



City-Brooks Park & Lakes Vision Plan

June 29, 2026 | Special Committee Meeting



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AGENDA

Please note:

1. This is a public meeting of the **City-Brooks Park Master Plan + Lakes Vision Special Committee**.
2. The purpose of today's meeting is to receive information and engage in discussion only.
3. No votes or formal decisions will be made.
4. Because no action will be taken today, public comment will not be received during this meeting.
5. Members of the public are welcome to observe, and any written comments may be submitted to staff for distribution to the committee.

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Review and Adoption of Prior Meeting Minutes

- A. Resolved, That the reading of the minutes of the City-Brooks Park Master Plan + Lakes Vision Special Committee Meeting of April 22, 2026, be dispensed with, and that they be approved as written.

IV. Information Items / Presentations

A. Review of Feedback

- i. Vest-interest Group Meetings
- ii. Community Meeting

B. Announcement of Community Meeting for question and answer session

C. Discussion of the conservancy governance model

D. Discussion of next steps

V. New Business – none

VI. Committee Member Questions

VII. Adjournment



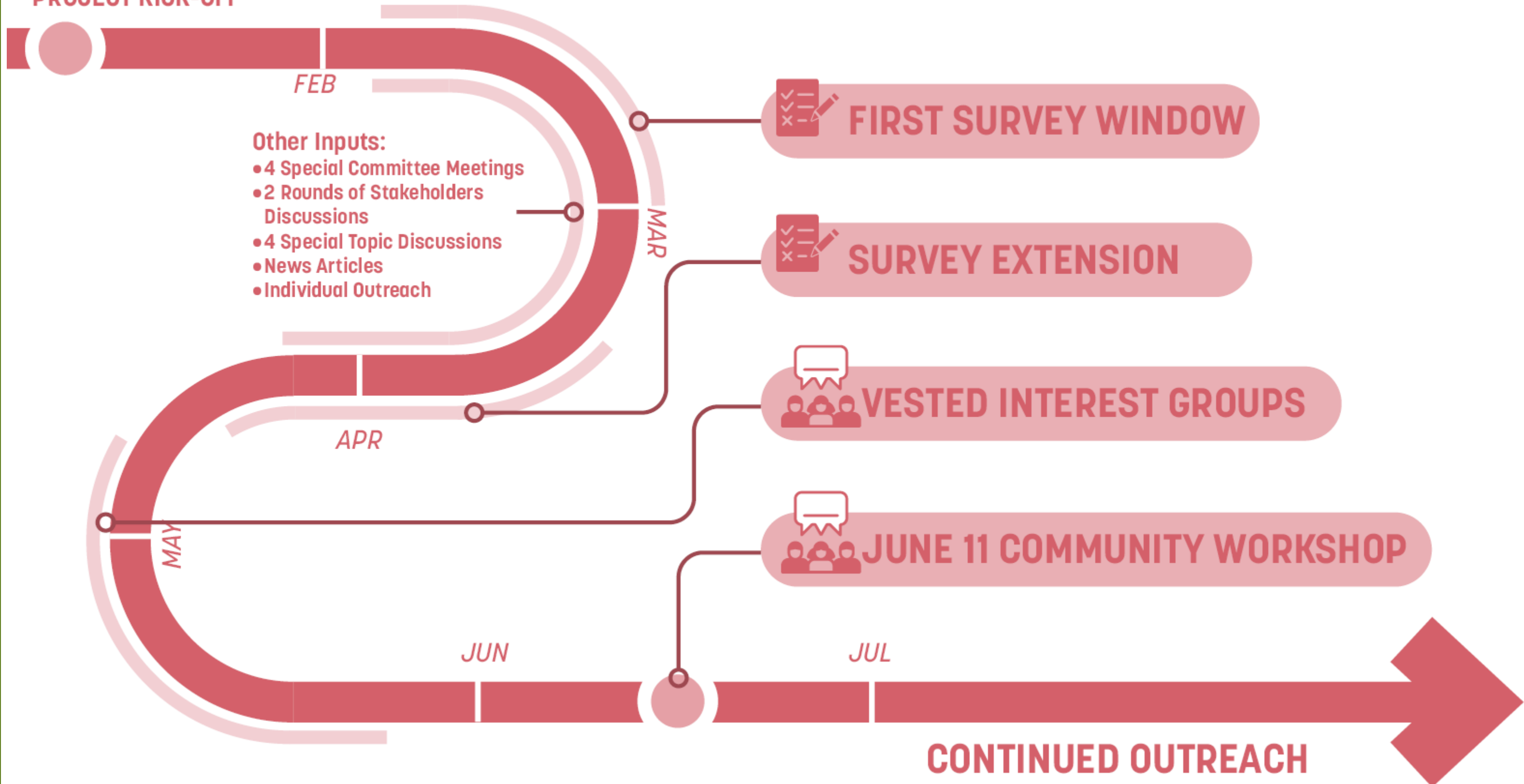
CITY BROOKS PARK MASTER PLAN

 Public Engagement Updates

Overview

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT TO-DATE

PROJECT KICK-OFF



Overview

PUBLIC SURVEY RESULTS

Discussed on April 22nd
Special Committee
Meeting

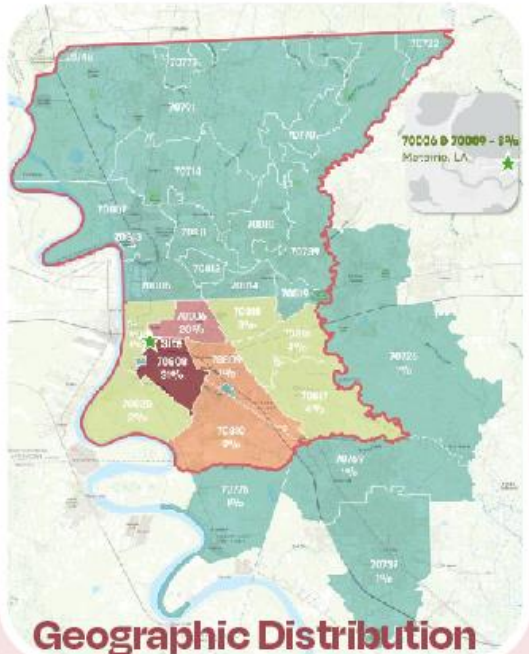


FIRST SURVEY WINDOW

1,084 Survey Results

120 Map Results

Responses were concentrated
east of the site

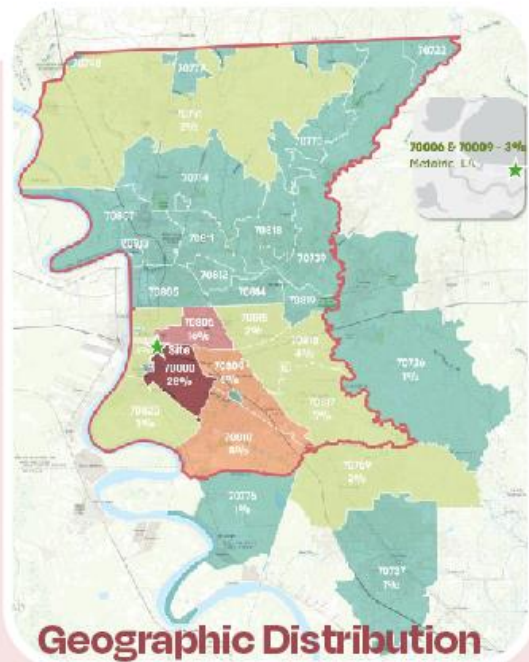


SURVEY EXTENSION

2,067 Survey Results

243 Map Results

Responses were concentrated
east of the site (too!)



VESTED INTEREST GROUPS

14 MEETINGS BEFORE 6/11

- 4/22-4/23
9 Vested Interested Groups

5/18-5/19
5 Vested Interested Groups

1. Friends of City Park

2. Envision Baton Rouge

3. Together Baton Rouge

4. Forum 225, Strong Towns

5. Old South Baton Rouge Economic Redevelopment Group, Garden District Civic Association, Beauregard Town

6. Success Labs, Little Rouge Hen, SERVE Louisiana

7. Baton Rouge Convention and Tourism

8. Media Group

9. City Park Patrol HOA

10. LSU Community University Partnerships

11. Councilwoman Coleman

12. Lakeshore HOA

13. LSU Student / future faculty

14. BREC & Partner Boards
- ## REACHED OUT, AWAITING RESPONSE:
- Dixon McMakin, State Representative
 - McKinley Middle Magnet School
 - Catholic High School, St. Joseph’s Academy, University Lab High School
 - Wilson Family Foundation
 - College Town HOA
 - Greater Baton Rouge Economic Partnership
 - Churches in Old South
 - Lincoln Theater in OSBR
- City-Brooks Park Master Plan
- 6

Vested Interest Groups

GROUP 1 FRIENDS OF CITY PARK

04/22, 1pm

- They acknowledged that various amenities in the park have come and gone over time, such as a zoo and recreational features, but emphasized that the golf course has remained a consistent and defining element and should stay.
- Participants expressed strong concern that reducing the golf course footprint would fundamentally alter its character and viability.

"We can move parts around and we can add things that satisfy community needs and what they want and interactivity. You can do that in the same footprint we currently have at the golf course. That's what we believe. And we think that most people that surround this place, that utilize it, feel the same way."

GROUP 2 ENVISION BATON ROUGE

04/22, 2pm

- Strong support for many of the proposed non-golf elements, including basketball courts, expanded green space, and improved connections throughout the park
- Enthusiasm for the waterfront programming, including the idea of a beer garden, playground, and gathering spaces that could create a lively destination
- Support adjusting the golf course for broader community use, similar to the case of City Park in NOLA

"The thing I would urge you to look at is because you have a higher view of all cities, not just Baton Rouge. Is what are city parks doing? And like, if you look at New Orleans, right. We're sitting in a children's museum. New Orleans City park has a children's museum in it. It has an art area... If you look at that layout, the golf course was actually moved. It was moved because they wanted to connect those other parts."

Vested Interest Groups

GROUP 3 TOGETHER BATON ROUGE

04/22, 3pm

- They emphasized the importance of ensuring that Brooks Park is not overlooked in future planning and expressed support for the idea of creating a unified park that attracts people to both sides
- Expressed interest in helping expand community engagement, particularly by reaching residents and institutions on the Brooks Park side

"Brooks would be the challenge to attract people, get people there, to have something that's unique and attractive, that people would want to come."

"Families are looking for traditional swim and can do laps, swim lessons and that sort of thing, or a little bit more fun"

GROUP 4 FORUM 225, STRONG TOWNS

04/22, 4pm

- Participants questioned whether it is reasonable to consider removing the golf course entirely, arguing that it serves a relatively small portion of the population compared to the amount of land it occupies
- In discussion, participants emphasized that a balanced approach could better serve both current users and new audiences.

"Because at max capacity, 29,000 rounds of golf is 3,000 persons. So that course and all that acreage can serve no more than 3,000 human beings, some of which don't live here. "

"But the rest of it, like, I can't access it. There are signs posted that say I'm not allowed to go into it. So I want to see more areas where I can go to, like, I would go hang out in the beer garden."

Vested Interest Groups

GROUP 5

OLD SOUTH BATON ROUGE ECONOMIC REDEVELOPMENT GROUP, GARDEN DISTRICT CIVIC ASSOCIATION, BEUREGARD TOWN

04/22, 5pm

- Emphasized the importance of in-person engagement, noting that many older residents are less likely to respond to digital surveys and may feel disconnected from the process
- Expressed concern that past investments have disproportionately favored the City Park side, with limited improvements on the Brooks Park side
- Emphasize the use of the Brooks Pool should be teaching underprivileged kids swimming

"Splash pad does not teach kids how to swim. The purpose of the, the renovation of Brook pool and the purpose of those pools is so that underprivileged kids were able to know how to swim."

