



FARWELL PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Community Engagement Results Summary - Priority Projects

EVENTS/ENGAGEMENT

NRRC Meeting: July 12, 2021

Youth Design Team Site Visit: July 13th 2021

Open House #1 @ Farwell Park: July 20th 2021

Open House #2 @ Farwell Park: July 29th 2021

National Night Out @ Farwell Park: August 3rd 2021

Online Survey: Open July 13 to August 13 2021

Approximatly **115 people** both online and at open houses participated in the survey to help determine priority projects.

TOP COMMENTS -What We Heard

- New accessible surface to replace sand in playground
- Improve visibility and sightlines in park
- Minimize places to hide or do negative activities
- Safety improvements to the street surrounding the park
- Bike racks needed near the playground
- Splash pad or mister
- Playground improvements should be prioritized
- Park programing is needed for youth (winter programming)
- Restrooms or portable toilets
- Stage could provide a place for musicians to perform (especially in a Covid-19 enviroment)
- Stage should not be prioritized as it would not get a lot of regular use (Alternative could be more multi-use pavilion type space)
- Lots of un-supervised youth at park
- Increase naturalized areas with native plants

PROJECT PRIORITIES

1- first Priority 6- Last Priority



Improved Playground



New Site Amenities



Splash Pad



New Natural Areas



**New Park Building/
Kiosk**



New Stage

Funding available for the first phase of implementing the North Service Area Plan for Hall will accommodate some of the projects, but not all. For instance, the budget will not accommodate playground and splash pad both. Projects not implemented in phase 1 will be implemented in a future phase.

Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Staff will consider these survey results along with budget, maintenance needs, phasing sequence and consultant recommendations in determining scope of work for first phase of projects.

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What site improvements should be built first?

Please rank what improvements should be prioritized & built first. 1 being first and 6 being last.

Place a numbered dot in the boxes provided below.

New Park Building/Kiosk


A small park building or kiosk near the play area could provide park program information, allow for park storage, and create a screened platform for a portable toilet.



Stage

A new, small, permanent performance stage occupies the southeastern corner of the park, where it can utilize the open lawn area for audience seating.

The design of this feature could reflect some of the historic elements of the neighborhood, like the stone columns at neighborhood entrances. It would include electrical service, but not built-in amplification. It would be geared for both programmed and impromptu performances, whether an organized local music festival, or just for youth practicing spoken word or rap to friends and family.




Small Splash Pad

Near the play area and kiosk is a new splash pad: a small interactive water feature with just a few elements. This element fills a need in the area, where no water facilities are easily accessible. The facility could be user-activated, include a few plaza-mounted jets or a single overhead cascade. The picnic area would move slightly southward to accommodate this new feature.



New Site Amenities

New walking paths flank all sides of the park, allowing neighbors to stroll a loop within the park, without crossing streets. This could also be a good feature for young park users learning to stroll or ride in a safe environment. Moving the picnic area could include upgrading picnic amenities and other site improvements could include new benches and a new bike rack.



Improved Playground

The existing playground while relatively functional does not meet ADA standards and is getting near to the end of its lifespan. A new playground would involve additional community input to design and plan what style and types of play features are included. Playground will be improved in their existing location.



New Natural Areas

Naturalized planting areas flank the park walks and provide pollinator habitat.

