YOUR CITY, YOUR PARKS
COMMUNITY FEEDBACK: INPUT SESSION #1 FINDINGS

MAPPING EXERCISE

Participants were asked to comment on an aerial map that showed existing conditions of the park and surrounding context. Most comments described concerns and needs for additional parking, signage, and park entrance visibility. Below are key findings:

- Comments near the community garden included a need for additional parking, clear wayfinding signage, a community picnic shelter, and safe crossings across Perkins into the park from the neighborhood (including adding sidewalks to Perkins).
- Comments at the Kids Food Basket access point included suggesting new parking to an area that has already been developed, and to activate the south portion of the park that is currently hard to discover.
- At the Ball Ave. entrance, participants commented on the need for clearer signage, and potentially partnering withBerkeley Church for additional parking.
- Participants also commented on their concerns of the water quality of the pond, and internal trail connections to the pond and bike path.

BASIC NEEDS EXERCISE

Connectivity to each other and the natural world, a sense of belonging within our community, personal and environmental safety, and well-maintained recreational opportunities are all important factors when considering how people access and relate to a public park. These needs vary from person to person and are unique to the community in which the park is located.

Participants were asked to select four images that resonated with them in terms of safety, connection, recreation, and belonging in relation to a new park in their neighborhood. People choose from over 30 images of experiences, textures, ecologies, and uses and wrote on each card why that image had a significant meaning to them as they thought about the green space and their own needs and concerns for the site and surrounding context.

To the left is a summary of common themes for each Basic Need.

THOUGHTS ON MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS

- There are plenty of bike trails nearby but few quiet places to walk. A bike trail would destroy this peaceful city escape.
- As a resident who lives on the park I fully endorse the addition of a system of trails in the area.
- I recently visited this lovely park. I loved the serene leave silence and the walking birds. This is not a place for mountain biking!
- Mountain biking is enjoyed by many. I have met mountain bikers of all ages both male and female.
- Needless to say, we would love to see a trail within biking distance of our house.
- This sport is very important to me not only for the physical benefit but mentally as well.
- I can think of a better way to expand this natural area’s offering.

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