



Park District of Oak Park
Scoville Park Site Plan

Buildings, Grounds & Streets Focus Group – 9:15am

Wednesday, March 3, 2010 – Oak Park Public Library, 834 Lake St.

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Park Security Focus Group – 11:00am

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Historic Preservation Focus Group – 5:00pm

Wednesday, March 3, 2010 – Oak Park Public Library, 834 Lake St.

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Events & Programs Focus Group – 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 3, 2010 – Oak Park Public Library, 834 Lake St.

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Library Staff Focus Group – 2:00pm

Thursday, March 4, 2010 – Oak Park Public Library, 834 Lake St.

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Scoville Park Community Meeting #1

Location: Oak Park Public Library – Veteran’s Room

Date: March 24, 2010

Time: 7pm

Minutes of Meeting

Mr. Gary Balling, Executive Director of the Park District, made the introductions to the meeting.

Gary Balling welcomed the attendees and introduced Park District Commissioners, members of the Park District Citizen Committee and staff that were present. He provided a brief summary of the park planning process thus far noting that Scoville Park is the seventeenth of eighteen parks to go through the process. There have been six focus groups held already where the design team received initial input on the current conditions of the park and neighborhood from Village and Park District Staff and officials. Mr. Balling then confirmed the schedule for the process as follows:

Community Meeting #1 Wednesday, March 24th, 2010

Community Meeting #2 Wednesday, April 21st

Community Meeting #3 Thursday, May 11th

A 4th meeting would be held if necessary.

There will be a questionnaire posted on the Park District website starting on March 25th at 5PM and residents can also contact the Park District through telephone, emails, and mail.

Website: <http://www.oakparkparks.com/>

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\$725,000 has been set aside for the first phase of the project but there may be other phases of work as this process is to produce a long term plan and coordinated vision for the park.

He then introduced the design team and handed the meeting over to John Mac Manus of Altamanu, Inc. Mr. Mac Manus presented a PowerPoint presentation and then requested comments.



The PowerPoint presentation can be viewed on line at Website: <http://www.oakparkparks.com>

Summary of the Presentation

Though the purpose of the meeting was to collect public input it was also desirable to give the attendees something to react too; therefore while giving a presentation on the park Mr. Mac Manus also informed the attendees of suggestions made at the Focus Group meetings.

Mr. Mac Manus provided brief summaries of; Scoville Park's many roles within the community, its geologic history and history prior to development, the surrounding urban context and its relationship to the park. He then addressed the history of the park.

History

There are many layers of history to the park and its surroundings. The Hemingway Museum is adjacent on Oak Park Ave.; Frank Lloyd Wright's Unity Temple is on Lake St., and the birthplace of Oak Park, through the story of the Kettlestrings, the Scoville family, Jensen, memorials such as the Percy Julian sculpture etc. is firmly sited in Scoville Park.

Jens Jensen's Plan 1913

In 1913 the Scoville house located on top of the hill was demolished, the land was transferred to the Park District, and noted landscape architect Jens Jensen began his design for the park. Mr. Mac Manus went through the plan in some detail and spoke about Jensen's design philosophy and the changes in American attitudes towards their own landscape.

Though the park is on the National Register of Historic Places there are differences between the park today and the original plan. The Peace Memorial was dedicated in the 1920s. There was a pond in the southwest corner and a wading pool in the northwest corner where the tot lot is today. Several of the paths have changed often taking on a less sensuous quality. Jensen avoided placing entries at the corners of the park and today's entries and plazas at the SE and SW have been added over time. There is a heritage oak on site and a plum that is not noted on Jensen's plan but is of significant age. Some groupings of flowering trees may be original but the arborist who investigated the site was not of that opinion.

Mr. Mac Manus provided a brief summary of Jensen's background and its effect on his design philosophy. He was a conservationist, environmentalist, and designer of parks. The forest preserves are a legacy of his advocacy. He was a major proponent of preserving the native Illinois landscape and the use of native plantings.

Mr. Mac Manus presented an overlay of the 1913 Jensen plan superimposed over an aerial of the park today and continued to discuss some of Jensen's design. Jensen disliked the straight line and straight path and referred to it as 'the tyranny of the straight line'. Instead his path system had a very sinuous, organic feel which has since been straightened in several areas, particularly around the monument.



Jensen incorporated large expanses of shrubs and understory trees, especially around the perimeter of the park, which would be beautiful if reinstated into the park today but what would be the impact on the use of the park? Would this present a security concern and risk? Part of our task is to decide on how we might address Jensen's design and that maybe we could reinstate his design philosophy in the context of our times.

Virtual Walkthrough of the Park

Corner Plaza at Oak Park and Lake Street

Mr. Mac Manus continued his presentation with a walkthrough of the park in photographs starting at the corner of Lake St. and Oak Park Ave. The corner is probably the most important entry into the park. Is the present entry the one we would like? Is it a welcoming space? Moving into the park there's a strong desire line cutting across the meadow to the library. The meadow/hill gets a lot of use. There would have been a copse of Oaks and Maples where the monument is now.

Flower Beds

The adjacent flower beds are very popular and have a series of rotations of plants during the year. This work is labor intensive and expensive to maintain. Henrietta Yardley, who manages the conservatory and is responsible for the plantings, has asked that we consider something more sustainable with a mix of perennials and annuals versus annuals alone. (Henrietta also suggested placing flower displays at the entryways)

Peace Memorial

The paths have been straightened out around the monument to make it more symmetrical. It's been suggested in our focus groups that we bring back Jensen's paths here. It was also requested that the space around the memorial should be more inviting and that we should add more seating and could relate more openly to the meadow and hill. To the west, where Jensen had his larger garden there has been a suggestion to add a children's play area.

Stage

The existing temporary stage is of concern to the Park District. It is expensive and time consuming to erect. It has to be insured and when taken down has to be stored off-site. It will soon have to be replaced and therefore the possibility of a permanent platform, integrated into the park design has been suggested. The concept of a band shell was brought up more than once but this conjures up a large facility. The suggestion is for a small platform integrated into the park by grading and planting. The idea of moving the stage to the southwest corner of the park also came up but with mixed reactions.

SW Corner

What was once the 'Reading Room' came up in every focus group meeting. The mature evergreens, the changes in grade, and the layering of shrubs make it difficult to see into that space. It is sometimes used as a hangout and security concerns here have been raised at all meetings. It has a separate entry which is not often used.



Library Plaza

When the library plaza on vacated Grove Avenue was constructed the interaction between park and library was an issue. There is a degree of separation between the park and the library now. Should we integrate the library and park more? Should there be any separation? The configuration of the walls and plaza were discussed in detail.

Tennis Courts

The courts were also brought up at most meetings and there was debate whether they should remain or be removed. There was a suggested compromise to remove one court in order to create an enlarged space at the northeast corner of the park that is underutilized today.

Ontario Street

Ontario St., on the north edge of the park, cannot be closed due to the parking and access but as it is one way there is a possibility of bump outs (a traffic calming measure) being added to make crossing the street easier and safer. The sidewalk on the northern edge of the park was removed to allow for diagonal parking but people have created a desire line along the edge of the street. Further desire lines have been formed around the tot lot. The tot lot has been in place since 1987 and is probably due for a rehab. The comfort station adjacent to the tot lot provides some storage and two bathrooms.

Mr. Mac Manus then opened up the meeting to public comment, wishes, and concerns.

Public Comment on the Meadow/Hill:

Would you really want to improve the sledding here when there's the hill at Ridgeland?

It's more for little kids.

Yes, they are there sledding or rolling down the hill all the time.

I think expanding the meadow would be lovely.

Would you have to take out trees?

There is one tree at the top– it probably wouldn't have to be removed. We would push the path closer to the monument so the flower beds would be taken out or come back in a different form.

The space in the meadow – I would like to see it designated as a U-8 soccer field. The justification is that the business district was asking for the park to bring in more people with activities; they wanted an ice skating rink – I don't want that. But soccer is going to bring in more people to this park on a Saturday morning at 9 than anything and the goal posts could be taken out.

I would be against any athletic activity in this park.

I want to preserve as much green space as possible here.

Keep to the theme of the park being our village green.



Public Comment on the Monument:

The memorial is not well set up for memorial services. It would be good to enlarge that area for the purpose of memorials.
I think there could be more space.
I like the idea of a Peace Plaza and I think all of the memorials should be better connected.

Public Comment on the Flower Beds by the Monument:

The current beds take a lot of work.
Has there been any thought to using more prairie plants?
Yes, that was discussed even though there were no grasses in this particular Jensen plan. He became well known for using grasses in his later park designs.
Taking out the flower beds and the annuals would make the park less beautiful.
If we get rid of the flower beds we would be losing something completely lovely.
Maybe we could get more villagers to volunteer and pull weeds.
I love the flower beds. They are one of the best features of the park. They flower from March through October.

Public Comment on the 1913 Jensen Plan & Today:

Was all of this (planting) Jensen plan really there?
When I was young this park was like a Garden of Eden. There was a black iron fence that went around it and it was very lush. I think we need to figure a way in which we can maintain Jensen's vision and essence.
The original layout is 20th century and we're living in the 21st century. There is a more urban environment and a higher density of people around the park today. Soil compaction is always going to be a problem. I don't know if anyone can recall but before we put irrigation into the meadow it was just dirt. The plantings that Jensen used would be beautiful but also costly to maintain and a security concern. In the 1960s the Park District tore out almost every other bush in the parks to increase visibility and safety.
I like the idea of changing the paths around the memorial back to the original Jensen layout.

Public Comment on the Southwest Corner:

I think the kids like the idea that they're more secluded. They, at times, can be intimidating to others. A lot of the problems are perception and comfort issues. I think if you can bring more people into the park and this area specifically, a lot of the problems are going to go somewhere else. As to how to bring more people into that area – I'm not sure.
I would like it to be more visible at the southwest corner. The trees could be limbed up.



However this corner and the corner at Oak Park Ave. and Lake should have a consistency between them.

Public Comment on Security, Teenagers, Homeless:

The edge of the park along Lake St. hasn't presented an issue for the neighborhood beat officer. Teenagers are going to gather where they can gather and they will sit where they can sit. We have this inclination to clear out everything for the sake of visibility but there should be a compromise. I like the idea of engineering a way of bringing more people into Scoville Park.

How do you patrol the park?

The neighborhood beat officer typically starts around the high school when school gets out and then moves to the park afterwards. Most of the complaints will typically be about the area in front of the library.

How many arrests have been made in Scoville Park in the last three years?

The neighborhood beat officer did not have the numbers in front of him. The numbers aren't overwhelming. Some of the people who cause trouble are arrested elsewhere.

The library plaza generates one of the highest amounts of police calls which are primarily regarding rowdy behavior and noise.

The teenagers do take over that area. They are there when the homeless are not and vice versa. They (the teenagers) can be very rowdy.

The teenagers don't bother me as much as the homeless.

There are PADS sites in Oak Park but the service center is in Maywood.

There isn't a place for them to go and to be engaged so they go to the park and the library.

There is a homeless situation here – could we maybe designate a time to accommodate them in the park?

The public restrooms – there are a lot of problems going on in there. That really needs to be addressed.

I think there are issues in (all) the parks. The presence of the homeless, who can have a lot of addiction issues, and the fact that this park is more centralized, exacerbates it (the issues) here. But, I don't think the park is overrun by drug users.

I am in favor of reinstating the Oak Park Township Outreach Program. A couple of volunteers would go into the park each day and engage the youth in the parks. If we had something like that now it would get youths off of the sidewalk and into the park.

Public Comment on the Tot Lot & Play:

I think the Morton Arboretum has done an incredible job getting people involved in nature and play at the same time. The playgrounds interact with the gardens and the observation towers allow you to look into the landscape.



Yes, the Arboretum's playground is wonderful but it's also fenced in and controlled. A very different situation.

The tot lot is very well used. If you add a play area for older children I ask that you keep it separate but maintain visibility between the two.

I second that and I don't think the existing tot lot really needs to be changed.

I agree. I don't think it needs to be updated – it would be expensive.

It will wear out in time. If we do update the playground with new pieces we may not be able to fit in as many pieces due to today's playground safety standards and fall zones.

I do think the tot lot needs some updating even if it's just replacing what's already there.

Personally, I would like to see more boulders, like those at Soldier Field, if you want to add a play area for older kids.

Public Comment on Tennis:

I like the thought of reducing the 3 tennis courts to 2 and making an enlarged space.

I think the 3 current courts are a compromise. The surfacing is worn, the nets are often messed up, and the lights are incredibly dim, especially in the middle court. The courts are unusable after 7PM in the evenings.

The tennis courts get a ton of use. I would be opposed to taking one out.

Public Comment on Paths:

The park is losing all of this usable space in the northeast corner because the entry is further down Oak Park Ave. I would like to see that space get more use.

With A Day in Our Village I think that more pathways would make more room for booths. Presently many booths have to set up inside the paths and the park can become very muddy.

There needs to be a sidewalk on the north side of the park.

Public Comment on the Comfort Station:

The restrooms need to be improved.

There are issues of misuse and need for better maintenance.

Public Comment on Potential Signage:

I think that the continental divide is very important. I know there's a sign there now but maybe there could be a statue or more signage. It's a big deal that this was once the shoreline and I think more kids should know about it.

People ought to be encouraged to look at the different aspects of history; there's the Hemingway Museum, Unity Temple, and old and new Oak Park. We should try to offer a narrative about us and the evolution of the Village. We should have interpretive signage at the main plazas.



On the Percy Julian statue; the man was very symbolic of our connection to nature. He worked with plants often. I think it would be important to see a larger gesture. This could be part of the park's overall story. The current statue just sits there.

The plaque on the Percy Julian statue is hard to read and doesn't give a lot of information.

I would also like to see the Percy Julian statue expanded. The statue could be in the flower beds among flowers with different colors as a message of diversity or by the children's play area as a message of growth.

The area west of the monument could be a garden with more statues of historical figures.

Public Comment on Library Plaza:

The no loitering signs in front of the library have helped.

There are not enough bike racks and they are placed far from the library entrance. There were many comments on how the plaza is really a go-through space and gets crowded with teenagers.

The library and park could be joined in a better way.

We have to take care not to damage the underground heating system for the concrete as it melts the snow and saves the maintenance staff a lot of work.

It could be a place for a floral display.

It is used as staging area for the events. Trucks pull up there.

Public Comment on a Potential Permanent Stage/Platform:

I hope that whatever goes into that stage area does not increase the amount of events or the amount of noise. There are a lot of neighbors in the area.

I live in the Oak Park Club and during concerts I can't use the parts of my condo that face out on to the park because it's so loud.

A permanent stage or a band shell would make it noisier.

I live at Chicago Ave. and the festivals bother me sometimes.

I don't think there should be a band shell. It disrupts the original plan and the meadow and it's only used 7-10 times a year.

We could still get a better portable stage.

A reminder it is a performance platform and not a band shell. This would be a small area.

Public Comment on Plaza at Oak Park Ave. & Lake St. (Southeast Corner):

The southeast entry is like an obstacle course.

In Jensen's plan there was no entry there. It was a grove of Plum trees instead.

Mr. Mac Manus asked if anyone would like to see it gone completely – no one raised their hand.

Mr. Mac Manus asked if anyone would like to see it renovated – a majority of people raised their hand.



The fountain is nice when it is working but it gets all that green algae.
(The fountain has not been working for many years and the water that collects is rain water)
I think the plaza could be updated.
The plaza gets a lot of use with people waiting for the bus.

Public Comment on South Edge of Park (along Lake St.):

The streetscape is horrendous – the sidewalk is unappealing and not inviting.
There used to be parkway trees along there.
It once was a carriageway.
There is a lot of debris at eye level along Lake St. The fruiting trees mess up the sidewalk and it makes it unattractive.

Misc. Public Comment:

This park is not bike friendly and neither is the library. There is a lack of bike racks and the bike racks that are there now are away from the entrances.
Trying to cross Oak Park Ave. at the northeast corner of the park is very dangerous because of the traffic and blocked views. You have to risk your life to cross.
(Cars speed up to get the green light at Lake Street).
Maintenance needs to be addressed in front of the library. There are cigarette butts in the waterfall, they need to power wash the concrete in front more often, and there is a lot of overgrowth where the library meets the park. There are still leaves along Grove Ave. from last fall. It's truly unsightly.
The library is always lit and so brightly too. It endangers the birds and costs a lot of energy. Not a sustainable approach.
The lighting needs to be consistent in and around the park.

As it got close to 9PM Mr. Mac Manus took the final comments and thanked the attendees and encouraged them to attend the next meeting.

Mr. Balling encouraged the attendees to tell other residents and to please come back themselves to the next meeting on Wednesday 21st at 7PM. He then thanked all the attendees.

3rd COMMUNITY MEETING for Scoville Park Site Plan



Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at 7:00pm
Oak Park Public Library, 834 Lake Street in Oak Park

Oak Park residents are invited to attend a community meeting to review a site plan draft recommendation and provide input regarding the current and future use of Scoville Park. Community input is vital to master plan development to ensure the Park District is meeting the current parks and recreation needs of the community, as well as anticipating future needs.

Scoville Park, widely regarded as our “Village Green,” was originally designed by noted landscape architect Jens Jensen and was named to the National Register of Historic Places in 2002. Within its nearly four acres lies three tennis courts, a playground and an open field used for summer concerts and special events. In the center of the park is the World War I Monument which is currently being restored. The southeast corner of the park features a replica of a fountain originally designed by sculptor Richard Bock and architect Frank Lloyd Wright. Through a partnership with the Village of Oak Park and the Oak Park Library, Grove Avenue was vacated in 2001 and a new plaza was constructed joining Scoville Park with the Library.

A questionnaire is available online from April 22 through May 5 at www.oakparkparks.com to collect additional community input regarding the site plan concepts presented at the second community meeting (held on April 21).



For more information, please visit www.oakparkparks.com and select Future Plans and Current Projects or contact Diane Stanke, Manager of Communications, at dianes@oakparkparks.com.



Stevenson Park Community Meeting #3

Location: Stevenson Park Center

Date: June 8th, 2011

Time: 7 pm

Minutes of Meeting

Mr. Gary Balling, Executive Director of the Park District, made the introductions to the meeting.

He welcomed the attendees and introduced Park District Commissioners, members of the Citizens Design Committee and staff that were present. He provided a brief summary of the park planning process thus far noting that Stevenson Park is the last of eighteen parks to go through the process.

The team had already held two focus group meetings and two community meetings and tonight's designs were based on comments collected from these meetings and from the Questionnaire that was posted on the Park District website.

Mr. Balling stated at the opening of the meeting that another community meeting would be held on June 22nd if needed. Mr. Balling also stated that another questionnaire would be posted on the Park District so that residents could comment on the plans presented and that they could also contact the Park District through telephone, emails, and mail.

The Park District website is <http://www.oakparkparks.com/>

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Altamanu is to present recommendation and cost estimate to the Board at a committee Meeting, at the Oak Park Conservatory and on Thursday, July 14th at 7:30pm and will present to the Park Board to consider accepting final plan at Regular Park Board Meeting, Administrative Center on Madison Street.

Mr. Balling continued and stated that \$300,000 has been set aside for the first phase of the project which is scheduled for completion in 2014 but there may be other phases of work as this process is to produce a long-term plan and coordinated vision for the park.

Mr. Balling then introduced the design team and handed the meeting over to John Mac Manus of Altamanu, Inc. Mr. Mac Manus presented a PowerPoint presentation and then requested comments.

The PowerPoint presentation can be viewed on line at Website: <http://www.oakparkparks.com>



Summary of the Presentation

Main Issues

Mr. Mac Manus stated the main points that the team had garnered from the community through comments at meetings, telephone calls, Emails, neighbors and from staff.

The main issue seems to be that of a perception of a lack of safety. This is created by young people "hanging out" at the front steps to the building and the general lack of sight lines created by changes in level, evergreen plantings and fences.

Security and sight lines are very important and must be addressed.

The main entry is not inviting.

ADA access is very poor and even if you can get up the ramp there are further changes in grade on site and the entry to the building leads to a half landing between floors. In fact the building design is almost contra access and safety.

The field is not used as much as it could be, and there is a very strong call for an All-Weather field but the playground is very important to many residents and park users.

Some residents at the meetings stated that the PD is trying to do too much on a very small site however residents have also suggested batting cages, driving range cage, walks etc.

The Skate Park is very popular but would expanding it be a great return on investment? How many additional residents would it serve?

Neighbors would like to keep entry on SE corner of the park as access from the south is very restricted. They would like this entry made more inviting. This would restrict the use of this space.

Overview of previous presentations

Mr. Mac Manus provided a brief overview of previous presentations that will not be repeated here and can be accessed in the minutes from previous meetings.

