MEETING #4
Design Advisory Committee
September 11, 2012
5:30-7:30pm
Saint Paul Parks and Recreation
- 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: Background and Site boundary discussion
Meeting 2: Review of existing conditions related to population and context, and discussion of placemaking goals.
Meeting 3: Reviewed online survey results from 883 participants, presented goals for each phase of construction, and a proposed implementation strategy.

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

Meeting 3: RE - CAP
**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.ctpsaul.gov/pedropark](http://www.ctpsaul.gov/pedropark)
Current 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.
Revision to proposed buildout of Pedro Park:

Temporary: Pocket Park

Short Term: Half Block

Long Term: U-shaped
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.
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
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
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)