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PARKS FOR DOWNTOWN DALLAS
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Central to the shaping of one of Downtown Dallas’ premiere public spaces, is giving a voice to the diverse communities Pacific Plaza will serve.

On March 29th, 2016 Parks for Downtown Dallas in collaboration with SWA hosted a series of public engagement meetings, inviting dialogue and encouraging participation from all. These community-generated ideas will act as a key source of insight during the design process, and enable the proposal for Pacific Plaza to be one that reflects the uniqueness of Dallas and the passion of those to whom it matters most.
“Social Life” Remarks:
- Address all/any safety / security possibilities (? Drone surveillance perhaps?)
- Images of gathering/sitting spaces feel similar in nature – I think it would be nice to see a variety of scales in the park.
- Splash pad
- Festival space will help make the park more interactive and relevant to residents
- WiFi is a nice option not required though.
- Whatever you do, it must include consideration for pets (dogs)
- This park space would be well suited ACTION, basketball, bocce, whiffle ball court, NO ping pong please, workout stations would also be great! A kid's playground and climbing stations (covered) would be good tool
- Unless regulated this just becomes a HUGE dog park for pee and poop.
- Green areas for people and pets, bike accessible.
- Areas for families with children.
- Look hard at synthetic turf.
- Family areas.
- Yoga field, place to throw football, play scape for toddlers, elementary age, fenced at least like at Saints Park or Klyde Warren
- A place play basketball downtown, YES!
- A place to play bocce ball downtown, YES!
- Make pet area separate so droppings not on shoes
- Football goal posts for 7-12
- Football goal posts for toddlers
- Café
- Need more space to take dog’s.
- Daughter wants park with swings.
- Grass we can play on unlike Klyde Warren that closes grad, basketball court and access to recreation that is FREE, portable library.
- WiFi and outdoor seating
- Second the wifi 100% needed. Also outlets at / near seating
- Shade / escape from Dallas car and heat.
- Seating that is not already duplicated in other area parks unless necessary.
- Skateboards and dogs.
- Space for no dogs.
- For residents who run and workout area in the area. it would be great to have a workout station or basic pullup bars, etc to do calisthenic workouts.
- More space for dogs. People Downtown have dogs but few areas to take them to. Give us space.
- Ball fields, basketball courts, room to play.
- Like the idea of establishing a Downtown space that would allow employees to let off a little steam, have fun on activities that are normally reserved for evenings, weekends.
- Comfortable, vibrant, and inviting. Playable grass.
- Parking, live entertainment.
- Underground automated parking will work – connecto beowgrade to ped system.
- Baby swings.
- Quote from Jan Gehl: “Something happen because something happen because something happen. Anything that will activate the space and attract people to stay and use the space would be a great strategy.”
- What are the considerations that might lead to the parks having public-private partnerships? Parks should fundamentally be public-owned and supported.

“Icon” Remarks:
- Interactive components (lighting, sound, etc.) consider kinetic art (spurs imagination)
- It would be nice if the park had a different feel to the other downtown parks. Variety of natural environments, park setting throughout downtown.
- Green space with low lawn chairs / theater space / Shakespeare in the Park.
- Work with public city to create public art that enhances the park.
- Create something truly unique that has not been done elsewhere - no ersatz or pastiche and also ensure synchronicity and connectivity between all parks so walking them all is encouraged.
- functional as well as iconic.

“Structure” Remarks:
- No more walls
- This location would be great place for lunch, nice tables and benches with food trucks along borders. (I second this)
- Yes food trucks
- Open access
- Tagged because this is an interesting project. Not necessarily advocating walls, perse, but this screen wall creates interesting shapes, sun/shadow, etc. in its landscape (There are much richer photos of this project).
- Food truck!! No gas... Food Carts!!
- Want more ball fields in Downtown.
- Second the ball fields! Give us room to play! (Basketball court).

“Nature” Remarks:
- Shade is important to enjoying the park in summer months. Use deciduous trees to the sun comes through in the winter.
- Swings and some basketball hoops.
- Most of our DT Parks are very sunny. MISO has great open space. Would love this park to be more shady with some activities (like basketball) but with mostly shady areas for enjoyment of nature. PS Keep the trees!
- Including contour changes to the grounds (hills, slopes, bluff’s) adds interest and helps to give park users diffusing perspective from which to see the park and its surroundings. Belo Garden has a hill and that hill gets as much use as the public fountain.
- Lots of shade and wind breaks
- Trees that don’t attract birds and their droppings. Saints Park downtown is almost unusable during cold weather because of bird droppings.
- Drought-tolerant plants!
- I want space to walk and play with my dogs while a soccer game takes place. keep it simple and give us space to play.
- Escape from Dallas concrete heat / parking lots.
- Not over programmed
- Plan ahead for dogs – either no dogs or separate dog relief area
- Close Live Oak Street
- Enhance Trees in Aston Park

“Water” Remarks:
- A small pond with motorized remote control boats would be great, particularly if it is designed to support a model boat public event/competition of some kind. This feature would help make Pacific Park unique.
- Less is more
- Some sort of small water body (i.e. Discovery Green yet smaller) would be a unique element to Dallas. Humans desire contemplative space around walls.
- We have water parks downtown.....I would love to see Pioneer Plaza water feature become beautiful with water lilies and fish.
- Sound of water.
- Where will we get the water?
- Spray / splash. Fun for kids, but can be flat surface for movie nights.
- No H2O unless design feature can be maintained without stinky chlorine.
- Interactive / large water sculpture element would be great.
Sample of Comment Cards