Tonight’s Presenters

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Tonight’s Meeting: Format and How to Participate

Welcome!

• Introduce Spanish Interpreter: Maite LaRoca

• The objective of tonight’s meeting is to share progress and ideas for the future of the park.

We want to hear from you!

• Comments/questions in the Chat

• Polling questions about you and your preferences

• Q&A and chat for the last portion of the meeting

• Meeting recording and transcript with full Q & A
A Park Master Plan is a guidance document to focus funding and park improvements over the near to mid-term future.

The Objectives for this Master Plan include:
- Recognize community values
- Renew and restore park features and amenities
- Set priorities and phasing for implementation

Tonight! Help craft a unified Park Vision by identifying improvements that you think should be part of this plan.
Sunken Gardens Master Plan

Project Timeline

Assessments

Analysis

Basic Improvements & Vision Options

Preferred Vision & Recommendations

Final Plan

Mar

April

May

June

July

Aug

Sept

Oct

Nov

Dec

Jan

Feb

Mar

Start

Finish

Advisory Committee Meetings: #1 #2 #3 #4

Survey #1

Survey #2

Focus Groups #5 #6 #7

Sunken Gardens Park Master Plan | Public Meeting 1
Who Have We Been Talking To?

Advisory Committee: Representative Entities
- Denver Health
- Denver Housing Authority
- Mental Health Center of Denver
- Atlantis Community, Inc.
- La Alma/Lincoln Park Neighborhood Assoc.
- Denver Public Schools: West Campus
- Boys and Girls Club
- River Sisters
- First Mennonite Church
- Historic Denver
- Denver’s Art District on Santa Fe
- Golden Triangle Creative District
- Santa Fe Business Improvement District (BID)

City Council
- City Council District 3: CW Torres
- Denver City Council District 10, CM Hinds
- City Council At-large: CW Ortega

Stakeholders
- Professor of Chicano Studies
- Neighborhood Parish
- Architect; Local Business Owner
- Historic Denver
- Golden Triangle Residents (3)
- La Alma/Lincoln Park Residents (3)
- Local Non-Profit Business Manager

Focus Groups
- West High Students
- West High Staff/Teachers/Admin

Outreach
- Survey #1
  July – Sept 2020
  684 Respondents
- Sign Postings in Park
- Flyers: Arts/Business District
- Newsletter
- List Serve: 400+
- Survey #2
  Nov 23 – Jan 1
Poll: 2 Questions - We’d like to hear about you!
Location and Context

- 5 Neighborhoods
- Council District 3 (10 east of Speer)
- BID: Santa Fe, South Broadway
- Arts District: Santa Fe, Golden Triangle
- Institutions: DPS – West Campus
- Employer: Denver Health Campus

10 Minute Walk Shed Map

Sunken Gardens Park Master Plan | Advisory Committee Meeting #1
The Site: Opportunities and Constraints

- Tree Inventory Diagram
  - Evergreen
  - Deciduous
  - Ornamental

- Terrace
- Open Lawn Area
- Maint Shed
- Playground and Picnic Area
- Urban Forest and Landscape

Access Challenges
- Historic Structures/Legacy

Condition of the Walks

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History

• Gem in the City Beautiful Movement
• Adornment to Speer Blvd Parkway
• Site of 1st Amendment Participation
• Focal Point of Adjacent Neighborhoods
Basic Improvements for a Better Park

Access / Safety

- Replace and Interconnect Walking Paths
- Bikeway Connections and 5280 Trail
- Pedestrian Safety Improvements: West Campus
- Pedestrian Ramps
- Pedestrian Safety Additions to all streets
Basic Improvements for a Better Park

Preservation and Park Features

- Preserve historic features
- Rehabilitate Lawn
- Renew Picnic and Playground
- Renew Tree Canopy
- Preserve View Corridors
- Enhance Park Entrances
Visions: 3 Options

Legacy
Celebrates and reimagines historic features of the park

Health
Focuses on improving the health of local residents

Connection
Promotes gathering and community connections
Vision: Legacy

- Pavilion Terrace Architectural Features
- Enhanced Seating/Stairs for gathering
- Add Formal Flower Gardens & Garden Walk
- Add Seatwall Framing Historic Pool
- Reinterpret Swale as Dry Stream Bed
- Special Lighting
Vision: Legacy

Accessible Ramps: Both sides of Pavilion

Add formal flower gardens and garden walk

Pavilion terrace architectural features

Enhanced seating/steps connection Elati Street.
Vision: Health

- Add Exercise Stations
- Add Nature Play Features at the Playground
- Introduce Low Water Landscapes on Slopes
- Develop 1K Walking/Running Loop Trail
- Resurface Path along Historic Parkway (as part of loop trail)
- Add Rain Garden Wetlands
Vision: Health
Vision: Connection

- Integrates 5280 Corridor with Pulloffs & Information Kiosks
- Create 9th Avenue Park Overlook with Public Art
- Develop a Community Center Plaza around the Historic Maintenance Shed
- Reinterpret the Historic Swale as a Pollinator Garden
- Add Group Picnic Areas
- Add Outdoor Classroom and Gathering Spaces
Vision: Connection

- Develop Community Center Plaza around maintenance building
- Integrate 5280 Corridor with pulloffs and information kiosks
- Community Gathering Opportunities: Group Picnic Sites
- Community Center Plaza at Historic Maintenance Building
- 5280 Loop Corridor connecting to the Community Center Plaza and 9th Avenue overlook with pulloffs for bikes/pedestrians and information kiosks

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Vision: Legacy
Celebrates and reimagines historic features
Vision: Health

Introduces elements focused on improving the health of local residents
Vision: Connection
Promotes gathering and linking local residents and park users with each other and the immediate neighborhood.
Questions and Answers from the Chat
Additional Information

• **Documents:** [denvergov/parkprojects - Sunken Gardens](https://denvergov/parkprojects)  
  ✓ Assessment of Existing Conditions  
  ✓ Analysis of Issues, Constraints and Opportunities  
  ✓ Public Survey #1 Results and Summary  
  ✓ Summary of Stakeholder Interviews, Focus Groups  
  ✓ Advisory Committee Meeting Presentations and Summary Notes

• **Coming Soon**  
  ✓ Public Survey #2  
  ✓ Tonight’s Presentation  
  ✓ Answers to tonight’s Chat Questions

**To receive project updates:** [https://forms.gle/pMtzxHgsL8nGRZyY8](https://forms.gle/pMtzxHgsL8nGRZyY8)