

Lincoln Corridor Plan



Neighborhood Advisory Committee

Meeting #4
June 1, 2016

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Welcome

Thank you again for volunteering and dedicating your time and energy to the implementation of the Neighborhood Projects from the *Lincoln Corridor Plan*. This is the fourth packet for the Neighborhood Advisory Committee workbooks that will serve as a resource, guide, and reference throughout the implementation of the remaining projects.

This meeting's packet includes **responses to questions** brought up at the last meeting, a **status update** on the neighborhood projects (including many that have been completed), updates on **other construction projects** in the area, as well as specific activities related to the projects scheduled for implementation in the coming months, including the **neighborhood artwork**, the **park improvements** at the Streets facility, and the **brewery wayfinding improvements**.

The notes from the third meeting (4/13/16) are found in the appendix.

These handouts will also be made available online so that your neighbors have the opportunity to participate in the process and provide input. We do ask that you talk with your neighbors about their ideas and to help spread the word about these upcoming projects. We highly value your important role in giving and receiving feedback.

Meeting #3 Follow-up

This section contains responses to some of the key questions asked at NAC Meeting #3 April 13, as well as other specific updates, including:

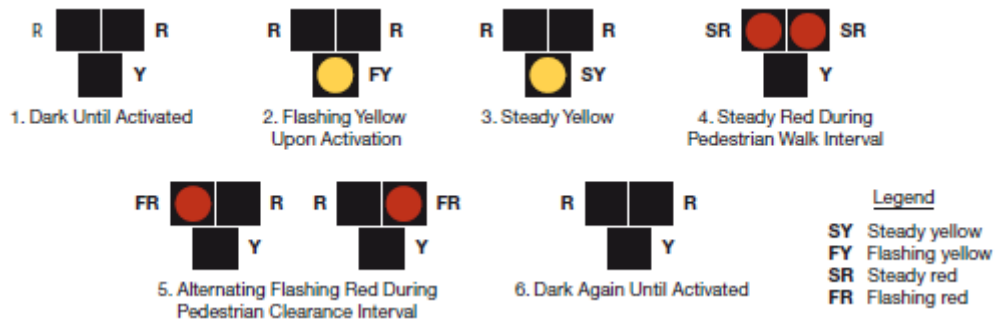
- Background on the HAWK push-button pedestrian signal installed on Lemay
- 3rd Street sidewalk
 - Plans for tree lawn
 - Missing sidewalk connection at Lincoln
- Lincoln detour signage
- Grant opportunity update

High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) Signal

A question was asked about why a HAWK was the type of signal chosen for the pedestrian crossing on Lemay near the Streets Facility entrance and how the signal works.

- The City's Pedestrian Plan includes guidance for the selection of pedestrian crossing treatments.
- HAWK stands for High-Intensity Activated CrossWalk ; it is also called a pedestrian hybrid beacon.
- It has yellow and red lights that are activated by a push-button when a pedestrian or cyclist wants to cross.
- The intent of the signal is to reduce pedestrian-vehicle conflicts and slow traffic speeds. It was chosen for this location, because it is useful in areas where it is difficult for pedestrians to find gaps in automobile traffic to cross safely, and the traffic volumes on Lemay are high.
- How it works:
 - When activated, Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons display a yellow (warning) indication followed by a solid red light during the pedestrian walk interval.

- During the pedestrian clearance, the driver sees a flashing red “wigwag” pattern until the clearance interval has ended and the signal goes dark.



- Link to video:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S8An5x4hFjM>

3rd Street Sidewalk

A question was asked about the plans for the area between the new 3rd Street sidewalk and 3rd Street. The City plans to plant native grass in this area this summer. As additional lots along this side of the street are improved (e.g., through development/redevelopment), property owners will be required to add trees, as well.

Another question was asked about the gap between the end of the 3rd Street sidewalk and the existing Lincoln Avenue sidewalk, which can get muddy in rainy conditions. A temporary asphalt connection was just constructed this week. When the reconstruction of Lincoln Avenue is done, a more permanent concrete connection will be made, including a pedestrian access ramp.

Lincoln Detour Signage

A question was asked about the Lincoln detour signage and traffic that was impacting neighborhoods during recent construction projects.

- In an effort to reduce traffic impacts, the City added three additional specialty signs at Lincoln and Lemay that highlighted the street closure with the intent of deterring motorists from using Lincoln (except for those with local business). Staff also moved the barricade at the intersection of First Street and Lincoln Avenue out of the westbound lane and off to the side near the sidewalk.
- The City is sensitive to traffic related construction impacts on local roads and does all it can to reduce construction impacts, while acknowledging that neighborhood streets are still open to the public.
- Looking forward to the Lincoln Avenue construction, the current plan is to start construction Summer 2016, while keeping Lincoln Avenue open to two-way traffic. When the bridge construction begins in Fall 2016, that will require a full closure of Lincoln Avenue west of 1st Street. The City is committed to working with the Buckingham neighborhood to try to minimize impacts during this closure. Two options we can explore include:
 - Similar signage to what was described in the first bullet (used for the recent closure at Lincoln/Willow with 1st /2nd/3rd Streets signed for local traffic only).
 - “Hard” closure with no access to 1st /2nd/3rd Streets from Lincoln Avenue (access to the neighborhood would be from Buckingham Street only).
- Learn more at the Lincoln Avenue Construction Open House, Wednesday, June 22 5:30-7:30p, Streets Facility Training Room.

