



Chavis Park COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

Public Forum: Draft Master Plan Review



Summary of Public Input

December 10, 2013

6:30-8:30PM

John Chavis Community Center

Meeting Overview

The Chavis Park Community Conversation Public Leadership Group hosted a Public Forum to gather input on their John Chavis Memorial Park draft concept plan and master plan recommendations. The meeting began with a welcome by Virginia Tally, a member of the Public Leadership Group, leading into introductory remarks from Diane Sauer, Director of the Raleigh Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources, and followed by an overview presentation of the draft master plan process and recommendations. Participants were then encouraged to move around the room to five interactive stations highlighting various themes from the draft master plan. The group came back together at the end of the meeting to share their general observations and ask any remaining questions.

Participants viewed information and completed exercises at five themed stations. Each station was equipped with posters from the draft master plan, a team of Public Leadership Group members, Subject Matter Experts, staff and consultants, flip charts for writing down comments and recommendations and dots for voting. There was also the opportunity to ask questions and provide general comment at each station.

Station #1: Honoring the Past

- Exercise:
 - Vote for your favorite idea for adaptive reuse of the Original Carousel House building.
- Questions:
 - As the Original Carousel House building is adapted for reuse, would you prefer the building 1) retain the same size, structure and character as much as possible or 2) be enhanced and enlarged to best accommodate the new uses while maintaining the current character?
 - What stories and events are important to honor at the Heritage Plaza?

Station #2: Recreation

- Exercise: What additional amusements should be included?
- Question: What would you like to see in the fitness zones for youth and adults?
- **Youth Table**
 - Exercises:
 - Draw what you would like to see in the play area.
 - Vote for your favorite play feature!

Station #3: Creek Stewardship and Circulation

- Exercise: Where would you like the wheeled train to go? Draw route on park map.
- Questions:
 - Which type of wheeled train fits the needs of the community?
 - Which vegetation management strategy would you like to see more of?

Station #4: Aquatics/Community Center + Basic Amenities, Event Facilities & Operations

- Exercise: Vote for which elements are most important to include in a new Aquatic Center and Community Center.
- Question: Is anything important missing from the list of Aquatic Center and Community Center features that need to be included?

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Station #5: Concept Plan

- Interactive model of the Concept Plan, Vision Statement poster, and poster of the Concept Plan
- Exercises: Using moveable pieces on the interactive model answer the questions,
 - Where could creek vegetation be thinned or removed to open views?
 - Rearrange the play features and discuss best locations for features within play areas.
 - Review list of major improvements and vote for top priorities for implementation.

This is a high level summary of all of the public input gathered at the public forum. It is followed by an appendix containing photographs of all of the exercises and comments captured on flip charts during the evening.



Summary of Input

Comments from Station 1: Honoring the Past

Honor the stories, events, people and amenities that were once at the park while looking to the future. Make it high touch (interactive), innovative and connected to the greater community. Add new features, programs and amenities to draw patrons into the park and keep them coming back. The neighborhood around the park is changing as reflected in different users.

Some are concerned that this is yet another planning process that will result in a plan that will not be implemented.

Heritage Plaza

Community members shared memories and features that should be remembered within the Heritage Plaza including the plane, the miniature train, swimming in the creek, sporting events, dances like Teenage Frolics, church trips, reunions and homecoming celebrations.

Original Carousel House

Community members were drawn to the idea of incorporating music and historical exhibits within this space while providing food for purchase. The public would like to see the building retain the same size, structure and character as much as possible while accommodating these uses. Participants thought some combination of suggested uses could be integrated, for example: themed restaurant/food service, historic exhibit space, music and features to entertain children and young people.

Comments from Station 2: Recreation

Fitness zones

Many participants grouped fitness and sports opportunities under fitness zones. They would like to see equipment for varying ages, abilities and types of exercise (stretching, cardio, strength training, etc.) added along a fitness trail accompanied by lighting and seating. More fitness and dancing opportunities like Dancing in the Park were requested.

There is strong desire to retain and improve the track where it is while adding other sporting opportunities in the area around the track including baseball, softball, tennis, and basketball. Training to learn how to play these sports was mentioned as well as specialized courts for children.

Play

Outdoor performance space, specifically an amphitheater in the area of the stone steps, arose as the most important amusement that is missing from the master plan. Seating and power supply were suggested for concerts, movies and theatrical productions.

Comments from Station 3: Creek Stewardship and Circulation

Participants focused on how to improve maintenance and aesthetics throughout the park. They suggested ideas for managing the vegetation in the stream corridor to increase visibility and safety while improving aesthetics and tended to support a combination of approaches.

There was general consensus that a wheeled train should serve all ages, small children through seniors. Some felt that in order to serve both youth and seniors that two separate trains are needed. No one provided a preferred route for the wheeled train, but there was interest in a route that explored the entire park.

Comments from Station 4: Aquatic/Community Center

Although there was high participation at this station no strong preferences emerged. For the community center participants were interested in seeing large, flexible spaces, expanded fitness opportunities, an indoor performance space, kitchen areas including within individual meeting rooms, and expanded locker rooms with showers.

For the aquatic center participants were equally interested in amenities focused on seniors and children as well as swimming for exercise. This was true for both indoor and outdoor features.

Comments from Station 5: Concept Plan

The focus of this station was orienting participants to the park property and proposed concept plan. Input was general and wide ranging from concerns about funding, to memories of playing in the creek, to suggestions on how to improve maintenance and replace the plane, to requests for lighting and former features. The features participants are most excited about are the aquatic center, community center and the Honoring the Past elements including the Heritage Plaza and reuse of the original carousel building.

Wrap up discussion: Question & Answer

Question 1: When will we see development? (Public to Facilitator)

Response 1: Construction will follow schematic design. The City is considering a Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Bond Referendum for major development in 2014. If the voters pass this bond the funding could be available in late 2015. The earliest major improvements could occur is 2016. Once funding is available a design consultant will be hired to create construction bid documents to obtain a general contractor to build the improvements. In the meantime items that are 'low-hanging fruit', like improving maintenance and vegetation management along the stream corridor can happen sooner.

Question 2: How long did it take to implement the Pullen Park Master Plan? (Public to Facilitator)

Response 2: There was ten years between the completion of the Master Plan (2001) and turning ground (2010). Only the Amusement Center portion of the Master Plan was implemented in 2010. Some audience members responded that they felt this was not acceptable at John Chavis Memorial Park, and that this lag time would reflect an ongoing history of neglect of John Chavis Memorial Park.

Question 3: What are you excited about? (Facilitator to Public)

Response 3:

- It is too early to be excited. Once we see actual improvements being made then we can get excited.
- Restoring grandeur, reflection of African-American community and history, start to do some things now with improvements in aesthetics/landscaping
- Park has been a part of my life – returned home after Vietnam and wondered, 'Where's my park?' It has been too long to recreate it.

Question 4: How will city monitor implementation? (Public to Facilitator)

Response 4: City staff and elected officials are very aware of the community's strong desire to see how the Chavis Community Conversation process will result in positive change. The Mayor and two Councilors have attended meetings and the new City Manager has been briefed on the Conversation. The City Manager and elected officials will have numerous financial considerations for the entire City including John Chavis Memorial Park in the coming months as a budget is prepared.

