

Patton Park

Community Meeting – May 11, 2023

Comments on Initial Framework Ideas – Organized by Topic

Parking

- Police are giving out parking tickets and shouldn't be harassing park users
- Possibility of partnering with soccer staff/volunteers to manage parking lot on Sundays when Rec Center is closed
- Extend smaller parking lot
- Soccer parking lot major situation, car clubs, police
- Please repair parking lot at the end of Cabot
- Extend smaller parking lot – make bigger – place camera surveillance in that parking lot
- Create ruling for parking lot owner and discussion with that city/precinct/police/community meetings connect with Springdale Woodmere
- Zoning specialty situations for parking space with Pena
- Important to lock gate at 10:00pm. Don't see that happening yet.
- Remove Cabot parking lot but keep as park entrance. Native American place of significance?
- Expand Cabot parking and add lighting. More presence + safer would be a hit. Add walkway to connect to play area.
- Make the parking lot a flexible space with 4 square, hopscotch, etc during the week and on Sundays use for parking
- Some park along Woodmere which seems to work ok

Dix Avenue

- Crossing guards? Or stop signs/yield signs for families and children on Dix?
- Truck route on Dix is in conflict with on street parking
- In the past, soccer people had agreements with Dearborn and Detroit Police to park on Dix. More parking lots won't solve the parking problem
- Flooding on Dix Ave. Streetscape improvements and how they may help
- Parking on Dix?

Restrooms

- More bathrooms
- Open earlier, close later
- More throughout the park
- Restrooms closed when they should be open
- More portajohns
- Need another restroom where stage would go
- More accessible bathrooms – porta johns not clean or good for families
- Need to be open dusk until dawn
- Restrooms are closed
- Designate a maintenance person (open bathrooms, clean bathrooms, etc)

Stage

- Bigger stage – open concept – festivals
- Upkeep?
- Bigger stage for more festivals

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Soccer

- Spectators are an issue. Clubs/leagues do a lot of self-management – new league managers are figuring it out
- Poor field condition
- Need fencing
- Highschool uses field
- Totally community run should be respected
- The “great lawn” area is the 1994 World Cup Silverdome turf transferred by locals from Belle Isle. Western/Cesar Chavez, Non-profit partnership fundraising history. Story could be told even though turf is in bad condition
- Create a job for someone to have after hours or security to help with soccer days
- Forming a coalition for soccer in Patton Park? Or let them know about Block Club
- Combination soccer and football field posts if turf field goes in
- Futsol near Recreation Center?
- How would turf field be managed? There are several soccer organizations that would want to use it and high schools, etc. Could it be lit?
- Grass is in poor condition. Soccer organizations maintain the fields now and have for 30 years. Mow, stripe, etc.
- Pay the soccer organizations for the maintenance work that they do
- Want more lights on soccer fields
- Need more garbage cans, dumpsters and benches

Play

- Hopscotch
- Spaced out exercise stations along JLG
- Playscape
- Design for skateboarders
- Add outfield fencing to ball fields
- Add small amenities to add play value – more for kids to do
- Splashpad
- Need softball fields – want to be the home field in SW Detroit
- Adding more baseball fields, including practice fields and some game-only fields would help with school programs
- Basketball courts

Gardens/Landscape/Nature/Native American

- Connect healing garden space and connect Native American history within this space
- Do a yearly blessing for crops and healing for all by Natives (Nora ?)
- Shaded areas
- “One Nation Park” renamed by indigenous sacred space proposal – Carol Kellogg lives near Cabot lot. Desire for open space, no sidewalks, community garden
- Recognize Native American place of significance in park
- Connecting with garden creating organization for garden healing spaces. Conversations – and invite block club add history spots and creative spaces conversations
- Marsh area has outdoor learning opportunities
- Clean up marsh area for safety
- Shade
- Add large trees to parking lot

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ATVs

- Where is the closest location for ATVs to use their ATVs legally?
- ATVs fit on sidewalk

Safety/Security

- Lighting on until park closes at 10:00
- Satellite office for police? To help monitor?
- Food vendors are vulnerable to harassment and have been shaken down for their earnings. Needs to be formalized
- Additional security
- Cars speed down Lonyo and crash into park at Dix. Ensure safety in design of JLG and Patton Park entry.
- Lights at ballfields have never been turned on/are never on. Would like them to be on in evenings to allow for more play and safety

