

## Sibley Park Improvements Project - Design Phase - Online-Survey Comments

March-April 2022

	What do you like about Concept A?	Is there anything you would change about Concept A?	What do you like about Concept B?	Is there anything you would change about Concept B?	Which Concept do you prefer?	Any additional comments you would like the MPRB to consider?
1	nothing	Where is the tennis court No pool that is a splash pad			No Preference	Very high maint. with tall trees around splash pad.
2	I like the pool concept with the double gates, the increased amount of table space.	add more swings to the park, sibley is known for amount of swings, also make sure that the water fountain is dual use for pet/dog owners to use for their dog like the current one does.	nothing	to much concrete, bigger pool	Concept A	Try and keep some of the larger trees around, they provide the best shade and keep the park cool. Try to maybe make a full accessible park for kids with disabilities, a fully integrated park instead of separate play areas, similar to the one located at Dowling Elementary.
3	Variety of play structures for kids	Small seating (stools?) within the play area where parents can rest for a moment nearby while kids play. Needs more swings.	Nature play stepping stones	Seems like not enough play structures in the 2-5 area (no slide!) which would make the littler kids want to try the big kid stuff before they're ready. Ditto not enough swings in the little kid area.	Concept A	
4	I like the pool layout, and I feel like the large arc shape fits the space better than concept b, I like the zip line, and the play structure for 5-10 year olds better than concept b	I would like to see a nature play area with rocks like in option B and tire swing would be nice 😊 ☐	I like that it has a nature play area, the umbrella over tables is a nice idea	The pool I like the pool in option A, the layout of the benches ☹️ don't work for me. They feel randomly placed also Maybe less of them. The play ground for 5-10 yo could use less slides ☐ Maybe replaced with climbing 🧗♂️ structure. I want a tire swing 😊 ☐. I think overall it could use more flower patches like in option A. Too👎	Concept A	I'm excited to see the new park go under construction good luck 😊👍😊😊😊
5	Overall I love how clean the design is and how each space is defined.  Pool area - the shape of the pool makes better use of the space. The pergola over the picnic tables is great and will provide more shade than umbrellas.  Playground - I like that the climbing rope element is separate from the two play structures. It feels like there is more for the kids to play on. We were recently at a park where the climbing element was part of the main play structure and it was hard to navigate and really only allowed for older kids to play on the structure.	I really, really like Concept A and if it were built as-is, I would be thrilled! A minor tweak would be to install picnic tables with benches on all 4 sides (as seen in concept B).	I like the stepping stones incorporated into the storm drain area - that is super cool!	I would separate the climbing rope element from the younger kid's play structure. I feel like the climbing rope element would attract kids of all ages and that could interfere with little kiddos trying to play. Also, the ropes may be too tough for a lot of kids in that age group.	Concept A	Thank you for all your hard work!! We are so excited to have an updated park by our house!
6	I like the pool layout more than B. I feel it uses the space more and like the pergola. I also like that the playground is separated a little bit more between the different structures. Small kids, climber, bigger kids all have room.	I would like to see the stepping stone water treatment section added into concept A.	I like the stepping stones for the water treatment section		Concept A	
7	Shade structure near the pool. Play structure for 2-5 year old range. Zip line. Clear continuation of the walking path through the play/pool area.	Addition of tube-style slides. Placing the younger kid play area adjacent to the pool. More swings for older kids.	Shape and design of the pool area. 5-12 year old play structure including tube-style slides and 2-lane straight slide. General design. Rock play area.	Play structure for 2-5 year olds with ropes does not seem ideal, substitute something more like what is shown in Concept A. Add a zip line feature. Add more shade/a shade structure near the pool. More seating for parents in-between 2-5 year old area and 5-12 year old area. Move 2-5 year old area closer to the pool. Add more traditional swings, especially for older kids, but next to the swings for younger kids.	Concept B	Prefer concept B, with just a few tweaks. There are existing, mature trees in the middle of the sand play area that provide incredible shade. Please do everything you can to retain these trees to provide shade to the play area. The generous number of swings at this park currently is great, please try to incorporate swings into the new park design. It is great that there are big and little kid swings next to one another. As a parent I often have to push two kids on swings at the same time that need different styles of swing.
8					Concept A	
9	I like the arbor over the pool seats and and zero depth entrance at the pool.	An additional gate on the long end of the triangle so that parents can get to their kids quickly between the park and the pool.	Aluminum umbrellas and zero depth entrance at the pool.	It looks like the trees do offer shade at the pool but could block the view of kids on the playground from parents at the pool.	Concept A	
10	Canopy over tables/seating in pool area	Find a way to keep tennis courts for a multi purpose flat area-tennis, pickle ball, etc. need to keep in mind the active older generations that want to utilize park area also.	?	Find a way to keep the tennis courts for a multi purpose flat area-tennis, pickle ball, etc. need to keep in mind the active older generations that want to utilize the park area too	No Preference	
11	Everything	I'd add the water treatment/nature play area.	The water treatment nature play area.	Get rid of the bright obnoxious colors. More shade in the pool area (the shadows are wrong in the images ... The sun comes from the parking lot side, so there would be very little shade for caregivers/seating.	Concept A	
12	Pleasant lines. Pleasant colors. Better play equipment for older kids. Lots of benches. Benches under the trees, in the grass. Open path alongside the trees and grassy area.	Don't little kids like to have a tool they can sit in, to dig in the sand? Surely you can install one somewhere.	Stormwater play area. Zero depth end of the pool is closer to the building -- so if you just walk from the building or your car to the pool the first section you get to is the safest area. Low walls for planters that you can sit on. I also like that one planter has a big "rock" spilling out of the planter and onto the sidewalk. It's nice to break up the otherwise clean lines with something irregular, interesting, and climb-able. Kids will stand on top of that rock, for sure!	The colors are too harsh. The solid metal canopies over tables will be susceptible to damage over time. If there is any rain or snow melt at all, the drip edge is right over the seating. Overall, the lines feel harsh and arbitrary. For the little kids, it's better if their play area is well defined, without visual lines leading in and out. It feels like there are big expanses of concrete. When I compare plans they actually have about the same amount of paved surface, but someone in Plan B it feels like more. Nobody goes to a park to see concrete. It's better to feel like you're in nature, or very close to it. The design feels like it fences off the trees and grass in the southwest corner. It's better to embrace nature and encourage walking up to the trees, playing under them, sitting in their shade, etc.	Concept A	It's good to be open to the grass and trees in the southwest corner -- feels closer to nature, less engineered/industrial. While this area is primarily for kids, it's good to have some nice seating for teenagers and adults who just want to enjoy the grass and the shade trees on a hot day.
13					Concept A	
14	The pool area		The nature play stepping stone and stormwater area		Concept A	Add the nature play area to concept A and it would be perfect