"So in a park, as a parent and a grandparent. It would be nice to sit at a beer garden. But I would rather have a space where I can take the kids to enjoy because we're at the park."

GROUP 6

SUCCESS LABS, LITTLE ROUGE HEN, SERVE LOUISIANA

04/22, 6pm

- Participants noted that the team could communicate more clearly about which ideas are already moving forward, which ideas are still under consideration, and where public input is most needed.
- Participants responded positively to several ideas, including cafés and restaurants along the waterfront and within the park, water-based recreation such as kayaking, great lawns, and stronger connections to the lakes.
- Participants asked if the team explored option of eliminating the golf course.

** This meeting was hosted over dinner in a restaurant. The team took notes but didn't record it for transcripts.*

Vested Interest Groups

GROUP 7 VISIT BATON ROUGE

04/23, 8am

- Says that creating a seamless connection between the park and lakes would significantly enhance the overall asset and make it more attractive to residents and visitors
- Expressed a strong preference for an active, amenity-rich park that includes spaces for families, social interaction, and recreation

"I didn't want to choose one or the other [design concept]. I think there's good in both. I just think about active places that you can be passive in. You know, sit on lawn, put your blanket down and have a picnic. All of those kind of things. Things are great. But I also love the fact that we would put a restaurant on the lake, you know, now do I want to see kayaking? Absolutely."

GROUP 8 MEDIA GROUP

04/23, 9am

Redeye, 225 Magazine, Business Report, The Advocate, WRBZ, WAFB, Fox 44/NBC (now called Louisiana First News)

- Participants raised concerns about survey reliability, including the potential for duplicate responses, and suggested that a more scientific survey approach could improve accuracy.
- Participants raised questions about legal considerations and funding implications, including how public and private resources would be combined.

"What about the better programming, the passive spaces? And that's one of the big tension points in the golf course argument is we need more passive space, for sure. But there is a decent amount of passive, unprofessional space, for sure. It's just disconnected and it's hard to notice."

"The signage doesn't necessarily reflect that you are entering City Park, but we don't even think about it. [...] You know, Brooks park, which I never go to, is as part of it. So how do you convince people through the plan, [...] that this is a single unit and all these experiences are there for everyone."

Vested Interest Groups

GROUP 9 LAKESHORE HOA

04/23, 10am

- Raised concerns about proposed changes to Lakeshore Drive, particularly the potential impact on neighborhood traffic patterns and access to key destinations such as the interstate and LSU
- Expressed interest in additional programming, including outdoor events, food and beverage options, and family-oriented activities, while also emphasizing the importance of maintaining a balanced, not overly commercialized park environment

“Yeah. Some trails and you know, some wetland areas and play things and you know, just like open lawn. Maybe it's the kayak rental kiosk or whatever and a place to throw a Frisbee and lay out a blanket and have a picnic or you know, there's certain times of year where we haven't seen the white pelicans in a while.

GROUP 10 LSU COMMUNITY UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS

05/18, 1pm

- Speaking from his former student perspective, he said that although west campus is physically close to City Park, the park did not function as a social gathering place or anchor for him as a student. He suggested that the project could create a more inviting connection between LSU, University Lakes, and City-Brooks Park
- He noted that some residents may question whether unifying the two parks will truly benefit Old South Baton Rouge or whether that community could become collateral damage if most investment is perceived to occur on the City Park side.

"LSU sees itself as a critical player in the development of Baton Rouge to be a family-friendly, community, to be a community where young and emerging professionals feel welcomed and are able to build their network. And so, publicly funded parks [...] are very signature to cities that want to posture themselves that way. Public parks where you can walk your dog, where you can cycle, public parks with great pavilions...This is a big part for how young professionals, emerging adults, people who want to see a city as a place where they can start and grow a family, they want the community of place."

Vested Interest Groups

GROUP 11 COUNCILWOMAN COLEMAN

05/18, 2pm

- Support for locating the gym, pool, and related recreation amenities together at Brooks Park
- She said the pool should be large and functional enough to support meaningful use, and that the dog area should not be larger than the children’s and family areas. She also expressed support for kayaking and for creating a park that everyone can use.

“Want to make sure that that gymnasium, though, air-conditioned, and it's nice, and then that pool, and then the surrounding areas where family can really make use of the park. Yep. Everybody. Everybody. I want to make sure that the dog section is not larger than the children's family section. For sure. So, yes, everybody can make good use of it. Okay. And see, there is nothing nearby That really has a nice gymnasium in the community. We're not there. That's the only swimming pool, and in Baton Rouge, every child and their mama ought to know how to swim if you are in the state of Louisiana.”

GROUP 12 CITY-PARK PATROL HOA

05/19, 9am

- They asked that the team prepare a realistic plan that reflects how people currently live near the park and the amount of funding that may actually be available. They described safety issues around the park, including people crossing the railroad, homeless individuals, loitering, trash, and the lack of sufficient policing or maintenance resources.
- Expressed concern that a conservancy could shift decision-making away from public accountability or eventually lead to private development.

“We mow the line across the street from our house. We help pick up the sticks... it's realistically, that's how it is.”

“if you're going to do this, you need to make sure that the public, particularly... Public accountability. The people that surround the surrounding areas have a strong voice.”

Vested Interest Groups

GROUP 13 LSU STUDENT/ FUTURE FACILITY

05/19, 10am

- From the perspective of a woman walking through the park, some dark and secluded routes would feel uncomfortable if they lacked activity or visibility.
- She emphasized that the railroad is a major divider and that additional paths or bridges over it could help reconnect the park.

“there's a walkway that goes through a dark, secluded area where there's not even cars and things. Yeah. That would discourage me from walking.”

“The one thing that I'm concerned about is, like, it feels... and we were looking at this and talking about this a lot, especially in first semester, but it feels like a lot of the, Like... I'm gonna use the word fancy, but it feels like a lot of the fancier amenities are all on the east side. So you look at it, you have the tennis courts, you have crochets... Those are existing.”