Grant Opportunity Update

With the help of the committee and multiple City departments, staff submitted an application for a grant opportunity to the Green Urban Parks Campaign. 209 applications were received, and four were selected. While Fort Collins was not among the grant award recipients, Staff will continue to look for additional opportunities for additional funding.

Project Updates

Neighborhood Projects

Project ID	Description	Timing of Implementation	Status
A	Brewery Wayfinding Signs in Buckingham	Summer 2016	In progress
B	Transfort Bus Stop Improvement at Vine/Alta Vista	Fall 2015	Complete
C	Lemay Push-Button Pedestrian Signal at Streets	Fall 2015	Complete
D	Lemay New Sidewalk at Walmart	Fall 2015	Complete
E	Lemay Interim Sidewalk between Lincoln Avenue and Buckingham Street	*	*
F	Gateway/Interpretive Signage (Entry Monuments) in All Neighborhoods	Summer 2016	In progress
G	Park Improvements at Streets	Fall 2016	In progress
H	Signage Addressing Cut-Through Impacts in Buckingham	Winter 2015	Complete
I	1 st Street New Sidewalk between Lincoln Avenue and Buckingham Street	Fall 2015	Complete
I	3 rd Street New Sidewalk between Lincoln Avenue and Buckingham Street	Fall 2015	Complete
J	Alley Improvements in Buckingham	Summer 2016	In progress

**The Capstone Cottage approved development (near the NW quadrant of Lincoln Avenue and Lemay Avenue) is anticipated to install the full version of sidewalk in late 2016 or early 2017.*

Map



Other Construction Projects (2015-2016)



Neighborhood Artwork

Message from the Artist

Greetings Project Team

I am thrilled to be a player in a collective endeavor to reveal the history and character of the Northside Neighborhoods.

Thank you for this opportunity!

Mario Miguel Echevarria

This is our first in-person meeting with APP Artist Mario Miguel Echevarria. Mario will use this meeting to gather additional information and input from the NAC. He will share relevant visual design precedents to begin the discussion. We will discuss form and content, materials, and placement opportunities to help focus Mario's preliminary designs.

Key Questions

- 1. Will the team be looking for 2-D or 3-D, vertical or horizontal compositions, or a combination?**
- 2. Does the team have a preference for realistic (traditional), stylized (modern), abstract, or a combination?**
- 3. What are the teams concerns for safety and durability for the artwork?**
- 4. Should all verbiage be multi-lingual?**
- 5. Would you like another meeting with the artist prior to the summer public outreach event?**

Next Steps

- Mario will refine concepts, including themes, locations, materials, etc.
- Prepare for Summer outreach

Streets Facility Park Improvements

Overview

This project includes improvements to the Streets Facility park site (at the southwest corner of Vine/Lemay). The site currently includes a basketball court, small picnic area, a stormwater detention area, and an open field.

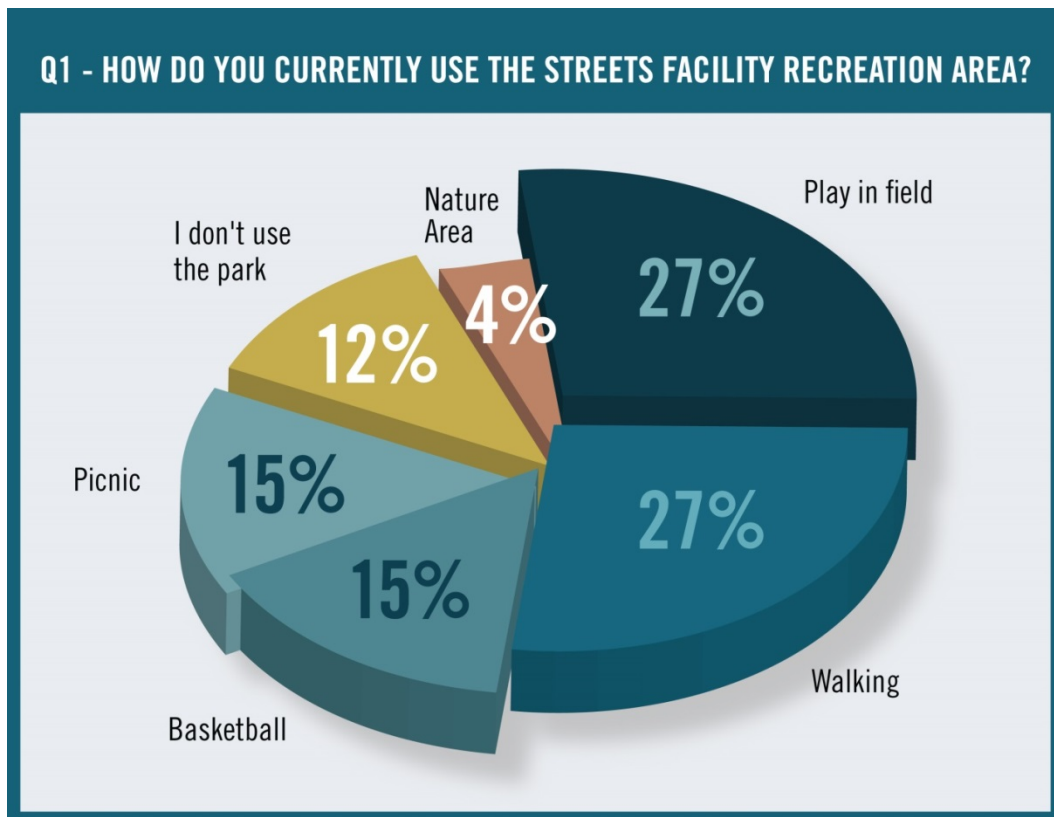
The approach is to determine a long-range set of improvements for the site and use the existing budget (\$150,000) to cover the first phase of improvements. The Park Planning and Development department is working directly with NAC members throughout the process to develop the park design, with initial site work anticipated for Fall 2016 and the first phase of improvements anticipated in early 2017. The timing of the full buildout (i.e., remaining improvements) of the park has yet to be determined.

