STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS

Downtown Development Authority: Questionnaires

AGENDA
The “LOOK AND FEEL” of Downtown Park
Royal Oak, Library
August 24, 2018

1. When you think about downtown park, what is your vision of what it should become? List items that you think are appropriate.

SIMPLIFY, FLEXIBLE, COLOR

2. What types of events should downtown park support (short range and long range)? What do you think would be appropriate.

CONCERTS, ART FESTIVAL, CASUAL LOUNGE AND JUST HANGING OUT.

3. Are there specific programming elements that need to be incorporated into downtown park? What facilities are needed to support these programs?

PUBLIC RASHFORDS, POSTSELF SANDE.

FOR ONE OS VENGANCE, LET’S UNFREEDOM.

4. If you had a specific park that you visited that most closely resembles your vision for downtown park, what park would that be? Bring photos or description of the park if possible. Give some examples.

- SOME ASPECT OF CHINESE PARK IN SF HAM.
- CANADA PARK - NYC - THE VEND.
- PARIS DOWNTOWN DISTRICT - GOD’S SUMMER WE SCARE IN LONDON.

5. What opportunities/challenges will downtown park present from your perspective?

TO KEEP IT SIMPLE/FLEXIBLE

6. Other Considerations:

NO SMART PADDY!!!
NO PLAYGROUND, THIS IS AN ADULT PARK, ROYAL OAK HAD PLAYS AT FAMILY PARKS.
Appendix

- Minimize permanent standing
- Lots of windows
- Wi-Fi
- Minimum Kiosk
- Big/open/functional
- Low Kiosk
- Trees in commons

ICE Rink in winter
Winter skiing/boarding
Incorporate in city plan to accommodate users
Sport in summer
City Park
Temp. stage - range Temp. screen - concrete - etc...

Just: 
- Event for Dream Catcher

NOT ICE
- Absolutely
- Don't throw away...
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   Exhibit
   Active Events + Passive

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   Dinner concert
casual lunch spot
check/check-in spot/get
form/registration

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Gaylord Pavilion

No benches

Flexibility - portable furniture, portable planters, etc

Art - movable

Trees - no existing

Ashes - on main

Farm Mkt pets from parking structure

Tents - notPerm structures

Joy

Dale Billy Bright Ideas

Dennis Bonds

Kent Albrighton landlord

Tim Salley, RO Service

Magic Rovan, resident

Mike Corden, pres RO Chamber, VeriGrat

John Wenz

Shelly May
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   FAMILY ACTIVITIES, MOVIES, CONCERT STAGE,
   ARTIFICIAL TURF AREA FOR VOLLEYBALL, FIRE PIT STONE,
   SERENITY AREA ETC., THEMED GARDENS, CHILD AREA

2. What types of events should downtown park support (short range and long range)? What do you think would be appropriate.

   EXPAND THE FARMERS MARKET ON WEEKENDS, CONCERTS,
   SMALL SPORTING GAMES, ART FAIRS, FESTIVALS,
   POP UP EVENTS — * NO PERM, STRUCTURES

3. Are there specific programming elements that need to be incorporated into downtown park? What facilities are needed to support these programs?

   ADD RESTROOMS ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
   FAMILY PROGRAMS, CREATE WINTER ACTIVITIES.

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   BEACON PARK – ARTIFICIAL TURF, STONE
   FIRE PIT, STAGE AREA, GREAT PROGRAMS FOR
   ALL AGES.

5. What opportunities / challenges will downtown park present from your perspective? SAFETY, EXTRA PATROLLING

   FOR POLICE, VAGRANCY, POSSIBLE Vandalism

6. Other Considerations:

   MOST IMPORTANT IS KEEPING TOTAL
   FLEXIBILITY, THE PARK WILL NEED
   ITS OWN BUDGET

   * CHARGING STATIONS, WIFI, INCORPORATE TECHNOLOGY
*WINTER SKATING RINK*
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   Some larger trees to offer shade throughout the day
   Pesas (benches, picnic tables) to sit relax have a lunch or dinner

   Green as much as possible!

   Some areas of interest to kids?

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   Cookout demos special days for kids (maybe even BY
   maybe music

   AGREEMENT: AS ART

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   Audio system for events, yet controlled and non disruptive

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   Only example is no large

5. What opportunities / challenges will downtown park present from your perspective?

   Controlling late night abuse/misuse

6. Other Considerations:
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Downtown Development Authority: White-boards

DON
Look Brouder - 2nd street-main
Street part of hardscape
Connectivity from PKC structure to F.M.
No benches... flex seating
Shade: “Eagle Plaza”
Art (portable)

TIM
Move memorial to permanent spot

SEAN
Add onto Market - expand events up to building.
Loves Beacon Park - Restaurant next to it.
Volunteers.

