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Baga nagayaan dhuftan Walii wajjiin paarkii kana haa ijaarru

Together let’s get this park built

WELCOME
AGENDA

MEETING 2 (TODAY) - APRIL 25, 2018
Gordon Parks High School

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Feedback to date and summary of park amenities (10 min)
   a) Review of amenity preferences collected to-date (Seema, Trust for Public Land)
   b) Parks design process and amenities nearby

3. Site functions (15 min)
   a) Review opportunities and constraints from meeting #1
   b) Ecological and Stormwater
   c) Social and Connectivity
   d) Maintenance and Safety

4. Scale comparisons (25 min)
   a) Similar sized parks in St. Paul, Minneapolis, and across the U.S.

5. What fits at Midway Peace Park? (30 - 40 min)
   a) Divide into groups. Using scale comparisons from other parks, and park amenities, combine them on a scaled site plan (20 min).
   b) Informal review of our group plans (10 min)

6. Wrap-up
   a) Next Steps and schedule
   b) Questions and evaluations
FEEDBACK HEARD TO DATE

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT 2015-2017

- 525 Listening sessions
- 5 meetings and events (if not more)
- 6 park and community walks with 75 participants
- Two clean-up days - 2016, 2017

NAMING THE PARK

- Ballots at local schools, offices, apartments
- 512 ballots cast for park name
- Officially named through Parks Commission and City Council in March 2018

PARK AMENITIES - RANKED

- Open field
- Walking loop (can walk 30 minutes or more)
- Flexible play area
- Basketball hoop or half court
- Pavilions/Gathering area (for elders to sit and watch)
- Picnic table and BBQ
- Community garden
- Outdoor classroom / amphitheater
- Water feature
FEEDBACK ON PARK ACTIVITIES
FEEDBACK HEARD TO DATE

PARK LISTENING IMPRESSIONS:

People value the diversity of the neighborhood and want a multicultural park where everyone feels welcome. Many were interested in providing an area for performances and art to showcase the various cultures.

Many would use the park to gather with friends and family, especially around food. Open green space, shade and seating were a priority.

People want to make sure that play structures and field can accommodate kids of different age groups, making sure the teens are included in addition to the small kids. Seating should be provided so parents and families can sit while kids play.

Many would use the park to relax, and would want the park to feel natural and green, and provide areas for planting and gardening.

Walking is an important opportunity to socialize with friends, enjoy the outdoors and exercise. Paths should accommodate groups walking together and the length should be maximized to promote longer walks.

People are concerned about litter and safety. Trash receptacles and lighting should be located to promote use and good visibility around the park.
PARK DESIGN PROCESS

STEP ONE - ARRANGE MAJOR PARK COMPONENTS
We are deciding how the big program areas fit together within Midway Peace Park (MPP).

Large parts include - but are not limited to:
- Open lawn areas
- Walking paths/loop
- Play areas
- Play courts
- Amphitheater
- Garden
- Pavilion/gathering area
- Stormwater
- Art

STEP TWO - LOCATIONS FOR SMALL AMENITIES
Where we put the bigger parts will influence the location of smaller parts. This step will happen later.

Small parts include - but are not limited to:
- Drinking fountain
- Lighting
- Benches or seating
- Trees
- Bike racks
- Bike fix-it station
- Dog waste bag stands
- Signage
PARK CONSTRAINTS

SITE CHALLENGES

• Steep hill and wall
• Parking easement on south parcel
• Utility poles and fences create barriers
PARK OPPORTUNITIES

SITE POSSIBILITIES

- Connection from **east is difficult**, City does not own adjacent property
- Will need to work with neighbors to create entrance with **least possible impacts**
- East-west **bike route is desired**, station area plan shows a route through Skyline parking lot to Carty Heights, we will determine where it best fits in our design
SITE FUNCTIONS

ECOLOGY
- Pre-settlement vegetation was “Prairie” and “Oak openings and barrens”

STORMWATER
- Surface water flows from high point (+HP) at curb cut near edge of north parcel and middle parcel, then down toward HSRA. Some water flows toward Bigelow Lane
- Low point (+LP) at GPHS parking lot, even lower behind gym at HSRA
- Property line between south parcel and middle parcel acts as a ridgeline, basically dividing two drainage areas
SITE FUNCTIONS

SOCIAL
- No parks in nearby area (north of I-94)
- Social gathering at Target, ALDI, near high schools - goal is to bring that energy to the park
- Identity of community outreach and social services at CAPRW, Wilder Foundation

CONNECTIVITY
- Reach across I-94, greening the Griggs bridge, make MPP and Dunning complementary parks (concept, not in this project)
- Keep the MPP field un-programmed and open to everyone
SITE FUNCTIONS

MAINTENANCE
• Maintain access for lawn mowers, trash removal, plowing, etc. to both north and middle parcel
• Access to north parcel near Abra Auto Body and HSRA will be challenging

SAFETY
• Ensure crossing Griggs Street is safe for children and everyone (outside of scope but starting conversations)
• Lighting and sight lines across park and adjacent parking lots
• Link to street accident data: https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/police/pedestrian-and-bike-crash-data-city-st-paul
SCALE COMPARISONS

HOW BIG IS THE PARK?

