WebEx Success Tips and Tricks

- Please keep your cameras off
- You will be automatically muted when you join the meeting
- Do not put the WebEx on hold
- Make sure you do not have 2 audio functions on
  (example: the phone and computer audio) this will cause an echo
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- You will be muted by the host during the WebEx to minimize background disturbances and eliminate more than one person talking at a time
- For any questions please use the chat function - the questions will go to the entire group
- Questions will be answered as they are received
AGENDA

Introduction
Overview of Parks to Date
Parks A and C at 100%
  • Park A Layout and Skate Park Design Development
  • Park C Layout and modifications
MRB Crossing Update
Park Naming Process
Design Update Parks B and D 90%
  • Selection of Park amenities, tower and play structure, courts.
Park Amenities update for park system
Park Costing Overview
Next Steps
  • construction update
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Project Background

Ford Site Project Studies
Since 2006, when Ford Motor Company announced its intent to close the plant, the City of Saint Paul has been working actively to plan for the site’s future.

Professional Studies
- A total of 14 professional studies conducted by the City and additional studies by Ford Motor Company have examined a wide range of topics, such as the potential of industrial reuse, a geotechnical analysis of the tunnels under the site, open space priorities, sustainable design, stormwater management, and traffic impacts.
- The studies were essential to understand opportunities for and limitations on the redevelopment of the site – economically, environmentally, socially, and within the context of the community. The studies identified infrastructure efficiencies, cost-effectiveness, opportunities for environment design and conservation, and how to strike a balance between development and the creation of vibrant public spaces.
- The Ford Site Zoning and Public Realm Master Plan, adopted by the Saint Paul City Council in 2017, is the culmination of a decade of planning for the site. It provides a framework to guide mixed-use redevelopment of the 122-acre main assembly plant parcel and the adjacent 13-acre rail yard. It does not include the 22-acre river parcel (“Area C”).

Community Engagement and Adoption
- Since 2007, the City has been seeking the community and other stakeholders’ visions and priorities for the Ford site. The thousands of ideas and suggestions that we have received over the past 10 years, and through more than 140 public meetings of all sizes, have shaped the redevelopment framework for the site.

The Parks Advisory Committee provides volunteer opportunities for stakeholders to share insight and resources and serve to build and sustain relationships between the community and the City of St. Paul. Members of the PAC are expected to represent the views of park users and to work collaboratively with each other and the project team to provide insight, feedback and information to the community about the project.

Responsibilities of PAC members include:

• Become knowledgeable about the Project and its goals,
• Understand and represent the park and recreation needs of the community and park users,
• Act as community liaisons for the project,
• Provide feedback on the park plans,
• Help identify priorities and needs within the Park System and within their communities,
• Provide insight on the direction of Park development,
• Report back to the community, on the design process, information presented, and the development of the parks,
• PAC members are expected to attend and participate in PAC meetings throughout the design process.
Highland Bridge Park System

City Parks
1. Park A
4. Park B
5. Park C
6. Park D

Civic Parks
2. Outlot B
3. Outlot C
8. Outlot D
7. Shared Bike/Ped Paths
Highland Bridge Timeline | Milestones

- Park A and Park C
  - Construction Started in Park C
- Outlot C & Outlot D
  - Construction Started – Fall 2020
- Park B and Park D
  - 90% Plans – November 2020
  - Construction – 2022
Questions or Comments?

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Comments to Date – what we have heard

Approval of Highland Bridge Park Designs
Highland Bridge Parks Advisory Committee (PAC) Input
PAC Comments and Design Team responses

We have developed a summary of PAC comments that are broken into four categories and represent an overview of the comments received from the PAC members through meetings and “assignments” through the process. Duplicate comments are not recorded and comments that are simply encouraging are not included in this summary. Full comments are available on the City’s website under the Community Engagement documents for the project.

