

Project: Larimer / East Liberty Park Planning  
Regarding: Public Workshop #2 Meeting Summary  
Date: August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 6:00pm  
Location: Kingsley Center

The final park planning public workshop commenced following the CNI presentation from 6:00-7:00pm.

Emily Mitchell, Urban Redevelopment Authority, welcomed attendees to the park planning session and gave an overview of the next hour. After the meeting, the next steps will be to finalize park design in construction drawings and raise funds for construction. Emily introduced WRT and the local consultant partners: Community Solutions Group, Studio for Spatial Practice, Brean Associates, and Sci-tek. She thanked the project team for guiding the process over the past year. David Ostrich, the lead designer on the WRT consultant team, gave a presentation.

## **POST-PRESENTATION QUESTIONS**

(See attached presentation)

How will plantings in the proposed terraced bioswale be maintained so they do not get overgrown and unruly? What kind of training will people get to maintain plantings appropriately?

Emily Mitchell, URA, answered that the URA and the design team have been working closely with the City's Department of Public Works and Urban Strategies on a plan for ongoing maintenance and training.

One of the SEED criteria is job creation. How will jobs be created?

Emily Mitchell responded that because federal funds are involved in the park creation, Section 3 requirements stipulate that local residents be involved in construction. As far as job creation for ongoing maintenance, opportunities for non-City employees in Zone A will be limited because the first phase will be a public park. In future phases B and C, there will be more opportunities to engage local residents in maintenance.

Will play equipment be easily and affordably maintained or replaced?

David Ostrich, WRT, explained that the rope system that comprises most of the play area is relatively simple and constructed out of durable materials. When the materials fail, maintenance will be easy and affordable. Emily Mitchell added that the design team is still in the conceptual phase of choosing specific equipment, and the team is working closely with the City to ensure ease of maintenance.

Since there will be no ball field in Zone A, what options are there for teens until future zones are built?

Emily Mitchell responded that the team has heard residents throughout the process voice concerns about the lack of sports fields in the neighborhood. Right now, the City does not have enough contiguous land assembled to build new sports fields. The size and shape of Zone A does not leave room for sports fields, but the open lawn in the proposed design will allow for flexible activity. Emily invited attendees to share their ideas about active/teen recreation in the breakout sessions.

# STATION ACTIVITY SUMMARIES

## ZONE A



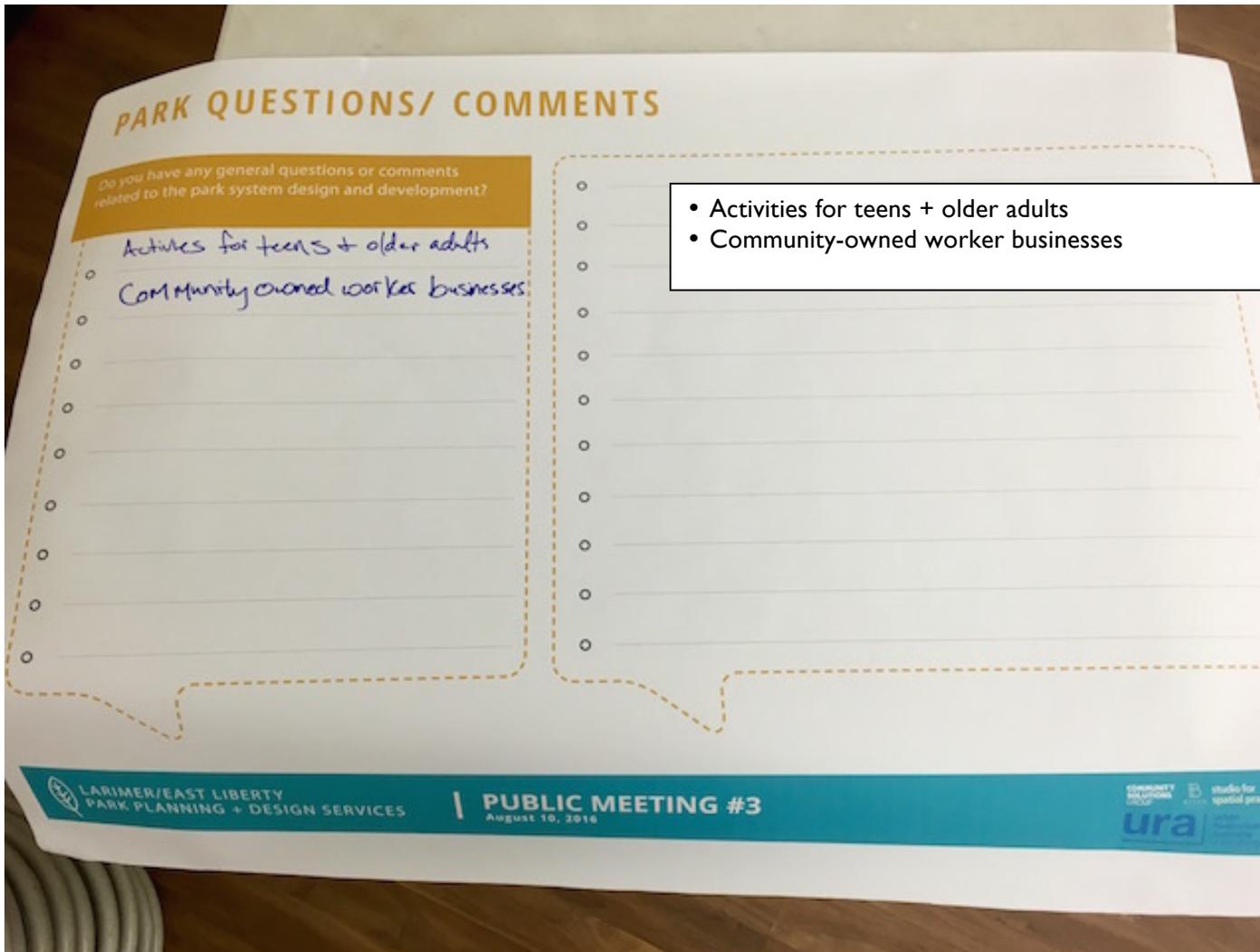
ZONE B



ZONE C



OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES



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