MEETING #2

October 23, 2012
Victoria Park Design Advisory Committee

Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Design Section
AGENDA

- Welcome & meeting recap
- Summary of framework plans
- Development of goals and objectives
- Preliminary program / brainstorming event
- Public comment
- Conclusion/ next steps
MEETING 1 RE - CAP: Structure

- No Alternates

- Decisions by consensus, not voting

- Work respectfully in group setting

- Understand and balance needs of all park users

- Join Committee with open-mind and willingness to listen and hear views/ideas for Victoria Park

- Have “parking lot” for additional comments/questions that come up that are not on agenda

- Limit talking points to 3 minutes, co-chairs will monitor

- Meetings open to public, but hear public comment at conclusion of meeting – 3 minute time limit.
Victoria Park Design Advisory Committee is:

- Advisory role to Parks and Recreation

- Input balanced with larger citywide needs; City of Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Systems Plan, City of Saint Paul Vision Plan, Great River Passage and permitting requirements

- Committee members are representing larger interest group. City website will become central source of project information. This will allow Committee members to reach out to network and share information on project
MEETING 1 RE -CAP: Walking Tour

VICTORIA PARK WALKING TOUR
CITY OF SAINT PAUL, PARKS AND RECREATION DESIGN SECTION
SEPTEMBER 17, 2012

LEGEND
1. Start/End of tour
2. Victoria Way - new street constructed to connect roadway network and accommodate Nova Classical Academy
3. Access from Adams and Mentor - maintenance road required to access Metropolitan Council Grounds
4. Wetland - included municipal wetland for wetlands filled in due to environmental remediation
5. Storm water system - stormwater pond, tree and buffer area around stormwater drain from Victoria Way and new parking lot
6. Existing well maintenance station - to remain in place until environmental remediation is completed. Maintenance access is required
7. Existing RR underpass - critical connection point between north and south sides of Victoria Park. RR underpass serves for railroad line, no longer serves Ford Plant
8. Future Parkway Ave SW - viewing location and location of old quarry base
9. View of Victoria Park South - 4- and 5-4 placed for environmental remediation
10. Existing trail system - critical connection to Mississippi River
11. Alternate route to existing trail under Shepherd Road - provides trail connection to Crosby Regional Park and East Marine Regional Park
12. Mississippi River - river bank across point
13. Flat Rock Ravine
14. Existing well maintenance station - to remain in place until environmental remediation is completed
15. Potential location point of Mississippi River Valley
16. Future public street access point to Victoria Park South and potential Soundbridge development use
17. Fill placed on Victoria Park South
18. Parking lot to be shared by Nova Classical Academy and Victoria Park users

VICTORIA PARK design advisory committee
MEETING 1 RE-CAP: Schedule

Monthly meetings - 4th Tuesday of the Month

☑ Meeting 1 (September 17, 2012): focused on familiarity with site and understanding of committee process

Meeting 2 (October 23, 2012): goals and objectives for park, brainstorming event, establish preliminary program for park

Meeting 3 (December): site analysis focusing on existing site constraints/opportunities, connections to surrounding environment (residential, river valley, bluff), history of site

Meeting 4 (January): conceptual ideas for Victoria park based on goals, objectives and site analysis

Public Open House (February) – held in conjunction with District Council Meeting

Meeting 5 (March): refined concept(s) based on feedback from Design Advisory Committee and Open House

Meeting 6 (April): present final concept plan and discuss implementation priorities which will be used as guide for funding requests.
Framework Plans
Framework:

Master Plan: “A general plan or program for achieving an objective.”

- City of Saint Paul Mission
- City of Saint Paul Comprehensive Plan
- Great River Passage
- Vision Plan & System Plan
- Small Area Plans
- Design Advisory Committee
- Regulations

VICTORIA PARK
design advisory committee
Framework:

Permits/ Regulations/Ordinance that impact master plan

- Capitol Region Watershed District
- Critical Area Ordinance
- FEMA Floodway
- MPCA environmental cleanup requirements
- Wetland Conservation Act
- Canadian Pacific rail road easement
- City of Saint Paul Public Art Ordinance
- ExxonMobile Purchase Agreement stipulations
- Others?
Framework:

System-wide needs
- Destination play areas
- Splash pads
- Off leash dog use areas
- Sand volleyball courts
- Basketball courts
- High quality athletic fields
- Walking and biking trails
- Access to nature
- Destination ice skating
- Family, adult and senior recreation
Goals and Objectives

What do we want the project to accomplish?
MISSION STATEMENT:

*To develop an overall master plan for Victoria Park that enhances the unique natural environment of the river bluff, incorporates pedestrian friendly connections, and provides for community wide recreational needs.*
GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

**CONNECT:** Provide attractive, safe and convenient pedestrian and bicycle connections to the Mississippi River, Sam Morgan Regional Trail system, mixed use urban village and surrounding transit corridor along West 7th Street.

**ENHANCE:** Provide enhancement of unique river bluff environment and Mississippi River through innovative storm water treatment, wildlife protection and soil remediation.

**ACTIVATE:** Provide a variety of recreational activities appropriate for a 40 acre park that encourage healthy and active lifestyles.
GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

CONNECT: Provide attractive, safe and convenient pedestrian and bicycle connections to the Mississippi River, Sam Morgan Regional Trail system, mixed use urban village and surrounding transit corridor along West 7th Street.

1) Provide access for non-motorized use of Mississippi River
2) Restore and stabilize existing pathways down bluff to Mississippi River
3) Provide regional connection to Sam Morgan Regional Trail and Crosby Regional Park
4) ?
Connect : Visually
Connect: Cultural
Connect : People
Connect : People
Connect : Neighborhood
Connect : Transit
ENHANCE: Provide enhancement of unique river bluff environment and Mississippi River through innovative storm water treatment, wildlife protection and soil remediation.

1) Revitalize fertility of soil brought onsite for environmental remediation

2) Enhance existing wetland through invasive species removal

3) Protect existing river bluff through storm water management

4) Stabilize areas of erosion

5) Protect public from contamination through proper environmental remediation

6) ?
Enhance: Water Quality
Enhance: Wildlife Habitat
Enhance: Wildlife Corridors

North American Migration Flyways (with Principal Routes)

Atlantic Flyway
Mississippi Flyway
Central Flyway
Pacific Flyway
Enhance : Soil Protection
Enhance: Soil Fertility
GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

**ACTIVATE:** Provide a variety of recreational activities appropriate for a 40 acre park that encourage healthy and active lifestyles.

1) Provide bicycle and pedestrian trails throughout the park with connections to larger regional systems

2) Provide recreational activities for all ages and abilities

3) Accommodate nature-based recreation activities

4) ?
Activate : Water Play
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Brainstorming of Park Program

What are the possible needs that Victoria Park can fulfill?
Preliminary program events:

- Splash Pad
- Community Gardens
- Patrick’s Memorial
- Play Area
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Public Comments?
Next Meeting:
Tuesday, December 4, 2012
6:00 – 8:00 pm

Meeting #3: Inventory and analysis of existing site influences including views, traffic, site features, trees, circulation, smells, utilities, context, neighborhood impacts, history, regional concerns....everything that may influence the design of Victoria Park.