All Public Input


Exact flip chart notes and dot voting summary

Public Input from Station 1: Honoring the Past


HONORING THE PAST

What stories and events are important to honor at the Heritage Plaza?

- PLANE - WALK INSIDE, SEE DETAILS
CLOSE-UP. KIDS ENJOYED. RED TAX PLANE
- AIRMAN PLANE - IN DC? SMITHSONIAN
- TRAIN - IMPORTANT TO BE ON TRACK. IMPORTANT
- JUMPING OFF BRIDGE INTO WATER. WALKING. IMPORTANT TO SEE CREEK.
- BALL GAMES
- SWIMMING
- BANDSTAND - G.D. LEWIS
- + LIGON FOOTBALL & HOMECOMING - BASEBALL
OCT. 1967 - OTIS ALLEN STORY - DIDN'T REMEMBER WHO WON BUT HE GOT PICKED
- ALL GENERATIONS
- 6TH GRADE IN WARSAW. ALL NC CAME TO RALEIGH/CHAVIS FOR PLANE & FAOLIC. HIGHLIGHT. MINISTER MARIAN & PAMELA - HAS BASKET
- SHAW HOMECOMING -
- FOOTBALL & BASEBALL FIELD - BLEACHERS.
FAN CALLED "IRON MIKE" - COUNSELL
"DON'T SLODEM, TEACH 'EM" - BOB DAVIS
- HONOR PAST BUT INC. FUTURE.
- RIDE BIKE INTO CHAVIS. PLAYED ON PLANE.



The heritage plaza is the area around the original carousel building, which can be transformed into an active space for honoring the past and serve as a trailhead to the proposed South Park Heritage. Walk and interpretive elements throughout the park. The plaza can include space for gatherings and special events.



From the images courtesy of SPERNA



HONORING THE PAST

Vote for your favorite idea for reusing the Original Carousel Building?

Which of these ideas would you like to see further evaluated for feasibility during the schematic design phase?

Cast your vote below



flexible event and rental space
(distinct from the Community Center)

indoor playground



museum-like center with
heritage exhibits



retro cafe with music & exhibits

restrooms



game room

indoor movie theater

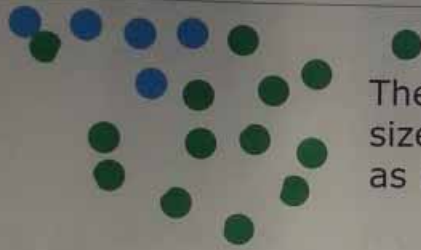
Some of these ideas can be combined, such as museum-like center and event space. The PLG is hoping to hear from the public what they think the best use of the building is. Features such as restrooms or concessions can also be provided in the general area.



HONORING THE PAST

Original Carousel Building

The PLG has recommended retaining and adapting the original carousel building to support a new park use. As the building is adapted, which approach would you prefer? (please select one)



The building retain the same size, structure and character as much as possible.



The building be enhanced and enlarged to best accommodate the new use while maintaining the current character.



HONORING PAST - 7

- new features to make park a draw, on top of old features
- attract seniors too
- CAROUSEL BLDG - MAINTAIN SIZE BUT ADD WINDOWS AND MAKE IT PLEASURABLE TO THE EYE
- RESTAURANT (RETRO CAFE) w/ MUSIC
- ENHANCE WHAT IS THERE, ENLARGE IF POSSIBLE WHILE KEEPING HISTORIC STATUS
- EDUCATIONAL / LEARNING
- HISTORIC VIDEOS
- SHERIFF BAKER STORY
- HIGH TOUCH, INNOVATIVE, CONNECTED TO THE BROADER CITY
- artwork on street marking tunnel underneath
 - light rail stop

'WOW factor'

'STATE OF THE ART' PARK



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Honoring the Past = Key

Kids
Swings, places to play
skate park

Enterprise Zone process
same, repetitive process
→ Fed Gov't, Chavis is City

Include foot races
~~not~~ in Chavis

Connect to Light rail

Comments from Station 2: Recreation

FITNESS ZONES

What would you like to see in the fitness zones for youth and adults?

The PLG has recommended promoting physical activity by incorporating additional fitness opportunities within the park. Fitness Zones create a fun, accessible, and social environment where people can enjoy getting fit.

- accommodate different fitness levels
 - different instruments - work diff. body parts
 - accessible for wheelchairs
- incorporate seating around fitness opportunities
- incorp. aesthetics with sports - it should be beautiful or make
- motorcycle parking
- tennis
- fitness classes
- John Chavis Amphitheater
- make track "friendly" for ~~casual~~ casual walkers
 - ↳ incorp other fitness opp. @ track - diff. age levels
- Restrooms + drinking fountains
- @ stone steps → add amphitheater seating (built-in)
- Keep baseball field - Baseball USA. - High School - std. size field
- interactive stations along trail
- handles on steps - handrails
- permanent seating @ track - RLT
- good lighting
 - ↳ for basketball courts/multi-use courts → little kids courts
 - ↳ separate from adults
- amphitheater @ stone steps (permanent seating)
- seating in grade @ track
- dancing beyond Dancing in the Park
- enough tennis courts for championships
- include space for vans/buses for senior groups
 - ↳ make accessible
- bouncy stuff for children → safety surface

NO artificial
= TURF

- Keep baseball field ↓
- track/field
- occo. Softball

- Outside basketball courts

- route road races (foot) thru park



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PLAY

The draft Master Plan recommends adding the following "wow factors" for the park:

- new aquatics facility (indoor and outdoor),
- wheeled train
- interactive replica plane
- Heritage Plaza
- new playground
- skateboard spots
- interactive water features
- climbing structure
- climbable public art

What additional amusement should be included?

(includes suggestions by local youth)

Vote for one



outdoor performance space (theatre, movies, live music, etc.)



motorized ride (kiddie boat, kiddie planes, etc.)



non-motorized ride (zip line, pedal go carts, etc.)



game room



butterfly room

STATION 2: RECREATION

PLAY/SPORTS • FITNESS

- WHEELED TRAIN - ACCESS AROUND THE PARK.
- SKATE SPOTS - SAFETY/HELMETS, ETC.
- PLAY - "FIELD DAY ACTIVITIES."
- DIFFERENT AREAS WITH DIFFERENT THEMES - COLORS, ^{MATERIAL} TYPE, ETC.
- EXERCISE IS IMPORTANT.
- NOSTALGIA - CAROUSEL AS CENTERPIECE.
- CREATE AMUSEMENTS/RIDES FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES AND ADULTS (MINIATURE TRAIN ON TRACKS)
- RETAIN THE TRACK FOR HEALTH AND FITNESS WALKING AND USE BY SHAW UNIVERSITY'S BAND, FOOTBALL AND TRACK TEAMS AND OTHER GROUPS.
- AMPHITHEATRE WHERE THE STONE STEPS ARE.

