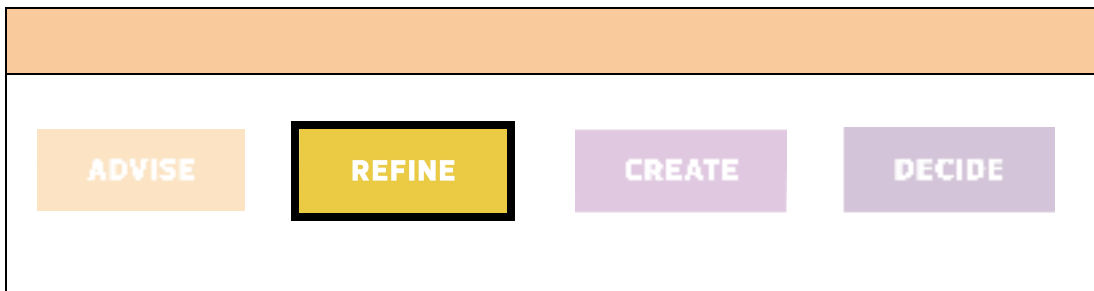

Fall 2017 What We Heard Report

Glengarry District Park Master Plan

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OVERVIEW

Edmonton's mature neighbourhoods are great places to live and have many treasures including District Activity Parks. These parks serve several neighbourhoods in the larger area and are important for health, wellness and quality of life. They are part of a city-wide park system and support a wide variety of facilities, programs and open space activities. Glengarry Park has been identified as a priority for renewal to update park infrastructure and park amenities to meet community needs.

The Master Plan process identifies a Public Engagement Plan to engage community and stakeholders. Some themes that will guide these conversations include; access and circulation, sport activities, recreation and play activities, arts, culture and celebration and environmental sustainability.

Engagement was completed with internal stakeholders, community organizations, schools, and others. To ensure that the master plan reflected the needs of the existing park users and the surrounding community, an Open House was held and a survey was undertaken.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

A preliminary concept plan was created for Glengarry District Park in 2017. The concept was created while taking into consideration the existing site conditions, infrastructure renewal needs and the feedback gathered during the first two rounds of engagement in the fall of 2016 and the spring of 2017.

In the fall of 2017, the preliminary concept plan was presented to the public at an open house. Participants were asked to provide feedback through a survey. The survey was also posted on the project website, sent out to stakeholder groups and paper copies were available at the local recreation centre. The information gathered through the survey contributed to the finalization of the concept plan that was included in the master plan.

Overall there was a high level of support for the concept plan.

Based on all feedback collected, we heard that the community desires a safe and connected park with nice landscaping and social gathering spaces. As a result of the engagement, the proposed off leash dog area was expanded and more shelters were added to the preliminary concept plan. Additional lighting and garbage bins were also requested. The addition of these amenities will be explored in future stages of the project. The need for connectivity to the greater community was also documented and will be considered for future projects in the neighbourhood.

HOW WE ENGAGED

Public engagement was held to gather feedback to help refine the preliminary concept plan and ensure that the vision for the park will meet the current and future needs of the community. Following this engagement, the concept plan was finalized and included in the Glengarry District Park Master Plan.

Engagement at this stage was combined with the Queen Elizabeth School Park Master Plan. As both parks are located along 132nd Avenue the intended users of the district parks were quite similar. The concept plans for both sites were presented at the open house and the survey requested feedback for both parks. Invitations to the open

house were sent out to the surrounding community, schools and sports groups with the intent of public engagement that included and encouraged participation reflective of Edmonton's diverse population.

Activities used to raise awareness of and promote the public engagement process for this project included:

- Roadside signage
- Flyers sent in the mail and posted at local leisure centres, bus stops, libraries etc.
- Social media posts
- Examiner and Metro newspaper advertisements
- Email invitations to school, sport, and community organizations
- School and community newsletters

On November 7, 2017, an open house was held at the Glengarry Community League Hall from 4pm to 7pm. 46 citizens attended this event. The survey was available at the event and was on the project website for the two weeks following the open house. The link to the survey was sent out to school and community groups during this time.

WHAT WE ASKED

The City shared the preliminary concept for Glengarry District Park and asked the following questions about the project:

What Edmonton neighbourhood do you reside in?

What is your level of support for the concept plan for the Glengarry District Park ?

Do you have suggestions or comments for improvement of this Concept Plan for the Glengarry District Park Site?

