

City Park Plan Meeting Summary: *Stirring the Roux*



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Overview

The City Park Plan Meeting: *Stirring the Roux* focused on confirming the foundational principles and brainstorming Existing Experiences and Future Opportunities for City Park. City Park Conservancy hosted the meeting on December 11th, 2024 from 6:00 - 8:00pm at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. This was the fourth community meeting after a short external pause to expand the public engagement strategy. The day before, the same meeting format was completed with City Park staff. Over 225 people participated from over fifty different neighborhoods and cities.

The meeting started with an informal virtual icebreaker question asking people to envision City Park in 20 years. Representatives from City Park, MVVA, and Concordia then presented updates to the planning process, which included Foundational Planning vs. Placemaking Planning, setting Core Intentions, and the future timelines and strategy of the community engagement process. This process uses a metaphor most Louisianans understand: 'Making Gumbo.' This meeting was *Stirring the Roux* to lay the crucial foundation for which everything else to built on.

Community members then participated in two interactive activities. The first focused on the Core Intentions guiding the City Park Plan, identified from previous community input. Attendees reviewed and edited those intentions. The second activity asked participants to brainstorm Existing Experiences and Future Opportunities for the park to explore. The project team combined the residents' ideas and categorized the different topics to highlight the most discussed ideas. The team also updated the Core Intentions based on the feedback received at the meeting. These cumulative recommendations will form the basis for the foundational and placemaking planning ideas that the project team pursues going forward.

The results are summarized on the following pages accompanied by the full verbatim results in the appendix.



Activity 1 Results: Core Intentions

The chart below shows how many groups edited or didn't edit each Core Intention. The first two intentions had the smallest amount of edits. Meanwhile, the third intention was the most commonly edited one with almost half of the groups making edits to it.

Core Intentions	Groups w/ No Changes	Groups w/ Some Edits
1. Present a unified and welcoming park arrival experience.	27 groups	6 groups
2. Ensure the park is safe, accessible, and convenient.	28 groups	5 groups
3. Adapt management of the park landscape to prioritize biodiversity, health, and sustainability.	18 groups	15 groups
4. Balance the cultural and history of the park with its capacity to adapt to evolving community needs	24 groups	9 groups
5. Cultivate fun and enriching opportunities that inspire creativity and connections across generations.	25 groups	8 groups
6. New Intention	9 New Intention Ideas Added	

The main themes for the new intention ideas introduced focus on financial sustainability, stewardship of the park, affordability, and promoting healthy active lifestyles. The community also felt that the intentions were too wordy and confusing to easily understand. They suggested simplifying the intentions to make them clearer and more potent.

Based on all of the feedback and edits, six updated Core Intentions have been developed. These Core Intentions will guide the remaining process and they are.

1. Present a unified and welcoming park arrival experience.
2. Ensure the park is safe, accessible, and convenient.
3. Promote landscape health and biodiversity through maintenance and stewardship.
4. Respect the history and cultural uses of the park.
5. Create fun, healthy, and enriching opportunities for all ages.
6. Balance the park's budget, revenue, and affordability.

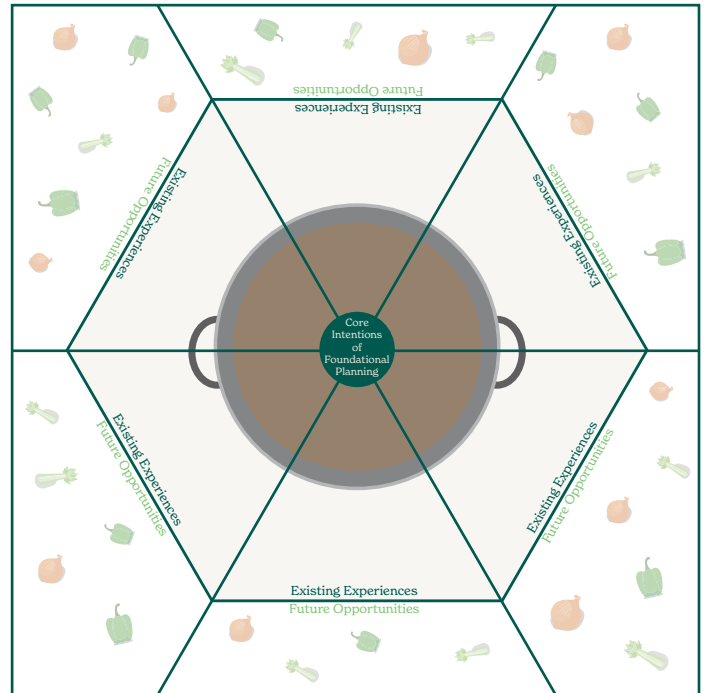


Activity 2: Existing Experiences & Future Opportunities

After reviewing the core intentions, community members were asked to reflect how those intentions are being fulfilled in the park currently and how they could be fulfilled in the future with new ideas.

The Core Intentions that each group reviewed were put into the center “pot”. Participants were asked to brainstorm and write down ideas of Existing Experiences within City Park that fulfill each intention. For instance, participants wrote down the archways and entrance in front of NOMA as an existing experience that fulfills the Welcoming Park Arrival Experience intention.

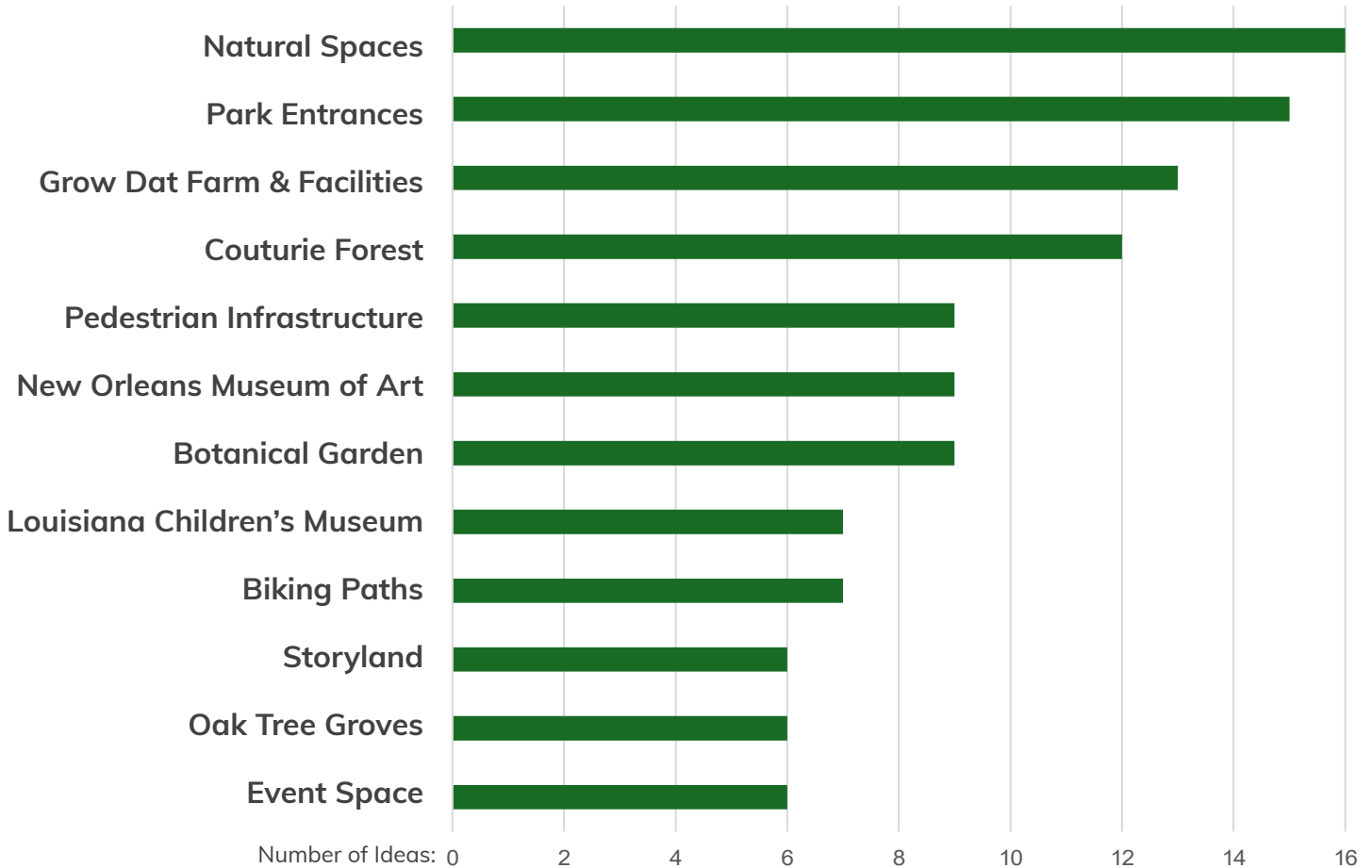
After groups wrote down all of their Existing Experience ideas, they were asked to brainstorm new Future Opportunities that don't currently exist in City Park that could help fulfill each intention. Everyone was also encouraged to write down any additional ideas they thought would help accomplish the goals of each intention.