Preliminary Park Improvement Schedule

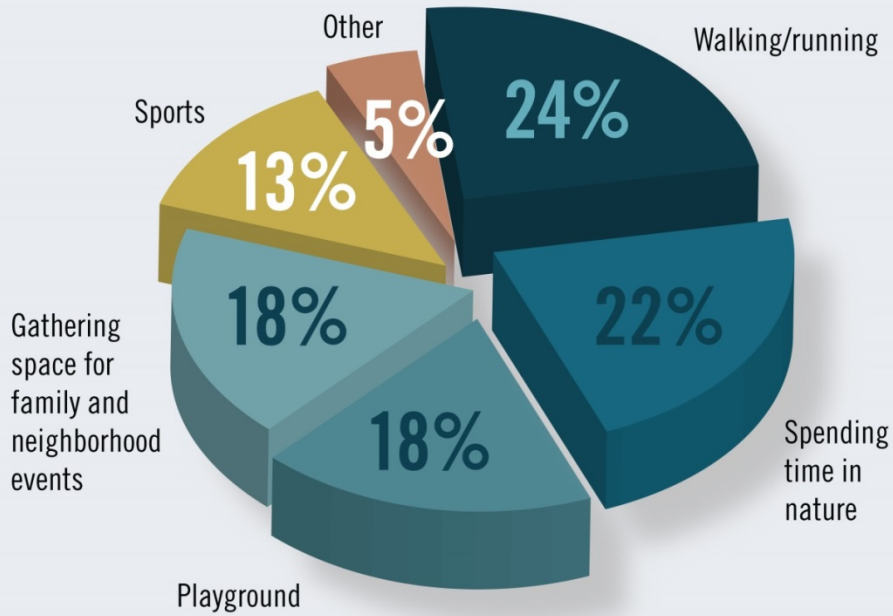


Initial Outreach

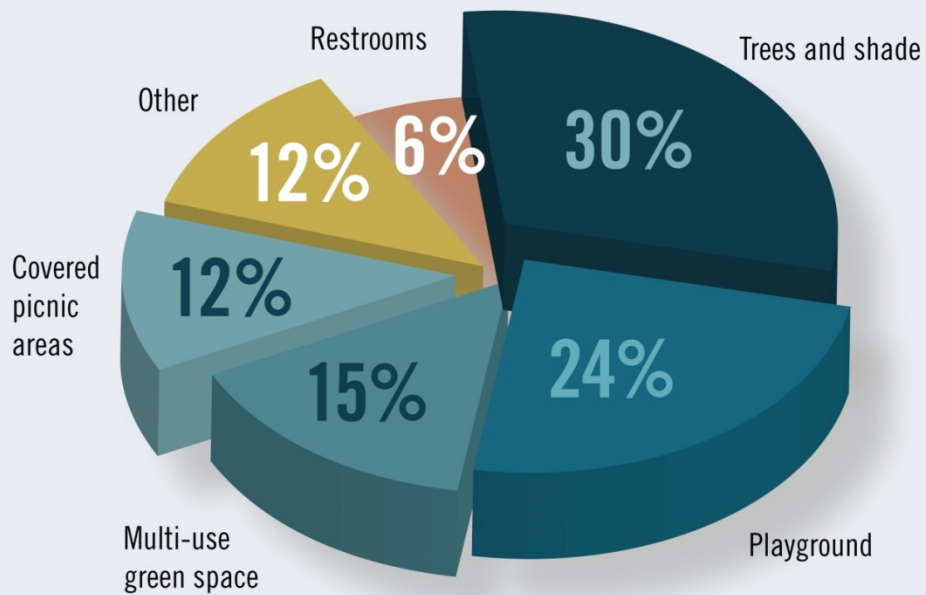
- Staff asked initial questions of the NAC at last meeting.
- Follow-up included hardcopy and online survey of neighbors (Spanish translation offered); 11 additional responses were received.
- The results are summarized below.



