

City Park Plan Meeting Summary:

Prepping the Ingredients



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Overview

As City Park Conservancy (CPC) embarks on a new planning process, the focus is on creating an innovative and thoughtful long-term vision that serves the greater good, addresses community needs, preserves historical and cultural contexts, enhances environmental resiliency, and fosters a welcoming sense of place.

In alignment with this mission, Community Meeting: Prepping the Ingredients focused on Placemaking Ideas that were generated at the end of the previous Community Meeting: Stirring the Roux. Community members at this session focused on prioritizing Placemaking Ideas for City Park to either: Improve, Revive, or Add as part of the next two decades of Park improvements.

**Over 760
thoughts and
ideas were
shared about
Placemaking
in City Park**

The meeting was held on Wednesday, January 29 at the Pavilion of the Two Sisters from 6-8pm. The meeting started with an informal virtual icebreaker question asking “What is your favorite place in City Park?”

The meeting was kicked off with a reading of the updated Land and Labor Acknowledgment. This updated Acknowledgment was reviewed and updated at the final Ideas Youth Committee (IYC) meeting. The updated Acknowledgment was read by an IYC member.

Then representatives from CPC, MVVA, and Concordia presented updates to the planning process, which included a recap of Foundational Planning vs. Placemaking Planning, the finalized Core Intentions, and the future timelines and strategy of the community engagement process. The presentation also included example Placemaking Idea strategies within one of three categories: Improve (what we have), Revive (what we lost), and Add (what is missing).

Participants then engaged in in-depth discussions focused on prioritizing and elaborating on Placemaking Ideas to include in the City Park Plan. The project team combined the community’s ideas and reviewed which Placemaking Ideas were most-commonly discussed within each category. Placemaking Ideas generated by the community will be considered alongside other important factors such as funding, organizational governance, and operational requirements, and help inform transformational projects within the City Park Plan.

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



**258
community
members
participated**



Placemaking Ideas Activity

During Community Meeting: Prepping the Ingredients, attendees participated in a co-design activity, designed to encourage collaboration and ensure that community-driven priorities shape City Park's future.

The activity asked community members to review and prioritize Placemaking Ideas for the future City Park Plan. They were provided with a list of Placemaking Ideas that was generated from previous engagement efforts including the most recent Community Meeting: Stirring the Roux in December, multiple IYC meetings, and surveys.

To help organize the list of Placemaking Ideas, existing Placemaking Ideas (like Tad Gormley Stadium) were green, future Ideas that don't currently exist in City Park (like a skate park) were orange. **Placemaking Ideas that were most prioritized by the IYC were marked with an asterisk.**

The Placemaking Ideas were also categorized into nine key areas:

- Food & Shopping Activities
- Water-Based Activities
- Walking & Biking Activities
- Safety & Accessibility Features
- Natural Areas
- Sports & Recreation Areas
- Museums & Amusement Features
- Performing & Live Events Areas
- Historic Features

The updated Core Intentions were included on handouts for participants to review, as well as a group of ideas, labeled as **"The Givens"**.

These ideas were very popular in the first rounds of engagement (like restrooms and signage) and will be addressed in the City Park Plan, giving community members the ability to consider further ideas outside of "The Givens". After reviewing the list, groups were asked to write down Placemaking Ideas they would most want to see addressed in the City Park Plan.

They were asked to write down their ideas into three categories: **Improve (what we have), Revive (what was lost), and Add (what is missing)**. Participants were encouraged to combine multiple ideas and then elaborate on the ideas they chose.

The following pages summarize the common themes and major takeaways from the results of the activity.



Core Intentions

These are the Core Intentions foundational to the plan. These were developed through multiple community engagement iterations.

Respect the history and cultural uses of the park

Promote landscape health and biodiversity through maintenance & stewardship

Ensure the park is safe, accessible, & convenient

Present a unified and welcoming park arrival experience

Balance the park's budget, revenue, & affordability

Create fun, healthy, and enriching opportunities for all ages

The Givens

The list below includes infrastructural elements commonly noted by community members, that are foundational to the park's basic operations and core intentions. These will be addressed in the City Park Plan. This placemaking activity focused on placemaking ideas that contribute to the unique environments and diverse experiences available to people in the park.

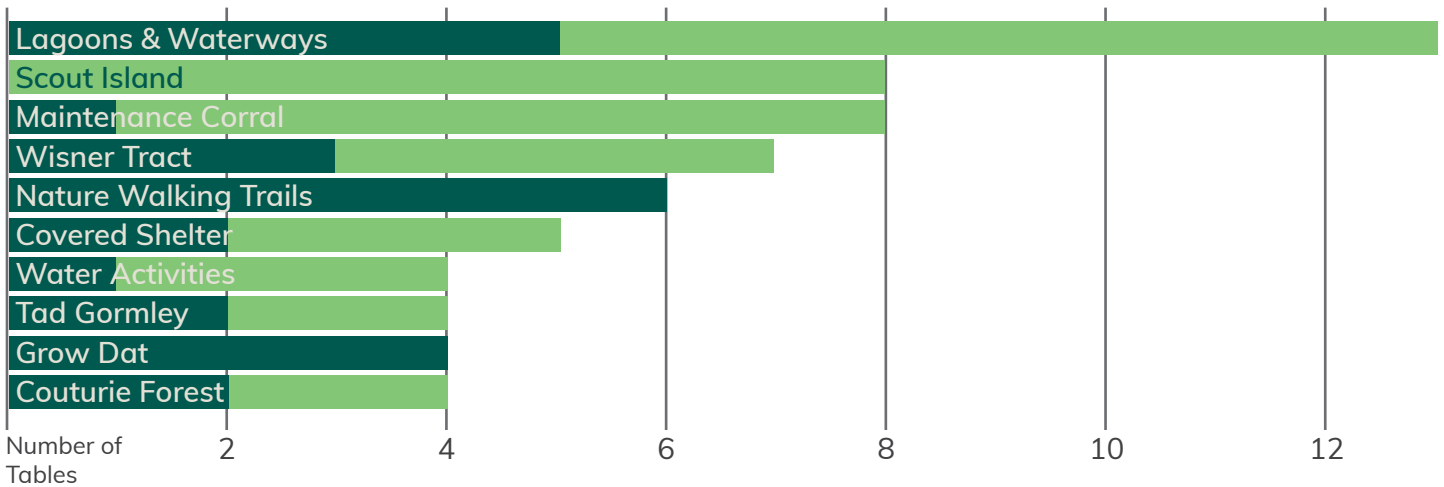
- Restrooms
- Concessions/refreshments
- Information/ticketing booths
- Seating
- Trash cans
- Drinking water fountains
- Lighting
- Signage
- Bike parking
- Bike sharing stations
- Parking
- Accessible Paths for bikes & pedestrians
- Native Plant Restoration



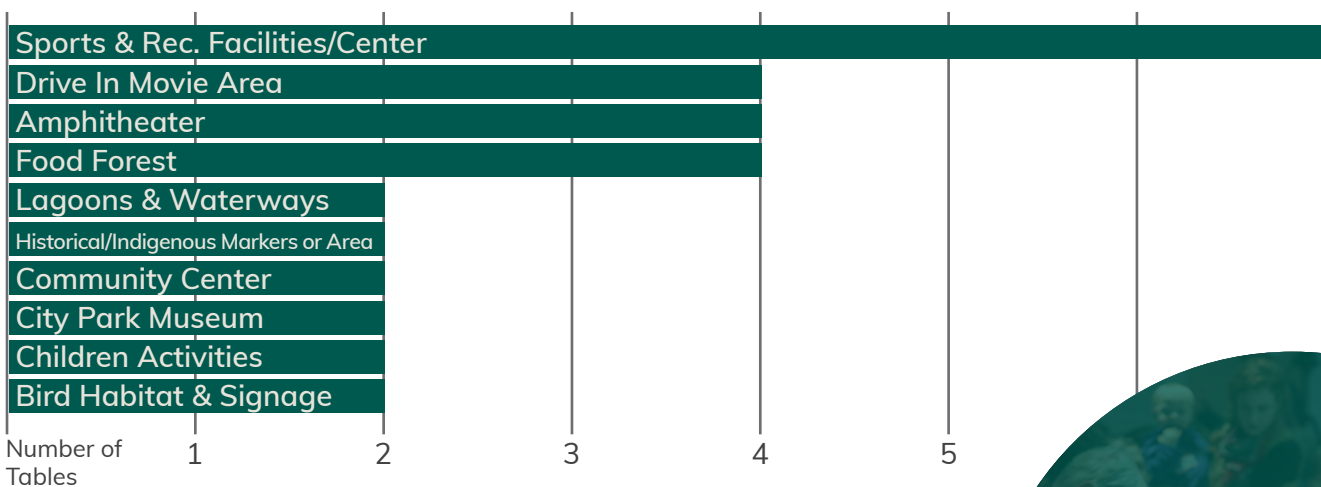
Placemaking Activity Results

Overall, groups selected **one hundred fourteen (114)** different **Placemaking Ideas** to prioritize and discuss. Sixty-six (66) existing Placemaking Ideas were categorized into Improve and Revive. Forty-eight (48) future ideas were selected for the Add category.

The graph below shows which Placemaking Ideas were most selected in the **Improve** and **Revive** categories. The most-commonly selected Placemaking Idea was **Lagoons & Waterways**. This was followed by **Scout Island**, which was put exclusively into the Revive category. The **Maintenance Corral** was tied for the second most selected Placemaking Idea.



The graph below shows which Placemaking Ideas were most selected in the Add category. The top Placemaking Idea was **Sports & Rec Facilities/Center**. This was followed by **Food Forest, Drive-In Movie Area, and Amphitheater**. Multiple groups combined the Drive-In Movie Theater with the Amphitheater Idea, saying they could exist at the same place.



The following pages elaborate on each category's results for a more comprehensive view on what community members discussed and suggested.



“Amphitheater could be an architectural landmark.”

Improve (what we have) Results

As the groups worked through the Improve category, discussions frequently centered on maintaining and enhancing current Park features that are valued by the community but require updates or better management. The following ideas were the major themes, places, and strategies that groups discussed across all selected Improve Placemaking Ideas.

