

# May Park Community Engagement Meeting 1 Summary

46 people attended the meeting

May Park Renovation community engagement kick off meeting was held Friday June 24, 2016 from 4-6 pm. The meeting format was open house with the purpose of informing residents of the project & to provide conceptual plans for what could happen at May Park. Below is a summary of comments written on the boards.

## Board 1: Site Context

- 26 dots from residents within .25 mi radius
- 1 dot from a resident within .5 mi radius
- 2 dots from residents greater than .5 mi radius



## Board 2: Surrounding Parks Comments

- Not Cato Park! Official name is Alice Park
- Dog Park – enough playground areas already
- Kids need to play make a playground – by a kid
  - True can be small
- Love the oak trees! Make sure to keep.



### Board 3: Site Analysis Comments

- Please no dog park! Kids need safe place to play.
  - Landscape alley.
- No dog park – growing number of kids need the park!
  - Yes!
- N. End: small, simple, kid friendly playground. S. End: Simple fenced in dog park w/a few obstacles but mostly run space – Andy Gluen
- Bike rack for kids & adults
- Save the merry-go-round
- During construction protect the oak tree root structure
- No dog park! Fencing on alley and Clayland. Open Space. Keep merry go round. As much grass as possible.
- No dog park
- Pave the alley. No dog park. Keep merry go round.
- NO dog park. Room to run. Unique/art playscapes.
- There is value in open space – don't need to program every square inch to make it valuable
- No dog park!
- Keep the merry go round – great for kid development
  - Yes!
- Mmm...open space...
- My kid likes merry-go-round. She plays w/it as designed & can be unsafe on tamer equipment.
- Keep merry-go-round. NO dog park. NO garden. Keep open space (4 people agree)
- We get amazing migratory birds via train tracks. Please consider wetland or more wild growths...
- Like the alley! Maybe cobblestone it?

- Dog park! Area really need one!
- Keep big trees (2 people agree)
- Get rid of merry go round too dangerous (1 person disagree)
  - Love merry go round (or did as a kid)
- Water fountain & bathroom or portapotty
- Trim trees.
- Keep trees (1 person agree)
- Keep the old merry go round – the kids love it! (6 people agree)
  - Yes!
- Bike rack! PLEASE
  - Good idea!



#### Board 4: Idea A Comments

- Key Ideas: - Comments
  - Oak tree provide shade for play space (4 stars & a heart)
  - Playful mounds & landforms to add topography to site (2 stars)
  - View of residential homes softened by vegetation (1 star)
- 2 stars on mound playful element
- 4 stars on bouncing playful element
- 4 stars on net & climbing playful element
- Want a full fence for toddler independence
- Keep the merry – go – round open & free! This play equipment is not beautiful =)
- Like the idea of mounds & landforms (1 person agree)
- Do not restrain the merry-go-round (1 person agree)
- Amphitheater. Swing for limited abilities.
- Love the climbing structure. Do not take out merry-go-round or ruin it w/restraints
- Love this idea. Wish it included a full fence – but otherwise, PERFECT

- I like the idea of a path around the open part for kids to bike (1 person agree)
- It's NOT open space if it's filled with trees
- I was able to go to May Park before I could go to Newell (by myself) so I think a playground is important
- Align the ped-crossing on Fairview w/ the sidewalk.
- Add benches for parents (1 person agree)
- Yes to more trees!
- Play area and dog park in the open area, we have Newell for large open area
- Dog Park – more people w/dogs than kids!
- Dog Park in open area like Lauderdale Park in Roseville. Encourages walking.



#### Board 5: Idea B Comments

- Key Ideas: - Comments
  - Oak trees welcome visitors as a gateway & entrance to park (1 star)
  - Play spaces differ by theme (nature), style (climbing), or material (net) (1 person agree & 1 star)
- 1 star and 1 heart
- Idea B is my favorite: multiple play spaces as well as big open space to run around
- Cool & good commented on the circular-net wooden structure with 3 stars
- Share Your Ideas! - Comments
  - Family sitting area (picnic area)
    - 1 Heart
    - Agree
    - Me too! With grills, tables
  - Like big open area

- I am SO into this water play picture – would love this idea. Water play is engaging for 1-12 years!
- Leave the swings (1 person agree)
- Volleyball poles =)
- 5 stars on rope-balance playful element
- 13 stars on water playful element
- 6 stars and 1 heart of colorful block climbing structure playful element
- 1 star of twisted net playful element
- Less pavement is good. More open space is good.
- Raingarden? Garden/flower garden would be nice
- No Dog Park
- Strider bike path that loops around perimeter to provide a safe place for kids to bike in the city
  - Love this idea!
- I love this idea of a bike path!
- Add trees in the W. Chelton Ave (like idea A)
- Use some open space for dog park like Lauderdale Park in Roseville
- No dog park. No sand. Keep merry-go-round. Keep the open space – no extra trees. Fenced all around w/multiple gates. Keep simple. (1 person agree)
- Like separation of the play spaces, encourages movement throughout.



