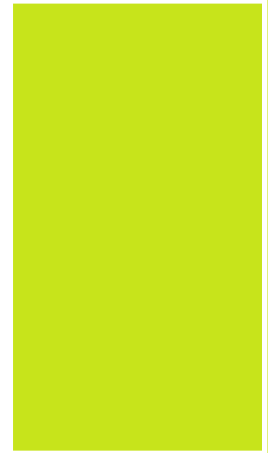


Chavis Park Community Conversation



PROJECT OVERVIEW

Chavis Park has a rich history in the City of Raleigh and is a valued community resource. The Raleigh Parks & Recreation Department is organizing the Chavis Park Community Conversation to develop a shared vision for the park's future. The Community Conversation will engage the public and community leaders to identify improvements to the park, and develop a mutual understanding and respect of both the history and the future of the park and the role of the park in the community. The project will result in an adoptable, implementable Revised Master Plan for Chavis Park.

What will the process look like?

The Chavis Park Community Conversation will combine focused stakeholder engagement, public dialogue, and equitable development planning and design. The Community Conversation will rely on public participation through a variety of events to first develop a vision and then explore specific recommendations that can result in a revised plan for renewing the park. The Community Conversation will have three tracks of discussion that will interweave and inform the revised master plan:

- A **Public Leadership Group**, comprised of representative stakeholders, will dialogue with the City and the general public.
- A **Public Dialogue** will engage the wider public in visioning and recommendations.
- A **Design Resource Team**, comprised of city planners and other land use experts, will provide planning, mapping, and design information as well as best practices to support the Public Leadership Group and the public dialogue.

Who should get involved?

Everyone with a stake in the future of Chavis Park should get involved in the Community Conversation! The success of the Chavis Park Community Conversation will rely on the ability of residents, government planners, and local decision-makers to decide together how to preserve the park's legacy while creating a new vision for the future. The back page has contact information to learn how to become involved in the Public Leadership Group and other public involvement activities.

PROJECT PARTNERS

The City of Raleigh Parks & Recreation Department will partner with the Chavis Park community residents and other stakeholders. The partners will be supported by Skeo Solutions, a firm with expertise in public engagement, land use planning and equitable development.

PROJECT TIMELINE

When will the project take place?

The project is expected to take 8 to 18 months, with a public kick-off meeting planned for March 2012. The Parks & Recreation Department will work with the Public Leadership Group to foster broad-based input and community involvement to create a new vision and master plan for Chavis Park:

Setting the Stage for the Conversation: The Parks & Recreation Department will engage in planning and community organizing needed to structure the Community Conversation, including forming the Public Leadership Group. The City will create a dedicated website so that residents can access information and understand the many opportunities to get involved.

Goals and Vision: The Public Leadership Group will host a public forum where residents can share stories, memories and hopes for the Chavis Park project. With the results from this forum as well as expertise provided by the Design Resource Team, the Public Leadership Group will develop a vision, goals and principles that will guide the exploration of scenarios and strategies for renewing Chavis Park.

Solutions Development: The City and the Public Leadership Group will convene a community design workshop to gather wider public input on goals, principles and preliminary scenarios. The Public Leadership Group will examine best practices, explore regional and national resources, and consider what options are best suited to revitalize the park and serve the surrounding community and the City of Raleigh.

Revised Master Plan: The Public Leadership Group will refine the outcomes of the public forum and workshop process, select a preferred alternative and develop draft recommendations for renewing Chavis Park. The recommendations will be used by the City to develop a revised master plan for Chavis Park.

Community Celebration: The Community Conversation will conclude with a Community Vision Celebration at Chavis Park.

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