Trails & Pathways:

Participants highlighted the need for expanded and connected biking and walking trails with bridges over waterways. These paths should be clear, well-marked and include seating areas. Community members also discussed nature focused trails. They suggested having designated birding sites, adding bioswales and other water management infrastructure, and adding responsible, enforceable dog-walking policies. They also suggested these nature trails be within certain areas: Couturie Forest, Scout Island, and Wisner Tract.

Lagoons & Waterways:

Participants would like to see improvements to lagoon maintenance, water quality, and access points. Suggestions included introducing aeration, adding decks and boardwalks along the water's edge, and managing native plants and trees throughout the waterways.

Play & Recreation Facilities:

Participants noted that existing playgrounds require functional drinking water fountains and more shaded structures to make them more usable throughout the year. The addition of water play areas was also a common request. Community members also highlighted the need for improving existing sports fields and existing stadiums Tad Gormley and Pan American with seating, restrooms, and lighting. There was also support for creating space for additional activities such as marching band practice areas, archery, and beach volleyball.



Food & Marketplace Enhancements:

There was significant interest in improving the Crescent City Farmers Market and expanding food facilities in the Park. Suggestions included increasing restaurant options beyond current offerings and creating designated food truck spaces.

Historical & Educational Features:

Many participants wanted to see historic and indigenous markers with interactive features added around the Park. Community members also discussed the opportunity for developing outdoor education programs by pairing with LOOP NOLA, guided hikes, and canoing. Some groups also discussed enhancing birding sites with educational signage.

Cultural & Performance Areas:

Many participants wanted to see Café Du Monde and its surrounding area enhanced to better accommodate large crowds for performances and events.

**“Manage
connections
between
lagoons.”**

Revive (what we lost) Results

When focusing on **Revive**, groups were prompted to think about historical or recreational elements that had once been part of City Park but had diminished or disappeared over time. The following ideas were the major themes, places, and strategies that groups discussed across all selected Revive Placemaking Ideas. Many ideas were mirrored in the Improve category.

Utilization of Old/Abandoned Buildings:

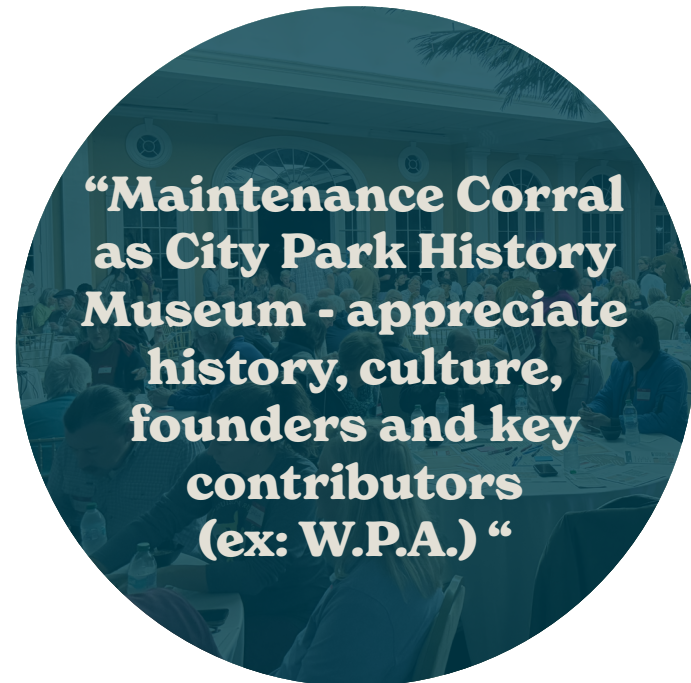
There was a strong call to repurpose old Park buildings, for community needs, such as emergency centers, family bathrooms, and breastfeeding stations. Many community members recommended transforming these spaces into functional areas, with bike storage, rental services, and cafés. Other groups suggested the Maintenance Corral could turn into a City Park Museum or visitor's center functioning as a gateway or trailhead to the northern half of the Park. Underneath I-610 was frequently mentioned as an opportunity for revival through improved accessibility and soundproofing solutions.

Environmental & Natural Spaces

Similar to the Improve category, participants discussed plant conservation and restoration, waterway improvements, and trails. Participants promoted having more access points to Scout Island, such as multiple bridges over various waterways. They also discussed bringing back more outdoor programs such as camping, passive gathering areas, soccer, and more. Many groups mentioned Scout Island and other areas should also focus on nature trails, flower gardens, and native plantings.

Recreation & Community Activities

Participants would like to see a revival of sports/fitness areas, outdoor adventure areas, and water recreation areas. Some specific ideas included multi-use trails (walking, biking, horse riding), disc golf preservation, kayaking, and splash pads. Community members also highlighted the desire to gather with their community to celebrate culture, music, art, and food. Participants suggested adding concession stands, passive gathering spaces, and amphitheaters.



Add (what is missing) Results

The Add portion of the activity encouraged attendees to propose entirely new additions to the Park that would align with the community's evolving needs. The following ideas were the major themes, places, and strategies that groups discussed across all selected Add Placemaking Ideas.



Recreational & Sports Facilities:

Participants suggested adding multi-use courts to serve pickleball, tennis, volleyball, and basketball. They would like to see some more indoor and covered facilities for these activities. Other suggestions included a rock-climbing wall, mountain bike trails, and a skate park. Community members also discussed adding more playgrounds with more features including inclusive design, musical and sensory elements, and nature play. Several attendees suggested reviving a water park concept within the Park, including splash pads and pools with security features such as lifeguards and cameras.

Entertainment & Community Spaces:

Suggestions included an expanded amphitheater, drone flying areas, and new playground features. The amphitheater was mentioned frequently, emphasizing the community's desire for more performance and event spaces. Multiple comments supported a beer garden, aligning with the broader goal of creating social gathering spots. Several participants suggested integrating it with outdoor music venues or pop-up food vendors to create a dynamic space.

Education & Historical Recognition:

Many groups suggested adding a visitors center where people can get information, Park history, and interactive programming. Participants suggested interactive learning spaces such as STEM exhibits, observatory, and nature-based education. A recurring theme was the introduction of City Park membership, with several attendees questioning how funds would be allocated for new additions. This was mentioned frequently alongside concerns about maintenance and equitable access.

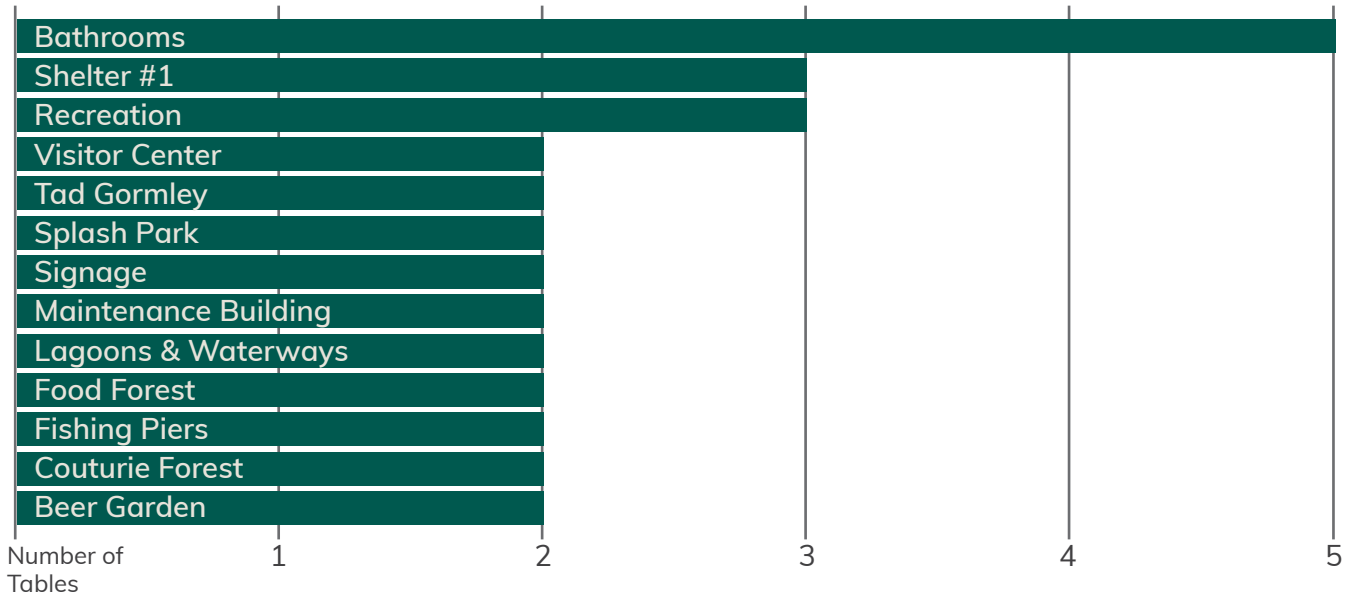
Across all categories participants reiterated Foundational Ideas such as the need for additional restrooms, signage/wayfinding, improved drainage and water management, plant/nature care, safety, accessibility, and cultural and historical preservation. The focus on infrastructure, nature conservation, and basic amenities highlights the priorities of community members, guiding future planning and development efforts.



City Park Conservancy (CPC) Staff Meeting

On Tuesday, January 28, the day before the Community Meeting, CPC staff was able to participate in an interactive meeting, with the same presentation and activity to gather input from the staff. One key update between the staff and public meetings was the list of “The Givens” was created and provided on handouts to encourage discussion focused on Placemaking Ideas.

The chart below shows how many tables discussed each idea **across all three categories**.



The text below highlights common ideas and themes discussed by CPC staff across all three categories.

Infrastructure Enhancements

Many participants emphasized improving paths, bridges, and accessibility options to make spaces more inclusive. Key concerns included maintaining and expanding pedestrian-friendly walkways and trails, enhancing bike lanes, improving the condition of bridges and crossings to ensure safety.

Sustainability and Nature Conservation

Preserving and managing natural spaces was a recurring theme. Staff highlighted the need for responsible maintenance and preservation of forests and green areas and increasing efforts to sustain biodiversity and protect wildlife habitats.

Basic Amenities and Services

The need for better amenities and services was frequently mentioned, focusing on improved restroom facilities and enhanced sanitation measures, more food service options, particularly at recreational facilities and clear signage to improve navigation.

