unstructured space for informal recreation

Design Goals

GOAL 3:

Provide a Park Design which emphasizes activities conducive to more passive recreational experiences.

- Provide an open and/or enclosed structure for shade such as a gazebo, pergola or conservatory
- Provide a space for outdoor performances
- Provide a water feature
- Provide open lawn area for gatherings

Design Goals

GOAL 4:

Provide a Park Design which is viewed as a “green oasis” from the surrounding urban neighborhood

- Surround site with street tree plantings and places to sit and view adjacent park
- Provide opportunity for bike parking and a dog run
- Relocate bus stop at NW corner of Minnesota and Ninth Street into SW corner of new park
- Remove asphalt surrounding childcare center and substitute green space

PRESENTATION OF CONCEPT PLANS

Discussion

1. Discussion: Comments, questions, reactions, clarifications
2. Key Decision Points:
 - Stone wall
 - Parking removal
 - Half block vs. Full block
 - Grade change / Orientation
 - Design Style: Scheme A / Scheme B
3. Post – it Note Comments on Plans
4. Moving forward: Revise concept plan and prepare cost estimates for implementation

Moving Forward....

Next Meeting: October 30, 2012 *(tentative)*