Tim
- Maintain ingress/egress
- What is best suited here
- Can't have it all
- Technology

Don
- Stay clear of permanent kids playing
- But have an agenda for kids' days (1 Dig R.O.)
- To maintain flexibility

Gim Gardens
- Change for Movable Furniture
- Invest in Programming as a Priority
- Destin = Park?
- Detroit Breakfast Club (spoon mosh / yard)
- Mound Permeable Structures
Quiet Space And Larger Activities
Reinforce All Access Points
Try street Programming
Safe Passage From Park to Farmers Market
Kid friendly Slides
High Quality
Kite Flying
“Quad” Let Organic Paths develop before Paving
Green
Perimeter Border (Graffiti may be a Concern)
Disguise building Mechanical Units w/ Art.
Rotating Vendors (Routine)
Ski Jumps
Fredrick Meijer (mills)
Graffiti Art vs. Aging
Detroit Holiday Market
Kim

SCULPTURE GARDEN (MINNEAPOLIS)
COVER UP UTILITY AREAS W/ ART
CONTEMPLATIVE / MEDITATIVE SPACE
GARDEN CLUB

Shelly
EXPAND FARM EVENTS INTO PARK
RESTROOMS (ADD TO MARKET?)
ICE RINK
ASTROTURF (BEACON PK)
EXPAND VENDORS FROM KIM

Tim

COHESIVE EXPERIENCE HONORING PAST & PRESENT

John U.
HANDLE ABE EVENT
YEAR ROUND USE
FLEXIBLE TO HANDLE WINTER PROGRAMMING
UNIQUE FURNITURE - TO ADDRESS NEEDS W/ FLEXSPACE
PROGRAMMING BUDGET (1.5MIL - 3MIL ANNUALLY)
THEMED PARK (SCULPTURE, ETC) OR FLEX... NOT BOTH

Mike

BATHROOMS / FLEX / MULTI PURPOSE

Maggie

ARTIFICIAL TURF / SHADE
"BACKYARD"
Appendix

Boji

Flexible Uses

Formality Around Edges
DET Zoo (music & wine)
Renovated access to park from bidgy
Move war memorial
Redevelopment areas around library
Art Fair (extended into farmers mkt)

Booth PK Birmingham
Lunch (daytime workers) (Link to families)
Large grassy area
Conc after grass (where do people walk?)

Dennis

Shade (murwill, leez.n)
Graffiti wall

Kent
Smart Park canvas shades
Water features - attract year round
Kiosks for vendors
Connectivity to major attractions downtown
√ Technology (wifi, power stations, etc.) - USB
Campus Martius
Homeowners Association: White-boards

Campus Murals

- Knows the amount of time and funding associated with the Agamemnon
- Performances
- Center Street Closure for Concerts
- Bandshell
  - Wednesday nights at the Detroit Zoo Concerts

- Restrooms
  - Where does the $ come from
- Fundraising
- Highschool Performances
- Ice Rink may be a Concern
- Kids Play Areas - Sand
- Look Nice
- Try not to compete with other Parks

Wall:

Washington Sq. Park
- Fountains
- Restful Place
- Stone Path
- Central Park

Art
- Hills for tumbling
- Performance is not of big interest
- Lack of enthusiasm
- Loves Green infrastructure
ROYAL OAK WOMEN’S CLUB

DOWNTOWN PARK
ROWC SUGGESTIONS

I would love to see a small amphitheater in the park, with programming including classical music, theater, folk, rock, world music, blues. I would like to see tables and chairs for eating, cards, chess, checkers, etc. gardens, trees, and grass.
Perhaps even an area where various clubs, organizations, committees could hold meetings during nice weather.

I would like to see it be: A place where small or large groups can gather comfortably. A place with shade from the Summer sun. A place to sit. A place for concerts, art shows, picnics, celebrations, markets, games,.... A place with a band shell. Wi-fi?
I would be very challenged enjoying it because at my age I hate parking in dark, dank parking structures with unfriendly stairways, and there will be no street level parking left.

If a park is put downtown it should be compact with lots of trees and gardens. I have two pictures of the original downtown park and it was square with paths from each corner to the center where there was either a fountain or a small creek. Benches too, maybe a table or two or three where a small group from the offices can sit outside and relax and eat lunch or even read a book.
I do not think it should be an "amusement" type park. The city has 52 other neighborhood parks. My only concern is the upkeep of the park. If it is not kept up it can look real seedy in a very short time.

I would like a ‘water feature, like a ‘squirt zone’. I go to the ‘squirt zone’, at Metro Beach, In Clinton Township, seems safe and cool for all ages.

I would love to see an ice skating rink in a downtown park as Warren has.... we love to ice skate there. We also love to ice skate at Campus Martius... it would be fantastic to have something like that within walking distance.

Events: food truck evenings. Local music during the summer/weekends very similar to Sterlingfest; Movie nights like they have at the parks in Birmingham; Splash pad! Also, no more disc golf please....we have enough parks that cater to that in our community.
These all can should be complimentary or for a very low cost to residents. As a parent, my favorite thing about Royal Oak is the complimentary train offered to families at Starr Jaycee. I wish our downtown was more inclusive to young children that doesn't just involve eating at an over priced restauran/bar. Parents and non parents alike want to do more things than just sit and eat and drink.