Mobility and Connectivity

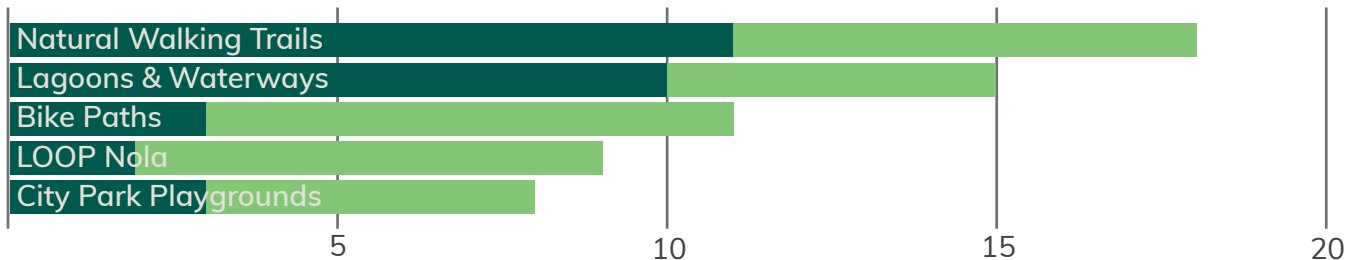
Staff discussed enhancing transportation and movement within public spaces by adding better integration of biking and walking infrastructure to support multi-modal transit, ensuring accessibility across all areas for individuals, and expanding connections between different park features to create a more cohesive experience.

55
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members
attended

Open Comment Survey Results

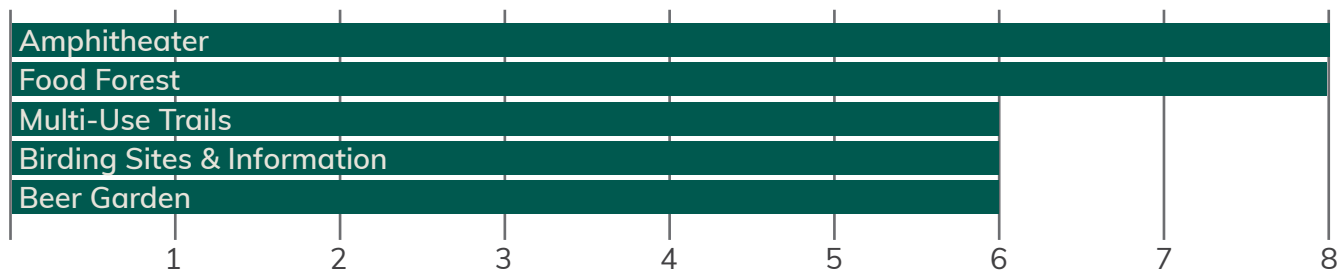
A survey was shared after the in-person meeting was complete. The survey asked participants basic contact information, Placemaking Idea priorities, and more in-depth insight on the selected Placemaking Ideas. The survey had **93 responses**, 86 of which did not attend the in-person meeting.

The chart below shows the top Placemaking Ideas chosen by respondents in the **Improve** and **Revive** categories.



Survey respondents want to see **updates to existing facilities and natural areas**. Some common themes across all Placemaking Ideas include **accessibility, consistent maintenance, and improved signage**. Respondents highlighted shaded natural walking trails, protected wildlife habitat, and natural restoration. Respondents wrote about the need for more interconnected and protected bike paths. Respondents want to see City Park's playgrounds to be upgraded to be more modern, engaging, and inclusive. The next most commonly prioritized Placemaking Ideas (6 selections each) were Covered Shelters, Festival Grounds, Historic Bridges, and the Wisner Tract.

The chart below shows the top Placemaking Ideas chosen by respondents in the **Add** category.



Across all Placemaking Ideas in the **Add** category, survey respondents highlighted **connecting communities, enhancing the visitor experiences, promote nature sustainability, and add educational opportunities**. Respondents suggested that an amphitheater could be added to City Park, at Scout Island or Wisner and Harrison, to support local arts, music, and other community programming. They also mentioned adding native edible plants could connect people to local food and cultural heritage. Respondents said City Park needs more dedicated multi-use trails beyond sidewalks and bike lanes to safely accommodate walkers, runners, and cyclists, especially in less frequently used areas. Respondents promoted designated birding sites and beer gardens, specifically mentioning that a beer garden could partner with local breweries and generate revenue for park improvements.

Results Conclusion

Overall, results from the public meeting, the City Park staff meeting, and the open comment survey aligned in multiple ways. Participants highlighted the need for foundational infrastructure like signage, restrooms, and appropriate lighting in the park. Nature walking trails, other pathway types, lagoons and waterways, and improved recreational facilities were consistently in the top three Placemaking Ideas to focus on. Other common themes include **retaining natural areas while maintaining them consistently, improving the facilities that already exist** over building new ones, **connecting and cleaning waterways**, and more **connectivity across the park**.

After Action Review

A total of 124 After Action Review responses were analyzed. 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 appreciated 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, *Mixing the Gumbo*, will take place on April 9 at the City Park Pavilion of the Two Sisters (3 Victory Ave.). To accommodate for growing community participation, **there will be two identical meetings available to attend, one from 11:30-1:30 pm and another from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.** This meeting will bring Foundational and Placemaking Planning concepts together to visualize how new opportunities can be realized within the City Park Plan.



Appendix: Community After Action Review Raw Results

List 3 positive outcomes of the meeting

- Most people have the same attitude about keeping green space, green space. It's a park, not a mall
 - I learned more about the park. I learned some great ideas and had nice evening. Good cookies. Met some good people
 - New ideas. Different perspectives. Open exchange and positivity.
 - Comroderie. Re activated my thinking about the park. Boats!!!
 - Saying my ideas. Hearing people and feeling heard. (Team building)
 - List possible improvements to storyland. Need a swimming pool
 - Maintenance corral- City Park Museum. Mardi Gras-parade name history. Mardi Gras history at Storyland
 - Sharing appreciation for our experiment at the park. Hearing creative ideas for the park
 - Food trucks
 - Great food, great powerpoint, everyone listening to each
 - Great people welcoming in. Loved food
 - The Concordia rep was very nice. Learned about loop Nola and scout island
 - Finding out others priorities
 - Meeting great people and getting out of my comfort zone. Actually being a part of the parks transformation. See how incredible the park will be for the future generations.
 - I see that they have people who want to update the park. Good ideas for the park
 - Clarity with the architecture and planning firm. Emphasis on accessibility and entrances. Collaboration and partnership
 - Excitement about the project. Feeling like everyone's opinions matter.
 - Learned things about the park I never knew. Learned what diff generations prioritize.
 - People get their voices heard- personal connections are voiced and have the potential to be revived for future generations. More access for people that haven't had it. Stronger engagement and community building
 - Great planning for the community park
 - Feel encouraged at amount of thinking paid consultants are doing on this planning process. Feel they have not lost the vision of creating wonderful accessible natural areas
 - All positive ideas. Many new ideas were
- fleshed out with this process. I think there are enough great ideas to move forward with the master plan.
- Meeting new people with an opportunity to share and collaborate on ideas. Learning about areas of the park not in use to improve upon
 - Good community gathering listening to others
 - Met some nice people
 - Meeting so many people enthusiastic about the park. Involving the community for future plans
 - Raised my awareness of park facilities and benefits
 - Sharing of ideas and things that are important to people
 - Nice people
 - I learned more about the needs of the park. I formed some ideas in my own mind about what I'd like to see
 - Inform 500 people of the process
 - Met all friends
 - You see "the friends of city park". Lots of energy. Broad spectrum of input
 - I met some new people
 - It was orderly. We had a nice table group
 - Awesome community interest
 - Getting to meet new people excited in making city Park the best it can be. Opportunity to reflect and identify sense of concern. Opportunity to hear others perspective on areas it can improve revive and add
 - People talking about needs of park.
 - Communication and meet new people
 - Ewing to improve the indigenous stature. Inclusion of youth. Great community participation. Preservations were good. Engaging activities.
 - What a great way to connect people of different backgrounds to give feedback. With so many different perspectives in the room so many ideas have come to the table.
 - I love the idea of the food forest. Interesting to hear lots of different opinions from people of all walks of life
 - Community conversation and opportunity to share thoughts and ideas. To be connected to a process meeting people.
 - Reviews the multiple aspects of the park heard multiple ideas about park
 - Great ideas presented. Team approval.

- Finding out that everyone wants the best for the park. Hopefully our ideas are used.
- Community participation. Great ideas. Investment in the park.
- Actually listening to the community. Great feedback when questions were asked. Opportunity for engagement with others
- So encouraging to get to know other people who care. Great ideas looking forward to the future.
- Variety of perspectives.
- Feeling engaged
- Potential collaboration. Very well facilitated.
- Additive approach was great it let us spend time not putting ideas against each other love thinking in combination
- Great that core important principles keep being emphasized.
- Good interaction amongst the table of participants
- Very clever and pertinent suggestions
- Our table facilitator Sam Harp understood the overlap of operations finance and operating infrastructure to report lack of those who are in the planning decision
- Seeing community amongst citizens. Meeting community members. Hearing the chance to help guide park plans
- I learned more about how other groups of people use the park and what they would love to see. So many good ideas especially from the youth committee. I also found many people shared some of my same priorities like increasing walking trails and improving existing ones and making them all better connected. I got some new ideas and appreciation for what we could achieve
- Community engagement. Learning about youth suggestions
- Great ideas both old and new
- Seeing that some ideas are Givens
- Lots of great new ideas for Facilities. Great list of Givens
- Enjoyed the structure of the group activity it made organizing ideas into buckets easier as a group
- New ideas heard. Good to hear all the support for native plants and rebuilding. Very grateful to see Care planting area
- Focus on areas of improvement and reviving especially the maintenance barn. Improve and make lagoons and waterways interconnected to revive boating
- Intergenerational brainstorming.
- Amphitheater/lagoon/kayaking/movie area
- Hearing other ideas for the future of city park
- Engaging brainstorming activity
- Meeting new people. Voicing my opinion as a New Orleans native no matter. Interactive planning for a park we love.
- Good Community communication. Build support for city park
- Many creative ideas
- Community
- Getting other ideas and viewpoints
- More great ideas were collected from the community/ attendees. We met some fantastic people and make some meaningful connections for future activities. This was an excellent venue! Let's meet here again.
- Great participation and enthusiasm. Realistic Content and tangible
- Building community. Voices heard.
- Focus. Participation. Productive. Informative
- Enjoyed the sneak preview of the swan and pigeon island
- Met new, lovely people who love the park
- Incredible community engagement. I feel confident about the future of city park
- Great Turnout
- Meeting Neighbors. Collaboration. Planners listening to people who love the park, we love Concordia
- Lots of creative ideas from the public. Well argued
- Good Table communication and idea recording
- Lots of fresh ideas. Notable camaraderie. Well organized
- More focused needs revive old buildings and activities including the kitchen in botanical Garden
- Thinking about how one space can serve multiple purpose was a great way to engage the people in the meeting. Example of how to do the group activity was helpful. The three examples kind of guided the discussions to focus on scout Island the quad and maintenance quarrel. It allowed the table group to really focus on multipurpose facilities
- Overview was really helpful. I feel heard. Great ideas and wonderful to hear what one was and what could be
- It was one more step and improving this wonderful park
- Great Feedback from other groups. Great mediators to help groups. Met new neighbors.
- Meeting fellow new Orleanians. Sharing ideas

