ADVANCED DESIGN CONCEPT

Concept Evolutions
A. Axial orientation from EW to NS to address future park expansion
B. Further engineering and grading to make the park fully accessible
C. Maximizing the public park space by developing the west edge and delineation of public and private
D. Activating the corridor as an integral component of the design, a destination in the park and new expanded play opportunity

Concept Framework
Integrate Streetscape with Park Design
Not Another Mears Park Residential
Multi-functional
Looking Forward: Future Legacy
Capital City

Program
Open Green Space: Mid-Size Performance
Variety of Rooms
Water Feature
Splash Pad
Sun Protected Spaces: 2
Dog Relief
Play Space
Art
Garden Plantings
BRT Considerations

Additional Notes:
- Too much hard surface. Not enough green.
- A lawn is a sterile wasteland. Place consider pollinators friendly bee boxes and pollinators
- Concern regarding location of BRT
- No Transit Hub
- So many dogs use this area now. Make bigger?
CONCEPT DISCUSSION

1. What aspects of the current design concept do you like and why?

I like the green space & trees, downtown has so few trees.
I also like the lighting aspects for safety.

2. How do you see your representative group using the park space?

Picnics, playing in grass,

(I will miss the ability to sled in winter)

3. Other comments

Very concerned with safety / lots of concrete space for sleeping.
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3. Other comments: The bus/transit station is a terrible idea.
We need to put as much pollinator habitat in this park as possible. Plant selection should not just be from MN (no swamp white oak, please) but from the Mississippi valley area. There are some remnant native plant communities in the area that are struggling to maintain themselves. They don't need foreign competition!
The Daycare Center should be put in the bottom 2 floors of the Naive Center and torn down. At least give us 1/2 of what was promised.
Why waste our time if you have no intention to listen to what the neighborhood wants. Overwhelmingly we support the EXPANSION of Pedro Park.
My Comments:

- 25 downtown residents attended
- One resident asked how many of them are against the lack of the full block park. Virtually all of those downtown residents raised their hands.

This is overwhelmingly short of what the community wants. The design is nice and fine (minus the BRT stop), but it will not be a park large enough to support the downtown residents.

Let it be on record that the residents showed up to voice their opposition to a 1/4 block park. Thank you to the citizens who have fought hard for their neighborhood.

Thank you to the city employees for the hard work.
My feedback on the proposed plan for Pedro Park:
Although a beautiful design, I feel:

It has way to many things to maintain
Water feature is unnecessary and again too much maintenance
Too many walls to welcome graffiti
Too many hidden places
It looks very cooperate. Not natural spaces

Although I understand the Ackerberg Group may contribute to the design and maintenance etc if that goes thru this plan is not a smart idea. I live downtown this plan will welcome trouble. It is proven in the other parks that the city staff can not maintain the parks appropriately.

Kellogg park: filthy, water feature was off all of last year, pergola has not been trimmed or maintained in years, smells like urine, bench with grafatti. Groups of drunks and drug users there all the time.

Mears Park: Unless an event is going on it is is undesirable other than to walk thru quickly, skateboarders, people sleeping and using the bandshell to charge phones, yell, drink and drugs. The residents maintain the gardens with out them it would be a mess.

Rice Park: We will see how that goes but in the past the city couldn't maintain that water feature, grass turned to dirt, filthy and again a hangout for trouble. The kids park by TPT, a resident had to clean that park last year, tents in the back, extremely filthy, overgrown, very scary at night as it is hidden, no upgrades.

More police resources will be used up on calls from yet another place for trouble. The best design is to keep it simple...Grass a few trees, lights. It is our brightest park with the sun. It is a nice safe place at the moment because of its openness.

I am an owner at... I would suggest you look at the police calls in all the parks, Pedro Park has the lowest...why? Because it is an open park. No crazy tables, walls, water features. outlets to charge your phones etc. it does not invite people to use it like their living room because it is simple. Many people enjoy the simplicity of it.

Do not put so many apparatuses in the new park it just does not make any sense at all. It looks like it should be an indoor mall.

Use this opportunity to create nice green space that can be managed. Let the sun shine on it, do not cover it at all for shade with the exception of a few trees.
Final: I am against the designs offered for Pedro Park.
1. Inadequate for dog owners.
2. Way too small
3. 
Put the RBT idea before the CRC Pan.

Neighborhood input -
prob best to move the station 1 or 1 1/2 block.
I would like a bit more green space – we have so little of that here.

flowers! Trees
lots of green!
I am really interested in how the plantings are conceived of and implemented. I would like to get public updates and when input is allowed, I would like to give input.
- No office building desperately need more park space in downtown St. Paul

- Please move the future transit station to another location nearby. Having it at the park would disrupt what the park & green space is meant for.

- I hope the park expands into the parking lot next door.
No transit station - unsafe for kids. Ruins feel of park BAD IDEA
please don't turn this mini park into a place for homeless to sleep. We asked for green space, not this.

trees -> great!
grass -> great!
benches + roofs -> NO