



# Ideas Youth Committee Meeting 2 Summary

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## Overview

The Ideas Youth Committee (IYC) continued their engagement process at another interactive meeting. The second meeting was held on November 20, 2024 with in person and virtual options available. At the meeting, there was a brief presentation to update the IYC on Meeting 1 results and general project updates.

Then over twenty IYC members participated in an interactive activity building on the results gathered from the first meeting.

Main themes and ideas from meeting one were turned into intentions. This process involved combining similar ideas and converting them into actions. Some examples are below:



### Visit City Park because it...

“Allows you to try new experiences”  
“Allows you to try something new in a safe environment”

Promote trying new experiences

“Accessible”  
“Is easy and accessible”  
“Is free and publicly accessible...”  
“Is endless affordable fun”

Make it accessible and affordable

“A place to create memories with friends & family”  
“Is a great way to make memories”

Create memories with friends and family

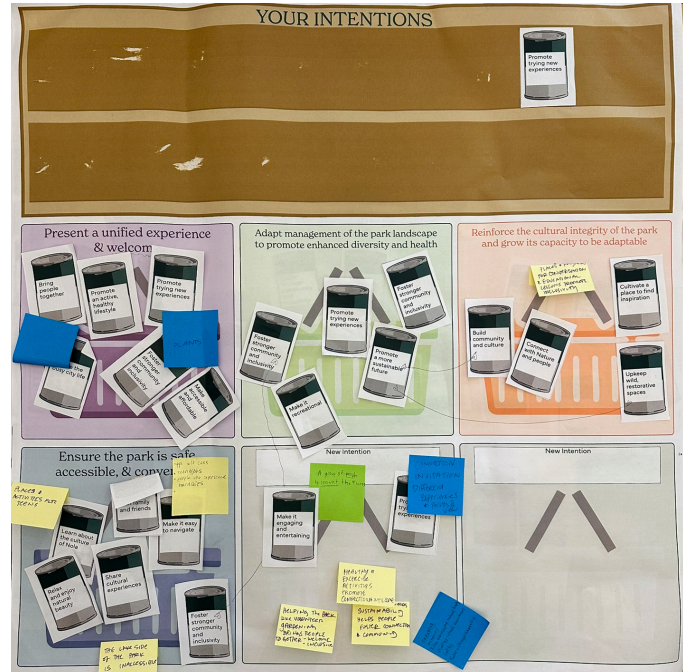
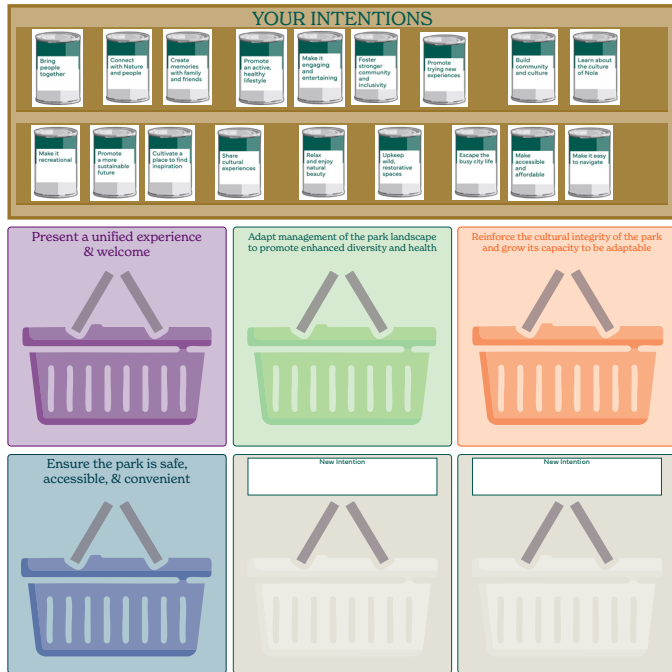


# Intention Categories

For the main activity, four existing core intentions of foundational planning were developed by the design team based on community input across the first three meetings. These four core intentions are used to guide the development of the City Park Master Plan.

The four core intentions listed below were shown on the activity as “baskets.”

- Present unified experience and welcome (Purple)
- Adapt management of the park landscape to promote enhanced diversity and health (Green)
- Reinforce the cultural integrity of the park and grow its capacity to be adaptable (Orange)
- Ensure the park is safe, accessible, and convenient (Blue)



IYC members were asked to move their intention cans from the pantry into the existing core intention baskets if they felt like they matched that existing intention. The “cans” were based on the themes from IYC Meeting 1.

