Q1. What is an example of a one million-dollar playground/basketball court? How far does one million go?

A1. For this project, we have $875,000 from the Capital Improvement Program for both the playground and the basketball court. In addition, we will eventually have $200,000 from the Elevate Denver Bond program to address some of the asphalt walks in the park, for a total of $1,075,000.

Under the Robinson Park heading, on the Denver Parks projects page (denvergov.org/parksprojects), you will find a preferred concept plan posted. Robinson Park has a similar scope and budget as Cook Park for the playground and basketball court. At this time, that might help you get a feeling for the scale of the project. Once we get further into design and hear from you, we will begin to have a better idea of what’s possible for your park.

Q2. Is the basketball court mandated by the city?

A2. Since this court is funded by the Capital Improvement Program, the replacement of the basketball court is up to the community and if they feel a different use for that area would be justified. We are looking for suggestions on what you’d like to see; a full or half court, multi-purpose court, or a different use.

Q3. Are water features an option?

A3. Denver Parks and Recreation is looking at ways we can include water features across the city in strategic locations that meet the community needs while staying true to our Game Plan principles, specifically, Every Drop, which is our intention to conserve water. Since there is an existing Recreation Center with an outdoor pool, we wouldn’t site a water feature away from the water source. Additionally, water features are very expensive. The inclusion of the water feature may come with a significant trade-off from other playground amenities that could be included due to a limited budget. While water features are very highly used, they can only be used during a portion of the year; whereas funds could go towards a playground amenity that may be used year-round.
Q4. Is it possible to integrate the creek in any plans?

A4. We can look at ways to improve the association with the creek, especially to add play value. If we can work within the existing floodplain, there might be a possibility for this to be integrated.

Q5. Will everything be completed at one time?

A5. Yes, it is anticipated that once we go to construction, that the playground, basketball court, and priority walks identified for replacement will be completed in one mobilization for construction. Given that we have limited funding for the walks, the walks that are not identified as priority for 2021 construction will be completed at a later date.