Activity 2 Results: Existing Experiences & Future Opportunities

Existing Experiences

Three hundred ideas were generated by the community for Existing Experiences. The “Cultivate fun and enriching opportunities...” intention had the most ideas with 91 ideas and experiences written down. These ideas were then categorized into simplified topics/places to help analyze the ideas discussed at the meeting. Below is a bar chart that shows the most commonly discussed topics across all groups.



For Natural Spaces, people highlighted open spaces, flowers, wilder areas, and trails as existing experiences that they like in City Park. People highlighted wanting to keep these areas healthy, focusing on native plants and not overdoing infrastructure like too much lighting.

Community members mentioned the City Park Ave. entrance as a welcoming arrival experience. Other people mentioned the entrances at Wisner, Lelong, and Esplanade. Multiple community members want to see more signage and consistency throughout all of the entrances around City Park.

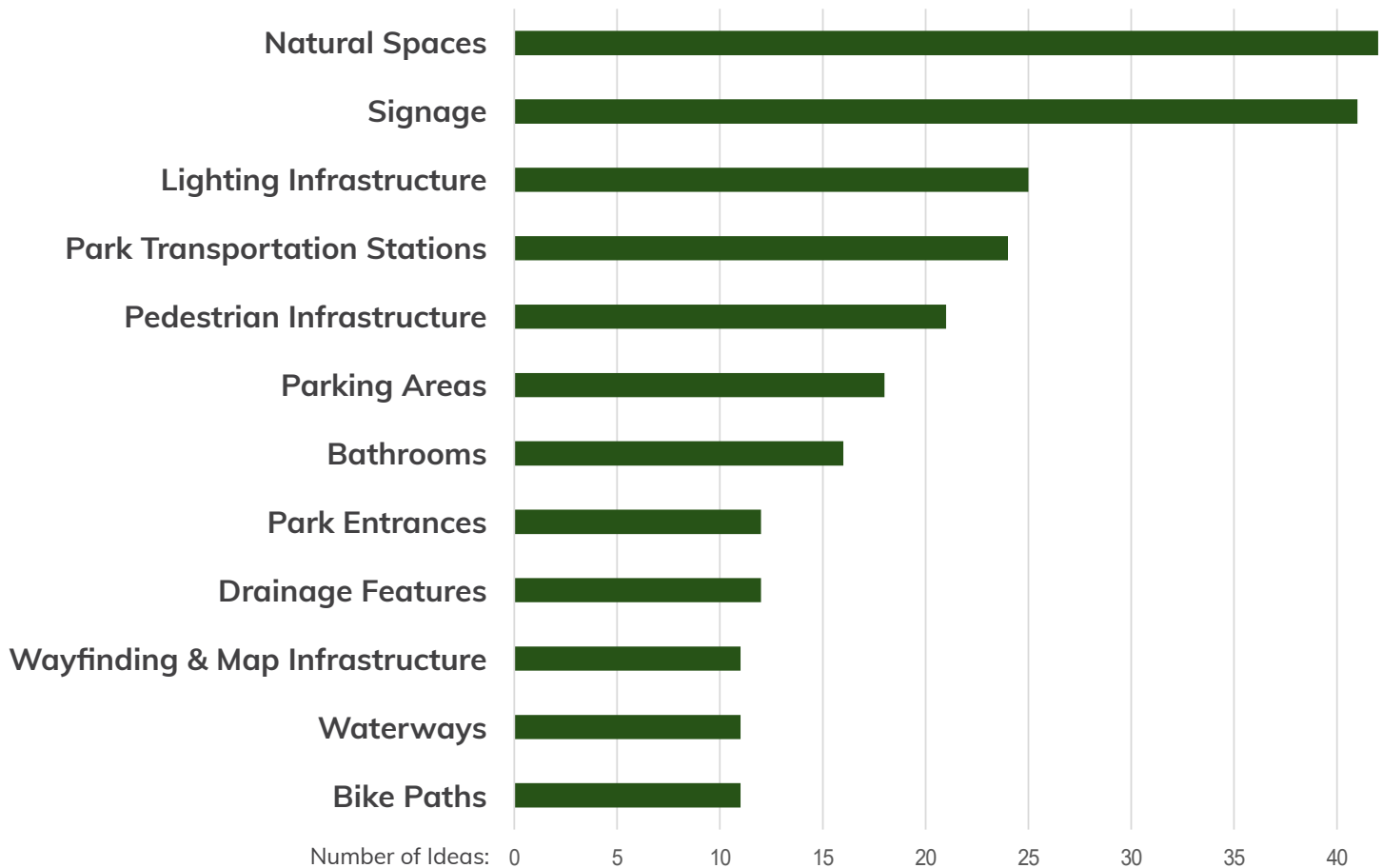
The third most discussed topic was Grow Dat. Many community members view the farm and History of the Land tours as strong assets within City Park.

For the full results, the comprehensive raw data is in the appendix.



Future Opportunities

Over six hundred ideas were generated by the community for Future Opportunities. The “Ensure the park is safe, accessible, and convenient” intention had the most ideas with 143 ideas and experiences written down. The “Cultivate fun and enriching opportunities...” intention was a close second with 139 individual ideas. Below is a bar chart that shows the most commonly discussed topics across all groups.



For Natural Spaces, people most want to see native plants being used more in the park. They also discussed the need for managing invasive species in the natural areas. Participants want to preserve greenspaces and natural areas to ensure animal habitats are safe, cultivate quiet meditative natural spaces to explore, and provide educational opportunities for people of all ages to learn about nature.

Community members see Future Opportunities to add more signage around City Park. Meeting participants want to see clear, cohesive, and informative signage. Participants also asked for historical markers that highlight the past events, communities, and people that were and still are integral to City Park.

The third most discussed topic was lighting infrastructure. People discussed various Future Opportunities for lighting including adding more lights along sidewalks and paths for safety, dark sky lighting to preserve stargazing and bird safety, and solar powered lighting.

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After Action Review

A total of 124 responses were analyzed, with recurring themes indicating strong community engagement. Positive feedback centered around the opportunity to share City Park experiences and feedback with other community members in an organized and engaging format. Concerns highlighted the need for clearer communication, and simplifying language in the presentation, along with a focus on making the planning process more public and accessible to everyone who uses the park.

Key Takeaways:

List 1-3 positive outcomes of the meeting.

Participants thought the meeting successfully fostered meaningful dialogue. Attendees appreciating the opportunity to contribute and collaborate.

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

Participants want clearer, more transparent communication, with an emphasis on accessibility and inclusivity to address the concerns raised.

Do you have any suggestions for improvements?

Participants suggested simplifying messaging and expanding public feedback opportunities to ensure broader engagement and alignment with community needs.

Next Steps

The next community meeting, *Prepping the Ingredients*, will take place on January 29 at the City Park Pavilion of the Two Sisters (3 Victory Ave.) from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. This meeting will build on the themes and ideas developed thus far and focus on placemaking ideas.