GROUP 14 BREC & PARTNER BOARDS

05/19, 11am

- Baton Rouge Gallery: parking has been a central concern for Baton Rouge Gallery, particularly during larger events. Access to the lawn is currently difficult because food trucks and box trucks have had trouble reaching the space, and that future event use will require improved logistics and drainage.
- Knock Knock Children's Museum: safe passage, traffic calming, parking, stormwater management, and the museum's outdoor footprint are critical considerations.
- Governance discussion is needed for next step.

“More well-attended events, people are parking up and down Dalrymple, up and down Lakeshore, into, kind of, the Garden District, streets, across Dalrymple.”

“unlike the gallery, who I think does have at least minimal connectivity to some of those off-site parking resources, Knock Knock is, you know, it's basically on an island right now, and so making sure that there is, you know, circulation infrastructure that allows for those off-site uses to be, to be utilized.”

SURVEY & VESTED INTEREST GROUPS EMERGING THEMES

Environment

"Access to water is a key attraction and should be a central feature of the park."

Vested Interest Group Participant

Connecting to the waterfront and bayou restoration has been discussed in 10 Vested Interest Group and supported by the participants.

~150 comments in both surveys talked about:

- Better access to the lakes
- Kayaking / paddleboarding / fishing / boating opportunities
- Waterfront programs and amenities

First Survey and Survey Extension

Desire for a stronger connection to water

Program	Support (%)
Pollinator/butterfly gardens	95%
More trees and shade	90%
Nature trails with educational signage	85%
Community garden	80%

First Survey and Survey Extension

Desired uses in nature/passive programs:

- Pollinator/butterfly gardens
- More trees and shade
- Nature trails with educational signage
- Community garden

"I daily visit the park and enjoy walking my dog along its paths and sitting on the benches, enjoying the moment."

Survey Extension Participant

Support for nature-based passive programs

Principle	Rank
Enhancing Nature and Ecology	#1
Protecting Existing Landscape Character	#2
Supporting Active and Cultural	#3
Improving Access and Connectivity	#4
Providing Information and Interpretation	#5
Enhancing Safety and Security	#6

First Survey and Survey Extension

Enhancing Nature and Ecology ranked #1 and was supported by 100% of survey takers in the design principle question.

"Please don't cut down any trees during renovations. They provide shade, peace, joy"

First Survey Participant

"Don't lose the unique character, tranquility, and beauty of the park"

Vested Interest Group Participant

Protect existing landscape character

SURVEY & VESTED INTEREST GROUPS EMERGING THEMES

Connectivity



Map: Safety Concerns
Survey Extension Mapping



Map: Enter the Park
First Survey Mapping

Dalrymple serves as the main gateway of the park while having the most safety concerns.

44% / 38%
First Survey / Survey Extension
respondents voted for "safety street crossing" in future connectivity desired uses.

"It's important to improve the underpass to make it more welcoming."
Vested Interest Group Participant

Safety concerns along Dalrymple



Desired uses in future connectivity:
• Connection to the greenway network
• Running / jogging
• Multi-use pathways
• Dedicated bike lanes
First Survey and Survey Extension

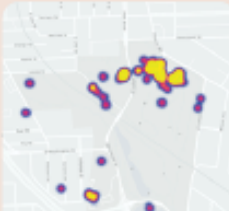
"Improving connectivity should be the first priority."
Vested Interest Group Participant



Map: Walking
First Survey Mapping

Most survey takers walk along the park, not within the park.

Ask for better everyday walking and biking connections



Map: Where to Park
First Survey Mapping

"The parking is really ok, it's more about safe paths between parking and the activity"
First Survey Participant

"Baton Rouge Gallery events always draw huge crowds and parking runs out."
First Survey Participant

Top concern about parking is "safety when walking to / from events"
First Survey and Survey Extension

Safer parking and event parking needs

Overview

SURVEY & VESTED INTEREST GROUPS EMERGING THEMES

Programs



SURVEY & VESTED INTEREST GROUPS EMERGING THEMES

Culture

The top voted desired uses in the Clubhouse are:

- Coffee Shop (82% / 54%)
- Restaurant (39% / 21%)

Socializing & Dining is the top choice when "Imagine visiting the Clubhouse"

Family Friendly is the top choice to make people more likely to visit the Clubhouse

Desire for a more publicly accessible clubhouse

Desired culture & community uses:

- Family-friendly cafe / beer garden
- Community events
- Outdoor market
- Art walk
- Food & beverage

"Opportunities for dining, socializing could activate the waterfront."

"Food trucks and gathering spaces could be in Brooks Park side."

More community-based events and activities

Top satisfied existing programs:

- Golf Course
- Knock knock Children's Museum
- Baton Rouge Gallery

The park should tell the history of Brooks Park, segregation, desegregation, and the lived experiences of the people connected to the site.

A good plan should emphasize and connect its existing destinations.

Connect and enhance existing cultural destinations

Overview

SURVEY & VESTED INTEREST GROUPS EMERGING THEMES

Golf

Golf has sparked strong conversations. Looking beyond "keep" or "remove" helps reveal the reasons behind each view, and where common ground may exist.

Keep golf as it is today

37%
of First Survey
respondents

voted for "keep golf as it is today"

52%
of Survey Extension
respondents

52% / 54%
respondents voted
for nine-hole golf
course in active
programs



Map: Enjoyable Place
First Survey Mapping Result

"Please keep City Park golf course as is. It is a place to enjoy outdoor activity for so many people from 8 to 80 years old."

First Survey Participant

650 - 700

out of 4,579 open comments across both surveys support "keep the golf as it is" because:

- It is a valued community asset
- It is historic and City Park's legacy
- It needs investment, not removal

"Changing it to a par-three format course is a 'death sentence' for the facility."

Vested Interest Group Participant

"reducing the golf footprint could create safety issues and hurt playability."

Vested Interest Group Participant

Adjust the golf footprint

27%
of First Survey
respondents

voted for "Adjust golf areas to create space for additional park program"

20%
of Survey Extension
respondents

23%
of First Survey
respondents

voted for "maintain golf while adding other park uses where possible"

18%
of Survey Extension
respondents

290 - 330

out of 4,579 open comments across both surveys support "adjust the golf footprint" because:

- Make room for more public use
- Keep the land green but more accessible

"A balanced approach could better serve both current users and new audiences."