with them. Having my ideas heard

- Increased education, awareness about the range of uses and ways people view the park
- I feel like my voice is heard through the process. Idea generation – I like most of the youth ideas especially around sports access like climbing and skate park. Quite eye-opening to see how myopic the boomers are and their desires seem so small and visionless please listen to the youth and young adults that is who will benefit from this.
- I learned the maintenance area used to be a courtyard and 14 sugar plantations used to occupy city park area. This meeting inspired me to think bigger on incorporating different features together. Like the delineation between place making so that programming can follow
- Public acceptance
- Great conversation. Collaborative approach as well received
- Better understanding of underused spaces in the park. Well organized meeting with lots of room community input and restored some faith in the process.
- Meeting new people. Hearing all the concerns and solutions. Having a voice in the planning
- To see so many people who care about city Park. And that we can input into the ideas for city park
- To connect with people. Great facilitator
- Presentation was nice. Heard some nice ideas. Like an outdoor movie idea but could that be done inside garden not drive in?
- Engagement in Park planning. Cultivation of community with attendees. Greater understanding of community park needs
- Hearing all of the ideas and different perspectives of our table. Remembering my 40 years of varied experience at city park
- Community connection/involvement. Happy that most people agree with keeping the park natural so important for spiritual and mental health
- Seeing each other. Discovering ways many tables have similar priorities regarding place making ideas
- Hearing new Ideas
- Deepened my connection with city Park. Deepened my sense of community. Enhanced my belief in the depth and sincerity of the city Park planning process as to the importance of engaging a white and diverse group of residents

- Learned interesting wonderful Greek information. Land of indigenous people now known as city park
- Community connection. Coming together for a common cause learning some community facilitation tools
- Community bonding. Prioritizing the importance of nature and environment in new Orleans
- Great conversations lots of contradictory ideas you will need to resolve
- Nice to be able to voice our ideas
- Great conversation plus ideas generated
- Great energy. Good ideas interesting talented table mates
- Thing with community members that care about the future of the park. Brainstorming together on how to improve it for everyone
- Seeing the many faces of city park in one room and understanding it is truly a park for all. Small examples presented by the design team were exciting and refreshing to see
- Sharing ideas with others learning about some history from an elder native New Orleanian and examples of place making ideas in deliverers intro
- New people who are about the future of city Park. Land acknowledgment and framing of tasks. Considering more than just additions – reviewing revival/improvement opportunities
- Connecting with community. Thinking in retrospect about my childhood sweet memories and times
- Able to speak about mini ideas to think about
- Meeting new community members. Shared youth priorities. Positive facilitation
- Hope and excitement. I love that youth has a voice. Land and Labor acknowledgment
- Ideas with others. Be encouraged to be creative about improvements to certain places
- Meeting new people and hearing perspectives. Collaboration. Hearing about historic elements from others
- Improve lagoons. Signage in Couturie forest
- Learn new ideas! Interesting discussions!
- Meeting more community members that genuinely care about the current and future sustainability of city Park. Great conversation/meeting new people. Being informed about plans for the park
- I met eight folks
- Compromising creatives on opposing. Learning more about the park ideas.

Changing a previous conceptions

- Keep the green space. Need a splash pool area. Golf course is not popular.
- Community collaboration
- Listening to mutual ideas seeing how many people here
- Integrate of ideas and merging of priorities. Sharing of ideas to everyone. Prioritization of youth activity
- A dominant that establishes a clear routine of this public engagement. Example not all these things will be implemented right away. More so this engagement will serve as a framework. I'm honestly disappointed that the meeting organizers did not provide broader contacts in the beginning of the meeting.
- There is an emphasis on multipurpose usage. I am a disc golfer and we embrace the multipurpose driven facility. I love the Givens section
- I like the approach of thinking integratively—how multiple issues/ideas could overlap. Lots of ideas!
- Learned about the history and uses of areas of the park. Demonstrated how much people love this park
- I met neighbors who shared the same concerns and hopes for city park as I do. None of us want huge structures like water parks or abstract of activities like drones humming the park we love.
- Keeping the park natural and utilize its beauty. Meeting of the locals and ideas
- Meeting other community members invested in park improvement
- Eating members of the community. Seeing so many people engaged with the process
- New and good ideas came out. Refined some ideas through discussion. Got me out of the house for the evening
- Understand potential outside of my own contexts, how others interact with the space. Earned about places in the park plus tidbits I didn't know before. Feel like my ideas will be heard
- Loved seeing old friends and meeting new friends of the park.
- Encourages collaboration with community
- Community engagement/met new friends. Feeling involved with city park future planning voices heard
- Learn more about the park and met and enjoyed imagine a brighter park feature
- Meeting fellow community members.

Brainstorming and sharing excitement over new ideas. Making people aware of park amenities people didn't know all already existed

- Great community feeling. Felt like we were heard.
- Met lovely people. Great format and instruction. It's good to know what's going on right now.
- Well organized and much improved. Great mix of people. Respectful space. Coordinators kept people on task. Good acknowledgments
- Great with having strangers meet and come together for the cars
- Good food. Fun environment. Good time.
- Hearing other voices
- One positive outcome is that our concerns are being requested and taken into consideration regarding this plan
- Being able to voice my concern. Getting information about the entire planning process
- Good intention
- Informative. Promote more management support. Put peoples priorities first.
- Informative. Nice information. Good
- Sounds like there is a lot of consensus on ideas. Big turnout and lots of community involvement. Learned what loop New Orleans does
- Great collaborative meeting with great speakers. Clear and concise activity for group planning. Great time management
- Feeling empowered given the powerless news I feel because of Trump. Met really nice people. Learned about new ideas for city park
- Learn more about Park history and well loved fixtures. Was empowering to share with and learn from my neighbors. Got to speak on something I cared about
- Sense of community working together. Appreciate the updates
- Learning about the improvements that could be made to the city park. Listening to other improvement ideas/meeting new people.
- Feel like I have a better idea of where the plan stands at this point. Clearly getting increase community input. Lots of ideas!
- Good to know who has been to the previous meetings and who is new. Good for the concise recap. Built in time for beginning socializing and finding a table.

Do you have any additional concerns, questions,

- Increasing accessibility is a good thing. However, this means small bridges and no new roads.
- All good
- Birds are cool.
- Uhhh i don't know. Can this happen
- Where does the money come from
- Do not build too many new roads taking up green spaces
- The format seemed appropriate in design and time allotted
- Trains. Parking
- Wine and move food
- No
- I found this manner of planning quite challenging, counter-intuitive, potentially helpful. It was nebulous and without a map and clear description of the areas and what they are currently being used for who the stakeholders are it could lead to misinterpretation of what the public wants and what is viable and realistic. Really don't find this format useful.
- If lights is added research how that will affect wildlife
- Will the park add some of the traditional activities geared towards smaller kids opposed to all the adult activities.
- Who is funding the park? Where are the activities for the kids?
- Housing for employees and groundskeepers? Worried about finding people who can maintain those spaces. Funding and budget- the government needs to make a promise to maintain the park for several decades to come- especially during hurricanes.
- Within the 20 year timeline, what things are going to be an immediate priority?
- How long will this take to complete and will the park have to be closed in the meantime (or certain parts)
- How do all these different ideas get prioritized over one another
- I would like more lighting
- Ongoing maintenance so important when isn't addressed in this plan
- General maintenance of the park grounds needs to be improved. More frequent grass cutting.
- Allowing small businesses to be a part of the park for pop-ups would be great, specifically food opportunities aside from the market
- Need facilitator at each table
- Improve, revive add sections confusing. By place? Topic? Please be more clear
- Budget talks and how the park will support paying for new items and areas when current areas are not taken care of well
- Yes yes. It was very frustrating that the "givens" were not addressed. Please repeat to us plans for: better plans for safety, water fountains, sidewalks, and more restrooms.
- Difficult for group to reach consensus. Facilitator at each table.
- Some of the "givens" need to be greatly improved.
- Would have liked to hear what percent of funds will go to repairing existing infrastructure and hiring more staff. Our table is worried about the funds going toward shiny new things and prioritizing money making instead of the natural world
- I feel it is important for Nola city park to be a permit only park for the safety of the dogs and people. Perhaps a sliding scale fee system or "needs-based ..." could make it more affordable for some. I am concerned that for much development of cp can contribute to light pollution.
- I think there needs to be more shade at the tennis center. Especially with summers getting hotter.
- "Some of the proposed ideas seem to compete with nord. Also concerned about drainage as parking is added."
- Concern-what are the projected avenues for revenue and fundraising for all of these ideas?
- No, this was great
- If all of the future activities or things are completed we won't have any green space or trees left. I don't like the idea of more indoor areas it won't be a park anymore. Too many builds suggested which would require too many parking lots. Concerned about safety especially near ballparks with cars picking up kids. Need sidewalk or path along carol side of marking on ballparks.
- Definitely focus on environmental sustainability reducing cons and affordability. Outside of youth committee keeping an eye toward demographics providing...
- No additional thought or critical feedback i love city park smile every time i am on the

track and see mr. Bingle poking out i love new Orleans museum of art and all of the greenery

- Beer garden totally unnecessary
- Concerns are that too many activities will be added that require a new building another parking lot and more infrastructure that needs to be staffed and monitor. There are way too many indoor activities on the list to be added in the future. There are at least 25 items on the “future” list that are big or should not be attempted in city park example teen buildings water park meeting areas drive in movie theater area.
- Movie screenings cool. Drive-in movies not cool. Cars? In the green space? Safety around Marconi fields with traffic and lighting.
- No frisbee dog park. If it becomes a must do keep it far away from city park
- A more defined area for alumni unions with the restrooms. Family fence areas
- More parking is making me fear more concrete please note. Lights, we are losing biodiversity among natural and animals become afraid of the lighting. I will you make it yellow not white.
- Speakers need to learn how to use the microphone not so much some people were way too loud
- Maybe have a big map that presenters can point with laser pointer
- Not at the moment
- This was lovely
- The intro/rehash by coordinators is too long
- That the park is not being maintained but spending money on the master planning.
- Lots of existing golf facilities. Convert to three 9 hole courts plus use the other nine holes for outdoor activities examples are volleyball rock climbing food truck area
- What about old Kennedy high school site?
- Many of the issues are basic management principle. The operation plan should underlay or overlay – strategic plan.
- Lack of diversity at the meeting. A lot of plans sound good but not particularly feasible or long-term. Rock climbing for example.
- I think it is hard to know what is possible for all of us. When we don't know the budget priorities
- We want green areas preserved additional sports facilities should be provided by the city
- I have safety concerns regarding not enough parking at the tennis center
- Concerned that this new planning process is

more just planning new things or improving existing items and that there won't be any master planning for connecting the components of the plan. Bring back the maps from the first process specifically mention mileage of Rhodes being added versus removed.

