Elmwood Community Meeting – 6:00 p.m., July 30, 2009

PLANNING FOR THE RE-DEVELOPMENT OF CENTRAL PARK SURVEY RESULTS FROM MEETING JULY 16, 2009





IDEAS LISTS

BASE SURVEY LIST

SORT: CUMULATIVE TOTALS

SORT: WEIGHTED CUMULATIVE

PLANNING IDEAS ONLY (SORT: TOTAL NUMBERS & WEIGHTED CUMULATIVE)

ORGANIZATIONAL IDEAS ONLY (SORT: TOTAL NUMBERS & WEIGHTED CUMULATIVE)

FUNDING IDEAS ONLY (SORT: TOTAL NUMBERS & WEIGHTED CUMULATIVE)

COMMENTS/ OBSERVATIONS/SUGGESTED COURSE OF ACTION



IDEAS LISTS

ORIGINAL LIST FROM 07/17 MEETING

- 1 Replant Illinois native trees of a variety for an educational tool for the community and school.
- 2 Once plans are completed, master plan available in city hall so families and organizations can "adopt" a tree to pay for.
- 3 Plant flower gardens in Northeast corner of central park.
- 4 Establish a tree nursery to grow trees for availability of the community as needed.
- 5 Master plan for replanting trees throughout the community, not just in Central Park.
- 6 Post alternatives for types of trees to be planted and arrange for community voting.
- 7 Plan for central park include economic development i.e. set up for Strawberry festival, attract tourists
- **8** Assure the pioneer statue is the focal point and its aesthetics are considered in any plans.
- **9** Assure places for tents for festivals, etc.
- 10 Include a water feature (water fall)
- 11 Consider planting white oak tree (state tree), and disease resistant Elm trees for Elmwood. Plan for the ultimate size when full grown.
- 12 Utilize committee established by city council to include businesses.
- **13** Replant trees and keep it simple.
- **14** ECF as a coordinating committee for various plans.
- 15 Develop a small committee with people who have an interest to coordinate with city council advisory committee.
- 16 Highlight statue with plants pioneers would have seen, such as native prairie plants with historical accuracy.
- 17 Preserve the natural seasonal changes from the trees leave it natural.
- 18 Can we put utility lines for festivals, etc. under ground to preserve the aesthetics.
- **19** Assure trees at full growth won't endanger the statue.
- **20** Utilize arborists and landscape experts to assist with planning.
- 21 Compile a list of members for committee that will work with city council who have some expertise and would be able to work with arborist / landscapers.
- 22 Have an arborist in contract to monitor health of trees and assess damaged and diseased trees recommend care.
- 23 Establish a park district.
- 24 Investigate federal and state grants and loans to fund central park and others.
- 25 Develop master plan don't get too big, less is more, keep it simple and pristine, to include trees, flowers, and grass.
- **26** Consider involvement of youth groups FFA, school on the committee.
- 27 Communicate plans to the community for central park and the rest of the city.
- 28 Invest in planting mature trees.
- 29 Restore central park trees involve Scouts.
- **30** Communicate decisions that are made and why in a widely available format to the community.
- **31** Establish a location for recognizing donors (donor wall or area) rather than plaques for individual trees.
- **32** Plan for trees in rest of the city.
- **33** Donor names on a sidewalk rather than a wall.
- **34** Tie planning in to accommodating festivals.
- **35** Pathway to statue and encirle it using recognition bricks for donors.
- **36** Other artifacts to include in addition to the statue.
- **37** Have a central fund to accept donations.

