

EVANSTON SKATE PARK PUBLIC MEETING #4 SUMMARY

April 5, 2022 | Zoom Webinar | 6:00 pm

The purpose of Public Meeting #4 was to present project information, public feedback from public meeting #3, and (2) refined concept plans for public review and input. Prior to Public Meeting #4, previous public meetings were conducted March 17, 2021; May 25, 2021; and February 22, 2022. This meeting was conducted as a Zoom Webinar. Approximately 31 people participated in the meeting.

Prior to the meeting, an announcement was distributed to the community which contained links for the Zoom Webinar and the City's dedicated project website. The announcement was distributed via the City of Evanston Skate Park website, community newsletter, emails, and social media pages. The City of Evanston Skate Park Advisory Group also distributed the announcement to their networks.





Your input matters to us. Please participate!

EVANSTON SKATE PARK

Join us in planning for Evanston's future Skate Park!

BIG THANKS to everyone who came out to the last public meeting and took our community poll! The City of Evanston is working with the community to design a new skate park at the east end of Twiggs Park. We need your help to make this park the best it can be.

Save the Date for Public Meeting #4

This meeting will review the design work completed to date, present two refined skate park concepts, and solicit your input to help make this improvement a success.

Tuesday, April 5th, 2022 6:00 – 8:00 pm Zoom Webinar Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88082605821



Visit the project website for more information:

https://www.cityofevanston.org/government/departments/public-works/evanston-skate-park



MEETING AGENDA

1. Introductions: Evanston staff, Consultant Team + Advisory Group

2. **Project Introduction:** *Project History, Goals + Timeline*

3. Community Outreach: Recap from Public Meeting #3

4. Concept Plan Presentation: Concepts C1 + C2

5. Input Activity

6. Next Steps: Q+A

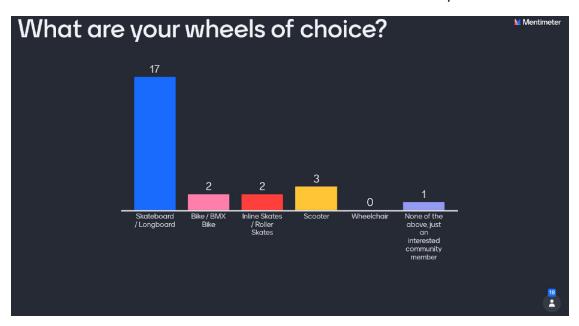
PRESENTATION

Following introductions for meeting participants and the overall project, Teska presented a recap of Skate Park efforts and activities conducted to date, followed by an overview of current and upcoming Skate Park planning activities. Teska presented Concepts C1 + C2, including site plans and 3-dimensional model views of each skate park concept. Following the presentation, Teska conducted an online workshop activity conducted via Mentimeter.



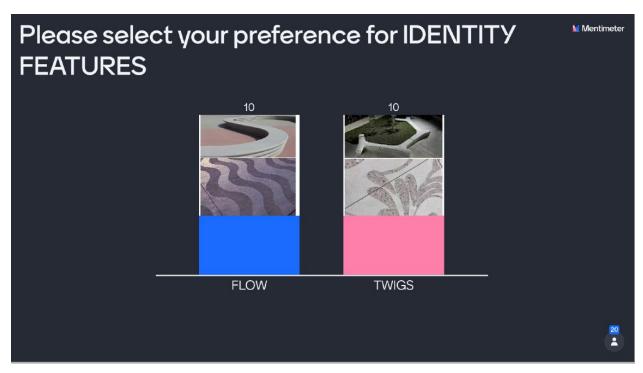
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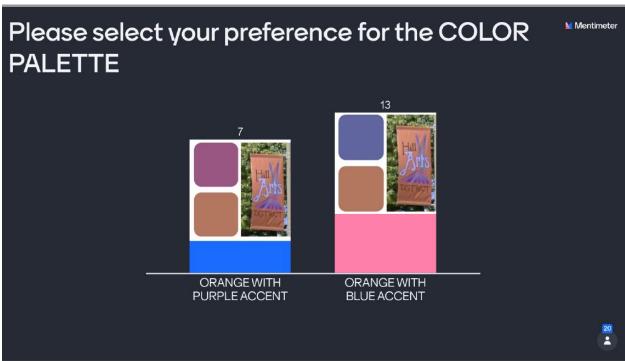
Approximately 20 people participated in the Mentimeter Workshop Activity. Key takeaways follow below and all Mentimeter results are attached to the end of this summary.



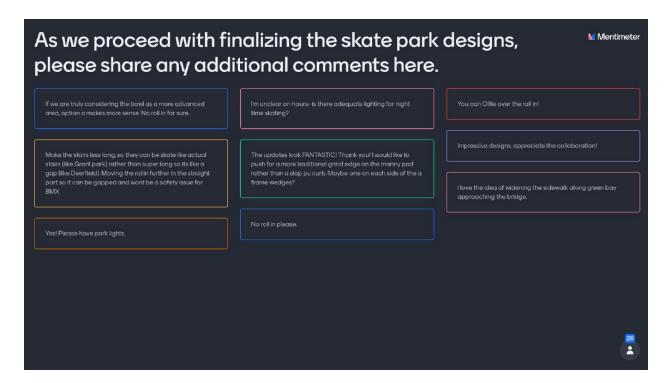












ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Additional comments provided at the Mentimeter activity are below, organized by topic:

- 1. Hours of Skate Park operation: What times of day will the skate park be open and what light levels are anticipated?
- 2. **Sidewalk along Green Bay Road:** Support to widen the existing sidewalk to better accommodate park users and people traveling between the park site and Ladd Arboretum.
- 3. **Bowl features:** No roll in features are desired and they should be removed; the vertical extension is desired and should remain; consider including a hip in the bowl.
- 4. **Stair features:** reduce the length of the stairs (it was noted that the stairs at Deerfield were too long and the stairs at Grant Park are the desired length).
- 5. **Manny Pad**: consider a more traditional grind edge instead of a slappy curb.
- 6. **Sculptural concrete feature at the north of the bowl in Concept C-1:** consider replacing with a hubba or wallride.
- 7. **Cultural identity features:** In addition to recognizing William H Twiggs, consider recognizing the local pioneering skater Carl McCall and his teammates on the Tom Thumb Skateboard Team.
- 8. Additional features requested: Wallride like Chase Plaza; more half-pipes for beginners.



