

The background is a mosaic of small, irregular tiles in shades of blue, red, and yellow. A large, stylized sun with a yellow center and red rays is positioned in the upper center. Below the sun, there are wavy lines in blue and red, suggesting water or a landscape. The overall effect is a vibrant, textured background.

# **MEETING #1**

**Design Advisory Committee**

**September 23, 2015**

**5:00-7:00pm**

**Saint Paul Parks and Recreation**

**PARQUE de CASTILLO**



# Agenda



Welcome & Introductions  
Project Introduction & Design Process  
Project Background & Survey Results  
Site Analysis & Concept Planning  
Design Preference Activity  
Discussion  
Next steps



## Project Overview:

**Project Goal:** *Create a concept plan for improvements to Parque de Castillo to improve the play area and create a vibrant public space.*

## Meeting Goals:

- Introduce the project*
- Review survey results, analysis, and concept plans.*
- Determine a desired organization of the site for moving forward*
- Determine preferences for the play area and other park amenities to include.*



## Design Advisory Committee guidelines:

*Design Advisory Committee process determines the direction of development and refinement of concept designs*

### Who is the Design Advisory Committee?

-A diverse mix of community representatives including property owners, adjacent residents, stakeholders and representatives from business, finance, institution, and real estate.

### Charge of the Design Advisory Committee:

-Advise the design team composed of city staff in the concept development and refinement for Parque de Castillo.

### Role of the Design Advisory Committee:

- Define the community and neighborhood needs of the park site
- Review plan concepts and provide input on major design elements and park themes
- Bring suggestions from area residents to the attention of the project team
- Help communicate project progress to community members
- Provide guidance to the Parks and Recreation design staff on the final design recommendations for this project
- Ensure that the full range of local issues are addressed during this design process

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### How does the Design Advisory Committee process work?

- Decisions for moving forward will be made by consensus.
- Project information will be available to the public on the city website:  
[www.stpaul.gov/parquecastillo](http://www.stpaul.gov/parquecastillo)
- Meetings are open to the public. Comments from public outside design advisory committee can be sent through email, telephone or by comment card.
- Design Advisory Committee meetings end after design development is complete and consensus has been reached for major project elements

## Project Schedule:

### August – September 2015

- Internal meetings and Discussion
- Community outreach: Attended National Night out, visited neighboring businesses, assemble Design Advisory Committee, and Manage online survey

### September 23, 2015 – First Design Advisory Committee Meeting

- Introduce the project, review survey results, discuss site organization options and determine main priorities for the site

### November (11, 12, 18 or 19) 2015 – Second Design Advisory Committee Meeting

- Review concept plan options, determine main priorities for the project, select concept plan to develop
- Introduce consultant to design advisory committee

### January (13 or 14) 2016 – Project Open house

- Present final design for Parque de Castillo

January – April 2016 (tentative)– Develop construction documents

To be determined - 2016 – Bid Project

Fall 2016 or Summer 2017 (To be determined)– Construction starts

# Project Background

**PARQUE de CASTILLO**



## Previous Planning Efforts:

### District del Sol (2002):

- Improve Parque Castillo's "visibility"

