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Lower Landing Park Renovation 2nd Design Advisory Committee Meeting - Meeting Notes September 7, 2017 5.30pm Black Dog Café Meeting Room

Attendees:

Jeanne Hall – River Parks Lofts
Cyndy Whiteford
Tracy Sides
Bill Mantis
Jordan Hedlund – Lowertown resident-Landscape Designer
Tom Dimond
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City of Saint Paul Park Landscape Architects, Don Varney and Bianca Paz presented the second meeting for the renovation of Lower Landing Park.

Items discussed:

1. Project Scope
2. Summary of past meeting
3. Development of Two Concepts:
Trail and Nature Oriented Program
Active Recreation Program
4. Planning exercise: Compatibility of Uses Discussion.

The following are the observations and comments made by the meeting attendees:

Comments on Concept A: Trail and Nature Option

- Pump track should be close to the main trail to avoid bikers on the nature trail and keep the additional trail as, ‘pedestrian only’, to prevent conflicts of purpose.
- Label the native vegetation as educational resource for people to learn about planting options.
- Public art should be interactive and kids should be allowed to climb on the art piece
- Public art should be interesting and related to the natural and human history of the site
- Seems to be in keeping with the existing history.
- No opposition to cleaning up and revealing the rip-rap stone edge.



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- It is worth investigating on re-establishing a more prairie like planting.

Comments on Concept B: Active Recreation Programming

- Confirm the demand on recreational activities in downtown Saint Paul. “How do you know that soccer fields are wanted?”
- There is need for recreational activities for young people-other downtown parks are suffering from overuse.
- Important connection to Native American History at this site.
- The active concept seems to be heavily programmed.
- Concerns about having too many different activities in one place that may conflict with each other.
- Interest in Tennis/Pickleball court-as a senior activity
- Skate park is a good idea
- Pump Track – mixed reaction. Could work if located carefully.
- Dog Park should be big enough for off leash dog area 5 ac +/-
- The Park should serve the community around the park. Concerns about bringing more people and traffic to this site, especially with ‘Team Sports’ such as Soccer and Basketball=demand for more parking