Vested Interest Group Participant

"Its size pushes walkers, runners and bikers to the edges with vehicular, which is unsafe and not pleasant."

Survey Extension Participant

Most Vested Interest Group (about 70%) support retaining golf while allowing targeted adjustments to the footprint, to improve circulation, safety, waterfront access, and broader park use.

Remove golf

"So annoying how much space is wasted on golf. Using this mapping tool really reinforces my opinion that golf is a terrible use of what should be accessible to everyone."

First Survey Participant



Map: Not Accessible
First Survey Mapping Result

260-310

out of 4,579 open comments and 226 Q15 "other" (7%) comments across both surveys support "remove the golf" because:

- The land should serve more people
- Golf is seen as inefficient and resource-heavy

"The park should be evaluated based on its 'highest and best use, and we do not believe that use is a golf course.'"

Vested Interest Group Participant

"The golf course closed this area to everyone but golfers. Turn the golf course into walking running trails."

Survey Extension Participant

The Design Team recommends a balanced approach: retain golf as a 9-hole executive course, refine its footprint, add complementary uses, and increase inclusive access.

Overview

JUNE 11 COMMUNITY MEETING



A short presentation (about 5:30-6:00)

- Project overview
- Quick walk-through of two alternatives
- How to engage



Open-house (about 6:00-7:00)

- 75 identified areas to collect public feedback through dot stickers, sticky notes and pins;
- Each participant got 70 dots from the Welcoming Station
- BREC and Sasaki staff had numbers of conversations with participants

Overview

JUNE 11 COMMUNITY MEETING



Total attendees who signed a Sign-in sheet:

109

**Note that BREC’s special events manager indicated that may not be the total number as there were a handful of people who bypassed sign-in station.*

Total “place a dot” feedback across all purple “Feedback Opportunities”:

1,726

**Total “place a dot” feedback on areas outside of purple “Feedback Opportunities”:*

900-1,000

Total sticky note comments:

