Verbena Park Design

Public Meeting #2 for Park Improvements
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March 2021  Public Meeting

April / May 2021  Public Meeting & Begin Preferred Plan

December 2021  Construction Drawings Complete

January 2022  Construction Begins

May 2022  Construction Complete
EXISTING CONDITIONS

- Playground Area
- Basketball Court
- Soccer Field
- Baseball Field
SCOPE/BUDGET

- Improvements not a master plan
- Playground, basketball court, grading at fields
- Includes design & construction fees
- Playground = 55%
- Basketball = 15%
- Misc. improvements (drainage) = 30%

GOAL #1: SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH

GOAL #2: VERBENA PARK IMPROVEMENTS

GOAL #3: PUBLIC FEEDBACK OPPORTUNITY
Public Meeting #2 – We are live!

- Use chat for questions / Comments / Feedback
- Recording to post to www.denvergov.org/ParkProjects

Chat Instructions

- Tap the screen to make the controls bar appear.
- Tap on participants.
- At the bottom of the list, tap chat. Type your message and tap send.
- Neighborhood flyers for both public meetings
- Information boards at the park for both public meetings
- Online survey
- In-person surveys at the park
- Outreach to community groups including East Colfax Neighborhood Association
- Public Meeting #1 & #2
- Presented 2 layout options
- Presented play equipment styles
- Conducted live polls
- Received chat feedback

SUMMARY
PUBLIC MEETING #1

1. Does the neighborhood need a basketball court?
   - Yes: (13) 100%
   - No: (0) 0%

1. Which layout option would you choose?
   - Layout A: (9) 82%
   - Layout B: (2) 18%

1. Which play equipment style do you prefer? (Select your top 2) (Multiple choice)
   - #1: (8/13) 62%
   - #2: (0/13) 0%
   - #3: (0/13) 0%
   - #4: (3/13) 23%
   - #5: (8/13) 62%
   - #6: (3/13) 23%
Do you think Verbena Park needs a basketball court?

- 13% - No
- 22% - Half Size
- 65% - Full Size

Which play equipment style do you prefer?

- 16% - Other
- 21% Net Climbing
- 63% Nature Inspired

Online Survey Results

- 53 Complete
- 29 Partial
- 82 Total Responses
Live Poll:

What are the top three most important to you?

A. Include full size basketball court
B. Ensure diversity, inclusivity, & multi-generational play
C. Add music elements & vibrant art
D. Imaginative play equipment that reflects the neighborhood’s selected theme
E. Updated amenities including seating, BBQ grills, dog waste stations
F. Fitness markers for walkers & runners
G. Other, enter it into the chat
DESIGN & PLAY
- Sandblast existing concrete with imagery & words
- Paint basketball court & seat walls with mural (local artist & fundraising)
- Gathering and seating for groups to encourage community

Example Sandblasted Concrete
Example Gathering Area
Example Mural at Seatwalls
Example Mural at Basketball Court

★ Live Poll:
Are there other ideas on how to celebrate this neighborhood’s diversity in the design?
- Enter it into the chat
- Fitness Markers
- Seating
  - Variety including seat boulders, seatwalls, benches, picnic tables
- BBQ Grills

🌟 Live Poll:

What site furnishings are most important to you?

A. Fitness Markers  
B. Seating  
C. BBQ Grills  
D. Other, enter it into chat

UPDATED PARK AMENITIES
PLAY & SPORTS EQUIPMENT
Existing Playground

- Replace sand with accessible surfacing
- Access ramp needs to be replaced
- Play structures are dated
- Play pit drainage will be addressed
Existing Basketball Court

- Court is undersized
- Asphalt surface needs to be replaced
- Minimal buffer between court and walkway & playground
- Spectator seating
- Multi-use goal/court (Futsal & BB court)
  - Futsal is a football game played on a hard court with 5 players on each team
- Mural opportunity
- Buffer from playground

Example Mural/Seating

Example Multi-use Goal

Example Multi-use Court w/ Futsal

Basketball Court
SITE ANALYSIS

- Full size basketball court is 50 ft x 94 ft
- Futsal court is 66 ft x 131 ft
- Possible to combine or possible to play futsal on full size basketball court
SITE ANALYSIS

Play pit

- Main structure = 40%
- Swings = 30%
- Other Play = 30%
Live Poll:

1. Which location do you prefer for the location of the basketball court?
   - A. North
   - B. Existing

2. Which type of court do you prefer? (if constraints for grading and size is feasible)
   - A. Full Size Basketball
   - B. Futsal Full Size with Basketball lines
   - C. Full Size Basketball with Futsal lines
1. Offer play to different age groups
2. Inclusive – beyond transfer stations, equity not just equality, quiet space, sensory, parallel play
3. Multi-generational
4. Offer music play
5. Celebrate the neighborhood
   - Diversity
   - History
Inclusivity, Multi-generational, & Music
Live Poll:

What is your favorite theme idea?
A. Submarine
B. Airplane
C. Air/Sea Adventure
D. Treehouse
E. Other – Enter into Chat

Play Equipment Theming
- Playground Surfacing
  - Artificial Turf
  - Engineered Wood Fiber
  - Poured-in-Place

**Play Equipment**

**Theming**
MOVING TOWARDS A PREFERRED PLAN
Preferred Plan:

- Full size basketball court
  - Include seating
- New playground equipment
  - Multi-generational
  - Inclusive
  - Play for different age groups
  - Theme ideas: submarine, airplane, treehouse, adventure
- Community gathering space
  - Variety of seating
  - BBQ grills
- Updated amenities
  - Replace former benches
  - Distance markers on loop walk
  - Dog waste stations
- Repair drainage at athletic fields
- Repair irrigation
Additional Questions?

- Click on the chat icon at the bottom of your screen
- Type your questions in the chat!

If you have questions after the meeting:

email Stephanie.Wong@denvergov.org
visit www.denvergov.org/parkprojects
Next Steps

- After receiving community input, the final design will be produced and shared with the public online at [www.denvergov.org/parkprojects](http://www.denvergov.org/parkprojects)
- Anticipated construction start date: January 2022
- Anticipated completion date: May 2022

Thank you