

# Dorothea Dix Park

## Master Plan Executive Committee

Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2018  
Time: 11:30am - 1:00pm  
Location: Mordecai Visitor Center

### Meeting Summary

1. MVVA presented specifics on the feedback heard from the first Community Meeting held in November 2017:
  - a. In response to the prompt -
    - i. Imagine 20 years from now... Question: What aspects of Raleigh's public life do you hope stay the same?
      1. 40% responded that they love the outdoor spaces and small town feel today
    - ii. What do you want to see improved?
      1. 36% responded that they wanted to see improvements to transportations and connectivity, while 27% need a place for everyone to come together
  - b. Other important park actions with public support:
    - i. creating a park for everyone, with activities for everyone
    - ii. creating new and more diverse experiences of water at Dix Park
    - iii. recreating the urban/rural threshold of Davis's center pavilion
2. Neighbors and Edges
  - a. MVVA walked through the perimeter of Dix Park and reviewed park neighbors with MPEC via discussion
    - i. NCSU - Central Campus
    - ii. NCSU - North Campus
    - iii. Pullen Park
    - iv. Governor Morehead School, MPEC notes Wake County currently leases some of this property; approx. 60 kids from county schooled there.
    - v. Central Prison
    - vi. Boylan Heights
    - vii. Warehouse South District
    - viii. Heritage Park
    - ix. Gateway Park

- x. South Saunders Industrial Area
  - xi. Fuller Heights/Caraleigh
  - xii. Maywood Industrial Area
  - xiii. NCSU - South Campus
  - xiv. Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral
  - xv. Kirby-Bilyeu
  - xvi. NCSU - Centennial Campus
  - xvii. NCSU - Spring Hill
  - xviii. State Farmers Market (SFM), MPEC notes:
    - 1. It would be good to figure out a solution to support and enhance retail at the state farmers market
    - 2. "loves the cornucopia" of shopping but does not love the experience
    - 3. SFM corner is the most important to the region - proximate to interstate interchange
3. Graphic Plan Review
- a. Matt Urbanski presented the concept of the "Tiered Ponds" area
    - i. NC State, SFM and Dix Park working together to restore an important ecological corridor and drainage area; would become an important new entrance to the park via Centennial
  - b. Comments + Feedback:
    - i. Would want to understand the impact of moving any farmers market retail into park and consider how many trucks per day and impact to vehicular traffic
    - ii. Questions MVVA proposal to long term alteration + removal of portion of Ashe Ave at Western
    - iii. Projections for traffic show Ashe Ave being less used in the future
4. Introducing topics for Feb. work session. To include...
- a. A proactive approach for pursuing and defining partners, based on the specific objectives of Dix Park
  - b. MVVA references specific objectives used on their work at Brooklyn Bridge park, how they were derived based upon community input and informed by the unique existing conditions+ urban context of the park site itself
  - c. A revisiting of the 2016 RFQ goals for the park, as composed by the City and Conservancy

Note: Meeting summary provided by MVVA.