Meeting #6
August 13, 2013
Victoria Park Design Advisory Committee

Department of Parks and Recreation Design Section
Monthly meetings - 4th Tuesday of the Month (when possible)

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 4, 2012): site analysis focusing on existing site constraints/opportunities, connections to surrounding environment, history

Meeting 4 (January 22, 2013): design charrette to develop 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 19, 2013): refined concept(s) based on feedback from Design Advisory Committee Design Charette

April 24, 2013: Fort Road Federation Annual Meeting - Public Open House to receive input on conceptual designs

May 14, 2013: Open House to receive input on conceptual designs

Meeting 6 (August 13, 2013): further refinement of master plan based on Open House Comments

Meeting 7 (September 17, 2013): conclude design process with discussion on prioritization of master plan elements
1) Welcome

2) Recap from Open House (5 minutes)

3) Presentation of draft Master Plan (20 minutes)

4) Discussion on draft Master Plan (45 minutes)

5) Questions/Comments from Public (30 minutes)

6) Conclusion/Next Steps (5 minutes)
   + Meeting 7: September 17, 2013, 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Nova Classical Academy
Recap from Open House
**Comments Received**

- "Work with Great River Greening on landscaping with native species."
- "Provide signage about history and wildlife."
- "We love these ideas:"
  - Traditional park closer to Nova and more natural transition to river
  - Wetland boardwalk
  - Native grasses/plants
  - Possible tie-in of historical features such as old Fort Road"
- "Concept 1 or 2"
- "Would love community gardens, picnic areas, and bread oven on north side close to Mississippi Market. Wed love to sponsor these!"
- "Keep it green and economical. Not so tax-payer intensive."
- "Victoria Park Apartments"
  - No soccer
  - No lighted fields
  - Prefer multi-use to this side of park
  - Multi-use concerns with parking
  - Discuss river access and ADA
  - Parking requirements?
  - Easier river access?
  - Possibly more community gardens?"
- "Move athletic field here." (Arrow points to property owned by Nova)
- "No fences. No artificial turf. No lights, but this side."
- "Keep field here."
- "More trees here."
- "L.O.V.E. the water cycles thing. Great idea!"
- "Love the trails. Keep the water and wetlands."
- "I like native grass open space and jogging trails."
- "Where is the dog park?"
- "If this is a mound built by white people in the 21st Century, it is offensive to the memory of native of indigenous people."
- "Historical plaques"
- "No fences"
- "Markers for original fort trail"
- "Where are benches!"
Comments Received

"Include large sculptures – work with Public Art St. Paul"

"Adequate trash containers for picnic areas, fields and amphitheater."

"Bread and pizza ovens should be located new overlook along with clean-up sinks and restrooms."

"Great idea!! Canoe access!!"

"Athletic fields on north side."

"Good combination of activities – organized athletics, playgrounds & picnic space & natural areas. This will draw in many diverse users!"

"Exercise stations on natural side."

"Exercise stations along trails! (Low maintenance – pull-up bars, benches, inclined planes, etc.)."

"Would appreciate not flat land south of tracks."

"Multi-use athletic fields should be on north side of tracks. Concept I or II."

"No fences. No artificial turf. No lights, but this side. (Post-it on north side of site.)."

"The amphitheater might have less noise pollution on the south side of the tracks."

"Athletic field can be shared with Nova. And not so close to the tracks."

"Prefer athletic fields here."

"Prefer all park space, not so sports oriented."

"We love the idea of basketball, tennis, multi-use and amphitheater restroom here. – Saint Paul mom and student."

"No soccer fields please. Extend sidewalks on both sides of Otto."

"Love boardwalk thru wetland. 2 multi-use athletic fields – one north and one south."

"Adequate lighting needed for all paths. Love idea of stream."

"Overlooks and access to Shepard Road are important features."
Comments Received

“This is my last choice.”

“Forget this!!! Concept 3”

“Natural grass fields I know this is more expensive & difficult to maintain, but HGRA does a great job with their fields by Expo!”

“This would be our first choice.” - Sholom

“Love having 2 athletic field spaces. This will be move inviting to the kids of the neighborhood!”

“We need a passive park. WHY? A multi-use (noisy-people traffic) athletic field???”
Master Plan
DISTANCES

NORTH TO ELWAY ENTRANCE OF CROSBY REGIONAL PARK

 MISSISSIPPI MARKET

NOVA CLASSICAL ACADEMY

TWIN CITY TILE

VICTORIA WAY

SHOLOM HOME

ADRIAN ST.

MONTREAL AVE.

BLUFF TO SAM MORGAN REGIONAL TRAIL

1/2 MILE

.7 MILE

.4 MILE

.6 MILE

.5 MILE

.9 MILE

4 MILE

6 MILE

7 MILE

TO ELWAY ENTRANCE OF CROSBY REGIONAL PARK
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Victoria Park

Highland Park via Montreal Ave.

Lilydale Regional Park

Big Rivers Trail & Lilydale Regional Trail via I-35E

Canoe/kayak landing

Crosby Regional Park

Shepard Road

Connections
QUESTIONS / PUBLIC COMMENTS?