

COMMENTS FROM QUESTION 4: What is the style of Park you would like to see based on the images and descriptor

	Other Comments:	Categories
1	community farming	Community gardens
2	Community garden space	Community gardens
3	Should be a park for city children with playground equip.	kid-friendly/play area
4	child friendly	kid-friendly/play area
5	playground	kid-friendly/play area
6	playground equipment for kids	kid-friendly/play area
7	A playground would be great.	kid-friendly/play area
8	with climbing structures, etc., for younger children.	kid-friendly/play area
9	Children's Park with age appropriate activities	kid-friendly/play area
10	playground for children	kid-friendly/play area
11	young children's park with some open space like traditional.	kid-friendly/play area
12	Kids friendly because there are more families with kids every year.	kid-friendly/play area
13	Prefer natural but any design is acceptable.	landscape style
14	trees that will grow tall and live a long time	landscape style
15	Mears and Rice are wonderful. But Mars might be high-maintenance, and Rice might be too stiff. Mostly, big trees at random and grass would be so wonderful	landscape style
16	lots of green and comfortable for people to be in	landscape style
17	combination of contemporary and natural	landscape style
18	My preference regardless of style is to include large deciduous shade trees to create a green, shaded island into which residents can retreat in the heat of summer.	landscape style
19	Mixed style? Guess that would depend upon how much of the block area will go for the park	landscape style
20	Contemporary yet with natural vegetation/prarie grass	landscape style
21	Contemporary and Natural are not necessarily separate categories. It can be both.	landscape style
22	The nearby Capital grounds are very traditional, which is why I think it would be nice to have something with more of a natural design in the area. Mears Park has a nice calming sort of feel to it and it would be great to emulate that up in this area.	landscape style,Mears Park
23	Love the quiet, water, trees & flowers in Mears Park	landscape style,Mears Park
24	Clone Mears Park, just bigger!	landscape style,Mears Park
25	Mears park is beautiful. When I go to the library or farmer's market, Mears is a great place to read, eat fresh produce, and relax. I love that it's a little island downtown in a way that Rice park isn't.	Mears Park
26	Since my living space overlooks park, I want to see beauty/nice lighting not too much noise	overall comment - misc.
27	hey, anything's better what we've got there now!	overall comment - misc.
28	Please build a free parking lot for everyone to enjoy!	overall comment - misc.
29	Let us not look to mimic the historic elements of St. Paul – our city has a rich architectural heritage dating back to the 19th century, but not one that we should aim to replicate in 2012. Look forward!	overall comment - misc.
30	"Assembly Park"	overall comment - misc.
31	Make it a peaceful place.	overall comment - misc.
32	I walk downtown many days before week and during my lunch break - I have never seen a child, so minimal demand for any child attractions.	no play area
33	Recreational will bring troubled kids in this area and can make it unsafe for those that walk near the park.	no recreation
34	no stream Mear's Park stream looks really dirty	not like mears
35	Would like to see seating so I can bring my lunch.	sitting/lunch space
36	Plenty of seating for having lunch there.	sitting/lunch space
37	lots of benches to sit, eat lunch, enjoy a little outside time	sitting/lunch space
38	Sculpture Garden - some rotating pieces by local artists	support art
39	Dog Friendly, shade and seating options, "welcoming"!	support of dog amenities
40	A dog park is needed in this area.	support of dog amenities