15	It's ok	Why lose the tennis court?	It's fine		Concept A	
16	The pool would be better for all ages and allow for shady seating and picnics. The play area is exactly what kids are looking for and would be a great place to spend the day as a family.	N/a	N/a	N/a	Concept A	
17	I like the clear connection of the path to the existing park area. The linear design and pool shape seems more organized and pleasing. I like the arbor and how it would provide lots of shade over a larger area, perfect for gathering.	Include one of the storm water with nature play options from B into the plan for A.	I like the storm water with nature play idea.	The design is too disjointed. Concept A is more cohesive. The oval pool shape doesn't seem like it would offer the best options for zero depth entry and splash features. Having the straighter sides from option A makes more sense.	Concept A	
18	The trail and covered picnic tables	No.	Multiples picnic tables		Concept A	
19	Concept A looks a little more open and modern. The pool looks larger.	It looks great! Would be nice to keep tennis courts, but would rather have a larger play area and pool vs. tennis court.			Concept A	
20	Nothing...you have forgotten those with special needs	Add items/swings adapted for wheel chairs and those with special needs	nothing	Add items/swings ramps for wheel chairs and those with special needs	No Preference	The park board should be shamed of themselves. They will build for bikes and people that can walk but have forgotten those in wheel chairs, elderly and others. Our population is not just the happy go lucky.
21	I really like the pool area and pool shape		I really like the playground structure as well as the stone area	I like the pool area, especially the wider entrance of concept A	Concept B	
22					Concept A	
23	Everything, especially the divisions.				Concept A	
24					Concept B	
25	I like the overall layout better. I like the shades pool area and tables. I think you should do the same shaded picnic tables on the opposite side of the pool as well. I like the playground layout better as well. Always add more benches to sit. If you can keep as many shade trees as possible in the play areas as you can that would be amazing too!	I think you should do the same shaded picnic tables on the opposite side of the pool as well. I'd love to see the lonely decorative tree that's on the far end between the building and the pool become a much bigger butterfly garden or community garden or basically anything garden. There's a LOT of unnecessary concrete there that isn't serving much purpose besides being a filler. Maybe just have concrete paths there through a grassy space with trees or have people walk through a perennial flower garden with benches and a drinking fountain for people and dogs vs a whole concrete area with a tiny circle surrounding a sad lonely tree?	Nope	Don't like any of it	Concept A	<p>More gardens for the sake of beauty, bees, and education. If it is pleasant for the grownups as well as the kids, then more people will visit.</p> <p>Bike inflation station and water fountains for dogs and humans. Spots to park bikes. Wheelchair accessibility for all parts of the playground. Keeping as many old trees in tact as possible during the re-make. Playgrounds without shade are brutal in the summer.</p> <p>People need tables and hooks to hang things by pools. Having a spot to rise off the chlorine is nice after swimming, wabun has outdoor showers and we use them every time we do the splash pad there.</p> <p>Rain gardens are beautiful and functional and can be educational if you just add a couple signs and qr codes.</p>
26	Very open, which is great for keeping an eye on your child(ren) while they play.	Feels stiff ... it seems like it would end up looking like slabs of brick with some play equipment.	It feels like an overall "greener" concept. The circular designs give it a feeling of separate sections.	More of a division between the sidewalk and field (like short hedges or bushes)	Concept B	
27	Walk all around the pool & playground in straight lines! All straight, easy to see and use.	Possible save mature trees	Users round pool current foot print . Circles, round is theme. Colored strips for this print? But not placed on playground	The green grass areas would probably be maintenance issue !	Concept B	Keep B pool, incorporate A playground
28					Concept A	
29	I really like the pool shape in concept A  The zipline	Please, please, please consider a full fence around the entire place space. As a parent of a kid with special needs who elopes, a safe park with a full fence would not only bring peace of mind, but would also be one of the only fenced in parks in the city.  I'd like to see part of the pool shaded.  I'd love to see the addition of music equipment	The park equipment. I prefer this compared to concept A. I like have more slides that are more spread apart.  I like the pool umbrella area/deck  The stones to climb on	I'd actually like to see more equipment in both concepts.  Removal of the red/yellow stripes on the playground  I'd love the addition of music equipment  Addition to the of a full fence around the park equipment.	Concept B	Everyone deserves to feel safe at a park. Please consider a full, enclosed fence around the play equipment.
30	Attractive design, the pergola in the pool area, the variety of play structures.	0 depth entry on one side of the pool. Shade structures over the play areas and pool.	0 depth entry pool. Variety of play structures.	The umbrellas in the pool area are unattractive. Overall it's unattractive. Don't like the pick up sticks look, would only look good from the sky, not when in it. Shade structures over the play areas and pool.	Concept A	
31	The pergola by the wading pool, the shape/size of zero depth pool, zip line and play equipment that is appealing to wider age of kids.	No	Nothing	More shade by the pool, multiple age group play spaces in closer proximity for parents with mixed age group children, more variety in the play equipment. Everything about concept B is generic playground that is hardly an improvement from current one.	Concept A	
32	I love it.	more shade in play area.	boundaries for different ages.	The round pool.	Concept A	Sibley Park is ground wasps and limited shade and no seating for adults (maybe two benches far from kiddos). If these three things were addressed, it would go a long way. Thanks for investing in the neighborhood.
33	I prefer this wading pool arrangement - the shaded tables look great.				Concept A	Look great, would be happy for my kids to play in either one.