Four major categories
Amenities and Activities, Design, Environmental, Operations
FACTORS OF DESIGN & PRIORITIES

Public Priorities
Activities & Amenities
- Surveys, Meetings, Input, Ideas, etc.

System Needs
Parks Department
- Maintenance, Planning, Recreation

Budget
Realistic
- Infrastructure, Maintenance, Balance

Design
Physical Layout
- Program, Character, Context, Stormwater
Design Update on Park A
Design Update on Park A
Design Update on Park A – Skate Components
Design Update on Park A – Park Components
Design Update on Park C
Design Update on Park C
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Design Update on Park C
Design Update on Park C – Ravine Character
Design Update on Park C
Design Update on Park C
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Design Update on Park C – Amenities
Design Update on Park C
Design Update on Park C – South Park Amenities
MRB Crossing
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Highland Bridge
Park B – Park Components
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Park D Update
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(possible future phase with community garden group)
# Park and Civic Space Distribution

## Highland Bridge

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Park Naming Process

**Geographic names** The purpose for using a geographic name for a park site is to enable the public to identify the site’s location.

- Hamline Hague Park
- Midway Peace Park

**Historic names** The purpose of using a historic name for a park site is to enable the public to identify the site’s location and to educate the public about the site’s history.

- Crosby Farm Regional Park
- (Frank) Boyd Park

**Functional names** The purpose of using a functional name for a park site is to enable the public to identify the purpose, services, or programs provided at the site.

- Recreation Center
- Water Park
- Dog Park

**Memorial names** The purpose of using an individual’s name for a park site is primarily to honor that person and his or her contribution to the parks’ system.

- Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary
- Jimmy Lee Recreation Center
1. Any Saint Paul resident, organization, agency, or business may recommend names for new park sites or name changes for existing park sites.

2. Requests shall be addressed to the Director of Parks and Recreation but sent to ellen.stewart@ci.stpaul.mn.us Closing date TBA (early 2021)

3. Director shall forward the request and the staff recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Commission for its review and comment.

4. The Parks and Recreation Commission shall present its recommendation to the Mayor and City Council for final action. (tentatively Early Q2 2021).
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Design Update on Construction
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A digital discussion hosted through a phone call or video conferencing solution like Webex, Zoom, Microsoft Teams or Facebook. Groups will meet for 20-30 minute conversation to share thoughts, connect together, and discuss the parks development and its desired amenities and programming. This is a perfect opportunity to connect and grow with others on the PAC and have the ability to collaborate and discuss the project in an open and creative environment.
Here are some questions to stimulate conversation. Please take turns asking and answering the questions.

Questions

We would like to get your feedback on the park development that has been completed to date!

1. Are the park designs meeting the needs of the community?
2. What is missing from the proposed park system in Highland Park?
3. Have the park designs responded to your input?
Conversation Review

Once your conversation is complete, please summarize your thoughts and discussion in a brief or in-depth written review of the questions and discussion that happened. You can summarize your conversation individually or as a group and submit a written response to capture the conversation.

These summary's will be used to help further define design direction and prioritization of the Parks amenities and activities.
Conversation Groups

Group A:
- Bobak Rozavi
- Eric Weiss
- Frank Jossi
- Karen Welle

Group B:
- Patty Partridge
- Brooklynn Hill
- John Mountain

Group C:
- Andy Trcka
- Michelle Doyle
- Colleen Zuro White

Group D:
- Paul Pappas
- Emily Reimer
- Malika Billingslea
Next Steps

• Presentation to the Parks and Recreation Commission

• Group Assignment

• 90% Set is due by November for Parks B & D

• Next PAC Meeting #5
  End of January

• Public Virtual Open House

• Site Visit

• Construction Continues

Questions, Comments, Feedback?
Area Parks, Trails and Open Space
THE FORD SITE PARK SYSTEM

2021 Complete Parks Facilities or Public Open Spaces
2022 Complete Parks Facilities or Public Open Spaces
2023 Complete Parks Facilities or Public Open Spaces

Highland Bridge