

Public Engagement

Prior to beginning design development, the project team:

- researched the unique history of each park; and
- conducted focus group interviews with the public.

This information was used to create unique themes that reflected the history and surrounding neighborhoods. These themes were shared with residents in an on-line open house for the Month of December. During this time residents could view and vote on these themes and provide feedback on the:

- look
- Feel,
- experience of each park;
- as well as provide additional comments for consideration.

We received over XXX comments on the designs by XXX individual visitors. The design team has since taken this feedback, analyzed it, and is incorporating it into design development.

Notices for the online public house were included in the monthly Currents, on the City website, Recreation Guide, and with signage posted at each bond site.

Additionally, the design team interviewed city staff and considered current programming needs and demands in the current designs. We are also actively engaging with the PRCS/Tree board who will continue to provide feedback as we finalize designs.

While Public outreach is still an integral part of our communication plan, we have shifted from seeking input to an information sharing approach. As we continue to unveil new schematic designs, they will be made available on the City's website, and will also be scheduling public meetings with local stakeholders where there will be additional opportunities to ask questions.

The following provides information, including the schematic design with final "theme" choices for each of the initial parks "bundle" where design is well under way:

Kruckeberg Botanic Gardens

The Design team has been working closely with Kruckeberg Staff and the Kruckeberg Board of Directors to design a boardwalk that creates an accessible path from the upper to lower garden. The City conducted extensive survey, geotech, and arborist assessments to ensure that the design has a light footprint with minimal impact to the current collection. The final layout shown in this schematic design will include a 6 ft wide path with a maximum height of 12 ft. There will also be an additional accessible ramp that ties into an existing trail.

Shoreview Park

The design at Shoreview focuses on improvements to the existing dog park. This includes new fencing, paved accessible path, shade structure, shy dog area, and resurfaced parking lot with accessible parking and drop-off locations.

Ridgecrest Park

The theme that was chosen by the public for Ridgecrest Park was “Boulder Hill”. Plans will include slides built into the embankment, all-ages play area, accessible walkways, and off-leash dog area. New paths will also connect to the planned “Trail Along the Rail”.