



Community Meeting A

After Action Review Results

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Raw Results

Please list 1-3 Positive outcomes of this meeting

- Good opportunity to share ideas. Very helpful to hear from park employees. Learned a lot of history of the park.
- Conversations with employees.
- I enjoyed having a space to hold conversations with people we might not normally engage with.
- Learned more about the direction of the Master Plan
- The structure related to making gumbo is engaging and fun and something we all treasure, relate to and have our own recipe for. Well thought out/Love it! Thank you for asking for Park staff's feedback!
- Collaboration amongst various park departments
- Cohesive thoughts across staff.
- Learning about the parks future. Meeting other stuff. Welcoming employee ideas.
- Learning different ideas and getting to know different individuals and co-workers.
- Able to get away from my desk.
- The meeting was collaborative. Discussing goals with colleagues was enjoyable.
- Opportunity to learn and engage prior to public meeting (while on the clock). Engaging in the same process as youth committee and public separately
- Great learning experience for a new employee. Excellent that Rebecca stated MP is a conceptual plan. You probably can't say it too much. Employees like to be included in MP process.
- Learned about the process. Gauged/ expectations for the plan managed.
- Team building for CPC. Brainstorming. Allowing those employees who don't normally meet in person to have a voice.
- Hearing all the ideas from fellow workers. Interactive and collaboration.
- Team communication. Great idea by group members. Everyone is interested into the park.
- Awareness. Togetherness. Up front.
- The dynamics. The orientation. Employee sharing.
- Educational, learning about the park's future, seeing the Master Plan in meeting.
- Finding people of like mind...we all want improvements to City Park. Incorporating green measures in our park. Whilst also making the visible with lights and signage.
- Hearing from different perspectives. Bridging demographic.
- Finding out the process / timeline for the master plan and what's being prioritized
- Better understanding of the areas of consensus among park employees
- Felt like my thoughts will be heard. Enjoyed envisioning an even better park. Gratifying to collaborate w/coworkers and board members
- Collaboration between everyone stimulates creative ideas
- Seeing people of so many different ages out & engaged / meeting new people. Realizing CPC believes in feeding people. Seeing new CEO & believing her heart is in the right place
- Talking with members at my table. Contributing to future ideas in the park
- Learning about the ongoing plans for the park
- Community engagement - the people came out
- Meeting fellow community members
- Community engagement / togetherness
- More voices and conversations to build relationships and improve public spaces in New Orleans
- Folks generating their own ideas in small groups! Look at and revising the core intentions was really good!
- I learned about the history of the park
- The turnout of this meeting was phenomenal because it was an opportunity to have diverse voices contribute. The format for discussion was welcoming and productive
- Visibility in the planning process - Engaging activities - Different perspectives
- New ideas from diverse group. Hearing plans for future. Ability to take part in planning process
- That y'all bucked up and are at least having some semblance of listening to people. Hopefully its becoming clear that people love their wild space & want more.
- Learned more about park & felt that I had input
- Meeting new people with a shared love of City Park - Excellent brainstorming ideas from participants. Learning about the process for the City Park plan
- Good AV