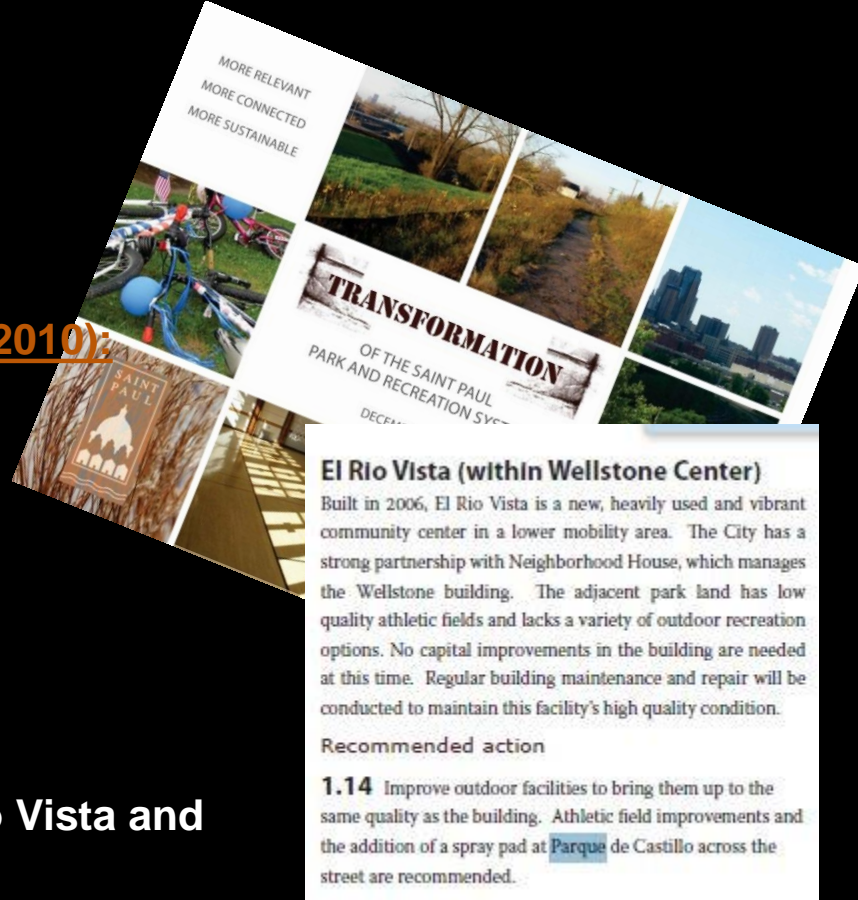
### Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Systems Plan (2010):

#### System-wide Needs (as it relates to project)

- Splashpads
- High Quality Athletic Fields (Synthetic Turf)
- Access to Nature
- Family, Adult, and Senior Recreation

### West side Community Plan (2013):

- Create a seamless park experience with El Rio Vista and Parque Castillo
- Provide additional recreation facilities at Parque Castillo



PR1.2	Coordinate the planning and design of improvements to El Rio Vista Park and Parque Castillo to create a seamless park experience.	Neighborhood House, WSCO, Parks & Recreation	High priority
PR1.3	Provide additional recreation facilities at Parque Castillo, such as a splash pad, band shell, enhanced play area, skate park or community-maintained garden.	Parks & Recreation	High priority

Implementation Cont.		
Parks and Recreation Strategies	Responsible Parties	Time Frame or Community Priority for Implementation
PR1.1 Strengthen and sustain amenities and programming at neighborhood parks and recreation centers.	WSCO, Jane Addams	Medium priority
PR1.2 Coordinate the planning and design of improvements to El Rio Vista Park and Parque Castillo to create a seamless park experience.	Neighborhood House, WSCO, Parks & Recreation	High priority
PR1.3 Provide additional recreation facilities at Parque Castillo, such as a splash pad, band shell, enhanced play area, skate park or community-maintained garden.	Parks & Recreation	High priority
PR1.4 Conduct a community design process to identify improvements and plans for Bluff Park.	Parks & Recreation, WSCO	Long term
PR1.5 Prioritize CIB funding and other city funding for neighborhood park improvements, including ball fields at El Rio and Baker.	WSCO, Neighborhood House	High priority
PR1.6 Increase the amount of playground facilities and other recreational amenities near multi-family housing sites in the community.	Parks & Recreation	Ongoing
PR2.1 Align planned improvements at regional parks with community values.	WSCO, Parks & Recreation, PED	Ongoing
PR2.2 Develop community process to outline specific implementation strategies for Ulysses Regional Park, Harriet Island and Grand River Park Plans.	WSCO, Parks & Recreation	High priority

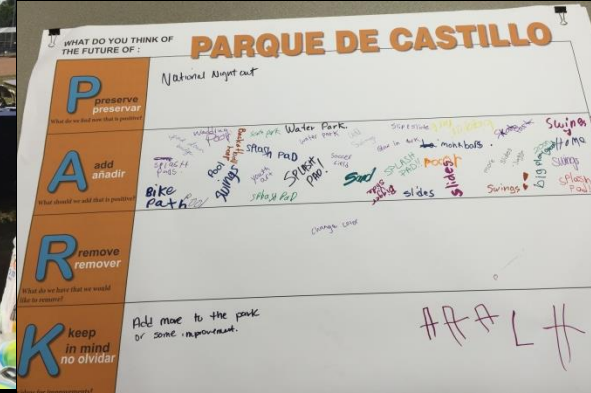
West Side Community Plan  
An Addendum to the Saint Paul Comprehensive Plan - page 29



