



Becker Park Stakeholder Meeting

MEETING DETAILS

| Date | Start Time | End Time | Location |
|--|------------|----------|--------------------------|
| 06.2.16 | 5:30 pm | 9:00 pm | Crystal Community Center |
| Meeting Purpose Engage a broader stakeholder group in re-envisioning Becker Park, given the current and future opportunities with LRT | | | |
| Meeting Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide a recommendation to the City Council regarding the “desired” purpose of Becker Park• Provide framework for the public input meeting on “desired” park options and alternatives. | | | |

ATTENDEES

1. Lynne Haney, Park& Rec Advisory/ Crystal Frolics
2. Scott Berggren, City Staff
3. Stephanie Revering, City Staff
4. Tom Jungroth, Park& Rec Advisory/ Crystal Frolics
5. Nancy LaRoche, Park& Rec Advisory/ Crystal Frolics
6. Elizabeth Dahl, City Council
7. Meredith Torres-Walsh, Park& Rec Advisory/ Crystal Frolics
8. John Sutter, City Staff
9. Melodie Hanson, Resident/Redesign
10. Dan Olson City Staff
11. Anne Norris, City Staff
12. Mark Ray, City Staff
13. Julie Deschler, City Council
14. Olga Parsons, City Council
15. Casey Peak, City Council
16. Greg Hayes, Business Member
17. James Einfeldt-Brown, Planning Commission
18. Brad Fortin, City Staff
19. Joe Selton, Crystal Lyons
20. Karen Andler, Resident
21. Mark Hoffman, Resident
22. Jay Leamons, Crystal VFW
23. Mark Novak, Park& Rec Advisory

AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions
- Review Expectations and Agenda
- Develop guidelines for participation
- Staff Presentations and ID Current Purpose
- Image of Success – Desired Elements of the Park
- Assessment of Current Park Assets, Gaps, Opportunities and Challenges, Benefits and Dangers
- ID “desired” Park Purpose

CURRENT PURPOSE: WHAT IS THE CURRENT PURPOSE OF THE PARK?

Becker Park is a well-known, active recreation, weather dependent place, serving residents and visitors with the city festival, softball tournaments and leagues with passive enjoyment by area residents.

ASSESSMENT: WHAT IS OUR CURRENT AND FUTURE REALITY?

THE ITEMS BELOW REPRESENT SELECT IDEAS, WHICH WERE SUPPORTED BY THE MAJORITY OF THE GROUP (SEE COMPLETE LIST ON PAGE 5)

| Assets <i>of current park we want to preserve</i> | Gaps/Drops <i>What gaps we need to fill, things we need to drop?</i> | Challenges <i>What challenges we will encounter?</i> | Opportunities <i>What opportunities exist? What can we take advantage of as we embark on this re-design project?</i> | Benefits <i>What might be some benefits of a successful redesign?</i> | Dangers <i>What are some dangers of successful re-design?</i> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance area • Some type of building • Green space • Playground (in new location) • Basketball courts | <p>GAPS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Access to park ○ Multi-use active space ○ Winter activities ○ Food <p>DROPS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One ballfield ○ Current playground | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Money \$\$ • Engaging a diverse population • Meeting community needs • Resistance to change | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12+ acres • Leverage LRT and storm water project • High visibility/recognition | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revitalize downtown • Healthier community • Attractive to businesses • Vibrant community | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic congestion • Increase public costs (maintenance, police, recreation) • Parking |