WRITTEN / VERBAL Q+A

Following the workshop activity, participants entered their questions and comments into the Zoom Q+A. In addition, meeting participants were invited to speak and clarify some of their questions and comments. A list of questions / comments organized by topic follows below:

C1: Light levels. Following up on the question above regarding lighting levels in the park, it was noted that the current park is designed to have security lighting levels, but not sports lighting levels. Following the meeting, the project team is looking into what light levels would be appropriate for the skate park.

C2: Ledges. It was noted that the ledges at Deerfield are hollow and that solid ledges are preferred.

C3: Seatwalls. The shape of the seatwall on the pyramid should be more gradual so that it is more skateable. For other seatwalls throughout the site, consider a variety of wall heights and lengths to provide diversity.

C4: Staircase. Consider adding another ledge to the north side of the staircase.

C5: Bowl. Eliminate the roll-in feature (this was repeated multiple times)

C6: Slappy curb. Request for straight edged slappy curb and a 'true Californian' slightly angled/rounded slappy curb.

C7: Sculptural element at the northeast portion of Concept C-1. Could this become a more straightforward feature such as a hubba ledge, wallride or keyhole window?

C8: Skate Park Management. Will all wheeled sports enthusiasts be welcome into the park, or will there be signage that limits who can use the park? Per City of Evanston staff, the skate park will be welcoming of all users. There is no intention to keep non-skaters out of the park.

C9: Quantity of Skate Park Users. How many skaters can be accommodated in the park? At what point will the park feel 'busy'? Per Spohn Ranch, based on the current concept designs, 30 riders can use this park at one time without it feeling crowded.

C10: Carbon Cure Concrete. Can carbon cure concrete be considered at the skate park?

The project team thanked meeting participants for their feedback. All inputs will be considered in the development of the final concept plan.



The Q+A session ended at approximately 7:15pm. At that time, the project team reviewed next steps.

NEXT STEPS:

- 1. The design team will review public input with the Advisory Group.
- 2. The design team will prepare (1) Refined Concept for community input.
- 3. The next public meeting #5 will be held May 17th, 2022.
- 4. The community is invited to review the project website which contains a form for additional questions and comments. The public meeting materials, including meeting presentations, summaries, and results of community input activities will be posted to the website.



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The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:20 pm.

Encl: presentation, public meeting workshop results





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INTRODUCTIONS

CITY OF EVANSTON TEAM



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CONSULTANT TEAM





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Landscape Architect



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Skate Park Designer



Adam Eichorn
Skate Park Designer





INTRODUCTIONS

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Nyles Eason	Matthew Snow
Yasmin Fatah	Gabe Weiss
Alex Felts	Jake Wiens





PROJECT INTRODUCTION				
COMPLETED ACTIVITIES	2021	January	City Council Meeting (01/19/21)	
		March	Public Meeting #1 (03/17/21) Public Survey (1,056 responses)	
		May	Public Meeting #2 (05/25/21) Site selection at Twiggs Park finalized	
		August	Application for OSLAD grant funding	
COI		October	Consultant Team Selected for Design	
5	2022	January - February	Public Engagement + (3) Initial Concepts	
Z		March – April	Public Engagement + (2) Refined Concepts	
UPCOMING		April – May	Public Engagement + (1) Final Concept	
_		May – September	Construction Document Preparation	
		September (2022) – February (2023)	Bidding + Negotiations	
CURRENT 4	2023	March – November	Anticipated Construction Period	
CUI	2024	September	Warranty Review	

PROJECT INTRODUCTION | MEETING SCHEDULE

CONCEPT PHASE	2022 ADVISORY MEETINGS	2022 PUBLIC MEETINGS
INITIAL CONCEPTS	01/11/2022	
	02/01/2022	
		02/22/2022
REFINED CONCEPTS	03/15/2022	
		04/05/2022
FINAL CONCEPT	04/26/2022	
		05/17/2022
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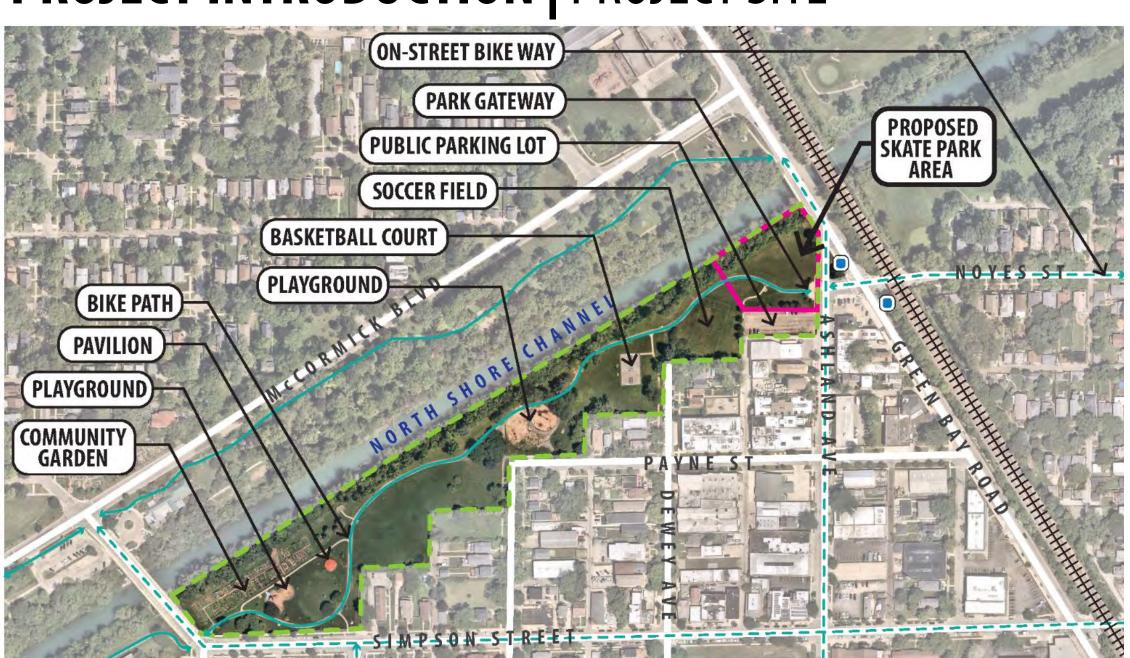