Plus - Remember when the DSO came to the State Fair? One summer evening let’s bring them to Royal Oak. A little highbrow entertainment would be refreshing.

It needs to be a space that attracts people of all ages at all times of day and all seasons. Some of some of my favorite features of the Detroit Riverwalk and Campus Martius. Include a combination of softscapes (lawn, sand) and hardscapes (cement, brick, etc.). -- Umbrella tables.
and chairs on the perimeter to encourage workers to eat lunch outside and others to sit and linger. -- A small stage or band shell for concerts -- A splash pad like the one in front of the Ren Cen on the Riverwalk. It’s just water jets that shoot up randomly from little holes in the cement. The kids love it and it’s safe for even the smallest. Maybe in the winter it could be turned into an ice rink, which would encourage year-round use of the park. -- A small sandbox area for the kids? -- Bonfires and marshmallow roasts in the winter.

I would like a small stage for music events and tables and chairs, if possible, like the New Center Park in Detroit, so people could have lunch and trees for shade.

I have a downtown park right by my work - Beacon Park in Detroit. There is a group who runs it and they put out ‘toys’ during the day - volleyball, ping pong, jenga, etc. It encourages people to stay and play in the park. They also offer community exercise events and outdoor movies at night. Really trying to create an outdoor community safe fun place. Hope RO can do the same.

Bathrooms with flush toilets! This facility would have to have locks to prevent vandalism when park is closed.
Interclub Council: White-boards

Campus Martius
Beach
Trees and Shade
Seating with backrests
Beacon Park
Restrooms
All day - All Ages All Seasons
Riverwalk
Multi-functional - Dynamic Elements
Hardscape and Softscape
Accessibility
Recycled Materials
Lunch areas
Princess Diana Park
Programming
Water Rockets
Parc de la Vette - Paris
Flowers - Gardens

Theft Protection
Lighting
Smart Park
Sustainable Practices
- Rain Gardens
- Butterfly Gardens
Weddings
Family Friendly
Photography
Pollinators
Volunteer Opportunities
Master Gardeners
Water Features
Highline Park (Elevated)
Summer Concerts
Cafe
Movies
Climbing for Kids
FOOD TRUCK EVENINGS

Contemplative space

LIBRARY PROGRAMMING
- OUTDOOR STORY TIME
- MUSIC PROGRAM
  - CHICKEN ON A SPINDLE
- FLEX SPACES
- BISTRO TABLES
  - FAMILY FRIENDLY
- WALKING PATH
- SCATTERED INTEGRATED CHAIRS
- HIGHLINE PARK
- ART OUTSIDE
  - AMPHITHEATER (Small Groups) 10pm Limit
  - ART SCULPTURES
- NO SPLASH PAD
- GRASS TURRED AMPHITHEATER
- PLAY AREA FOR CHILDREN
- DOG FACILITIES
- PAW Patrol Area for Exercise
Noise Control
Exercise
Glen of Trees
Shane Park - Birmingham
Recycling
Shelter
Wedding Ceremonies
Unique
Family-Friends-Business
Senior Areas vs Kids Areas
Memorial - Currently 1-sided
- Keep on Perimeter, Perhaps OR Protect Backside
Flag Poles
Boy Scout EVENTS
Auxiliary Officer
Built IN A/V
Winter
- Mini Luge runs

Capitol Park
Port Austin
Millennium Park
- Raised Platforms
- Native Plants
Outside Visitors
Kid Friendly
Built from Nature
(beam made from fallen logs)
Gary Slater Designs
Eco Plaza
(places always end up in the shade)
Review Original Park Layout
- Study History
- Don't support ABE
- Covered pavilion area
- Reflect values of city
- Pole heaters (for covered area)
- WiFi
- Open to idea of relocating memorial

Chamber

Pop up stores

Connectivity
Destination city

History - RO a crossroads - natural meeting place

Regional destination

Shade
Appendix

Example Photos from Stakeholders
Additional Stakeholder Notes

- Structure to change with shift in seasons
- Blending hard and soft-scapes together
- Take path of least resistance
- Multi Purpose/Function
- Senior citizen and handicap accessible
- Lunch for workers
- Princess Diana park in London
- Trees and flowers
- Contemplative Spaces
- Recycled materials
- Total cost of ownership?
- Performance Opportunities/Concerts
- Bandshell
- Do not compete with zoo
- Concerned about costs to operate
- Water
- Not in favor of ice rink
- Bring families to the park-Play structure
- Nice landscaping
- Don’t compete with the Farmers Market
- Funding Concerns
- Less curbing
- Reduced maintenance
- Washington Square Park
- Restful Place
- Shaine Park
- Santa Monica Pier
- Space for people to express themselves
- Don’t require pre-authorization
- Small gazebo-Low key
- Local events/programming
- Parking is desired
- Loss of parking is a concern
- Maintenance and ownership
- Reference to Eagle Park