41	dog park	support of dog amenities
42	Should be dog friendly	support of dog amenities
43	Specific dog walk area would be beneficial	support of dog amenities
44	I don't care, just so leashed dogs can walk in the park	support of dog amenities
45	off-leash Dog area (fenced in)	support of dog amenities
46	Dog Park	support of dog amenities
47	Small off leash dog park!!!	support of dog amenities
48	outdoor performance area	support performance space
49	A performance space/stage would be put to great use in this neighborhood.	support performance space
50	Outdoor performance space!	support performance space
51	It would be nice to include an outdoor ampitheatre	support performance space
52	A high emphasis on outdoor music, entertainment events would be preferable	support performance space
53	Band Shell or Enclosed Staging Area/Open Gazebo for sitting for shade	support performance space,sitting/lunch space
54	Recreational -- concerts, movies in the park, art spaces...	support performance space,support art,support recreation
55	I love Mears park beauty but also its ability to host gatherings and concerts. A great addition to those aspects would be a tennis court	support performance space,support recreation,Mears Park
56	Basketball court please!	support recreation
57	It would be great to have a recreational park downtown - currently there are no options for this.	support recreation
58	My top preference would be a blending of a tennis court with natural surrounding elements. Basketball courts become hangouts for bored teens and will not enhance the area.	support recreation
59	While I like the idea of recreational, the site seems small to accommodate this orientation.	support recreation
60	soccer field (summer) hockey rink (winter)	support recreation
61	I would love to see part of it become an enclosed (with a low fence) playground for little kids, and/or maybe a place to skate board, with shaded, comfortable benches for parents to sit on.	support recreation,kid-friendly/play area
62	love the idea of a natural style or active recreation area, but site is too small	support recreation,landscape style
63	NATURAL WITH A SKATE PARK	support recreation,landscape style
64	a blend of natural, traditional and recreational with the emphasis on natural.	support recreation,landscape style

COMMENTS FROM QUESTION 5: In your opinion, what are the activated that the park should accommodate?

Other Comments:	Categories
1 Food truck friendly	food truck
2 Garden/Green areas	gardens
3 community farming, planting flowers	gardens
4 Community Garden, Electric Car Charging Stations	gardens,electric car
5 Children of all ages need a place to go that is safe but fun!	kid-friendly/play-area
6 don't really know if play area would be used--suspect not. If it would, I'd support it.	kid-friendly/play-area
7 I thought a lot about the play area as I am a former educator and a grandmother. But if a park is for children, it is for children and families. Mears gets used by families well without a specific playground.	kid-friendly/play-area , overall comment
8 I would love to see part of it become an enclosed (with a low fence) playground for little kids, and/or maybe a place to skate board, with shaded, comfortable benches for parents to sit on.	kid-friendly/play-area, seating
9 leave day care center; have some parking	kid-friendly/play-area,Add parking
10 outdoor music	music/performance
11 Chicago has a video based item in their Millinium Park. A St Paul centered one would be great.n would be nice like one in Millium Patrk in chicogo has.	music/performance
12 small areas to gather, small concerts bylocal musicians	music/performance
13 Facility for events	music/performance
14 Pedro would have a smaller footprint than Mears or Rice, but it would still be great to have the possibility of small festivals/gatherings/concerts, etc. Not sure if the space could even accomidate that, but that existing element is one of the great parts about St. Paul I think.	music/performance
15 infrastructure facilitating organized protest	music/performance
16 music performances	music/performance
17 Do we know if we need another event or concert space given there are other options downtown?	music/performance
18 There is a playground for kids on Wacouta already	no children activities
19 Quiet and peaceful, I DON"T want more downtown noise. I don't want to hear children screaming.	no children activities, overall commen
20 We have enough dog feces around already	no dog amenities
21 Do not want to be overcome with dogs, some owners still do not pick up after them.	no dog amenities
22 Please make this a place that is pet free. Other st. paul parks are a haven for dog poop and its not conducive to children's needs or picnics.	no dog amenities
23 Keep animals out of park! They already defecate in parking lots and streets. The residents need to clean up. A park would be a crapper for dogs if allowed in the park. There are a lot of children in the area; let them play.	no dog amenities
24 No dogs please it's impossie to sit on the grass at mears.	no dog amenities
25 space is not big enough to accommodate concerts, large community events.	no large events
26 esthetic enhancement of living environment	overall comment
27 Relaxing atmosphere - naturally sheltered	overall comment
28 Its a small park. I think it should be simple.	overall comment
29 I don't know that any of above are needed. But any would be nice.	overall comment
30 Green space but not crowded like Mears.	overall comment
31 nourishing the spirit	overall comment
32 Quite place to read	overall comment
33 Do something that would honor Mr. Pedro and the Pedro family.	overall comment
34 greenery!	overall comment
35 Drinking Fountains that work	overall comment
36 Winter activities? Horseshoes, badminton	overall comment
37 public art	public art
38 walking paths	recreation - walking
39 walking trails	recreation - walking
40 walking paths	recreation - walking
41 Fitness stations for pull ups, sit ups, cross fit	recreation - walking
42 Basketball Court Please!	recreation basketball
43 SKATE PARK POSSIBLY BASKETBALL TYPE COURT	recreation basketball,recreation skate park
44 Hockey Rink -	recreation hockey
45 Grassy area for Outdoor Yoga!	recreation -yoga
46 Give us a place to sit in the sun or shade during the noon hour where we can bring our lunches.	seating
47 areas to take a seat and have lunch	seating
48 picnic tables and space	seating
49 Lots of chairs/benches/quiet nooks, large & small "picnic" tables	seating
50 increase outdoors seating	seating
51 Outdoor eating area geared toward use by lunch truck customers.	seating
52 area for food trucks and places to sit and eat	seating, food truck
53 dog park / open space	support dog ammenties
54 fenced in iff-leash area for dogs	support dog ammenties
55 If this becomes a dog park, please have bags for dog poop	support dog ammenties
56 small off leash dog park!!	support dog ammenties
57 Some water feature would be nice	water feature