Main Entry along Lake St.

At previous meetings it was decided that the main entry should be redesigned so it is both safer and more welcoming. Many teenagers currently mill around the main entry and sit on the steps as there is a lack of seating. This creates a perception issue and makes the park increasingly unwelcoming. Many schemes were discussed at previous meetings and through the website. The majority of respondents prefer a curved ramp scheme that provides a very gentle change in grade from Lake Street up to the main entryway to the building. The large trees and memorial trees in this area are to be kept. The



retaining wall directly north of the building is to be removed. This new design will provide open sight lines from the building to crossing on Lake Street.

Public Comment

The entry does look much more inviting but the drawing shows very thick planting still and this could be a further issue in the future. Mr. Mac Manus said that the design team would remove some of the suggested new plantings to ensure safe sight lines.

ADA Ramp, Skate Park and Basketball

It was agreed at previous meetings that the ADA ramp would be closed to Lake Street and incorporated into the building uses. It has to stay open however as it is the main ADA access point to the restrooms on the lower floor. If alternate ADA access is provided in the future this ramp could be removed.

Mr. Mac Manus reviewed the various plans for the Skate Park and Basketball. He requested that the community leave the future detailed design of this area to the staff that have to run both and have a greater understanding of the issues. This would provide the attendees time to concentrate on issues concerning the field and the playground. He also stated that at this time it was unlikely that the overall area devoted to either would increase. The attendees agreed with this suggestion.

Public Comment

Yes it makes sense to leave the design to the staff but what about the shade structures by the skatepark? They should be included so they aren't forgotten.

We will include the shade structures.

Dead Zones and the Potential for a new Building

The center provides great views from the second floor to the west and to the east but not to the north and south. This is problematic as it creates 'dead zones' where there are limited sight lines in and out. The evergreen hedge along the west side of the building blocks views from the lower set of center windows and could potentially be removed. The lack of more windows along the south side of the building creates a dead zone as well. The handicap ramp on the east side of the building is narrow to begin with and often used as a viewing platform for basketball games.

Mr. Mac Manus stated that these security issues along with the ADA issues raise the long term need to either rehab the building or replace it completely. However, that is outside of today's discussion. The design team has gone to great lengths to eliminate these dead zones.

Entry from the Southeast Corner

This entry serves primarily as an access route for maintenance vehicles like pick-ups and tractors. It currently has Grass-crete, a mix of concrete squares with grass planted between to provide support for vehicles, but this may not be the best solution. Mike Grandy, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, has planted several new trees along the drive. Park users who use the drive as an entry come from both



the north and south as evident by desire lines. Many requests have been made by residents to keep this entryway open as access to the park is very restricted. Suggestions had been made to expand the skate park into this area but that has now been ruled out. Another attendee had suggested batting cages and another resident suggested a driving range.

Public Comment

Though batting cages are popular in River Forest only one member of the public liked the idea and it was ruled out. The SE entry will remain but will be improved to provide access for maintenance vehicles and park patrons. There should be a welcoming entry created at the SE corner.

Playground

The playground is shown on all proposed plans. The answers to the questionnaire were very informative and the design team has taken note of the suggestions made.

The playground does not need to be separated into two areas. Residents wanted to unite both into the largest playground possible. An undulating surface was interesting but not necessary. People liked many of the existing equipment in particular the train, monkey bars and they would like equipment that increases upper body strength.

A water feature to provide white noise was suggested however, residents felt that it would not be able to compete with the noise of the trains and they would not be able to stop kids from interacting with the water. This raised issues because once the kids interact with the water, the water would have to be cleaned and recycled raising the cost. This was of major concern to the Park District as funds were limited and there are other water features in the area. Mr. Mac Manus then showed a plan showing all the water features in the area including ones just across Austin to the east, Ridgeland to the west, Anderson to the NE and Field to the NW. It was agreed that a water feature was not a necessity and as stated by many in the questionnaire the Park District should spend its limited funds elsewhere.

Public Comment

Is the playground the same size as today?

No it is a little smaller but it is no longer separated into two and therefore more compact.

It will not have a pathway leading to the fields going through it which will be much better and safer.

The playground should have a fence it makes the parents relax more as they do not have to worry so much about their children.

The playground will have a fence.

We need water, a drinking fountain.

There already is one.

Yes but it does not work well and there is nowhere to wash the children's hands if the Center is closed.

The drinking fountain often does not work because the kids play with it and dump sand into it.

The new playground will not have sand as it causes problems with the fountains and also it can become unsanitary.



Mr. Balling stated that residents of different areas in town felt very differently about sand in the play grounds. Some people loved it others disliked it. However it was an issue for the Park District as it creates problems with rubber surfacing and the drinking fountains.

There was a long discussion about having the restrooms open to the public even when staff was not present. Due to the particular use of the site and the location of the restrooms in the basement this was not a secure solution and raised the issue of a long-term redesign of the Center.

Attendees said shade was important and there should be a grassy area for picnicking.

A resident said that at Field Park the grass near the playground was completely eroded from over use and the same would happen here.

How about a mound?

A mound would take up a lot more space.

Mr. Balling was also concerned with maintenance as mounds have created problems for mowing in other parks.

The design team will try to include a grassy area.

Sports Fields

Mr. Mac Manus stated that there have been many requests for an all-weather field on this site. It is already lit which is unusual and could therefore get much use. The size of the site is very restrictive but residents had informed the team that a practice field even if it is not very large would get allot of use.

The current grass fields are often out of commission due to inclement weather and a practice all-weather field would provide the kids with a place to practice and save on other fields. Therefore the overall size is important but the largest possible field would be used no matter what.

Attendees had also spoken of a multi-use field, as Lacrosse and other sports could use it for practice as well.

Mr. Mac Manus noted that many designs had been investigated from an Under 10 Soccer Field – 135 ft x 105 ft w/ 10 ft Safety Zone to an Under 12 (Max.) Soccer Field 240 ft x 165 ft w/ 10 ft Safety Zone. This last one would need some regarding along the NE. The construction of a retaining wall running along Lake Street was investigated (he showed a rendering). The cost would be high and impact on the street could be unfortunate. If it was not going to significantly increase the size of a potential field its construction was questionable.

He then presented a series of overall Conceptual Plans

Concept A1- Under 10 Soccer Field – 135 ft x 105 ft w/ 10 ft Safety Zone

- Base Ball Back-Stop and Infield to Remain
 - The seven (7) Memorial Trees to Remain
 - Two (2) Batting Cages (70ft x 14ft x 14ft) & One (1) Driving Range (this option did not receive support)
 - New entry at Humphrey (pedestrian and vehicular, approx. 12ft wide)
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Concept A2- Under 12 (min.) Soccer Field – 210 ft x 135 ft w/ 10 ft Safety Zone

- Same as A1 plan except larger field –Could have all weather surface or grass
- Playground does not decrease

Concept B - Under 10 Soccer Field – 180 ft x 135 ft w/ 10 ft Safety Zone

- The main difference is the addition of a Loop Walking Path around the field and the removal of the backstop
- A new staircase and entry on the NW and smooth or gentle ramp down to Lake Street rather than a steep fenced ramp
- More space for new entry at Humphrey (pedestrian and vehicular) straight scheme

Concept C1- Under 12 (Min. Dimensions) Soccer Field – 210 ft x 135 ft w/ 10 ft Safety Zone

- Two (2) Memorial Trees to be relocated
- Base Ball Back-Stop and Infield to Remain
- New entry at Humphrey (pedestrian and vehicular) curved design

Concept C2- Under 12 (Max. Dimensions) Soccer Field – 240 ft x 165 ft w/ 10 ft Safety Zone

- Two (2) Memorial Trees to be relocated
- Five (5) Existing Trees to be removed
- Base Ball Back-Stop and Infield to be removed
- New Entry at Humphrey (pedestrian and vehicular) curved design

Public Comment on Fields

There was little support for Baseball/Soft Ball.

A lighter colored in-field made of all-weather material with a natural outfield was discussed but there was not a lot of support.

If the backstop remains we can't have a proper welcoming entrance on the NW.

The backstop should be moved down by the playground.

This proposal was discussed in detail and eventually after this discussion the attendees agreed that this park should focus on a multiuse field and that the backstop prevents many uses and should be removed. A temporary back stop was discussed but the Park District representative stated that these caused major storage problems.



Some attendees stated that their children often played softball at Stevenson but they thought they could play elsewhere and that the Park District should install an all-weather multiuse field.

I am in favor of the largest field possible.
This field has lights and therefore would receive a lot of use.
Why do we need a path along the field?
It could be used by senior citizens in the morning, kids jogging during the day or it might encourage more people to watch a game.
This park is still part of the community and should have paths.
We have put paths in most of our parks. Why do we need a path here?
We should focus on the best use here and make the largest field possible.
It could be dangerous for seniors to use the path when there is a game on. Some of the kids can really kick the ball hard and seniors might be injured.
They closed off the track/path at the high school.
Yes but that was not to protect seniors. It was because there was too much use and people were getting injured.
A loop path around the field would be dangerous. The kids would be running on the all-weather surface and then suddenly there would be a concrete path.
We could use the wall of the train for practice. If we put in a path this use can't happen.
Mr. Balling stated he was not comfortable encouraging the use of the wall for practice as it is the rail road's property and there could be a security issue.
The paths on the eastern end of the park could be reconfigured to be more like a track.
Yes but we would like a path around the fields and then leading down by a gentle ramp to Lake Street.
You could take out part of the path around the field on the north and east and use Lake Street.

After much discussion two options remain:

1. A large all-weather field with no path and
2. An all-weather field with a path along on the south and west side of a smaller field.

The baseball backstop has been eliminated in both schemes.

A resident suggested marking the path on the east side of the park to make it an official walking path with mile markers.

Both concepts should have lighting.

There was consensus on a new stairs/ entrance on the northwest corner.

For both concepts, include information on trees to be removed and relocated.



Next Meeting

Mr. Balling stated that there would be another Community Meeting to continue to discuss these issues on Wednesday June 22nd.

Mr. Mac Manus took the final comments and thanked the attendees and encouraged them to attend the next meeting.

Mr. Balling encouraged the attendees to tell other residents and to please come back themselves to the next meeting.

End of Minutes



Scoville Park Community Meeting #4

Location: Oak Park Public Library – Veteran’s Room

Date: May 25, 2010

Time: 7pm

Minutes of Meeting

Mr. Gary Balling, Executive Director of the Park District, made the introductions to the meeting.

Gary Balling welcomed the attendees and introduced Park District Commissioners, members of the Citizen Committee and staff that were present. He provided a brief summary of the park planning process thus far and noted that Scoville Park is the seventeenth of eighteen parks to go through the process. Mr. Balling added that a great deal of information had been collected from the earlier focus groups, the three prior community meetings, and from subsequent questionnaire feedback. The hope of the fourth meeting was to reach a final plan that would be presented to the Committee of the Whole and Park Board for approval soon after in June. Mr. Balling thanked all of the attendees for participating in the public process and introduced the design team and handed the meeting over to John Mac Manus of Altamanu, Inc. Mr. Mac Manus presented a PowerPoint presentation and requested public comment and feedback along the way.

The PowerPoint presentation can be viewed on line at Website:

http://www.oakparkparks.com/NewsandInformation/FuturePlans/futureplans_scovillepark.htm

Summary of the Presentation

Mr. Mac Manus began with an overview of what would be covered in his presentation. He would provide a quick review of the public process so far, explain the emerging items of consensus, and finally review prior and new design schemes for the park asking for comment and input. Mr. Mac Manus reminded the audience that the purpose of these meetings was to reach an overall master plan, not to work out every detail of design.

The results of the first, second, and third questionnaires are posted online at:

http://www.oakparkparks.com/NewsandInformation/FuturePlans/futureplans_scovillepark.htm

Mr. Mac Manus first reviewed Jens Jensen’s (a historically renowned landscape architect) philosophy and 1913 plan for Scoville Park. Mr. Mac Manus discussed the challenge of designing the park within this historical framework but still designing for the requirements of modern-day urban society. He elaborated on the addition of the Peace Memorial, which has changed the character of the park and has



become the focal point of the park, and on the difficulty of reestablishing Jensen's planting character without creating public concern for security.

Mr. Mac Manus went over the items of emerging consensus. Some items include: recreating a path along the north edge of the park, adding a fence along Grove and widening the existing walk, expanding the meadow, adding a path along the southern edge of the meadow and incorporating a permanent stage and redesigning the entry at Oak Park & Lake.

North Edge of Park Along Ontario & Fence Along Grove

Mr. Mac Manus discussed the current issues at the park's northern edge along Ontario Ave. with a set of before and after illustrations. At Oak Park and Ontario the proposed perspective illustrated new bumpouts, colored crosswalks, a new entry on the corner, and a path along the south side of Ontario. The proposed design's purpose was to slow traffic and make the north side of the park more pedestrian friendly. An additional bumpout was proposed at the corner of Ontario and Grove to reduce crossing distance and increase safety for kids crossing. Mr. Mac Manus reviewed the existing desire lines along Grove Ave. and the proposed fence which would help protect the park and children around the tot lot. The stretch of sidewalk along Grove from the northwest corner to the existing entry into the park would be expanded from 7' to 12' in order to provide more space for pedestrians, bicyclists, and others away from the parked cars.

Public Comment

Just enforce it as a crosswalk. If the police ticket a few people for not stopping for pedestrians then more drivers will slow at that intersection.

I think the way you've shown it the radius would be much too tight to turn.

- Mr. Mac Manus responded that the perspective was a sketch not a dimensioned drawing and that the radius could be expanded to the correct geometry.

I'd rather see a bumpout at the other end of Ontario where the children cross.

If the northwest corner is going to be a main entry with bikes, strollers, etc. it needs to be bigger than a standard sidewalk.

These recommendations will be reviewed with the VOP Transportation Committee.

Southwestern Entry to Park and Library Plaza

Mr. Mac Manus described 'the hangout,' officially known as the outdoor reading room, and stated that security in the SW corner of the park had been raised as an issue in all previous meetings. Many residents showed support for its removal. Mr. Mac Manus described the proposed scheme for a new entry as more open and inviting. Moving on to the topic of the library plaza, Mr. Mac Manus showed the existing plaza's undulating edge and presented a scheme in which it was straightened giving it a more dignified feel. A curb with a low ornamental rail would protect groundcovers planted near the edge. The central portion of the park edge would remain as grass and trees with no low fence, so that tripping of park patrons during special events would not be a concern.



Public Comment

So you're going to remove the hangout just so the teenagers and users can hang out at the new plaza (Peace Plaza at the Memorial)?

- Mr. Mac Manus replied that there's been a great deal of consensus on this issue in the previous meetings. Part of the current problem is that these trouble areas, the hangout and library plaza, are on a local edge. There are apartments adjacent; it's also the entry to the library in addition to the entrance to the park. The plaza in the middle of the park around the monument would be away from residences, more regional than local, with more people circulating through the area. This area would also be relatively open and well lit with very clear sight lines.

How wide would those paths connecting from the library plaza to the park be?

- Mr. Mac Manus replied that they would probably be 8'-10'.

Could you reuse the existing materials around the library? The limestone is nice.

- Mr. Mac Manus replied that he thought that was a possibility.

I'm going to disagree with the new entry at the southwest corner. I want more mystery when I'm coming into a park. So, for that reason I dislike the open entrance.

However the majority in attendance approved of the new design.

Peace Memorial Plaza

The existing space around the monument, Mr. Mac Manus explained, provides no direct access to the monument. Desire lines that would otherwise exist from the Meadow are prevented by the wooden timbers planters and a change in grade. If a new plaza is designed appropriately, the paths could be incorporated into the space in order to increase green space, activate the plaza, and reestablish the more sinuous curves of Jensen's plan. Mr. Mac Manus reviewed the three most liked proposals from the previous meeting and presented an additional scheme. The scheme is based on Lloyd Wright's use of circles in his plans, in particular the Guggenheim Museum in NY. Mr. Mac Manus discussed some of its benefits and compromises but noted that it was still conceptual and needed further work. He then opened up all four schemes for discussion.

Public Comment

Were the pods in the fourth scheme for chess? It seems like if you remove the pods there'd be more room for the existing mature trees.

- Mr. Mac Manus explained that the pods could incorporate chess or simple seating and that the pods could be massaged or removed to avoid roots of major trees.

We need something to discourage skateboarding.

Would you use a different colored concrete or soft surface within the plaza?

- Mr. Mac Manus responded that Mike Grandy suggested the use of a soft surface material around the monument. Something like decomposed granite would prevent skateboarders from using it.

Would the pods affect the symmetry of the park?



It's a wider area from Oak Park Ave to the monument than from the Grove sidewalk to the monument.

The park is not symmetric.

Which space in your opinion works best?

- Mr. Mac Manus replied that it's a difficult question to answer and that he's really supposed to play the role of moderator.
- Mrs. Bellalta answered that after Mr. Mac Manus had finished the fourth concept it was the scheme that she thought worked best. The shape accommodates good circulation, it incorporates the better elements from both the circular and oval schemes, and it still allows for some formal beds in front of the monument.

I think someday this park is going to be an international center. The circle is a winner; it has universality with the wonderful synthesis of man and nature.

- Mr. Mac Manus noted that the circle in the fourth scheme is actually slightly stretched making a little bit of an oval. It had to stretch in order to meet the paths but also remain far enough from the mature elm to prevent any damage to it.

I think the monument presents the biggest design issue in the park. Did you look at an option with the memorial off center?

- Mr. Mac Manus replied that the team's design had started off on a much less formal aesthetic, paying more attention to the 1913 Jensen plan, but that over the course of the meetings there had been a shift. Public comment seemed to have driven the parts of the design to a more Victorian and east-coast park styled design.

I question the relationship between a formal plaza around the monument and the rest of the park. It's definitely the biggest design challenge.

I think the fourth scheme addresses some of that asymmetry.

You've also shown the canopy of the trees around the monument which is great because it illustrates some of that randomness of the park.

The monument imposes on the Jensen plan.

The circle is fine with me but I see traffic issues with the narrow walks and corridors. The plan funnels everyone through the plaza and the paths don't look wide enough where they meet the plaza.

How big are those paths? How often would the paths be used for festivals?

- Mrs. Bellalta replied that all of the paths will be increased from 5' to 6' for accessibility and that some could be enlarged depending on the level of traffic.
- Mr. Mac Manus responded that the park is only used for festivals twice a year. A lot of people said that we should not design the park for maximum use events. It is a public park.

In terms of sight lines and passive users of the park, have you considered bench placement?

- Mr. Mac Manus replied that benches would be situated to look onto the meadow and that curved benches could be used around the monument and at the entries.

Mike Grandy noted that the first scheme reduces the pavement behind the monument that he regards as a dead space. He said that putting more hardscape back there doesn't make sense.



Getting rid of desire lines is great but he wasn't sure which of the schemes accomplishes that best. Mr. Grandy disliked the third scheme because of the additional offset paths.

Is there a way to bring more active use to the space behind the monument?

- Mr. Mac Manus commented that Mr. Grandy could be correct; it could be difficult to activate that space.

Where would the Julian bust go?

- Mr. Mac Manus replied that there was a decision to set up a subcommittee that would handle all issues related to memorials and educational signage in order to avoid too much discussion on these topics during the public meetings. "We need to create a framework first and then overlay the memorial layer."

In your experience, could people's behavior readjust to a new form?

- Mr. Mac Manus responded by noting that typically this doesn't have a radical effect on people under 21.

This scheme is not a council ring. The place to put a council ring is in the northeast corner. You could have a real council ring that way.

- Mr. Mac Manus replied that someone at a previous meeting strongly disliked the idea of putting any seating in that corner because it is a local edge with apartments across the street.

I like the fourth scheme and I like the back space because I can see the Julian bust moving there with the possibility to add more busts there. I'm not sure how close you're getting to the tennis courts though.

Lighting can have a strong effect on behavior. Is lighting a big budget item?

- Mr. Mac Manus answered that lighting is another layer to the project. The monument restorer, Mr. Dajnowski, would love to have the monument properly lit and the design team would love to see "up" lighting in the surrounding trees.

I think the fourth scheme is marvelous. I don't like the apron on the north side but otherwise it's great.

- Mr. Mac Manus asked if anyone wanted to speak for any of the other schemes. He also reiterated that the schemes were still conceptual and had details that would be figured out later in the process.

Where would seating be around the monument?

- Mr. Mac Manus replied that curved benches could sit at the edges of each plaza and, in the case of the fourth scheme, around the pods off the main plaza.
- Mr. Mac Manus asked if there was anyone that strongly disagreed with scheme four. The audience made no comment.

I'd prefer to see less concrete and sidewalk overall.

What's happening west of the monument?

