THIRD COMMUNITY MEETING, APRIL 07 2021
Survey Results and Concept Review
New Jersey Ave & O Street Park Renovation

BIRDS-EYE VIEW, LOOKING NORTHEAST

NEW JERSEY AVE NORTHWEST

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MEETING AGENDA

1 - PROJECT INTRODUCTION
2 - DESIGN TEAM INTRODUCTION
3 - RESULTS OF COMMUNITY SURVEY
4 - DESIGN PRECEDENTS AND CONCEPT
5 - QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION
PROJECT GOALS

- Renovation of the existing New Jersey & O Street Park
- Design shall address the following activities at a minimum:
  - Water-play
  - Community Gathering
  - Space to host concerts, summer cinema
  - Relaxation
  - Contemplation
  - Leisure
- $1.1 million construction budget
- Replace broken concrete paving
- Preserve all existing trees, and if possible, facilitate the opening of their root zones
- Remove some portion of concrete sidewalks to decrease impervious surfaces
- Increase greenspace to provide a place for stormwater runoff to percolate
- Heavily planted ground-plane
- Limit improvements to within the property. Broken pavement within the ROW may be repaired.

PROGRAM ELEMENTS

- Splash Pad / Water-play area / Misters
- Sculptural Art / Commemorative Sculpture
- Climbable sculptures
- Summer performance space
- New entry experience, aka “gateways” at NE and NW corners.
- ADA Improvements
- Permeable Paving
- Lighting
- Seating – Mix of custom and DC park-standard seating surfaces
- Tables for gathering and games
- New plantings

PROJECT TIMELINE

- Design and Documentation: March 2021 – Fall 2021
- Construction Start: Early Fall 2021
- Completion: Late Spring 2022
1. How often did you visit NJ & O Park before COVID-19 and the encampment?

266 responses

- **33.8%** - Multiple times a day
- **14.3%** - At least 1 time a day
- **11.7%** - Multiple times a week
- **7.9%** - Once a week
- **21.1%** - Once a month
- **11.7%** - A few times a year
- **11.7%** - I do not use the park
2. How close do you live to NJ & O Park?

272 responses

- 52.9% Directly adjacent to
- 15.1% Less than a 5 minute walk
- 14.7% ½ mile or less
- 10.2% 1 mile or less
- 6.3% 5 miles or less
- 2.1% More than 5 miles
- 0.7% I'm not a District Resident
3. How do you get to NJ & O Park?

a. Walk 248
b. Bike 43
c. Bus 7
d. Drive 22
e. Scooter 13
Other 3
4. What is your age range?

272 responses

- 42.3% a. 17 and under
- 9.9% b. 18-24
- 43.4% c. 25-34
- d. 35-49
- e. 50-64
- f. 65+
- g. I prefer not to answer
5. If applicable, please select the age range of your children:

- a. Newborn to 18 months: 14
- b. 18 months to 24 months: 7
- c. 2-4 years old: 17
- d. 5-7 years old: 12
- e. 8-10 years old: 5
- f. 11-13 years old: 1
- g. 14-18 years old: 6
- h. Over 18 years old: 8
- i. Not applicable: 209
6. What amenities did you and/or your family members use at NJ & O Park before COVID-19 and the encampment? (select all that apply)

- a. Lawn: 83
- b. Open space: 120
- c. Shade from trees: 86
- d. Benches: 78
- e. Tables: 34
- f. Did not use park: 81
- Other: 63

Other comments:

- “Meeting with family/friends”
- “I don’t linger”
- “Exercise routine”
- “Cut through open space”
7. What did you and/or your family members like most about NJ & O Park before COVID-19 and the encampment? (select all that apply)

- Location: 141
- Community events: 13
- Non-team sports: 29
- Picnics: 51
- Relaxing: 99
- Do not use park: 75
- Other: 60

Other comments:

- “Meeting friends in fresh air and sunshine—crucial for those living in small apartments!”
- “I thought it had great potential but it always looked gloomy.”
- “I loved that it was a nice, accessible open space.”
- “The park had very little use due to poor lighting at night and no real attraction.”
8. If you did not use NJ & O Park before COVID-19 and the encampment, what kept you from visiting?
9. What new amenities would you like to see added or improved in NJ & O Park?

- a. Benches: 129
- b. Climbable art/sculptures: 94
- c. Game tables: 34
- d. Open space: 127
- e. Picnic pavilion: 71
- f. Splash area: 69
- g. Plant new trees: 117
- h. Lighting: 152
- i. No change: 12
- Other: 134

Other comments:

- "Fence"
- "Community garden"
- "Lush native plantings"
- "Farmer’s market"
Other comments:

“Given the small size of the park, I'd prefer to see offerings that require no permanent installation of equipment.”

“Farmer’s market”

“Small food truck events, live music, anything that would keep people interested year round”

“Green space is rare in this community, so I long for less permanent equipment and more trees and plantings”

10. What type of programs are you and your family interested in being offered at the park, which would require specialized instruction or equipment?

- a. Art classes
- b. Film screenings
- c. Gardening
- d. Reading/poetry club
- e. Yoga
- f. Fitness classes
- Other

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Other comments:

"The survey is really geared toward adding "stuff". I just want to stress "grass and sun" is as adaptable /resilient /flexible as it gets."

"Better lighting would make this a vibrant public space for many more hours a day"

"I would much prefer this to be a usable green space encouraging natural habitat and giving a buffer to the dense traffic."
Sculptural elements
CUSTOM SEATING

* MAJORITY OF SEATING TO BE COMPOSED OF METAL FOR GREATER DURABILITY
DPR STANDARD SITE FURNISHINGS
PLANTS

Hydrangea quercifolia ‘Pee Wee’
Pee Wee Oak Leaf Hydrangea

Clethra alnifolia
Sweet Pepperbush

Carex pensylvanica
Pennsylvania Sedge

Pachysandra procumbens
Allegheny spurge

Azalea x ‘Girard’s Crimson’
Girard’s Crimson Evergreen Azalea

Astilbe x arendsi ‘Bridal Veil’
Bridal Veil Astilbe

Carex amphibola
Creek Sedge

Aster cordifolius ‘Avondale’
Common Blue Wood Aster
THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME

QUESTION & ANSWER

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