

Pedro Park Updated Park Plan

Executive Summary of Open House Feedback February 2023

City of Saint Paul – Department of Parks and Recreation

Overview of the Methodology

The City of Saint Paul Department of Parks and Recreation held a community open house on February 6, 2023 as part of the design process to update a concept plan for Pedro Park. The open house was held in the Lake Superior community conference room at Osborn 370 (370 Wabasha Street, fourth floor).

The format of the Open House included casual conversation with the project team about the purpose a new preferred park plan, discussion about the features of three concept plans, and what an Interim Park Plan is.

Attendees were provided a comment form (see Attachment A). This form asked participants to identify their favorite concept, what they liked about that concept, and what they would change. Participants were also able to rank various park elements in importance. All responses are compiled in Attachment B.

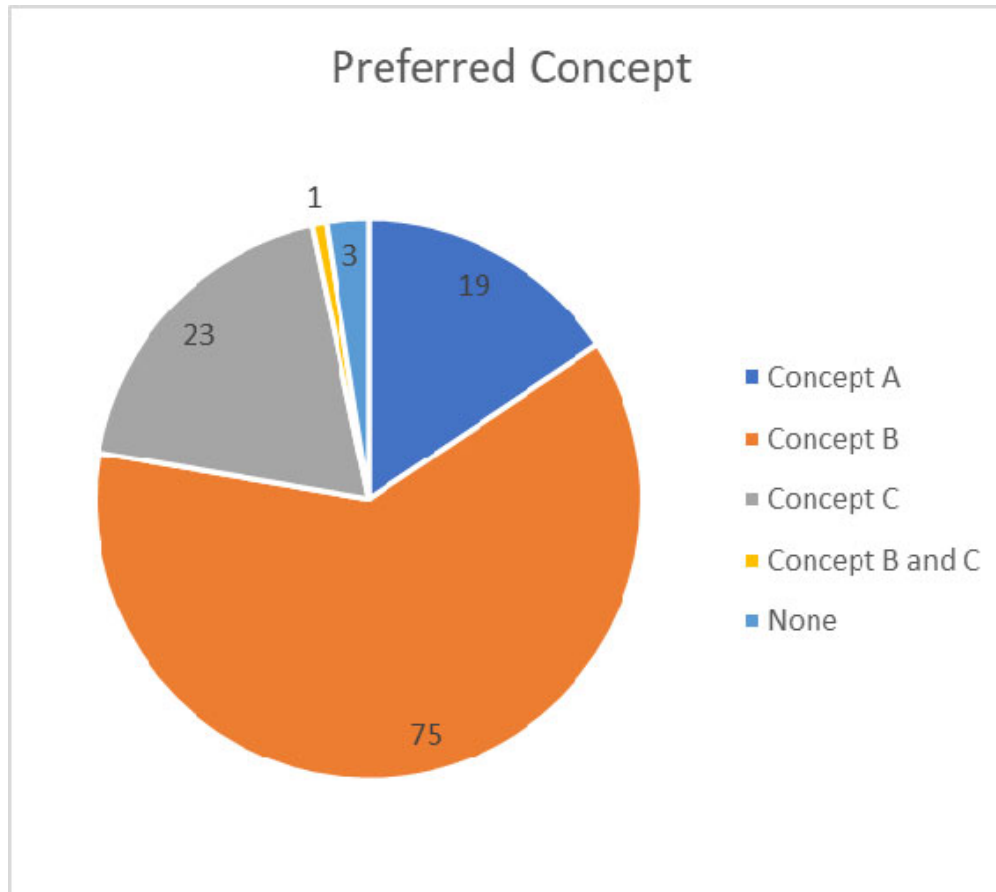
In addition to the open house, the presentation materials and comment form were shared electronically with numerous participants and contacts from previous Pedro Park meetings and workshops.

Between 30 and 40 people attended the Open House in person of which 28 comment forms were completed and turned in at the end of the open house. An additional 93 comment forms were collected electronically in the days following the open house. The data has been summarized into a format which more clearly illustrate the preferences of the participants.