- Mr. Mac Manus replied that the design recommended was for a space with stones and boulders engraved with information on historic figures that lived and worked in Oak Park. Children could be encouraged to search for the stones and to make rubbings of



the engravings as a record of their trip to Scoville Park and Oak Park. Mr. Mac Manus noted that the history and sculpture subcommittee will help work on this.

Tennis Courts

The meeting moved forward onto the topic of the tennis courts. Mr. Mac Manus explained some of the discussion from previous meetings. The nearest courts in proximity are at the high school, which are not owned by the Park District and unlit. The closest Park District courts are at Taylor Park and at Longfellow Center, each approximately a mile away. The Scoville courts are centralized within the community, lit, and well used during the playing months but some residents feel they have too much of an impact on the park. There have been recommendations to remove either the western most or eastern most court in order to either expand the tot lot or enlarge and activate the northeastern corner. Mr. Mac Manus presented three schemes. The first scheme keeps all three tennis courts, adds a small northern entry on Ontario, and upgrades the tot lot within a more limited footprint (due to the tennis courts and existing tree roots). The second scheme removes the western most court, leaving two, allowing for an expanded tot lot, roll hills, and entry off of Ontario. The third scheme removes a court and relocates the other two to leave slightly more room on both the west and east sides of the park. The tot lot then can be slightly expanded while also having a larger space in the northeast corner of the park. If all three courts are shifted east, as someone had suggested in the previous meeting, they start to move too close to the roots of some mature trees. Because the existing courts are not spaced correctly by today's standards, in each of the scenarios the courts' footprint would have to increase slightly in order to compensate for room between the courts.

Public Comment

When the vote came up last meeting over whether or not to remove a court it was based on the supposition that we needed more space for the tot lot. I don't think we need to choose between a new tot lot and the removal of one court. All three courts were busy tonight, as they will be for the rest of summer, and I don't see the value of removing one.

If we moved all three courts 10' east there could be enough room for the play area and to retain all 3 courts.

I didn't think the option with the expanded meadow was favored.(NE corner)

There is room for the playground to expand to the south in the scheme with three courts.

In comparing schemes one and two, I prefer scheme two (western court removed, leaving two courts with space to expand the tot lot). There's an entry for tennis players and for parents with children going to the playground. All 3 courts are well used but the tot lot is also filled all of the time. Most tennis players can drive or bike to other locations but fathers and mothers with strollers don't have that luxury.

I think the expanded tot lot is lovely but I don't understand why we should have to lose a court.

I like the expanded tot lot. The high school tennis courts are only two blocks away.

I can share the concern with the northeast corner because it's a bit of a jungle. If kids want to roll down a hill they can do that on the hill. I think we have to do something with the space in the northeast corner.



Adding the midblock bumpout/drop-off on Ontario for the entry there makes for a potential crossing that is ultimately dangerous. It's a one way street but it's busy with traffic.

- Mrs. Bellalta replied that she had spoken with the Village and Jim Budrick who had given a preliminary okay since it was a one way street and the parallel parking falls within the Park District's property.

There should be a gate on northwest side of the courts for tennis players.

Who are you really dropping off there? You're not dropping off kids of the 2-5 age and tennis players are mainly adults. I don't think you need the drop-off.

- Mr. Mac Manus commented that it looked as though the drop-off wasn't necessary.

In terms of demographics there are more tennis players. The park is surrounded by apartment buildings, it's less of a family neighborhood. If you remove a court, it will never be rebuilt.

If you remove or relocate the three smaller trees west of the tot lot there could be more to expand.

- Mrs. Bellalta responded that it had been considered but that shade was also desired.

I wanted to touch on the demographic issue. This park is the community center so the entire demographic of Oak Park should be considered, not just the opinion of those within a couple of blocks.

Many grandparents around the park will have children visiting them and use the tot lot.

Tot lots are local theoretically.

Yes, but this is downtown too. Many parents with kids will come shopping and then go to the playground and park afterwards.

The courts at Scoville are lit. The courts at the high school are not.

Is there another option to light or add other Park District courts in Oak Park?

- Mr. Balling replied that he would be reluctant to make a promise like that because he could not guarantee what might result from other master planning processes. Mr. Balling also noted that Oak Park has many lit tennis courts compared to other communities.

But is it enough? If we could we'd make the tot lot huge but we don't have the space. These courts are used all of the time during players' hours.

Mr. Balling commented that he looked at the new entry from Ontario as an important tradeoff and stated that the entry provides an entry to a more open park for tennis players and tot-lot goers.

There is always an interaction between tennis and the tot lot. Many parents will come to the tot lot with their children and play tennis and many children will often sit by the fence and watch the tennis players.

Is the tot lot the same size? How many pieces would we be losing if it was the same size?

- Mrs. Bellalta replied that given the same size (three tennis courts) the tot lot could fit a similar sized play set as currently on site, a small set of swings, and possibly one or two small free-standing pieces. It would be a tight fit because current playground regulations have larger fall zones and play equipment has to be spaced farther apart.
- Mr. Mac Manus asked the audience to take a vote on whether or not to remove a court. 9 voted in favor of retaining all three courts and 5 voted in favor of the removal of one court. Mr. Mac Manus stated that the tennis courts were not a consensus item.



I know we don't talk about funding but does leaving or removing the tennis court make any difference?

- Mr. Mac Manus replied, not at this stage in the design.

Plaza at Oak Park Ave. & Lake St.

Mr. Mac Manus shifted the topic of discussion to the plaza at Oak Park Ave. and Lake St. Residents had asked that it become more welcoming and inviting and less cluttered. However, there have been many requests as to what should remain and be added to the plaza. Some items include; keeping the fountain in its existing location, keeping all of the trees, providing sight lines to the monument, lots of seating, a bus shelter of some type, bike racks, directional and educational signage, a message board or kiosk, and a flower display. A question remains as to whether or not the bus shelter, directional signage, and message board are really issues for the Park District. Mr. Mac Manus presented two main options (one presented previously, one new) for the redesigned plaza, each with or without the fountain remaining, in perspective and plan view. The first option, arcs into the park with an oval planter in the center. The second option, the new scheme, is more curvilinear and with slightly more space. Mr. Mac Manus also presented some diagrams illustrating where a shelter might fit outside the plaza and showed some bus shelter options but noted that the issue did not fall under the Park District's purview.

Public Comment

I like the first scheme.

The first scheme draws you into the park. You see where you're going.

I like the second scheme with the fountain remaining where it is today.

If you build the case that this was not the historic location of the fountain, I think it can be moved.(back to Lake Street location)

- Mr. Mac Manus noted that the Village will also be adding street trees in grates onto Lake St.

In the first scheme I prefer the fountain raised up but I like the first scheme better than the second.

- Mr. Balling stated that the Park District would need to coordinate with the newspapers on any new newspaper boxes.

There was no consensus on the design.

Trees

Mr. Mac Manus presented exhibits showing the trees which would need to be removed, relocated, and root pruned. There are six trees in the southwest corner of the park that have to be removed due to the new entry. There is a spruce, already leaning and not in the best shape, just northeast of the monument that would have to be removed for the peace plaza. And there is a pear just northeast of the existing tot lot that would need to be removed in order to expand the tot lot footprint. A plum tree at the NE of the tennis courts has died this year and will be removed.

Public Comment

Three of the six trees in the southwest corner and the spruce are all memorial trees.



- Mr. Mac Manus replied that the team takes the memorial trees very seriously and works with Nancy Holmes of the Park District Citizen Committee who is in charge of the memorial tree program. Often memorials can be reassigned to other trees or new trees can be planted.

Where is the important oak on the plan?

- Mr. Mac Manus showed the oak, which may be a pre-settlement tree, in the plan and said that the team would be very careful not get too close to it in addition to the 62" elm west of the monument.

The catalpa looks like it is dying and should be replaced.

- Mr. Mac Manus said that the team's arborist will have a look but thought the catalpa could be saved.

Mrs. Bellalta noted that the trees marked with orange are all smaller trees that can be relocated.

Thinking of the elm, would it help if the plaza adjacent to it was a permeable surface?

- Mrs. Bellalta responded noting that permeable systems, whether pavers or a crushed stone, still have significant profiles which can be deep. Permeability isn't so much the issue in that case. One solution is to use a geo-synthetic grid with a membrane on top that is laid on top of the existing soil surface, and raises the grade so that the tree's roots are left with minimum impact.

How many trees do we currently have in the park?

- Mr. Mac Manus replied that he did not have the number on hand but Altamanu will provide the total.

Root pruning is not such a big deal if handled correctly.

There are also anti-desiccants which can be applied to trees in order to stop trauma.

In the sketches you showed the trees next to the library and at the new entry as large with high canopies. Won't they be much smaller going in?

- Mr. Mac Manus replied that in other projects a tight budget requires the use of very small trees. The hope is that larger trees could be transplanted in this instance. It would be nice to plant 6-12" caliper trees there for an instant solution.

I think moving trees that big is questionable.

- Mr. Mac Manus responded that it's important to note that these trees would be grown to be transplanted from a nursery.


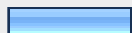
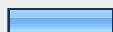

What did the arborist say about the mulberry at Oak Park and Lake? You're highlighting a weed tree that is lopsided.

- Mr. Mac Manus replied that it provides an anchor for that corner. When it does go another tree could go there instead.



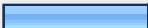



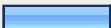
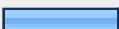
Mr. Balling closed the meeting as the time neared 9PM and thanked the design team and all of the attendees for participating. The next step in the process is a presentation of the proposed plan and consensus items to the Park Board Committee of the Whole on June 3rd. Mr. Balling said that work may continue into July before we get complete consensus. The PowerPoint presentation will be available online and Diane Stanke will send a notice when the final concept is put online.

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1. How many members of your household do you have in each age category?						
	1	2	3	4	5 or more	Response Count
Ages 0 to 5	72.2% (13)	27.8% (5)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	18
Ages 6 to 12	75.0% (9)	16.7% (2)	8.3% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	12
Ages 13 to 19	41.7% (5)	58.3% (7)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	12
Ages 20 to 29	70.0% (7)	20.0% (2)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	10.0% (1)	10
Ages 30 to 39	40.9% (9)	59.1% (13)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	22
Ages 40 to 49	43.5% (10)	56.5% (13)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	23
Ages 50 to 59	18.8% (3)	75.0% (12)	6.3% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	16
Ages 60 to 69	61.5% (8)	38.5% (5)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	13
Ages 70 and up	25.0% (1)	75.0% (3)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	4
	answered question					70
	skipped question					0

2. How many years have you resided in the Village of Oak Park?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Less than one year		2.9%	2
1-5 years		18.6%	13
6-10 years		15.7%	11
11-20 years		25.7%	18
20+ years		28.6%	20
Non-resident		8.6%	6
	answered question		70
	skipped question		0

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How did you learn about the Scoville Park Site Planning Process?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Park District seasonal brochure		0.0%	0
Park District e-newsletter		5.8%	4
Park District website		15.9%	11
Local newspaper		21.7%	15
Flyer delivered to residence		8.7%	6
Poster and/or flyer at Park District facility		4.3%	3
Cable Access Channel 6		0.0%	0
Participant in past planning processes		10.1%	7
Park District marquee at Lake & Ridgeland		0.0%	0
Friend or Neighbor		15.9%	11
Other (please specify)		17.4%	12
answered question			69
skipped question			1

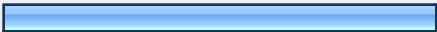
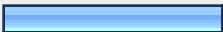
Other (please specify)		
1	it was mentioned at a business association meeting & I picked up a flyer at the library	Mar 25, 2010 10:17 PM
2	flyer at library	Mar 27, 2010 2:39 PM
3	staff/resident	Mar 31, 2010 9:03 PM
4	I work at the Library and caught wind	Mar 31, 2010 9:35 PM
5	Twitter	Mar 31, 2010 9:41 PM
6	coworker forwarded the link to the survey	Mar 31, 2010 11:18 PM
7	Oak Park Public Library staff	Apr 1, 2010 12:38 AM
8	Live Here Oak Park blog	Apr 1, 2010 1:41 AM
9	Facebook	Apr 1, 2010 2:19 AM
10	co-worker	Apr 1, 2010 3:05 PM
11	from an e-mail	Apr 1, 2010 7:44 PM

Other (please specify)		
12	Live Here Oak Park Ning site	Apr 7, 2010 12:05 PM

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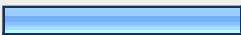
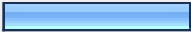
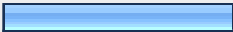
How often do you use Scoville Park?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Everyday	<div><div></div></div>	8.6%	6
More than once a week	<div><div></div></div>	28.6%	20
Once a week	<div><div></div></div>	10.0%	7
Two to three times per month	<div><div></div></div>	21.4%	15
Once per month	<div><div></div></div>	10.0%	7
Less than once per month	<div><div></div></div>	20.0%	14
Never	<div><div></div></div>	1.4%	1
	answered question		70
	skipped question		0

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Park Lighting			
		Response Percent	Response Count
The lighting in the park is sufficient.		66.7%	40
Additional lights are needed. (Please identify location under comments.)		33.3%	20
Other comments			12
answered question			60
skipped question			10


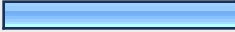

Other comments		
1	don't usually visit the park at night	Mar 31, 2010 5:40 PM
2	Lighting is beautiful, especially the poles	Mar 31, 2010 9:06 PM
3	not sure, but it doesn't feel super safe at night	Apr 1, 2010 12:40 AM
4	under the canopy of trees where the bums hang out	Apr 1, 2010 7:45 PM
5	near center and along northern edge of park	Apr 1, 2010 9:05 PM
6	tennis courts	Apr 1, 2010 11:12 PM
7	Along the Eastern edge	Apr 2, 2010 2:36 PM
8	I live across from the park; the lighting is too bright for me.	Apr 2, 2010 9:28 PM
9	the middle of the park gets a little dark.	Apr 3, 2010 3:15 AM
10	The Memorial lighting is bad and the library lights need to be turned off at night. More lighting is needed in dark areas of park for security reasons.	Apr 3, 2010 12:27 PM
11	along Lake Street at night, particularly during summer months	Apr 4, 2010 9:30 PM
12	along the walking paths and near areas where this is dense brush	Apr 7, 2010 12:06 PM

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Views into the Park - Concerns have been raised by the local police that views into the park are blocked by plantings along the south Lake Street edge and in the southwest corner.			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Plantings should be limbed up to give views into the park.		36.5%	23
Remove some of the plantings to give views into the park.		28.6%	18
Keep the plantings along the edge of the park and find other ways of dealing with the issues.		34.9%	22
Other comments			10
answered question			63
skipped question			7

Other comments		
1	If there are plantings that don't fit or complement Jensen's design they should be removed.	Mar 29, 2010 2:44 PM
2	Plants reduce noises from traffic. If anything, more plants should be added to make the park more serene.	Mar 31, 2010 4:23 PM
3	less shrubs, more trees	Mar 31, 2010 5:40 PM
4	Fix southwest corner by limbing up plants, along Lake, keep plants as they provide screening and keep kids from running to street (fear that limbing up plants along Lake will cause new security issue - little kids running into street).	Mar 31, 2010 9:10 PM
5	The police should get out of their cars and patrol on foot	Mar 31, 2010 9:38 PM
6	Get rid of low growing bushes and such.	Mar 31, 2010 9:42 PM
7	Whatever needs to be done. Unfortunate; perhaps necessary	Apr 1, 2010 3:13 PM
8	Still need barrier/fencing to keep kids away from Lake Street during concerts	Apr 2, 2010 4:33 PM
9	New trees seem to be regularly planted in this area without any overall plan.	Apr 4, 2010 6:19 PM
10	Concerns me as well. Summer months are very scary times walking by that park.	Apr 4, 2010 9:30 PM

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SW Corner Seating (outdoor reading room) - Local police have stated that the SW corner is an area of particular concern and have recommended that cameras be installed in this area.			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Cameras should be installed.		35.7%	20
No cameras should be installed. Find other ways to deal with this issue.		35.7%	20
Remove the seating area and redesign.		28.6%	16
Other comments			14
answered question			56
skipped question			14

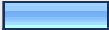
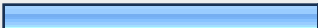
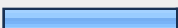
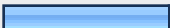

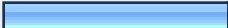

Other comments		
1	I am not certain of the cost associated with camera installation or if redesign of seating area would limit problem	Mar 25, 2010 10:20 PM
2	Cameras are too invasive.	Mar 27, 2010 10:52 AM
3	Oak Park is not a Police state. The police can get out of their cars and talk to the teens.	Mar 29, 2010 2:44 PM
4	have a policeman patrolling the park	Mar 30, 2010 9:02 PM
5	Not sure. Does seem tombe a hangout, and not mostly for reading	Mar 31, 2010 5:53 PM
6	Cameras alone will not solve problem. problem is behavioral	Mar 31, 2010 9:06 PM
7	The world has enough cameras. If am in a park I don't want to feel like I am being watched	Mar 31, 2010 9:38 PM
8	If it is a problem, perhaps a redesign would be best	Apr 1, 2010 12:40 AM
9	I absolutely agree! I have small children and we go to the library all the time and we would like to sit outside but the area has a dicey mix of people that are pan handling, swearing (young and old), and other things I try not to notice. Maybe then people could enjoy that area a little more peacefully.	Apr 1, 2010 5:32 AM
10	this is the smoking area and it is disgusting, no smoking in the is area should be the rule	Apr 1, 2010 7:45 PM
11	children Teens and homeless people gather in that one corner leaving the rest of the park to other citizens , it fine, they should also enjoy the park as long as they keep reasonably civil.	Apr 2, 2010 12:16 PM
12	No strong feeling	Apr 2, 2010 4:33 PM
13	Cameras should be put into Barrie Park as well.	Apr 3, 2010 2:06 AM
14	Increase the police presence. Homeless people are constantly drinking alcohol and hiding it in nearby trashcans. Police are needed to control this and the teens who are always screaming in this area.	Apr 4, 2010 6:19 PM

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Are there other areas of the park where security is of concern to you? If so, please state the location and your recommendation(s) to address this concern.		
		Response Count
		14
	answered question	14
	skipped question	56

Response Text		
1	n/a	Mar 25, 2010 10:20 PM
2	seems like a hang out. never feel comfortable being there	Mar 28, 2010 8:46 PM
3	there seems to be lots of fighting, yelling, smoking etc esp by high school children on the library plaza and on the paths in the park...i would like to see someone patrolling the area and making sure behavior is being monitored	Mar 30, 2010 9:02 PM
4	Problems will move with people	Mar 31, 2010 9:06 PM
5	Often teenagers hang out in the area of the park just outside the library and get into fights.	Mar 31, 2010 11:34 PM
6	plaza in front of the library	Apr 1, 2010 12:40 AM
7	There are many teens and homeless people that use the park to sell and use drugs. It feels dangerous to walk by a large group of unruly teens and groups of homeless people to reach the library. There are a handful of times that I did not go into the library because I did not want to walk through the groups of teens that hang out in front of the library.	Apr 1, 2010 1:27 AM
8	never have had particular security concerns. I don't know enough to have an opinion about how to deal with them.	Apr 1, 2010 3:13 PM
9	i have witnessed apparent drug dealing by restrooms	Apr 1, 2010 11:12 PM
10	I have never felt any unconcern in the park, I love the flower garden and often just stop and do some quick weeding, its a gem of the town, used greatly for just sitting around and enjoying life, only down side is the contin uous music in the summertime, if some of the music venues could use other parks some of the time it would be greatlu praised by the residences which border the park.	Apr 2, 2010 12:16 PM
11	In the NW corner by the little building	Apr 2, 2010 2:36 PM
12	this is the main security issue- and the bathrooms are a little sketchy at times too.	Apr 3, 2010 3:15 AM
13	no, there are no other security issues.	Apr 4, 2010 6:19 PM
14	Lots of loitering outside library; the large groups of adolescents during the summer on Lake and Oak Park Ave and along the Lake Street side of the park. My family and I were walking home from the movies on a Saturday before 10:00pm and saw an assault of a young woman, two elderly people looking visibly shaken from the crowd forcably moving them along, and just the general mayhem-like atmosphere. Would have called police, but felt like cell phone would be stolen given the atmosphere. It was the first time we were ever nervous walking in oak Park and it was a busy summer sat. night. We were appalled that there was no visible police presence and that adolescents were allowed to take over that area--an area of restaurants, movies etc . . . an area we want people to walk around in.	Apr 4, 2010 9:30 PM