- Are there any major changes proposed for the layout or flow of the park? It is unclear whether the master plan of the park involves any material changes to the park as a whole.
- The room still isn't representative though i appreciate that's unrealistic. It's still trending older and wider which shouldn't be the loudest voice for the future of a treasured public asset
- All the table agreed we want fewer cars. Lighting should be insect friendly with yellow lights not white lights. Concern for our water table city park does a lot of legwork making up for how little square footage in new Orleans allows rain to go into the ground
- Maintenance maintenance maintenance and trash collections
- Improve health of water weighs connect waterways most important is preserving nature in the park as a public space with bike paths and native plants
- City park has a lot of existing infrastructure and fields so a lot of those additives can be in those spaces. I don't want to see more trees green space taken away.
- The most important thing is preserving the nature. We do not need more concrete. We need improvements that add/enhance and give back to the earth/natural spaces
- The land/labor acknowledgment does not include the labor of Irish and Sicilian laborers. This is an insult. Also the “making groceries” marketing is getting quite tiresome and boring. Better to aim all this time and words in constructive adult dialogue
- Do some ideas provide revenue generation for entire city? Legoland south
- No mention made of botanical gardens so very important
- I did not have space to mention the dog parks. It is wonderful, but needs some maintenance to water fountains and pool area water feature.
- None at this time
- Some of the slides were areas i could not

place. Need adjacent landmarks

- Thank you for holding a place for community input!
- Elder features. Community center. Expand family areas
- Would love to see nature trails and put to use of native plants or meadows throughout park
- Yes, have a map of the park at each table. Took forever to figure out where quad was because they didn't reflect the roads/diagonal drive in the slide
- No public dog park – no way to control spay/neuter. No way to monitor/control aggressive behavior
- Maintain what you have before you do anything else
- Curious that there is no mention of sustainable funding for our beloved park
- Wishes for many things and very little about income generation with limited negative impact/park disruption
- Stay the course. Meeting was a good length. Was well informed in an area that attracts much
- N/a
- Concern: how will all of this be paid for?
- This has been a master class on affective community engagement! I loved how our feedback was narrowed and guided so that we really had things to add.
- Too many individual conversations in our group
- Improve tennis/pickle ball clubhouse- similar to golf clubhouse
- Nope. It was a well put together event
- Unite the game foundation
- Dear god please get rid of one of the golf courses. It is so elitist, and takes so much space from others. So messed up. In fact, take both, and make one 9 holes
- I understand some additional lighting is beneficial but would like for it to minimally interfere with night wildlife and ecosystems. Small lighting like children's museum walkway. I would love to understand city park financial planning and budgeting process. Maybe not at this type of meeting but a link on the community website. This park does not need to golf courses. I would really like to hear how city park might be planning to make this more accessible sooner than finishing the master plan.
- Leave natural areas no more buildings
- Similar to native plants needing to be spread

throughout the park history must also have a place throughout the park where does it fit? Public transit? How can people move from one end of the park to the other without a car?

- In idea i didn't have a chance to share. A large splash pad similar to the one at millennium park in Chicago it is an inter-active fountain many ages can enjoy
- Dislike folks talking about golf carts. Isn't there an amphitheater space in the botanical garden?
- See post its
- Please plant more trees/plants throughout the park. More trees! More live oaks and more cypress trees! They need to be here for future generations! Please have more greenhouses and green spaces i will buy plants!
- Reclaimed golf course area this is not a private area within a public park give us back our wild areas
- Would you consider inviting chief Elwin golem warhorse to speak on indigenous history
- We already have pickle ball courts but that was in red at tennis center
- Worried at oak trees and we need to develop seedlings for the future
- We need maps or plans to draw our ideas to communicate
- Larger gumbo portion
- I appreciate having the opportunity to contribute to the planning session
- Call to action for community members – most input needed?
- Not at this time
- Revive was a bit hard without fully understanding what the part used to have/ why it's no longer there
- Cierra is awesome
- What happened to overall plans shared last year that included increased roads/car access to upper half of city park?
- Are you still removing a golf course?
- Maintenance, grass, low branches on paths, broken concrete on bike packs
- My name is r'nyni wodson and i am a producer for wonder wander city park and i would love to talk to someone about the use of Wisner tract.
- How is all of this paid for? Construction methods designed for longevity and ease of maintenance
- No water parks please. No amphitheater please

- Adding too much stuff leave wild areas
- We should post the ideas on a board everyone can see and comment
- Want part to be interactive, nature will overrun us so focus on education. Projects that emphasize who live in the park and to respect them
- Everyone has given plastic water bottles. All meetings should inform there will be no plastic water bottles plus people should buy the non-disposable bottles. All food should be in compostable containers and utincilpublish activity guides and prioritize before hand. The community fellow lead us with a kind heart and iron fist.
- I love the looking area idea
- Please keep promoting usage safety and sustainability
- Community fellow was great
- Who is going to take care of new improvements/additions? This park has a lot of filthy areas. Bridge is falling apart. Garbage in the lagoons. Having new stuff is all well and good but if you can't take care of it what is the point? Where does the money for the revenue making assets of the park? Being allocated wisely? Where does revenue from the golf course go?
- Please improve existing walkways in streets rather than adding more cement and if some are added please use the type that allows natural drainage. Kayak and canoe options along Marconi waterway
- Over development of the park
- Please no public dog park please ask me about research on public dog parks. It was difficult to list only two in each category so many had merit. Missing some ideas from the January meeting that were added
- How will you ensure the final plan for the park is loved by all accessible to all maintains the natural components and honors the indigenous people who founded it?
- Thank you for preserving our community may pole in the Harris tract. We will take care of it and refresh it with new ribbons on mayday
- Much better plans/consultation process than 2024
- Art classes at the museums.
- Hard to wiggle all ideas down
- Yes keep the dream alive.
- During budget covered is important but free public areas to everything in the park shit underpin all the plans so everyone can use it
- Please keep the communities concerns at the forefront of this process.
- In reviving/improving scout island, be sure to preserve existing programs that serve our community, high ropes course
- If admission is charged for new facilities please plan at least two free days per month for locals. Public transportation access wasn't addressed
- Add schedule to the table

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Appendix: Raw Results

Table #1

Improve : Nature Trails

- Birding sites,couturie, scout island, wisner tract
- Dogs on leash only, birding trail, no development in nature areas, no encroachment by disc. golf
- Keep the dog walk on wisner tract!

Revive: Water Park Opportunities

- For kids splash pad, pool -lessons
- Security-cameras
- Lifeguards, security on duty
- Refreshments, seating, bathrooms. Water park for dogs

Add: Observatory & Drive-In Movie Area

- Educational information, signage, events for seeing eclipse
- City park would have the only public astronomical observatory in the NOLA area
- Observatory: Stem oriented, complimenting age groups to LCM, includes small scenic exhibits, open night& daytime(observing the sun-filtered)
- Would also support groups stargazing events

Improve: Playgrounds

- Water fountains that work
- Shade structures
- Indoor playground for winter
- Better maintenance of all grassy areas & keep grass cut!
- Many children's first introduction to the park is the playground. They should be numerous and awesome and well maintained.
- Bathrooms

Revive: Use Old Buildings

- Emergency center, family bathrooms, breast feeding room
- Bayou Metairie, boating, Plus access, Casino Friendly (?), low-litter

Add: Food Area

- Pop-up events for small businesses
- Food truck park
- Food truck park
- Transportation/parking, 1 lane parking or multiple small parking
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Table #2

Improve: Nature Walking Trails

- Keep it natural
- Natural plants
- Educational signage & programs
- Budget for maintenance and habitat restoration

Revive: Maintenance Barn

- Potential city park museum

Add: Historical Education

- City park museum combined, historical indigenous markers or area
- Where did the Mankin () in CF come from? Give with signage

Improve: Festival Grounds & Existing Fields

- Field @ entrance of botanical garden for potential community, movie space(not drive in), amphitheater
- City park " museum" doesn't need to be a large new infrastructure project, more - info, history in all park buildings, history of each building
- City park jobs & ground maintenance
- Existing fields should be multi-functional, multi-sports like outdoor actions, archery etc. Marching band

Revive: Lagoons & Waterways & Concessions

- Connect all (some) waterways/ boating + kayaking
- Downsize to concession size near water
- Historic/indigenous markers/areas
- Importance of disc golf,how can it be operated in nature w/out building? What will be cultivation to make all these courts/fields, drop off high importance, line parking garden, solar panels?

