



**Ruby Hill Park – Levitt Pavilion Public Meeting
01/19/2016 @ Godsman Elementary School**

In Attendance:

Presenters:

Chris Zacher, LP
Rohini Saksena, PW
Jeru Parikh, P&R
Chris Yanez, P&R
Gordon Robertson, P&R
Yolanda Quesada, P&R
Joseph Montalbano, sDC
Jared Floyd, sDC
Scott Bolt, Ruby/Godsman NA
Jolon Clark – City Council
Anita - City Council Aide
Valerie Kerns - City Council
Michael Bouchard – P&R
Anne Bowers, Fehr & Peers

See Attached meeting attendee list

Welcome/ Introductions

Scott Bolt gave introductions – see above for list of City & Design Team Attendees.

Thank you and welcome –

Scott Bolt lives in the neighborhood.

Asked how many from:

Platte Park, Overland, Wash Park, Baker, Harvey Park, Marlee, Westwood, Athmar, Ruby Hill,
College View

Jolon Clark gave welcome after making it here from a brief City Council Meeting
Mentioned flyers for his office so that he can be contacted regarding this project or other
projects in the district.

Asked the audience about familiarity with the project. Cited history of approaching city council
to request the park be reinvigorated. Majority of residents were in favor of activating the park
and make it more user friendly.

Scott mentioned Chris Gibson was a vital part of the effort early on. Thanks from Scott.
Dates had been pushed back but mentioned some dates of the latest timeline. See attached slides
for exact dates.

Pencils and agenda cards are available for comments and questions. Q&A will be held at the
end. Will be a lightening round for comments but if residents prefer they can fill out a
questionnaire.

Review Master Plan/ Previous Public Meeting

Gordon discussed past experience and excitement for Ruby Hill Park masterplan. Park has potential for additional amenities and services in addition to the existing attributes and strengths of the park. Reviewed the previous masterplan and past meeting. In 2008 P&R created Masterplan, then moved forward with bond improvements in 2011 with Pavilion, Playground, Community Garden, Updated irrigation.

Talked about revisit in 2013 – Bike skills park and Levitt Pavilion was introduced to masterplan and community gave thumbs up. Now here to talk about the Levitt Pavilion. Referenced Arlington TX Pavilion.

Present Updated Master Plan

Gordon gave latest updates on Masterplan: Bike park open early summer, tonight is to give some preliminary feedback on the Pavilion.

Gordon introduced Chris Zacher of Levitt.

Chris mentioned P&R, PW of CCOD and Valerie Kerns (round of applause).

Chris gave his background with City Park Jazz

What Levitt is nationally?

Friends of Levitt – Builds a sense of community with the surrounding neighborhoods and local musicians.

Reviewed existing Levitt Pavilion locations and talked about wider Levitt Goals, 30 Levitt pavilions are slated for the US.

Currently 6 Levitt Pavilions, Denver will be 7, there are Levitt events in 10 other cities.

Levitt wants the Pavilion to speak to community about what the community wants. Will be looking for community advisory group to guide the Pavilion and provide for the community.

Talked to fears of having a lot of people coming into the neighborhood for the pavilion with increase of traffic and people. Expecting 1500 patrons at most shows over the next few years. Paid events will be a cap of 3500 to 4k, but not right away, only when we have data will the number of admission based events be determined. In the beginning most admission event will be 4 or 5, possibly growing to 10.

Talked about advantages of bike trails, light rail and buses – transportation study will be a multi-modal.

Park Experience not a parking experience. Fehr and Peers will talk to this later.

Chris looks forward to putting together the Neighborhood Advisory Group.

Levitt Pavilion Purpose & Goals

Rohini Saksena with Public Works talked to this portion of the presentation.

Talked about various parts of the Design Team and Consultants in addition to the City's Design Team.

Objectives:

See attached slides

Design Team – Objectives, Goals, & Concepts

Joseph Montalbano with Studiotrope Design Collective

Shared the design team's goals:

Inspired by Levitt's goal creating community through music

Success of Levitt has been by creating these connections.

Design Team did not look at this park as just a performance space but also as a park space. Talked about the experience of being in the bowl and the immensity. Without people in the bowl you don't understand the scale. Talked about the night experience in the bowl, the night sky and lack of a horizon. Architecture wishes to create a poetic response to the bowl and surroundings. Reviewed the program and schematic phase site/ plan. Showed image of stage: architecture could be a background for each show and it can be unique and reflect the performer. Architecture otherwise doesn't have a strong personality but molds to each act. Review the parts of the site: plaza, food trucks, stage, loading area, concessions. Because the bowl is so large the stage allows for intimate to big shows. Reviewed program of stage.