STATION 2: RECREATION

- CREATE SEATING IN THE LOWER SECTION IN THE AMPHITHEATRE AREA FOR CONCERTS, MOVIE, AND THEATRICAL PRODUCTIONS.
- INSTALL POWER SUPPLY SOURCES TO SUPPORT EVENTS.
- SIDEWALKS FOR CHALK ART CREATIVE DESIGN, FACE PAINTING.
- BASIC SKILLS TRAINING FOR SPORTS (BASEBALL, VOLLEYBALL, ANY TEAM SPORT).
- SEPARATE AQUATICS FOR ADULTS + CHILDREN.
- SMALL BASKETBALL COURT FOR CHILDREN.
- NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION WITHIN PARK FOR SENIORS THOSE WITH DISABILITIES. >



STATION 2: RECREATION

- SECURITY CAMERAS IN BUILDING MONITORING OUTSIDE AREAS.
- ROCK CLIMBING/CLIMBING WALL.

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Youth Table (Both youth and adults participated in the voting portion of this activity. Note that letters are written on the dots with C = Child Participant and A = Adult Participant.)

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE PLAY FEATURE

Use two dots to vote for your two favorite features:

		linear skate spots
		interactive water feature
  		observation overlook/ deck by creek
	   	climbing structure
		interactive/ climbable public art

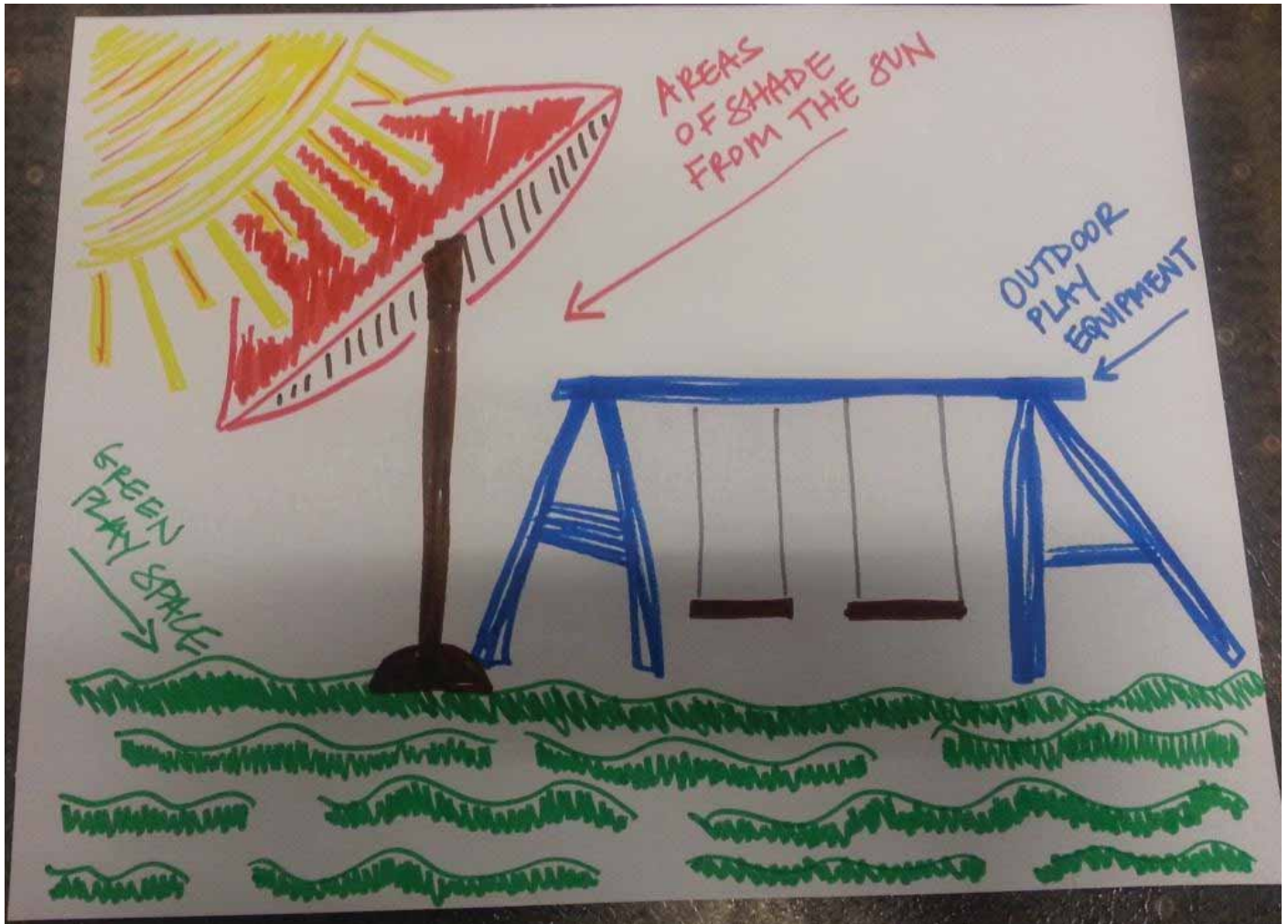


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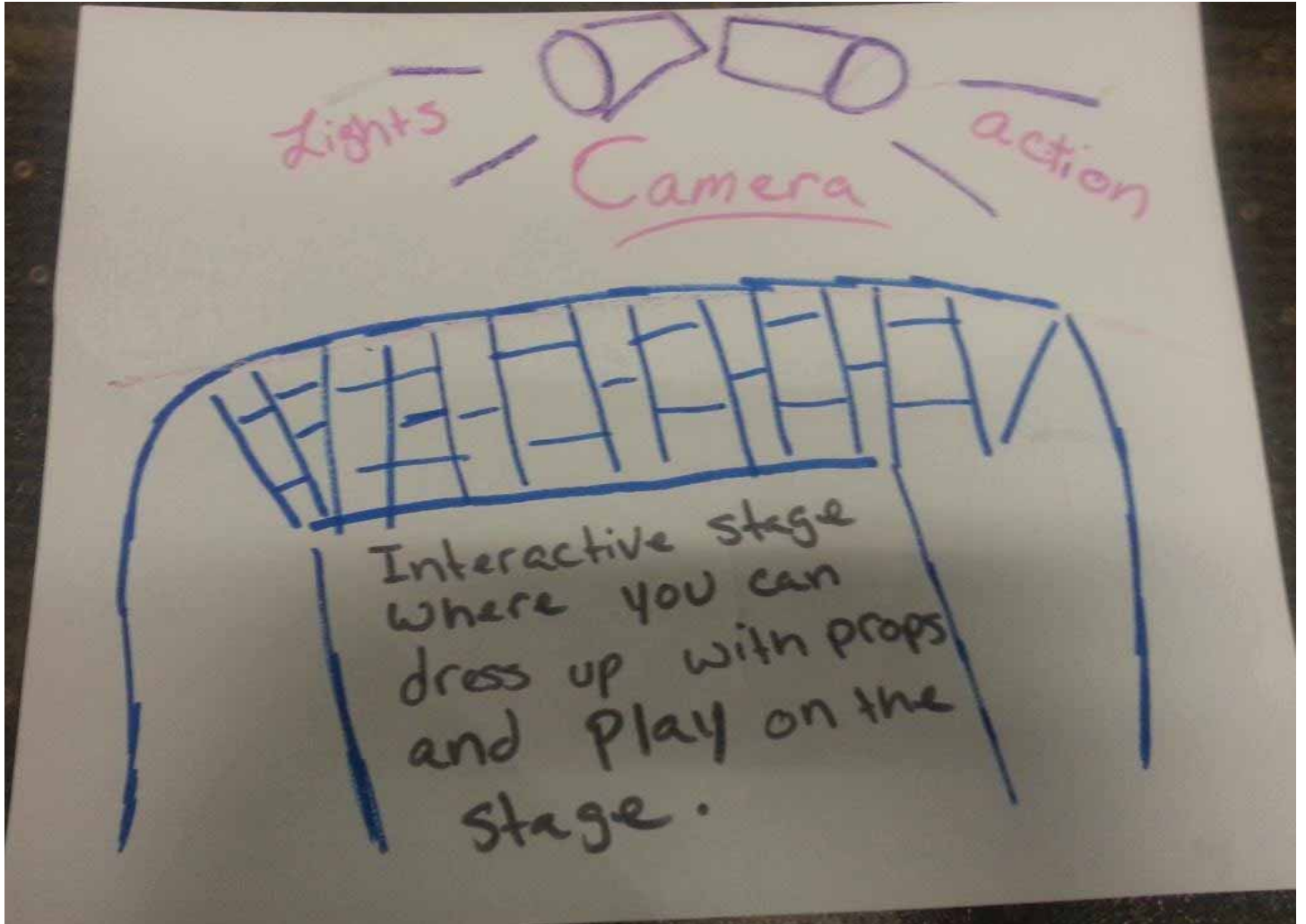