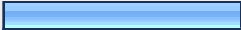
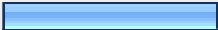
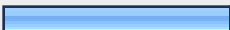
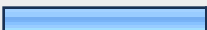
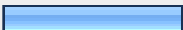
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Which statements come closest to expressing your opinion on the importance of Jens Jensen's plan? (please select all that apply)			
		Response Percent	Response Count
The historic plan is very important to me, and the renovation of part or all of his design should be one of the goals of the master plan.		15.6%	10
Considering the changes in public use and the current need for security in the park a contemporary interpretation of the historic template is a good solution.		48.4%	31
Reintroduce areas of his typical planting palette so that we have an example of how the park would have looked.		26.6%	17
Reintroduce the large numbers of flowering trees to the park.		25.0%	16
Though Jensen's work is very important it is not as critical to me as other issues and opportunities for the park's future.		18.8%	12
I would like a record of the history of the park and his plan displayed in interpretive signage.		34.4%	22
I do not know enough about the plan to make a relevant statement.		14.1%	9
Other comments			8
answered question			64
skipped question			6

Other comments		
1	Trees are nice. Maybe some more of those.	Mar 27, 2010 10:59 AM
2	Layering of native plants and shrubs sounds nice. You should post the original plans somewhere.	Mar 31, 2010 4:25 PM



Other comments		
3	Many requests - limited budget, understand if all are not accomplished.	Mar 31, 2010 9:10 PM
4	One police officer patrolling on foot should be sufficient to cover four acres and keep the area secure	Mar 31, 2010 9:39 PM
5	This is a significant piece of history that I was not aware of. I would love to learn more.	Apr 1, 2010 12:42 AM
6	Having a contemporary design would compliment the library's facade.	Apr 1, 2010 1:29 AM
7	No more interpretive signage	Apr 1, 2010 2:23 AM
8	security is #1.	Apr 7, 2010 12:08 PM

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Plaza at Oak Park Avenue and Lake Street (please select all that apply)			
		Response Percent	Response Count
The entry at Oak Park Avenue and Lake Street is the most important entry to the park.		36.4%	20
I enjoy the current layout of the plaza and it functions well.		32.7%	18
The existing plaza is dated and should be redesigned.		34.5%	19
The plaza should incorporate Oak Park's history through interpretive signage.		30.9%	17
The plaza functions well and is heavily used as a waiting space bus stop.		27.3%	15
Other comments			10
answered question			55
skipped question			15

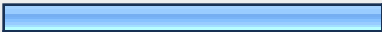
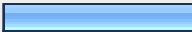
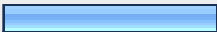
Other comments		
1	I love the old school drinking fountain. It is a very nice historical touch.	Mar 27, 2010 11:11 AM
2	This plaza sucks	Mar 31, 2010 9:13 PM
3	History signage sounds wonderful	Apr 1, 2010 12:52 AM
4	No more signage	Apr 1, 2010 2:33 AM
5	don't frequently use this entrance	Apr 1, 2010 3:21 PM
6	the plaza is another disgusting area of the park, smoking, garbage, bums	Apr 1, 2010 7:52 PM
7	Pinch point/bottleneck, needs to be opened up	Apr 2, 2010 4:43 PM
8	Because it is heavily used as a waiting space, the space's potential interpretive signage would have a regular potential audience.	Apr 2, 2010 9:38 PM
9	It is sometimes difficult to make one's way through the plaza into the park because of crowded conditions there	Apr 3, 2010 8:57 PM
10	The brickwork should be improved for safety and drainage as water frequently collects in this area.	Apr 4, 2010 6:39 PM

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The Horse Fountain in the Plaza at Oak Park Avenue and Lake Street is a replica of a fountain originally designed by sculptor Richard Bock and architect Frank Lloyd Wright. (please select one)			
		Response Percent	Response Count
The Horse Fountain should be relocated to its original location along Lake Street towards the center of Scoville Park.		30.2%	13
The Horse Fountain should remain in its current location within the plaza.		69.8%	30
Other comments			11
answered question			43
skipped question			27

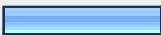
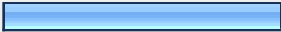

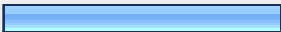
Other comments		
1	Earlier in this questionnaire this fountain was cited at the SW corner. That is wrong.	Mar 27, 2010 11:11 AM
2	no comment	Mar 30, 2010 9:54 PM
3	No opinion	Mar 31, 2010 9:10 PM
4	Doesn't matter	Apr 1, 2010 12:52 AM
5	Do what is within budget.	Apr 1, 2010 1:48 AM
6	no opinion	Apr 1, 2010 7:52 PM
7	No strong opinion	Apr 2, 2010 4:43 PM
8	The Horse Fountain may be best located in Austin Gardens near the Wright bust.	Apr 2, 2010 9:38 PM
9	I don't feel strongly about this.	Apr 4, 2010 10:29 PM
10	Should be somewhere. Doesn't have to be in either original or current location	Apr 4, 2010 11:20 PM
11	no opinion	Apr 5, 2010 1:56 PM

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The area east of the World War I Monument along Oak Park Avenue (please select all that apply)			
		Response Percent	Response Count
I enjoy the current space as a passive zone.		58.2%	32
The space is underused.		29.1%	16
This space is an opportunity to reestablish a planting area similar to that of Jens Jensen's original planting plan.		32.7%	18
Other comments			4
answered question			55
skipped question			15

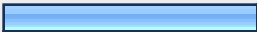
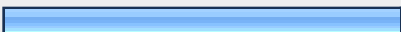
Other comments		
1	I often sit and read in that area, since the area in the middle of the park is often used by ballplayers.	Mar 31, 2010 4:39 PM
2	Could be an area for replanting, definitely keep passive.	Mar 31, 2010 9:10 PM
3	Might there be a way to combine the monument and plantings?	Apr 2, 2010 9:38 PM
4	I don't feel strongly.	Apr 4, 2010 10:29 PM

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Northeastern corner of Scoville Park - This area was originally used as a children's play area. It was moved to the western side of the park due to traffic on Oak Park Avenue. (please select all that apply)			
		Response Percent	Response Count
I enjoy this area of the park in its current condition.		24.1%	13
This area of the park is underused and underutilized.		42.6%	23
This area should be redesigned to promote more active use.		35.2%	19
This space is an opportunity to reestablish a planting area similar to that of Jens Jensen's original planting plan.		42.6%	23
Other comments			4
answered question			54
skipped question			16

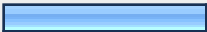
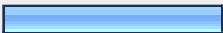

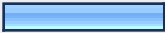
Other comments		
1	Like the idea mentioned at the public meeting: use natural features for bigger kids to play on (boulders, rocks, etc.) in this area. Tying into existing style of park may be challenging and a deal breaker. Interested to see what the Landscape Architect comes up with.	Mar 31, 2010 9:10 PM
2	Can the tennis courts be shifted over to create a larger childrens play area to the west?	Apr 2, 2010 4:43 PM
3	I like the idea of both more active use and plantings.	Apr 2, 2010 9:38 PM
4	this space is NOT underused!	Apr 4, 2010 10:29 PM

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Tennis Courts (please select one)		
		Response Percent
The current tennis courts are underused.		38.9%
The current tennis courts are often used.		61.1%
Other comments		14
<i>answered question</i>		36
<i>skipped question</i>		34



Other comments		
1	Don't remove the tennis courts.	Mar 27, 2010 11:11 AM
2	we like to watch the tennis players while we are playing at the park...please leave the courts!	Mar 30, 2010 9:08 PM
3	no idea, but I think you could take one out	Mar 30, 2010 9:54 PM
4	unknown	Mar 31, 2010 5:50 PM
5	No comment (too volatile an issue for some. I'm staying away).	Mar 31, 2010 9:10 PM
6	Courts are quite popular	Mar 31, 2010 9:13 PM
7	not sure. I do see tennis players there often.	Apr 1, 2010 12:52 AM
8	Do not have sufficient information to comment.	Apr 1, 2010 1:48 AM
9	don't know	Apr 1, 2010 9:46 PM
10	No strong opinion	Apr 2, 2010 4:43 PM
11	Please follow through on eliminating at least one of the tennis courts.	Apr 2, 2010 9:38 PM
12	no opinion	Apr 4, 2010 10:29 PM
13	Not aware of frequency of use	Apr 4, 2010 11:20 PM
14	I'd like to see basketball hoops for the older children	Apr 5, 2010 1:56 PM

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Tennis Courts (please select one)				
			Response Percent	Response Count
The number of tennis courts (3) should remain the same.			31.1%	14
The original Jensen plan had only two courts. One of the courts should be removed on the NE side to make more room for a usable green space.			33.3%	15
All of the courts should be removed to make more room for green space.			11.1%	5
The courts should be expanded towards the northeast corner to provide space for either another tennis court or an area for another active recreation activity i.e. basketball, bocce ball, etc.			24.4%	11
Other comments				8
			answered question	45
			skipped question	25

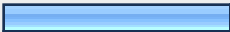


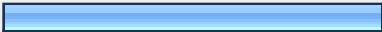
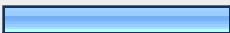
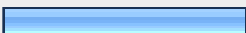
Other comments		
1	Could you move all the courts (two or three) to the NE corner. This would provide a more open green area further away from the traffic on Oak Park Ave	Mar 31, 2010 9:10 PM
2	not sure. Tennis courts should remain, bocce ball would be an excellent addition.	Apr 1, 2010 12:52 AM
3	Do not have sufficient information to comment.	Apr 1, 2010 1:48 AM
4	the western most court might be unfenced and converted to other activity for kids (4 square, etc.)	Apr 1, 2010 3:21 PM
5	Adding another court would be beneficial as courts have been eliminated and remaining courts are heavily used, especially as Fenwick has such extensive use of various courts, including Scoville	Apr 2, 2010 1:18 AM
6	if you remove just one court you still have to work on the other two, they are all together and they are well used	Apr 2, 2010 12:23 PM
7	Parking is a problem for tennis court users	Apr 2, 2010 1:19 PM
8	improved night lighting would be nice also	Apr 8, 2010 5:22 AM

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North Edge of Scoville Park along Ontario Street - The path on the north side of the park was removed to make space for diagonal parking on Ontario Street. There is a desire line where the grass has been eroded by people walking along the south side of the street and northern edge of the park. (please select one)		
		Response Percent Response Count
A new path should be constructed along the north edge of the park.		92.0% 46
There is no need for a sidewalk on this edge of the park.		8.0% 4
Other comment		6
answered question		50
skipped question		20

Other comment		
1	Why spend the money? Is some dead grass really that bad?	Mar 27, 2010 11:11 AM
2	I would likely not use a sidewalk on the north edge.	Apr 1, 2010 3:21 PM
3	either option works fine	Apr 1, 2010 7:52 PM
4	A new path needs to be stroller/wheel-chair friendly.	Apr 2, 2010 2:38 AM
5	diagonal parking should be established along the south side of Ontario for more parking. It is a little used and remote area of the park.	Apr 2, 2010 1:19 PM
6	There is a definat need for this. The only alternative is to walk in the street, which poses a safety hazard.	Apr 4, 2010 6:39 PM

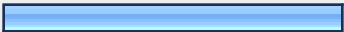
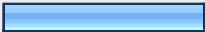
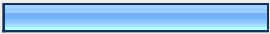


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Scoville Park Playground (please select all that apply)			
		Response Percent	Response Count
I enjoy the existing playground/tot lot.		34.9%	15
The playground should remain in its existing location.		48.8%	21
The playground should remain as a play area primarily for 2-5 year olds.		55.8%	24
The playground equipment should be updated.		58.1%	25
The playground should be enlarged.		34.9%	15
A 5-12 year old play area should be added somewhere close by.		37.2%	16
Other comment			11
answered question			43
skipped question			27

Other comment		
1	the sand is great! more swings would be great and perhaps some lower climbing spaces more suitable for toddlers	Mar 30, 2010 9:08 PM
2	no opinion	Mar 31, 2010 5:50 PM
3	Do not use playground, cannot comment.	Apr 1, 2010 1:48 AM
4	NO to a second playground	Apr 1, 2010 2:33 AM
5	pls keep the sand!!!! we specifically come to this park bc my boys love to play in (clean) sand	Apr 1, 2010 2:48 AM
6	don't know enough about this	Apr 1, 2010 3:21 PM
7	With concerts and other family uses, a multi-age playground is very important	Apr 2, 2010 4:43 PM
8	Compared to other Oak Park parks, this one is the smallest and most outdated, and probably would be the most widely used if updated. I would like to see this updated and more like fox park on South Oak Park Ave.	Apr 3, 2010 3:37 AM
9	fine as is. The over 5 group (and I KNOW this group) finds very intersting ways to play with open green space. It's another alternative way to play and is so so rare in our village where these spaces are designated for baseball. We love it and hope it stays that way.	Apr 4, 2010 10:29 PM
10	Don't care not a parent	Apr 4, 2010 11:20 PM

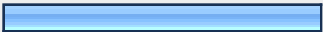
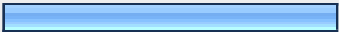
Other comment		
11	This playground is heavily used. Remove sand--it is not accessible to adults and children with disabilities. Many of us have toddlers and older kids who'd like to use equipment at the same time. A playground like at Fox would be perfect!	Apr 5, 2010 1:56 PM

Scoville Park Site Plan

The Peace Memorial otherwise known as the World War I Memorial (please select all that apply)			
		Response Percent	Response Count
I enjoy the current space surrounding the monument.		51.9%	27
There should be more seating closer to the monument.		30.8%	16
There should be a proper public space/plaza at the monument.		40.4%	21
The monument should be more accessible.		9.6%	5
The memorial should be better illuminated at night.		38.5%	20
Other comment			7
answered question			52
skipped question			18

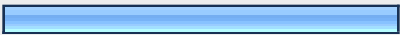
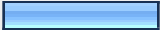
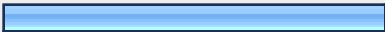
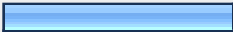
Other comment		
1	This space seems to be underutilized and should be redesigned	Mar 25, 2010 10:33 PM
2	Night illumination is just a waste of precious energy.	Mar 27, 2010 11:11 AM
3	annoyed the statues were de-patina'd--old bronze, copper, etc should be green, it is what it does tp protect itself	Mar 31, 2010 6:10 PM
4	Get rid of the Air Raid sirens and poles that are smack dab in front of the memorial.	Apr 1, 2010 2:33 AM
5	otherwise is spelled wrong in the question	Apr 1, 2010 7:52 PM
6	The renovation of the monument is taking so long it is difficult to remember how that space has been used.	Apr 3, 2010 8:57 PM
7	Signage should be placed asking children to refrain from climbing the monument. This is an improper use for the monument.	Apr 4, 2010 6:39 PM

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The Peace Memorial otherwise known as the World War I Memorial (please select one)			
		Response Percent	Response Count
I like the timbers used for seating near the monument.		48.8%	20
The timbers should be removed.		51.2%	21
Other comment			9
answered question			41
skipped question			29

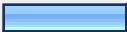
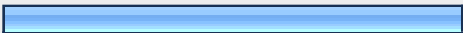
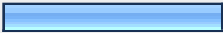
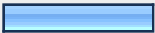
Other comment		
1	if no timbers, it needs something to sit on. I like to sit and eat lunch there.	Mar 30, 2010 9:54 PM
2	had no idea they were seating and not just bed edging	Mar 31, 2010 6:10 PM
3	Current layout prevents desire paths	Mar 31, 2010 9:13 PM
4	It looks like the trees that were there have been removed. They should be replanted after monument restoration is complete.	Mar 31, 2010 9:53 PM
5	Redesign please	Apr 1, 2010 2:33 AM
6	too bad one of the trees died and the other recently cut to keep the symmetry, I'm not sure what purpose the timbers serve other than benches in the shade	Apr 1, 2010 3:21 PM
7	The timbers are not the proper material choice, too rural for this park, looks shoddy	Apr 2, 2010 4:43 PM
8	something nicer	Apr 4, 2010 11:20 PM
9	no opinion	Apr 5, 2010 1:56 PM

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Plantings Beds - Currently the Conservatory provides the flowers for the display. These flowers are all annuals. (please select all that apply)			
		Response Percent	Response Count
I enjoy the flower beds in the park (south of the monument).		60.8%	31
I would like to see more formal flower beds in the park.		23.5%	12
I would rather see more native plantings and sustainable plantings.		58.8%	30
I would like to see more planting beds at the corners of the park.		35.3%	18
Other comment			6
answered question			51
skipped question			19

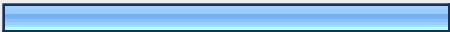
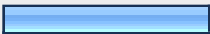
Other comment		
1	I know sustainable native plants are the fad now, but I think a park needs to look well-kempt and colorful. I'd hate to see a lot of messy looking weeds that bloom once and then are dry grass.	Mar 30, 2010 9:54 PM
2	PLEASE~keep the formal beds, maybe not exactly where they are but keep them somehow. The native plantings can be located elsewhere. I really love the annual flower displays.	Apr 1, 2010 2:33 AM
3	This is the BEST display of flowers that quickly comes to mind. How many bridal parties and people I've seen taking pictures of the flowers - we should have more. It is a beautiful area and greatly appreciated.	Apr 1, 2010 5:41 AM
4	maybe this is already a consideration, but some perennial summer/fall plants might help feed migrating birds	Apr 1, 2010 3:21 PM
5	LOVE this area. Our kids meet up with others there and we have quiet times. Lovely.	Apr 4, 2010 10:29 PM
6	Allow Henrietta to do as she recommends.	Apr 4, 2010 11:20 PM

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Area west of Peace Monument adjacent to Grove Avenue and south of the Playground (please select all that apply)			Response Percent	Response Count
I enjoy the current layout of the area west of the monument.			18.8%	9
The paths in the area should be reconfigured so there are fewer desire lines (erosion lines) from people walking off path directly across the park.			70.8%	34
The shrubs should be thinned out so there is more visibility in the space.			33.3%	16
An additional playground or enlargement of the playground would fit well here.			22.9%	11
Other comment				3
			answered question	48
			skipped question	22

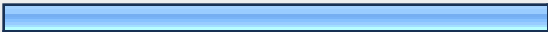
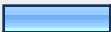
Other comment		
1	This area is underused.	Mar 27, 2010 11:11 AM
2	No additional playground, we have enough throughout the rest of the village.	Apr 1, 2010 2:33 AM
3	There seems to be no overall design for the plants and shrubs. Recently trees have been planted haphazardly in the middle of the space. The open space should be preserved.	Apr 4, 2010 6:39 PM

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The Hill & Meadow (please select one)			
		Response Percent	Response Count
I enjoy the current hill. It should remain as it is.		68.8%	33
The hill should be expanded and the paths should be moved farther up towards the monument (as in the original design) bringing them closer together.		31.3%	15
Other comment			4
answered question			48
skipped question			22




Other comment		
1	it needs to be reconfigured to make better use of the space	Mar 25, 2010 10:33 PM
2	the current paths make it easier to have public festival tents lining it. If the paths led directly to the monument, how would that affect public events? Also, the plaza around the monument is nice and quiet now, with the paths it might be even more congested with skaters. But I am not sure if having the paths converge on the monument would deter skaters or not.	Mar 30, 2010 9:54 PM
3	I like the hill but have no preference as to expanding or keeping	Apr 1, 2010 3:21 PM
4	No strong opinion	Apr 2, 2010 4:43 PM

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The Hill & Meadow (please select one)			
		Response Percent	Response Count
The meadow should remain passive.		84.0%	42
The flat space at the base of the hill should be enlarged so it can support more active uses.		16.0%	8
Other comment			3
answered question			50
skipped question			20

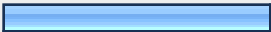
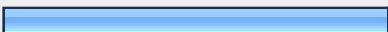
Other comment		
1	Dont understand the distinction between the two. The open area should remain as is (with the exception of expanding it to the north, but minimizing the grading changes in that area)	Mar 31, 2010 9:10 PM
2	I don't care if it's enlarged, but I want it all to remain passive.	Apr 4, 2010 10:29 PM
3	NO soccer fields	Apr 4, 2010 11:20 PM

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The Hill & Meadow (please select one)			
		Response Percent	Response Count
I like the current temporary stage in its current location at the middle at the base of hill.		34.0%	16
I would like to see a more permanent stage at the base of the hill, but it should be carefully integrated into the park design.		29.8%	14
I think the stage could be moved closer to the southwest corner of the park in order to free up more green space. It could take the place of the current seating area and berm that have been of concern for security reasons.		36.2%	17
Other comment			9
answered question			47
skipped question			23


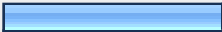
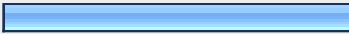