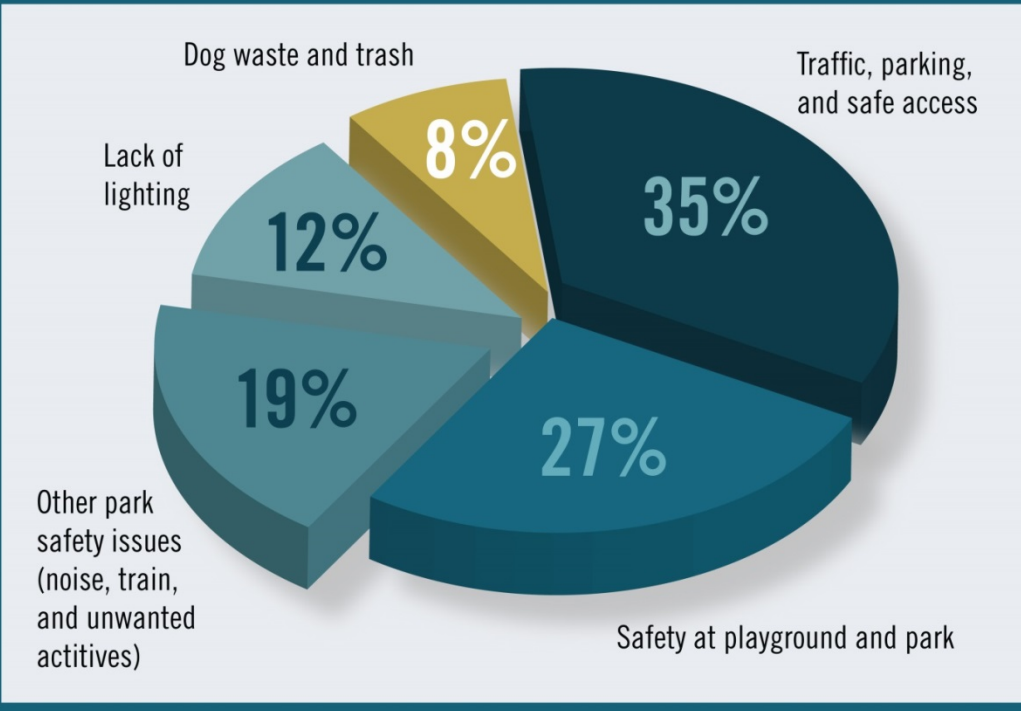
Q2 - HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO USE THE PARK IN THE FUTURE?



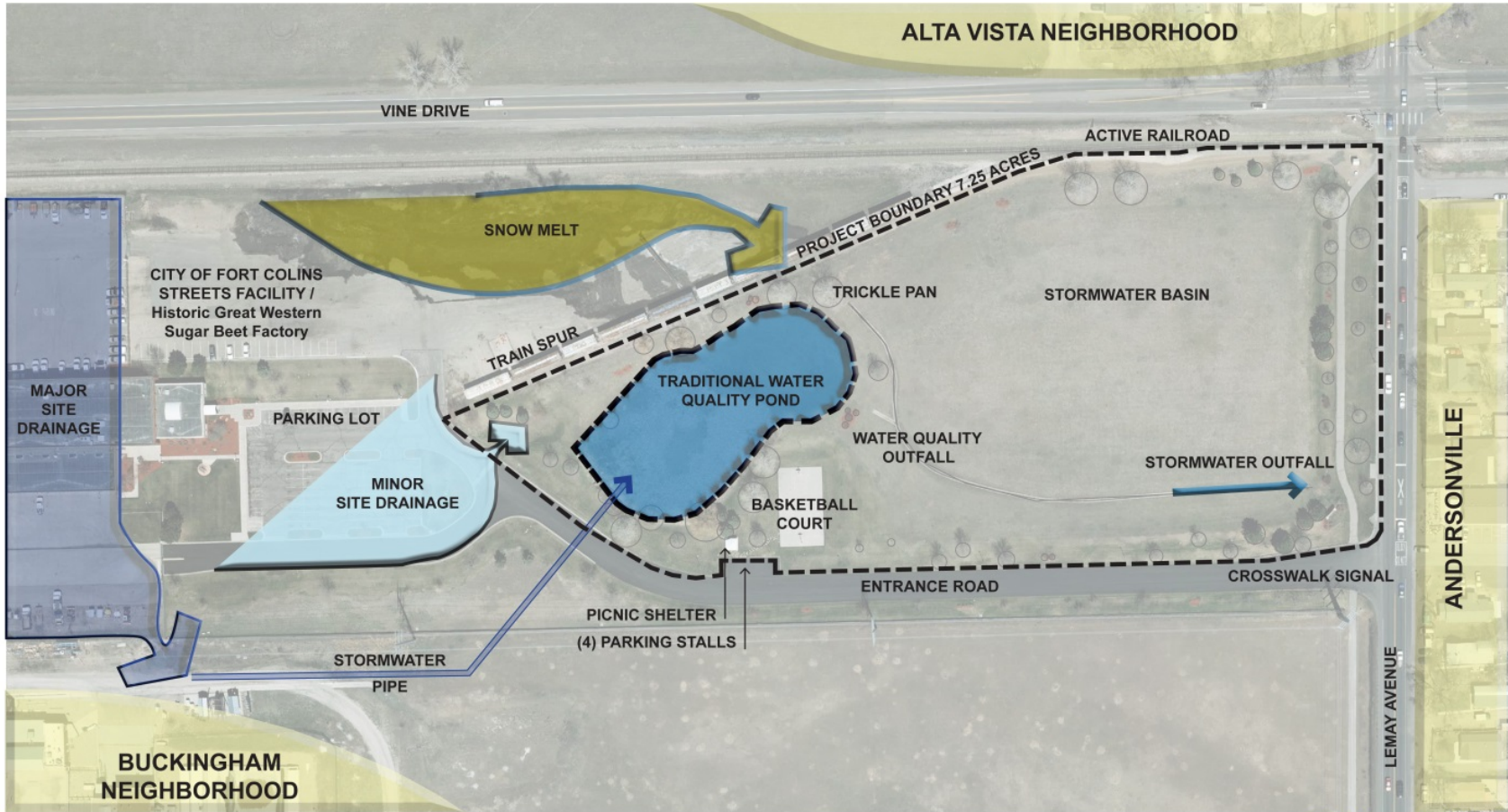
Q3 - WHICH FEATURE DO YOU THINK IS THE MOST IMPORTANT TO ADD TO THE PARK?



