



Community Engagement Assessment Glen Gale Park Improvements

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Division/Department: Planning/ Design Project Management

Stewardship Level of Engagement: Consult

Project, Program, or Initiative Name: Glen Gale Park Improvements

Project Description (100 words recommended):

This project is the replacement of a playground within the existing container, picnic area upgrades, addition of a new half-court basketball and four-square courts, natural area and other site improvements such as seating and path replacement where needed.

The existing playground is nearing the end of its lifespan and does not meeting ADA requirements. The playground will be redesigned, and all equipment and surfacing replaced and will also likely need to be expanded to accommodate new safety standards. The project also includes project funds for a LCMR grant for the Mississippi Flyway Pilot Project and will include implementing naturalized areas per the park's long-range plans and increasing wildlife habitat within the identified flyway corridor.

| Level of Engagement | Inform | Consult | Involve | Partner |
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| Engagement Goal | To provide stakeholders with factual, accessible, balanced, and timely information to help them understand the project, program, or initiative. | To obtain stakeholder feedback on project, initiative, or program analysis, alternatives, or decisions. | To work directly with stakeholders throughout the process to ensure that perspectives are consistently understood, considered, and reflected in project, program, or initiative decisions. | To partner with stakeholders in each aspect of decision making in order to develop and implement collaborative project, program, or initiative solutions. |
| Criteria to Determine Level of Engagement (Which level of engagement best describes your project?) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is a decision that should be based on technical, operational, or safety constraints only. This is a project, program, or initiative that does not result in a change in the type, location, or extent of the current facility or service. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This project takes place in a park that has a long-range park plan. This is a new city-wide initiative or program. This is a new public policy or public policy update. The outcome is likely to change based on community input. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This project requires a CAC. This project does not have other policy guidance such as an existing park plan or public policy. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This program, project, or initiative is being developed in partnership with another agency or organization. |
| MPRB Promise | MPRB will keep you informed. | MPRB will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge feedback, work to integrate stakeholder feedback into the alternatives, and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision. | We will work with stakeholders for advice and innovation in formulating solutions and to incorporate recommendations to the extent possible. | The MPRB and partner entity will be accountable to their roles as negotiated in the partnership and regularly evaluate overall success of the partnership. |
| Examples of project types | Repaving a parking lot, cutting down a tree, beach or swimming pool closures, ADA improvements, rehab | Approved park vision implementation, city or service area wide program development, public policy development, Participatory Project Scoping | Park plans, any process that includes a formal public body making recommendations. | Jointly owned and/or operated facilities, co-creation, public/private partnership, community led projects. |

This engagement grid was adapted from the IAP2 International Federation 2014 Public Participation Spectrum.

Justification (100 words recommended): *Please explain how your project meets the criteria in the Engagement Grid on pg. 2. Provide a justification for each criterion corresponding to the Level of Engagement that will guide your project.*

The project falls into the consult category as it takes place within a park that has a long range plan and the design outcome is likely to change due to community input.

For projects, programs, or initiatives that fall under the Inform category of engagement: what are your planned methods for informing the public? (i.e. posting on a project website, GovDelivery email blast, flyer onsite, multi-lingual and/or graphic information) *You do not need to answer this question if you are completing a CE Plan.*

Staff will maintain a project webpage, have signs up in the park, and postcards informing the nearby community of plans or draft designs/events will be shared. Stakeholders will be directly communicated with to share project updates. Specific engagement events will be held with users/stakeholders to determine design best practices and design preferences. User groups will be informed, review and provide feedback on both conceptual and final designs.