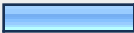
Other comment		
1	The stage must not be moved North of its current position. This would obstruct frisbee games, one of the park's biggest uses.	Mar 27, 2010 11:11 AM
2	Moving the stage to the corner near the library is a good idea.	Mar 30, 2010 9:54 PM
3	Why is there a need for a stage at all, though? There's one in the other park, just a few blocks west.	Mar 31, 2010 4:39 PM
4	All good ideas. I'd like to see options for each presented by the consultant	Mar 31, 2010 9:10 PM
5	A stage is very important. I guess I don't know which (permanent or temporary) is best.	Apr 1, 2010 12:52 AM
6	Please get rid of the temporary (UGLY) stage	Apr 1, 2010 2:33 AM
7	don't forget to consider the location of the sun for summer concerts and the lighting for other events in the evening	Apr 1, 2010 7:52 PM
8	I am torn between #2 and #3. Permanent staging is always nicer than temporary.	Apr 3, 2010 3:37 AM
9	I don't feel strongly.	Apr 4, 2010 10:29 PM

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The Southwest Corner – Seating area/Outdoor Reading Room (please select one)			
		Response Percent	Response Count
I enjoy the existing southwestern corner of the park.		40.9%	18
I dislike the current southwestern corner of the park.		59.1%	26
Other comment			9
answered question			44
skipped question			26

Other comment		
1	there does not seem to be sufficient visibility and should be redesigned or moved	Mar 25, 2010 10:33 PM
2	Indifferent	Mar 27, 2010 11:11 AM
3	no one uses that but homeless people and sketchy people. I can understand the police's concern about it, but I do not think video surveillance or cutting down trees is the answer to the policing issue. Just move the stage over that way. Sketchy people will always congregate somewhere, and the police just need to keep telling them to move off and not loiter until it becomes a less popular place for that activity.	Mar 30, 2010 9:54 PM
4	It is usually dominated by homeless people.	Apr 1, 2010 12:52 AM
5	too enclosed/dirty/close to traffic/close to people smoking on sidewalk	Apr 1, 2010 3:21 PM
6	No strong opinion	Apr 2, 2010 4:43 PM
7	I never hang out here as there are always a lot of skateboarders and other people I would rather not hang around.	Apr 3, 2010 3:37 AM
8	I would like to see a more user friendly outdoor reading area. However, I am not sure what that would look like.	Apr 3, 2010 8:57 PM
9	I absolutely despise the groups of kids and homeless people that seem to inhabit this area of the park. Get rid of the seating and encourage the kids to hang out elsewhere.	Apr 7, 2010 12:13 PM


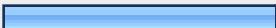
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The Southwest Corner – Seating area/Outdoor Reading Room (please select all that apply)			
		Response Percent	Response Count
There is visibility in and out of this corner area.		8.9%	4
The southwest corner is unsafe and is regularly used by undesirables.		33.3%	15
This area should be redesigned to be safer.		53.3%	24
The corner should remain relatively the same with a few changes in order to increase visibility and safety (i.e. evergreens should be limbed up and the grades topography lowered where possible).		44.4%	20
The entry into the southwest corner of the park from Lake St. to the "Outdoor Reading Room" (separate from the entry to the library) is unnecessary and rarely used.		20.0%	9
Other comment			7
answered question			45
skipped question			25

Other comment		
1	it is a nice picnic area, but should be patrolled for improper use as well	Mar 30, 2010 9:08 PM
2	the entrance over there is not easily seen. Is there an entrance? It's where sketchy people hang out, but I don't want it to be video surveillanced because I don't like the idea of living in a police state. A beat cop should patrol the area, plantings should be arranged so there is visibility, but this is still a park and should be friendly and beautiful. Moving the stage over there may be a good idea. But then the sketchy people will probably hang out on the stage, too.	Mar 30, 2010 9:54 PM
3	Redo the corner. I hope to draw a sketch of my idea and bring it to the next meeting. Too hard to explain.	Mar 31, 2010 9:10 PM
4	Maybe make a "reading room" closer to the library.	Apr 1, 2010 12:52 AM
5	I think this is a must.	Apr 3, 2010 3:37 AM

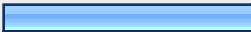


Other comment		
6	This is easily the worst area of the park. The planting beds are not maintained and overridden with weeds. Mulch is on the sidewalks and the planting area has no plantings and is full of weeds. If it is not going to be properly maintained, it should be simplified to reflect the lack of maintenance that will go into it. Also, at a minimum, the area should be weeded.	Apr 4, 2010 6:39 PM
7	I don't know about this space.	Apr 4, 2010 10:29 PM

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Library and Plaza (former Grove Avenue) on the southwest side of Scoville Park (please select one)			
		Response Percent	Response Count
I enjoy the existing plaza adjacent to the library; it functions very well.		58.2%	32
The plaza could function better.		41.8%	23
Other comment			9
answered question			55
skipped question			15

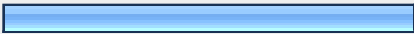
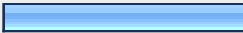
Other comment		
1	Really? Didn't Oak Park just spend money renovating this exact place just yesterday?	Mar 27, 2010 11:11 AM
2	I like it when musicians play there. It's an okay public space but could use some more seating.	Mar 30, 2010 9:54 PM
3	Remove half-wall and obtain better connection to the park.	Mar 31, 2010 9:10 PM
4	There are many teens and homeless people that use the park to sell or use drugs in the park. The area in front of the library also needs to be addressed! It feels dangerous to walk by a large group of unruly teens and homeless people to reach the library. My tax dollars are being wasted if I cannot enter into a building safely. There are a handful of times that I did not go into the library because I did not want to walk through these groups. The problem escalates when the kids are out of school.	Apr 1, 2010 1:48 AM
5	perhaps reconfigured or placement of permanent outdoor furniture to discourage skate boarding, etc. - Also should be no smoking	Apr 3, 2010 8:57 PM
6	it's hard to enjoy with smoking loiterers. it's intimidating with children.	Apr 4, 2010 10:29 PM
7	I like the plaza but it could be more functional. More seating	Apr 4, 2010 11:20 PM
8	sometimes it feels dangerous for the little kids because of rowdy teenagers	Apr 5, 2010 1:56 PM
9	Too many people hang out here. It should not be designed as a place that encourages people to loiter.	Apr 7, 2010 12:13 PM

Scoville Park Site Plan

Library and Plaza (former Grove Avenue) on the southwest side of Scoville Park (please select all that apply)			
		Response Percent	Response Count
There is not enough seating in the Library and plaza area.		38.0%	19
There is adequate seating in the Library and plaza area.		32.0%	16
There should be more café-type seating in the Library and plaza area.		52.0%	26
Other comment			6
answered question			50
skipped question			20

Other comment		
1	cafe seating would be nice. it's too bad the library snack shop is no longer a cafe.	Mar 30, 2010 9:54 PM
2	Temporary seating. When the Library is open, tables are out. When Closed, tables go in. It's an additional burden on Library staff but it's worth it.	Mar 31, 2010 9:10 PM
3	If there is to be more seating outside the library, then there need to be security measure taken, such as police presence during the week or have library security roving outside.	Apr 1, 2010 1:48 AM
4	Hard to control over who will "hold court" in this area.	Apr 1, 2010 2:33 AM
5	Any additional seating would unfortunately be filled with people you don't really want to sit by. Lots of swearing and hidden drinking going on there.	Apr 1, 2010 5:41 AM
6	Oh and PLEASE make that caboose place charm itself up a bit. yuck.	Apr 4, 2010 10:29 PM

Scoville Park Site Plan

Library and Plaza (former Grove Avenue) on the southwest side of Scoville Park (please select one)			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Currently, there is adequate separation (the existing knee-wall, shrubs, etc.) between the library and the park.		63.0%	29
There should be less separation (no knee-wall, less or no shrubs) between the library and the park.		37.0%	17
Other comment			3
answered question			46
skipped question			24

Other comment		
1	There needs to be clear sightlines for security purposes.	Apr 1, 2010 1:48 AM
2	This separation is helpful to keep young children from running off too easily.	Apr 2, 2010 2:38 AM
3	Don't care.	Apr 4, 2010 11:20 PM

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What (additional) changes would you like to see on the southwest side of Scoville Park near the Library and Plaza (former Grove Avenue)?		
		Response Count
		5
	<i>answered question</i>	5
	<i>skipped question</i>	65



Response Text		
1	Remove all the concrete. Run a sidewalk along the library and up to the library from the park. Plant grass and shrubs. The park and the library should flow together.	Mar 31, 2010 4:39 PM
2	Positive changes that will discourage loitering and give the library a better space to work with. It is embarrassing to expose international visitors coming to see Unity Temple to the parade of homeless people and disrespectful teenagers that regularly hang out in the plaza. Though it is a public space it has been taken over by these groups and discourages people to enter into the plaza to visit the library. Can the village have more police presence after school is finished in the plaza during the school year?	Apr 1, 2010 1:48 AM
3	chess boards	Apr 2, 2010 1:37 PM
4	It just needs to be safer.	Apr 3, 2010 3:37 AM
5	The planting beds need more maintenance. If this cannot be accomplished, a simpler plan should be implemented.	Apr 4, 2010 6:39 PM

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What are other uses you would recommend for the Plaza area?		
		Response Count
		6
	<i>answered question</i>	6
	<i>skipped question</i>	64


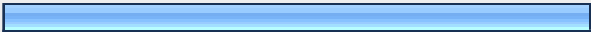
Response Text		
1	library-oriented activities perhaps, ie outdoor story times in summer, crafts, etc	Mar 31, 2010 6:10 PM
2	I think it is great to use it during festival times for food booths.	Apr 1, 2010 12:52 AM
3	Yes a police substation in the library or the plaza.	Apr 1, 2010 1:48 AM
4	chess boards	Apr 2, 2010 1:37 PM
5	I'm not sure- just something more desirable.	Apr 3, 2010 3:37 AM
6	Small tables could be placed in the area for reading and small group study. The area should be regularly cleaned.	Apr 4, 2010 6:39 PM

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Do you think the Oak Park Public Library and Scoville Park relate well to each other physically?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		83.0%	44
No		17.0%	9
Other comment			2
answered question			53
skipped question			17

Other comment		
1	The two mingle beautifully together. The park provides a wonderful space from which the glory of the library can be seen from a distance, giving it great perspective.	Mar 27, 2010 11:11 AM
2	Who is suppose to ensure the park is safe? The library or the Village?	Apr 1, 2010 1:48 AM

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Do you think there should be a greater separation (more trees, shrubs) between the Oak Park Public Library and Scoville Park?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		9.4%	5
No		90.6%	48
Other comment			4
answered question			53
skipped question			17

Other comment		
1	Trees and shrubs, yes. Pavement, no. The pavement prevents the park from coming up the library.	Mar 31, 2010 4:39 PM
2	But maintain a separation, the park should not be just the front yard of the Library, it must maintain its own identity	Mar 31, 2010 9:13 PM
3	I think they should be more integrated	Apr 2, 2010 2:43 PM
4	The plaza should be kept free of people congregating for extended periods. If teens and homeless want to congregate, they should do it in the park.	Apr 4, 2010 6:39 PM

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Are there any new programs or features that should be considered for Scoville Park?		
		Response Count
		16
	answered question	16
	skipped question	54

Response Text		
1	The park is located in our central business district and should partner with the businesses and the library to better utilize it for community events and programs; movies in the park, a permanent stage for musical concerts and plays	Mar 25, 2010 10:38 PM
2	No. There are too many programs already. The park is best used as a quiet, passive, and peaceful place.	Mar 29, 2010 12:26 AM
3	Organized ultimate frisbee programs for teens.	Mar 29, 2010 2:47 PM
4	again, i would really like to see someone patrolling the park. i often see behavior that is not appropriate (fighting, smoking, yelling, etc) especially because there are many young children and their families who use the library and park. i think having a policeman around to help control the chaos would be great-would make me feel much safer bringing my 2 year old if i knew there was someone to handle things. (especially during the lunch break when the high schoolers are around & after school. they seem to cause quite a few problems)	Mar 30, 2010 9:11 PM
5	I'd like to see classical music programs and a way to have a picnic with bring your own wine at the park. There are a lot of family friendly activities, but I'd like some more sophisticated activities like a wine tasting or a gourmet taste of Oak Park (that isn't fair food).	Mar 30, 2010 10:02 PM
6	Would a public or community garden be feasible?	Mar 31, 2010 4:45 PM
7	I enjoy the summer concerts in the park, please continue to do this. It is great to see families and couples attend the concerts.	Apr 1, 2010 1:51 AM
8	Like the idea of a playground for older kids!	Apr 1, 2010 2:50 AM
9	more festivals in the parks on the weekends	Apr 1, 2010 7:53 PM
10	more seating in general would be helpful.	Apr 1, 2010 9:47 PM
11	the summer films in the park are very pleasant	Apr 2, 2010 12:26 PM
12	chess boards	Apr 2, 2010 1:38 PM

Response Text		
13	I attended the recent community meeting about the park and have learned a great deal. I'm excited to know that the park is understood as the premier outdoor space of the village, if I recall correctly. I moved to Oak Park last year (across from Scoville) and have truly enjoyed the park. A few months ago, I was saddened to see a large tree being cut down in the park. More than being sad about merely the loss of the tree, I was saddened that I didn't get to know more about it before it was removed. Along with this tree-felling, all the talk of "sustainability" and Scoville's place in the green profile of the village at the meeting made me think that a "tree-walk" would be a good thing for park visitors. It could highlight info. about the species of plants/trees in Scoville, Jensen's design/theories, and spotlight Oak Parkers that have had a special relationship with plants, namely Percy Julian. If one of the tree species that were integral to Percy Julian's research would grow well in the park, perhaps a tree could be planted next to his (repositioned) bust/monument. The Julian monument doesn't benefit from being rooted in a larger "story" (concept courtesy of another participant) of Scoville or Oak Park. After attending the meeting, I wondered why Oak Park doesn't openly celebrate the "natural" aspects of its history. As far as the verbal history of the park is concerned, only text about Kettlestrings, Julian, and the War monument exists. Where is the info about Oak Park? (Pardon me if I'm overlooking something; I'm new in town.)	Apr 2, 2010 10:10 PM
14	I love the Sunday concerts. Other family events would be great.	Apr 3, 2010 3:45 AM
15	morning boot camps in the summers, continued concerts, temporary art exhibits.	Apr 4, 2010 6:43 PM
16	spray pad	Apr 5, 2010 1:56 PM

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Are there any features that should be removed from Scoville Park?		
		Response Count
		12
	answered question	12
	skipped question	58

Response Text		
1	The temporary stage that is left in the park all summer. Either design a permanent stage that does not provide sleeping areas for homeless people or only bring the stage in for the concerts.	Mar 29, 2010 2:47 PM
2	"The reading room" area is sort of stupid and not really used except for transients. But I think a public area where people could sit and read or eat lunch would be good over there, and that could be an area where the stage goes.	Mar 30, 2010 10:02 PM
3	The large paved area in front of the library should go. Replace it with grass.	Mar 31, 2010 4:45 PM
4	Move the Percy Julian Statue to Percy Julian School.	Mar 31, 2010 9:14 PM
5	The limestone wall in front of the park that encouraged unsavory people to hangout there. There also should be a restriction on skateboards and bicycles in the plaza.	Apr 1, 2010 1:51 AM
6	Please be careful with new interpretive signage, maybe one or two.	Apr 1, 2010 2:34 AM
7	I avoid the southwest corner, that might be better used as a stage area with some seating, leaving the green space open on the Lake Street side.	Apr 1, 2010 3:22 PM
8	the plaza needs to be cleaned up, NO SMOKING!, what's the point of no smoking in the park only to walk into a pillow of smoke in the plaza?	Apr 1, 2010 7:53 PM
9	some of the summer music venues could be relocated to other parks	Apr 2, 2010 12:26 PM
10	I say, goodbye Horse Fountain. Put it somewhere else.	Apr 2, 2010 10:10 PM
11	I just want it to be pretty, safe and historical.	Apr 3, 2010 3:45 AM
12	beds that are not maintained, large ugly evergreens on the Lake street side of the park.	Apr 4, 2010 6:43 PM

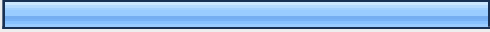
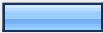

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Do you have any final comments regarding the future of Scoville Park?		
		Response Count
		28
	answered question	28
	skipped question	42

Response Text		
1	I love the park and use it constantly but feel it needs to be promoted more fully and updated.	Mar 25, 2010 10:38 PM
2	Those bathrooms are really gross. Really gross.	Mar 27, 2010 11:12 AM
3	Keep costs down at this time. Under no condition should taxes be raised to support this work. More extensive work should be done when more money is available.	Mar 27, 2010 2:47 PM
4	Since I live within a block of the park I am most concerned about the noise and traffic that is generated whenever there is some big activity. The park district should make better efforts to mitigate the negative impacts that big uses have on the surrounding neighborhood. There should be limits on the noise level of concerts, especially battle of the bands, which goes all day and has some horrible music. There should also be attempts to control traffic on small side streets around the park during big events.	Mar 29, 2010 12:26 AM
5	This is the park that is most used by high school age residents. Don't move them out, but enhance recreation features for this mostly unheard population. Look for opportunity to fairly charge private users (day care, tennis lessons, festivals) that are taking advantage of the free or unrealistically low cost use of this public space.	Mar 29, 2010 2:47 PM
6	i really enjoy the space & taking my toddler (age 2) to the library and then to the park/playground for picnics and playing! just please make it a bit safer!	Mar 30, 2010 9:11 PM
7	They cut down a lot of big trees along Lake Street about 20 years ago and I've always been disappointed that big trees have not been replaced. I'd like to see some flowering shrubs. I'd like to see some thoughtful planning regarding the so-called "reading room" area so that it is still a public space and has a lot of greenery and trees, but isn't a sketchy corner. The Percy Julian statue needs better explanation of who he was and what he did. That should be in a better location. I think you should make sure to leave a good amount of lawn with no particular use, because this is the main park the local people go to in order to be outside and read. I think the park could be improved, but it's a public space and needs to serve a lot of interests. I hope you don't make it too busy. The large open space is important.	Mar 30, 2010 10:02 PM
8	It'd be great if bluestone could be used for the sidewalks instead of concrete.	Mar 31, 2010 4:45 PM
9	simple is better	Mar 31, 2010 5:50 PM
10	keep it mostly passive/memorial, no new sports.music is good.	Mar 31, 2010 6:11 PM
11	Good Luck!	Mar 31, 2010 9:10 PM
12	When planting new shrubs, please select varieties that stay as small as you wish them to be, so they don't have to be sheared into lollipop shapes for ever.	Mar 31, 2010 9:25 PM

Response Text		
13	We LOVE the concerts in the summer. Please continue. Additional "all village" events like this would be great.	Apr 1, 2010 12:53 AM
14	Stay within budget and make positive changes for our park!	Apr 1, 2010 1:51 AM
15	I'm surprised we're spending tax dollars on a redo of this park -- it's already great, and there are so many other spots in town that need the money far more.	Apr 1, 2010 2:50 AM
16	Not all park space needs to be active. There is much value in passive space. Just look how much the hill is used in the summer.	Apr 1, 2010 3:28 AM
17	Thanks for having this space which we so frequently enjoy!	Apr 1, 2010 3:22 PM
18	I think that it functions very well and would be sad to see it --unnecessarily I believe -- closed for major changes.	Apr 1, 2010 9:47 PM
19	NO atheletic fields!	Apr 2, 2010 1:22 AM
20	Keep the summer concerts!!	Apr 2, 2010 2:39 AM
21	we love the park and really enjoy the beautiful flower gardens near the monument, keep them. but give more consideration to the residential neighbors of the park	Apr 2, 2010 12:26 PM
22	If usage increases in the park, then additional parking should be addressed. The business district needs a lot of the existing parking spots.	Apr 2, 2010 1:20 PM
23	get granite chess boards	Apr 2, 2010 1:38 PM
24	Oak Park ought to take the opportunity in redesigning Scoville to tell the "natural" story that is comparable to all of the "built"/architectural/literary history that is available in the area. Use the park to spotlight the relationships among human beings (in particular the human biodiversity represented in Oak Park and the Civil Rights struggles to achieve this diversity) and between humans and the natural/plant community. Celebrate Jensen and Oak Parkers (Percy Julian and others; any women??) who have exemplified this relationship. We go to the park to see each other and to be around non-human nature. All of this history doesn't have to be on display in words/plaques in the park itself, but at least some of it should be. Perhaps people who wanted to know more info. could be directed to other formats (paper, web).	Apr 2, 2010 10:10 PM
25	The playground is really important to me and my family. It is very outdated and I would like to see it updated so it is on par with other Oak Park parks.	Apr 3, 2010 3:45 AM
26	Park is heavily used by all generations. This no doubt makes the design difficult, but it is important to keep it accessible to all without destroying its historical significance.	Apr 3, 2010 9:04 PM
27	The beds near the memorial are beautifully maintained. However, as the year goes on, the remainder of the park looks overgrown and tired, especially near the library. The sidewalks should be kept free of the mulch, especially near the entry to the park.	Apr 4, 2010 6:43 PM
28	<p>We love Scoville Park. There are plenty of areas in town for formal playlots and baseball, but there are no other areas I know of with just plain old green space. My kids have flown their first kites there, kicked balls with other kids they just met, and rolled down the hill. It's delightful. I love that we can go get coffee/sandwiches/ice cream and then just play there. I'm afraid of it getting too "planned."</p> <p>My other concern is safety. Last year, for the first time, my husband and I were nervous walking home from the movies. The problem were the hoardes of intimidating young people around the park and the lack of visible police presence. We watched an elderly couple get "moved along" and they were visibly shaken. We watched a girl get assaulted by two boys right next to diners at Winberies, and they ran back over to the park. It's just too much and it keeps tax-paying, restaurant-attending adults from wanting to walk around their village. I don't think it should be so accomodating to this type of presence.</p>	Apr 4, 2010 10:33 PM