- Park area will be 2.8 to 3.1 acres or 125,000 - 140,000 sf
- Size depends on layout of parking lot in south

WHAT IS IN THE PARK?

- Studying other parks helps us imagine the size and shape of Midway Peace Park
- Slopes and walls
- Play areas
- Field layout / dual use
- Walking trails
- Amphitheater
- Water features
- Stormwater
- Pavilion/gathering area

Legend
- Court/Field
- Open Field
- Playground
- Walking path
- Tree
- Plaza
- Slope
- Art / sculpture
- Water feature
- Pavilion
- Stormwater area or rain garden
SCALE COMPARISONS
Margaret Park, St. Paul MN

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6,000 sf play area (2017)
60,000 sf open field area
One softball field
Lighted soccer field, can be used for football, volleyball, ultimate frisbee, and more
10 parking spaces plus 1 HC
Total size 3.5 acres
SCALE COMPARISONS
Cayuga Park, St. Paul MN

4,000 sf play area (2015)
30,000 sf field (incl. softball)
Full-court basketball
Softball backstop no infield
Horseshoe area
BBQ Grill
Picnic table
Total size 2.3 acres

- Court/Field
- Open Field
- Playground
- Walking path
- Tree
- Plaza
- Art / sculpture
- Water feature
- Pavilion
- Slope / hill
- Stormwater area or rain garden
SCALE COMPARISONS
Jackson Square Park, Minneapolis MN

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- 6,000 sf playground
- 35,000 sf open lawn north
- 80,000 sf open lawn south
- 0.35 mile walking loop
- Baseball field
- Half-court basketball
- Drinking fountain and restroom
- Picnic area
- Public art
- Total size: 3.1 acres south / 3 acres north

**EDISON HIGH SCHOOL**

- 22ND AVE NE
- 18TH AVE NE
- NE JACKSON ST
- QUINCY ST NE

- Court/Field
- Open Field
- Playground
- Walking path
- Tree
- Art / sculpture
- Water feature
- Pavilion
- Plaza
- Stormwater area or rain garden
SCALE COMPARISONS
Canal Park, Washington DC

Ice skating rink is seasonal, and this plaza is available in warmer seasons for movies and dining.

Three art sculptures
Exemplary stormwater capture, treatment, and reuse
Three pavilion structures
Required to bring in revenue to be self-sustaining
Total size 3 acres
SCALE COMPARISONS
Mary Bartelme Park, Chicago IL

SCALE IN FEET
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9,800 SF Play area
Sculpture and mister fountain
Plaza
Mounds with brownfield material
Prairie planted area
Dog park
Smoothie/Hot Dog vendor cart

Total size 2.3 acres

CHICAGO, IL
WEST LOOP AREA
25,000sf open lawn

Mounded area
Stormwater area or rain garden

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WHAT FITS AT MIDWAY PEACE PARK?

6,000 sf playground

9,800 sf playground

Amphitheater with plaza

Half court basketball

1,500 sf plaza

5,000sf open lawn

10,000sf open lawn

20,000sf open lawn

Junior Soccer Field

4,800 sf plaza

25,000sf open lawn

Walking path

Art / sculpture

Tree

Water feature

Plaza

Pavilion

Stormwater area or rain garden
NEXT STEPS AND SCHEDULE

PARK CLEANUP - APRIL 28, 2018
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Meet TPL and the City at the grassy middle area on Saturday
We will have coffee and donuts, as well as gloves and bags!

Middle parcel will be open through the summer!

MEETING 3 - MAY 23, 2018
High School for the Recording Arts

Topics will include:
- Concept plans
- Priorities for amenities/program
- Preliminary cost estimate
- Stormwater and engineering update
- Slope/grading options

OPEN HOUSE - JULY 2018
Design concept: grading, layout, materials
Revised cost estimate with engineering input

POTENTIAL ARTIST CALL EARLY 2019

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS 2019

PARK OPEN LATE 2019
QUESTIONS & EVALUATION

THANK YOU!