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- Present consistent, distinctive, and appealing entrances that include clear signage.
- Present on information & welcoming park arrival experience
- Present welcoming park arrival experiences
- Unified & welcoming
- Unified and welcoming arrival
- Welcoming arrival

Appendix: Activity 2 Raw Results

Existing Ideas For Welcoming Park Arrival Intention

- Adapt Management Of Park Landscape To Consistent Welcome Entrances
- More Lighting On Marconi Near Savoie Soccer Complex
- Traffic Study - Create Parking Plan/Operation For Christian Brothers
- Sign With Lights
- Wrought Iron Archways
- Fix Broken Sidewalks, Pot Holes, Other Damaged Infrastructure
- Wisner Entrance Is Good
- Symmetry NOMA Entrance Feels Grand/Real Arrival
- Kid Answer: When I See The Children's Museum!
- Archways Are Great
- Distinct Landscaping
- Festival Grounds, Muddy. Need To Raise Ground
- Farmer's Market Parking. Give Tickets Along Marconi
- Crosswalks Along Marconi And Wisner
- Rules To Prevent Overnight Parking Along Bayou At Wisner.
- City Park Ave. Entrance
- Esplanade At Wisner
- Bike Trails Are Amazing
- Columns, 1930s Arch
- Lovely Entryway From City Park Ave And Esplanade - Reproduce At Other Entry Points
- Lelong Entrance At Esplanade And Carrollton
- Arch At City Park Ave
- Entrance From Esplanade , The Trees Lining This
- Live Oak Trees Throughout
- Ralphs Entrance Area. Harrison And NOMA City Park Box Used
- More Signage At Entrances
- City Park Ave. Entrance
- Esplanade Plantings
- Esplanade And City Park Ave Entrance
- Keep The Two "Sides" Of The Park, Lakeside And Riverside, Separate With Different Purposes And Uses.
- Consistent Park Entrances And Exits
- Limited Major Entry Points: NOMA/Roosevelt Mall, Vity Park Ave., Delgado (More Needed)
- Traffic Jams In Front Of NOMA
- Lights At South Esplanade Entrance

- Community Needs

Existing Ideas For Park Landscape Intention

- Identify Green Spaces Better Suited To Native Grasses, Alternative Ground Coverage Etc.
- Grounds Team Revamp
- Festival Grounds Bioswale & Walking Trail
- More Events If A Green Space (Art Market, Etc.)
- More Gardens/Color
- Examine Improvements
- Mini Walking Trail
- Bioswale In Parking Lots (Victory Dr)
- Np / Native Trail + Volunteers
- Cosmos (By Maroni) And Wisner Tract Are Nice
- Tree For Weddings, Birthdays, Etc. Mark The Occasion And Create More Passion For Future Engagement
- Grow Dat Birding Trail
- Wisner Tract
- Couturie Forest!
- Fishing Pier
- Lagoons That Are Disgusting With Algae And Duckweed
- Couturie Forest And Scout Island As Bird Habitat
- Wisner Tract As Bird Habitat
- Oak Trees
- Botanical Garden
- Diversity Of Animals Near Children's Museum
- Wisner Trail
- Fishing Pier
- Train Behind Pelican Greenhouse
- Couturie Forest
- Scout Island
- Couturie Forest Existing Paths
- Wisner Tract
- Scout Island
- Big Lake Native Trail
- Green House
- Lagoons
- Two Lakes
- Botanical Garden
- Couturie Forest
- New Sculpture Garden
- Birding Corridor
- Grow Dat
- Big Lake Birds
- Couturie Forest
- Farmers Market
- Mgmt., Maintenance And Operations

- Landscape And Habitat Diversity
- Green And Blue Infrastructure
- Grow Dat Plants
- What Are The Granular Details Of City Park's Natural Resources? Specifically: How Many/ What Trees? Total Waterway Average, Wildlife Census, Potential Disturbances "Share With Public"
- Couturie Forest
- Wetlands At Fest Grounds
- Botanical Garden. Enhance The Green Houses
- Prioritize Water Quality During Landscape Development
- Botanical Garden Educational Opportunities
- Big Lake - Native Plants
- Improvements Have Been Made In Drainage.
- Bioswales In Sculpture Garden
- Better Tree Maintenance And Succession Planning
- Lagoon Health
- Lagoons And Bayous And Walking Paths
- Couturie Forest
- Wildflowers
- Botanical Gardens And Signage Of Species Of Plants Around Pond
- Composting/Mulch Pile For Soil Regeneration
- Alligators And Animals
- Preserve The Roosters That Live In The Park
- Grow Dat Farm
- Safe Place For Animals That People Cant Go But Can See Animals

Existing Ideas For Cultivate Fun Intention

- Voodoo Fest
- Cc Classic
- Sugar Bowl Tournament
- H.S. Sports At Practice Areas
- Celebration
- Lark (?)
- Plant Sales
- Farmers Market
- Quad Activities
- Frisbee Golf
- More Shelters
- T6 Use For More Than Athletics
- Retractable Cover Turf @ Tad...
- Expand And Tighten CITO Operations
- Duplicate Wrought Iron Arch
- Entrances @ Other Entrance
- Cultural Cooking Events + Contents
- Museum - Curator
- CITO
- Evening W/ Enrique
- Weddings

- Thursday At Twilight
- Swimming
- More Trees
- Flowers
- Places W/ Lessons
- Overall Flew The Park
- Raise Pay For Workers
- Have A Free Service Team
- Couturie Forest!
- Grow Dat And Loop And Children's Museum
- Blue Bike Station Allen T At Marconi. Allen T At Wisner
- Huge Trees For Kids To Climb
- Open Spaces To Enjoy Nature And Picnic With Family
- Amusement Park And Storyland, Riding Bikes, Swan Boats, NOMA
- Loop
- Sculpture Garden
- Fishing Pier
- Dog Park
- Nola City Bark
- Café Du Monde Hosts Group Of Elders Who Meet Weekly
- Peristyle Dance Performances With Local Dance Companies
- Use Bandshell For Weekly Concerts
- Yoga
- Sculpture Garden
- Boats
- Storyland Programs
- Fun Runs
- NOMA - Children Art Program
- Sports
- LCM
- Grow Dat
- NOMA
- Carousel
- Storyland
- Botanical Garden
- Children's Museum
- Storyland
- Celebration In The Oaks
- Dog Park
- Exposure To Natural Forest Is Best Learning Experience For Youth
- Swan Boats
- Preserve Existing Places Like Botanical Gardens, Storyland
- Farmers Market
- LCM
- Storyland
- Museums
- Great Lawn

- Carousel Park
- Bikes
- Golf
- Tennis
- Single Pass To Access All City Park Activities Like: Storyland, Putt Putt, Amusement Park, Botanical Garden
- Love The NOMA Events And Exhibits! Keep Em Coming
- Golf Course (Kids)
- Thank You For Yoga And Classes Around The Park
- Music, 4th Of The July And Symphony Is Amazing. More Like That!
- Make Golf 3 Nine Hold Courses (Take Back 9 On North) For Other Activities.
- Better Promote Fishing Rodeo
- Summer Camps To Sculpture Garden
- New Rides For The Amusement Park!
- Celebration In The Oaks, Ghost In The Oaks
- The Restroom Problem
- Loop Nola Progress: Ropes, Paddling, Nature Based Exploration, Family Activities, Special Needs Activities
- Chime Tree
- Tree And Grassing Wilder Areas To Wander In
- Café Du Monde
- Children's Museum
- Walking Trails
- Boat Rentals
- Botanical Gardens

Existing Ideas For Culture And History Intention

- Shelters
- Upgrade Aging Athletic Facilities (Quad, Tad, Panam)
- Diversity In Events
- Public Art (Big Lake Sculpture)
- Street Lights
- Inaccurate Signage
- Tell The Ecological History Of The Park, Pine Island, Cypress, Main Channel Of The Ms. River Etc.
- Farmers Markets? Food Infrastructure
- Upkeep Of What You Have Is More Important Than Lots Of New Things
- Places To Sit And Relax By Water.
- Grow Dat's Park History Tours
- Girl Scout Hut Next To Sculpture Garden, Mcfadden Cabin
- Diversity Of Birds
- Grow Dat History Of The Land Workshops (Thank You Grow Dat)

- Historic Heritage Concert Series
- Cultural Exhibitions Free/Affordable For Neighborhood Communities
- Train Behind Pelican Greenhouse
- Couturie Forest
- Scout Island
- Grow Dat
- NOMA
- Carousel
- Botanical Garden
- Refurbish Pelican Greenhouse
- WPA Architecture
- Tribal Members Continued Access To Native Palmetto For Weaving
- Train
- Lions/Casino
- McFadden Cabin
- More Native Plantings
- Grow Dat: History Of The Land
- History Of The Land For The Public
- Golf Course Takes Up A Massive Portion Of The Park For A Small Population And Ecological Damage.
- How Much Money Does The Golf Course Make And/Or Bring In? Are There Legislative Restrictions?
- Scout Island
- NOMA
- Old Bridges Down Around Bayou Metairie
- Incorporating More Music
- Historical Acknowledgment Of City Park. Permanent Structure On Old Run Down Building
- Refurbish Historic Run Down Facility Into History Of City Park Museum
- Sculpture Gardens NOMA
- There Is One Historical Marker To Acknowledge One Plantation On City Park Land. Does Not Acknowledge The Enslaved Persons.
- Stadiums
- Grow Dat
- Keep The Rope Course Maintained And Protected.
- Tad Gromley And Practice Track Needs Love
- There's A Lot Of Culture And History But No Way To Know About It