PROJECT INTRODUCTION | GOALS

- 1. Construct an in-ground, custom concrete skate park at the eastern end of Twiggs Park.
- 2. Accommodate additional park features as determined through the engagement process. (Such as a shade structure, site furnishings, lighting, portable toilets, drinking fountain, drainage system, pathways, signage, and landscaping).
- 3. Modify existing park features as required to accommodate the skate park design.
- 4. Address the adjacent eroded and unstable embankment to the North Shore Channel.
- 5. Plan for a future restroom facility.

PROJECT INTRODUCTION | PROJECT SITE

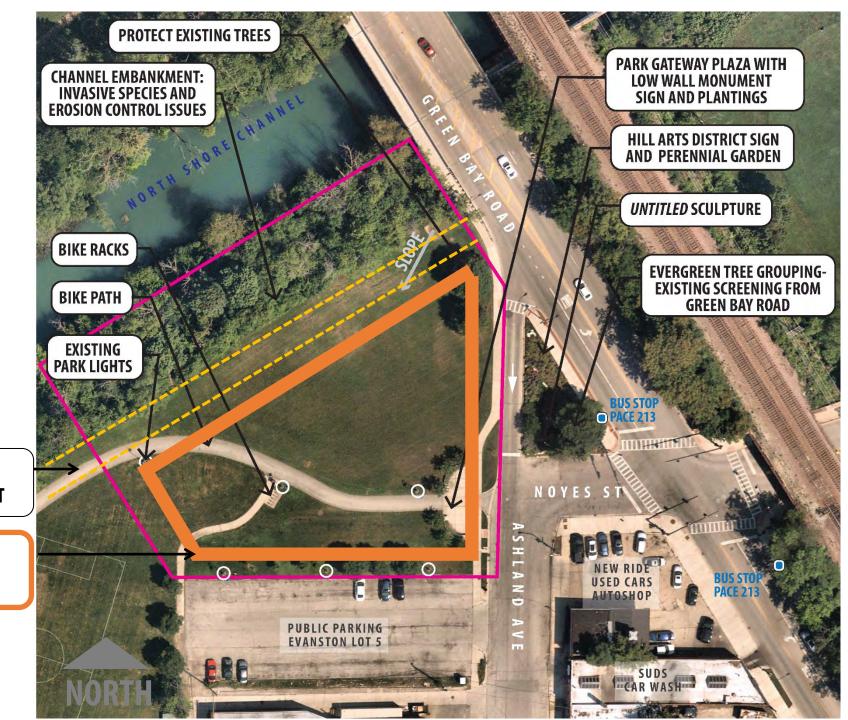




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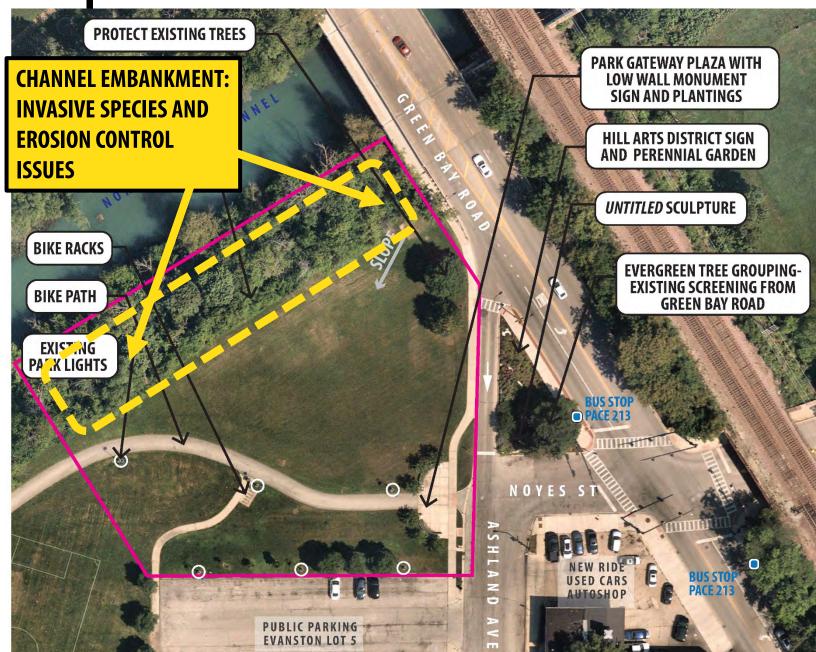
NORTHWEST WATER COMMISSION EASEMENT

PROJECT AREA +/- 25,000 sf



CONCEPT PRESENTATION | EMBANKMENT STABILIZATION







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COMMUNITY OUTREACH | ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED TO DATE

COMMUNITY POLL

• **Poll opened:** January 27th, 2022

• **Poll closed:** February 15th, 2022

• **Participants:** 638 voices

• **Distribution:** City Newsletter / Social media

PUBLIC MEETING #3

• **Date:** February 22nd, 2022

• **Participants:** 48 voices

• **Distribution:** City Newsletter / Social media





In a sentence or two, tell us what you like (or don't like) about CONCEPT A Mentimeter

- 1. Bike Path. Dislike bike path location
- **2. Entrances.** Like two entrances and access from the parking lot.
- 3. Flow. Mixed reviews about optimal vs less optimal flow.
- **4. Beginner Space.** Need for more defined beginner space.