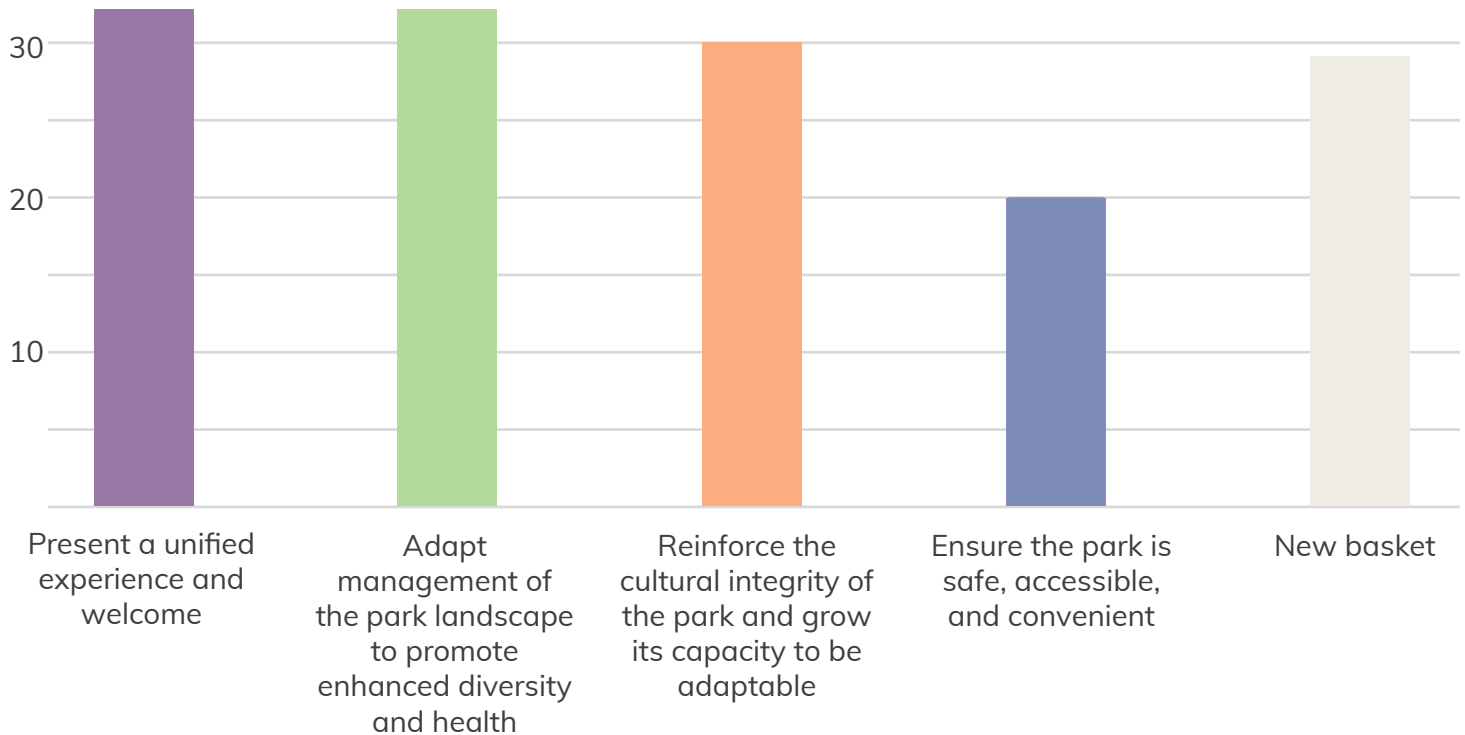
The cans contained phrases such as “bring people together”, “promote a more sustainable future”, “make accessible and affordable”, and “cultivate a place to find inspiration” If they felt like certain intention “cans” didn’t match a core intention “basket”, they were able to put them in the “new basket”.

Several of the cans were placed across different basket intentions. Notable overlaps included themes of fostering community, promoting inclusivity, and creating engaging and inspiring experiences, which each appeared in multiple categories.

For instance, “Foster stronger community and inclusivity” was linked to each of the four baskets showing the desire to create a park that welcomes the participation of all members of the New Orleans community. These patterns highlight both recurring priorities and innovative contributions from the IYC members.