Add: Community Garden & Food Forest & Stewardship

- Educational sites pair with cane brake stewarded by inter-tribal(is historical indig. Marker/area) basket makers
- Stewardship program to care for food garden + forest

Table #3

Improve: Couturie Forest

- Signage
- Native plants
- Wider trails/bike trails
- Repair pier
- Camping

Revive: McFadden Cabin

- Day use groups
- Fire pit
- Camping 24 hrs., Family and school groups
- Opportunity to stargaze - Night time sky observations
- Yellow Lights overhead

Add: Open Space on Roosevelt Mall

- Large area next to Tad Gormley used for alumni reunions
- Restrooms (Small Shelters)

Improve: Sports & Restroom Areas

- Practice Tracks (add restroom & resurface)
- Infrastructure - Roads/Sidewalks
- Keep Cross Country Course
- Clean lagoons for kayak/canoe use

Table #4

Improve: Nature Walking Trails

- Bioswales in natural areas + native plants + drainage
- Harrison Ave. Trails - Scout Island, Couturie Forest, Wisner Track
- Combine - safer & easier access between trails
- Open quad to public and use as trail head for the 3 nature trail areas.
- Walks along Metairie Bayou need improvement w/o harm to trees
- A trail head (maybe @ maintenance canal?) Between trail "bubbles"
- Separate bike & walking trails
- Raised trails (wooden or permeable)

Revive: Covered Shelters

- Solar panels & renewable energy for power
- Old historic building & shelter revived
- Maintenance canal would make a great event space w/courtyard

Add: Sports Facilities

- 610 Underpass
- Skate park (under 620 @ Marconi)
- Basketball courts

- More tennis & pickleball (currently sell out!)
- Indoor multi-purpose facility for basketball, tennis, pickleball, youth activities, teen events
- Additional outdoor tennis courts to allow NOLA to host tournaments which would increase the economic impact. Grants are available!

Improve:Connectivity & Clarity of Uses

- Field @ entrance of botanical garden for potential community, movie space(not drive in), amphitheater
- Making more roads 1-way so they can be shared easier
- Reduce car use and traffic, clarify walking vs. biking lanes
- Natural areas with clear signage and maps
- Shared use streets; bikes, cars, pedestrians
- Install slowing measures, especially on Harrison

Revive: Wisner Track

- Food Forest
- Free off-leash dog hours or dedicated space in Wisner tract
- Balance frisbee golf and public open dog use with multi-functional natural walking trails and shade trees
- Bring restrooms & pavilions back into service
- Repair trails and add connectivity and signage (including AM/PM off-leash dog hours)
- Add bathrooms and water fountains near entrance/trailhead in existing pavilions
- Improve parking
- Keep as walking green space
- Cultivate natural green space
- Improve drainage or add raised wood walkways

Add: Parking Gardens

- Parking along Marconi with lighting for the safety of the tennis & pickleball facility.
- Bike parking
- All new parking should be permeable and include maximum green space (parking garden)
- Large parking lots with water mgmt + infused with nature so larger lots don't feel like bulldozing green space
- More parking near Wisner tract and Couturie Forest (and other nature trails)

Table #5

Improve: Outdoor Education Opportunities

- Public Outreach (especially low income communities)
- City Park agreeing to preserve spaces like LOOP NOLA + Grow Dat
- Many calls for outdoor education in City Park (canoeing, guided hikes).
- LOOP + Grow Dat are already providing these & can expand with proper resources.
- 20-25 year plan serves today's youth.
- If they don't know what's out here, why would they come?
- Outreach and education can provide the bridge.

Revive: Historic Features Utilization

- Accent with historic markers and explanations
- Revive access
- McFadden's could be used for public events
- Beautify & restore

Add: Community Center Structure

- Multi-use facility for community activities

Improve: Lagoons + Waterways

- Develop a master plan to manage all waterways
- Plan not related to water based rec activities, but as a natural area
- Lagoons should be zoned to support different features - some "natural" with no intervention - some maintained for particular plantings such as native water plants - some kept weed free or manicured for viewing/visual appeal
- Must control - limit - or eliminate herbicide (and pesticide) use
- Address gold course run-off to mitigate pollution
- Improve water quality
- Improve access points
- Manage fish and other species
- Many education opportunities
- Signage - volunteer events - workshops

Revive: Arbor Room/Popp's Foundation

- Multi use performance area to accommodate movie/symphony/concert
- Revive concert series - feature local artists - young artist
- Accommodate large/small events
- Add food services

- Add seating - some in nature, some in more standard seating

Add: Additional Outdoor Activities

- Turn 1 of the golf courses into a hole course. Use the rest of the space for outdoor multi-use space - pickle ball - volleyball - beach volleyball - rock climbing - skate park
- Need more community space in north end of the park
- Food truck area

Table 6 was vacant

Table #7

Improve: Storyland

- Teach Greek mythology + parade names, more modern stories:
- Dr. Suess, CocoMelon, PBS Kids tv shows, Curious George, Mister Rogers
- Junnay's Follies
- Captain Kangaroo
- Bring back concerts at Tad Gormley Stadium

Revive: Scout Island

- Scout Island was recently used extensively for adult public soccer play - That could be restored - matched up with walkways and access to water would diversify
- City Park Improvement Assoc.
- In 1923, dues were
- Gentleman 1.00
- Ladies 0.50
- Children 0.25
- When I was a kid in 60's, our scout pack had events @ Scout Island

Add: Swimming Pool

- Provide spaces for swim lessons
- Build a swimming pool
- Swim lessons
- Water Park - attached to pool, maybe a lazy river

Improve: Fishing

- Improve fishing access
- Fishing education for youth
- Dock if needed
- Youth fishing tourney

Revive: Maintenance Corral (Historical Oldest Structure) City Park Museum Site & City Park Museum Site

- Museum of City Park History - appreciate

history and founders and contributors ie
W.P.A. Contribution

- Restore Courtyard
- The Old Mule Bldg. is the oldest building in the park, IT'S HISTORICAL!!

Add: City Park Museum

- Consider the 2nd floor of the casino (Café du Monde)
- There are many people that have memorabilia of historic significance.
- Guided tours (walking, biking, running) of City Park)

Table #8

Improve: Café du Monde Performance for Large Crowds

- Scout Island & birding sites/outdoor education sites
- Lagoons/water edge

Revive: Wisner Track

- Natural areas
- Planned landscapes
- Not pleasant to walk through
- Prior plan implementation
- Waterway connection
- Hiking paths
- Bring back the small golf course

Improve: Tad Gormley/Pan AM

- Area around stadium for tailgating
- Area near Pan AM Stadium: Concession & additional recreation such as beach volleyball complex/splash water park
- Improve outreach to focus on the park
- Welcome, concessions, supplies (general store/fishing worms)

Revive: Maintenance Corral

- Use for general concessions of all kinds - snacks, beer, drinks, hot dogs, fishing supplies and bait
- Everything that could be used to enjoy the park (a starting point for a trip to the park's natural areas)

Add: Lagoons

- Improve water quality
- Add fishing & boating opportunities
- Boat rentals in various locations and canoes-fishing equipment sales, bait, piers

Table #9

Improve: Covered Shelter & Restroom

- Cooking areas & more covered shelters
- Revive friends members benefits
- Free to walk-only at Celebration in the Oaks
- Free Storyland entry
- Park entrance

Revive: Celebration in the Oaks

- Bring back choirs and school groups for entertainment
- Create a walking tour without rides for people who do not ride them but want to attend to see decorations (aka elderly)
- More lights in City Park Ave. for whole city to enjoy, not just for those who pay to ride through.
- Have a place for people to pay on-site. For people who do not use credit cards or apps.

Add: Festival Grounds

- Add & market as many big \$ music events in regular area
- Pros outside \$\$ In
- Short term disruption goal one per month
- Some income target
- Sponsored music events for minimal cost
- Bring lawn chairs, blankets, provide concession
- (Like symphony, fire works) just more often

Improve: LOOP Nola

- Lagoon Maintenance not available for canoing
- Education programs - canoing and ropes co

Revive: botanical gardens

- Japanese Garden - restoration and expansion
- Kitchen underutilized
- Drainage revive education
- Add train stop botanical garden

Add: Misc.

- Shuttle Parking
- Expand Japanese Garden
- Hop on hop off shuttle for north and south activities
- Add some shelters north side of 610

Table #10

Improve: Affordability

- Improve Storyland
- Resource swap meet
- Food trucks/small business
- Do this improvement by incorporating more La. Cultures & races
- Food trucks to improve concessions & affordability

Revive: Scout Island

- Scout Island multi-use
- Food Forest
- Community buildings
- Have a focus on natural spaces -> butterfly gardens
- Petting zoo
- Experience nature in different ways
- Open spaces double as aviaries to preserve bird life & biodiversity of the park
- Integrate NORDC programs at island
- Nature trail
- 5 different ways to get there from quad by lagoon
- Rugby field if back by driving range

Table #11

Improve: Water Activities

- Big lake - need a bathroom & trash cans
- Dog park - enlarge small dog park
- Dog park - improve dog statopms, add stainless steel, dog is contained
- Dog park - clean up, drainage improve, plant grass ensure drainage is fenced so dog can't break leg
- Building by underpass improvement
- Shelters/maintain

Revive: Maintenance Facility

- Use as events facility - NO Jazz Fest
- Would be great activity area

Add: N/A

- Shade in City Putt
- Where is City Putt? On the list
- More restrooms & concessions
- Enhanced security

Improve: CC Farmer's Market & Food Facilities

- Restaurants beyond what exists (mid range)
- Dedicated event space, bi-weekly
- Food

Revive: Scout Island & McFadden's Cabin &

Drone Flying

- Zip line course
- Scout activities
- Maintain what we have
- Croquet

Add: Beach Volleyball

- Water mgmt
- Drone flying
- Inclusive playground
- Concessions & RRS (adjacent to existing partial bldg.)
- Driving range? Extension

Table #12

Improve: Big Lake & Dog Park

- Water Sports, Boating
- Managing connections between lagoons
- Storm water management

Revive: Shelters/Around southside of park and by dog park

- Shelters by city park ave. bathrooms
- Revive Popp's fountain
- Cleaning all bathrooms, trash cans
- Revive wading pool in/around storyland

Add: Multi-use Trails/Connecting Lagoons

- Nature trails from Marconi side of soccer fields across to diag. drive then across to quad
- Multi-use (ADA accessible) trails
- Walking trails from east & west side of park
- Lagoons - connect all the lagoons, improve flow, can boat thru all lagoons
- Add inclusive playground - spec. needs
- Add zipline to connect couturie forest to scout island

Improve: Natural Trail Walking

- Bird blinds w/info
- Emergency call boxes strategically placed
- More dog poop bags/dispensary and cans for their disposal throughout park along trails

Revive: 610 Underpass

- Soundproofing - Food forest
- Improve access and circulation across the highway
- Rain garden areas
- Improve underpass
- 610 Sound Proofing
- Bike path and improved ped sidewalk
- Bike paths "off track" *not mountain biking but natural trail

Add: Bike Network

- Bike share at facility within park
- Good places/paths to learn to ride a bike
- Traffic park/garden
- Program classes
- Connections to the bike paths already existing in city
- Bike Rentals (not blue bikes)
- Bike paths that go through nature off road trails too?