Board 6: Idea C Comments

- Key Ideas: Comments
  - Encourage “lounging” with artful seating & play elements ( 1 star)
  - Relocate play space away from oak trees
    - Cover w/canopies if possible. Shade important!!
  - Replace fence
- Share Your Ideas! – Comments
  - I like the symmetry of the open spaces
  - Play space by trees is nice for shade!

- 4 stars by orange net playful element
- 3 stars by spiral climbing with bench playful element
- 3 stars by elongated wooden bench playful element
- 7 stars by circle & undulating playful element
- 1 star by wood climbing & sitting playful element
- 10 on rock structure climbing playful element
- Drinking fountain! (1 person agree)
- Keep playground under trees (1 person agree)
- Like the open space to remain continuous vs chopped up = more room to run!
- Shade for play area is key – w/either tree or by artificial/canopy means.
- Idea C cuts open space into 2 smaller areas. 1 large open space is more conducive for free play – kites, Frisbee, football, etc. (1 person agree)
- Keep same sort of fence or boundary (planted) on perimeter – keeps kids safe & prevents balls from rolling into street (2 person agree)
  - Yes!



### Board 7: Idea D Comments

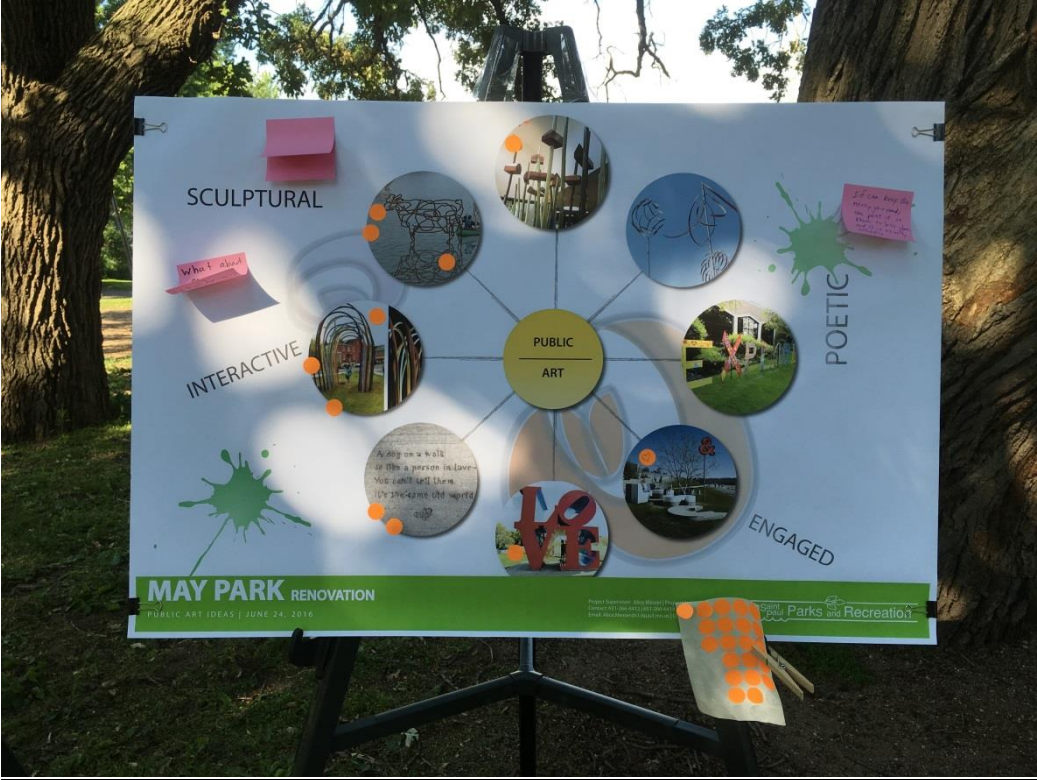
- Key Ideas: Comments
  - Love this!
- 2 stars on wavy circulation path playful element
- 4 stars on wooden-structure playful element
- 8 stars on net climbing playful element
- 2 stars on wall art playful element
- 5 stars & 1 heart on wavy boardwalk playful element
- 8 stars on log stepper playful element

- The more open-ended the equipment the more variety of ages can play on it:
  - Stumps, bridges, swings, merry go round, balance beams, water area, rocky hills to climb
  - 1 person agree
- Love the stumps
- Play areas for toddlers & big kids (1 person agree). Keep merry go round! My daughter's favorite! (1 person agree)
- This structure is my favorite. I like the idea of movement through the park!
- It's NOT open space if it's filled with trees.
- I like how there are different play/open areas. I think it will help the whole park be utilized! My favorite for space usage.
- Really like this idea.
- Keep the open space
- Community garden
  - Small? Would be nice.
  - \*Tatum comm. garden



**Board 8: Public Art Comment**

- 1 dot on grass with blocks art
- 3 dots on wired statue art
- 3 dots on colorful arches
- 2 dots & 1 agree on sidewalk poem
- 1 dot on word climbing sculpture
- 1 dot & 1 heart on sitting & climbing sculpture
- What about more nature themed sculpture? (And playground...)
- If can keep the merry-go-round, can paint it so there is less glare and it is visually attractive.
- Oaks must stay!



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