

MEETING #3

RICE PARK REVITALIZATION Design Advisory Committee

March 3, 2015

3:00-5:00 pm

Saint Paul Parks and Recreation

MEETING GOAL

- Review and approve updated concept plan
- Committee to make final recommendations and suggestions for open house
- Review next steps for project
(Funding construction, phased installation, ongoing conversations)

AGENDA

- Introductions
- Design Advisory Committee Role
- Recap and Follow up from Meeting #2
- Presentation of Concept Plan
- Rough Budget
- Priorities & Phasing
- Discussion
- Next Steps

DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Charge of the Design Advisory Committee:

-To provide input to the City of Saint Paul Parks and Recreation staff for the concept plan development for the revitalization of Rice Park

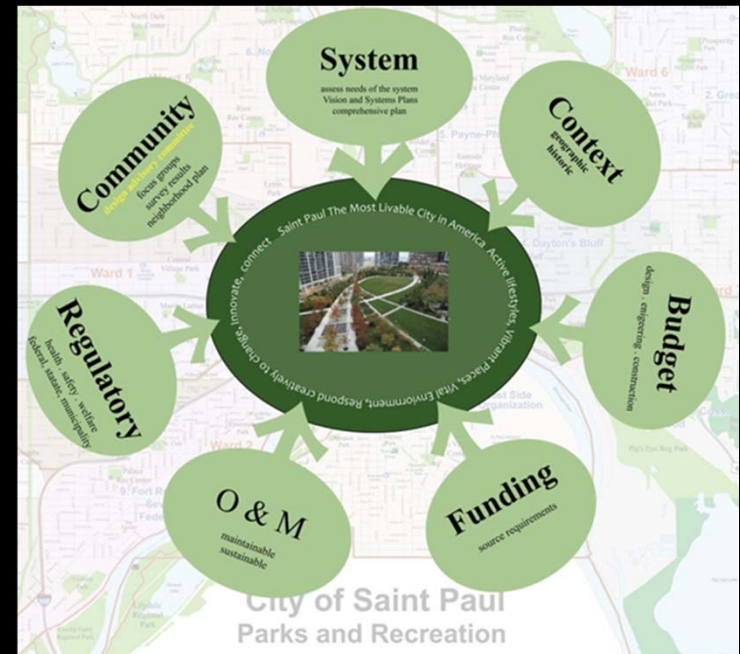
Role of the Design Advisory Committee:

- Define the community needs of the park site
- Review concept plans and provide input on proposed major design elements and park improvements
- Bring suggestions from area residents to the attention of the design 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

How does the Design Advisory Committee process work?

- Decisions for moving forward will be made by consensus.
- Design Advisory Committee meetings end after design development is complete and consensus has been reached for major project elements

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



Rice Park Concept Plan will be developed with consideration of multiple factors

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project information is available to the public on the city website:

www.stpaul.gov/riceparkdesign

MEETING 1 : RE - CAP

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Project Introduction

Survey Results

History

Site Analysis

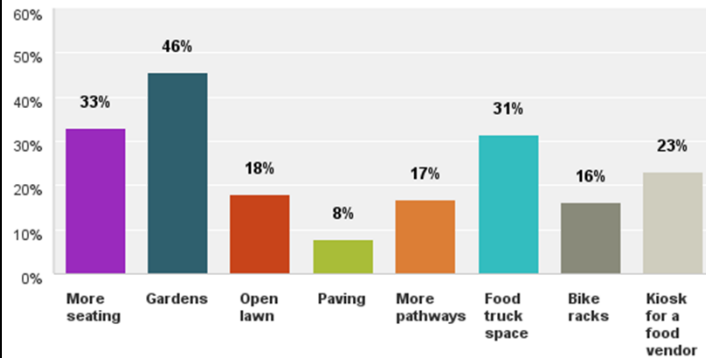
Brainstorming/Discussion



MEETING 1 : SURVEY RESULTS

Q6 If you could add something new to Rice Park, what would it be?

Answered: 178 Skipped: 90



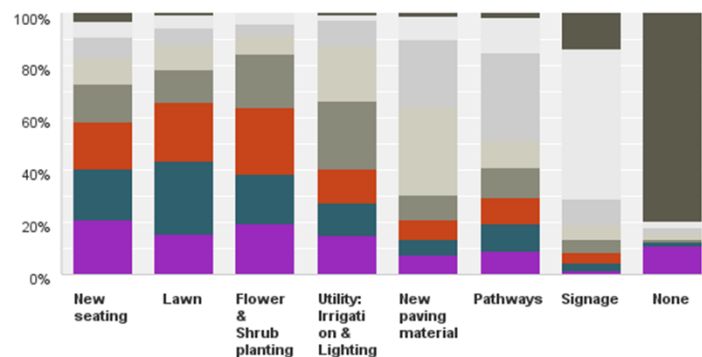
-The top five items to change include garden plantings, added lighting, improved lawn area, pathways paving, and trees.

-The top three items in need of physical improvements include new seating, flower and shrub plantings, & lawn

-Results indicate adding gardens, more seating, food truck space for eating, and lighting are highly preferred.

Q3 In your opinion, what is a priority for PHYSICAL improvements to Rice Park (please rank)?

Answered: 200 Skipped: 68



-Comments indicate that the top issues to address include the homeless population, safety, lighting, circulation design, and change of seating.