The following pages summarize the findings:

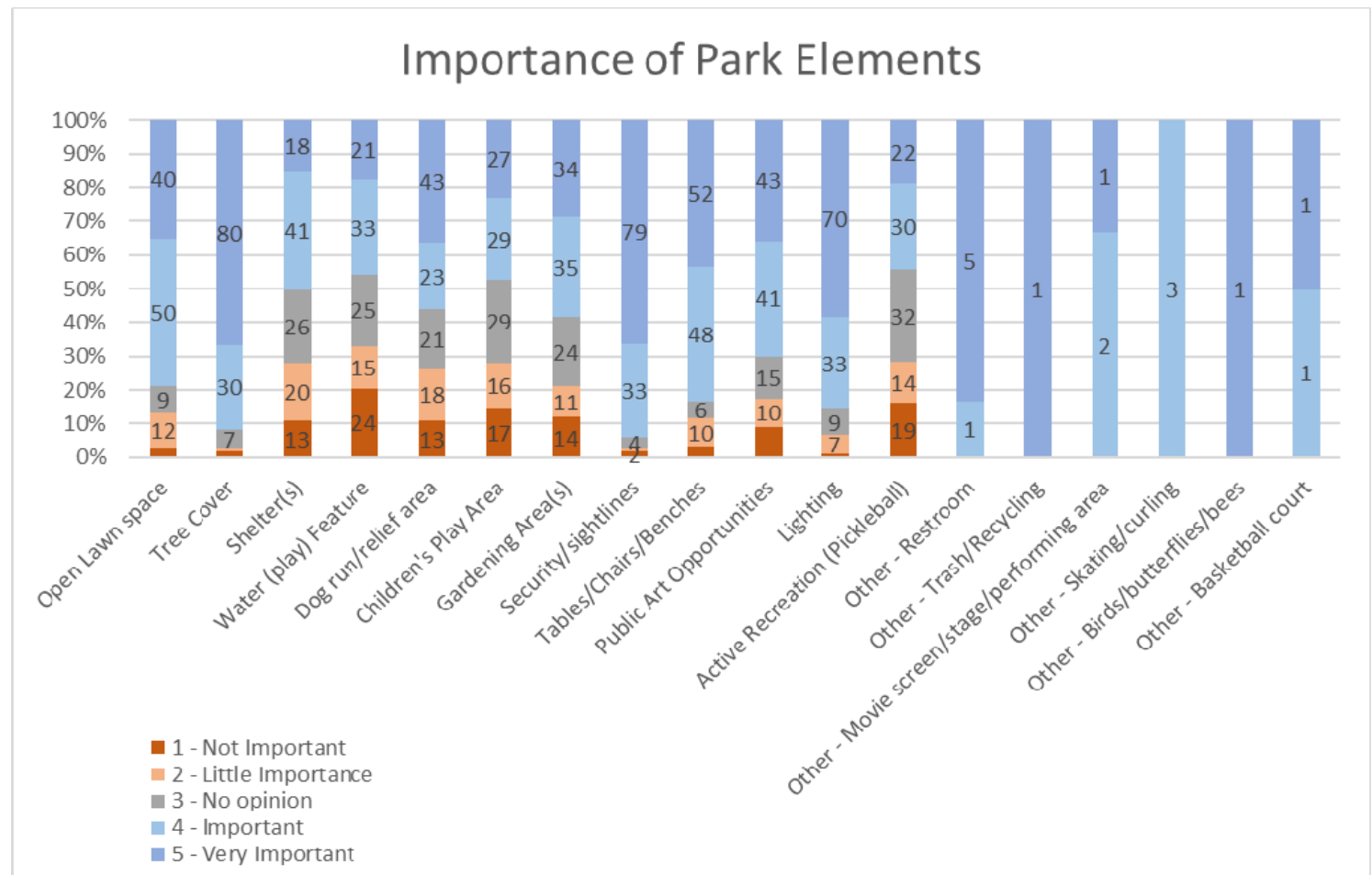
PREFERRED CONCEPT

There were many reasons people preferred one concept over the others, but nearly 2/3 of respondents preferred Concept B over A and C for its asymmetry, natural feel, and designed for how people would actually use the space. To improve the plan, people commented they would like to see more art opportunities, a movie screen, and a dedicated stage/performance area in Concept B.