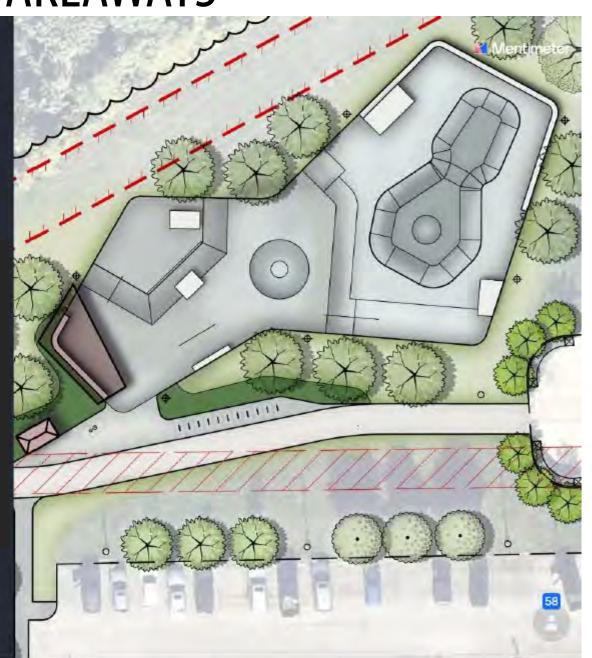


In a sentence or two, tell us what you like (or don't like) about CONCEPT B Mentimeter

- 1. Separation of beginner / advanced spaces. Generally disliked because it is inefficient, limits flow, removes the sense of community desired in the park.
- 2. Bike path / skate park entrances.
 Concerns about conflicts between bikers and skaters
- 3. Beginner 'Noping' Bowl. Mixed reviews for and against the Noping Bowl.

In a sentence or two, tell us what you like (or don't like) about CONCEPT C

- 1. Preferred Concept. Concept C preferred over other concepts.
- 2. Beginner Area. Incorporate a beginner area into this concept.
- **3. Shade Structure.** Consider relocating the shade structure to the south to provide more skate features at the west.



What SHADE STRUCTURE is most appealing

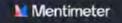
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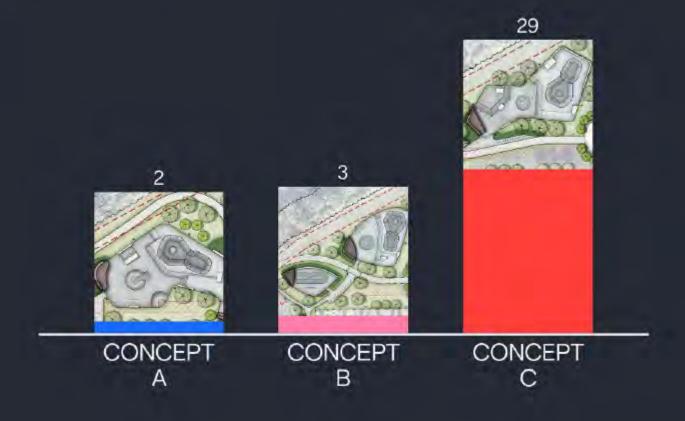




Mentimeter

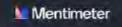
Please select your preferred SKATE PARK CONCEPT







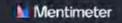
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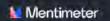
Please rank the INTERMEDIATE / ADVANCED SKATE PARK FEATURES that are most appealing to you. (highest preferences at the top)







Are there any other features that you would like to see included in the SKATE PARK?



SKATE FEATURES

- a. Pyramid
- b. Small Quarter Pipe (2 feet tall)
- c. Bank to Ledge / Drop Ledge
- d. Euro Gap
- e. Snake Run / Pump Track
- f. 6 Stair
- g. Abstract obstacles
- h. Bump Ramp
- i. 3-foot ledge to Acid Drop Off
- j. A Wall Ride (like Chase Plaza in Chicago)
- k. Beginner features located central to skate park (like Deerfield)

PARK FEATURES

- a. Environmentally friendly features, such as native flowers and a solar shade structure
- b. Mural wall and support for local artists
- c. Water fountain / bottle filler

Bowls, Banks + Copings







MEDIUM + SHALLOW BOWLS PREFERRED

- Steel copings
- Variety within the bowl

Ledges + Rails





LEDGES

- Low and wide
- Grind ledge
- Manual 'Manny' Pad

RAILS

- Solid flat grind rail
- Slappy curb
- Variety of rail shapes useful for skaters and BMX bikers

Steps + Ramps





STEPS + RAMPS

- Straight (not curved)
- Include street style features
- Provide safe spaces for spectators and for rest



Wedges + Ramps





WEDGES + RAMPS

- A-Frames are desired
- Accommodate beginner skaters who may not be able to navigate cutouts