COMMENTS FROM QUESTION 6: In your opinion, what are the activities that the park should accommodate?

Other Comments:	Categories
1 farmer's market site, place for vendors to sell food over lunch	farmers market
2 Community garden! didn't think about that- might really work here. I'm sure there would be a lot of interest.	Gardens
3 What the heck are "Play Features?"	Kid-friendly, play area
4 I have contradicted myself here as I think children would love to use a splashpad. I do notice that in the parks that have playgrounds I do not gravitate to because of little bodies running and on trikes and parents hanging around yelling, gossiping. PLEASE put in some sculptures that are fun.	Kid-friendly, play area,public art
5 a labyrinth	labyrinth
6 An outdoor performance space is only valuable if a local performer has funds to perform there often (eg weekly). If that were in place, I'd really like it.	music/performance
7 Dogs prohibited.	no dog amenities
8 no concert performance	no large events
9 Don't need the sound of basketballs being dribbled all day	no recreation
10 The space is too small for active recreation	no recreation
11 No basketball please. No sports. There are other places to do that	no recreation
12 Not enough room to accomodate lots of amenities. Keep it simple	overall comment
13 Comfortable, OPEN space, don't clutter it up with all of the above. KEEP IT SIMPLE!	overall comment
14 Unique feature that no other urban park in downtown has	overall comment
15 Use Irvine Park as a model	overall comment
16 I live here, I don't want a lot of noise	overall comment
17 Do something that would honor Mr. Pedro and the Pedro family	overall comment
18 Use expense for water feature elsewhere	overall comment
19 similar to mears park	overall comment
20 Area is small. Activities will take up too much space	overall comment,no recreation
21 shade from trees too	Planting style
22 Lots of large shade trees.	Planting style
23 Trees, for shade	Planting style
24 Focus on native plants would be great	Planting style
25 Public art, natural water element like Mears, intense natural setting	Planting style
26 With the space being limited, I think putting in a dog park, tennis court, or child's playground really limits the space to a small, select group of people. I think it fills a broader group of people to make it a natural setting with trees, flowers, running water and keep it as a place for people to gather, socialize, picnic, read or do light exercise.	Planting style,overall comment,seating & tables
27 Unique local art - benches, graffiti, climbing art..	public art
28 sculpture - art - history	public art
29 Art	public art
30 incorporate local art - sculpture	public art
31 Natural grass volleyball	Recreation
32 Climbing wall made out of the current police building	Recreation
33 SKATE PARK	recreation skate park
34 Skateboard/roller skate facility, handball courts, skating rink (winter	recreation skate park
35 I'm only worried about it being used by bums or drug dealers; need to have a deterrent for this...like classical music?	Safety
36 chess tables would be nice to have	seating & tables
37 Pavilion for rental by private parties and civic groups	seating & tables
38 Seating areas for eating from Lunds and food trucks	seating & tables
39 How about a feature for light therapy? I saw this on a street in Montreal. cheap, simple, beautiful, unique and needed for winter darkness.	winter feature
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COMMENTS FROM QUESTION 7: In your opinion, what types of plantings do you prefer:

