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Point Neighborhood Vision and Action Plan Engagement Process
• Park identified as a needing updates

Working Group Meeting 1
• Discuss Park Issues
• Vet Survey Questions

Online Survey
• 340 Responses

Open House
• Open Discussion with 20 Residents about Design Possibilities

Working Group Meeting 2
• Review 3 Options that Respond to Survey and Open House
• Two Preferred Options Selection

Additional Community Conversations

Parks & Rec Meeting
• Present Feedback
• Propose Options to Address Community Concerns
• Gather Feedback

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Current Design Process - History
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Park Location

- **Important Green Space at North End of Ward 5**, within dense urban development with little green space.
- Borders Ward 1 and is 2-3 Blocks from Ward 2 and Ward 3.
- Location is ‘Gateway’ in and out of Downtown.
- Nearby Mary Jane Lee Park and Palmer Cover offer local playground and active play.
Recognizable Features

- Monuments
- Benches
- Bus Stop
- Art Boxes
- Flowers

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Existing Conditions

Highly Valued Features
• Mature Trees
• Lawn
• Monuments

Recognized Issues
• Worn Cow Paths
• Steel Edging Failure
• Worn Lawn
• Broken Irrigation
• Dark Interior
• Obscured Sight Lines
• Limited Use
TREES / LAWN / PASSIVE RECREATION / “NATURE”

- Consistently, the role of this park as one of the few places for lawn and trees in the neighborhood was valued. The park is appreciated as a respite from the city, despite its size, and this should be enhanced.

MARKETS / PROGRAM

- The idea of farmers markets or craft fairs in the park was popular, though the idea of a plaza was not. This suggests a flexible space, perhaps a lawn or widened sidewalk, that could be used for such events without detracting from the “natural” setting.

LIGHTING AT NIGHT / VISIBILITY / GATEWAY

- Consistently, more lighting at night was expressed as a priority. While safety was definitely a concern for people, it was mostly at night time when visibility is poor. Lighting was also thought of as a way to make the park more of a gateway between downtown and the neighborhood.
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Mature Trees:
18 Street Trees
2 Elms
6 Pears
8 Zelkova
8 Flowering Trees
42 Total Mature Trees

Stonedust: 3,100 sf
Hardpack/Mud: 850 sf
Lawn & Planting: 17,225 sf
Central Allee

Mature Trees:
- 18 Street Trees
- 2 Elms
- 6 Pears
- 2 Zelkova
- 7 Flowering Trees

33 Total Mature Trees

New Trees:
- 3 Zelkova
- 3 Canopy Trees

42 Total Trees

Stonedust: 4,315 sf
Concrete: 2,575 sf
Lawn & Planting: 13,300 sf
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Curved Paths

Mature Trees:
18 Street Trees
2 Elms
3 Pears
8 Zelkova
8 Flowering Trees
39 Total Mature Trees

New Trees:
3 Canopy Trees
42 Total Trees

Stonedust: 3,033 sf
Concrete: 2,885 sf
Lawn & Planting: 15,260 sf
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Oval Lawn

Mature Trees:
18 Street Trees
2 Elms
1 Pear
3 Zelkova
5 Flowering Trees
29 Total Mature Trees

New Trees:
8 Canopy Trees
37 Total Trees

Stonedust: 554 sf
Concrete: 3,300 sf
Lawn & Planting: 17,580 sf
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View - Existing
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View - Oval
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Proposals - Lighting
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Oval Lawn Lighting
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Three Options