CLARIFIED/EDITED LIST POSTED ONLINE

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- 2 Make all plans available in City Hall so individuals, families, and organizations can "adopt" a tree as financial support for Central Park.
- 3 Plan and plant flower garden in Northeast corner of Central Park.
- Establish a tree nursery somewhere in the community to grow trees for availability of the community as needed: e.g., replacing damaged trees, as an educational opportunity, to place in right-of-way for new homes, etc.
- 5/32 Prepare and execute a Master Plan for Tree Management that considers the entire community: Central Park, other city parks, and road right-of-way.
- 6 Allow community to vote for different types of tree that might be planted in Central Park.
- 7 Plan for Central Park include broader economic development for the Central Business District.
- 8 Assure that the Pioneers statue is the focal point and that its aesthetics are considered in any plans.
- 9/34 Planning for Central Park considers and accommodates annuals festivals and events.
- 10 Include a water feature.
- 11 Plant white oaks (Illinois State Tree) and disease resistant Elm trees.
- 12 Assign Central Park re-planting to a committee established by City Council; should include local businesses.
- 13 Replant trees as they were and keep it the planting plans simple.
- 14 Use the Elmwood Community Foundation as a coordinating and donations organization.
- Develop a City-appointed Tree Management Advisory Committee consisting of citizens who have special experience, expertise, and interests in the planting and maintenance of trees and other plantings. Committee will advise the City and work with community and professional arborists.
- To highlight the Pioneers statue, include plantings around the statue that including plants that would have been present when the pioneers were here, such as native prairie grasses, flowers, etc.
- 17 Preserve the natural and seasonal changes from the trees leave Central Park natural during the fall and spring, and after changes from storm damage.
- 18 Bury or hide utilities and utility access features (used for festivals, etc.) to not interfere with Central Park aesthetics.
- **19** Assure trees at full growth won't endanger the statue.
- **20** Utilize arborists and landscape experts to assist with planning for Central Park.
- 21 Allow the community offer a list of potential members for Tree Management Advisory Committee.
- 22 Contract an arborist, on an on-going basis, to monitor health of trees, assess damaged and diseased trees, and recommend care.
- 23 Establish an Elmwood Park District.
- 24 Investigate federal, state, and private grants/loans to help support Central Park and other Tree Management efforts.
- 25 Develop a Master Plan for Central Park: not too big, simple and pristine; to also include trees, flowers, and grass.
- 26 Involve youth groups FFA, school on any committees.
- **27/30** The City, committees, and/or advisory groups more readily and routinely communicate plans and decisions to the community with respect to parks and tree management.
- 28 Plant mature trees.
- 29 When restoring Central Park, involve Boy Scouts.
- 31 Construct a Donor Wall, or some such specified location for recognition of contributions: do not "sell" plaques for individual trees to donors.
- Establish a Donor Sidewalk, allowing contributors to "buy a brick" to support Central Park; donors would be able to have their names or other messages etched into the bricks installed in the Park.
- 35 Construct a brick pathway to and around the Pioneers statue, using a Donor Sidewalk Program related to Idea # 33).
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07/16 MEETING PARTICIPANTS
(37 Respondents)

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ONLINE or PAPER SUBMITTALS
(70 Respondents)

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13	Replant trees as they were and keep it the planting plans simple.	3	2	1	1		8	37	5	1	2	3		11	52	19	89
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5/32	Prepare and execute a Master Plan for Tree Management that considers the entire community: Central Park, other city parks, and road right-of-way.	5	3	4	2 2	2	1 17	72	3	3	2 4	3	2 17	61	34	133
20	Utilize arborists and landscape experts to assist with planning for Central Park.	4	4	2	1 2	2	3 16	62	2	7	1 4	1	1 16	66	32	128
28	Plant mature trees.		2		3 2	2	7	23	5	11	2 1	1	5 25	103	32	126
8	Assure that the Pioneers statue is the focal point and that its aesthetics are considered in any plans.	3	1	4	2 2	2	12	49	2	6	4	3	3 18	63	30	112
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15	Develop a City-appointed Tree Management Advisory Committee consisting of citizens who have special experience, expertise, and interests in the planting and maintenance of trees and other plantings. Committee will advise the City and work with community and professional arborists.	2	1	3	2		8	35	5	3	4	4	1 1	18	76	26	111
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27/30	The City, committees, and/or advisory groups more readily and routinely communicate plans and decisions to the community with respect to parks and tree management.	1		3	4 2	3	13	37					1	1	1	14	38
26	Involve youth groups - FFA, school - on any committees.			2	2	1	5	15		1	1	2	4 1	9	24	14	39
14	Use the Elmwood Community Foundation as a coordinating and donations organization.	1	2		1	1	5	20		1		3	1 1	6	17	11	37
21	Allow the community offer a list of potential members for Tree Management Advisory Committee.		1	1	1 2		5	16					1	1	1	6	17
29	When restoring Central Park, involve Boy Scouts.	1				1	2	7	2		1		1	4	18	6	25
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GENERAL COMMENTS