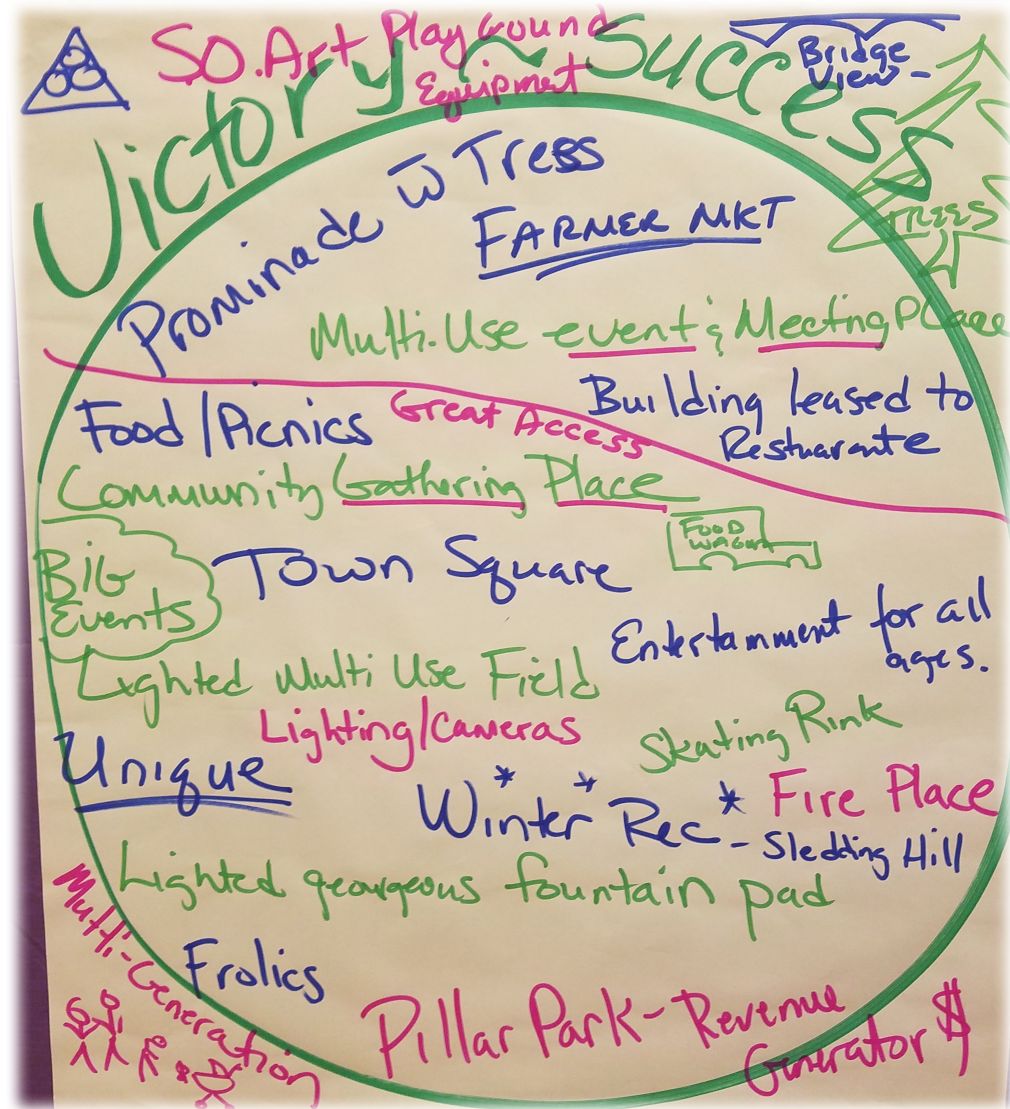
FUTURE PARK PURPOSE (FINAL VERSION): WHAT IS THE FUTURE BECKER PARK PURPOSE?

Becker Park is a multi-use destination park that provides a vibrant, year-round gathering place that includes recreation, community events and entertainment for residents and guests of all ages serving a variety of interests.

VICTORY / IMAGE OF SUCCESS: WHAT ARE SOME ELEMENTS OF A FUTURE PARK WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN PLACE?