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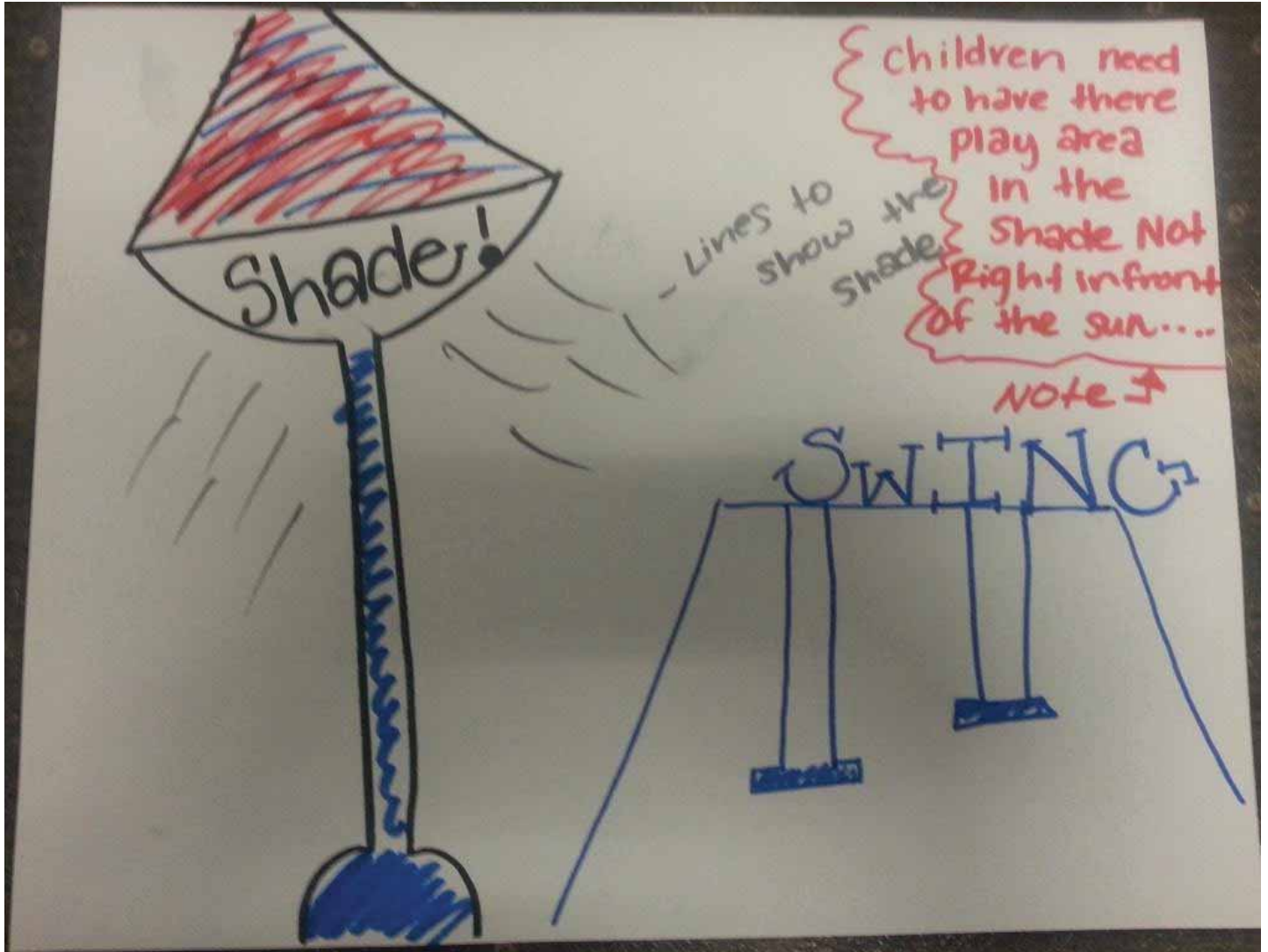


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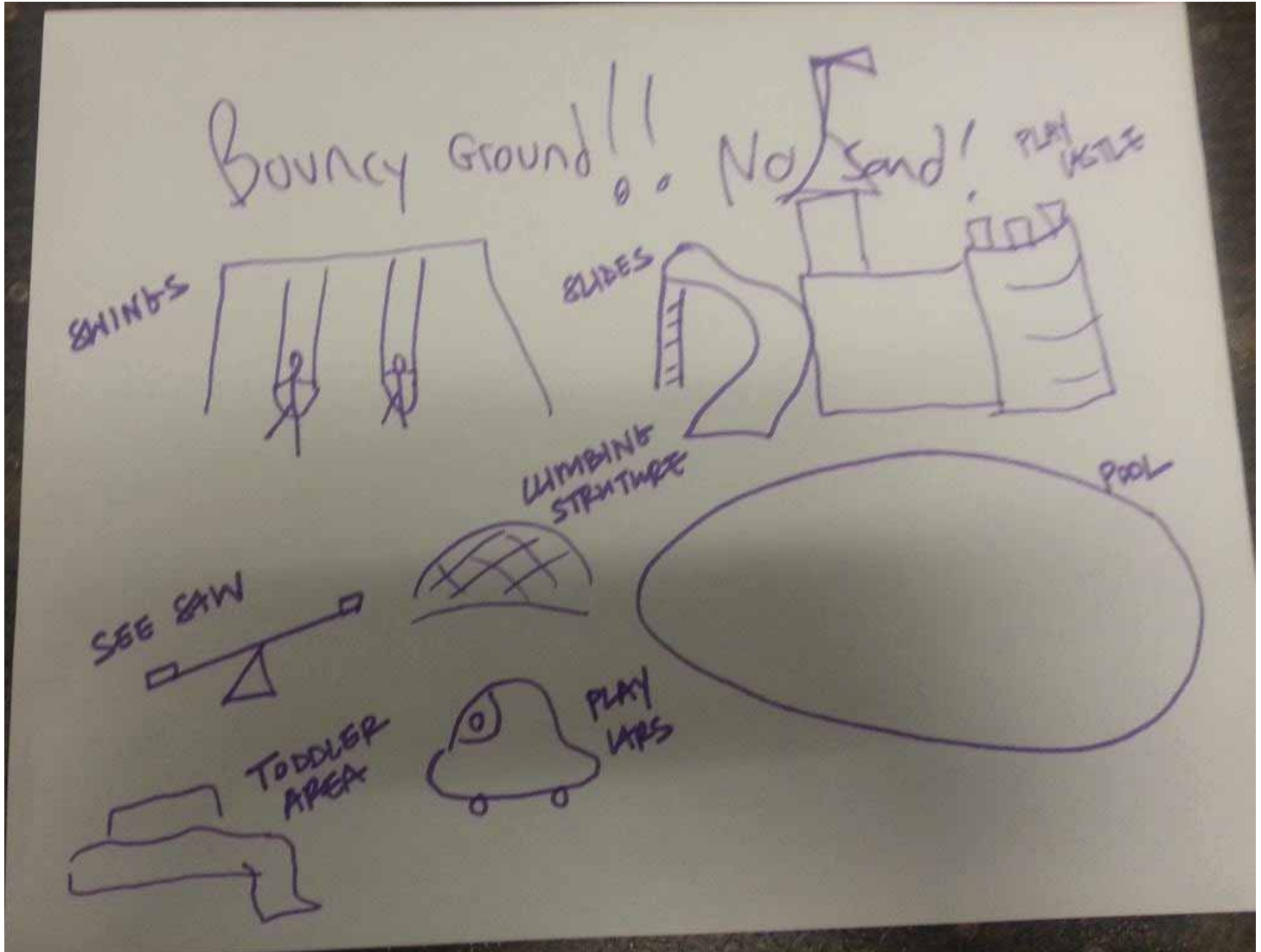