## Finalized Core Intentions

The chart below shows how IYC members chose to sort their intention “cans”. While the original four intentions received most of the sorted cans, IYC members strongly felt that the original four intentions should be expanded and revised.



To end the meeting IYC members participated in a committee wide report out of the intentions they developed at their tables. These intentions were written onto ingredient sheets, read aloud, and placed into a gumbo pot in the center of the room.

They could write down the same intentions that were previously developed if they felt like there were sufficient, edit the wording of the existing intentions if they felt like they could be better, or write completely new intentions if they felt like something was missing.

The design team received several versions of the four original intentions. For example, “Adapt management of the park landscape to promote enhanced diversity and health” was changed to “Adapt the management of the landscape to enhance diversity, health, and the environment”. New themes reflected IYC suggestions for interactivity, community bonding and educational experiences rooted in nature.



# Crafting New Core Intentions

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These ingredient sheets along with the notes on the table sheet activity were analyzed by the design team to create the next iteration of intentions to be presented at the public community meeting.

Common themes and ideas from the “New intention basket” were combined into a new fifth intention. All ideas, intentions, and notes are included in the appendix.

## Foundational Planning Core Intentions

- Present a unified experience of welcome into the park
- Ensure the park is safe, accessible, & convenient
- Adapt the management of the landscape to enhance diversity & health
- Reinforce the cultural integrity of the park & grow its capacity to be adaptable

## Core Intentions



Present a unified and welcoming park arrival experience



Ensure the park is safe, accessible, and convenient



Adapt management of the park landscape to prioritize biodiversity, health, and sustainability



Balance the culture and history of the park with its capacity to adapt to the evolving community needs



Cultivate fun and enriching opportunities that inspire creativity and connections across generations

## Next Steps

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The next large scale community engagement meeting will take place on December 11th from 6:00-8:00 pm. This meeting will confirm the final core intentions developed from the feedback received in IYC Meeting 2 and start the conversation on place-making ideas within City Park. These core intentions will provide the base understanding of the park and its goals over the next two decades.

The final IYC meeting will be January 15th, 2025. This meeting will build off of the feedback on existing and future experiences that fit within each of the core intentions. Youth will be asked to pick specific places and analyze how they can be preserved, enhanced or added to the future City Park.

# After Action Review

After the activity was completed, each participant was asked to fill out an After Action Review. The summary of their responses are below.

## List 1-3 positive outcomes of the meeting.

Participants thought the meeting was inclusive, friendly, and engaging, allowing participants to voice their opinions, exchange creative ideas, and connect with new people. Key themes included collaboration, effective communication, flexibility in feedback, and a shared focus on improving the park with innovative features and safety enhancements.

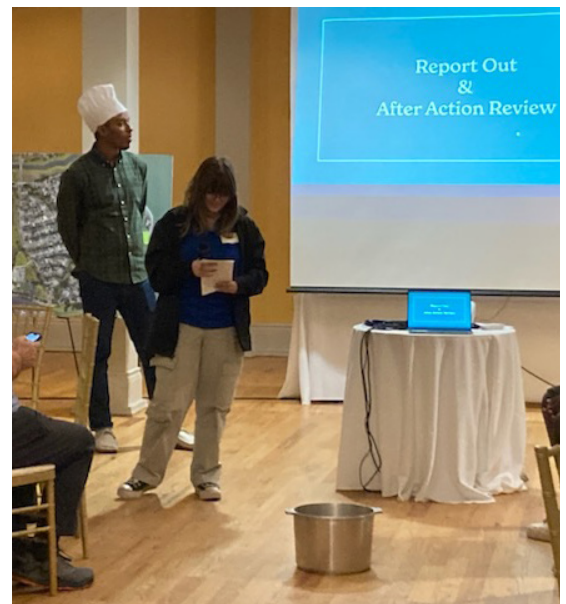
## Do you have any additional concerns, questions, or comments?

Concerns were raised about survey accessibility, inclusivity in demographic data, and addressing hydrology and construction needs, with a request for better communication about project timelines.

## Do you have any suggestions for improvements?

Participants highlighted the importance of creating inclusive, engaging, and accessible spaces in the park, such as community spots, creative areas, and facilities for teens, elderly, and disabled individuals.

Other suggestions included improving maintenance, adding amenities like bathrooms, bus stops, and lighting, and fostering better community interaction.