Sound Study

Jared Floyd with Studiotrope Design Collective

The experience was explained.

Several Red Rocks will fit in this bowl

85 dB(A) will extend only to the mixing station. This is based on keeping sound levels at 50 dB(A) to the nearest home. This is accordance with the Denver City Noise Ordinance.

Folks are not necessarily expecting a loud experience at Levitt Pavilion at Ruby Hill Park, the proposed design is based more on an experience equivalent to a picnic in the park with music. sDC shared a diagram of the acoustical study and explained the "park concert experience"

Event Scenarios & Transportation Issues and Study

Ann Bowers with Fehr & Peers is in charge of the transportation study.

The transportation study is multi-modal not just automobile

Described 3 different scenarios. Small, Medium, Large – See slides.

Talk about prioritization. Internal roadway is a possibility for parking, want to maximize this area.

Looking at worse case scenarios for other events going on in the park.

Looking at shuttles, in order to minimize the number of people that feel they need to drive:

Mentioned valet bike parking. We want to make it comfortable to walk, bike and create good access for all the modes to get to the Pavilion.

Wayfinding will be a component so cars aren't wandering around the neighborhood.

Fehr and Peers would love to hear some of the specifics during Q&A.

Design & Construction Schedule

Rohini S. reviewed the upcoming schedule for the park design and construction. (See slides).

Questions

Q- Currently no bathrooms in the park and recycling disappears for portions of the year (only during the snowboard season).

A- Gordon - design will have 4 season restrooms. Will talk to operations about recycle.

Q- How will P&R deal with Graffiti at the pavilion. Also concerned about N/S bike lanes across Mississippi.

A- Graffiti is a huge design consideration. Connecting bike lanes from bike path – will add bike lanes to transportation study.

Scott opened Q & A up to Denver Public Safety

Tyler Blakesley (DPD) spoke to the role of public safety in the park, anytime there is large event there will be private security for the event. Private security may be off duty officers.

Q- Street racing was brought up, a concern of the neighborhood.

A- Denver Police said if a zone is identified it may be patrolled more often.

Jolon Clark address the question regarding proactive policing of street racing. 1.5 million set aside for proactive policing to cull street racing. Committed to growing the force to do this – lag between approving funds takes time.

Gordon – By activating park this will help cull the crime in the park as is it is now.

Q- What kind of music?

A- Musicians will be of high quality – 50% local other are emerging artists. Pavilion will be able to hold a symphony.

Q- Has the city talked to RTD?

A- Yes, plans for Evans and Jewel have been discussed preliminary.

Q- Movies in the park?

A- Absolutely

Q- Other programming is possible?

A- Yes – any non-profit can use the facility.

Scott mentioned the Swallow hill as an appropriate community organization that could potentially use the Pavilion.

Q- Can non-musical artists be incorporated?

A- P&R will be open to all types of artists.

Q- Iowa viaduct to be improved?

A- #1 project for parks bike/ped projects – Gordon will look into the status.

Q- B-Cycles in Park?

A- Yes

Q- What about the bridge from Bike Path?

A- Jewel and Broadway station are part of the greenway path planning.

Gordon spoke to simplifying the intersection near the park to increase bike/ ped transportation.

Q Will there be a Parking Garage?

A- Not currently planned, but CPR has offered 100 parking spots if headquarters go into the neighborhood.

Q- Will permit parking happen in the neighborhood if the parking is large?

A- Goal is to solve problem with internal parking. Will know more once the parking amount has been established.

Q- How will problems be addressed once the concerts begin?

A- Once the Pavilion Programming begins, the Community Advisory Group will be able to address problems.

Q- Will local history, culture and community be incorporated into park?

A- Yes through masterplan and Community Advisory Group local residents suggestions can be incorporated.

Q- For 2017 will there be ped/ bike strategies in place?

A - Ann Bowers of FP said that the ped/ bike access to the park is part of the upcoming transportation study.

Gordon said there is separate funding set aside for transportation.

Q- How will you keep the park/ pavilion clean?

A- Volunteers and Levitt employees will take care of cleanup



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