Existing Ideas For Safe And Accessible Intention

- More Cell Boxed For Security
- More Bathrooms
- Existing C.p. Police
- Marginal Lighting
- Improved Police Force

- We're Doing Nothing Joke, CP Police Are Great But Understaffed W/ Minimal Resources
- Light, Human Traffic And Sight Lines Help Feel Safe/Secure - But Land Want To Key Areas Of Mystery And Wildness
- Wayfinding - Lighting, Improve Roads With Bike Paths, Need To Ponds
- Beefing Up The Entrances And Signage For Entrances
- Provide Kayaks And Canoes For Rent. Paddle On Lagoon. Harrison Ave. To Harrison Ave Around Scout Island
- Bathrooms All Over Park
- Riding The Train To Get A Little Tour Of The Park Instead Of Driving By Yourself
- Morning Call Playground.
- Big Lake
- Grow Dat (Aka Places With People)
- Parking For NOMA
- Parking Near Stanley Ray Playground
- NOMA And Roosevelt Mall
- Defining Accessible - Not For Motorized Vehicles, For Pedestrians, Bikes
- Reunion Shelter, Bathroom/Playground
- Please. No Disneyland
- Fredricks And Wisner Intersection Is Dangerous
- Emergency Call Boxes
- Provide More Free Recreational Opportunities
- Benches By Girl Scout Cabin
- Advertise Walking Tours
- Handicap Parking
- Making Sure That There Are Still Areas That Are Dark On The Wilder Side Of The Park
- Don't Overdo Signage
- Don't Overdo Lighting, Keep Some Dark Spaces
- Make North Of 610 Walkable
- Walking And Biking Paths
- More Food Areas
- Welcoming Experience Can Be Combined With Park Safety, Signage Enhancing What Already Exists.
- More Working Restrooms
- Walk Bike Routes And Practice Track
- Monkey Hill
- Couturie Forest
- Restroom Only On At Café Du Monde
- Park Police

Existing Ideas For New Intentions

- Splash Pad!
- CITO! + Other Holiday Special Event Rentals

- Examine Legacy
- Land...
- Have Dates For
- Bring Back Voodoo
- Prioritizing Natural Green/Wild Spaces. Stewarding And Providing Safe Access To Will Green Spaces With Restrooms
- Being In Nature, Green, Wild Spaces
- Bike Repair Stations Along Bike Path
- Water Stations All Over Paths
- Alliances, Collaborations, Part Of The City Fabric
- We Agree With Build Community (Disagree With Pickleball)
- Small Center Loves You!
- Its Too Hard To Volunteer In The Current System!
- Contractor Accountability - If They Leave An Area Trashy It Is Their Responsibility To Clean It Up Or Be Sanctions. Improves Maintenance Effort For Park Staff
- Duck Feeding Station
- Maintain Bird Habitat
- No More Sculpture Garden Expansions
- Stop Business Development
- Basketball And Baseball
- Love The Swan Boats, Bikes On Big Lake
- Preserve Tad Gromley
- Exercise Stations And Facilities

Future Ideas For Welcoming Park Arrival Intention

- Lighting For Holiday Events
- Planting At Entrance
- Have Parker The Raccoon Wave @ Entrances
- Update Mascot
- Marconi Traffic Solve (Speed) Bike Trails
- Roosevelt Improvements
- Indoor Shelters
- Clean Bathrooms
- Shuttle Around Park
- Improve Litter/Recycle Bin Receptacles
- Arborist
- Tree Health Program
- Police Station In Front Of Park With Welcoming Station
- Closing Gates At Each Entrance Of The Park
- Updated Signage
- Wayfinding Trails
- Paths
- Signage (Like Big Entrances Arch) At Each Park Entrance
- Improve Bathrooms That Already Exist
- Consistent Signage, Esp. @ Entrances

- Colorful, Creative Entrances
- Welcome Center (Resource Center)
- *More Photo Ops!
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- Educational Information For Exploration, Storytelling/Sharing
- Tram/Shuttle
- Unified Messaging, Signage & Branding
- Clean Up Gro Tract Lighting (?)
- Feature Distinct Native Louisiana Plantings
- Signage
- More Parking
- Better Drainage
- More Restrooms
- Signage To Help With Orientation Within The Park, To Help Folks Know When They're In/ Where They Are Within It.
- Increase Signage By The Thoroughfares Of Harrison And Filmore
- Improving Friedrichs Entrance.
- Consistent/Unified Signage At Entrances
- Sidewalks With Lights
- Bike Paths
- Murals
- Play Areas By All Entrances
- More Signage!
- Better Signage With Better Info
- Maps- More!
- Parking Under 310
- Can You Make A New Underpass Connection That Flows To Other Side Of Park And Bypasses Grow Dat
- Wayfinding Signs, Etc.)
- Material Change At Pedestrian Crossing And Big Button Ped. Crossing Lights
- Bike Trail On Harrison And Filmore
- Maps For Wayfinding
- How Do You Know Where To Go? Wayfinding
- Crosswalk At Wisner From Bike Trail To CP
- Repair Sidewalks
- Better Welcoming Signage
- Underpass Connection Needs Walkways. Get People To Use Whole Park. 610 Cuts It Off Walkways To Welcome.
- Commonality And Cohesive
- Structures, Signs
- Big Lighting Installations
- Art And Culture
- Enhancing The Street Entrances On Delgado's Side, City Park Ave.
- Do A Traffic Study To See If There Is An Alternative To The "Christ Lights" Entrance At Wisdor And De Saix
- Plant Younger Trees Around Perimeter For Welcoming
- Placards That Acknowledge The History Of The Land (Enslaved, Indigenous, Etc.)
- Lighting And Signage At Entrance Between Festival Grounds And Big Lake Walking Trail
- Signage With Directions With Labels For Activities/Places
- More Places Just To Sit, Park Benches
- Beautify Underpass Or Add Activity Areas Under Them
- Better Signage At Key Park Entrances
- Unified Signage About Ecology And History Throughout Park
- Remove And Reduce Car Traffic In The Interior Of The Park
- Maps At Every Entrance
- Permeable Surfaces.
- Cohesive Signage
- No Stagnate Bayou
- More Bike And Pedestrian Focused Entrances
- No Unified Arrival Experience Around Park - Nothing Unified/Safe For Ped/Bike
- Possible Ped. Bridges For Entering
- Coherent And Matching Signage
- Better Access From The North And South Sides Of The Park Crossing The Interstate
- More Maps In The Parking Areas To Show Where You Are
- Consistent Fixtures
- Dynamic Lighting/Sensors - Deter Crime
- Geofencing - Push Notify, Migrating Through Areas, Departure
- Diversified With Clear Signage At Entrances
- Public Transit And Biking Paths Under The Overpass Areas.
- Replicate City Park Gate Signage At Major Entrances
- City Park Pillars For Entrances (Harrison Ave)
- Big Signage For Underpass Connections To Activity Areas Such As Dog Parks And Disc Golf
- Beautify The Interstate
- Decorate For Each Season
- Is Signage Uniform
- What Does Unified Mean? Limited Entrances, Signs, Branding? Directions?
- Attracting New People To The Park
- Better Connections To City Neighborhoods Across Beyond Major Arterial Roads
- Specialized Entry Points To Every Major Destination
- Artwork Colorful At Entrances
- Reduce Traffic Access In Front Of NOMA
- Improve Circulation (Add Parking, Shuttles)

- More Existing Parking And Create New Parking (By Entrances)
- Wayfinding Lighting