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Comments from Station 3: Creek Stewardship and Circulation

CREEK STEWARDSHIP

Which vegetation management strategy would you like to see more of?

The riparian vegetation has become overgrown blocking the view of the creek and contributes to increased concerns about safety. Focusing vegetation management on three to five "creek stewardship" zones will create and maintain safe views to the creek and across the creek.

Vote for one

		<p>manage understory</p>
		<p>add visual openings or "windows" to creek and across creek</p>
		<p>enhance vegetation with newly planted areas</p>

Neuse Riparian Stream Buffer Rules and Little Rock Creek Conservation Easement

Any park improvements must be consistent with what is allowed under the State riparian buffer rules and the conservation easement:

- Planting of native vegetation (trees, shrubs, herbaceous vegetation)
- Removal and management of invasive plant species
- Hardscape features (paved trails, footing supports for bridges) are limited and require state review
- Park recreational and educational uses are allowed (consistent with the above)

STATION #3

To improve vegetation aesthetic, we should not only manage it but allow students the opportunity to learn about basic botany

- We should collaborate w/ community orgs. to build a community garden lead by local students K-college!
- ↳ food pantry site {there is funding} KNOWLEDGE IS POWER!

• Improve Access - Parking - ARE WE GOING TO NEED PARKING ON BOTH SIDES PARK?

• Get Rid All Trees - BRUSH & WEEDS - USED TO BE PRETTY MAINTAIN VEGETATION - STREAM W/ SWIMMING HOLE "LITTLE ROCK" J

- NEED TO ADDRESS TRASH IN CREEK & PLAYGROUNDS

p - Clean out

- maintain monthly/weekly

- Secure

- Homeless

- Cleanliness

IMPROVE AESTHETICS AT PARK ENTRANCE ESP. LEAD

THE TRAIN SHOULD TRAVEL ACROSS MLK

TRAIN

The PLG has recommended honoring the former miniature train by providing a wheeled train that could carry adults and children throughout the park. Potential route feasibility will be evaluated during the next phase in schematic design. Considerations may include grades, safety and other factors.

Please share your thoughts on where you'd like the wheel train to go and the type of train!

1. Which type of train fits the needs of the community?

Please select your preference below.

Kiddie train option



Tram option

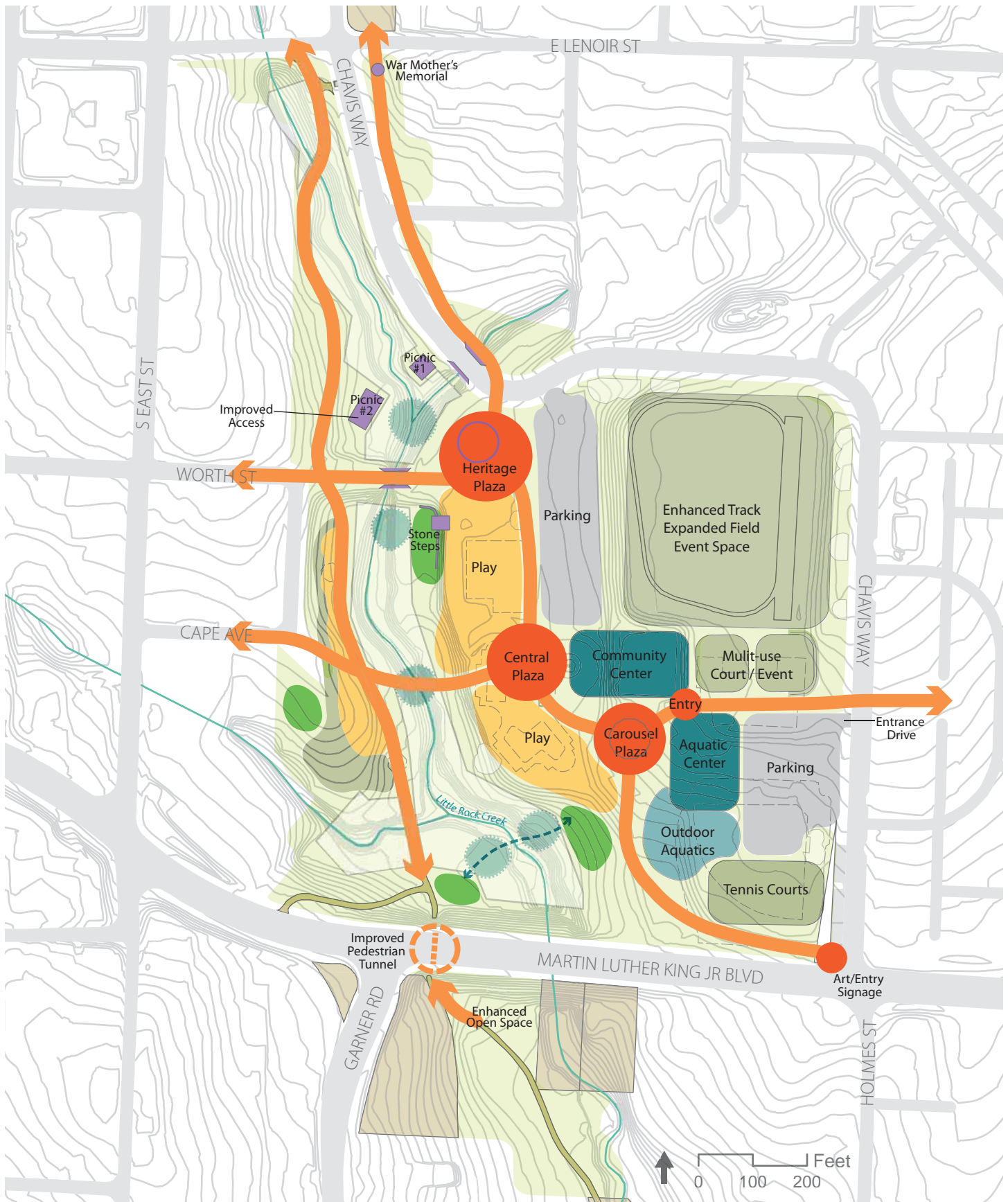


Additional Comments?

