

## MEETING NOTES

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Vireo made a presentation to CLARB about their progress towards updating the Parkville Parks Master Plan. The meeting consisted of city staff, CLARB officers, and representatives from Platte County Parks.

Vireo reported that they had visited all of Parkville's parks and determined a preliminary level of service score for each. The Steering Committee asked about how the level of service was determined and a brief overview was provided. A minimum level of service score was established for parks to attain going forward. The level of service scores will be used to set improvement goals for each park as part of the update to the Park Master Plan.

Vireo reported on the progress of stakeholder interviews. As of this meeting interviews with focus groups and key leaders are on-going and are expected to conclude with the Platte County Commissioners on April 11<sup>th</sup>. The results of these interviews will not only shape the questions that are asked of the public, but will also provide guidance towards updating the goals of the Master Plan. Partial interview results were provided showing the most commonly heard words and phrases from each of the interview questions. The following are those preliminary results:

**Q1: Is there anything missing from the park system?** Loop trail, downtown, connections, access, courts, parking, lighting, fields, ADA

**Q2: Understanding that available funding is limited, should the City focus on improving existing facilities or building new, additional facilities?** Both, new, connections, parking, fields, existing, restrooms

**Q3: Over the years, there have been a number of plans done for Riverfront Parks. Do you remember aspects of those that appealed to you? Some that did not?** Loop trail, connections, maintenance, lighting, market, wetlands, and fields

**Q4: Understanding that staff capacity is limited, what new program areas might the City consider?** Events, league tournaments, eco-tourism, festivals, YMCA

**Q5: With the addition of some 130 acres of parkland pressure on maintenance and operations funding will increase. Is this an important consideration as improvement plans are considered?** Yes, equipment, equipment facility, donors, event-revenue, flooding, strategic-plan, amenities, flooding

**Q6: In your opinion, would City residents consider a tax to specifically fund park improvements, maintenance and operations?** Yes, specific plan, city's track record, city specific, matching income, county, hard-sell, destination place, grants, probably

The next steps will be to utilize the information gathered from stakeholder interviews to develop questions for public input. An outline for a public open house was provided to Steering Committee including information about its objectives, format, location, and schedule. An open house is scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Legion

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Hall. An on-line survey will be launched on April 14<sup>th</sup> to extend public engagement beyond the open house and it will run until April 30<sup>th</sup>. A preliminary schedule of notification tools was provided identifying when, where and how information about the open house and online survey will be distributed through email, websites and social media.

Last, meeting participants were provided maps of the HDR master plan for Platte Landing Park and the Downtown Core/Park Transition Area Redevelopment Plan found on page 61 of the Vision Downtown Plan. The Steering Committee was asked to discuss their likes and dislikes of each. Comments were written down on a sticky note and stuck to the plans. The following are the comments that were made on each plan:

**Platte Landing Park:**

- People like the idea, but they didn't get this plan
- Sports fields are important
- No league play without lights

**Downtown Core/Park Transition Area Redevelopment Plan:**

- Floodway?
- Pervious paver parking lot
- Need hard surface parking
- Old landfill, no footings, environmental issues?
- Pavilion
- Who pays for new farmers market?