Future Ideas For Park Landscape Intention

- Prioritizing Cultivating Native Plants In Underdeveloped Parts Of The Park
- Natural Materials Used For Trails
- Native Plants
- Drainage
- Clearing Of Dark Areas
- Plant Diversity - More Than Oaks, Grass
- Shoreline Landscaping
- Adopt Sustainable Practices Internally
- Proactive Not Reactive
- More Bathrooms
- More Parking Around Children's Museum, Tad Gromley, And Pan American
- No Mow/ Prairie Management, Bring Back Cajun Prairies
- Expand Native Plantings
- Roundabouts (Less Standing Traffic)
- Major
- Hire Arborist
- Expand Sustainable
- Update Pathways And Path Materials
- Food Forest Vibes Please!
- Master Naturalist Program Within The Park
- Permeable Parking Pavers
- What If The Golf Course Could Be Green?
- Marsh/Swamp Established Learning
- Water Capture
- Covered Parking Lot Roof Gardens? Reduce Heat
- Permeable Surfaces
- Have The 1st Clean Golf Course In The Nation, No Chemicals
- Conservation Groups Integrated Signage/ Intentional
- Community Orchard Free
- Safety System
- Drainage Near Children's Museum Needs Improvements
- Recycling Program!
- Hydrology Get Flow Going To Remove Clogging Plants
- Pay Attention To Health Of The Water Ways
- Program The Wisner Tract As Community Biodiversity Learning With Tours, Classes For All Ages To Increase Use And Preserve As Natural
- Food Forest Areas
- Water Mgmt. And Algae
- Keep The Wild Will But Manage It (Dog Poop,

- Invasive Species) Safe And Intentional
- Festival Grounds Need Drainage
- Alligator Safety And Maintenance
- Healthier Lagoons
- Expand Native Gardens
- Oak Tree Ages
- Keep Areas Green And Wild - Habitat For Migrating Birds
- Blue Infrastructure To Alleviate Water Run Off From Neighborhoods
- Boardwalks Through Restored Swampy Areas, Educating Visitors About Restored Ecological Spaces
- Native Plants
- Make It Beautiful!
- More Intentionally Landscaped, Not Necessarily Manicured, Spaces.
- Shade Trees Near Playgrounds
- Bioswales In Parking Lots
- Landscape In A Way That Makes The Park Climate Resilient - Create Shade, Habitat, Manage Water.
- Unified And Expanded Wildlife/Forest Areas
- Better Mgmt. Of Lagoon System And Drainage
- Preserve Native Plants: Habitats
- Mechanical Removal Of Invasive Species
- Reduce Or Eliminate Toxic Herbicide Use. Warning Signs When Spraying Chemicals
- Mechanical Removal Of Invasives Like Gretna City Park Does
- Management Should Do A Better Job Of Keeping Public Informed Of Environmental Practices
- Bayou Aerator Need To Be Kept Running And Not Allow To Rust Awning
- Public Warning Signs When Chemicals Are Used
- More Native Plants For Ornamental Plantings
- Expand Native Plant Habitats
- Lagoons Should Be All Connected And Have Operational Management
- Stormwater In The Lagoon System
- Current Problems: Light Pollution, Water Pollution, Lack Of Concern For Wildlife, All Need Improvement
- Cane: Armdinaria Gigantea And A Tecta For Weaving, For Habitat Health, For Filtration
- There Are Less Waterfront Because Of Toxic Chemicals Being Sprayed
- Expand Curated "Wild/Native" Landscape Including Connect The Lagoons
- Lagoon Health/Flow
- Better Plantings In Wisner Tract But Leave It

- A Green Space, Native Plants
- More Shrubs
- Wisner Track Health
- Stop Spraying Roundup In The Botanical Garden
- Eliminate Use Of Harmful Chemicals Within Park Boundaries
- Health Of Plants, Trimming
- Less Golf Course
- Restore Wild Spaces With Native Plants, Removing Harmful Invasives
- Less Fencing To Encourage Birds And Biodiversity
- No Bringing In Swans
- Maintenance Of Paths
- Bleachers On Marconi Park Soccer Game Side, Cb Side
- Improved Maintenance
- Accessible, Free Gardening And Nursery Spaces Beyond The Botanical Gardens
- Increasing Fish Stock In Lagoons And Bayous
- Food Forest Accessible, Free Area With Fruit Trees
- No Spray Policy With Chemicals In Waterways - Manual Removal Of Weeds
- Working With Local Audubon Society, Sierra Club, Etc.
- Cut Grass. Pick Up Litter
- Do Not Over Develop The Park, Keep Greenspace
- Not Too Much Pavement
- Identify And Manage Invasive Plant And Animal Species E.g.: Scout Island
- Living With Water Like Rain Garden, Bioswale
- Take The Fence Down Around Scout Island
- Keep Existing Greenspaces
- Need To Link To City's Water Management Needs
- Plant Saps To Beautify Our Park.
- Redo Pelican Greenhouse
- Include More Native Plants In Park Plantings - Provide Signage Or Qr Codes To Provide Info About Importance Of Native Plants - Names Of Plants
- Plant Some Oak Trees In Strategic Areas To Create Future Generation Of Big Oak Trees
- Make Park Ada Compliant - Many Areas Need Attention.
- Utilizing Cement Tables Under I10 For Programming Or Safe Seating Areas
- Markers For Native Plants To Learn What They Are
- Solar Panels
- Permeable Pavement

- La. Native Plants
- Edible Forest
- Navigable Waterways
- Rebuilding Spaces Native Plant/Animal Habitat, Refuge/Preserves
- Without Ongoing Financial Support Nothing Will Happen. One Time Capital Funds Are Good But Sustainable Money Source Are More Important
- Below I10 Is Tourist/Casual Usages. Above I10 Is Local Golf, Sports Usage
- Lagoon Health And Water Management
- Clean Up Lagoons For Canoe, Kayak Usage
- Wild Spaces Free From Human Intervention For Migrating Birds
- More Garden Plantings Of Flowers
- Native Plants And Natural Remedies
- Connect To Louisiana Landscape
- Stormwater Mgmt. And Pervious Surfaces
- Native Plantings That Grow Throughout The Year And Have Symbiotic Relations With Other Plants
- Increase Natural/Native Groundcover That Doesn't Require Maintenance
- Stop Mowing/Reduce/Turf/Lawn

Future Ideas For Cultivate Fun Intention

- Beer Garden
- Beach Volleyball
- Skate Park
- Basketball Courts
- Indoor Tennis Courts
- Amphitheater
- More Food Service Opportunities
- Educational Services/History
- Zipline
- Increased Programming
- Museum
- Historic Walking/Biking Tour
- Involving Community In Care Of Park (Incentivizing Keeping Park Clean) *Look At How The City Of Copenhagen Denmark Does This
- Volunteer Park Rangers, Develop Educational Program
- Infrastructure For Farmers Market/Other Community Events And Programs
- More Parking W/ Safe Lighting
- Better Signage
- 24 Hour Police Presence
- Sand Volleyball
- Basketball Courts
- Free Athletic Uses
- Rv Camping