Scoville Park Site Plan 2nd Questionnaire

How many Scoville Park Site Plan Community Meetings have you attended?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
0		75.3%	70
1		15.1%	14
2		9.7%	9
	answered question		93
	skipped question		6

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Focusing only on the fencing, which of the following best describes your opinion of this element? (To view the schedule new window in your browser http://www.oakparkparks.com/NewsandInformation/FuturePlans/futureplans_scovillepa	
I like the idea of the fence	<input type="text"/>
I do not like the idea of the fence	<input type="text"/>

Other Comments		
1	If it is not too extensive and blends into the landscape	Apr 23, 2010 9:28 PM
2	ornamental fence of high quality only; protect security and sight lines	Apr 24, 2010 8:16 PM
3	lovely ornamental onlt, please.	Apr 24, 2010 8:26 PM
4	An open view adds to safety	Apr 25, 2010 6:11 PM
5	I feel very strongly that a fence contradicts the other stellar proposed design elements. Jens would not approve.	Apr 25, 2010 7:55 PM
6	Slide the entrance north, lining up with the south side of the playground equipment area.	Apr 26, 2010 2:25 PM
7	At least by the playground. I'm not sure it is beneficial elsewhere along the north border.	Apr 26, 2010 5:04 PM
8	Apart from the cost, fences present a maintenance problem for mowing, etc., and also serve as a "net" to catch litter. Please, spend your money elsewhere!!!	Apr 26, 2010 8:24 PM
9	As a mother of young children, I like the safety of a fence.	Apr 27, 2010 3:59 AM
10	Why not put the paths where people want to walk?	Apr 27, 2010 5:59 PM
11	My only concern is what path would be available to food vendors that locate here during Oak Park events?	Apr 27, 2010 6:33 PM
12	It keeps the children from running out into the street.	Apr 28, 2010 3:50 PM
13	I see no reason for the ffence	Apr 28, 2010 6:13 PM
14	I(see no reason for the fence	Apr 28, 2010 6:18 PM
15	I do not understand a need for a fence	Apr 28, 2010 6:24 PM
16	People don't need to take those shortcuts. Exercise!	May 1, 2010 1:27 AM
17	The joining of the library to the park was a brilliant idea. To erect a barrier to that graceful juncture would be an unwelcome intrusion.	May 2, 2010 10:32 PM
18	for the playground only	May 3, 2010 12:42 AM
19	Too cagelike, prevents free movement in and out of park	May 3, 2010 7:36 PM

Other Comments		
20	A much more limited fence on Grove just up to the South edge of the playlot would be a better solution to providing protection around the tot lot without needlessly restricting access to and from the park. I tend to use the desire paths when I'm trying to avoid being hassled by a group that makes me feel uncomfortable who are hanging around the exit inside the park or on Grove. I would not want to be forced to exit or enter the park only through a narrow opening. Also, I often need to use the desire paths during the winter because the paved path and parts of the sidewalk along Grove are extremely icy and unsafe to walk on. If the desire paths are a problem, can the paved path be moved north slightly?	May 5, 2010 4:27 AM
21	The fence seems extraneous to the landscape.	May 5, 2010 10:15 PM
22	provides scale and 'in' v. 'out' park	May 6, 2010 4:06 AM

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Focusing only on the library plaza/connection to the park, which of the four schemes do you prefer? (To view the sc a new window in your browser http://www.oakparkparks.com/NewsandInformation/FuturePlans/futureplans_scovillep	
Conceptual Scheme 1	<input type="radio"/>
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Scoville Park Site Plan 2nd Questionnaire

Why do you prefer Conceptual Scheme 1 for the Library Plaza?		
		Response Count
		9
	<i>answered question</i>	9
	<i>skipped question</i>	90

Response Text		
1	nice segway to park	Apr 24, 2010 3:19 PM
2	1 and 4 do not reduce the # of lighted tennis courts. 1 has updated restrooms. I would prefer no fence, however, which is not an option in either 1 or 4. 2 and 3 are unacceptable because they reduce the # of courts.	Apr 24, 2010 4:17 PM
3	good entrance	Apr 24, 2010 5:13 PM
4	Keeps 3 Tennis courts. Keeps maximum meadow area. We do not need a permanent stage for 8-12 concerts per year.	Apr 25, 2010 6:17 PM
5	it leaves the hangout with better sightlines	Apr 28, 2010 4:11 AM
6	My main concern is keeping all the three tennis courts.	Apr 30, 2010 5:15 PM
7	don't eliminate any tennis courts	May 1, 2010 3:23 PM
8	most open space	May 5, 2010 9:55 PM
9	Not a strong preference.	May 6, 2010 1:59 PM

Scoville Park Site Plan 2nd Questionnaire

Why do you prefer Conceptual Scheme 2 for the Library Plaza?		
		Response Count
		14
	<i>answered question</i>	14
	<i>skipped question</i>	85

Response Text		
1	Provides new space in NE corner. Provides seamless cross roads of paths at peace plaza. Peace plaza has room for crowds in front of the memorial.	Apr 24, 2010 3:18 PM
2	I love the enlarged meadow, (which I realize is in other schemes), but the addition of a nice entry at Ontario / OP Ave and a "permanent" stage I think sets up #2 as the option which will get the greatest utilization of the space. LOVE the recreated Jensen walk on the East end.	Apr 24, 2010 3:56 PM
3	removes the hang out	Apr 24, 2010 3:59 PM
4	Does not encourage even more loitering as the others do - also, please no additional concrete in the park....	Apr 24, 2010 7:24 PM
5	The oval plaza shape better facilitates the paths through the park	Apr 26, 2010 1:26 AM
6	Larger playground, stage, new entry plazas, Don't like the connection to the library on this one though	Apr 27, 2010 9:19 PM
7	It appears to preserve or extend the largest amount of green space.	Apr 29, 2010 2:17 AM
8	Paths nicer. Hang out removed. Don't want to make plaza bigger (#3) since loitering, smoking, skateboarding already a problem.	May 1, 2010 1:32 AM
9	stage, I don't want to increase the size of the library plaza, as too many kids hang out there.	May 1, 2010 2:06 AM
10	I like that there are two entries from the park to the library. Especially with the fencing, two entries will be important.	May 2, 2010 2:14 AM
11	It is minimal. A large plaza invites more loitering by vagrants; something there is already too much of.	May 3, 2010 7:36 PM
12	I don't see any need for large plaza connecting the library and the park.	May 5, 2010 4:27 AM
13	I believe the Library Plaza is large enough as is.	May 5, 2010 9:28 PM
14	I like the reduction of tennis courts and a permanent stage, the bump out at NE corner, the shifting of path north of meadow and enlargement of meadow	May 5, 2010 10:42 PM

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Why do you prefer Conceptual Scheme 3 for the Library Plaza?		
		Response Count
		10
	<i>answered question</i>	10
	<i>skipped question</i>	89

Response Text		
1	Reduction of one tennis court (expensive to maintain), expanded meadow	Apr 23, 2010 9:52 PM
2	Eliminate "hangout" area and its problems; consider the SW corner for a removable stage area; have a continual loop around the inside of the park; establish a new walkway on the north; walkways must be wide enough for strollers/walkers/wheelchairs; additional seating around the memorial; perhaps even tables.	Apr 24, 2010 8:20 PM
3	High green space, low loitering space; moves the stage to the SW corner, encourages walking around the park, adds seating to memorial area, minimizes entrance areas to the park.	Apr 24, 2010 8:28 PM
4	looks big and round	Apr 25, 2010 6:51 PM
5	I like the idea of a more formal entrance into the park from the library rather than feeling like a side entrance into the park.	Apr 26, 2010 2:15 PM
6	I see more potential for community gatherings and outdoor eating, e.g. food at festivals.	Apr 27, 2010 4:05 AM
7	More welcoming	Apr 27, 2010 2:49 PM
8	I prefer this scheme because I feel that it flows the best, as well as providing an solid staging place for concerts. Please keep the gathering place in mind.	Apr 29, 2010 4:55 AM
9	Scheme 3 opens to the park visually and physically. The expanded area provides a hard surface for park activites vs. using lawn.	May 6, 2010 4:08 AM
10	there is a feeling that the spaces flow together well.	May 6, 2010 10:43 AM

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Why do you prefer Conceptual Scheme 4 for the Library Plaza?		
		Response Count
		21
	<i>answered question</i>	21
	<i>skipped question</i>	78

Response Text		
1	It seems more open and would provide greater visibility which would possibly alleviate prior security concerns. The 'hang out' is also removed, contributing to the same concerns, particularly later in the day.	Apr 23, 2010 8:14 PM
2	The 3rd tennis court stays and the northeast entrance creates symmetry. I also like the permanent stage platform in scheme 2.	Apr 24, 2010 9:38 PM
3	The new pathways that go all around the park and preservation of 3 tennis courts.	Apr 24, 2010 11:22 PM
4	It is more consistent with the area and impinges upon the park less	Apr 25, 2010 12:16 PM
5	it is a definitive and durable space that appears to provide a more open outdoor "room" for activities/casual performances and gatherings.	Apr 25, 2010 8:01 PM
6	Provides one entrance; stylistically ties into the SE corner entrance proposed on Scheme4; & has an open, inviting feel; less walls than Scheme 3; like the sothern park connenction between the SE corner & the park.	Apr 26, 2010 2:30 PM
7	Provides a connecting plaza - a link between the two, with seating on each side, but does not further erode the west boundary of the park.	Apr 26, 2010 3:37 PM
8	Establishes a clear link and creates a useful plaza.	Apr 26, 2010 5:13 PM
9	Don't need to tear down existing tennis courts; like the big looped walking trail at bottom. I do like Concept 3's idea of a stage, though. Very fun for our artistic community!	Apr 27, 2010 2:47 PM
10	More green space	Apr 27, 2010 6:04 PM
11	Open and inviting from the library into the park.	Apr 27, 2010 6:08 PM
12	Wider entrace directly across from library entrance seems more inviting and safe.	Apr 27, 2010 6:43 PM
13	Keeps 3 courts; does not enlarge library plaza	Apr 28, 2010 6:26 PM
14	I like the idea of a plaza and the elimination of the "hangout"	Apr 28, 2010 6:30 PM
15	Can't say. Just looks the nicest.	Apr 29, 2010 7:24 PM
16	The others seem to have seats behind the memorial, which wouldn't be as pleasant as seats on the side. It would seem to leave space for Garden Club plantings, which I consider the highlight of the whole park. I don't like the idea of a permanent stage.	May 2, 2010 10:41 PM
17	I don't think we need to extend the library plaza, because won't that just become the new hang out area? Also, concept 4 looks nice.	May 3, 2010 2:29 PM
18	Invites people into the park - chance to add a fountain or pool in center of plaza as a further attraction. Plaza should have a more natural surface than simple concrete - perhaps a stone mosaic of some sort. Also the plaza links directly to circular walking path around the meadow - that;s a plus.	May 4, 2010 5:55 PM
19	larger, more feeling of space and like the curve	May 5, 2010 10:03 PM

Response Text		
20	I like the idea of a single, landscaped transition from the library to the park, with the elimination of the "hangout".	May 5, 2010 10:19 PM
21	Keeps all the tennis courts, improves the play area, removes the "hang out" and new hardscape path along the south side of the park.	May 5, 2010 11:54 PM

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Do you have any other comments in reference to the library plaza/connection to the Scoville Park?		
		Response Count
		27
	<i>answered question</i>	27
	<i>skipped question</i>	72

Response Text		
1	MORE seating along the library / park boundary. Perhaps some chess/checker board seating areas. Maybe a "card table".....etc. Or, a music area, where people could come to randomly play.	Apr 24, 2010 3:57 PM
2	The plaza is too big. Open space is intimidating.	Apr 24, 2010 4:01 PM
3	as much flower bed and flowering tree landscaping as possible would be welcome. Perhaps add a wildflower/perennial section like at Lindberg. A hummingbird station with feeders and appropriate flowers would be wonderful.	Apr 24, 2010 4:18 PM
4	All areas in front of the library and anywhere in the park should be No-Smoking. Minimize the space in front of the library; maximize the park's space to increase green areas and to discourage loitering which is currently a huge problem for those of us who use the park and library frequently. From our home across Oak Park Avenue we can see the homeless sleeping in the park, have witnessed and phoned the police about drug activities.	Apr 24, 2010 8:23 PM
5	Minimize Library area; maximize green space; NO SMOKING in any of the areas.	Apr 24, 2010 8:29 PM
6	no	Apr 25, 2010 12:16 PM
7	The park needs to serve little children, tennis players, and teen agers who enjoy the meadow. The Sunday concerts are nice. Thus, preserve how the community uses the facility	Apr 25, 2010 6:19 PM
8	no.	Apr 26, 2010 2:30 PM
9	No	Apr 26, 2010 3:38 PM
10	Scheme 1 would also work.	Apr 26, 2010 5:14 PM
11	I think all the schemes will lead to a 'desire' path into the park at the southern end of the new fence.	Apr 27, 2010 6:44 PM
12	Like scheme 3	Apr 27, 2010 9:20 PM
13	NO	Apr 28, 2010 6:26 PM
14	There is no need to enlarge the concrete plaza in front of the library.	Apr 29, 2010 2:18 AM
15	I am neutral with regard to a library plaza connection to the Park.	Apr 29, 2010 7:24 PM
16	Please have more police enforcing loitering and smoking laws. It is difficult for families with young children to get through the teens and vagrants loitering, smoking, etc. Have observed what look to be drug deals.	May 1, 2010 1:34 AM
17	I'm glad to see the 'hang out' removed.	May 2, 2010 2:15 AM
18	It's really nice the way it is. I don't think the proposals are an improvement, frankly. I would prefer to leave it (and save the money.	May 2, 2010 10:42 PM

Response Text		
19	I think some sort of redesigned seating area should be included in the SW corner, and would like to keep the existing path leading directly to Lake Street. If there is a new connecting path between the library and park in this area and there are better seating options, it's likely that a broader range of park users will want to use this area. Would something like a Jensen council ring work here?	May 5, 2010 4:31 AM
20	Parks should be open spaces to be enjoyed as open spaces. There is sufficient paving there to accommodate quite a few people. I have never been to an event on the library plaza connection I felt did not have enough room.	May 5, 2010 9:29 PM
21	no	May 5, 2010 9:55 PM
22	Today it is too broken up, a wall here then no wall, step here, step back, make it simpler, straighter.	May 5, 2010 10:04 PM
23	Discouraging loitering/begging in the area should be a principal concern.	May 5, 2010 10:20 PM
24	I am not aware of any problems of teens or homeless hanging out there; I always enter library from parking garage. BUT I think it's acutally good that teens and homeless have a relatively benign and supervised place to hang out - I think it's a positive for our community. Any time you offer outdoor surfaces suitable for sitting on, people will congregate. We think the idea of an "agoura" is a good thing, but then we need to be welcoming of all our citizenry and accept the benefits (yes they exist) of intermixing with many different kinds of people. Oak Park does not have, and I don't believe wishes to have, the limits of a gated- or age-restricted community.	May 5, 2010 10:46 PM
25	I like the 'hang out' removed! It's currently a 'dead' space.	May 6, 2010 4:09 AM
26	places to sit are important.	May 6, 2010 10:43 AM
27	No	May 6, 2010 1:59 PM

Scoville Park Site Plan 2nd Questionnaire

Focusing only on the corner plaza at Oak Park Avenue and Lake Street, which of the four schemes do you prefer? (To see the site plan for each scheme, click on the link in a new window in your browser http://www.oakparkparks.com/NewsandInformation/FuturePlans/futureplans)	
Conceptual Scheme 1	<input type="radio"/>
Conceptual Scheme 2	<input type="radio"/>
Conceptual Scheme 3	<input type="radio"/>
Conceptual Scheme 4	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

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Why do you prefer Conceptual Scheme 1 for the Corner Plaza?		
		Response Count
		5
	<i>answered question</i>	5
	<i>skipped question</i>	94

Response Text		
1	<p>It's a little hard to tell the difference between the 4 options, but it appears option 1 for the corner has more seating, which I like.</p> <p>In collaboration with the Village, we MUST get rid of the unsightly newspaper boxes at the corner, with a more aesthetically pleasing set of newspaper stands, similar to what the City of Chicago has done.</p> <p>The fountain upgrades must happen -- it is a wonderful entry piece to the corner.</p>	Apr 24, 2010 4:01 PM
2	more aesthetic	May 1, 2010 3:24 PM
3	It seems best-suited to serve people waiting for the bus	May 3, 2010 7:36 PM
4	I don't see much different between 1 and 2. I like the open circular design and as much seating as possible. That corner is used by people a lot; it's a good place to sit and wait, or meet people, or rest.	May 5, 2010 9:34 PM
5	more open space	May 5, 2010 9:55 PM

Scoville Park Site Plan 2nd Questionnaire

Why do you prefer Conceptual Scheme 2 for the Corner Plaza?		
		Response Count
		8
	<i>answered question</i>	8
	<i>skipped question</i>	91

Response Text		
1	It appears to neaten up and expand the seating which I think is a very important element to retain; it keeps the fountain as the key feature and creates a welcoming opening without taking up much more room, as #4 appears to do.	Apr 25, 2010 8:05 PM
2	I like the curved seating around the open plaza with the fountain in the center. It is used like a plaza and with the new shape can act like one.	Apr 26, 2010 3:50 PM
3	Looks a little less cluttered. Hard to tell. Just don't like the bumpy bricks, stagnant fountain, and some of the people hanging out there.	May 1, 2010 1:37 AM
4	I like the curve seating, keeping the fountain and opening the space. It was a tough choice between number 2 and number 4 for this one. It looks like number 4 has some green around the fountain?	May 2, 2010 2:36 AM
5	I want to keep the old fountain, and I prefer the circular shape of scheme 2.	May 3, 2010 2:33 PM
6	Lesser of four evils. Siting the Horse Show Fountain in the middle of a flower bed doesn't make sense - it blocks people from getting close enough to examine the details and from using the fountain as a water fountain. However none of the other schemes seem to include any space for planters or flower beds. The entry path shouldn't be lined up directly behind the fountain. There's a more natural flow if the path is off center as it is now.	May 5, 2010 4:35 AM
7	it's bigger than in 1 or 3, and I don't like the grass around the fountain in 4 (I think it would be trampled to the point of death very quickly - impossible to maintain in such a trafficked area)	May 5, 2010 10:50 PM
8	Keeps fountain and seating.	May 6, 2010 2:00 PM

Scoville Park Site Plan 2nd Questionnaire

Why do you prefer Conceptual Scheme 3 for the Corner Plaza?		
		Response Count
		4
	<i>answered question</i>	4
	<i>skipped question</i>	95

Response Text		
1	Entrance should be just that: an entrance, not a gathering space.	Apr 24, 2010 8:30 PM
2	Shape of the entry	Apr 27, 2010 9:21 PM
3	I like the sense of a semi-enclosed space around the fountain but with the option of sitting so as to view the park.	May 2, 2010 10:46 PM
4	clean lines, symmetrical and more formal than current. The brick collects litter and slightly unstable for seniors I'd guess.	May 6, 2010 4:11 AM

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Why do you prefer Conceptual Scheme 4 for the Corner Plaza?		
		Response Count
		25
	<i>answered question</i>	25
	<i>skipped question</i>	74