Q4 - WHAT IS YOUR PRIMARY CONCERN RELATED TO THE PARK?



Existing Conditions



Existing Conditions



Concept Plan



Concept Plan



Streets Park

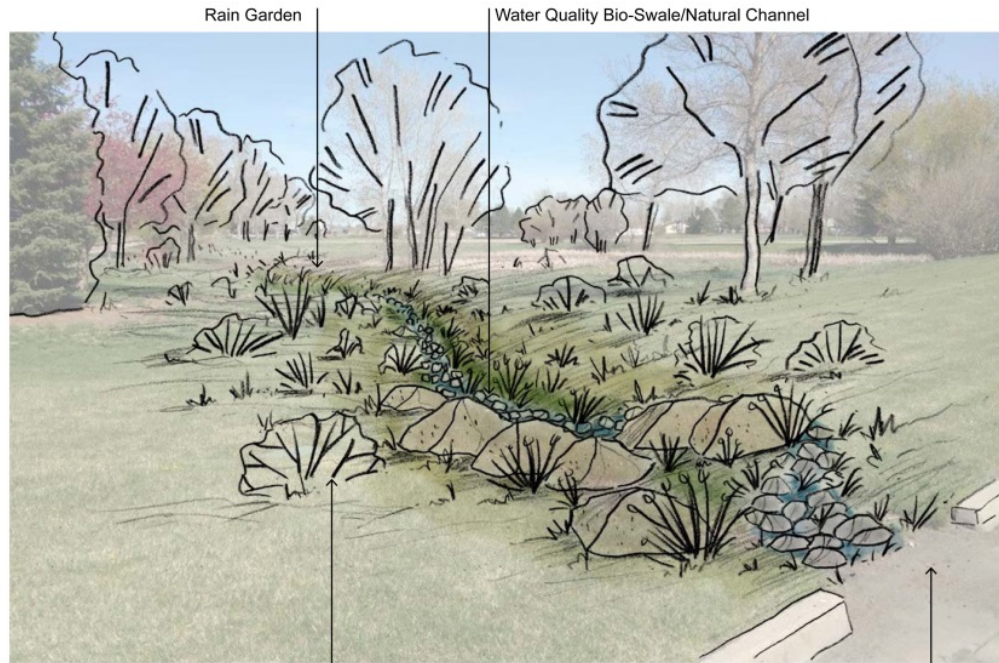




Existing Drainage Channel

Before

A



Rain Garden

Water Quality Bio-Swale/Natural Channel

After Native Plantings and Grasses

Existing Curb Cut

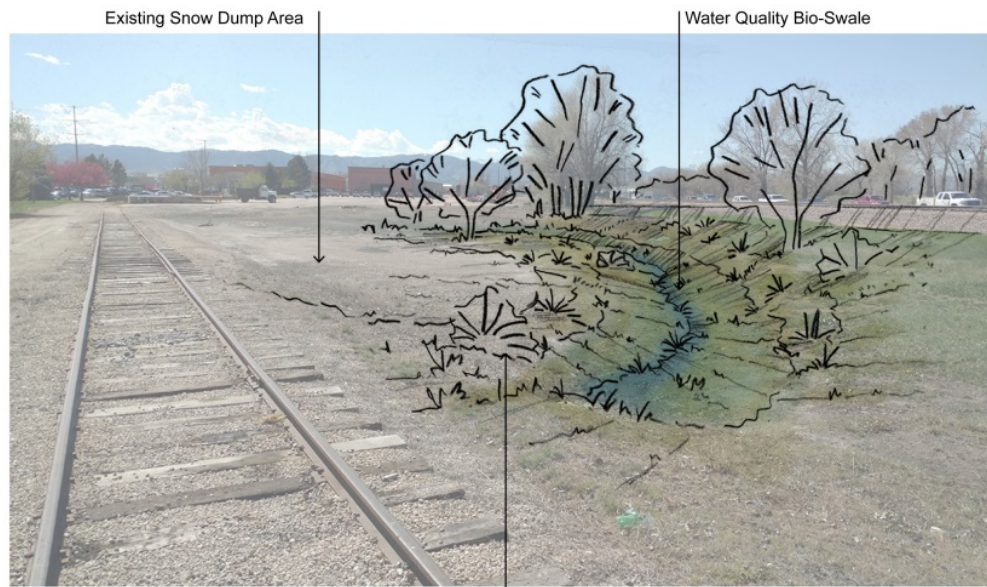


Streets Park





B



After Native Plantings and Grasses



Streets Park





Existing Concrete Pan and Outlet Pipe

Before

C



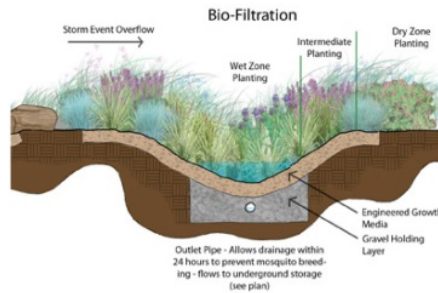
New Planting Buffer

Existing Sidewalk

After

Native Plantings and Grasses

Boulder Abutment at Outlet Pipe



Streets Park



Key Questions

1. What do you think of the park design so far?
2. Does the park design adequately reflect the input? Is anything missing?

Next Steps

- Plan for summer outreach
- Next NAC meeting:
 - a. Identify priorities
 - b. Discuss options for themes
- Update *Parks and Recreation Policy Plan*
- Coordinate site improvements with Streets, Stormwater, and Parks Departments
 - a. Water quality pond design and timing
 - b. Neighborhood access sidewalks
 - c. Develop agreement between Parks and Streets for Operations and Maintenance

Brewery Wayfinding

The intent of this project is to reduce the impacts of brewery traffic and patron activity on the nearby neighborhoods.

Budget: \$1,000 total

The concept presented in the *Lincoln Corridor Plan* was to provide wayfinding for routes that would have the least impact on the neighborhoods. The map below shows the brewery locations.



The proposed process is:

1. Identify issues, desired outcomes
2. Brainstorm solutions
3. Work with the breweries to implement solutions

Key Questions

1. What are the key issues you face related to brewery traffic and patrons?

2. What types of outcomes are desired?

3. What do you think could help achieve those outcomes?

The first discussion (4/13/16) was focused on identifying issues and desired outcomes, as well as starting to brainstorm potential solutions. Responses to the key questions include:

1. (Issues) Foot/bike traffic and sight distance challenges.
2. (Desired Outcomes) Encourage tours to avoid neighborhoods.
3. (Ways to help) Design an interesting cut-through between Buckingham Neighborhood and Odell; wayfinding signs in the neighborhood; and encourage use of Poudre Trail.

4. Is there anything else to add? Are there new observations thus far from the Spring 2016 season?

Next Steps

- Document discussion
- Make additional observations
- Reach out to breweries