- Outdoor Music Revenue
- The Park Needs A Water Park Or Water Outing
- Athletics Self Program
- Mentorship Program ? Not Like Camp
- Observation Tour
- Beach Volleyball
- Service
- Beer Garden
- Fun Clubs
- Turn Maintenance Building Into City Park Museum ! :)
- Extend Police Hours For Patrolling
- Cultural Cooking Events-Contest
- Underpass - Murals And Lighting
- Petting Zoo
- Bike Lanes, Crosswalk, Panic Button
- Dancing
- Yoga Programming
- Movie Nights
- Different Types Of Music Concerts
- Skate Park
- Water Works - Poll
- Interactive Ride
- Playground With Tractors Where Kids Can Dig Up Bones
- Salt Rock Care
- Career\Skate Park
- Rock Climbing Wall
- Yearly Lunar
- Make All Entrance Ways The Same
- Cultural Events
- Panic Buttons
- Transit In The Park
- Lessons
- Educational Signage Regarding Biodiversity
- Stay Local Or Community Oriented With Visiting Or Temporary Events
- Revive The Easter Egg Hunt
- Replace Some Of Concrete That We Have With Permeable Concrete Paths
- Fishing Lessons
- Volunteer Programs Esp. At Dog Park
- Weekend Nature Programs For Kids And Parents
- Park Rangers
- Fishing Tournaments
- Track A Landscaped Walking And Bike Path
- What Has Been Successful At Other Major City Parks That Would Apply Here?
- Splash Pad But That Is Art Or Historical
- More Free Programming
- Zipline Through Park
- Top Taco Food Fight Type Events
- Wonder Wander City Park Immersive Audio Play
- Timely Permit Process For Cultural Events That Acknowledge Historic Culture
- Master Naturalist Walks
- Health Physical/Food Wellness As Well As Mental Health
- Splash Pad Or Some Other Interactive Water Feature
- Guided Activities (Nature Walks, Birding, Etc.)
- Educational Nature Opportunities
- Educational Opportunities On Litter Abatement: Impact Of Trash On Wildlife And Ecosystems
- Educational Opportunities Revolve Around Native Habitats
- More Public Programming For Teens Regarding The Natural World
- Splash Pad Play Area In Hot Weather
- Stargazing And Bird Watching (Both Ex. And Future)
- Movies In The Park
- Night Activities
- Take Down Fences Between Scout Island And By Forest
- Enrich Opportunities With Educational Programs.
- Botanical Garden!
- Astronomical Observatory
- Horticulture Classes
- Hydrology, Local History
- Skating Rink
- Volleyball Lot With Sand
- Yoga Classes Expand The Amusement
- Art Classes
- Speed Zone Park
- Teen Activities To Children's Museum
- Age Lower For Access To Equipment
- Free Activities For Children During Vacation Times. Programming In This Proposed Space.
- Tulsa, Ok "Gathering Place" Example Of Fun Places For Children To Play On Various Structures Based On Their Age Group
- Build 12 Covered Outdoor Pickleball Courts. They Would Be Filled Everyday! Needs Some Shade Though
- Add A Public Pool With Classes For All Ages.
- More Education Opportunities On Lake Side
- Update Gernon Brown Rec Center
- Marketing Strategy (Birding)
- Outdoor Exercise Classes In Park
- Add Bbq Briquet Grilles By Playgrounds
- Facilitate Nature Walks For Visitors. Life By Water, Naturalists Of Greater No

- Don't Build Any More Buildings
- Educational Opportunities In Refurbished, Old Maintenance Corral
- Area For Food Trucks - More Food Opportunities Through Out Park. More Restrooms
- Water Sports And More Boats
- Organized Bike Rides
- Night Trails For Miking And Walking. Well Lit
- Horse Trail Rides
- Free Programming For All. Mainly Youth. Having Times Of Day That's Free Is Great, But If Youth Are In School Is It Accessible?
- Lazy River, Pool, Splash Pad
- Mobile Food Vendors
- Art Camp, School Trips NOMA Sculpture Garden
- Seasonal Programming - Halloween Train, Ice Skating Rink, Snow Day
- Enhancing Youth-Led Spaces That Are There Now. Grow Dat, Loop, Horse Riding, Disc Golf, Golf Lessons
- Free Programming For Youth And Intergenerational Learning. Splash Pad, City Park Rangers (Youth), Native-Groups
- Couturie: Needs Increased Parking Across The Street, Needs Clear Crosswalk On Harrison
- Underpass Must Be Lighted
- Wisner Tract Add Street Parking For Overflow
- Main Playground Near Café Du Monde. Very Important! Bring Many Families. Keep It Maintained Better.
- More Family Based Events To Introduce Families To New/Novel Outdoor Experiences (Similar To Joe Brown) Ex. Canoeing, Camping, Learning About Nature Together, Etc.
- Band Practice Marching Artists Performance Space
- Naming Trees In The Park - Geocaching
- Nighttime Programming For Youth
- Pool
- Water Park
- More Lighting Make It Fun
- Community Gardens And Health Education
- Zipline
- Fund Park Maintenance, Workforce Development, Employ New Orleanians
- Homeless People, Kids, Adults, Anyone Else Can Join A Race After Parades To Collect Trash To Get Stuff Like Food, Toys, Or Necessities
- New Shops Should Sell Things That Consider Ecology
- Manage Vehicular Traffic And Parking Around

Children's Museum

- Fire Shows For Special Events And Holidays
- Small/Local Shop/Café That Is Intimate And Unique To Nola

Future Ideas For Culture And History Intention

- Drive In Movie Theater
- Improve The Structures That's Present
- Add Gates At Entrances
- Signs Around Park
- Land Acknowledgment
- Fun Programming Around Cultural Holidays
- Commission Art For Underpass Pillars, Street Art Is Beautiful
- Brick Old Brick They're Everywhere Over The City . Collect Them Utilize For Small Structural Stuff Or Walkways
- Small Outdoor
- History: Sites, Indigenous Gathering, Places Used In History
- Native American Introduction
- More Historical Photos
- Restore The Shorelines Of Bayou St. John And Add Safe Kayaking Access And Fishing Points
- Ice Skating Rink Or Roller Skate
- Invite Ancestral Leaders To Hold Ceremonies Or Help Everyone Understand How To/Why We Take Care Of It.
- Plant More Trees! Invite More Educational Programming To Have More Stewards Of The Park.
- Free Dog Park
- Add More Tennis Courts (Can't Host National Events, Used To Have More)
- Separate Pickle Ball Courts
- More Connected Waterways For Kayak, Canoe, Paddle Board With Rental Options
- Nature Therapy Or Mediation
- Volleyball Courts Sand And Regular
- The Nature Lessons Could Teach You How Not Hurt The Nature Around Them
- The Park Needs To Be Bigger
- Historic Markers
- Bring Back Historic Activities, Buildings, Etc. (Train, Boat Houses, Etc.) That Once Existed
- Historical Walking Tour
- Acknowledge Historical Injustices (Plantations, Indigenous Land, Segregation)
- Historical Markers
- Scavenger Hunts To Learn More About History And Acknowledge
- Refurbish Girl Scout Mcfadden Cabin
- Andrew Higgins Statues Where His Boots Were Developed And Coordinate With Wwii

Museum For Synergy

- Grawhawk Perkins Tribal Story Teller, His Info On Web
- Wonder Wander City Park Immersive Audio Play
- Free Splash Pad
- Public Art Representative Of The History With Education (Plantations, Indigenous People)
- Indigenous Involvement In The Park Management
- Keep Layout And Feel Of Wisner Tract By Enhance And Ensure A Healthy Habitat
- Expand Access To Waterfront Areas And Water Access
- New Park Activities To Increase Usage During Peak Summer Months I.e. Splash Pad, Smaller Water Park
- Conserve WPA Project Buildings And Structures
- Indigenous Peoples Culture And History Access And Use Of Materials For Cultural Practices
- Revitalize Under-Used/Neglected WPA Structures
- Do Something With Old Maintenance Building
- Integrate Historic Structures With New Uses Or Programming
- Plaque About 1 Plantation (False History)
- Entire Info About Plantations In City Park
- Education About Park History
- CP In Touch With Communities That Have Been Most Impacted By History
- History Walking Tours
- Historical Enactments
- Bus Tours About History
- Abandoned Brick Building
- Education
- Future Cultural Events: Jazz Nights In Gardens
- Produce More Opportunities To Access Paid Areas Of The Park - Within Revenue Balances
- Replace North Golf Course With Natural, Wild Greenspace - Relatively Unmanaged
- Do Not Expand Golf
- Be Careful Of Overprogramming (Requires More Parking, More Traffic)
- Put Gen. Beauregard Back On His Pedestal
- Museum In The Mule Barn With Activities For All Ages.
- Mule Barn Would Be An Excellent Place For The Louisiana Master Naturalists Of Greater No
- Mule Barn Is A Gem And Needs To Be Restored And Get To Use. I Think It Is Important To Reuse It As Soon As Possible, It

Should Be A Priority

- Seasonal Events: Haunted Trails, Spring Community Planting
- Meditation/Quiet Areas Designated For People Who Want Complete Solitude
- Highlight (And Maintain) The Various WPA Structures In The Park - Including The Art That Embellishes Them (Bridges)
- History Walks Through The Park
- WPA
- Recreational Sports Leagues
- Kinfolk Ar Experience - No History
- Partner With Local Social Orgs And Fitness Groups (Nola Miles Club) Recenter As A Community Meeting Space
- Community Needs: Recommended Run Routes Based On Milage. ("If You're Running, Ask, Follow Its Path" "If You Want A Half Marathon
- Permanent History Of The Land Or Walking Museum Of The History Of The Land
- Interactive App/Map
- Markers To Acknowledge All 15+ Plantations On City Park Land And To Acknowledge The Enslaved Persons On The Land
- After School Shuttle From Bus To Loop Area!
- Make All Our Waterways Navigable By Canoe And Connected
- Stormwater Catchment Areas Bioswales - Filtration And Species Selection
- Combine Shuttle, Toilets, Security And Info.
- Stop The Herbicides!
- Information Posts
- Possible Graffiti Walls - Tall Wood Fences For Artist And Taggers Can Exhibit
- Recognition Of Enslaved People Similar To Lika Mutal "El Ouoque Ilora"
- Something Bigger And More Significant Than One Plaque For Recognition Of Enslaved People
- Partner With Institutions And Orgs Around The City To Collaborate On Funding And Programming
- More Historical Markers That Tell You About It

Future Ideas For Safe And Accessible Intention

- Consider Location Of Parking Areas Strategically
- More Speed And Street Signage To Make Park Streets Safer
- Natural Pathways
- Lighting
- Increased Police Presence On Trails/Paths (Bikes?)