Response Text		
1	I think this scheme is the most inviting and decorative. The fountain is preserved in the center, and the addition of the planter adds color and draws focus towards the entrance.	Apr 23, 2010 8:16 PM
2	I like the greenery = but remember, cyclists meet at this space and we wouldn't want to endanger the plantings	Apr 23, 2010 9:53 PM
3	Keeps fountain, nice entry to park	Apr 24, 2010 3:20 PM
4	oval green space with surrounding paths seems welcoming	Apr 24, 2010 4:21 PM
5	The flower beds and the design creates a more welcoming feel than the others.	Apr 24, 2010 9:40 PM
6	Preserves and enhances the existing fountain area. Like seating there too.	Apr 24, 2010 11:24 PM
7	clean look	Apr 25, 2010 12:16 PM
8	Looks good	Apr 25, 2010 6:22 PM
9	flower beds???	Apr 25, 2010 6:53 PM
10	I prefer the orientation of the seating best.	Apr 26, 2010 2:16 PM
11	Minimizes disturbance to fountain. Great place to plant flowers; walls create great place to sit without the "benches" look; seems the most open and inviting.	Apr 26, 2010 2:32 PM
12	Itm opens up and defines the entrance, while creating its own central focal point as well.	Apr 26, 2010 5:17 PM
13	Love the green/flowers	Apr 27, 2010 2:50 PM
14	More green space	Apr 27, 2010 6:05 PM
15	Again, it has an inviting feeling to it. There seems to be more flow from the street into the park.	Apr 27, 2010 6:10 PM
16	Very open sightline to the park; connection to new loop path.	Apr 27, 2010 6:45 PM
17	Bump outs with the new entrance plaza and the new pathway	Apr 28, 2010 6:33 PM
18	I prefer what seems to be a more open layout of entrance.	Apr 29, 2010 4:57 AM
19	It appears to be the most open design	Apr 29, 2010 7:25 PM
20	looks like it would be more inviting	May 1, 2010 2:08 AM
21	Having all three corner entrances featuring a plaza with natural, historic, or artistic features gives greater coherence to the overall plan.	May 4, 2010 6:00 PM
22	I like the way Scheme 4 opens the area to the park and provides plenty of seating.	May 5, 2010 9:34 PM
23	Simple, has planting, opens easilly into park	May 5, 2010 10:05 PM
24	I like what I perceive as the openness and room for attractive landscaping.	May 5, 2010 10:22 PM
25	It is open.	May 5, 2010 11:55 PM

Scoville Park Site Plan 2nd Questionnaire

Do you have any other comments in reference to the corner plaza at Oak Park Avenue and Lake Street?		
		Response Count
		20
	answered question	20
	skipped question	79

Response Text		
1	Keep lots of seating - maybe a community bulletin board?	Apr 23, 2010 9:53 PM
2	Perhaps a message board closer to the sidewalk, which would allow for posters to be placed in regards to upcoming Avenue District events, concert schedules for the park, art festivals, etc. Vs. hanging a big banner at the corner, which takes away from the aesthetics.	Apr 24, 2010 4:02 PM
3	Keep the fountain. Place more trash cans and empty them more frequently at all the entrances to the park and within the park. At each concert have someone talk to the crowd about the zero trash impact goal, and to leave the park cleaner than it was. It can be done. Jason Lofgren did it at an OP ball park.	Apr 24, 2010 8:33 PM
4	no	Apr 25, 2010 12:16 PM
5	No	Apr 25, 2010 6:22 PM
6	Work with the Village to move the newspaper stands west on Lake to allow for the proposed bigger entrance.	Apr 26, 2010 2:33 PM
7	It would be great to get water running through the Horse Show Fountain again.	Apr 26, 2010 3:51 PM
8	Schemes 1-3 lappear to limit or crowd the access to the park, but 1 or 2 could be made to work with a wider park opening in the seat walls.	Apr 26, 2010 5:20 PM
9	Putting the "fountain" in the center planting will forever eliminate the confusion as to it's unfilled purpose as a drinking fountain.	Apr 27, 2010 6:46 PM
10	no	Apr 29, 2010 7:25 PM
11	Just make it easy to get up on the path. Don't care about fountain. Want to be sure there aren't places where pedestrians can be ambushed at night.	May 1, 2010 1:38 AM
12	The brick definitely needs to be removed or smoothed out.	May 2, 2010 2:37 AM
13	Again, I don't see that any of the schemes are much of an improvement on the existing space.	May 2, 2010 10:46 PM
14	I believe the southeast corner should provide more shelter for persons waiting for a bus - simple roofs over the flanking benches would do the trick using, perhaps, cedar uprights to support the roofs - no side walls necessary.	May 4, 2010 6:02 PM
15	I don't think any of the four Conceptual Schemes works much better than what is already there. It would be nice if the seating and planters could reflect a FLW design aesthetic, in keeping with the Horse Fountain. I think the stone benches that are there now do that even though the material is a bit dated. Could the bottom part of the fountain be restored to creating a working fountain?	May 5, 2010 4:35 AM
16	I think opening the area more to the park might reduce the area's bus stop feel.	May 5, 2010 9:35 PM
17	Today's plaza is a very poor introduction to Scoville. It should be one of our best spaces	May 5, 2010 10:05 PM
18	seating is beneficial for the many who wait for busses	May 5, 2010 10:50 PM

Response Text		
19	Yes. I love the bit tighter shape and seat walls. Currently walls are oriented to the streets. Scheme 3 is a 'contained' plaza with facing seat walls. One at the corner providing sense of a 'gate' Love it.	May 6, 2010 4:16 AM
20	No	May 6, 2010 2:00 PM

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Focusing only on the proposed path along the south edge of the meadow, which of the four schemes to you prefer? paste this link in a new window in your browser http://www.oakparkparks.com/NewsandInformation/FuturePlans/futu	
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Conceptual Scheme 2	<input type="text"/>
Conceptual Scheme 3	<input type="text"/>
Conceptual Scheme 4	<input type="text"/>

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Why do you prefer Conceptual Scheme 1 for the proposed path along the south edge of the meadow?		
		Response Count
		4
	<i>answered question</i>	4
	<i>skipped question</i>	95

Response Text		
1	The path runs parallel to any existing sidewalk. Who needs it?	Apr 25, 2010 6:23 PM
2	i don't prefer any over the others. makes no difference to me.	Apr 25, 2010 6:53 PM
3	Doesn't have the extra path	Apr 27, 2010 6:06 PM
4	It's unnecessary, save on costs, using the sidewalk along Lake is fine!!	May 3, 2010 7:36 PM

Scoville Park Site Plan 2nd Questionnaire

Why do you prefer Conceptual Scheme 2 for the proposed path along the south edge of the meadow?		
		Response Count
		17
	<i>answered question</i>	17
	<i>skipped question</i>	82

Response Text		
1	I like scheme 2 because of it's following the desire line between Oak Park and the library and as one participant in the discussion mentioned as being desired, it provides a sight line further north into the park of the Veterans Memorial.	Apr 23, 2010 8:21 PM
2	Again -- #2. It's just a wonderful addition to the park, in addition to the permanent stage area.	Apr 24, 2010 4:02 PM
3	It would be good to have a way to "walk in the park" without having to leave and go to concrete side walks.	Apr 24, 2010 4:02 PM
4	It meanders a bit but still forms a loop	Apr 24, 2010 4:22 PM
5	permanent stage platform	Apr 24, 2010 9:42 PM
6	Includes the path which I like and shows the permanent stage.	Apr 26, 2010 2:35 PM
7	It incorporates a permanent stage platform, which I think is a good idea if done properly.	Apr 26, 2010 3:54 PM
8	I like a place for a stage and the same surface for the entire path.	Apr 27, 2010 4:07 AM
9	Like the 'meandering' feel, love the stage concept, perfect for our artsy community	Apr 27, 2010 2:51 PM
10	Having a permanent platform for entertainment in the park is a fantastic idea. It will be easier to book entertainment for different functions if there is already a place for them set up with no hassle of potentially flimsy stages. This also sets up the potential to have permanent power source linked to the stage (manageable by lock and key) for any event.	Apr 27, 2010 6:15 PM
11	I like the coordination with the stage and the fact that it's a solid surface path.	Apr 27, 2010 6:48 PM
12	They are all the same, are they not? Except one is described as a "soft" path, which suggests to me it will be hard to clear of snow in the winter, and will be soggy at other times.	Apr 29, 2010 2:20 AM
13	It is the most direct to the library. I also like the permanent stage in concept 2 and the path crosses that stage.	May 2, 2010 2:40 AM
14	I like scheme 1. there is a sidewalk to the south less than 25 feet away from the proposed path. I would rather keep this green space.	May 3, 2010 2:37 PM
15	I like the stage idea.	May 5, 2010 9:36 PM
16	I like the idea of being able to walk completely around the "meadow" inside the park, especially for things like "Day in Our Village" or arts events. I like the idea of a small permanent stage platform.	May 5, 2010 10:24 PM
17	because it's the only one that incorporates the stage	May 5, 2010 10:53 PM

Scoville Park Site Plan 2nd Questionnaire

Why do you prefer Conceptual Scheme 3 for the proposed path along the south edge of the meadow?		
		Response Count
		4
	<i>answered question</i>	4
	<i>skipped question</i>	95

Response Text		
1	Takes the loitering area away. Adds to the walkway around the inside of the park.	Apr 24, 2010 8:34 PM
2	I do like the loop.	Apr 29, 2010 4:57 AM
3	I like the soft surface idea - not so much concrete	May 4, 2010 6:04 PM
4	Does provide a walk-around with a soft surface in harmony with grass. Not too intrusive to the meadow while keeping you in the park, vs. dumped out on Lake. Love it.	May 6, 2010 4:18 AM

Scoville Park Site Plan 2nd Questionnaire

Why do you prefer Conceptual Scheme 4 for the proposed path along the south edge of the meadow?		
		Response Count
		12
	<i>answered question</i>	12
	<i>skipped question</i>	87

Response Text		
1	addresses desire lines	Apr 24, 2010 3:21 PM
2	It gives balance to the entire park	Apr 24, 2010 11:25 PM
3	it was less intrusive	Apr 25, 2010 12:17 PM
4	honestly, don't see too much of a difference.	Apr 25, 2010 8:06 PM
5	creates an interior circulation path and acces to the stage area and Library without intruding deeply into the meadow.	Apr 26, 2010 5:22 PM
6	I prefer a curvy path to a straight one.	Apr 28, 2010 6:35 PM
7	don't see much real difference among the schemes (except don't like plan 1.	Apr 29, 2010 7:27 PM
8	Seems a little more direct and nicer.	May 1, 2010 1:40 AM
9	I like the idea of a path there, but I think a soft one would be difficult to maintain.	May 2, 2010 10:48 PM
10	Hugs the trees, joins the two plazas well.	May 5, 2010 10:12 PM
11	The hard path is easier to maintain and will not look like a neglected portion of the grass (like on some golf courses.)	May 5, 2010 11:56 PM
12	Has irregular loop path.	May 6, 2010 2:02 PM

Scoville Park Site Plan 2nd Questionnaire

Do you have any other comments in reference to the proposed path along the south edge of the meadow?		
		Response Count
		12
	<i>answered question</i>	12
	<i>skipped question</i>	87

Response Text		
1	Wide enough for strollers/walkers/wheelchairs everywhere in the park.	Apr 24, 2010 8:35 PM
2	no	Apr 25, 2010 12:17 PM
3	Hug the path near the trees where possible. The raised stage will present a drainage challenge. I don't want to see drainage structures in the meadow. Either a sandy sub-base with a perforated pipe or another solution to ensure proper drainage.	Apr 26, 2010 2:37 PM
4	Scheme 2 works equally well. Scheme 3 intrudes too far into the meadow.	Apr 26, 2010 5:24 PM
5	why do we need it? cant the sidewalk be made more park-like instead?	Apr 27, 2010 6:07 PM
6	Why have a southern path at all? What's the point?	Apr 29, 2010 2:20 AM
7	no	Apr 29, 2010 7:27 PM
8	Should be well-lit enough and policed enough at night.	May 1, 2010 1:40 AM
9	I think paths through parks are very important. They should be pleasing to the eye and have benches every now and again. I prefer a paved path.	May 5, 2010 9:37 PM
10	Take care to do a good job.	May 5, 2010 10:12 PM
11	I strongly agree it should be a soft surface. The option for 'hard' is just outside the park on sidewalk.	May 6, 2010 4:18 AM
12	Don't see difference between 2 and 4.	May 6, 2010 2:02 PM

Scoville Park Site Plan 2nd Questionnaire

Focusing only on the plaza or seating space around the monument, which of the four schemes do you prefer? (To view this link in a new window in your browser http://www.oakparkparks.com/NewsandInformation/FuturePlans/futureplans)	
Conceptual Scheme 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conceptual Scheme 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conceptual Scheme 3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conceptual Scheme 4	<input type="checkbox"/>

Scoville Park Site Plan 2nd Questionnaire

Why do you prefer Conceptual Scheme 1 for the proposed plaza/seating around the monument?		
		Response Count
		10
	<i>answered question</i>	10
	<i>skipped question</i>	89

Response Text		
1	I like the larger oval and I think it affords maximum seating for those occasions when events are held at the Peace Memorial. I forgot what the material reflected in gray was to be, but optimally a cross between this oval and the oval in scheme 2 would be ideal to my thinking.	Apr 23, 2010 8:26 PM
2	actually don't like any of them . I would prefer no seating around monument, and seating around gardens instead.	Apr 24, 2010 4:24 PM
3	space and tables!	Apr 24, 2010 9:45 PM
4	I like how the plaza is elongated in front of the memorial, providing a more formal plaza area. My second choice would be scheme 3 because of the circular nature of the design and its connection to a council ring.	Apr 26, 2010 3:59 PM
5	No real reason, just feels right.	Apr 26, 2010 5:21 PM
6	I'm sorry, I can't keep going back and forth to these schematics and hold in my head the differences. Personally, I don't like the ideas of tables - they won't be used - and would only modestly increase bench space.	Apr 29, 2010 2:22 AM
7	Prefer the shape	May 3, 2010 7:36 PM
8	If it is to be a place where speakers address an audience, the oval scheme extending southward from the monument would be most practical.	May 4, 2010 6:09 PM
9	Shape suits the curves of the paths and it is large enough so that it will not get blocked and/or it will provide enough space to get by other people using the space	May 5, 2010 10:12 PM
10	I do NOT necessarily prefer #1, I do NOT prefer #4, however; I prefer one with rounded sides rather than straight lines as that more "matches" the Jensen-style paths	May 5, 2010 10:58 PM

Scoville Park Site Plan 2nd Questionnaire

Why do you prefer Conceptual Scheme 2 for the proposed plaza/seating around the monument?		
		Response Count
		10
	<i>answered question</i>	10
	<i>skipped question</i>	89

Response Text		
1	Good area for seating in front of memorial. Good cross roads for the paths	Apr 24, 2010 3:22 PM
2	Option 2 seems to envelope the monument, and would be a "circle of love" around the center.	Apr 24, 2010 4:03 PM
3	The flowers have always been great and it's nice to have a place to sit, alone or with friends in a pleasant environment.	Apr 24, 2010 4:04 PM
4	Elegant shape, tables good for families	Apr 27, 2010 2:52 PM
5	Like the tables and the shape of the plaza	Apr 27, 2010 6:08 PM
6	Fewer 'connecting' paths required; focus on memorial but providing seating to get people off of the actual memorial itself.	Apr 27, 2010 6:49 PM
7	I prefer this shape with the seating proposed	Apr 28, 2010 6:36 PM
8	I like the tables and the shifted north path and creates a walkway through the monument plaza.	Apr 29, 2010 4:59 AM
9	I like a circular arrangement	May 1, 2010 2:09 AM
10	It looks like concept 2 is my favorite! I really like the memorial staying in the middle, love the idea of adding tables!!! Many people picnic in the park and tables would be a welcome addition. I like the round benches here too.	May 2, 2010 2:41 AM

Scoville Park Site Plan 2nd Questionnaire

Why do you prefer Conceptual Scheme 3 for the proposed plaza/seating around the monument?		
		Response Count
		12
	<i>answered question</i>	12
	<i>skipped question</i>	87

Response Text		
1	Like more seating around the monument. No bike riding or skateboarding allowed in the ppark.	Apr 24, 2010 8:36 PM
2	I like round vs square. Why any tables?	Apr 25, 2010 6:25 PM
3	don't care for the tables, the skate boarders will turn them to junk real fast.	Apr 25, 2010 6:56 PM
4	I prefer the circular more formal seating/ plaza.	Apr 26, 2010 2:17 PM
5	I think the circular plaza provides the greatest flexibility in supporting varied uses of the plaza, establishes a plaza of a generally useful size, and does not intrude so deeply into the meadow. It is also aesthetically pleasing.	Apr 26, 2010 5:29 PM
6	Seems minimal. Don't want tables or other things that would encourage non-family loiterers, who would hang out on memorial and damage it.	May 1, 2010 1:42 AM
7	I voted for the one I though had the least amount of cement. we have plenty of cement already in Oak Park. Lets keep as much grass as we can.	May 3, 2010 2:39 PM
8	#3 is the only scheme that retains some of the easy flow of the existing path structure.	May 5, 2010 4:38 AM
9	I like that it's smaller and more compact.	May 5, 2010 9:38 PM
10	Scheme 3 seems to offer a more formal setting for the monument. I'm not sure what the tables are for in the others. I don't have a really strong preference here. Again, I think one goal should be to allow people to walk through the park, by the monument, without running a gauntlet of beggars or people appearing to live in the park.	May 5, 2010 10:29 PM
11	I highly prefer this semetrical plaza around the monument. The walls provide sense of enclosure and belonging to the monument. I like this vs. other with tables.	May 6, 2010 4:21 AM
12	the circle seateing surrounding the circular base feels right	May 6, 2010 10:45 AM

Scoville Park Site Plan 2nd Questionnaire

Why do you prefer Conceptual Scheme 4 for the proposed plaza/seating around the monument?		
		Response Count
		3
	<i>answered question</i>	3
	<i>skipped question</i>	96

Response Text		
1	It is more appealing	Apr 25, 2010 12:18 PM
2	I think seats facing the monument and presumed flower beds are preferable to having some behind the monument. I don't think there is much use for tables.	May 2, 2010 10:51 PM
3	Not a strong preference.	May 6, 2010 2:03 PM

Scoville Park Site Plan 2nd Questionnaire

Do you have any other comments in reference to the plaza/seating space around the monument?		
		Response Count
		12
	<i>answered question</i>	12
	<i>skipped question</i>	87

Response Text		
1	Should be a quiet, contemplative spot for all to enjoy peacefully.	Apr 24, 2010 8:37 PM
2	no	Apr 25, 2010 12:18 PM
3	I'm not wild about the tables, aesthetically and from a maintenance standpoint.	Apr 26, 2010 4:00 PM
4	I like the chess boards. They brings a nice element to the park that I don't believe exists in any other OP Parks. Note some concern that people will use these as tables at lunch and spill on them without cleaning up but I still feel the positive outweighs any negative.	Apr 26, 2010 5:24 PM
5	I do not at all like the walkway pattern surrounding the plaza in Scheme 3 -- it is too "busy" and adds more concrete than necessary. I prefer the connection patterns in the other schemes.	Apr 26, 2010 5:39 PM
6	Needs to be open to sightlines so it doesn't become the new hangout.	Apr 27, 2010 6:50 PM
7	I like the memorial and don't want anything that will encourage non-family loiterers from hanging out there.	May 1, 2010 1:43 AM
8	I don't like any of these concepts, because they all include a large concrete or gravel area around the monument. I would greatly prefer to keep the smaller size of the current stone base surrounded by grass as it is now. I would like to see less radical changes. For example, the area in front of the monument could be redesigned to remove just the central flower bed to permit a pathway to the front of monument, and to regrade the grassy area in front of the monument in order to make the sunken seating areas more usable for gatherings. I don't understand why a less drastic option for redesigning this space was not offered, which would have kept many of the current features that people want to retain.	May 5, 2010 4:45 AM
9	Only teenagers hang out in this area of the park. Why waste space? It's importance is as a focal point for the eye, not so much as a gathering place.	May 5, 2010 9:38 PM
10	I am in favor of tables but am wondering what material they will be made of - if not extremely durable then I am not in favor of any at all as I believe they will be heavily used.	May 5, 2010 10:59 PM
11	no	May 6, 2010 4:21 AM
12	No	May 6, 2010 2:03 PM

Scoville Park Site Plan 2nd Questionnaire

Focusing only on the north side of the park, which of the four schemes do you prefer? (To view the schemes copy and paste the link in your browser http://www.oakparkparks.com/NewsandInformation/FuturePlans/futureplans_scovillepark.htm)	
Conceptual Scheme 1	<input type="radio"/>
Conceptual Scheme 2	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Conceptual Scheme 3	<input type="radio"/>
Conceptual Scheme 4	<input type="radio"/>