Other Comments:	Categories
1 concert space	concert space
2 A space for the neighborhood dogs to do their "business."	Dog amenities
3 What about evergreens?	evergreens
4 Fruit Trees	Gardens- fruit and veg
5 community fruit or nut trees	Gardens- fruit and veg
6 Flowers bring bees	Insect concerns
7 patios and lawn mix would be nice	lawn
8 Native flowers and other plants that are easy to maintain	native plants / natural
9 Please use low maintenance native plantings with minimal manicured grass	native plants / natural
10 natural - a mixture of comfortable to be in and natural to look a	native plants / natural
11 use native Minnesota perennials and a rain garden	native plants / natural
12 Native plants similar to in front of the Science Museum	native plants / natural
13 I would love to see some consideration given to NATIVE VEGETATION in an urban park. It would require much less water and less maintenance (perhaps less cost overall) than non-natives, and would give it more of a "local" feel.	native plants / natural
14 Native plants especially.	native plants / natural
15 Prairie Grass	native plants / natural
16 Natives to MN plants	native plants / natural
17 natural	native plants / natural
18 native	native plants / natural
19 prairie	native plants / natural
20 rocks and water	natural elements
21 Stone, metal (no plastic, including playscapes)	natural elements
22 no mowing/minimal maintenance Minnesota-origin wildflowers and grasses, areas with and without shade	no lawn
23 ones that do not attract bees and other annoying types of insects when your trying to sit outside for lunch or after work	no native plants
24 No native plantings - they look like weeds	no native plants
25 what looks nice, but people cannot sleep here	no sleeping
26 ornamental grass, flowering bushes	ornamental grass,flowers
27 Gardens - grasses/greens	ornamental grass,flowers
28 Ornamental grasses and flowers are nice	ornamental grass,flowers
29 variety of elements to be appreciated year round	overall comment
30 Mears has a lot of tiling which seems to work well	overall comment
31 Nice Landscapping	overall comment
32 Shady and sunny areas should be available. This is a small area so don't overcrowd with features. Should be lower maintenance to accommodate tight budgets.	overall comment
33 hill, not flat, landscape, wooded areas (like Rice Park)	overall comment
34 art	public art
35 Check out Winona's Marine Art Museum gardens and Eagan's Caponi Art Park and nearby Lebanon Hills Park	public art,overall comment
36 No food, do no trust the community.	safety concerns
37 Make it natural, to soften that block! Shrubs,trees, vines, perennials	shade trees,native plants / natural,flowers
38 Containers for cigarette butts.	site furnishings
39 water garden with lily pads, rushes	water feature
40 a pond or waterfall type structure with water running	water feature
41 flowing, relaxing water element like Meer Park	water feature
42 Small water area, shallow for safety, pet water available, drinking fountain for street activities, bike etc	water feature,Dog amenities

COMMENTS FROM QUESTION 8: Does the proximity of the future development listed below influence the design of the park?