# Raw Results

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## Core Intentions

- Presents a unified experience that welcomes community and culture
- Adapt management of the park landscape to promote enhanced diversity and health
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- Reinforce the cultural identity of the park and grow its capacity to be adaptable
- Create a more safe and enjoying experience
- Ensure the park is safe, accessible, and convenient
- Encourage interactivities with the park, educational opportunities (partner with schools), enjoyment, teaching kids to fish
- Adapting more social emotional learning skills
- Accessibility to all places in the park
- Community enrichment, community building, community bonding
- Good vibes so everyone will have something fun to do and everyone feels welcome
- Safety for everyone in the park
- Teen engagement/activities
- Food diversity- food trucks, more eating places
- Promote a fun and entertaining entertainment
- Adapt management of the park landscape to promote sustainable farming, and thus enhanced diversity and health
- Reinforce and maintain the cultural integrity of the park in order to foster and bring together a diverse group of cultures
- Ensure the park is safe, accessible, and convenient
- Make accessible and comfortable (To edify this a little bit, I realized that you could have a comfortable time, but not a great time. Sometimes you need to have challenging times but not uncomfortable time)
- Change the layout of different park areas to allow patrons to have new experiences, enjoy the park in various personal capacities, stimulate a strong sense of community engagement, and lastly allow a broad selection of recreational opportunities
- Keep it the same but make it more modern.
- Connect family's through experiences like more paths
- The animals and nature are a key part to the community so expand on it
- Ensure the park is safe, accessible, and convenient to encourage increased participation in City Park activities (through safety and accessibility)
- An object or an idea to connect all 4 cores
- Build new insight and trying to make a connection on what that positive thing that you had insight on and gather others to it.
- Ensure the park is safe, accessible, and convenient
- Adapt management of the park landscape to promote enhanced diversity and health
- Present a unified experience and welcome
- Nature first
- Promote fun and play across age groups
- Grow and adapt
- Ensure the park is a safe, accessible, and convenient way to escape busy city life.
- Reinforce the historical integrity of the park while promote educational opportunities
- Ensure that the park promotes and preserves the City's culture
- Adapt management of the park landscape to promote enhanced diversity and health
- Provide active, fun, and engaging recreation
- Ensure the park is safe, accessible, and convenient
- Reinforce the cultural identity of the park and grow its capacity to be adaptable
- Adapt the management of the landscape to enhance diversity, health, and the environment
- Present a unified experience and welcome into the park

## Please list 1-3 Positive outcomes of this meeting

- Its really nice and better of this meeting.
- My opinion was heard. It was very friendly and welcoming. Was comfortable with speaking.
- The meeting really helped consolidate ideas from the previous meeting. This consolidation really helped isolate what was most important and make all that was shared less overwhelming. I also got to work with a new group of very friendly people who had great ideas.
- I met new people.
- I learned a lot about the development of city park. I got to meet new people. The creativity

was fun.

- Sharing your thoughts. Eating cookies. Listening to peoples input.
- That everyone get to put their ideas. I love the way everyone understood what some of the outcomes were and what was the creativity in these ideas
- Everyone was engaged and got to contribute. Establish a solid foundation for the park intentions. Meeting new people to connect with and share different perspectives.
- Got to hear ideas I hadn't thought about. Met a new person.
- Communication. Ingenuity. Progress.
- Socialize with new people. Come up with new ideas for City Park. Team building activities.
- Flexibility of the intentions was nice - facilitators ensured that feedback and edits were wanted/encouraged and appreciated.
- Solid goals. A few good ideas.
- Fixed wording to make it easier to understand
- Connections being made. Being able to voice my opinions. Debate on what is needed and what is not.
- Better wording of intentions so it is super clear for planning. New emphasis or fun/entertainment factors like skate parks etc.
- My voice was heard and implemented into today's meeting.
- Better care of the park environment. More people will get involved. Better safety in the park.
- Meet new people, offer opinions for the park's future and the cookies were good.

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

- My group proposed an experimental idea that could the all the 4 core ingredients together, will that be considered?
- The Children's museum (new)
- If we end up changing anything about the park, please keep the oak trees - ALL OF THEM. They have been here for decades and centuries. They bridge the divide between the past and the future and are some of the funnest recreation at the park.
- Me and my classmate were trying to get fellow college students to take the survey. However, we receive some complaints about it being too long. So we decided to get a list of interest that they wrote down. I would love to share them but I did not have the physical copy. Please contact me so that I can give you

the data we collected.