## Project Funding:

<b>Project:</b> Parque Castillo Play Area Improvements <b>Location:</b> 149 Cesar Chavez Street, St. Paul, MN			<b>Log No.:</b> CF-0303143 <b>Activity No.:</b> <b>Department:</b> Parks and Recreation <b>Contact:</b> Jody Martinez					<b>District:</b> 03																																																												
<b>Description:</b> Replacement of the existing play area and park improvements. Update to current CPSC guidelines and ADA standards.			<b>Justification:</b> According to the Parks and Recreation Department's Tot Lot Replacement List, the play area at El Rio Vista (Roosevelt School) is ranked number 4 on the list for replacement. Since the play area at Roosevelt is now maintained by the School District, we propose to replace the Parque Castillo play area directly across the street from El Rio Vista. This project would bring much needed upgrades to Parque Castillo and create a vibrant space able to accommodate kids from El Rio Vista. This plan would build on the <u>Robert/Cesar Chavez Redevelopment Plan</u> recently completed for the area. Parque Castillo bridges the connection between Cesar Chavez Street and El Rio Vista.																																																																	
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***Open house - December or January (TBD)***

The City of Saint Paul Department of Parks and Recreation has funding to  
**IMPROVE THE PLAY AREA AND SITE FEATURES AT**

# PARQUE DE CASTILLO

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS.**

*Please contact Anne Gardner (651-266-6421) if you are interested in being involved as a community representative*

PROJECT  
STUDY AREA

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Washington Street

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**ONLINE SURVEY:**

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*Your responses and ideas will help our design staff understand how the proposed improvements can best accommodate the surrounding community*

Tell  
us what  
**YOU** want  
Parque Castillo  
to be!

**Parks & Recreation**

If you have questions, suggestions or comments,  
please contact  
Anne Gardner: [anne.gardner@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:anne.gardner@ci.stpaul.mn.us)  
or refer to the project website:

[www.stpaul.gov/parquecastillo](http://www.stpaul.gov/parquecastillo)

**PARQUE de CASTILLO**  
design advisory committee

# Survey Results:

## SURVEY RESULTS

An online survey was available in August 2015 to September 2015 for community members to give their feedback on the play area and site improvements of Parque Castillo. 73 people participated in the Survey. 51% of them live 5 min walk within the park. 25 % visit the park weekly and 30% less than monthly.

Q: What do you like about the play area and the park?

Ball Fields Proximity Playground  
Community Relax Park  
Close to Home Slides Location Gym  
Nice History Street Gathering Space

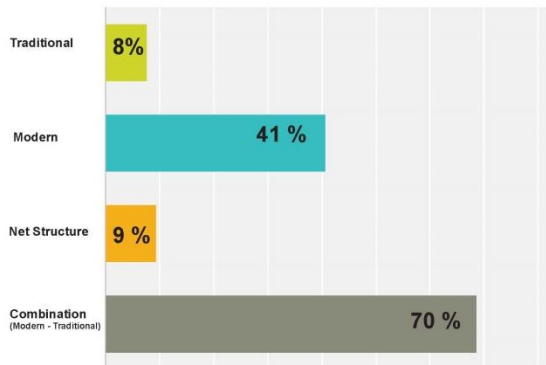
Q: If you were to chose a theme to INSPIRE the park design, what would it be?

Castillo Music Neighborhood  
Community Cultures Park  
WestSide Colors  
Historical event Aztec Mexican  
Cesar Chavez

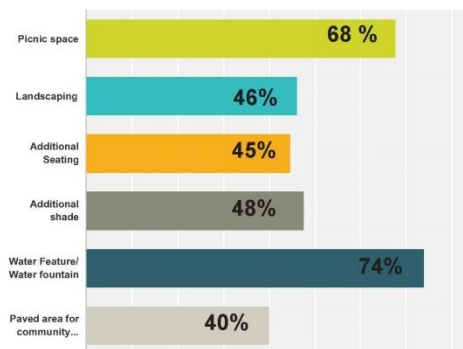
Q: In one word, say what you like best about the neighborhood?