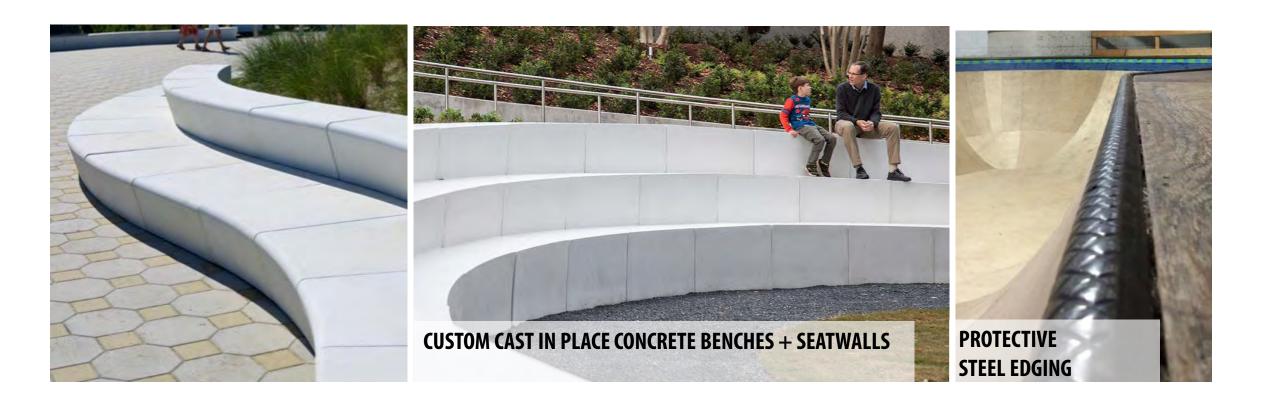
CONCEPT PRESENTATION | SOLAR SHADE STRUCTURE OPTION





LUMOS SOLAR – SHADE STRUCTURE

CONCEPT PRESENTATION | FURNISHINGS



CONCEPT PRESENTATION | FURNISHINGS, EVANSTON STANDARD







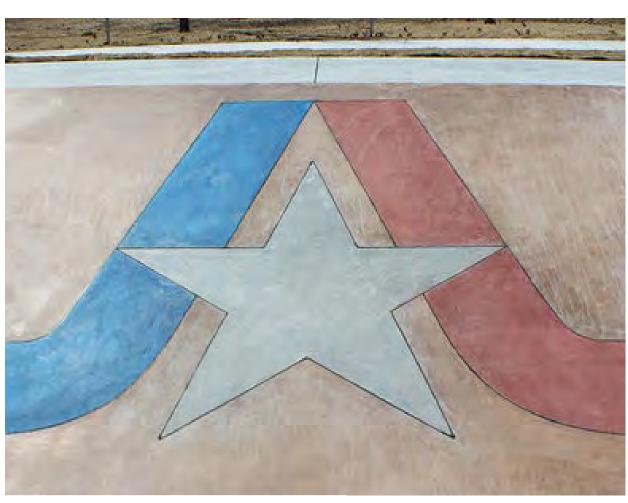


GLOBAL INDUSTRIES

CONCEPT PRESENTATION | COLOR + CHARACTER



FUTURE MURALS AT NON-SKATING SURFACES



INTEGRATED CONCRETE COLOR

CONCEPT PRESENTATION | COLOR + CHARACTER





RECOMMENDED COLOR PALETTE 5TH WARD IDENTITY FEATURES

CONCEPT PRESENTATION | THEMATIC IDENTITY

CONCEPT 1: FLOW

The flow of the skatepark and Evanston as a lakefront community

SEATWALLS



ETCHED CONCRETE



CONCEPT 2: TWIGS

Twiggs Park name and the park's natural environment





CONCEPT PRESENTATION | CULTURAL IDENTITY

William H Twiggs is the namesake for Twiggs Park

- Moved to Evanston in 1884 at the age of 17
- Attended Garrett Biblical Seminary
- A local barber and printer. Edited the <u>Afro-American Budget</u>,
 circulated nationwide, and other periodicals
- A supporter of Evanston's African American community
- Served the City of Evanston as the City Sealer and Permit Clerk
- Active member and Sunday School Superintendent at Ebenezer
 A.M.E. Church