-Results show the favorite aspect of Rice Park includes character of the park, the surrounding buildings, and the fountain

MEETING 2 : RE - CAP

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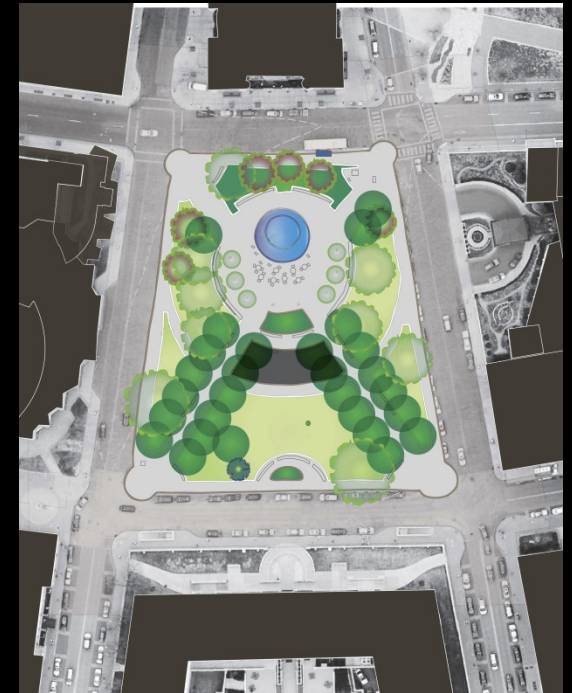
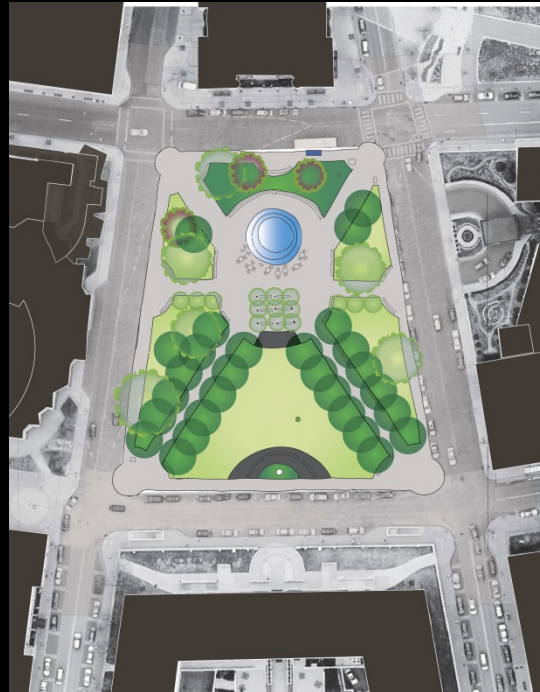
Review of historical imagery

Design goals

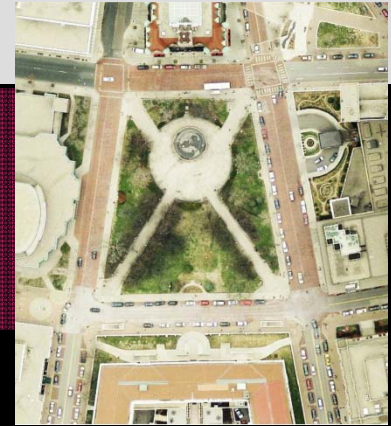
Design process

Precedents

Presentation of
design concepts



MEETING 2 : Design Goals



Project description:

Develop a concept plan for the phased improvements to Rice Park to revitalize this significant public space in Saint Paul located on the block bounded by Washington Street, 5th Street, 4th Street, and Market Street. The park is 1.6 acres.

GOAL 1: **ENCLOSE**

Preserve the sense of enclosure from the buildings as a significant historic feature of the park

- Selectively remove trees to preserve sightlines to buildings and maintain sense of enclosure

GOAL 2: **INVITE**

Create a welcoming and safe place for all users

- Reinforce entry points and edges
- Improve lighting and decrease hiding places by selectively removing trees

GOAL 3: **UPGRADE**

Improve infrastructure to support operation staff and programmed use of space

- Upgrade irrigation and electrical system for improved lawn and to accommodate events

GOAL 4: **ACCOMMODATE**

Maintain space for large events but also provide space for small groups and 'conversational seating'

- Provide seating for small groups to sit for lunch such as moveable tables and chairs

GOAL 5: **CONSOLIDATE**

Organize and limit the number of monuments and plaques on site

- Design a location for all significant plaques and historical signs

CONCEPT PLAN

Preliminary Budget

Demolition, Mobilization, Permits	\$200,000
Grading & Utilities	\$100,000
Electrical & Lighting	\$334,000
Paving & Sidewalk	\$725,000
Landscaping	\$150,000
Furnishings	\$25,000
Design & Art	\$250,000
Contingency	\$290,000
 Total:	 \$2,074,000

Ongoing conversations:

1. Traffic calming along 5th

- Bumpouts at corners for safe pedestrian crossings and concern for historic character
- Other measures: paving, trees, stop sign

2. Homeless Population

- Parks department to bring to the Design Center

3. Event needs and electrical upgrades

4. “Entice into Rice” Proposal by Lighting Artist Jeff Bartlett

5. Garden Club – Discussion of coordination of garden improvements and responsibilities

6. Funding

Next Steps:

*Open House (public review):
Wednesday, April 8, 2015 – 5-7pm
Landmark Center*

