

Re-envisioning Pulaski Park

To: James R. Laurila, P.E. (Department of Public Works)

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Re: Pulaski Park public meeting #3 comments 06.26.2014

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Site plan comments:

Plaza

- Stone monument as a sign for Pulaski Park
- Have more than one connection from the plaza to the rest of the park
- Plaza looks a bit too spare- don't like the Hawthorns
- Don't put big trees as the entrance to the park
- Remove stairs at the Academy and replace with a ramp into the park
- Vegetation choices require more attention. Hawthorn's are not better than existing dogwoods. Consider cultivar locust and other new dogwoods

Green

- Stage area should be round or oval in shape
- Green space should have a path way through it
- Ice skating rink
- Love the stage in the swale- great job!
- Electrical outlets at the stage

Water

- Storm water Management is great- the more ecologically sustainable, the better!
- Love the spruce at the end of the swale- great job!

Woodland

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- Walkway through the woodland garden
- Would be nice if the woodland garden was accessible
- Consider stepping stones or meandering path through woodland garden

Play Area

- Playground area open to the green
- More playground area
- Maintain connection between play area and the green
- Larger play space with structures
- Would love to see fountain/water area echoed at the playground area for kids
- The 2 areas of the play area seem very disconnected
- Move family/kid space closer to the front of the park
- Play space structure needs a bit more build up beyond the current crate concept
- Black locust is a great choice, but consider builders that have experience with it

Overlook

- I think you overestimated the potential for events on the hillside. Don't get carried away with this thought.

Academy of Music

- Verify limit of work because of Academy of Music parking (plowing)
- Garden behind Academy good for oak compaction
- Save the tree behind Academy- street, soil, and permeable pavement
- Carefully trim oak behind Academy only
- Work with Academy on layout

General:

- Plant plants with low maintenance and have funding for continuous upkeep
- Benches with backs for older people
- Mats and cushions could be used on benches and stores at the Academy and Memorial Hall
- Please consider a public telephone in the city
- Public bathrooms
- Drinking water fountain
- Take out crosswalk at New South Street
- Wall/seating is very attractive, perhaps backs could be discreetly added here and there if necessary
- Design team should share credit of design with community
- Benches with backs for older people
- Nelson Neigard traffic study
- Richard Parasility Highway super for DPW (maintenance and operation)
- Too many concrete slabs for siting
- It's very important for people with disabilities to be able to access this park and sit on benches
- We need a lot of benches with backs on them