- Group discussions
- Gained new knowledge. Met some nice people
- I think it's great that you're trying to cultivate opinions from the children & youth of the city. The plan looks great so far and I'm glad the locals (Concordia) were added to the team
- I enjoyed exchanging thoughts with other people who experience the park in different ways. We confirmed each other's concerns for safety and the well being of the community
- Hear more about the park - Engaged neighbors
- Heard some similar ideas being recirculated. Learned more about areas of the park I don't visit often. More to think about!
- Learned more about what's in the park - I felt heard which is important
- Groups of different voices, New ideas, Experiencing different views.
- Good input by the youth people at our table #20. Members of Grow Dat
- Feeling of community outpouring of ideas
- I'm glad to see so much enthusiasm for the park and for the future of this park!
- Opportunity to hear ideas of others, interesting to hear commonalities
- Many suggestions were presented. George from Concordia was very helpful
- George was very helpful in getting our table started. There were a lot of nice people at my table. There was no shouting or arguing.
- Excellent community development opportunity
- Its great to ask the community's input on the parks future. Giving members of the community a voice in the process.
- Glad to see they are looking to the future of the park
- Connections made, dots connected
- What a glorious vibe shift
- Met some nice engaged neighbors. Cleaned up Grow Dat confusion. Happy to hear about refurbishing old buildings. Don't tear them down
- It was great to come together to discuss ideas. It's very important to have meetings like this and hear community ideas and concerns
- Was encouraged to see so many folks concerned about a park I love
- Developed new ideas from collaboration with other people of various ages. Learned new things about City Park. Engaging and productive community meeting.
- Met ne people & heard their ideas for City Park
- Finding that there are like-minded here
- This process stifles strong opinions. There should be some open forum time when the whole audience can be exposed to ideas concurrently
- Good conversation - Consensus building
- Collaboration - Organized meeting
- Met some of the nice youth who were in the ideas youth group. Having food and snacks was real nice. Good to hear that the Grow Dat situation was agreed to
- It is a really nice meeting. Good to be hear. Really loved this meeting
- Meeting new people excited about City Park. Loved this meeting format so much better!
- Great brainstorming with Concordia leadership. Exciting opportunity to participate.
- Lots of interest and attendance. Ideas were flowing
- Enjoyable evening meeting new people who love the park
- Great mix of age race, no colored dots! Sounds like the park is listening
- We got to generate some new ideas in a group of different ages and backgrounds. Doing round tables was a good idea since we are people who otherwise may not meet and interact
- Nice to imagine future opportunities in the park- Some some feedback from Ideas Youth Committee
- Hearing the wants and concerns from a diverse group. Bonding with community. Hearing different perspectives and ideas from different age groups.
- Good conversation - sharing of thoughts and ideas
- Communal brainstorming where we can realize together our aligned goals, care, intentions for a most beautiful shared space.
- Meeting people, created connections around City park interest. A lot of people commit to the future of the park. The welcoming
- Safety & lighting concerns as well as circulation needs appraising. Identified problems and potentials
- I am happy to know that there are a lot of other community members who feel that it is important to prioritize ecological health / restoration as well as a hunger for knowledge about the history of the park

- Loved meeting the fellow community members. Enjoyed the food and hearing new ideas
- Clarity. Understanding of the projects and direction of the master plan
- Conversation. Productive tone shift to this conversation. Cookies
- Feeling heard with group options. Ensuring nothing is set in stone until the end
- Seeing different perspectives of what people want to see. Learning that there is much more history of the land.
- A lot of like ideas and like minded folks

Do you have any additional concerns, questions, or comments?

- Some of the intentions were worded in a way that was difficult to digest.
- Keep the process very public
- Thank you for lunch!
- Need to simplify!
- Simplify core intentions
- For the general public, simplify the wording and exercises for members of our community from all walks of life. I felt like was back in grad school.
- Make future tables have reps from across the park, not all of the same dept. at table.
- Well done!
- I'm concerned that the City isn't ready for the park to be better.
- More lighting and security. Bike paths and crosswalks.
- Better training for park employees.
- I'm enjoying being a part of trying to improve a gem for our city.
- Sometimes it was hard to hear the speaker, the microphone and acoustics in the room wasn't conducive to clear audio.
- Filter the stormwater, less lawns
- Not enough time. We were not able to complete the whole assignment
- Many ideas get lost with limited time
- Thesis language in the intentions that worries me - I don't want accessibility to be an excuse to hand over green space, or safety to where we go nuts with artificial lighting
- More time for input / discussion between community members
- Please keep existing nature spaces & add more nature spaces. Keep Grow Dat & Hispanic heritage
- It's frustrating to start over after so much input. I hope a lot of money will not be wasted