34	The overall layout is nice and good for parents with kids that are in different age groups	Not enough nature based play opportunities	the nature based play is great. I also like the shade in the wading pool	The play structure for ages 2-5 is more of a net based play structure so it would definitely get used by older kids. I don't like the idea of my young toddler getting jostled around by much bigger kids.	No Preference	More nature based/ free form play opportunities in both designs would be appreciated.
35	Equipment for different ages and the zipline!	Something for children with mobility issues. Honestly I rant like both plans	The storm weather treatment plan part. And spinners!	No	Concept B	Adult playground! :) I was thinking having a few exercise stations could work out, a lot of ppl. Walk around the par for exercise already.
36	I like the shape of the pool, the water features, the shade provided in the pool area. I like the distinct play areas	More shade is always appreciated.	I like zero depth pool. I like the natural play stuff.	I prefer more shade. The smaller umbrellas aren't going to be enough shade.	Concept A	
37	I like the clear path through that area. I live right on the park and walk my dogs there frequently. Having a good path through the playground is ideal	Add a 'bypass' to avoid the playground altogether.	The overall design. Seems fun and light. Almost organic. Even though the sidewalk is more integrated, there's seems to be a good delineation between play area and walk areas.	The outer sidewalk on plan A seems to integrarte with the overall park better.	No Preference	
38	Much better curves with direct walking paths and larger pool, and better seating setup and shade. Also multiple direct acces points to larger park is nice	Integrate the boulder park area and the storm water drain areas from concept b	Boulder park but, and rainwater garden areas	While pretty from the top seems tough to walk through.	Concept A	