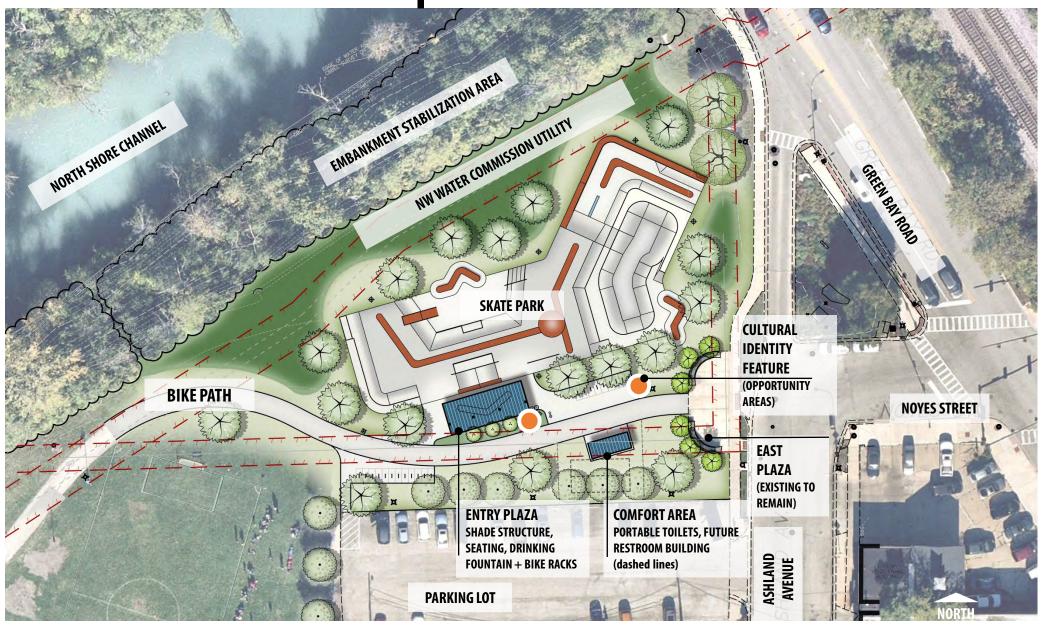


Martha and William Twiggs with children Wilbur, Agnes and Kathryn c1900

Image credit: Shorefront Journal, Dino Robinson



REFINED CONCEPT C1 | SITE LAYOUT



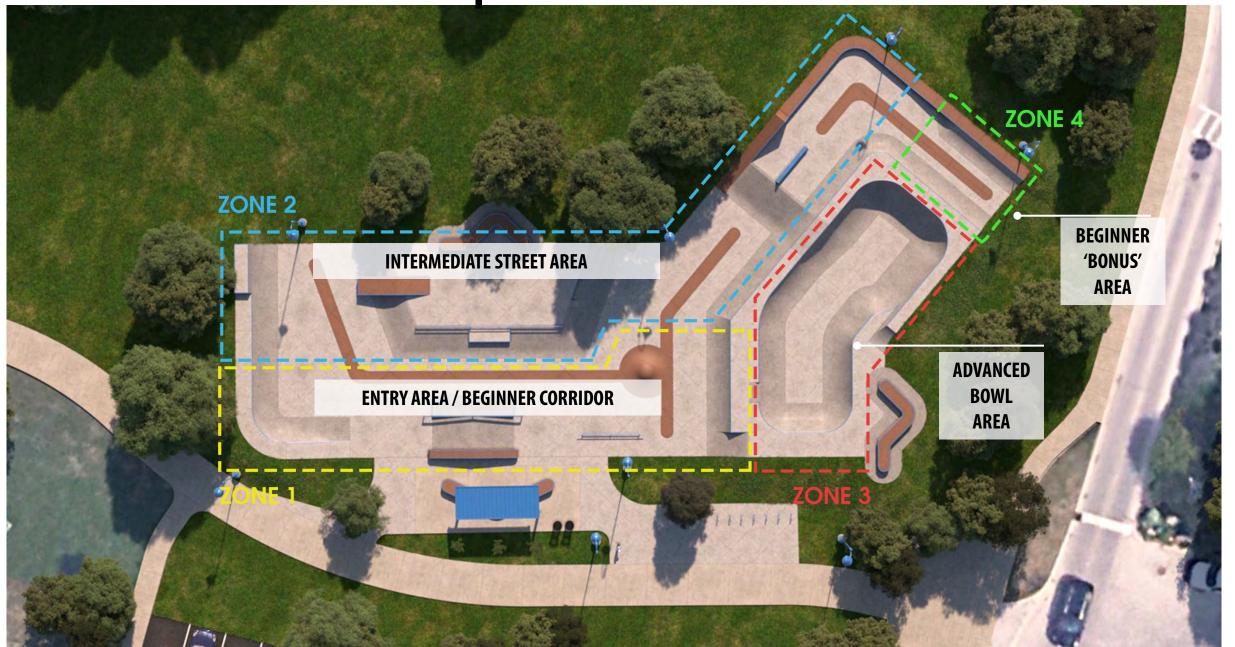
SKATE PARK | PROGRAM

- 10,000 square feet
- Not just a rectangle
- 50/50 Street / Transition
- Beginner-focused zone
- Primarily above grade

Key elements:

- Bowl
- Pyramid hips
- A-Frame
- Stairs
- Flat Grind Rail
- Slappy Curb
- Spectator Seating