	Other Comments:	Categories
1	How will this affect the Churches ON 10th and Cedar?	Church
2	If the light rail is going to bring to this area, what MTC has brought to 5th and MN, count me out as a user of a park in the area!!!	LRT
3	Consider that LRT and Lunds will bring in people not otherwise visiting/using the park.	LRT,More people
4	I REALLY hope that the LUNDS project gets off the ground. We need a quality grocery store that offers healthy food for single professionals living downtown.	Lunds comment
5	If Lunds goes in, it would be nice to have a place to eat a grab and go lunch. Same with eating Jimmy Johns there.	Lunds comment
6	is Lunds ever going to open!?!?!?	Lunds comment
7	the three could interact nicely- take the rail to shop Lunds, picnic some Lund's deli in the park	Lunds comment,LRT
8	New bus route?	multit-modal consideration
9	If the Penfield is built then those residents will walk their dogs in the park, plenty of dog poop bags and nice looking trash cans should be at the park. Also, no rocks because dogs will pee on and stain the rocks and the rocks will smell like dog pee, especially when heated by the sun.	No Dog Amenities
10	Keep the dogs out of the Pedro Park. Let the developments/housing figure out a "poop" place for dogs.	No Dog Amenities
11	When these projects are completed they will impact the part area but parks always add a pleasant note to any urban area.	Overall comment
12	Keep it simple - there's way too much going on - keep it peaceful and simple	Overall comment
13	The park should reflect the things there,but also bring unique elementss.	Overall comment
14	already is large residential population that would benefit	Overall comment
15	I'll believe both the park and the Lunds when I see them. That said, I want both badly.	Overall comment
16	I don't understand. Are you thinking a train or transportation theme?	Overall comment
17	This will serve people who live and work downtown, not people from Mpls taking the train. Keep focused on the largest user base.	Overall comment
18	will families live in development? that's important	Overall comment
19	Context should ALWAYS influence design and vice-versa.	Overall comment
20	It would be nice to create an oasis of calm in the city and block out ugly buidings and commercial development to the extent possible.	Overall comment
21	But don't make it for these people -- make it for those of us who will use it on a daily basis!	Overall comment
22	Need would be based on residence of new area	Overall comment
23	I think the proximity of the Naomi Center, the Union Gospel Mission Child Care Center, and nearby loft and office dwellers are the more important factors.	Overall comment
24	As individual talk to the above from the east and south, the park would be a go-through area and therefore a straight shot from the corner of Robert and 9th would be smart.	Pedestrian connection
25	I think having a performance space near the LRT station is a good idea.	Peformance
26	This is for the city..NOT a Penfold 'perk'!	Penfield comment
27	The Penfield Development is still uncertain, though endorsed by the City.	Penfield comment

28	The Penfield will significantly block views of Pointe NE/E condos, so park needs to be beautiful	Penfield comment
29	Penfield has been in the works a long time without action	Penfield comment
30	Is Penfield really going to happen now?	Penfield comment
31	Isn't the Penfield/Lunds project dead?	Penfield comment
32	If the Penfield will likely cater to units with kids then I would amend my answer in question 5 to include play areas for kids. Presently however there are too few children living proximate to the proposed park to include such facilities.	Penfield comment,Kid-friendly, Play area
33	If the Pendified is geared towards families then there may be a greater need for there to be a play area for children	Penfield comment,Kid-friendly, Play area
34	will be used by local residents and workers..weekend exercisers	Recreation
35	SAFETY & ACCESSIBILITY ISSUES	Safety
36	have a fence to prevent people from walking through and destroying vegetation	Safety
37	development will increase number of people seeking outdoor options for relaxation.	Seating & tables
38	People at the Lunds site and other work sites may want to eat lunch in the park.	Seating & tables
39	I imagine lots of people who work in the area would love to go buy some lunch at Lunds and then sit in the park with friends or coworkers to eat.	Seating & tables
40	It would be nice to picnic in the park since Lund's will be close by.	Seating & tables
41	An area to grab food from Lunds and enjoy in the park would be nice!	Seating & tables
42	Eating/picnic areas for lunch time.	Seating & tables
43	It's be nice to have more young families downtown, so a play place would help that	Seating & tables,Kid-friendly, Play area
44	if Lunds intends to sell lunch it would be nice to sit in the park	Seating & tables,Lunds comment
45	Lunds will have carryout. Several government workers would love to buy a lunch and sit in the park to eat	Seating & tables,Lunds comment
46	With Lunds on one side it will be the busiest lunch spot in the city.	Seating & tables,Lunds comment
47	If Lunds happens we'll want somewhere to enjoy carry-out meals	Seating & tables,Lunds comment
48	The park ought to act as the shaded "back yard" for the Rossmor and Pennfield and other nearby multi family structures.	Seating & tables,Penfield comment
49	I imagine that seating will be made more important and desirable by the presence of the Penfield and Lunds/	Seating & tables,Penfield comment
50	I'd like to buy lunch at Lunds and picnic with the kids. Or live in Penfield and have that as our playground.	Seating & tables,Penfield comment,Lunds comment