Tonight’s Agenda

1. Welcome!

2. What Guides Us: Overview

3. Proposed Master Plan
   - Basic Improvements
   - Signature Projects

4. Advisory Committee Guidance

5. What’s in the Master Plan Document

6. Next Steps
What Guides Us? Principles and Goals

2019 Game Plan for a Healthy City: Guiding Principles

EVERY DROP
EVERY PERSON
EVERY DOLLAR
UNIQUE DENVER

Sunken Gardens Master Plan Project Goals: A Collaborative Effort by the Advisory Committee

Tree Canopy
- Maintain/Renew Canopy

Resources
- Enhance Landscape

Inclusivity
- Create an Accessible Park for All
- Cultivate Partnerships

Health
- Improve Mental/Physical Health

Accessibility
- Accessible to All Ages and Abilities
- Improve Neighborhood Access

Facilities and Programming
- Create a Programming Framework
- Upgrade Playground/Seating
- Preserve Active / Passive Uses

Maintenance
- Enable Park Operations
- Reduce Maintenance Needs

History
- Preserve Historic Composition
- Restore/Reinterpret Historic Features

Cultural Heritage
- Celebrate Cultural Heritage
- Build Collaborations/Partnerships
What Guides Us? Public Engagement Overview

• (6) Advisory Committee Meetings
• Two Public Opinion Surveys:
  • Survey #1: Launched on 7/22/20 and remained active for 4 weeks, resulting in 684 responses.
  • Survey #2: Launched on 11/25/20 and remained active for 7 weeks, resulting in 392 responses.
• (15) Stakeholder Interviews
• City Agency Interviews
• Focus Groups: West Campus Students and West Campus Staff
• Public Meeting: Conducted remotely on 11/18/20 with over 50 participants
• Newsletter and Information Blasts: Project Mailing List - 500
What The Community Told Us: Highlights

• Improvements to **access crossings and walks** includes safety, accessibility, and street crossing improvements to the West Campus, Denver Health and neighboring communities.

• Improving **health, gathering and fun for park visitors of all ages** is reflected by new playground with the addition of nature play elements, historic water course, improved group and individual picnic areas and a small dog park.

• The strong need for a **celebration and expression of cultural history** integrated into the 9th Street Overlook and Community Cultural Center that provide settings for public art and historical markers.

• Honoring the **preservation of and re-imagining of historic features** includes reintroduction of a formal flower gardens, enhancement of the pavilion terrace and rehabilitating the central green.
Proposed Final Master Plan: Phase I Basic Improvements

Phase 1 Components
- Preserve Historic Features
- Rehabilitate Central Lawn
- Renew Picnic Area and Playground
- Integrate New Small Dog Park
- Reintroduce Formal Gardens
- Repave/Expand Walks and Loop Trail
- Improve Accessibility: Ramps
- Renew Tree Canopy
- Introduce “Water-wise” Landscapes
- Preserve View Corridors
- Enhance Park Entrances
Fitness Loop and Improved Walks

Enhanced Central Lawn
Concrete Walk

“Water-wise” Landscape

Fitness Loop - Soft Surface

Historic Street-scape

Speer Boulevard Historic Parkway
Signature Project: Nature Play, Historic Water Course

Features
- Bridge

Components
- Nature Play Features
- Historic Water Course
Signature Project: Nature Play, Historic Water Course

Concrete Walk  Bike Connection  Historic Water Course and Bridge  Nature Play Features  Renewed Playground  Open Lawn and Picnic Area  Tree Lawn, Street Trees  Delaware St.

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Signature Project: Terrace Pavilion and West High Entry

Pavilion Terrace Components
- Multi-Use Seating Steps
- Shade Structures
- Movable Seating
- Planting Beds
- Entry Plaza to West High with landscape
Signature Project: Terrace Pavilion

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Signature Project: 9th Ave Overlook and Cultural Community Center & Art Plaza

Components
- Mural Walls
- Overlook with Railing
- Historic Markers
- Seating
- Community Cultural Center
- Art Plaza
Signature Project: 9th Avenue Overlook and Cultural Community Center & Art Plaza

Open Lawn | Community Cultural Center And Art Plaza | 5280 Trail | Open Lawn and Picnic Area
Signature Project: 5280 Trail with 9th Avenue Overlook and Cultural Community Center

- 5280 Trail: Connecting Lincoln / La Alma to Golden Triangle
- Landscape Buffer with Street Trees and Connecting Walks
- 9th Avenue Overlook: Seating, Railing with Historical Markers, Mural Walls
- Transitional Landscape
- Ramp
- Walk & Central Lawn

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What We’d Like to Hear From You:

• Any goals unmet or that need higher priority?
• Does the plan represent an appropriate implementation sequence?
• Will the signature projects motivate the community into action?
• Other impressions, suggestions for final Master Plan?
What’s in the Full Master Plan Document?

- Executive Summary
- Guiding Principles and Goals
- History: Overview and Timeline
- Public Process: Overview
- Master Plan: Graphics, Images and Recommendations
- Implementation: Phasing, Costs, Partnerships
- Appendices

  Inventory of Existing Conditions: History, Neighborhood, and Site Assessments
  Site Analysis
  Public Engagement Summaries
  - Advisory Committee Meetings
  - Survey Results
  - Stakeholder Interviews
  - Focus Groups
  - Public Meeting

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Next Steps

- Respond to comments and guidance from Advisory Committee and DPR Staff
- Presentation to Parks & Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB)
- Coordinate with other City Agencies
- Assemble Final Master Plan Document and Appendices to be posted on website
- Departmental Approval of Master Plan
- Distribution of Executive Summary and Master Plan