- Offsite Parking W/ Shuttle Services To Allow For More Parking During Events
- More Restrooms & More Diverse For Public
- Parking Garage To Free Up Greenspace& Fulfill Parking Need
- Park Rangers
- Shuttle Services
- Dark Sky Lighting
- Safer Marconi Crossing
- Need More Lighting
- More Stop Signs To Control The Flow Of Traffic No One Want To End Up In A Car Crash Exploring The Park
- Interactive Technologies (?)
- Learning Teaching History Just For Fun!
- Building Safety Improvements
- 9-1-1 Help Stations, Blue Light Beacons Like @ Universities
- Water, Accessible Water
- Improvement Of Sidewalks
- Roundabouts (Help Traffic Flowing)
- Sustainable Targeted Intentional Lighting
- Don't Use Accessibility As An Excuse To Add More Roads
- Public Transport To And From Universities And High Schools.
- Shuttle To Connect North And South.
- Public Transit Hub To Connect (So Many Youth Serving Activities/Orgs Exist Above 610!)
- Good Social Media Liaison - Education, New Projects
- Covered Parking Lots With Gardens
- More Access To Public Transportation! Getting People To Park.
- Better Lighting But Concern For Light Pollution - Food Paths
- No Giant Ugly Parking Lot Please. Focus On Ease For People And Bikes, Not Cars.
- Safer Bike Paths (Esp. On Fillmore, Harrison, Zach. Tayler)
- Connect To Lafitte Greenway
- Connect By Footpath To All Neighborhoods
- Dedicated Spaces For Teens
- Wisner Tract Is Not Safe, Dog Poop, Coyotes
- Traffic And Speed Control Throughout Especially At Filmore
- Wayfinding
- Handicap Accessibility
- Transit Rta Access
- More Benches
- Better Sports (Baseball) Fields Such As Val Reiss In Chalmette Or In Kenner
- Parking That Is Safe, Attractive
- Shuttle Service
- Tennis Area Parking
- More Bathrooms With Signs And In North Park
- Provide Restrooms And Better Parking At Couturie Forest And Other Outlying Areas
- Rta Routes From All Neighborhoods To Park
- Communications With NOPD
- Panic Buttons
- Internal Shuttle System Around Entire Park
- Dogs On Leash (Improve Lighting)
- Coordinate Master Plan With Children's Museum's Plan To Increase Size To Appeal To Older Children Above 17 And Increase Parking. Talk To New Museum Ceo
- Delgado Parking Limited
- Parking And Traffic
- See Pathways Become More Like The Red Lake Trail
- Solar Lighting
- Emergency Boxes
- Shelters, Restrooms, Water Fountains In Nature Area Above 610.
- Traffic Safety Harrison, Wisner And Other Entrances
- Space South Of 610 To Be More Well Lit At Night So You Could Enjoy The Park Areas At Night, Big Lake Track
- Wisner Tract, Old Golf Course Track Fixed To Make It Ada Accessible
- Bathrooms And Water Fountains
- Better Transit Connections, Not Just At Esplanade
- Multiple Transit Stops Within City Park
- Better Transit Connections (Noncar) Between Core Areas Of The Park
- Labeled, Well Lit Trails
- More Extensive And Connected Pathways
- Safe And Clean: Restrooms, Water, Educational Campaign To Promote A Clean Park
- Dangerous/Dark Under I10, Scary Even While Driving
- Lighting That Conforms To Migrating Bird Needs
- Christian Brothers Parents
- Traffic Calming, Speed Bumps
- Esplanade Traffic Circle Needs Bike Infrastructure, Dangerous For Ped. Bikes
- Speed Control On All Streets In The Park
- Roosevelt Mall And Diagonal Ave Are Too Wide And Car Oriented. Reduce Width Of Pavement And Make More Ped Friendly
- Northside Of Park Needs A Comfort Station With Restrooms, Refilling Stations, Etc.

- Better Policing, Car Break Ins Happen All Of The Time
- Pedestrian/Cyclist Safety Signage Or Streets
- Continue To Improve Bike And Ped. Paths And Protective Signage
- Some Parking On Wisner Tract With Permeable Materials
- Lighting/Cameras
- Sidewalks Repaired
- Less Golf
- Bathrooms! Fix Wisner Bathroom
- Develop Self Various Walking Tours (Paths) With Estimated Times For Each Walk. Use Brochures Or Signage To Illustrate For Visitors
- More Benches And Picnic Tables
- Stem: Group Nighttime Activities Like Stargazing For Different Seasons Of The Year, End Special Events Like Solar And Lunar Eclipses
- More Police Leverage
- Lighting Improved, Handicap Process
- More Restrooms, Maintenance Of Restrooms
- Open Up Popp Fountain For Everyone, For Free!
- Access To Scout Island
- Want To Feel Safer Around Couturie Forest
- Not Too Much Lighting For Stargazing
- Make Orleans Ave. More Bike Friendly (Orleans & Roosevelt)
- Qr Codes At Entrances With Park Map
- Don't Close Roads
- Restrooms At Big Lake
- Highlight A Certain Area Of City Park With An Activity Each Month
- Don't Close Existing Roads
- Restrooms
- Picnic Shelters - Gathering Spots
- Figure Out Trash, Litter, Food. Its Often A Mess And Left Out For Days (Clean Up Crew, Fines, Etc.)
- Blue Lights/Emergency Call Boxes And More Bathrooms
- Improve Signage And Trails On Scout Island Improve Bike Trail And Walking Path Signage So People Know Where They Are Allowed
- More Water Fountains
- Safety Team
- Add Emergency Call Buttons Throughout Park
- Shuttle Service
- Signage "Where Is?" Qr Code Shuttle Loop From Streetcar
- Simple Signs That Let Visitors Know They're In CP Parameters
- Clear Signage At All Entries
- Information Booth Staffed By Volunteers
- Trash Cans Wisner Only 2 Between Toussaint And Harrison
- Signage Qr Park Map, City Park App. Shuttle From Streetcar - Major Attractions, Museums, Swamp Boat.
- Commonality Of What Park Used To Be
- Signage At Each Element Of The Park Sharing What It Used To Be
- Have An Intro Sign Into City Park Detailing The History
- Shuttle Service
- Interactive Map/Scavenger Hunt Taking You Through Park History (Orients Visitors)
- Putting More Bus Stops Along The Park To Make It More Accessible To Folks Without Vehicles
- Accessibility Needs Some Clarification: Different Ones Of The Park For Modes Of Transportation (Bike, Car, Foot, Boat, Horse)
- Public Transportation Spots
- Lighting Signage
- Increase Water Based Accessibility Throughout The Park. There Are A Lot Of Waterways. It Would Be Great If They Were Navigable By Personal Water Craft.
- Increase Ada Accessibility Ex. More Bathrooms With Ada Compliance, More Boardwalk Options In Natural Areas
- Misting Fans: These Along Paths All Over The Park So People Can Cool Down.
- Food And Food Stalls
- Reduce Traffic Vehicular Noise
- A Box You Can Walk Into With Sound Proof Padding Walls (For Screaming. Changing And Other Thing With A Safety Button With 911 And Other Services)
- More Restrooms And Concessions
- Ground Stove To Cook For Homeless And Other People Like Bbq.
- A Train? Bring Back The Train For Circulation
- Emt Station/Defibrillator
- Emergency Call Boxes
- Monthly Free Days For The Park
- Solar Powered Lighting
- Add Traffic Slowing Elements Like Speedbumps
- More Lighting Everywhere But Not Too Much/ Prevent Light Pollution
- Bathrooms, Bathrooms, And More Bathrooms!
- No Fire Arms In The Park