- on models like the last master plan
- Thank you for this work
- I think this is a good format. Seems like we still need to reach more youth and folks of color
- Keep the Wisner tract and the wood - Yay for Grow Dat!
- No - this meeting was well done
- How will the red out of this be done. Next meeting or a summary online somewhere?
- I'm concerned that natural habitats will be destroyed in the process of this change. There is so much wildlife, birds and native plants already there- please (x5) preserve these spaces. Don't try to pull one over on us again. We're watching you.
- Please focus on safety. Lights, clearing areas- people won't come if not feeling safe. 3-4 areas of focus. Not 19 to start
- Japanese garden increased
- Parking options. Native gardening. Birding areas
- Really hope that since we planted so many trees to improve the disc golf course that you'll keep it where it is please(x2)
- There should be more information driven resources for community members within the park. Allow disc golf to continue growth within the park. Contact me for a short summary of benefits we provide.
- Financial sustainability of park maintenance & operations
- Gumbo was good!
- Thank you for providing cookies, water, garlic bread and rice. Great graphic design, setup and organization
- How likely is this to happen?
- More bathrooms (maintenance)
- I'd love to see the compilation of data after. Top 15 items from each category
- Mule Barn should be put back in service
- Is there a way to hear overall comments or at least most common?
- I'm concerned that the lighting & signage will be over done. Please keep dark spaces. Don't build any more structures, buildings. Don't build anymore roads. Don't close any roads. Control loud music from individuals and groups
- I'm concerned about overbuilding in the park. Keep existing green spaces. I'm concerned that the plan calls for too many activities to be added. It's possible to over-use the park.

- No concerns. Would like to see summary of comments.
- How will some of the recommendations be paid for?
- Attract more future stewards of the land we want to preserve and grow
- I think those may need to be some modeling / explaining of potential tactics & approaches (had to clarify wayfinding, talk about traffic calming techniques, road texture, permeable parking)
- I thought you had gotten rid of the original consultants who don't know the park or the community. I'm disappointed they're still here. If you add bathrooms who will maintain them? They'll be disgusting and dangerous. Don't pave any more green space.
- I love City Park - what it offers our area now - and am excited about what its future holds.
- Don't want our park paved any more. We already have so many wonderful features in the park that just need to be maintained better.
- There are a lot of ideas but it would be nice to know how many ideas will come to fruition or what is actually realistic to expect from this planning
- Thanks for being here
- Too much light after dark
- City Park continues to spray toxic herbicides such as round up which kill native and non native species. Is it safe for children to pick black berries, mulberries etc.. in areas sprayed with roundup? Why doesn't City Park inform the public when spraying herbicides? Why doesn't City Park use the same mechanical means to remove invasive like Gretna does?
- Looking forward to future meetings
- Next meeting?
- Its one thing to have a plan but is there any thoughts about financing?
- Funding? More attention to the lagoons & bayou St. John
- Nope
- More time for activity part. Felt rushed. Lots of CPC/MVVA/Concordia folks standing around. Could they join tables? Take notes on what folks are saying instead of relying on community members
- None at the moment
- Keep the dialogue going
- Looking forward to seeing how the involvement and evolution of our conversations show up at the next meeting
- It will be hard work to align every way of

thinking. Will you present to the community the investment and all proposed?

- More community input is needed to involve more ideas
- Get rid of the golf course
- swimming pool / water attractions
- Why is there a basketball hoop on the ceiling on the shorter sides of the room
- Reaching as many people as possible who may not already be going to the park
- Trust will our concerns and ideas actually be incorporated

Do you have any suggestions for improvement?