Please view the map on the back to draw your preferred route for the wheeled train!

2. Where would you like the wheeled train to go?

The wheeled train could travel on park paths. Please draw your preferred route for the wheeled train on the map below. Please feel free to visit the concept model station to help you envision your preferred route.





Train - honoring the Past ^{STAT.} #3 *

NEED TRAIN BIG ENOUGH FOR ADULTS AS WELL AS AMUSEMENT FOR KIDS (2 TRAINS)

PREFER TRAIN OVER WHEELED TRAIN (LIKE WE HAD BEFORE)

AS MANY AMENITIES AS FEASIBLE TO REVITALIZE

"FACE" OF PARK CHANGING - DIFFERENT USERS

WHAT ABOUT PEOPLE POWERED "SUIZIEYS"

include foot races
for in chairs

connect to library



AQUATIC CENTER

Which elements are most important to include?

A new Aquatic Center can provide indoor and outdoor facilities. Cast your vote for which elements are most important to include in a new Aquatics Center:

INDOOR FEATURES (vote for four)

		shallow water area for children
		warm water therapy/wellness pool
		competitive swimming and diving
		recreational swimming area
		lap swimming/fitness area
		water play structures/water spray pad/spray ground

OUTDOOR FEATURES (vote for two)

		shallow water area for children
		recreational swimming area
		lap swimming/fitness area
		water play structures/water spray pad/spray ground



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COMMUNITY CENTER

Which elements are most important to include?

A new Community Center can provide new and improved facilities for all ages. Cast your vote for which elements are most important to include in a new Community Center (the building is envisioned to be multi-story and support outdoor events with amenities like restrooms):

Vote for three

	flexible meeting, event and classroom space to accommodate up to 300 people
	expanded fitness center with larger weight room and fitness classroom space
	classroom space for programming (such as classes, computer lab, etc.)
	indoor track
	indoor basketball courts
	indoor performance space
	rentable roof deck with skyline views of downtown
	rentable event spaces that are well-designed with great aesthetics for events such as reunions and receptions

Q&A

H: tech - High touch

Tie to Continued Campus & RTP
network & pop






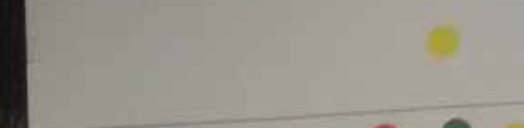

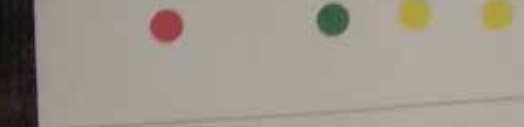
- Community Organizations
- Look at ideas to give children Alternative "fun" activities (away from tech)
- Have train to go through tunnel (on ground) ^{train track}
- Improve lighting for events.
- Wants train on track.
- wants place on ground for kids to play etc
- Should be a "teen" center. Safe place for 13-17 year olds to come. Outside basket ball, (volleyball court)
- Computer labs
- Light Rail System
- Library - Books for Public Use
- Expand the locker rooms + showers in new fac.
- Sauna
- warming kitchens in ^{small} Mtg rooms (mult functional)

Comments from Station 5: Concept Plan

PRIORITIZE MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS FOR PHASING

The PLG will be discussing phasing and prioritization in future meetings. Please review the list of major improvements and vote for top priorities for implementation.

Vote for three

	aquatic center
	community center
	expanded track and multipurpose field
	new tennis and multipurpose courts
	fully renovated play corridor
	additional creek crossing and creek stewardship
	Heritage Plaza and adaptive reuse of the original carousel building
	greenway fitness zones and pockets of play



Q & A

- When will we see development
 - following schematic
 - consider Park Bond for major development
 - "low-hanging fruit" can happen sooner

- How long did Pullen MP?
 - 10 years
 - NOT FAIR
 - History of neglect

- Bring Chavis back to recreational jewel

Q4A-3

too early to be excited

restoring grandeur, reflection
on African-American community

start something now w/
aesthetics / landscaping

park has been a part of my
life - returned home - where's my park?
too long to recreate

how will city monitor
implementation

3

Near term - improve landscaping

@ Lenoir entrance

it looks abandoned

- low hanging fruit opportunity

It's a beautiful park, keep up appearance, reflects community

History of poor maintenance

Views ~~and~~ into park from MLK
Improvements from MLK

Other Comments, sent post Public Forum

- Park needs some paintings and sculptures by Charles Creegan, an internationally known artist.



Appendix A: Public Forum Handout



John Chavis Memorial Park

REVISED MASTER PLAN 2014

WELCOME!

Today is the second Public Forum for the Chavis Park Community Conversation. The purpose of today's meeting is to:

- Share the draft concept plan and recommendations for public input
- Gather additional ideas to incorporate into the final Master Plan

AGENDA

6:30pm - Doors open

6:40pm - Overview
Presentation

7:00pm - Visit stations
(see last page)

8:15pm - Q&A

PUBLIC LEADERSHIP GROUP

The master planning process has been guided by a 16 member Public Leadership Group (PLG). The PLG members were selected to include a diverse representation of interests and stakeholder groups reflecting the diversity of residents and users within the park's 2-mile service radius and broader, regional historical focus.

The purpose of the PLG is to build community ownership, guide the process, and build consensus on recommendations for a revised master plan for John Chavis Memorial Park. The PLG has been meeting regularly since October 2012 to develop draft master plan recommendations. PLG meetings have also included an ongoing series of speakers and exercises to explore options for honoring the past and the significance of the park to the African American community.

DRAFT MASTER PLAN

The draft Revised Master Plan for John Chavis Memorial Park includes a vision statement, a concept plan and set of recommended priorities to guide upgrades, investments and programming in the near-term and into the future. The vision statement and draft concept plan are on the following pages. The draft recommendations are available at the stations during the public forum. Copies of the draft master plan can also be found at:

- Project website: <http://chavisconversation.skeo.com/>
- City of Raleigh website: www.RaleighNC.gov. Search for John Chavis Master Plan
- Front desk of the following facilities: John Chavis Community Center, John P. 'Top' Greene Center, Frank Evans Building at Jaycee Park, Five Points Active Adult Center, Anne Gordon Active Adult Center at Millbrook Park
- Richard B. Harrison Library
- Southgate Community Library

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Please submit comments by December 17! (see last page for details)

CHAVIS PARK COMMUNITY CONVERSATION PUBLIC FORUM - REVISED MASTER PLAN

Vision Statement To guide the Master Plan Revision, the PLG developed the following vision statement:

“John Chavis Memorial Park is a vibrant community center, downtown attraction and regional destination. The park celebrates the rich history, culture and arts of the surrounding neighborhoods and the City of Raleigh, and offers wonderful public recreation opportunities, event spaces and programs that foster community life. A place of pride and profound remembrance, the park celebrates the life and work of educator John Chavis, recognizes the community’s contribution to World War II, and honors the significance of the park’s history to the African American community during and following segregation.