 - City to conduct conversations with breweries to understand existing conditions, issues, and ideas to help minimize neighborhood impacts.

Summer Outreach Planning

We have been talking about doing a special summer outreach event to share information on the committee's work with our neighbors. Initial ideas for your consideration include:

- Outside event at Streets Facility park site (in case of rain: can move inside to Streets Facility Training Room)
- One afternoon—either Saturday, July 23 or Sunday, July 24
- Include information on all neighborhood projects, with a focus on getting input on the neighborhood artwork and park improvements
- Include information on other City projects (e.g., Lincoln Avenue reconstruction)
- Invite other organizations to participate
- Entertainment, activities for kids and adults

Key Questions

1. What are your thoughts on the approach described above?
2. Do you know of other organizations that might be interested in participating?
3. Any other ideas or suggestions for the event itself and/or spreading the word?

Next Steps

- Sharing this information with your neighbors
- Lincoln Avenue Construction Open House:
Wednesday, June 22 5:30-7:30p, Streets
Facility Training Room
- Additional concept development and
discussion on the artwork and park
improvements
- Outreach event (tentatively scheduled for late-
July)

Notes

Appendix A. Notes from Meeting #3 (4/13/16)



Lincoln Corridor Plan (LCP) – Neighborhood Project Implementation Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC) Meeting #3 Summary April 13, 2016

NAC Members:

Buckingham

Betty Aragon-Mitotes
Penny Bielawski (moved from the area)
Julie Horton (absent)
Nathan Jensrud (absent)
Serena Rusden
Mike Salza
Travis Slisher (absent)
Elizabeth Terry

Andersonville/San Cristo/Via Lopez

Donna Dees (absent)
David Devlin (absent)
Alastair Johnson (absent)
John Lee (absent)
LeeAnna Vargas (absent)

Alta Vista

Nicole DiPierre (absent)
Matt Haltzman

City Staff:

Matt Day (Park Planning and Development)
. Laurie Kadrach (PDT Administration)
. Amy Lewin (FC Moves)
. Ellen Martin (Lincoln Center/Art in Public Places)
. Josh Weinburg (Neighborhood Services)

Meeting Agenda:

- Welcome/Introductions
- Project Updates
 - Neighborhood Projects
 - Other Construction Projects
- Streets Facility Park Improvements
- Neighborhood Artwork
- Brewery Wayfinding
- Next Steps

Note: Committee members received a workbook binder at the first meeting, and a new workbook of materials was provided at this meeting (to be posted at fcgov.com/Lincoln).