- Simplify intentions so community members can better understand.
- No. Provide feedback promptly
- I would consider simplifying the group activity instructions - I worry that people who aren't typically involved in the park might find it difficult to digest.
- Simplify or better define the language/ meaning of Core intentions. This is an executive/board level presentation.
- With the public, you should give slow, detailed instructions right before each task you have for them.
- The world cultural should be changed to culture.
- Make activity easier to understand the intention
- More events
- More things to bring income to the park.
- Lights. Signs. Incorporate green roofs on parking lots. General landscaping
- More time for community members to address the group as a whole besides just at the end.
- Great job, excellent communication. Thanks for your work :)
- Provide more time - this is a lengthy process with big ideas
- Allow for more time, maybe in advance so ideas can be formulated
- I want grow Dat's lease cemented
- More lighting all throughout the park - Signage giving directions for NSEW activities - A well lit area for a night time experience and/or walking trail - Add emergency boxes & trash bins all over the park - Acknowledge the history of the park in addition to release statement
- Advisory officer / committee to ensure alignment and improve cohesion among organizational interests, commercial users of park and play-spaces

- Indigenous leadership - tricky permitting process
- Great job y'all! I think in the future y'all could have folks get in groups based on an interest - like waterways, public art, transportation etc.... Like a working group. Just a thought!
- Lighting in one space that could make it safe to walk after dark
- Timely permits for programs (play in partners) & wonder wander
- Acoustics could be improved. Selfishly, veggie options if food is served.
- Get rid of golf course. Or at least release some number on attendance, revenue, etc.... I don't see anyone there ever
- Zip Line through the park
- More accessible areas
- Make City Park App (if there isn't one yet) 100% agree with more bathrooms, parking, signage, trash cans!
- Utilize spaces of need - Increase trashcans
- I feel like each type of meeting should be held at least 3 times to insure proper representation of the city and to make sure people who cant come one night still have a chance to experience the meeting
- When proposing road layouts, overlay it with the existing road layout and better show what existing roads are being utilized and if more or less natural spaces will be affected
- To suggest ways for more forward and how likely it is to do these things
- Possible use of covered areas under highway. Possible parking along road besides interstate highway. Possible Graffiti wall where artists could express themselves on a temporary basis.
- Enjoyed it - Thank you for listening
- Set up a relationship with the LA Master Naturalists of GNO
- Cut the grass more often. Improve lagoons. Enforce litter laws. On weekends & holidays large groups trash the park
- Regular grass cutting and removal of litter along Marconi Dr. Please don't remove or add any roadways. Make Marconi Dr. & Orleans between Zach Taylor Dr. and City Park Ave. two lanes like it used to be.
- Expand the kids park w/more rides. Skating rink. Water slides.
- Use friendly permit friendly. Schedule access to better plan the use of space
- Shore up the natural beauty that already is

there. Make the lagoons healthy. Maintain play areas that exist.

- Keep sending out community surveys online and holding meetings.
- Better sound system. Better setup for graphic presentations - hard to see & read
- Meg was great!
- Make sure each table has a facilitator. It was difficult to really understand what we were tasked to do but we pushed through.
- Could be a little shorter. 2hrs is a long time commitment.
- Have been written on our tables board. Cane
- Why wont City Park respond to requests for on the record interviews about herbicides? Why doesn't City Park have written policies governing herbicides and pesticides used in the park?
- More productive than the walk through demo meetings. Presentation was informative and engaging
- Continue to have food!
- The format was great and allowed all of us to participate in a meaningful way
- Move the master naturalist program into the park & engage their volunteers to help & maintain nature spaces and shorelines. More LA irises along the lagoons
- Veg friendly options. Lots of PowerPoints. Felt like it could've been better to update everyone where you are in the process. Will this have to happen at every meeting? Does not feel like the best use of everyone's time. Simultaneous translations. Bulbancha Lenguas
- None at the moment.
- The process is a bit sloppy but its important
- I mentioned all at our table
- Keep going!
- Yes & we reviewed them at our table
- I think that meetings could incorporate inviting community members to speak more and make more space for youth at these meetings. Not just the Ideas youth meeting
- Just make it one sheet. Had to memorize the intentions on the second sheet
- Keep grass low and neat. Park free of trash
- Kid worksheets and stuff to draw on
- Online options. More meetings
- Lit walking paths
- You should have had multiple stirring the roux meetings not in the middle of the holidays