Concept Preference	38	%
Concept A	26	68%
Concept B	7	18%
No Preference	5	13%

**TOTAL RESPONSES: 38**

<b>Ethnicity (Total)</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>%</b>
White	24	63%
I prefer not to say	2	5%
I prefer to answer a different way	2	5%
Black or African American	2	5%
Southern Asian	2	5%
Hispanic, Latinx, or Spanish	1	3%
Middle Eastern or North African	1	3%
Native American or Alaska Native	1	3%
Eastern Asian	1	3%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0%
Two Identities	0	0%
Did not respond	2	5%

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<b>Language (Total)</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>%</b>
English	26	68%
Spanish	1	3%
Did not respond	11	29%

<b>ZIP CODES</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>%</b>
55407	0	0%
55406	0	0%
Did Not Respond	14	37%

<b>Gender (Total)</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>%</b>
Female	22	58%
Male	9	24%
Non-binary	2	5%
I prefer to answer a different way	2	5%
I prefer not to say	1	3%
Did not respond	2	5%

<b>Age (Total)</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>%</b>
17 or younger	0	0%
18-20	0	0%
21-29	0	0%
30-39	0	0%
40-49	0	0%
50-59	0	0%
60 or older	0	0%
I prefer not to say	0	0%
Did not respond	11	29%

<b>Home (Total)</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>%</b>
Own	0	0%
Rent	0	0%
Prefer not to say	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Did not respond	30	79%

<b>I am... (Total)</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>%</b>
A resident of Minneapolis, A park user	33	87%
A resident of Minneapolis	3	8%
MPRB staff or elected official	1	3%
Did Not Respond	1	3%