Table #15

Improve: Wisner Tract

- Enhance native plants and shade trees- But honor its rustic/uncultivated essence
- Enhance parking lot - more , low lighting, garden elements in parking
- Revive restroom(s) in area
- Open access thru the quad to Scout Island w/natural meadows)
- Add security phones that don't have big visual impact

Revive: Rewild Golf Course

- Rewild @ least one of the 18-hole golf courses - native plants & add more tree canopy
- Storm water management opportunity for the future
- This could be a good place for more multi-use trails that accommodate bikes (City Park bike safety & bike lanes is a big area for improvement)

Add: Grow Dat/ Food Forest

- Add food forest to expand Grow Dat's impact and reach to more people
- Add community greenhouse and make a portion an outdoor educational site
- Opportunity to incorporate outdoor education priority with youth already there

Improve: Lagoon Maintenance

- Keep Lagoons from deteriorating, dredging to keep it from filling in
- Clearer signage to access ramp into lagoon
- Potential boat rentals - but still allow private craft

Revive: Couturie Forest

- Outdoor education (theater) & Signage (flora & fauna)

- Improve degraded shore lines
- Consider incorporating fenced off field into couturie forest - more accessible to walkers

Add: Drive-In Movie/Amphitheater

- Incorporate passive storm water management elements & lighting
- Supporting the local filmmakers and theatre companies in creating an outdoor performance space
- When there's not a movie it can

Table #22

Improve: Tracks & Field

- Concession & restrooms (UPDATED)
- Practice tracks & rec. Fields - schools/ community members use it
- Practice track (every school & club in the city uses it really)
- Tad Gormley track & bathrooms
- Good lighting & security for ppl who run/ practice @ night
- Bring back the jump pit - high jump pit at practice track

Revive: Improved Accessibility & transit (vehicular, bicycle, pedestrian) throughout park

- Reducing traffic (dangerous for pedestrians/ bicyclists)
- Labeled nature trails (educational)
- Sidewalks along roads! That don't flood...too much.
- Sports areas, kids, car traffic is dangerous

Add: Amphitheater/Multi-Use Field

- Amphitheater could be an architectural landmark
- Grassy area near museum - Amphitheater, multi-use events, huge open space not being used

Improve: Grow Dat Youth Farm/Storyland

- Food forest & community garden - could be integrated w/Grow Dat.
- Bring in community involvement to Grow Dat
- Ppl are parking in the streets, imrov traffic flow
- Storyland is kind of gross - needs to be improved
- Farmers market has exploded - traffic is terrible on Sunday mornings
- Bikers won't always ride in the bike lanes - separate bike & car traffic

Revive: Waterways & Lagoons

- Interconnected route
- Waterways used to connect - so you could kayak through them all
- There used to be paddle boats behind the lagoons - have multiple places to launch or rent water vessels
- There used to be more fishing/ tournaments that encouraged ppl to interact w/+ fish
- Restock fish

Add: Gathering Spaces

- Public dog park - one that is free - maybe add to City Bark. And/Or expand? Make more cost friendly?
- Beer garden in previously existing facility

Table #24

Improve: Signage & Historical Markers

- Improve and build this out - tell right history
- Historic cypress forests
- (in core intentions area to side) libraries, art statues, food forest, Grow Dat, PanAm, low impact activity for seniors --chess/checkers, tai chi/classes

Revive: Food Forest/Citrus Trees

- Don't over manicure this space, ensure wildlife can flourish also
- Build out food forest between Pan Am & Grow Dat
- We used to have more citrus?

Add: Live Event Area - Amphitheater & Drive-In Movie Combo

- Amphitheater could be an architectural landmark
- Amphitheater/drive-in movie area combo
- Versatile programming
- Build services/amenities here
- Food truck garden?

Improve: Connectivity - Bike & Walking Trails

- Connected biking/walking trails - more - wider - better marking
- Resting benches
- Meeting spaces
- Uniting existing paths into a larger network (bike & pedestrian)

Revive: Waterbased activities

- Pool/splash pad
- Honor history of segregation of public

pools

Add: Sports & Recreation

- Inclusive playground
- Seniors activities
- Youth/combo
- Multi-generational use
- Drop-In Activities - ping pong, chess, library cart, art supplies
- Bird blinds
- Rock climbing wall

Table #25

Improve: Pedestrian & Bike Pathways

- Pedicabs, Surrey shuttles
- Shuttle -- people mover
- Additional signage and mapping

Revive: Waterways

- Family camping - Scout's Island
- Connect Lagoon For Recreation and Education
- Education - taking lessons home from the park for instance, water mgmt @ residence

Add: Food Forest

- Community garden plots
- Complimentary community greenhouse(s)
- Cooking classes tied in with Grow Dat/ farmer's market, use produce you buy
- Butterflies & bees/pollinators
- Citrus orchard, herb garden

Improve: Existing Sports/Rec Accessibility

- Activate the surrounding areas for public use
- Tad Gormley more open facility, PanAmerican

Revive: Historic Structures & Features

- Restore maintenance corral
- Another café - concessions more for gathering (unattached)
- Food truck plaza or hall

Add: Birding Opportunities

- Partnership w/Audubon Society or Master Naturalists
- Signage, education programming
- Incorporate VR opps or smartphone learning integration
- Do wildlife survey & create field guide

Table #26

Improve: Practice Track

- Resurface it, keep adequate amounts of sand in the long jump pit and get grass out of it.
- Resurface the track won't be

Revive: North Golf Course

- Natural walking trails - need signage improved
- Water features around Big Lake

Add: Separate Bike Paths

- Separate & segregated bike paths

Improve: Great Lawn/Batting Cages

- Great lawn - often muddy - art markets *build walkways there*
- Farmers market - move it to the area with parking
- Softball/baseball fields, layouts, add batting cages

Revive: Haunted House

- Halloween Haunted House

Add: Water Park

- Add water fountains along all paths
- More blue bike stations all over park edge
- Food Forest
- Drive-In Movie Area
- Teen buildings

Table #27

Improve: N/A

- Clearing lagoon banks of trash, invest trees
- Trash minimization, no plastic bottles or compostables
- Maintain the beauty - trash management in and around park
- (Surrounding areas, ie bayou)

Revive: N/A

- Birding Sites & Butterflies - butterfly garden

Add: Compostable Products

- N/A

Improve: Cleanliness Campaign/Shade Over Day Area

- Lead by example campaign - take pride

in the park, make its cleanliness/lack of trash an example to the rest of the city

- Ban plastic bottles
- Water fountains/refill stations - no trash
- Add shade over play areas - perhaps sail shades - an artistic competition
- Keep Scout Island separate, not connected by bridges for camping by the scouts
- The addition of bridges would add security issues

Revive: Swimming Pool/Restore Lagoon

- Public swimming pool
- All lagoons have to be cleaned, deepened for better aquatic life and fishing, and add pumps to circulate the water

Add: Splash Park Mountain Bike Trail

- Add fishing piers that are low to the water and with railings
- Can also be used as canoe/other boat access
- Splash pad waterpark
- Add speed controls
- Multi use trails
- Mountain bike paths that run along the lagoons but not so close you lose access to the lagoons
- Allow canoe, paddle board etc. Access to all lagoons including in golf courses.
- Add water bottle refill station

Table #28

Improve: Trails & Lagoons

- More family-friendly opportunities. More for people new to the outdoors to see, feeling welcome in outdoor spaces.
- Could ass new boat rental facilities or provide more options for boating and/or fishing instruction
- Making more interconnected
- Allow for programming
- Maintaining the lagoons
- Improve storm water management that could also help the local neighborhoods
- Signage about the nature, informing/educating about native plants and history about the site

Revive: Scout Island

- "Safe space" outdoor programs - secure & monitored
- Allow for more outdoor programs and events in a safe space. Used to be camping.
- Make Scout Island more easily connected to

Couturie Forest trails? And to Wisner trails?

- Food Forest...maybe not all the area, but maybe along the trail
- Sit, picnic tables, on the end? And a meadow

Add: Visitor's Center

- Visitors Center with more information about the park (past and present)
- More interactive exhibited that make you interested in learning more about the park & the area (like at Jean Lafitte Barataria or the Audubon Nature Center)
- Park would be more "unified" allowing a center point for all its offerings.

Improve: Shelters

- Lead by example campaign - take pride in Improve shelters with protection from the elements in mind. If they're bigger & nicer, they could be used to fulfill other needs and hopefully generate revenue for park.
- Exercise stations, information signage, calendar of events?
- Revive: Swimming Pool/Restore Lagoon
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Revive: Wisner Area/Old Golf Course

- Sports & rec rentals/indoor component
- Music & performance space --> programming
- Long-term concessional contracts
- Flip side, camp/youth programming
- Bikes/boats/E-bikes
- Indoor - cool space
- Classes
- Could include: Outdoor education sites
- Outdoor action activities & other sports & rec
- Multi use trails & natural walking trails

Add: Independent, Indoor, Multi-Use Spaces

- Youth programming Camp
- Fitness classes, meeting rentals
- Indoor space for traditional outdoor activities.
- Farmer's market, backup for groups that meet in Great Lawn & other sports
- Kids activities - sports, camps, etc.
- Experiential, destination based "indoor" fun programs
- Used as a "back up" space for outdoor programming that would need to be indoors due to circumstances
- Gym, location for indoor sports such as

pickleball, indoor playground

Table #29

Improve: Matt Savoie Soccer Complex

- Improve Matt Savoie Soccer Complex
- More bathroom access
- Crosswalk elevated over Marconi
- Continue to use Scout Island as practice fields
- Add spectator seating/stands

Revive: Festival Grounds

- Festival grounds to be repurposed for multi-use purposes
- Amphitheater, walk/bike/movie, etc.

Add: N/A

- Splash pad & water park by the playground for families
- Add biomarkers that push infor & notifications to people based on their current location
- Improve/add bike trails & nature trails (eg. On the old south golf course)

Improve: Field Related (soccer, rugby, etc.)