IMPORTANCE OF PARK ELEMENTS

The park concepts are composed of many different elements. The feedback about the importance of each element is helpful to designers so they can adjust the size or prominence of particular elements to fit the preferences of the users. Respondents overwhelmingly noted Tree cover, Security/Sightlines, and Lighting as their highest priority. The lowest priorities include a water/play feature, children’s play area, and Active Recreation. Numerous people noted the need for a restroom. Although this is important, it is something that needs to be considered on a Citywide/downtown level.



Open House Comment Form

Pedro Park Plan Update Open House – February 6, 2023

Please use the front and backside of this comment sheet to record your feedback of the three concepts for Pedro Park. This feedback will help us develop in Interim Park Plan and Final Concept Plan for the development of Pedro Park when funding has been secured.

Concept A – Original Style Plan	Concept B – Diagonal pass-through Plan	Concept C – Ellipse Plan
This is my favorite plan	This is my favorite plan	This is my favorite plan
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

What do you like most about your favorite plan (+) _____

What would you change about your favorite plan (-) _____

(Continue on backside)

Please rank the importance each element is to you

5 = Very Important
 4 = Important
 3 = No opinion
 2 = Little Importance
 1 = Not Important

Open Lawn Space	1 2 3 4 5	Security/Sightlines	1 2 3 4 5
Tree Cover	1 2 3 4 5	Tables/Chairs/Benches	1 2 3 4 5
Shelter(s)	1 2 3 4 5	Public Art Opportunities	1 2 3 4 5
Water (play) feature	1 2 3 4 5	Lighting	1 2 3 4 5
Dog run/relief Area	1 2 3 4 5	Active Recreation (Pickleball)	1 2 3 4 5
Children’s Play Area	1 2 3 4 5	Other _____	1 2 3 4 5
Gardening Area(s)	1 2 3 4 5	If you’d like to receive updates on the project, please include your email address:	

People that chose Concept A as their favorite concept

What do you like most about your favorite concept

- Easiest to use
- Makes sense
- Allows for future possibly
- Versatility of the space in relation to interest of a wide range of age groups
- Added trees (III)
- Water features (II)
- Play area (III)
- Community tables (II)
- Green space (II)
- Does NOT have pickleball – Noise (IIII)
- Stair seats
- Pet area (III)
- Water steps
- Symmetrical

What would you change about your favorite concept

- Do not keep the wall that separates Minnesota St
- Add an Iris garden (for respondents grandfather – Carl Pedro Sr.)
- Add a butterfly garden
- Add jumbo Xylophone
- Add direction board...with arrows to nearby attractions
- No need for a water feature (II)
- Make the pet area larger (II)
- Smaller playground
- Add a refreshment stand
- Add birch trees
- Add pickleball

People that chose Concept B as their favorite concept

What do you like most about your favorite concept

- Diagonal shape/pass through walk (IIII II)
- More tables
- Close to playground/large playground
- Accessibility
- Feels how people would actually use the space/more natural (IIII)
- Movie area (II)
- Larger play area
- Pet area away from water feature
- The Design is cool
- Nice access at 10th and Robert St (II)
- Curves
- Large green space
- Water feature (II)
- Public art
- Café tables and shelter
- Best ability to expand design if more land is available
- Trees
- Pickleball

What would you change about your favorite concept

- Provide more art opportunities (II)
- Movie screen (II)
- Larger pet area
- Add art bosque from concept C
- Add small places for food carts
- Homage to the annex mural (III)
- Restroom (II)
- Security alert buttons
- Increase size of pickleball, play area, and pet area
- More garden space
- Definitive stage (II)
- Tables closer to Lunds, Keys and other restaurants
- Larger shelter
- Add swings
- Smaller play area (II)

People that chose Concept C as their favorite concept

What do you like most about your favorite concept

- Ellipse shape (II)
- It feels like home
- More open sightlines
- Larger grass space
- Nice flowing design
- Movie screen (II)
- Multigenerational activities
- Grouping areas
- Walking track
- Open in the middle, activities on the side
- Sculpture
- Fenced dog area
- Remove playground
- Café tables should be farther away from street
- Would like a fountain over a splash pad
- Don't take space away from kids play space...move pickleball elsewhere

What would you change about your favorite concept

- Too many steps
- More than 1 pickle ball court
- Concern pet area will be off leash or unsafe
- Add community garden plots
- Fewer trees
- More sun coverage in kids play area...more standard play equipment
- Larger splash pad
- Fountain – yes, Splash pad – No
- Anticipate future full block