



Meeting Notes

Steering Committee Meeting 3 | Redstone Park Improvements

Steering Committee Members Present: Pete Menardi, Gentrye Houghton, Nancy Chromy (HPC rep), Maciej Mrotek (Caucus Rep), Ron Phaneuf, Lisa Wagner, Larry and Allyce Meredith, Chuck Downey, Mark Hilberman, and Jake Marine. **DHM Consultants:** Allie Newman, Jason Janes. **Open Space and Trails Staff:** Jessie Young, Lindsey Utter, Janet Urquhart.

The third steering committee meeting took place on Jan. 28th, 2021 at 7:00 pm via a Zoom webinar. The objective was to review the revised schematic plan, including a new option for replacement of the park shelter, before presenting the plan to the Open Space and Trails Board on Feb. 4th and a subsequent planned public comment period.

The meeting was led by representatives from Pitkin County Open Space and Trails and DHM Design.

The meeting began with introductions of the Pitkin County OST representatives and the design team. This was followed by a presentation of the revised schematic design for the park improvements by DHM's Allie Newman, focusing on changes to the design in response to committee input.

The park design elements identified for further discussion were:

- **Vegetation removal and planting** – Two trees, instead of three, will be removed from the Meredith Parcel near the ice rink; a cottonwood and shrub will be removed from the area near the playground; shrubs that bifurcate the park will be removed; four trees at north end of park will be removed. Replacement tree locations have been identified; one on the boulevard and three on the north end of the park.
- **Trash dumpster location and enclosure** – The dumpster is properly sized for the park's needs; it will be moved to the southern side of the skate shed and placed inside an enclosure next to the shed.
- **Parking** – Parallel parking that had been in previous versions of the plan near the Meredith Parcel has been removed in favor of cleaning up existing pull-in parking.
- **Shelter options** – An octagonal gazebo of 16 feet by 16 feet has been designed as yet another shelter option. It would be of rustic character and accommodate two picnic tables. It could be used as a stage, or a temporary concert stage could continue to be erected in the park. The gazebo could be placed in the general location of the existing shelter, or farther west into the park.

Meeting Findings

After much discussion, committee members concurred the octagon-shaped gazebo is the preferred option for replacing the existing shelter and the sole option that should be presented for public comment. Its location, in the general vicinity of the existing shelter, should maximize lawn space between the gazebo and the river as well as views to the north, given site constraints, the committee concurred. The structure will be raised about a foot above grade level. Architectural design that maximizes the view into the gazebo itself is also desired.

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Additional discussion:

- Placement of additional trash receptacles is needed – one at Elk Park and one near the rink. That is doable, said OST's Jessie Young.
- Parking during concerts at the park overwhelms the boulevard and spills onto private property. Efforts must be made to direct concertgoers to use the parking lot at Elk Park and at the Coke Ovens. County permits for events at the park should direct overflow parking to those lots.
- The park plan has two options for nighttime lighting: a light on a timer for nighttime maintenance and festive night lighting at the rink, also on a timer (such a mechanism has already been installed).
- The park entrance next to the playground will be made more accessible, though not for wheelchairs. It's possible the new path on the south end of the park can be made wheelchair accessible.

Next Steps:

DHM and OST will create a final revised plan for presentation to the Open Space and Trails Board on Feb. 4th. With board authorization, the plan will then be open to public comment for about a month, tentatively beginning Feb. 8th. The committee will reconvene in late March or early April to review the public input.