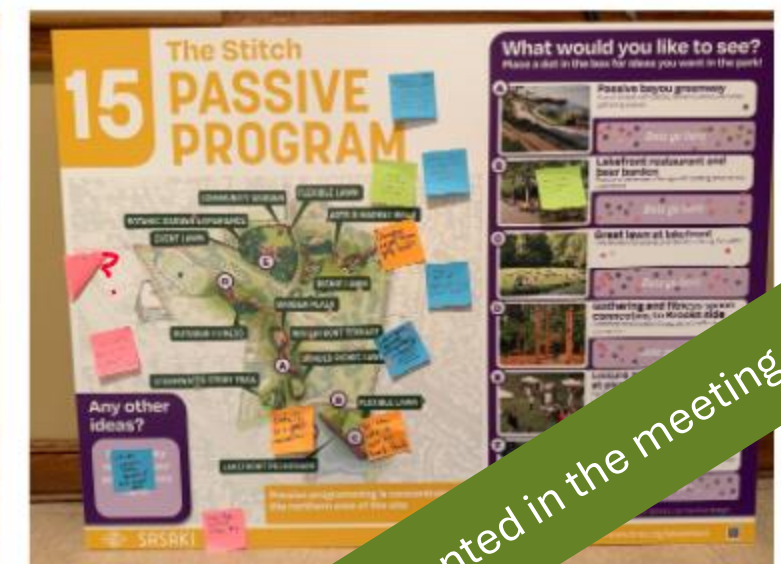
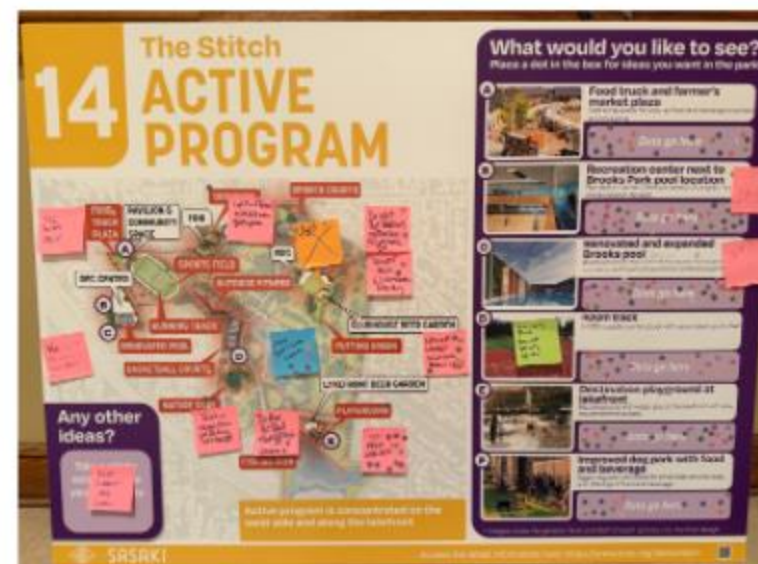
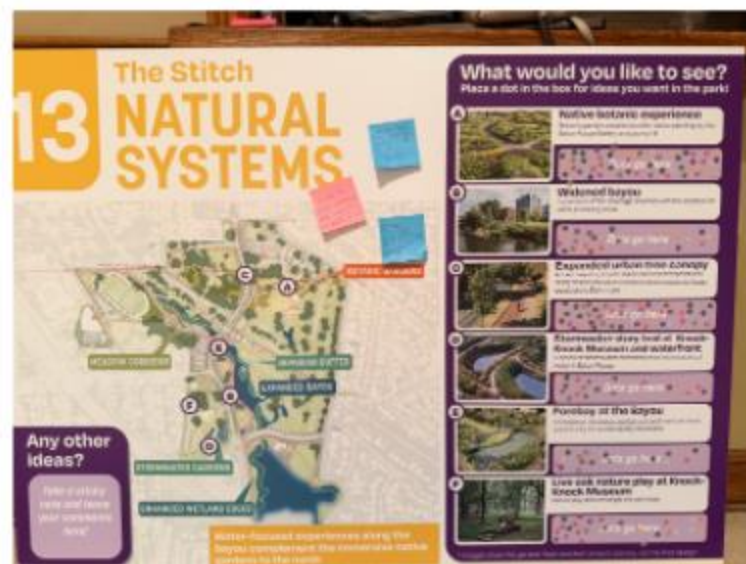
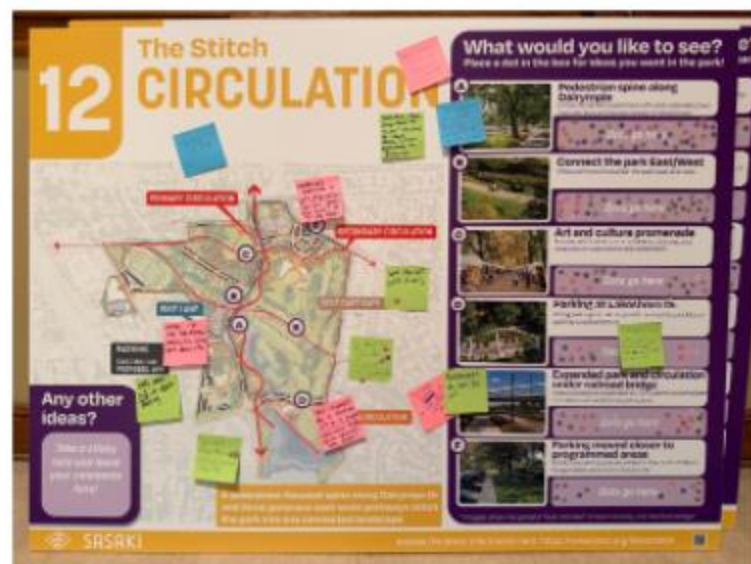
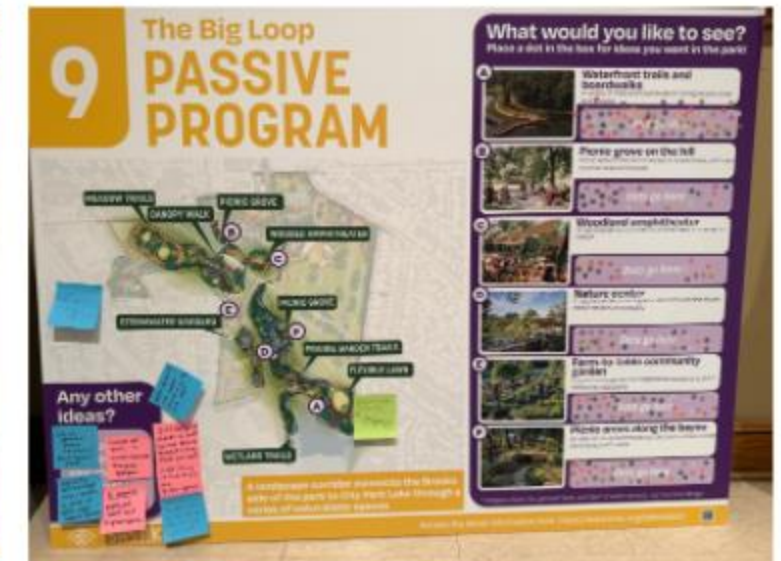