Scoville Park Site Plan 2nd Questionnaire

Why do you prefer Conceptual Scheme 1 for the north side of Scoville Park?		
		Response Count
		9
	<i>answered question</i>	9
	<i>skipped question</i>	90

Response Text		
1	leaves 3 tennis courts and updates restrooms	Apr 24, 2010 4:25 PM
2	restroom addition	Apr 24, 2010 9:47 PM
3	Retains 3 tennis courts. The existing court are sloped and drain very well after a rain. Please consider this in re-doing the courts. (Scheme 4 also retains the 3 courts.)	Apr 25, 2010 5:13 PM
4	Tennis is fine.	Apr 27, 2010 6:10 PM
5	It would keep one of the few lighted tennis courts in Oak Park. The Park District removed lighted courts when Stevenson Park was redone.	May 2, 2010 2:01 PM
6	leave 3 tennis courts. That is the only concern I have	May 3, 2010 12:44 AM
7	If people are complaining that there isn't enough tennis space, then taking away one court is not a good idea.	May 3, 2010 7:38 PM
8	All 3 tennis courts should be retained. These are the only 3 Park District tennis courts in central Oak Park, and they are used regularly by local residents. I don't like new paths in #2 and #4 because they would divide up the open space in the NE corner and make it less usable.	May 5, 2010 4:50 AM
9	do not like fence	May 5, 2010 9:57 PM

Scoville Park Site Plan 2nd Questionnaire

Why do you prefer Conceptual Scheme 2 for the north side of Scoville Park?		
		Response Count
		16
	<i>answered question</i>	16
	<i>skipped question</i>	83

Response Text		
1	Gives an entrance on north end. addresses desire lines	Apr 24, 2010 3:23 PM
2	Love the new entry plaza @ OP Ave, and walkways.	Apr 24, 2010 4:04 PM
3	Allows more room for the park. Tennis is popular but Oak Park does not have enough green space.	Apr 24, 2010 4:06 PM
4	I like restoring the north end back to 2 courts and providing more open space in the corner. I picked scheme 2 over scheme 3 merely because it provided a path connection to the corner.	Apr 26, 2010 4:03 PM
5	I like the expanded playground area, the additional seating east of the courts, I like reducing the courts to 2 and adding another open space for people to use.	Apr 26, 2010 5:27 PM
6	It establishes a defined entry plaza at Ontario and Oak Park, creates more open space in the NE corner.	Apr 26, 2010 5:40 PM
7	Provides for new open lawn space to the right.	Apr 27, 2010 6:50 PM
8	I live across the street from the park, and note that the tennis courts are seldom all in use. I think reducing to two courts and increasing green space is a good idea.	Apr 29, 2010 2:23 AM
9	More space for 2-5 yr playground, which gets way more use than tennis courts. Please remove all courts and expand playground. Please replace sand with rubber or wood chips and cover for shade. Thanks!	May 1, 2010 1:56 AM
10	I like having more meadow/green space	May 1, 2010 2:09 AM
11	I am torn between 2 and 3 on this one actually. I think that one court should be removed. I like that concept 2 has a path down Ontario leading to the park. I think that is important especially looking at the desire lines. From a practical standpoint I like the additional paths proposed (new loop path) but from a beauty standpoint, I like the green space of concept 3. I personally would use the new loop path often in concept 2 because I usually enter the park from Ontario, but it could be 'over-pathed.'	May 2, 2010 2:45 AM
12	We have plenty of tennis courts in this area, with the high school being right down the street. I live right here, the playground gets more use than the tennis courts. Lets give the kids the playground this area deserves. We do need add a better crosswalk over Oak Park avenue on the northern end of the park though.	May 3, 2010 2:42 PM
13	I like the reduced number of tennis courts and the increased number of pathways.	May 5, 2010 9:40 PM
14	Gets rid of the fence that today is in the way of views across the park and it gives us a new space	May 5, 2010 10:12 PM
15	I like the idea of a "scenic" path within the park. I'd be happy to trade a tennis court for open space if there's not an outcry from tennis players. I like the idea of a welcoming entrance at the NE corner of the park.	May 5, 2010 10:31 PM
16	because there's less tennis courts and the play lot seems bigger	May 5, 2010 11:01 PM

Scoville Park Site Plan 2nd Questionnaire

Why do you prefer Conceptual Scheme 3 for the north side of Scoville Park?		
		Response Count
		4
	<i>answered question</i>	4
	<i>skipped question</i>	95

Response Text		
1	Creates a walkway inside the park along the north side.	Apr 24, 2010 8:37 PM
2	Do not see the need for three courts and I like expanding the lawn space	Apr 28, 2010 6:38 PM
3	Keep 2 tennis courts, but provide more lawn space to make better use. I only ever see two being used at any one time anyway.	Apr 29, 2010 5:00 AM
4	Enlarges / creates usable open space on north side.	May 6, 2010 4:22 AM

Scoville Park Site Plan 2nd Questionnaire

Why do you prefer Conceptual Scheme 4 for the north side of Scoville Park?		
		Response Count
		11
	<i>answered question</i>	11
	<i>skipped question</i>	88

Response Text		
1	I am torn, but this scheme retains the third court while still opening up the north eastern entry to the park.	Apr 23, 2010 8:28 PM
2	preserves all existing courts, which receive plenty of use and are needed, and enhances NE corner	Apr 24, 2010 4:18 AM
3	Keep 3 courts!!!!!! These are highly used courts because they are central to the village, alternatives to busy HS courts, and near denser (condo and apt) areas of the village.	Apr 24, 2010 11:26 PM
4	It provides for better use of the park. There are limited tennis courts in Oak Park.	Apr 25, 2010 12:19 PM
5	i am TOTALLY against taking out a tennis court. we need MORE tennis courts in this town-not less. the park has enough open areas. don't lose a court. PLEASE!!!!	Apr 25, 2010 6:57 PM
6	It establishes a defined entrance at Ontario/Oak Park and supports a useful path syste, though I'm not certain the additional path access off of Oak Park is needed.	Apr 26, 2010 5:36 PM
7	Tearing down the courts would be an unnecessary expense, and why do it if they're in use? The playground is big enough; let's give the older kids and adults some play-places too. I also like having part of the trail away from the road in CS4, as opposed to CS1. It's a safer, more cozy feeling.	Apr 27, 2010 2:55 PM
8	There is a dearth of lighted tennis courts in the village. We need to retain the current three courts at Scoville.	May 2, 2010 3:11 PM
9	The only one that's different seems to be 3. I like the idea of the path on the north side, and the curved one in 1, 2, and 4 seems pleasing.	May 2, 2010 10:54 PM
10	I prefer 3 tennis courts - the entrance plaza similar to those at other corners - a meandering path along Ontario St.	May 4, 2010 6:12 PM
11	Retains all 3 lighted tennis courts.	May 6, 2010 2:04 PM

Scoville Park Site Plan 2nd Questionnaire

Do you have any other comments in reference to the north side of Scoville Park?		
		Response Count
		14
	<i>answered question</i>	14
	<i>skipped question</i>	85

Response Text		
1	Scheme 2 is nice also because of the little bit of opening of the northeast entry except one of the courts is removed of course and I actually sat in my car and tried to picture the new circular path created by the removal of the court; it would seem to be a little congested or 'busy' even with that court removed.	Apr 23, 2010 8:31 PM
2	Work with the transportation dep't and get better signage and enforcement at the corner of Oak Park Avenue and Ontario for pedestrians. Cars are NOT stopping for pedestrians as they should. It is adangerous intersection for both autos and walkers.	Apr 24, 2010 8:40 PM
3	no	Apr 25, 2010 12:20 PM
4	no	Apr 26, 2010 5:27 PM
5	I do not like the circulation paths in the NE quadrant in Scheme 2 because they occupy too much of the open space this creates. I prefer the path and plaza structure of Scheme 4.	Apr 26, 2010 5:43 PM
6	I'd like the path from the NE corner, and not from the N end of the east side. So subtract the NE part of scheme 1 from the NE part of scheme 4. The most common path people would take as a shortcut across the park would be from the NE corner to the SW corner, and this should be more or less direct to minimize desire paths.	Apr 27, 2010 6:13 PM
7	Please remove all tennis courts. Playground gets used a lot more than tennis courts. Please remove sand and replace with rubber or wood chips. If rubber, please shade so it doesn't get so hot in summer. Thanks.	May 1, 2010 1:58 AM
8	While I think the bump outs are great- what really must happen is a yield by law pedestrian crossing. Cars drive entirely too fast down Oak Park Ave, hardly anyone stops for pedestrians (even police!!!) and it is very dangerous, especially with children. With the updated park, I think this is a must!! Today in fact some tourists were waiting to cross and eventually just walked on the sidewalk to the light (looked like they were going to the Hemingway Museum) things like this should not happen. And perhaps they decided then not to go to the museum? That means lost revenue- and I would venture to guess this is not the first time it happened. Anyways- I am very passionate about the additional to this yield for pedestrian crossing. I hope that can happen!	May 2, 2010 2:49 AM
9	The entrance plaza should somehow incorporate the continental divide information now contained on an impermanent sign. Tennis courts get more use than adjacent (eastward) park area which is hardly used at all but still offers plenty of space for picnics or just watching a tennis games	May 4, 2010 6:15 PM
10	A straighter path/sidewalk along Ontario would be preferable, if the grade and current trees would permit that.	May 5, 2010 4:52 AM
11	more oopen space	May 5, 2010 9:57 PM
12	Underutilized now and could be a neighborhood space.	May 5, 2010 10:12 PM

Response Text		
13	The current layout gives sense that the 'park' is only down in front and under the monument. This scheme unifies the park.	May 6, 2010 4:24 AM
14	Scheme 1 would also be good.	May 6, 2010 2:04 PM

Scoville Park Site Plan 2nd Questionnaire

Do you have any final comments regarding the four schematic concepts presented for Scoville Park?		
		Response Count
		29
	<i>answered question</i>	29
	<i>skipped question</i>	70

Response Text		
1	They are all well done. I like elements of each; scheme 4 for the southeast entrance and the tennis courts and northeast entry as well as the library connection; scheme 1 for the treatment of the Peace Memorial Plaza and scheme 2 for the new loop path with the new permanent stage which would be quite natural as described and blend into the park. Kudos to all involved!	Apr 23, 2010 8:37 PM
2	Scoville is already a beautiful park so the improvements should be "tinkering around the edges" and fixing problem areas and updating - not wholesale, radical changes	Apr 23, 2010 9:56 PM
3	They are all interesting but #2 is the best in my opinion.	Apr 24, 2010 4:06 PM
4	<p>The following comments will pertain to Oak Park tennis courts in general, not just at Scoville. Please forward to the appropriate person:</p> <p>We need all 3 lighted courts, and more lighted courts in Oak Park in general. We also need to stop selling our courts to outsiders like Dominican. It is very upsetting to have to roam from park to park trying to find a public court because our park district has decided to lease our courts to others. It is also annoying to learn that \$\$ was used to update one park, and another park was then offered in exchange. If you must lease public courts in exchange for money, then at least make places like Dominican use the courts they have given money for, instead of disrupting other neighborhood courts that have seen no benefit from the money used for supposed upgrades.</p> <p>Also, there needs to be a clearly posted mechanism to enforce the signs about "no private lessons on public courts." (which is ironic since the park district allows some like Dominican, but not others). If we show up to play, and courts are being used for private lessons, what are we supposed to do---call the police? Who do we notify? Who will come and give a warning or ticket to the instructor? Please post the correct mechanism. Thanks. Finally, please provide a squeegee and/or giant broom so that court users can maintain the courts, sweep leaves, puddles, etc. It will help keep the courts in good condition.</p>	Apr 24, 2010 4:34 PM
5	Thank you for the time and effort you have devoted to making this gem even better. We appreciate your concern for those of us who live on the park's borders.	Apr 24, 2010 8:41 PM
6	Frankly I like the park the way it is now and see little reason to change it other than renovate the deteriorated facilities.	Apr 25, 2010 12:21 PM
7	Please retain 3 tennis courts.	Apr 25, 2010 5:14 PM
8	just don't take out any courts. in fact add one!	Apr 25, 2010 6:57 PM
9	retain its more naturalistic elements == not too much fussiness or concrete, keep the open and accessible feel from all four corners, as well as along Grove. Don't break up the west side sight line w/ a fence.	Apr 25, 2010 8:07 PM
10	I think all the schemes are great, but prefer the elements of 3 and 4 most.	Apr 26, 2010 2:17 PM

Response Text		
11	The comfort station is historic and great care should be taken in preserving its character when considering upgrades and expansion. Also, the Monument is significant in the Village and should be designated a Historic Landmark.	Apr 26, 2010 4:05 PM
12	I generally prefer Sceme 4 with a circular plaza and, if supported by use patterns, the removal of one tennis court.	Apr 26, 2010 5:44 PM
13	I obviously prefer a blend of the northern half of 2 with the southern half of 4, with the addition of a permanent stage.	Apr 27, 2010 6:51 PM
14	Thnank you for the diligent work and taking so many ideas and opinions into consideration	Apr 28, 2010 6:38 PM
15	Is the increase in paths a done deal? They all seem to include more. Why?	Apr 29, 2010 2:24 AM
16	I do feel that a more permanent stage area/ampitheater should be created at the south end of the park along Lake. The trailer from last year was unsightly and I would highly discourage this approach.	Apr 29, 2010 5:01 AM
17	Please do anything you can to discourage vagrants and loiterers, especially smokers. Please step up enforcement of loitering and pet waste rules. People let their dogs urinate and defecate where little children play.	May 1, 2010 2:00 AM
18	Please keep all the three tennis courts! They are very important.	May 1, 2010 2:29 PM
19	Overall it looks like concept two is my favorite. It incorporates the 'desired paths,' Jensen's designs, a stage, updated entry plaza at Lake and Oak Park Ave. an ornamental fence along Grove, the removal of a tennis court, tables near the peace memorial plaza and the bump outs. I am very excited!!!	May 2, 2010 2:51 AM
20	To quote Mark Twain, "We's doin' blame' well, en we better let blame' well alone, as de good book says."	May 2, 2010 11:00 PM
21	do not remove a tennis court	May 3, 2010 12:45 AM
22	I like the permanent stage idea, the northern path and the expanded playground best.	May 3, 2010 2:43 PM
23	The biggest new element would be the entrance plazas. I would be good to see some detailed sketches for each of them to be certain they are well designed - not just concrete surfaces.	May 4, 2010 6:17 PM
24	All of the 4 conceptual schemes include enlarging the meadow by shifting the path at the top of the hill north, which effectively removes the existing flower beds that frame the view of the monument. Based on the first questionnaire and the minutes of the focus groups and public meetings, there did not appear to be a consensus that this was desired. If anything, the answers to the first questionnaire were 2 to 1 against shifting the path north. For some park users, the hill is steep enough as it is. Similarly, all 4 schemes included a concrete plaza around the monument, although again there doesn't seem to be a consensus that this particular change is desired. We seem to be limiting the choices too early in the planning process. The schemes all seem to call for adding on to the restrooms. This building was determined to be architecturally significant and contributing to the historic significance of Scoville Park. We should think carefully before changing the design.	May 5, 2010 5:00 AM
25	yes get rid of the fountain, it may be historic but it is very ugly	May 5, 2010 10:12 PM
26	to me, the most important feature that must be incorporated in any plan are functioning, clean, UNLOCKED bathrooms. If they pose a security risk, then I would be willing to put money towards security systems rather than other upgrades to the park. I do think that keeping the large, open hill is important and gives the park it's unique character.	May 5, 2010 11:03 PM
27	In scheme #3 I like omission of eastern path and 'entry.' I've been concerned that 'too much' be put in the park. This is a lovely, 'natural' solution in keeping with Jens Jenson design. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in planning and allowing resident comments!!	May 6, 2010 4:28 AM
28	good luck. it's a great space these ideas will enhance the use.	May 6, 2010 10:46 AM

Response Text		
29	I have strongest preference for schemes which retain all 3 lighted tennis courts. Court reductions have been made at Longfellow, planned for Maple, and nets are missing from 1 at Rheme. Tennis is a healthy activity that I think is in resurgence in Oak Park, and it would be a shame to lose one of the few well-lighted courts in the village.	May 6, 2010 2:08 PM

Scoville Park Site Plan 3rd Questionnaire

How many Scoville Park Site Plan Community Meetings have you attended?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
0	<div></div>	14.3%	3
1	<div></div>	19.0%	4
2	<div></div>	28.6%	6
3	<div></div>	38.1%	8
	answered question		21
	skipped question		0

Scoville Park Site Plan 3rd Questionnaire

Do you have any additional comments regarding the Scoville Park Site Plan?		
		Response Count
		12
	<i>answered question</i>	12
	<i>skipped question</i>	9

Response Text		
1	I would like to see some sort of information kiosk on the corner of Lake and Oak Park. I don't care so much about the newspaper boxes, but a European style kiosk where small posters and other announcements could be posted would be a terrific. That is a gathering place for a lot of people.	May 18, 2010 12:59 AM
2	I think there is room for an expanded playground while also retaining the 3 tennis courts- possibly by moving the courts a few feet to the east. Retaining 3 tennis courts and expanding the playlot should not have to be an "either or" question. Also, the northeast corner should feature a permanent sign or sculpture marking the continental drainage divide. Finally, a majority of those present at last meeting voted in favor of a "peace plaza" extending southward from the monument - yet the circular design was declared the winner. I think that ruling should be reconsidered. There is plenty of room for a JJ-type circle in the northwest corner of the park - consisting, perhaps, of stone blocks.	May 18, 2010 3:11 AM
3	keep the flower garden in front of the memorial, a plaza there is not a good idea, also keep the large meadow, people really enjoy just sitting out in the sun in the park.	May 18, 2010 4:20 AM
4	The sidewalk along Scoville near the Northwest corner needs to be widened to at least 9 or 10 ft from the parking meters in order to safely accommodate the large amount of Pedestrian traffic that will use this area during festivals, concerts and other events. The current proposal is too tight and will likely create a bottleneck that could encourage mid block crossings of Scoville or unpleasant congestion. The entrance to the Park should be welcoming and inviting which is difficult to do with parking meters and concrete.	May 18, 2010 1:21 PM
5	I am excited to see the final consensus. I love both of the treatments of the southern entrances. Regarding the northern part of the park, while I am opposed to the removal of one tennis court, if it provides for an upgrade of the children's area I say so be it. A viewing meadow of the two remaining courts is a great idea.	May 18, 2010 7:00 PM
6	Altamanu is doing an excellent job. I am glad we are having a fourth meeting to further discuss the corner of Lake and OP Ave.	May 19, 2010 12:11 PM
7	I have enjoyed the process and am glad the PD looks for community input.	May 20, 2010 7:14 PM

Response Text		
8	<p>I have enjoyed the process and am glad the PD looks for community input (even though differing options can make it more challenging for the Park District and consultants, it leads to a better park) .</p> <p>My thoughts: I like a straight edge along Grove. SW Corner Entrance; A narrow entrance from park to library; North Fence along Grove. The rock garden/play area is fantastic!! Larger new playground is great. I like 2 Tennis courts (shifted east) with seating between Tennis and Tot Lot (an additional court could be added in a different park). No bumpouts at northern road and Oak Park Ave. No Bus Stop at SE corner. Planting bed around fountain with seating. I prefer no fountain but not a major point for me. I like the trail along the south end of the park and the raised platform for the stage. Park center, I prefer option 1 (oval) or 2 (head shape). I like these options because of less paths and more useable plaza space.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>	May 20, 2010 7:29 PM
9	please please do something about the vagrants and the smoking and the scary teens	May 20, 2010 11:19 PM
10	Please keep the horse fountain at Oak Park and Lake. Don't worry about making it a working fountain, it was never designed for people. Please use an oval design for the peace plaza. An oval really is better for accomodating an audience. And , goto 2 tennis courts.	May 21, 2010 1:02 AM
11	I'm still hoping for a StoryBook Garden to tie in with the library.	May 21, 2010 1:42 AM
12	Site planning process and public commentary both strongly suggest that all FOUR of the corners of Scoville Park need attention/upgrading. Sotheast and southwest corners are receiving good attention, and positive results seem likely to be forthcoming for sure. Northwest and northeast (at Oak Park Avenue view) corners are lagging badly. Removal of part of two tennis courts (leaving net two courts) provides supplemental land for (1) enhanced development of children play area AS WELL AS (2) enhanced landscaped, further developed functional access/useage of the northeast section. The result is an accesible, appealing, inviting, functional park in all of its square footage!!!!!!	May 21, 2010 8:20 PM