West Side of Park

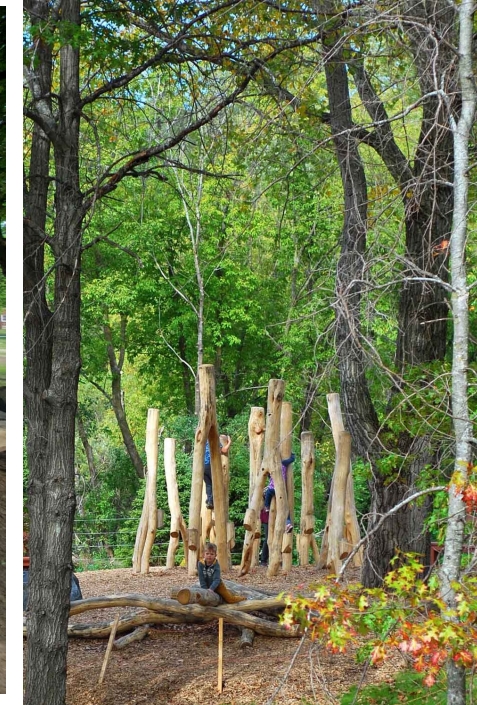
- Feels environmentally uncomfortable – windy, almost arid, exposed. More trees, better screening would help. Like dog park idea and skate park.
- Vernor is a tough walk, doesn't seem like part of the park.
- Skate park?
- Amphitheater/stage in west end of park?
Dog clean up stations/bags
- Possible training for pets, vaccine clinics and get your tags here
- Head in parking along Dale Place (Dearborn is open to it)

General/Other

- Consider the community's demographics – young community, families/family-oriented
- Accessibility – wheelchairs, strollers, wagons
- Need more places to rest especially around perimeter – boulders can be reshaped to use as seats
- Benches along the trail, picnic, rest
- More drinking fountains for humans and dogs
- Electronic billboard/signage
- Billboard with programming
- Need food truck area
- Permanent library
- Alianza Park (Alliance Park)
- Create a space for food vendors events, local artisans
- Historic boards of facts
- MoGo's
- Create a park coalition like Clark Park for other events
- Family oriented, friendly and safe
- Designate area for food trucks
- Park name should be changed to represent the culture and community
- Use benches as bollards so there are places to sit
- Create non-profit "Gente of Patton Park" (People of Patton Park) Community-based group to host community meetings, volunteer clean ups, golf carts for park transit, hire community members to maintain park
- Beautify/screen the industrial properties at Dix/Lonyo
- Get MoGo and Lime/Bird scooters at Patton Park/Rec Center and Romanowski



EXAMPLES NATURE EXPLORATION AREA





EXAMPLES VENDOR AND PICNIC AREA

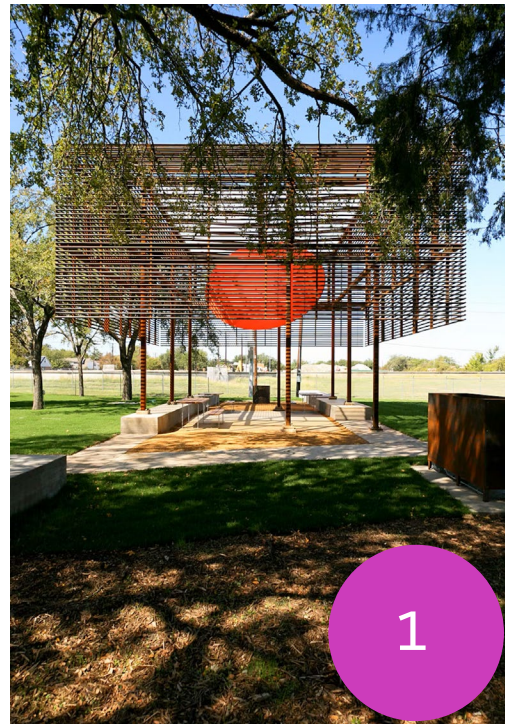
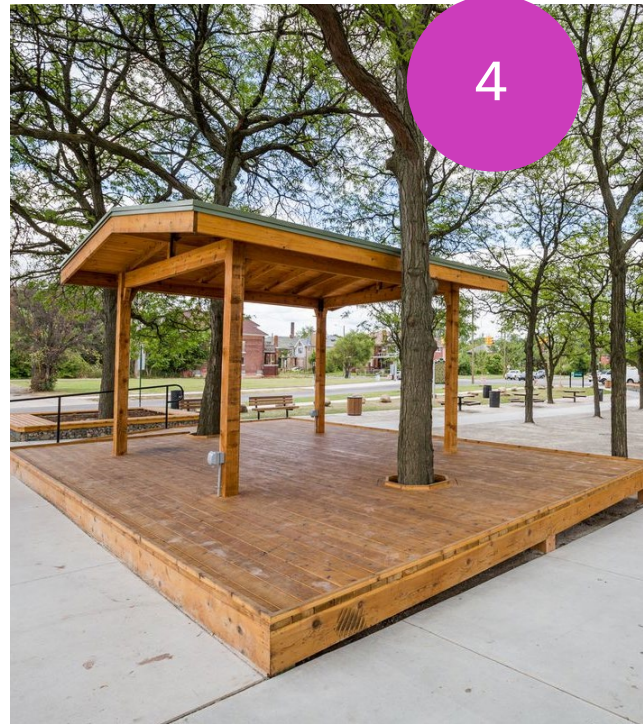
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EXAMPLES
STAGE AREA





EXAMPLES SOCCER





EXAMPLES WATER PLAY





EXAMPLES DOG PLAY

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EXAMPLES LANDSCAPE