- I just want to see what specific new activities that they want to put in the park.
- When will everything be done or finalized.
- Messed up but take a look given that I've been here for a long time.
- I have concerns about the hydrology. I knew that there was previous talks about fixing the pipes and what not. There are concerns in regards to the construction that would be needed in order to complete any fixes. I also have concerns/questions what is going to be done to "connect" the park. I know there was previously a plan that would put a road where grow dat is. Obviously, we aren't doing that anymore because ewe love grow dat. But do we still want to do something to make the park more interconnected.
- There is no Asian demographic on the survey. Could you post the tally of how many people have filled out the survey with your name?

#### **Do you have suggestions for improvements**

- Could've been more engaging with different adults
- No, I have no suggestions for improvements, the meeting flowed really well.
- Focus on building community spots/places for new vegetation
- Building new creative spot to the park and more inclusive to teen and people with disabilities
- No improvements. The group and teamwork set up works wonderfully.
- I understand the need to check on how we feel about what you all have gathered from our input so far, but I'm not sure this activity was the best way to do. I feel like this activity wasn't the best suited for working together and could have been achieved via online survey. I don't think this activity fostered conversation. The share out was nice.
- New communities benefits and appearances. Improvement
- Felt slow to start, could do an opening activity or something to get people in the zone. Share out felt like a lot of the same - share in new small groups? Only share edits? IDK
- Please consider a skatepark - would be great for teens to get active. Better maintenance of areas like underpasses. Additional parking lot for Tad Gormley (for farmer's market, football games, to practice) More bathrooms! Running trails that are not sketchy and more lighting



and maintenance.

- Engagement more but overall meeting was good.
- More swings, restaurants, gardens, fields to play softball and soccer, stores around the park, indoor sports facility, pavilions, place where people who enjoy being creative but don't want to be outside, not enough light, golf trails beginners and experts, emergency phones, maps, taste of NOLA

- More bus stops! More safe sidewalks/walking paths that are also accessible, especially for the elderly and the disabled.
- Maybe foster more participation with people you don't know, solidifying the sense of community.
- Create a more interactive activity
- Fix walkways and roads

## Table Sheets

**YOUR INTENTIONS**

**Present a unified experience & welcome**

- Bring people together
- Promote an active healthy lifestyle
- Promote trying new experiences
- Share cultural experiences
- Engage with nature and people
- Make it easy to navigate
- Make it easy to find
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**Adapt management of the park landscape to promote enhanced diversity and health**

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- Promote an active healthy lifestyle
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**Reinforce the cultural integrity of the park and grow its capacity to be adaptable**

- Learn about the culture of NOLA
- Share cultural experiences
- Build community and culture
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**Ensure the park is safe, accessible, & convenient**

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- Foster stronger community and inclusivity
- Build stronger community and culture
- Bring people together

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- Upsleep and restorative spaces
- Promote a healthy lifestyle
- Promote a more sustainable future
- Connect with nature and people
- Make an active, healthy lifestyle
- Share cultural experiences

**Reinforce the cultural integrity of the park and grow its capacity to be adaptable**

- Share cultural experiences
- Bring people together
- Learn about the culture of kids
- Build community and culture

**Ensure the park is safe, accessible, & convenient**

- Make it easy to navigate
- Escape the busy city life
- Make accessible and affordable

**New Intention**  
Essential to the park's mission and presence

- Share cultural experiences
- Learn about the culture of kids

**New Intention**

**Present a unified experience & welcome**

- Promote trying new experiences
- Make it engaging and entertaining
- Make it easy to navigate

**Adapt management of the park landscape to promote enhanced diversity and health**

- Promote an active, healthy lifestyle
- Relax and enjoy natural beauty
- Connect with nature and people
- Upsleep and restorative spaces

**Reinforce the cultural integrity of the park and grow its capacity to be adaptable**

- Bring people together
- Share cultural experiences
- Promote a more sustainable future
- Build community and culture

**Ensure the park is safe, accessible, & convenient**

- Make it easy to navigate

**New Intention**  
Substantivity

- Share cultural experiences
- Learn about the culture of kids
- Build community and culture

**New Intention**  
Improve the park experience

- Share cultural experiences
- Learn about the culture of kids