Where they are new

- Expand fiend/court type facilities where fields are now and add restrooms, lighting, signage, etc.

Revive: Maintenance Buildings

- Reuse the maintenance building as a teen space with park history

Add: Recreational Youth Center

- Gymnasium sized youth centered - both covered outdoor and conditioned space(s). Associated with NORD or nother youth focused organization school.
- Add "mountain" bike for BMX bike courses, maybe around or on Scout Island or old golf course
- Arts & crafts center along with all hobbies eg. Mini boats, scale trains, ceramics, painting, jewelry, doll/costume making, robots, photography, etc. etc. etc.
- baseball, volleyball, swimming
- Wide multi-use path that is a long loop with signage

Table #32**Improve: N/A**

- A. Refurbish bathrooms, sidewalks, lighting
- B. Trash recepticals along Bayou St. John
- C. Underpass activity area(s)
- D. Historic/Indigenous Areas (more interactive than just markers)

Revive: Water Play

- Pools, Water Park, Splash Pad, Beach Volleyball, Doggie Water Park, Martini Madness

Add: Food Cycle Center

- W/ Grow Dat
- Food Forest, Greenhouse, composting, beer garden, composting station, trails, outdoor education

Improve: Lagoons

- Aerate to improve habitat
- Boating, kayaking
- Clean & L
- Landscape - natural. Natures
- Connect Great Lake to Bayou Metairie by boat.
- Decks to access + improve view
- Outdoor education
- Historical marker
- Fishing

Revive: Tad Gormley/Pan American

- Multi-purpose field
- Marching band/performance space
- Bike in movie theater screen --> bike in, picnic
- Volleyball - beach/grass
- Given - Improve bathroom press box
- Parameters|Revenue

Add: Indoor Rec. Facility

- Pickleball/Multipurpose courts
- Meeting/classroom space
- Cooking area
- Greenhouse - garden nature classes training
- Climbing wall
- Indoor kid exercise /play
- Parameters - not at front, not where oaks are, bg railroad tracks
- It would be lovely to build out stable capacity & have trails (work w/ Black trail rides groups along w/bike paths in the back half of the park)
- If a Pelican greenhouse/maintenance corral then it helps to address the underpass

activation

Table #33**Improve: Grow Dat/Park Entrances**

- Community gardens for all - adults too
- Nursery for indigenous trees
- The intersection of Esplanade and Wisner Blvd./ Claiborne is a dangerous for pedestrian and bikes.
- This could be alienated w/ single lane down Claiborne/Wisner for reduce car traffic/making a round about or other organized traffic flow solutions.

Revive: Big Loop

- Bring voodoo festivals or alternatives
- More permanent soccer area (that's free + accessible)
- Community amphitheater - there's tons of room
- Misters, concessions

Add: N/A

- Clubhouse (revenue generating)
- Tennis facility + Pickleball
- Open in the evenings
- Splash pad/water park
- Increase endowment dedicated names for places

Improve: Tennis Courts (Sports)

- Video surveillance/security officer
- Placement of concessions throughout the park - fair selection of vendors
- Handicap access for park - sports facilities (Aba)
- Tennis club is already working on the Friday night tennis.

Revive: Lagoons & Waterways

- Restore fountains & horse trails
- Fishing permitted in lagoons & all waterways (especially B+CP)
- Provide access via diff. modes (walking, horses, biking, etc.)
- Places to launch + rent boats --> official in city park like what is at the top of Bayou St. John

Add: Sports Facilities (Inexpensives)

- Subsidized cost for youth to make accessible
- Skate parks and rock climbing wall
- Quad has gravel parking - need ADA parking
- Restaurant & clubhouse for tennis + pickleball

(like golf)

- Indoor tennis/pickleball
- Bridges
- Pickleball courses w/shade, seating + concessions subsidized for youth

Table #34

Improve: Lagoons & Waterways

- Basic cleanliness! Get the garbage out of the water
- Clean up the waterways, improve the shores/banks so you can interact with the water
- Water that appears like you could be in it
- Clean stock with fish

Revive: Scout Island

- Create flower fields
- Build a couple key pedestrian bridges over lagoons
- The unused field by Scout Island: native meadow sounds nice or pavilions like we already have, the beautiful historic ones, surrounded by tree groves by paths
- Passive gathering areas, like strawberry fields at Central Park, picnic areas.

Add: Beer Garden

- City Park membership - \$ where do I go
- Add beer garden
- A few more carefully selected local restaurants (ie Dat Dog)
- Make it destination for cyclists, visitors, with a good view of lagoons
- Combine a beer garden with other recreational opportunities? Shade (kids can play while parents socialize)

Improve: Maintenance Corral & Festival Grounds

- Treat "festival grounds" like a "natural area" too. When it's not being used for a fest or activity, develop the land so that it is a nice place to be. Trails, tree groves, wildflowers, etc.
- Like the maintenance corral, REVIVE OLD PARK STRUCTURES. Some of these are beautiful but they are crumbling. The pavilions, the park buildings, etc. They are historic & can be put to good use.
- Park visitor and info center in maintenance corral area
- Make park entrance on Zachary Taylor Drive

Revive: Tad Gormley

- Why hasn't this already happened? Make it a

music venue.

- Revive: Existing pavilions, parkways, bridges
- Revive, develop, reuse existing buildings. We do not need any more huge structures. (i.e. Tad Gormley = Music venue/amphitheater/drive in)
- Music Venue

Add: Historic Indigenous Markers

- Additional signup/ visit more people and interactive
- Please do not injure or destroy the existing oak canopy and add more/plant more oaks
- ADD: one nice big attractive sign that has a map of the park & a "you are here" star so we can see where.
- Absolutely NO Amphitheater on Scout Island
- As for emergency safety features
- AED/911 stations
- Around park for sports, bike areas, etc.

Table #35

Improve: Nature Walking Trails/Education Signage

- Improve - Natural walking trails
- Add access to Scout Island
- Signage
- Multi use - for some
- Integrate w/food forest
- Scavenger hunt trails, diff days even
- Flow of park signage - objective drive to guide to other parts of the park
- Educational signage & historic/indigenous markers
- Signage/markers for trails to farmer's market, etc. or for food forest
- Written trail routes, directed flow of traffic (& forms bike/run)
- Clearer signage for free spaces + restrooms

Revive: Waterways/Multi-Course Golf

- Welcome center
- bike & boat rentals
- Concessions & café
- Sundries store
- Information kiosk
- Restrooms
- Parking
- Kayaking, boat rental facilities, improve, maintain natural healthy waterways
- Multicourse golf, can change out to fit golf ball, disk, softball
- All ADA accessible, inclusivity

Add: Food Forest Plus/Welcome Center/Market Area

- 1. Add Food Forest - objective drive
- People can help harvest (if not in conflict w/ birds)
- Need to be native/sustainable trees
- Also alternative forest - flowers, sweet olive, not just food
- Consider hurricanes - can incorporate greenhouse)
- Promotion/awareness of free spaces/activity
- Food forest - make it clear you can take food
- 2. Welcome Center (can go w/local market area)
- bathrooms, beyond admin center (where?)
- Education re history, plants
- More food than just Café du Monde
- include cooking area
- Citi Bike rentals, maybe near boat rentals
- Multipurpose parking lot
- Amphitheater & drive-in, in least shaded areas

Table #37

Improve: Grow Dat

- Add food forest, partner with farmer's market
- Food forest
- Natural areas with natural plants!!! More green, more nature
- Improve Bike Paths
- Ped trails/shared use paths w/mile markers for joggers
- Use crushed gravel for joggers
- Botanical gardens and carousel gardens need a refresh, need better maintenance
- Address the homeless population and crime so we feel safe in the natural areas
- More trails throughout the park for walking. I love to walk for miles in City Park, some are not maintained.
- More trees throughout the park like oak & cypress
- New trees to replace for future generations

Revive: Fitness Facility

- Use maint. Corral to provide indoor/outdoor w/ pool & trails out.
- Revenue from passes!
- Reduced pricing for students/seniors/vets
- Pigeon Island needs maintenance
- Plant conservation and more natural plants, trees
- Revive maintenance pavilion, Couturie forest

Add: Trails

- Gravel trails for hiking, walking, horses that connect to different parts of the park, mile markers, signage
- Drive in movie area would be awesome for all generations
- Revive original swimming pool or splash park - as originally planned in the 2004 Master Plan
- More community gardens, greenhouses, food forests!! Teach the youth about native plants are edible foods.
- Be able to job whole 1300 acres without tripping
- Mutliuse trails, natural trails - natural enhanced landscaping, horse, bike, run
- Local market areas with loan vendors for arts & crafts & food trucks, snowballs, etc.
- Archery fields & rentals - would love to have an archery field . Would love this!
- Indoor tennis courts
- Amphitheater for outdoor plays
- Grant trails for jogger w/ connectivity - a big loop around the park w/ connections
- Fitness facility w/pool
- Horse trails throughout the park

Improve: Native Landscaping

- Trees, bird, butterfly host plants
- Ongoing sapplings, oak & cypress farming
- Meadows
- Aquatic plants to improve water /bayou health
- *Storyland
- Oak & cypress nursery (outdoor ed. Sites)
- Use existing structure (maint. Corral) and grow sapplings to plant on the park and across NOLA (volunteer/student opportunities)
- Grow Dat farm & facilities, exercise stations, multi-use trails
- Splash pad

Revive: Wisner Tract

- Extended into golf course
- Add trees & horse trails nature path
- Functional restrooms
- Connect to Couturie
- Devote certain days/month to sports (disc, eventing, triathlon)

Add: Drive-In Movie Theater

- Existing field improved parking concessions

Add: N/A

- Improve parking - parking that is shady, and keeps off the bike paths & connects activities
- Sailboats
- Water aquatic life quality
- Festival & natural paths
- Grow dat, food forest, bird habitat, butterfly habitat
- Do not use Texas solutions around oak trees
- Scout Island natural area
- Protect oak trees

Table #49

Improve: Farmer's Market

- Farmer's market that is more integrated with more social activities of the park
- On Victory Ave.
- Farmer's market as local and tourist destination

Add: Healthy Food Alternatives

- Food truck Friday (Healthy Food)
- Fresh juices, salad, nourishing food & snacks, smoothies
- Local companies in health food