REFINED CONCEPT C1 | ZONE DIAGRAM



REFINED CONCEPT C1 | SKATE PARK FEATURES





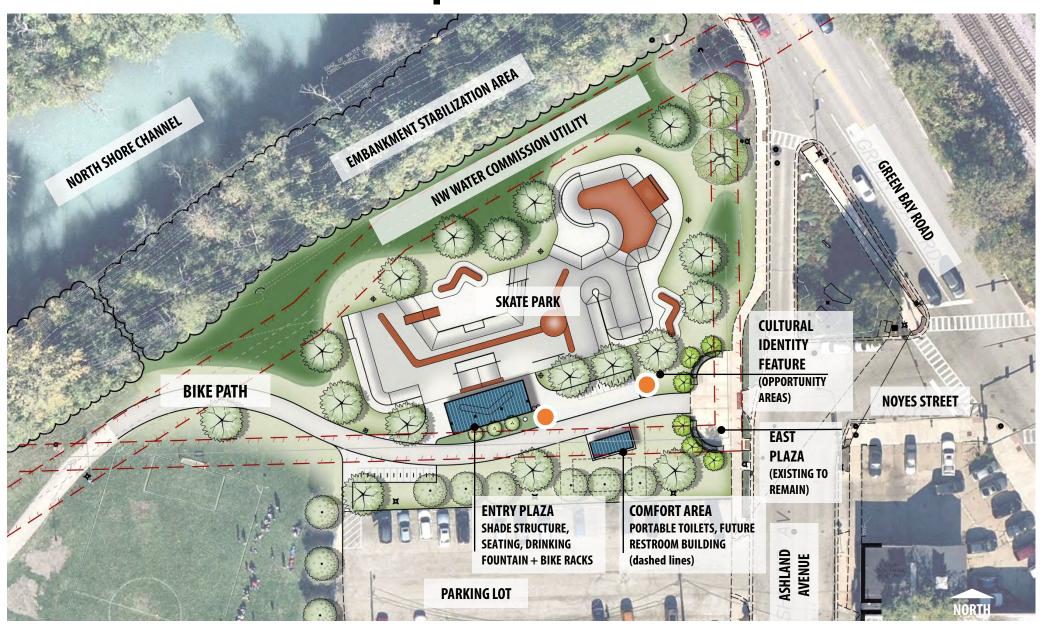


CONCEPT C1 VIEWS





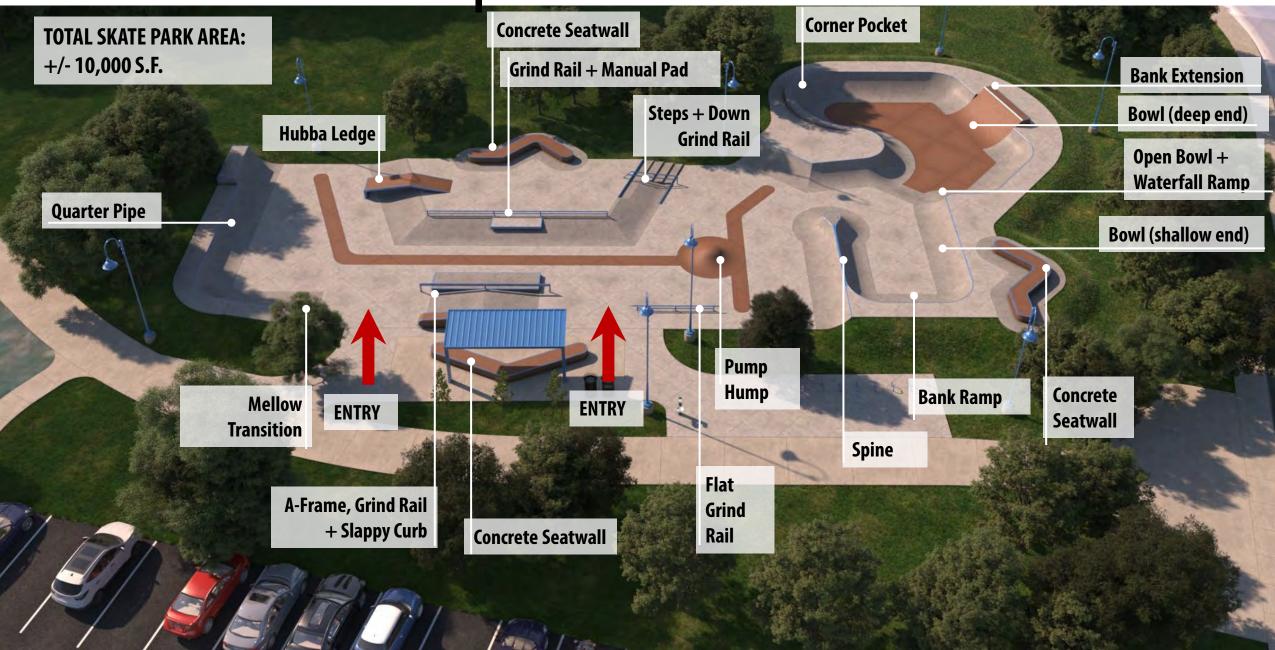
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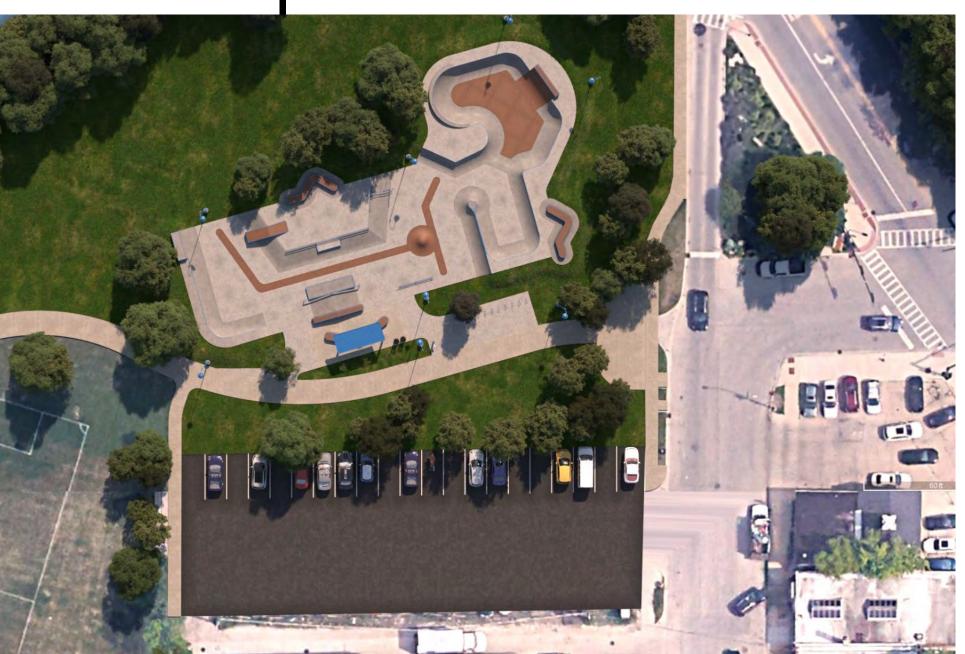


REFINED CONCEPT C2 | ZONE DIAGRAM



REFINED CONCEPT C2 | SKATE PARK FEATURES











INPUT ACTIVITY | REFINED CONCEPT REVIEW + SELECTIONS

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NEXT STEPS | Q+A

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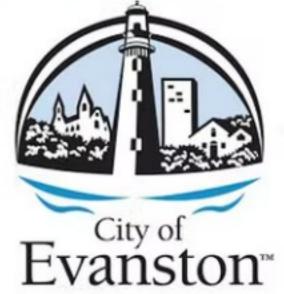
- Design Team Reviews Input with Advisory Group +
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- Stay Tuned to the Project Website for Updates and to email your questions and comments!



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Please enter your questions + comments into the Zoom Q+A