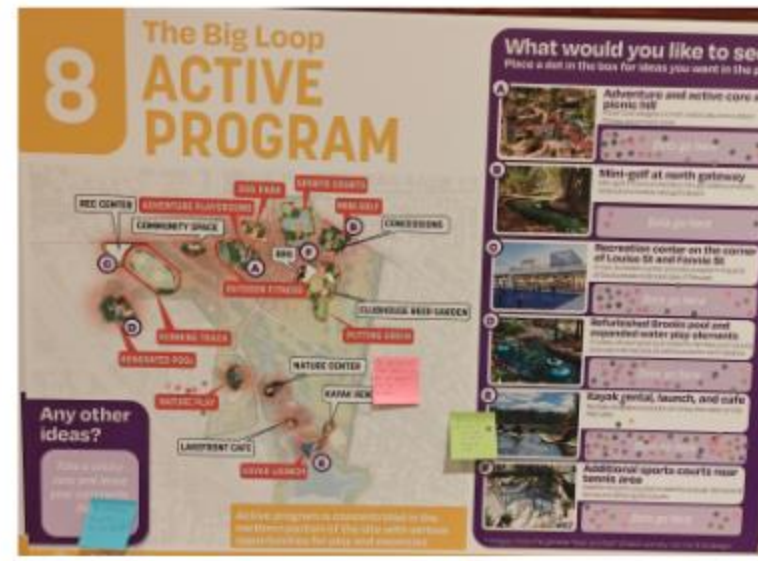
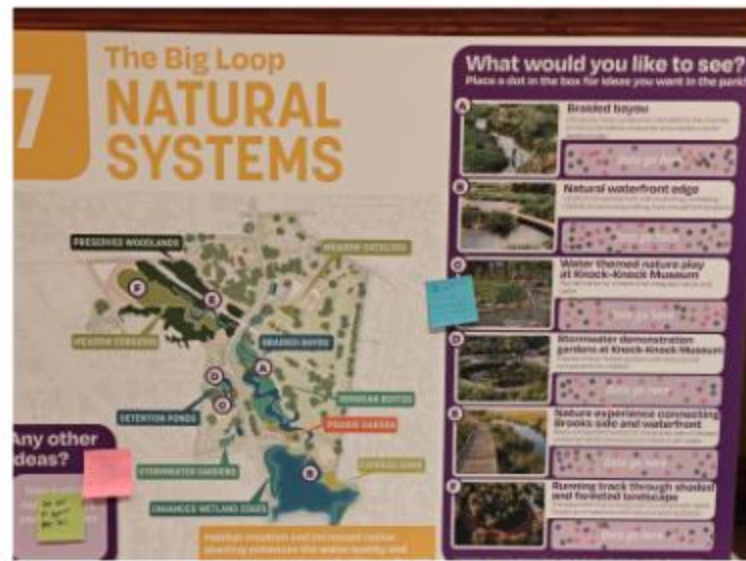
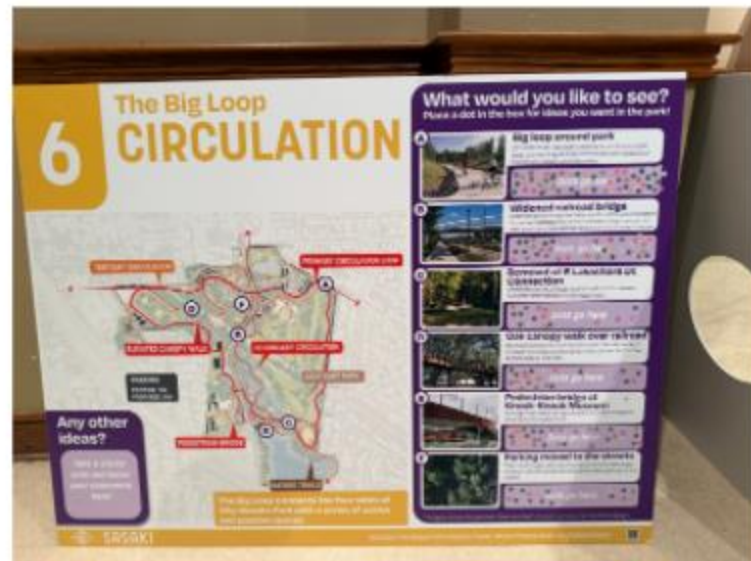
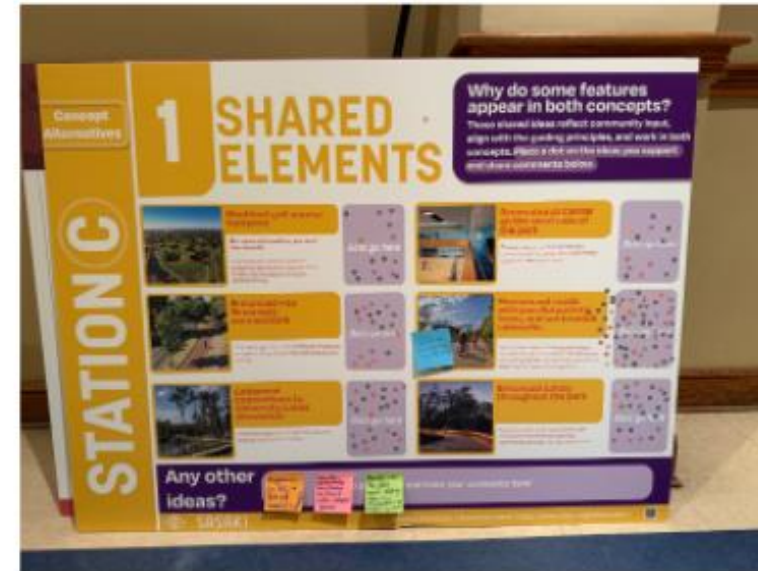
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June 11 Community Workshop