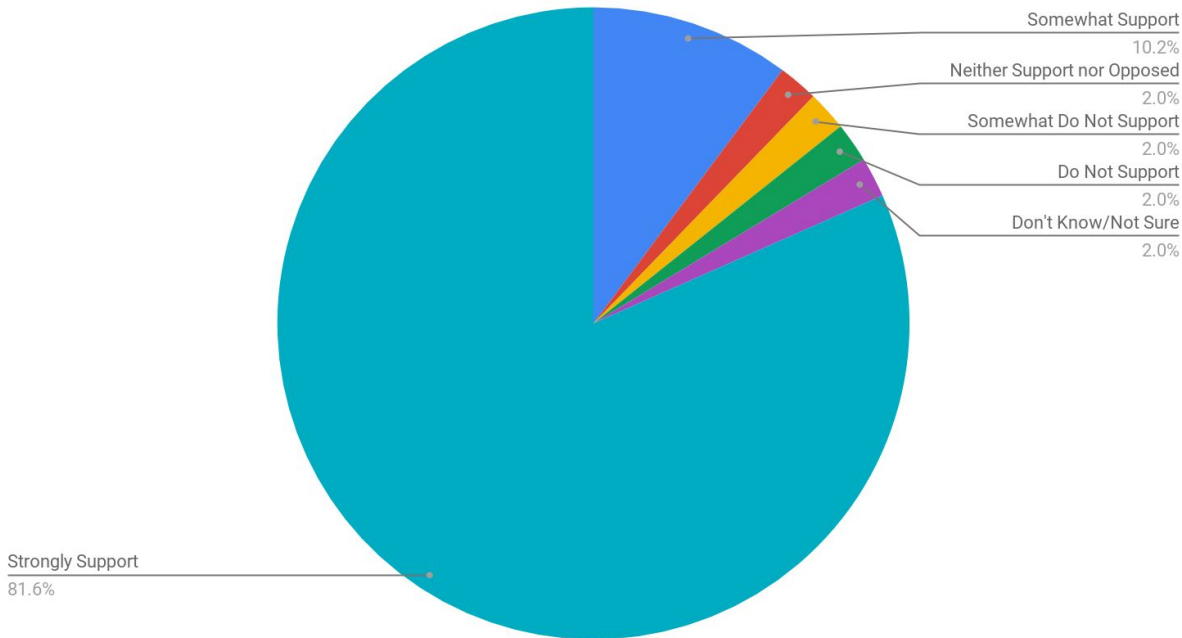
WHAT WE HEARD

The intent of the survey was to gather input from the public on the preferred concept plan for each park site. For Glengarry, the preferred concept plan reflected feedback from previous public engagement held in fall 2016 and spring 2017, stakeholder input and technical review.

The input from this survey informed the finalization of the concept plan which is part of the Master Plan for Glengarry District Park. The Master Plan includes the concept plan, a high level cost estimate and a report.

Participants were asked about their level of support for the concept plan for Glengarry District Park. They were then asked to provide reasons for that level of support and to provide suggestions or comments to improve the concept plan.

Level of Support for Glengarry District Park Master Plan



Overall the majority of the feedback heard for this project was extremely positive. People were supportive of the overall Master Plan process and were supportive of the concept plan that was presented.

We also heard:

- There are concerns around on-site parking
- There is a desire for more plants, trees and green space
- Citizens would like to see a connection to the greater community
- Amenities for seniors are important
- There is a desire for a safe and clean space that includes lighting, good visibility, and an adequate number of garbage bins
- There is support for a fenced dog park but people would like to see it expanded
- There is support for bike paths

AS A RESULT, WHAT HAS CHANGED IN THE PROJECT?

Based on citizen feedback, the concept plan was refined before being included in the master plan. Not all of the suggestions could be included. In future phases of the project, additional public engagement will be undertaken and additional details will be added to the design.

After receiving feedback from the public, the refinement of the concept plan included:

- Expanding the dog park
- Additional shelters were included
- Addition of a third basketball court
- Recommendation of a parking study in the design phase
- Addition of trees and shrub beds in future phases of the project (not currently shown on the concept plan)

Details such as lighting, the number of waste receptacles, the types of surfaces for pathways, and playground surfacing will be explored in the design phase.

Some suggestions that were not included:

- A washroom facility - this is not within the scope of this project. In the event that the Leisure Centre or the

Arena are renewed or expanded, a washroom facility has been noted in the master plan for future consideration.

- Crosswalks and pedestrian connections to the neighbourhood- these are outside park boundaries and are not included in the scope of work for this project. Instead, these features will be flagged for future neighbourhood and road renewal projects.
- An artificial turf facility is not being considered as part of this project - the City has developed the Approach to Community Recreation Facility Planning in Edmonton which addresses how planning for new fields will be done moving forward.

NEXT STEPS

The Glengarry District Park Master Plan and associated concept plan have been approved by City Administration. Funding has been secured for the preliminary design of the Glengarry District Park which will be completed as the Glengarry District Park Renewal Project. A consultant will be hired to create a preliminary design that will be based on the concept plan. Moving forward, public engagement will be undertaken to help shape the preliminary design.

Citizens can continue to be involved with and follow along the Glengarry District Park Renewal project by:

- Attending future public engagement events. Details of engagement events will be shared on the project website and through other channels such as social media and community notifications.

For further information about the project, please visit the website:

edmonton.ca/GlengarryDistrictPark

Thank you for participating in sharing your voice and shaping our city.

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