Future Ideas For New Intentions

- More Bathrooms

- More Parking
- Speed Limit Signs
- Niche Sports Excellence Activities
- F&B - World Class
- More Entertainment (Festivals)
- Pumpkin Patch
- Increase User Friendly (More Plug & Play)
- Mounted Police
- Open A Park Souvenir Shop With Key Chains, Glasses And Shirts With The Park Scenery And Caps Too
- Drone Shows
- More Lights
- Repair Maintenance Building
- Back Need New Tracks
- Create Opportunities For Ownership On Personal Level
- Pay Employees More
- More Trash Cans.
- Allow Great Orgs. Ex Schmellys And Recycle To Take On Trash.
- Greater More Even Distribution Of Safe Biking, Restrooms, And Activity.
- Consider Arrangements For Off Site Parking For Events. Ex. Delgado
- Utilizing And Repurposing Existing Paved Areas Instead Of Paving For Parking
- Restrooms, Signage
- Historic Integration
- Human Scale Lighting
- Mind The Road (Edges Of Park)
- Safety Call Buttons (That Function)
- Safety Flag (Heart Shocker Machine Thing)
- New Recreational Spaces - Basketball, Watersports Center
- Basketball Courts
- Connected And Navigable Bayou System
- Partner With Nordc And Nopl To Cross-Program, Increase Use And Build New Local Audiences
- Partner (2nd) With Youth Programming Across The City
- Internships
- Kids Teaching Dance Classes
- Reduce Rates/Discount Days
- Affordability. Tennis Courts Are Expensive And Losing Community Members
- Multigenerational Pickleball. Free Covered Courts Like Jeff. Parish
- Develop Sports Facilities - Baseball, Fields, Soccer Fields, Lets League Develop
- Precedent: Joe Brown Park Educational Sessions
- Walk Plans, 5 Miles Walk? Plans?

Appendix: Activity 2 Raw Results

List 3 positive outcomes of the 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

What are your concerns?

- 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 nathan farber 504-450-0981 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. More activities mean more traffic and parking problems.
- 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 suggestions for improvements?

- 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 new 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
- Don't let Eugene green speak? Like ever
- 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 languas
- 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

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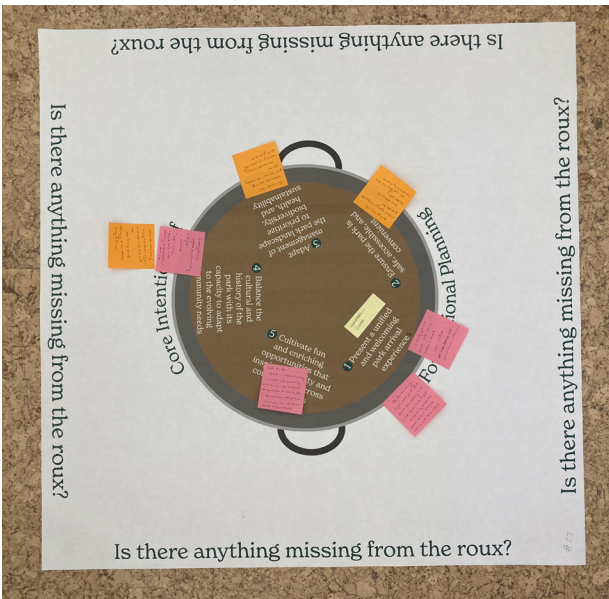
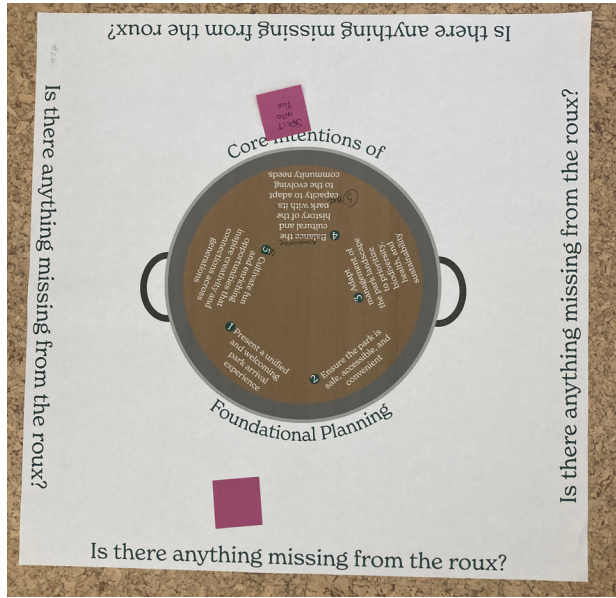
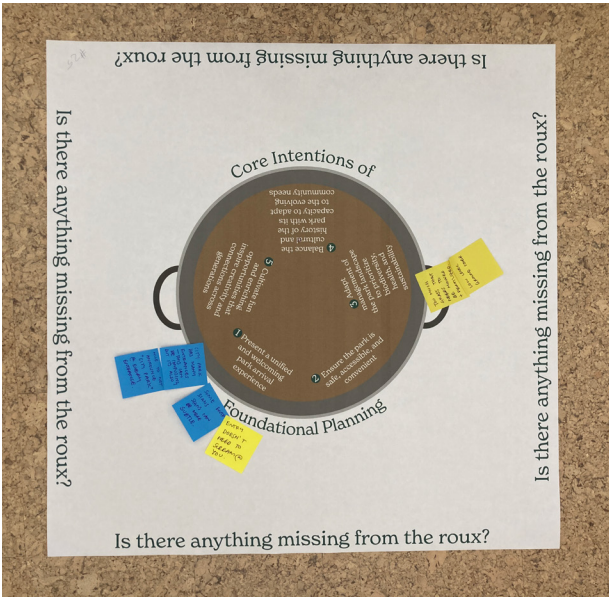
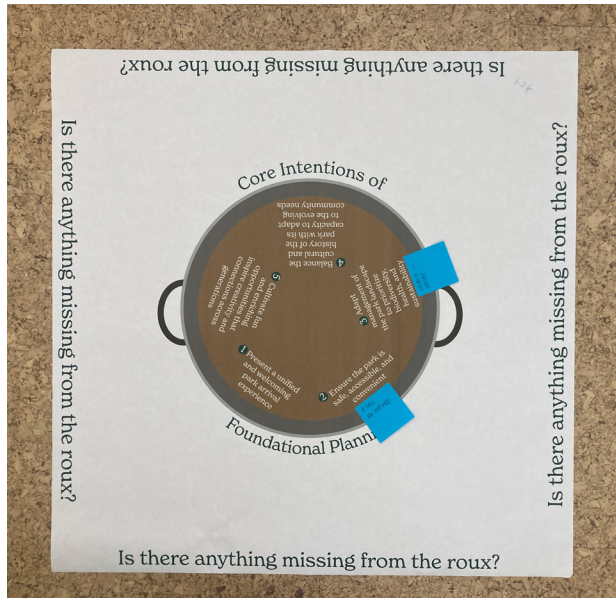
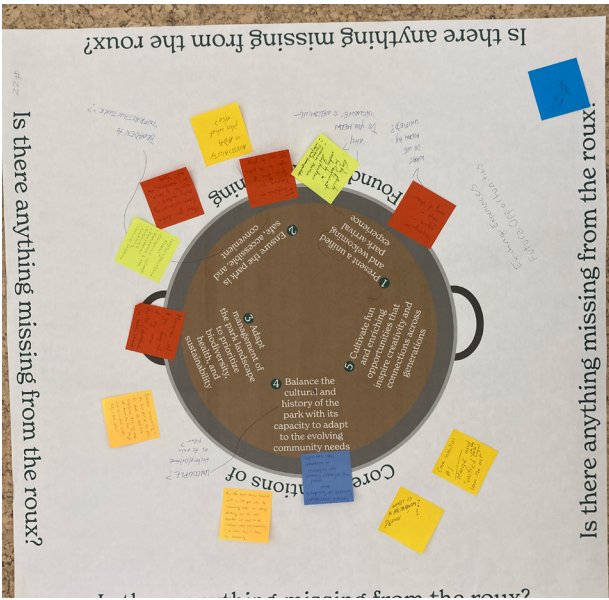
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