Welcome

The group welcomed two new members: Mike Salza (Buckingham) and Matt Haltzman (Alta Vista).

Project Updates—Neighborhood Projects

Staff provided an update on the status of the ten Neighborhood Projects (see Attachment 1). Six projects are complete, four have been initiated, and one will be constructed with an approved development. Committee members also provided observations on progress to-date.

- A question was asked about why a HAWK push-button pedestrian signal on Lemay was installed (versus other formats) and how it works (*City staff to follow up*)
- A question was asked about the plans for the tree lawn on 3rd Street next to the new sidewalk (e.g., what will be planted) (*City staff to follow up*)
- A question was asked about the disconnect between the 3rd Street sidewalk at Lincoln (*City staff to follow up*)

Project Updates—Other Construction Projects

Staff provided an update on other related construction projects the City is undertaking in the area, including utility infrastructure improvements, street repaving and sidewalk repair. Committee members also provided observations on progress to-date. Staff will continue to update the NAC during future meetings as projects progress and more information is available.

- A question was asked about the detour signage and what can be done to reduce cut-through traffic to the neighborhoods (*City staff to follow up*)

Streets Facility Park Improvements

A presentation for the Park Improvement Project at the Streets Facility was provided by Matt Day, Senior Landscape Architect, with the City's Park Planning & Development department. The group then discussed what they would like to see in the park, additional outreach approaches, and a grant opportunity for additional funding. The group discussion is summarized below:

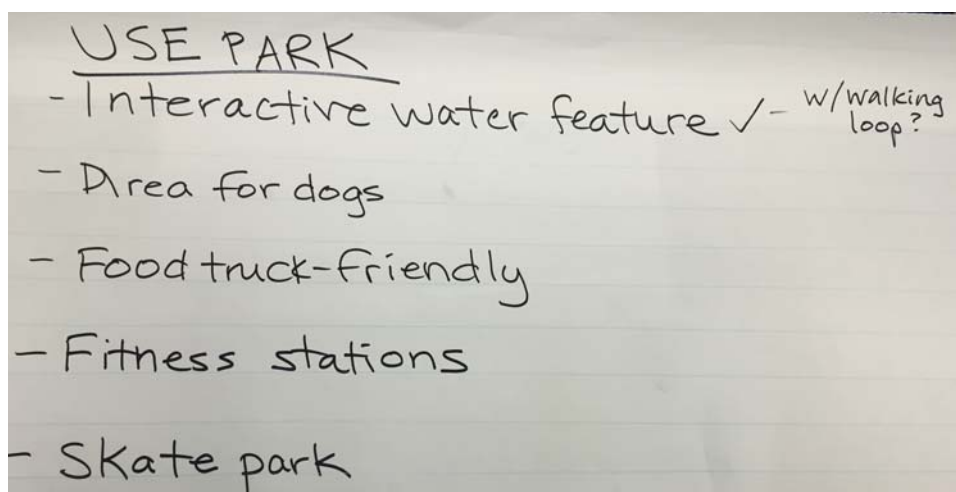
Presentation

The NAC used keypad polling to answer key questions and then discussed their answers, with Staff taking additional notes on a flip chart.

Discussion

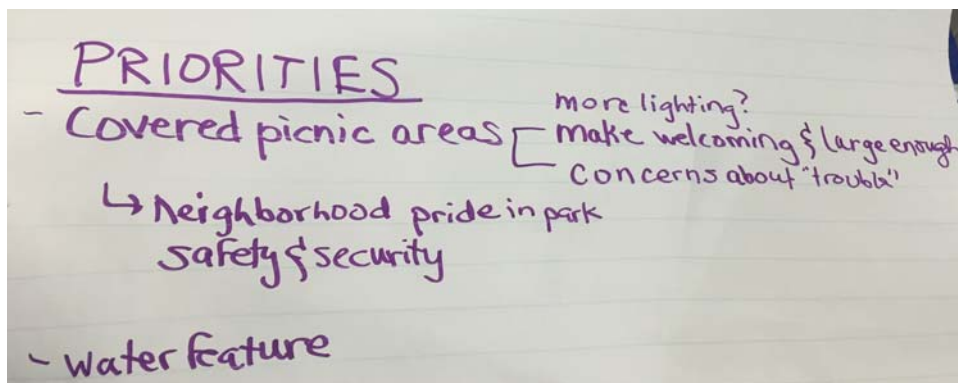
1. How do you plan to use the park? (select all that apply)

How do you plan to use the park? (select all that apply)	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Gathering space for family and neighborhood events	21%	3
Playground/play environment for kids	21%	3
Active or passive recreation	14%	2
Walking loop	36%	5
Other	7%	1
Totals	100%	14



2. What are your priorities for the park? (select all that apply)

What are your priorities for the park? (select all that apply)	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Playground	23%	3
Safe access from the neighborhoods	15%	2
Multi-use green space	15%	2
Covered picnic areas	8%	1
Trees and shade	31%	4
Other	8%	1
Totals	100%	13



3. What are your concerns?

What are your concerns? (select all that apply)	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Traffic, parking, and safe access	33%	3
Safety at playground and park	33%	3
Lights	22%	2
Dog waste and trash	11%	1
Phasing of park elements	0%	0
Stormwater/water quality pond	0%	0
Other	0%	0
Totals	100%	9

(See also screenshot under #2 above)

Additional Outreach

The group discussed additional outreach possibilities, given that the NAC had previously expressed a desire to get additional input from the neighbors throughout the process.