PUBLIC FEEDBACK BY BOARDS

Total “place a dot” feedback across all purple “Feedback Opportunities”:

1,726



Not presented in the meeting

June 11 Community Workshop

PUBLIC FEEDBACK BY BOARDS

The Big Loop	
Circulation	
Voting element	Feedback
Big loop around park	54
Widened railroad bridge	35
Removal of E Lakeshore Dr. Connection	17
Oak canopy walk over railroad	25
Pedestrian bridge at Knock-Knock Museum	31
Parking moved to the streets	15
Natural systems	
Voting element	Feedback
Braided bayou	33
Natural waterfront edge	36
Water themed nature play at Knock-Knock Museum	37
Stormwater demonstration gardens at Knock-Knock Museum	29
Nature experience and connection Brooks side and waterfront	33
Running track through forested landscape	28
Active program	
Voting element	Feedback
Adventure and active core at picnic hill	24
Mini-golf at north gateway	3
Recreation center on the corner of Louise St and Fannie St	23
Refurbished Brooks Pool and expanded water play elements	24
Kayak rental, launch, and cafe	45
Additional sports courts near tennis area	14
Passive program	
Voting element	Feedback
Waterfront trails and boardwalks	70
Picnic grove on the hill	25
Woodland amphitheater	18
Nature center	27
Farm to table community garden	37
Picnic areas along the bayou	38

The Stitch	
Circulation	
Voting element	Feedback
Pedestrian spine along Dalrymple	49
Connect the park East/West	38
Art and culture promenade	21
Parking at Lakeshore Dr	14
Expanded park and circulation under railroad bridge	23
Parking moved closer to programmed areas	15
Natural systems	
Voting element	Feedback
Native botanic experience	53
Widened bayou	22
Expanded urban tree canopy	45
Stormwater story trail at Knock-Knock Museum and waterfront	19
Forebay at the Bayou	19
Live oak nature play at Knock-Knock Museum	28
Active program	
Voting element	Feedback
Food truck and farmers market plaza	22
Recreation center next to Brooks Park pool location	32
Renovated and expanded Brooks pool	32
400m track	20
Destination playground at the lakefront	24
Improved dog park with food and beverage	15
Passive program	
Voting element	Feedback
Passive bayou greenway	25
Lakefront restaurant and beer garden	17
Great lawn at lakefront	27
Gathering and fitness space connecting to Brooks side	20
Leisure and community space at picnic hill	25
Lakefront promenade and fishing pier	25

Shared Elements	
Voting element	Feedback
Modified golf course footprint	17
Enhanced I-10 Greenway connections	20
Enhanced connections to University Lakes Circulation	27
Recreational Center on W side of park	17
Humanized roads with parallel parking, trees, and continuous sidewalks	73
Enhanced safety throughout the park	28
Golf Expansion	
Voting element	Feedback
Golf clubhouse and restaurant	2
Beer garden associated with new putting green	8
Practice green and mini range	7
Narrow select fairways for a more challenging hole	4
Naturalized roughs for pollinators and habitat	25
Obstacles like water hazards, planting, and bunkers	9
Raingardens and bioswales to filter golf course runoff	

