

Hyde Park Phase II Open House – June 13, 2019

Engagement Summary

An Open House was held from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on June 13, 2019 at the Elim Church near Hyde Park. Local residents and Hyde Park dog park users were invited to attend this open house to learn about the following proposed changes to the park:

- Pathway additions / connections;
- Mitigation strategy for mud / run-off water in the Hyde Park dog park; and
- Proposed art installations.

There were a total of 34 attendees. Attendees were invited to provide their feedback on each element of the project being presented, as well as indicate their preference(s) among six potential options for art placements (engagement activity described below)

The primary focus of most attendees was on the art installations rather than the walking pathway additions and mitigation strategy for the dog park. Attendees also provided comments regarding other aspects of Hyde Park that are captured below.

What We Heard

Art Installations

Each attendee was given three “sticky dots” to place on display boards that presented six potential options for how the three sculpture locations could be placed in Hyde Park. Attendees were directed to disperse the three dots among the six available options to indicate their preferences among them. They could put up to three dots on a single option or disperse them between two or three options. The dot counts were:

Option 1	5
Option 2	7
Option 3	9
Option 4	10
Option 5	8
Option 6	48

The majority of attendees at the open house had positive reactions to the art installation proposals. Those with positive reactions could be described as holding mild to moderate opinions on the matter.

A minority of attendees had more strongly held opinions that were negative reactions to the art installation proposals. However, those with negative reactions to art installations in Hyde Park would have more acceptance of them if they had minimal impact on residents and their views from their property. Residents from Ledingham Place in particular expressed this opinion.

Option 6 was greatly preferred among the options as it was commonly considered to have the least impact on nearby residents among the presented options. Notably, several of those who placed their

dots on Option 6 also expressed a general preference to not have art installations added to Hyde Park at all, stating that art was not a good fit for a naturalized park.

Below is a transcription of all comments related to the art installations portion of the engagement.

- I want the park to remain as naturalized as possible. That's why we bought here in the first place.
- We do not want artificial installations in a naturalized park.
- I do not think it's appropriate to install large art features in a naturalized area after homes have been constructed. Residents purchased expensive homes based on naturalized park, NOT a subjective art gallery.
- Art installations do not seem like a good fit in a park that is supposed to be natural.
- We would prefer not to have sculptures in the naturalized park! That is why we bought a house in this area.
- There are other City parks where these sculptures could go, so why in a naturalized park?
- I don't know if art sculptures have a place in a park that is trying to focus on the beauty of nature. A lot of people come to the park to experience nature and have that out of city experience in the city.
- James Korpan sculpture: relevant, local, place strategically
- Peter Hide: No local, what is tie to Saskatoon? To Hyde Park? Too large and obtrusive.
- Peter Hide: Not a naturalized area feature
- Douglas Bentham: Is this relevant to Hyde Park? Nature? How tall is this?

Walking Path

Attendees were either indifferent or supportive to the proposed pathway additions. Those who were supportive felt this was a natural connection that park users were doing anyways. Attendants did not express resistance to the pathway additions.

Rip-Rap in Dog Park

Attendees were either indifferent or supportive of adding rip-rap to the dog park to help prevent dogs from accessing run-off water and mud.

Other Comments

Existing Pathways / Accessibility

- Install bollards at south entrance of paved path. People think it's a road.
- Paths need to be better maintained for those who use scooters, walkers, wheelchairs, strollers, etc., and for the visually impaired.
- Contractors are causing damage to the paths and then not repairing them.
- Given wheelchair/scooter accessibility issues, would it be cost effective to asphalt the path?

Lighting

- If parks close at 11:00p.m., why do lights stay on all night?
- Missing lamps (2) along path behind Ledingham Place
- Don't put lamp behind my place on Ledingham Place. There is more than ample light.

Trees / Plantings

- Targeted planting of native wildflowers
- Tree bed removed and I would like it replanted (backing Ledingham Place)
- Trees in dog park to add shade? Outside of fence?

Other

- Can we have some interpretive signs on the north side of the park? Lots of people use this area.
- We were told vines would be place on fence around maintenance building. This has not happened.
- Large garbage bin (blue Loraas) in front of satellite garage is only a few feet from the sidewalk and smells up the entire area. Unpleasant to walk by, especially when hot.
- Drainage issues across the trail from sports field – needs berm and culverts
- Perhaps a shelter from the elements? (Picnic table? – may encourage litter?)