Amenities they would like to see:

- Promenade
- Multi-use event and meeting place
- Trees
- Playground (in new location)
- Public art
- Building leased to a restaurant
- food/picnics
- Great access
- Community gathering place
- Town square
- Lighted multi use field
- Food trucks
- Entertainment for all ages
- Lighting/cameras
- Unique
- Skating rink
- Lighted splash pad (a la Maple Grove)
- Revenue generator k pillar of park system
- Multik generational
- Winter recreation
 - Skating and sledding
- Scenic bridge overview
- Farmers market
- Place for Frolics
- Fireplace



APPENDIX A : ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS, IDEAS, AND QUESTIONS

A.1 Purpose Amenities:

- Provide a wide variety of recreation opportunities for a growing diverse community all season long.
- Provide a family friendly outdoor venue that incorporates live entertainment, food venues and revenue sharing opportunities.
- Provide facilities and activities unique to the destination.
- Increase foot traffic to, and establish partnerships with neighboring businesses

A.2 What information do people want to know about the current Becker Park?

- Attendance numbers
- Average age of users
- What kind of things do people want
- Who are the current users? What percent are residents?
- Softball numbers
- Baseball?
- How have other parks embraced diversity
- What is the current draw to the businesses for park goers?
- How many millennials live within the City?

A.3 Next Steps:

1. Gather needed information from A.2
 2. Senior Staff & Recreation Department have a conversation about how we should proceed
 3. Get message out to neighbors
 - Neighborhood outreach
 - Utilize Stakeholders
 - Night to unite
 - Create public input opportunities
 - Community workshop
 - Use of survey
 - List amenities for ranking (1-5)
 - Input gathered through on-line sources
 4. Refine amenities for community feedback
 5. Use list of prioritized amenities to create a park design
- *Check-in with Park & Recreation Commission and City Council throughout the process

APPENDIX B: COMPLETE ASSESSMET IDEAS

ASSETS

Assets that we need to Keep or build on as we consider the new purpose of the Park!

- ✓ Basketball Courts
- ✓ 1 ball field??
- ✓ Stage!?
- ✓ Some type of building
- ✓ a playground (not the)
- ✓ (Keep) Greenspace for community gathering
- Keep 12-acre size
- South parking lot?
 - pathway (to walk)
 - tennis courts/pickleball
 - bathrooms (clean)
 - Kiosk ✓
 - vendors - markers
- Lighting for recreation
- Trees
- Benches, Picnic tables (picnic area)

GAPS

GAPS we need to fill, Things we need to drop

no longer relevant or significant

drop

- ✓ Access to Park
 - ✓ parking (adequate)
 - ✓ soccer + lacrosse multi-use active space
 - ✓ winter activities
 - ✓ Ultimate frisbee
 - ✓ Food (service - truck) youth employment
 - ✓ updated play areas
 - ✓ community gathering spots
 - ✓ restaurant
 - ✓ pavilion for events
 - ✓ better lighting
 - ✓ water features engaged diversity
 - ✓ brand / image / reputation
 - ✓ early childhood opportunities
 - ✓ arts community
- ✓ Ball field ✓✓✓
- ✓ 1 current playground ✓
- existing buildings
- pine trees

Opportunities

What opportunities exist? what can we take advantage of as we embark on this re-design project?

- ✓ 12+ acres of land
- desire to see & make changes
- ✓ potential partnership opportunities
- ✓ high visibility / recognition
- ✓ Leverage Light Rail customer potential
- ✓ Inclusive to all
- In park commercial entertainment
- Bring to 21st Century activities
- ✓ Location in urbanized commercial area (Central Park) (can be more used than neighborhood park)
- ✓ unique rec events (ultimate frisbee, lacrosse)
- storm water project

Challenges

What challenges will we face/encounter?

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- ✓ resistance to change
- ✓ parking/access
- Space - access
- East side of 81
- How will Frolics succeed
- maintainance costs/staff
- Guessing what people want
- Keeping up with trends
- meeting community needs
- maintain focus work through problems
- timeframe
- ditto to all the above
- engaging diversity

Benefits / GAINS

What might be some benefits of a successful redesign of the future park?