PUBLIC FEEDBACK BY DOTS

Rank	Element	Feedback
1	Humanized roads with parallel parking, trees, and continuous sidewalks	73
2	Waterfront trails and boardwalks	70
3	Big loop around park	54
4	Native botanic experience	53
5	Pedestrian spine along Dalrymple	49
6	Kayak rental, launch, and cafe	45
7	Expanded urban tree canopy	45
8	Picnic areas along the bayou	38
9	Connect the park East/West	38
10	Water themed nature play at Knock-Knock Museum	37
11	Farm to table community garden (tied for 10th)	37



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PUBLIC FEEDBACK BY DOTS

Higher Ranked Feedback Areas:

Rank	Element	Feedback
12	Natural waterfront edge	36
13	Widened railroad bridge	35
14	Braided bayou	33
15	Nature experience and connection Brooks side and waterfront	33
16	Recreation center next to Brooks Park pool location	32
17	Renovated and expanded Brooks pool	32
18	Pedestrian bridge at Knock-Knock Museum	31
19	Stormwater demonstration gardens at Knock-Knock Museum	29
20	Running track through forested landsape	28



The Big Loop



The Stitch

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PUBLIC FEEDBACK BY DOTS

Higher Ranked Feedback Areas:

Rank	Element	Feedback
21	Live oak nature play at Knock-Knock Museum	28
22	Enhanced safety throughout the park	28
23	Nature center	27
24	Great lawn at lakefront	27
25	Enhanced connections to University Lakes Circulation	27
26	Oak canopy walk over railroad	25
27	Picnic grove on the hill	25
28	Passive bayou greenway	25
29	Leisure and community space at picnic hill	25
30	Lakefront promenade and fishing pier	25
31	Naturalized roughs for pollinators and habitat (tied for 30th)	25



The Big Loop



The Stitch

PUBLIC FEEDBACK BY COMMENTS

General themes

1. Accessibility and Connectivity (13)

- i. Desire for safer pedestrian and bicycle connections
- ii. Interest in multiple park entrances and better east-west connections
- iii. Support for Brooks Park as a more welcoming “front door”

2. Environment and Ecology (7)

- i. Support for wetland restoration and native landscapes

3. Safety (11)

- i. Improved lighting, crossings, and security

4. Equity (10)

- i. Requests to acknowledge historic inequities, making park accessible to everyone

5. Proposed active programming (18)

- i. Mixed support
- ii. Pool renovations, recreation center, educational and family-oriented amenities generally **supported**
- iii. Beer garden, amphitheater, large event venues, and mini golf are generally unsupported

6. Parking and vehicular changes (15)

- i. Mixed support
- ii. Concerns about adding impervious surfaces
- iii. Questions about parking demand

“Value Brooks Park equally! As a front door.”

“Continuous sidewalks would make a large improvement in my daily commute!”

“Access to native landscape improves quality of life.”

“Explicitly acknowledge race/racism as a driver of historic program division.”

June 11 Community Workshop

PUBLIC FEEDBACK BY COMMENTS

Golf Course- Highly divided

- 1. 40 Golf Course comments
 - a) Requests to preserve holes 4 and 9
 - b) Opposition to roads, parking, and programming impacting the course
 - c) Desire to re-consider the space to make it more accessible for non golfers

2. ~850 dots placed to keep the golf course as is (this is outside of the designated feedback area)

3. ~75-100 dots placed to remove the golf course (this is outside of the designated feedback area)

“We love the golf course the way it is”

“Change the golf course so everyone can experience this space together”

“Need non-programmed green space.”

“Reconsider the golf course- it excludes broad #’s from prime green space.”



Not presented in the meeting

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PUBLIC FEEDBACK BY COMMENTS

Golf Course- Highly divided

1. Hole #4 (12 comments)

- a) Clear focal point of concern
- b) Opposition to moving the road through the golf course

2. Hole #9 (1 comment)

- a) Opposition to re-routing

3. Hole #2 (1 comment)

- a) Concerns about public safety on golf course edge with the inclusion of paths

4. Hole #5 (1 comment)

- a) Desire to keep the hole over the water

5. Golf course edges (4 comments)

- a) Safety concerns for non-golfer visitors of the park

“Current choice is be a golfer or get run over by runners/cyclists.”

“Keep this par 3 over water”

“Do not put road! Cuts off hole 4 keep as is”

“Do not shrink hole #2.”

Not presented in the meeting



What We Heard

WHAT IS SASAKI'S SUMMARY OF WHAT THE ENGAGEMENT RESULTS TELL US?

1. Make City-Brooks Park a transformative regional landmark—defined by powerful programs, unforgettable spaces, + access for all.
2. Keep Golf as a use but adjust the footprint and improve it through operational and physical changes.
3. Focus on connectivity and access on all edges to make this truly part of the regional trail system and fabric of the neighborhood.
4. Make the “Brooks-side” active and connected to the rest of the park
5. Connect the waterfront park to the water.
6. Celebrate the pastoral landscape for people to access but create moments of commerce, and activity.



DRAFT HIGH-LEVEL JUNE 11 FEEDBACK

Integrated identity of City-Brooks Park across all sides

Further study on specific holes and edge condition

Emphasizing humanized road on Dalrymple and all other roads across the park

An attractive destination rooted in local culture

Connect the waterfront park to the rest of the park as well

Emphasize pastoral landscape and passive programming
Bayou Duplantier

Not presented in the meeting

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMUNITY MEETING FOR QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

NEXT STEP

JULY 14TH COMMUNITY MEETING

- 5:30-7:30pm (doors open at 5pm)
- Independence Park Theater, 7800 Independence Blvd

A chance for the public to share comments and questions

Discussion of the conservancy governance model



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Discussion of next steps



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