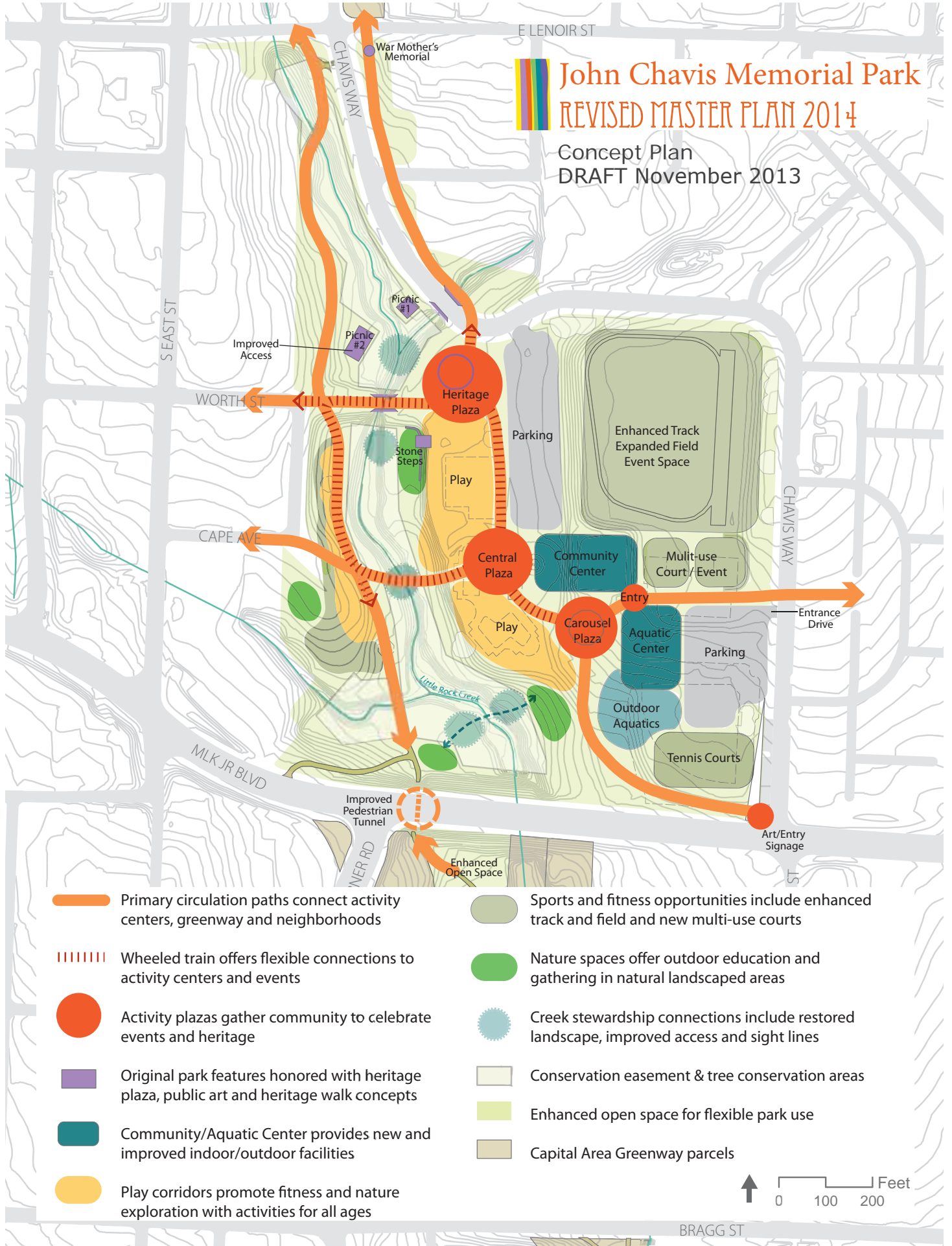
John Chavis Memorial Park will always offer a safe and welcoming gathering space where family and friends of all cultures come to play, relax, learn and celebrate the big events and small, meaningful moments of life. The park grounds provide a beautiful, clean and refreshing refuge, with access to nature and an expansive view of the downtown Raleigh skyline. Park features and programs promote fitness, health and wellness by offering a range of recreational activities for people of all ages and abilities. Just a few steps from downtown, the park is always full of activity, inspired by innovative programming that is interactive, fun and dynamic.”

Master Plan Goals The Revised Master Plan calls for a comprehensive transformation and revitalization of John Chavis Memorial Park guided by the following goals.

- Honor the life and work of John Chavis, the community’s contribution to World War II and the significance of the park’s history to the African American community.
- Replace the pool and Community Center with a larger, enhanced co-located Aquatic Center and Community Center.
- Expand sports and fitness opportunities to include new multi-use courts, tennis courts, and an enhanced track and field.
- Replace playground with a range of built and natural play features for all ages integrated in a connected play corridor and throughout the park.
- Increase connectivity to and throughout the park.
- Increase creek access, visibility and environmental educational opportunities.
- Incorporate basic amenities into future improvements.
- Support community events and gatherings by incorporating flexible event facilities, spaces and utilities into future park improvements.
- Promote sustainability in park design and maintenance to create a beautiful, clean, safe and welcoming environment.

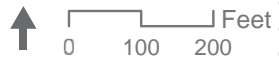
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Concept Plan
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- Primary circulation paths connect activity centers, greenway and neighborhoods
- Wheeled train offers flexible connections to activity centers and events
- Activity plazas gather community to celebrate events and heritage
- Original park features honored with heritage plaza, public art and heritage walk concepts
- Community/Aquatic Center provides new and improved indoor/outdoor facilities
- Play corridors promote fitness and nature exploration with activities for all ages

- Sports and fitness opportunities include enhanced track and field and new multi-use courts
- Nature spaces offer outdoor education and gathering in natural landscaped areas
- Creek stewardship connections include restored landscape, improved access and sight lines
- Conservation easement & tree conservation areas
- Enhanced open space for flexible park use
- Capital Area Greenway parcels



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STATIONS

Please visit each of the stations outlined below to provide your input! Visit all five stations and have your ticket stamped to receive a prize! Return completed ticket at the Welcome Table.

Handouts and project materials are available at the Welcome Table. Comment cards are also available for submission of written comments.

Honoring the Past

"What stories and events are important to honor at the Heritage Plaza?"

"Vote for your favorite idea for reusing the original carousel building."

Recreation (Sports and Play)

"What would you like to see in the fitness zones for youth and adults?"

"Vote for your favorite idea for amusements"

Circulation and Creek Stewardship

"Where would you like the wheeled train to go? Which type of train?"

"Vote for which vegetation management strategy you would like to see more of."

Aquatic/Community Centers

"Vote for which elements are most important to include in a new Aquatics Center and Community Center."

"Is anything important missing from list of features to be included?"