- income revenue (both city + business)
- ✓ increased usage / access
- closer community
- ✓ meet needs of community changing
- stronger support for future park projects
- create a destination
- grant branding opportunity
- replicate process
- increased home values
- healthier community
- positive visibility for community
- ADA compliant
- more efficient park operations (save \$)
- Attractive to Businesses without Community
- Community center (gathering place) put crystal on the map
- Revitalized "Downtown"
- stronger park system

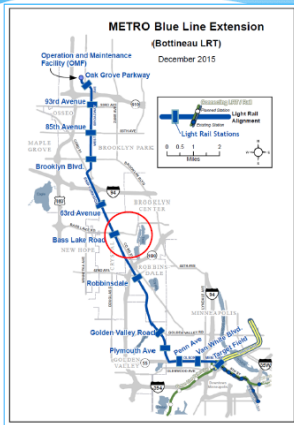
DANGERS

What are some dangers of successful redesign?

- ✓ traffic congestion
- increased crime?
- increased public costs (i.e. maintenance, police, rec)
- \$\$\$
- Negative impacts on area (noise, trespassing on private prop)
- foot traffic
- parking control (available) pile over parking
- unrealistic expectations for other parks
- congested recreation spaces
- ★ Frolics gets pushed away
- unintended unsafe spaces/areas
- extra litter
- high man
- not enough parking

APPENDIX C: STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Light Rail



- * The Blue Line Extension would be an electrically-powered rail transit facility similar to the existing Blue Line along Hiawatha Avenue in south Minneapolis.
- * The proposed route is from Target Field station in Minneapolis through Golden Valley, Robbinsdale and Crystal to Brooklyn Park (Oak Grove Parkway north of Hwy 610).

Infiltration Project

- * The proposed project will install an underground infiltration underneath a portion of the green space at Becker Park (the size of a softball field) and will be able to hold up to one million gallons of water.
- * This project will help with water quality in Upper Twin Lake and reduce flooding on Bass Lake Road around Hwy 81.



Light Rail

- * In Crystal the two LRT tracks would be built in the east half of the existing 100-foot-wide BNSF freight rail property. The existing freight rail track would be reconstructed approximately 15 feet west of its current location.
- * The Crystal station at Bass Lake Road would be located right across the freight rail tracks from Becker Park.
- * Construction is anticipated to begin in 2018 with the line opening for service in 2021.
- * The 2040 forecast is for 1,650 boardings per day at the Bass Lake Road station.



Infiltration Project

- * The estimated project cost is \$2.5 million dollars and is scheduled for 2019.
- * City has secured a \$725,000 grant from BWSR which needs to be spent by the end of 2019.
- * Shingle Creek Watershed has committed \$250,000 to the project.

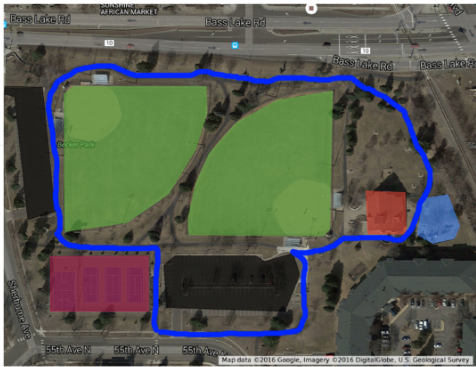
APPENDIX C: STAFF PRESENTATIONS (cont.)

Becker Park Layout

Becker Park

- Amenities
- Becker Softball 1
 - Becker Softball 2
 - Basketball & Tennis
 - Park Building and Stage
 - Playground
 - Parking 1
 - Parking 2

Park Layout



Adult Softball

- * Softball fields
 - * 2 lighted fields
 - * 3 nights of softball in 2016
 - * Co-operative program with Brooklyn Center and New Hope



Entertainment in the Park

- * Performance Stage
 - * Concerts – 4
 - * Sponsored by Lions & VFW
 - * Movie – 1
 - * Frolics – 4 concerts



Becker Park Building

- * Building Rentals (18 in 2015)
 - * Weddings
 - * Business Meetings
 - * Family functions
 - * Picnics



APPENDIX C: STAFF PRESENTATIONS (cont.)

Tennis & Basketball Courts

- * Re-surfaced in 2015
- * Lighted
- * Youth tennis course
 - * 16 registered
- * Open Basketball
 - * Courts are busy



Playground

- * Installed in 2000
- * Scheduled to be replaced in 2020



BECKER 2019