- 1. Involve the youth so they can lead the community in the future.
- 2. An offer from Austin Naumann to help plan and implement any activities, toward obtain Eagle Scout
- 3. Cindy Alcaraz involved in planning for Central Park (7)
- 4. Pam Paige involved in planning for Central Park (3)
- 5. Lee Hammond involved in planning for Central Park (3)
- 6. Pat McGuire involved in planning for Central Park (2)
- 7. Richard Coon involved in planning for Central Park (5)
- 8. Nancy Coon involved in planning for Central Park (5)
- 9. Junior/Senior High Students involved in planning for Central Park (2)
- 10.Plan for aesthetic/functional issues regarding festival and impact on turf.
- 11.Respect "Pioneers" as focal point for visitor, remove nearby utility pedestal & marker
- 12.Uncluttered simplicity
- 13.Let Eagle Scout candidates who need project work with Council to develop plan for wildflowers and brick walk around statue.
- 14. Consider involving U of I Extension Master Gardener Program, i.e., Dr. Lee and Mrs. Mary Jo Hammond, Richard & Nancy Coon, and others.
- 15. Create a plan for mature, native trees using the services of an arborist.
- 16. Consider a Park District which would look at needs all around the community.
- 17. West Park & Sweetwater Park really need to be addressed in terms of updates, maintenance, opportunities, etc.
- 18.Set up a fund or funds so people have a place to donate to.
- 19.I would like to see a sizable tree replanted-not a little sapling. Something that could be a decent sized tree that senior citizens might still be able to see in their lifetime. Not 50 years from now but much sooner.
- 20.If help is needed constructing questionnaires I would be willing to assist. This is something I have advanced training in and I think that a better constructed questionnaire would have helped in collecting reliable and valid data.
- 21.I think Central Park looks great right now. Everyone has done an amazing job making it look like it does after the storm.
- 22. Make sure that this is a community voice and not just a few.
- 23.ESTABLISH A PARK DISTRICT, SO IN THE FUTURE WE COULD HAVE A PUBLIC POOL. AND PARKS TO BE ENJOYED BY ALL AGES.
- 24.I would like something for the youth in either park, a ice skating area. We are large enough to have something as this. A park should be for all ages, our youth are the future.
- 25. There were many questions which were redundant.
- 26.I did NOT like the format of this survey. There were so many GREAT ideas that were very important to me. I feel that choosing my top 6 interests does not convey my thoughts and feelings about Central Park. THE SURVEY SHOULD HAVE ALLOWED THE PUBLIC TO RATE EACH AND EVERY IDEA ON A SCALE FROM 1 TO 6, BASED ON HOW IMPORTANT EACH IDEA WAS TO THEM. That would still allow for a true survey of the communities interests for Central Park. Therefore, I rated 6 top ideas, which are not the only ideas very important to me. There were actually 18 ideas I feel are essential to the redevelopment of the Park. So here is my list of all 18 ideas: 1, 2, 6, 7, 10, 15, 18, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26, 28, 29, 31, 33, 36, 37. I would love to see the survey redone with the same ideas presented and a different voting method. Then I could rate my 18 ideas of importance on how important each one is to me. Thank You for your time.
- 27.Less is more; kiss keep it simple stupid
- 28.I would like to suggest also including Girl Scouts should it be decided to include youth groups in helping with the restoration project.
- 29.It is so nice to be able to see the statue, veterans memorial, and bandstand without being blocked by so many trees. Please keep it simple--4 or 6 new trees would be enough. These are Elmwood's showcase plus the well-kept stores in the business district and homes. Also, all trees coming and going through town are beautiful through the changing seasons. All people from out of town comment how well-kept and pretty Elmwood is--we should all be proud and strife to continue to keep it this way.
- 30.In general, I suggest simplicity as to minimize money and time spent.
- 31.It's nice that you are including the community in the decision making for Central Park. After reading/hearing all the comments about the damage to the park, I am just thankful that no one got hurt and no one lost their homes. I'd rather see a tree go than a life! I say do whatever it is the Park Community feels is the best options for rebuilding the town square. best of luck in trying to please!
- 32.I think that the right thing to do is to plant the biggest trees u can find that are the same kind that the other trees were. That is the only way it is going to look right again.
- 33.I think that the insertion of dogwood trees in the park would look great. I don't like the idea of prairie grass around statue. Flowers would be a better idea.
- 34.It should not be so sophisticated that it requires a lot of special skills or time to maintain. Keep it fairly basic.
- 35.I think we should put back in as few trees as possible and keep the statute as the focal point. It is nice to see the statute.
- 36.Create a simple plan; put up trees with "good reputation", nothing brittle; do not replant pin trees; all departments need to ask before action; decision making should not be moved on until bulic aried; no buildgins exept to get out of the rain (excerpted from full letter)
- 37.A request from Curt Paternoga to compete for any bid for new trees.
- 38. Any arborists employed should be certified.

OBSERVATIONS

Most ideas and suggestions are concerned with planning for Central Park, ranging from general (e.g., simple, inclusive design) to specific (e.g., kinds of trees planted).

Simplicity and "authenticity" are paramount.

Proper, inclusive planning is important.

The Pioneers statue is perceived as the Park's focal point.

As a planning element, "donor indicators" are not valued aesthetic features. However, among funding mechanisms, the donor sidewalk is preferred.

In terms of organization, a Park District and Tree management Advisory Committee feature very prominently.

The involvement of youth is a recurrent theme.

The involvement of existing organization do not figure in highly.

Pursuit of federal, state, and private grants/loans is important.

SUGGESTED COURSE OF ACTION

Provide this information to the City Council as a resource to steer future action. Based on the findings of this exercise, this action might include appointing and working with a Tree Advisory Management Committee (or some similarly-named organization) to:

- first, coordinate and execute Central Park Master Planning with the City Council, community, and professional designers and arborists; and to advise the City Council with recommendations.
- -second, work with the City Council and community regarding trees and landscape aesthetics throughout the City and other parks.
- third, help the City pursue federal, state, and private funding opportunities.

Provide this information to the community's citizens and organizations.

Although some of the ideas did not rank as highly, this does not mean that they are not tremendous ideas. There are ideas that could not, or probably should not, be performed by City Council as they are not basic municipal functions. However, they could be implemented by way of a private organization. In other words, some of these ideas might be executed by private groups, while coordinating with the City via the Tree Management Advisory Committee