Concept Plan and model

"Where could creek vegetation be thinned or removed to open views?"

"Prioritize major improvements for phasing."

"Arrange play features within play areas"

Children are also invited to join the Kid's Table to share their ideas!

WHAT'S NEXT

Dec:	Public Forum
Jan-Feb:	PLG incorporates public input
Mar/Apr:	Parks Board reviews Master Plan
May:	City Council reviews Master Plan
May:	Community Celebration
Spring:	begin Schematic Design



A public kickoff forum was held in August 2012 to share initial goals and ideas. At the April 2013 Carousel rededication, the PLG shared a draft vision statement for public input.

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YOUR COMMENTS MATTER!

Please submit comments to Emily Ander by **December 17, 2013**

Comments can be emailed, mailed or called in.





Appendix B: Public Forum Overview Presentation


John Chavis Memorial Park

Draft Master Plan

Public Forum

December 10, 2013

Honoring our past.
Planning for our future.

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Public Forum Purpose

- Share the draft concept plan and recommendations for public input
- Gather additional ideas to incorporate into the final Master Plan and recommendations from the public

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Future Park Vision





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Future Park Vision Statement

John Chavis Memorial Park is a vibrant community center, downtown attraction and regional destination. The park celebrates the rich history, culture and arts of the surrounding neighborhoods and the City of Raleigh, and offers wonderful public recreation opportunities, event spaces and programs that foster community life. A place of pride and profound remembrance, the park celebrates the life and work of educator John Chavis, recognizes the community's contribution to World War II, and honors the significance of the park's history to the African American community during and following segregation.

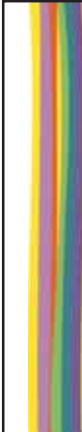
John Chavis Memorial Park will always offer a safe and welcoming gathering space where family and friends of all cultures come to play, relax, learn and celebrate the big events and small, meaningful moments of life. The park grounds provide a beautiful, clean and refreshing refuge, with access to nature and an expansive view of the downtown Raleigh skyline. Park features and programs promote fitness, health and wellness by offering a range of recreational activities for people of all ages and abilities. Just a few steps from downtown, the park is always full of activity, inspired by innovative programming that is interactive, fun and dynamic.



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PLG Recommendations



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Concept Plan

- Historic district/park government activity centers, governing and transportation
- Multi-use office building connected to activity centers and events
- Activity plaza (public community to exhibit art, events and heritage)
- Original park features (restroom, water fountain, picnic table, public art, architecture, walkways)
- Community plaza (public gathering area and improved outdoor facilities)
- Play zones (modern, historic and nature installation with activities for all ages)
- Sports and fitness opportunities include outdoor track and field and court with new courts
- Park spaces offer outdoor education and gathering to cultural, historical, and natural
- Event (community) center (community, cultural, arts, and entertainment) with outdoor stage
- Community center (community, cultural, arts, and entertainment) with outdoor stage
- Enhanced open space for public park use
- Capital investment projects

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Honoring the Past

Honor the life and work of John Chavis, the community's contribution to World War II and the significance of the park's history to the African American community.

- Retain remaining early park features in original locations
 - War Mothers Memorial, original Carousel building, stone step amphitheater, picnic shelters, Worth Street bridge
- Honor important former park features
 - Plane and miniature train
- Memorialize significant events and people through public art and signage
- Incorporate historic designation study findings

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New Aquatic Center

Replace the pool and Community Center with a larger, enhanced co-located Aquatic Center and Community Center.

- Combine leisure, recreation, competition, and wellness
- Include indoor and outdoor facilities
- Co-located with community center

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New Community Center

- Multi-story with views of downtown and creek
- Include contemporary design elements with "wow-factors" inside and out
- Support outdoor events, access to restrooms
- Large flexible meeting, event & classroom space
- Kitchen for rentals and classes
- Expanded fitness spaces
- Indoor courts, theatre and track
- Honoring the Past interpretive elements

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Heritage Plaza, Play, Community Center, Multi-use Court-Event, Aquatic Center, Outdoor Aquatics, Tennis Courts, Parking, Enhanced Track, Expanded Field, Event Space, Entrance Deck, Artillery Storage, MARTIN LUTHER KING JR BLVD

Expand Sports and Fitness

Upgrade sports and fitness opportunities to include enhanced track and field, new multi-use courts and tennis courts, and fitness zones throughout the park.

- Expand track and multipurpose field
- New tennis and multi-use courts
- Include fitness zones throughout park

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New Play Features

Provide a range of built and natural play features for all ages integrated in a connected play corridor and throughout the park.

- Encourage physical activity for all ages
- Utilize entire park for play and exploration
- Balance built and natural play features
- Encourage whole child development



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Youth Input

Youth Perspective
The Master Plan incorporates youth perspective. 6-8 year olds and 10-12 year olds shared what they liked about the park and their ideas for the future of the park during a "site safari."



- Youth also shared their ideas during the Situation Assessment, Kickoff Forum and Carousel Re-dedication event.

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Increase Connectivity

Increase access and connectivity to and throughout the park.

- Improve circulation throughout park
- Improve visibility
- Improve safety and function of park entrances
- Enhance connections to downtown and surrounding neighborhoods
- Improve access to creek
- Add a wheeled train with flexible route
- Allow announcements and music to be heard throughout the park

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Creek Stewardship & Access

Increase creek access, visibility and educational opportunities.

- Add creek crossings
- Add physical access to creek and creek viewing stations
- Celebrate the creek
- Manage vegetation to increase visibility and improve safety
- Promote environmental education

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Basic Amenities

Incorporate basic amenities into future improvements.

- Restrooms
- Drinking fountains
- Benches
- Signage
- Shade structures
- Pool chairs
- Trash receptacles
- Accessibility
- Power, utilities
- Lighting
- Picnic shelters
- Public art
- Bike racks

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Community Events

Support community events and gatherings by incorporating flexible event facilities, spaces and utilities into future park improvements.

- Design features to accommodate events with utilities, flexible space for stages, inflatable amusements and vendors.
 - Central Plaza
 - Heritage Plaza
 - Expanded track and field
 - Multi-use courts next to community center
 - Picnic shelters
 - Community Center

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Operations

Promote sustainability in park design and maintenance to create a beautiful, clean, safe and welcoming environment.

- Sustainable design and maintenance
- Economically sustainable features and programs
- Programs accessible to all residents
- Clean, green and beautiful year-round

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Forum Stations

- **Honoring the Past**
 - Share ideas for Heritage Plaza and original carousel building
- **Recreation (Sports and Play)**
 - Share ideas for fitness zones, play and amusements
- **Circulation and Creek Stewardship**
 - Share ideas for the train route and creek stewardship
- **Aquatic/Community Center**
 - Vote on priority features
- **Concept Plan and Model**
 - See how the plan fits together

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What's Next

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Discussion

Does anyone have questions that were not answered?

What are you most excited about?

Next Steps

- **Comments:** Please share any additional comments
 - Comment cards at Welcome Table
 - One more week to provide comments
- **Evaluations:** Please complete and turn in evaluation forms at the Welcome Table
- **What's Next?:** PLG will review all public input during January PLG meeting and revise Master Plan



Appendix C: Public Forum Sign-In Sheets

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Public Forum - Draft Master Plan Review

December 10, 2013

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

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