

Dorothea Dix Park

Master Plan Executive Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, August 1, 2018
Time: 8:30am – 11:00am
Location: Flower Cottage at Dix Park

Meeting Agenda

8:30am: Welcome & Breakfast

9:00am: Presentations & Discussions

- Engagement/decision making process
- Discussion of early release buildings (use)
- Park priorities & guiding principles discussion

11:00am: Meeting Close

Review of updates: Dix Park highlights, kid's engagement, engagement/decision making process

Kate Pearce began the meeting with updates on the latest happenings since the last MPEC meeting. The social media photo contest led to a huge increase in the Dix Park social media presence. It also drove many more to dixpark.org instead of just the park's Facebook or Instagram pages.

PRCR Staff Caroline Lindquist and Nick Smith led park design sessions with all the PRCR x-press camps throughout the summer. They are processing those ideas/drawings to share in the park design feedback.

Dorothea Dix Park was featured in a special edition of the magazine *Urban Solutions*, which was handed out to mayors and leaders at the World Cities Summit in Singapore. The article, "By the People, For the People", highlighted community engagement design initiatives around the world.

The committee discussed that the master plan is on track to be presented on City Council in February 2019. This is solid progress given that the three-year anniversary of the park purchase just occurred. The team will aim for a master plan draft by the end of 2018.

Transfer of Buildings

The Chapel and the Stone Houses will transfer to city ownership in November. There is an estimated \$1.8M cost for the chapel renovation. The stone houses are all being mothballed by the city to protect them until a future use is determined.

Overarching Principals

MPEC reviewed a sheet of principals determined by MVVA. The committee agreed that if it is going to be a park for everyone, it needs something that everyone can enjoy. See principals document attached*

Transportation

The committee discussed ways to create a park that serves today's car-dependent culture yet also plans for the future. Improved bus routes will be key to ensuring park access to all. The Dreamville concert will be a good learning experience of a park and ride capabilities for large events. It will use parking spaces on Centennial Campus, downtown, and at Walnut Creek Amphitheater. The committee also consider parking decks to allow for more parking on a smaller footprint.

Edges

MPEC discussed how the park will relate to its edges. That included ensuring that the park and buildings added to NCSU's future Spring Hill Campus have a mutually beneficial relationship. On the opposing side of the park, the committee discussed how the Fuller Height's and Caraleigh neighborhoods will be affected and what policy tools the city has for protecting affordability in the housing market.

Final Discussion

Lastly, the committee discussed phasing for the process. Timing for projects around the landfill area, such as the creek restoration, will be influenced by current feasibility given soil conditions and limitations. For phase one projects, the team is looking for projects that will have a profound impact on the park in a reasonable time frame. Simple connection to the Farmer's Market will likely be one of the earliest changes, with gates potentially opening as soon as the Dreamville Festival in September.