Discussion

1. *Would you like to do additional outreach?*
2. *What methods work best?*
 - The group supported doing additional outreach, including walking door-to-door with a paper survey, as well as offering an online survey.
 - Betty volunteered to handle Buckingham and to reach out to contacts in Andersonville/San Cristo/Via Lopez, and Matt volunteered to handle Alta Vista.
 - The group thought that promoting the survey through Nextdoor was also a good approach.

Action Items

- City to draft survey (paper and online) to provide to volunteers for distribution
- City to compile all results and present at next meeting

Grant Opportunity

The Green Urban Parks Campaign has a grant opportunity that could help fund some of the additional elements in the long-term vision for the Streets Facility Park.

Discussion

1. *Would you like to provide a letter of support?*

- The group was supportive of pursuing the grant, and Elizabeth volunteered to draft a letter of support.

Action Items

- City to work with Elizabeth on letter of support
- City to submit grant by April 29

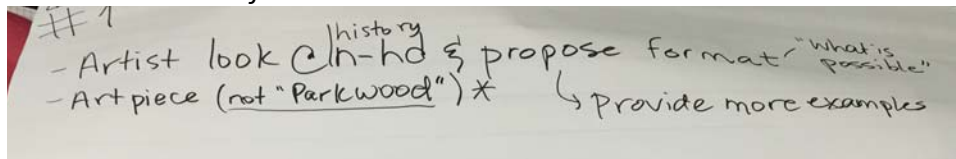
Neighborhood Artwork

Mario Miguel Echevarria has been selected as the artist to work on the neighborhood artwork project. He was unable to attend this meeting, so Ellen Martin, Director of the Art in Public Places Program, led the discussion, which is summarized below:

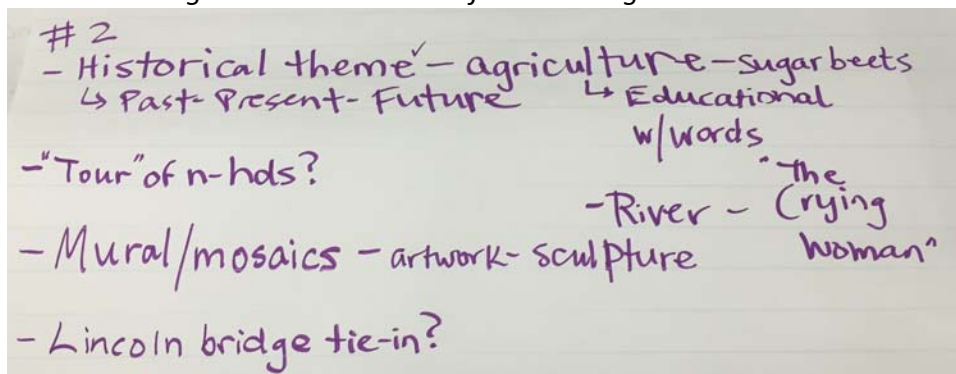
Overall

- The group is really looking forward to ideas from the artist and would like to see a variety of options to choose from.

1. *Is the team looking for monument/entryway markers or visual art/sculptural pieces, or a combination of both?*



2. *What are the goals and restrictions for each neighborhood artwork?*



3. *Do you have suggestions for specific locations?*

#3
 - Buckingham Park - Not nec. in ea. n-hd
 Streets Fac. Park - exclusively? OR smaller pieces in n-hds, larger here

Action Items

- City to provide this input to Mario

Brewery Wayfinding

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Discussion

1. What are the key issues you face related to brewery traffic and patrons?

#1
 - Foot traffic - sight distance challenges
 Bike

2. What types of outcomes are desired?

#2
 - Encourage tours to avoid n-hds

3. What do you think could help achieve those outcomes?

#3
 - Cut-through from Odell to B-ham - make interesting
 - Wayfinding signs @ 1st St @ 3rd St. "four corners"
 - Encourage use of Poudre Trail on map, verbally

Action Items

- City to conduct conversations with breweries to understand existing conditions, issues, and ideas to help minimize neighborhood impacts.

Action Items (All):

1. Provide more background on the HAWK push-button pedestrian signal on Lemay (City)
2. Provide more information about the plans for the tree lawn on 3rd Street next to the new sidewalk (City)
3. Provide more information about the plans for the connection of the 3rd Street sidewalk at Lincoln (City)
4. Check on Lincoln detour signage (City)
5. Draft survey (paper and online) to provide to volunteers for distribution (City)
6. Distribute surveys (Betty, Matt)
7. Compile park input results and present at next meeting (City)
8. Submit park grant letter of support (Elizabeth, City)
9. Submit grant by April 29 (City)
10. Provide artwork input to Mario (City)
11. Reach out to breweries (City)

Attachment 1

**Lincoln Corridor Plan (LCP) – Neighborhood Project Implementation
Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC) – Summary Table
Last Updated: April 13, 2016**

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