Community Park Fun  
Culture Friendly Active Great  
Peace WestSide Nice Everyone  
Diverse Multi-generational  
Creative Artistic

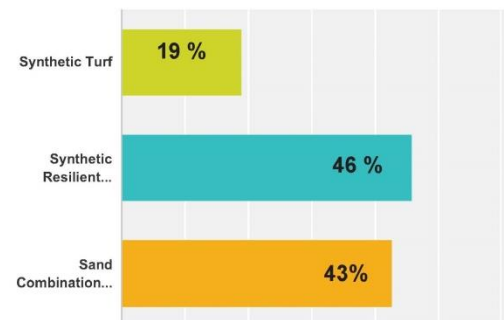
Q: What type of play equipment would you like to see in the new play area?



Q: What would you like to see in addition to new play area equipment?



Q: What type of play surfacing would you like to see in the new play area?



Suggested Additions to the park:

Tribute to veterans	Colorful benches
Splash pad	Mural
Concert stage	Mosaic
Water fountain	

Suggested Artistic Influences:

John Acosta	Frida Khalo	Jake Keeler
Armando Gutierrez	Diego Rivera	Lucas Glusenkamp
Marina Castillo	Ta-coumba Aiken	Hispanic traditions
Paul Basques	Caprice Glaser	Mexican-American
Aldo Moroni	Emily Stover	Aztec
Dim Media	Andrea Steuderl	Monarch Butterflies



## History:



# **Site Analysis & Neighborhood Context**

**PARQUE de CASTILLO**



## Site Analysis: Neighborhood Context:





## Site Analysis: Site Details



- Establish a presence on Cesar Chavez side that offers sightlines into the park, but enough of a buffer to make it feel comfortable
- Create strong visual connection to Gilbert de la O field and Rec Center
- Widen sidewalks and enhance pathways through the park that are intentional connectors
- Flatten the lawn space to create more useable open areas
- Reduce the strong presence of visible utilities (power pole & light fixtures)
- Trim plantings around the sculpture and/or move memorial
- Create a vibrant, active play area for children
- Create an open plaza space for community events

# Site Analysis: Conceptual site organization schemes:

## CONCEPT A - art park



CONCEPT A - ART PARK

- \* ART IS MAJOR FOCUS
- \* PLAY AREA 6,000 SQ. FT.
- \* FORMAL LAYOUT
- \* FOUNTAIN JOINS PARK TO STREET SF
- \* PRESERVES TREES

ADD A DOT IF THIS PLAN HAS YOUR FAVORITE:

location of play area	size of plaza	style of water feature

## CONCEPT B - neighborhood park



CONCEPT B - NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

- \* FOCUS ON GREEN SPACE AND PLAY AREA
- \* UTILIZE STREET SPACE AS PLAZA
- \* PRESERVE TREES
- \* LESS FORMAL
- \* ORIENT BAND SHELL IN NW CORNER TO MAXIMIZE OPEN SPACE
- \* PLAY AREA 6,100 SQ. FT.

ADD A DOT IF THIS PLAN HAS YOUR FAVORITE:

location of play area	size of plaza	style of water feature

## CONCEPT C - traditional plaza



Concept C - Traditional Plaza

- \* Large formal plaza with circular fountain located close to Cesar Chavez to invite users into park
- \* Focus is on gathering space
- \* Plaza also accommodates viewing area for bandshell
- \* Play Area 3,800 Sq. Ft.

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## Concept Images: Play Equipment:





# Concept Images: Water Features:

## Fountains



## Pools



## Splashpads





# Discussion



1. Are there any additional themes to add to inspire the design?
2. What are your ideas and desires for this site?
3. What are the priorities for Parque de Castillo? (turn in sheet)

# Moving Forward....

**Next Meeting: Mid - November 2015**