Sunken Gardens Park Master Plan

Advisory Committee Meeting #2
August 6, 2020
Today’s Agenda

1. Introduction of new Committee members

2. Overview of Homework Assignment Responses: Draft Goals and Objectives submitted by Advisory Committee members

3. Goals Discussion:
   - Goals to keep: what you like
   - Goals that need work: improvements refinements
   - Goals not appropriate for this planning effort: what you don’t like

4. Questions/Answers

5. Upcoming: Analysis – Key Components

6. Looking Ahead: Next Steps
## Advisory Committee Members: Thank you!

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2019 Game Plan for a Healthy City: Guiding Principles

EVERY DROP
EVERY PERSON
EVERY DOLLAR
UNIQUE DENVER

Master Plan: Goals Topics

TREE CANOPY
CONSERVING and ENHANCING RESOURCES
INCLUSIVITY
HEALTH
ACCESSIBILITY
FACILITIES and PROGRAMMING
MAINTENANCE
HISTORY
CULTURAL HERITAGE
EVERY DROP: Resilient and environmentally sustainable

Tree Canopy

Goal #1: Maintain and renew the tree canopy – to preserve the existing character ensure healthy diversity of species and sustainability.

Conserving and Enhancing Resources

Goal #2: Develop guidelines to enhance park landscapes and planting - to improve drainage, improve drought resistance, add color and form, and encourage wildlife.

Evergreen Grove
Swale and Deciduous Grove
Evergreen Grove at Pavilion
EVERY PERSON: Equity in distribution of parks and park resources and programming

Inclusivity

Goal #3: Create a safe, welcoming and accessible park experience for all users - that celebrates and engages the diverse community.

Goal #4: Cultivate partnerships and engage new partners - that expands park programming.

Health

Goal #5: Create new opportunities for improving mental and physical health – with easily accessible fitness-oriented and therapeutic amenities.

Accessibility

Goal #6: Make the park safe and accessible to all ages and abilities – with universally-accessible ramps, new walks, lighting and amenities.

Goal #7: Improve neighborhood access into the park – with traffic-controlled street crossings, multimodal improvements over Cherry Creek to Golden Triangle, and clear park entry points.
EVERY PERSON: Equity in distribution of parks and park resources and programming

Facilities and Programming

**Goal #8:** Provide an implementation framework for high-quality, intergenerational and multi-cultural programming – *to increase health, build relationships, celebrate culture, and engage the community.*

**Goal #9:** Provide for upgrading the picnic, playground area and seating in the plan – *to make the park more attractive to children and better serve the neighborhood and local residents.*

**Goal #10:** Preserve both active and passive parts of the park - *to prevent programmed uses from conflicting with its peaceful character.*
EVERY DOLLAR: Manage Resources

Maintenance

**Goal #11:** Identify and strategize improvements that enable Park Operations – *to allow the park to be maintained to a high standard.*

**Goal #12:** Explore alternatives for lessening the impact of the Maintenance Area – *to evolve into a valuable space for public use in a small park.*

![Shaded Picnic Table and Playground](image1.jpg)
![Open Lawn looking North](image2.jpg)
UNIQUE DENVER: Reflect Denver’s community and cultural identity

History

Goal #13: Preserve the historic composition of the park – to honor the original design of expansive open space and gardens contrasting with a naturalized forest landscape.

Goal #14: Restore or reinterpret the historic features of the park – to ensure that historic structural remnants are integrated into future park improvements.

Cultural Heritage

Goal #15: Identify opportunities to celebrate the cultural heritage of surrounding neighborhoods by incorporating interpretive presentations, art, and cultural events into the Master Plan that reflect Denver’s cultural history including Chicano, indigenous peoples and west-side community history.

Goal #16: Build collaborations and partnerships with community organizations - such as MSU Denver Chicana/o Studies, Parks and Recreation and El Centro Su Teatro – to document history by creating murals, and sponsoring audio/visual productions and oral histories.
Summary Discussion
Any Follow-Up Comments?
Final Thoughts?
UPCOMING: ANALYSIS

• Park Systems
• Isolating Systems and Components
• Pieces and Parts
• Understanding Changes, Forces
• Examining Trends
• Projecting Forward
• Establishing a Foundation

Sample Analysis Diagram: In Progress
Next Meeting:

September 3rd 2020: 5:30pm - 1st Thursday of each month at 5:30pm

Survey Results, Stakeholder Interview Results, Analysis Overview

Sunken Gardens Park Master Plan Project Page: Project Resources

• Phase I Assessments
• Survey
• All future project information including a copy of today’s PPT

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