EVANSTON SKATE PARK

PUBLIC MEETING #4

April 5, 2022 | Public Input Activity



Virtual Sign In Sheet - please add your name

Patrick Steve Jim Haberl

Pamela Bailey Jordan Fischer Nate

Gabe mattsnow Michael Hoff



Virtual Sign In Sheet - please add your name

Hank & Gus

Eric

Ofc. McCray

Damon wilson

Danny Wagstaff

Aria

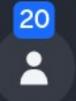
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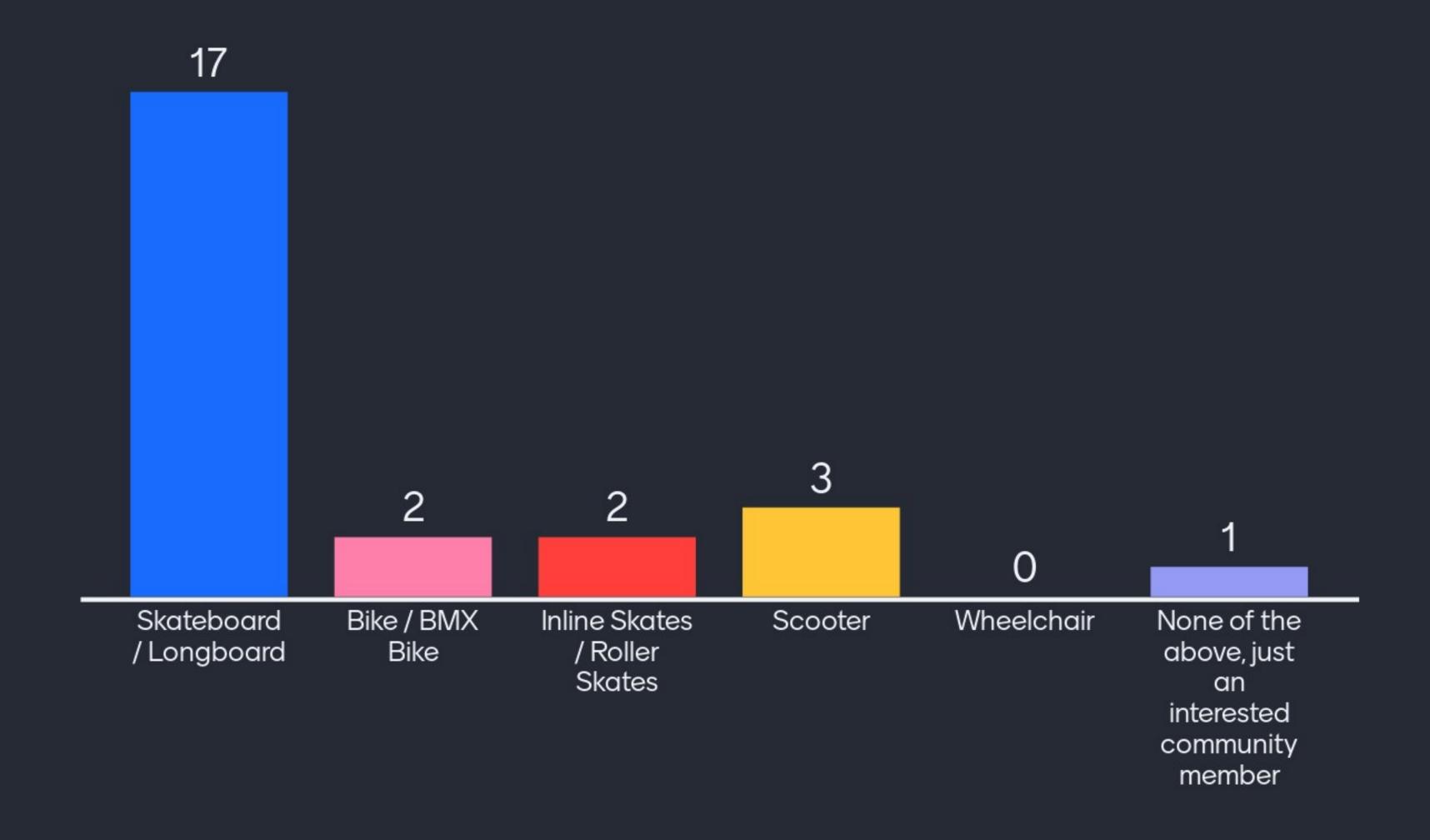
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What are your wheels of choice?

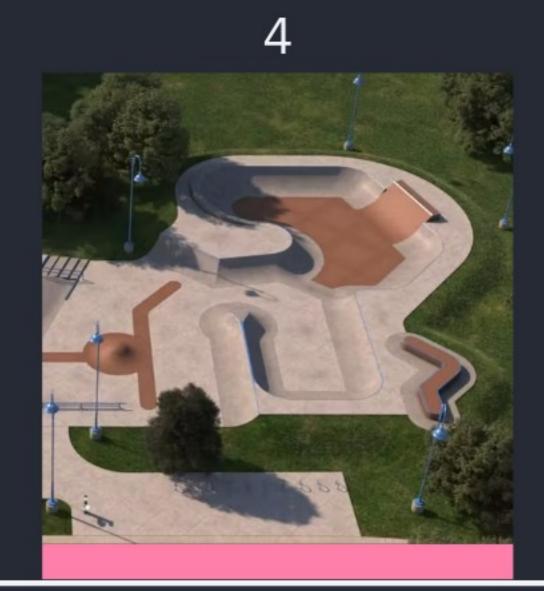




Please select your preferred BOWL CONCEPT

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C1: closed bowl with shallow bonus area at north



C2: open bowl with shallow bowl at south



Please select your preference for IDENTITY FEATURES





Please select your preference for the COLOR PALETTE





As we proceed with finalizing the skate park designs, please share any additional comments here.



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If we are truly considering the bowl as a more advanced area, option a makes more sense. No roll in for sure.

I'm unclear on hours- is there adequate lighting for night time skating?

You can Olllie over the roll in!

Make the stairs less long, so they can be skate like actual stairs (like Grant park) rather than super long so its like a gap (like Deerfield). Moving the rollin further in the straight part so it can be gapped and wont be a safety issue for BMX

The updates look FANTASTIC! Thank you! I would like to push for a more traditional grind edge on the manny pad rather than a slap pu curb. Maybe one on each side of the a frame wedges?

Impressive designs, appreciate the collaboration!

Yes! Please have park lights.

No roll in please.

I love the idea of widening the sidewalk along green bay approaching the bridge.



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I didn't see in the model but maybe off to the side a mini ramp?

It would be great to ride it well into the night.

Flow of the park (C1) looks good to me!

The weird thing sticking straight up next to the bank at the north doesn't seem like it would be used much and to me does seem to be somewhat of a waste. I think it would be much better to have a hubba or a wallride there (like chase plaza)

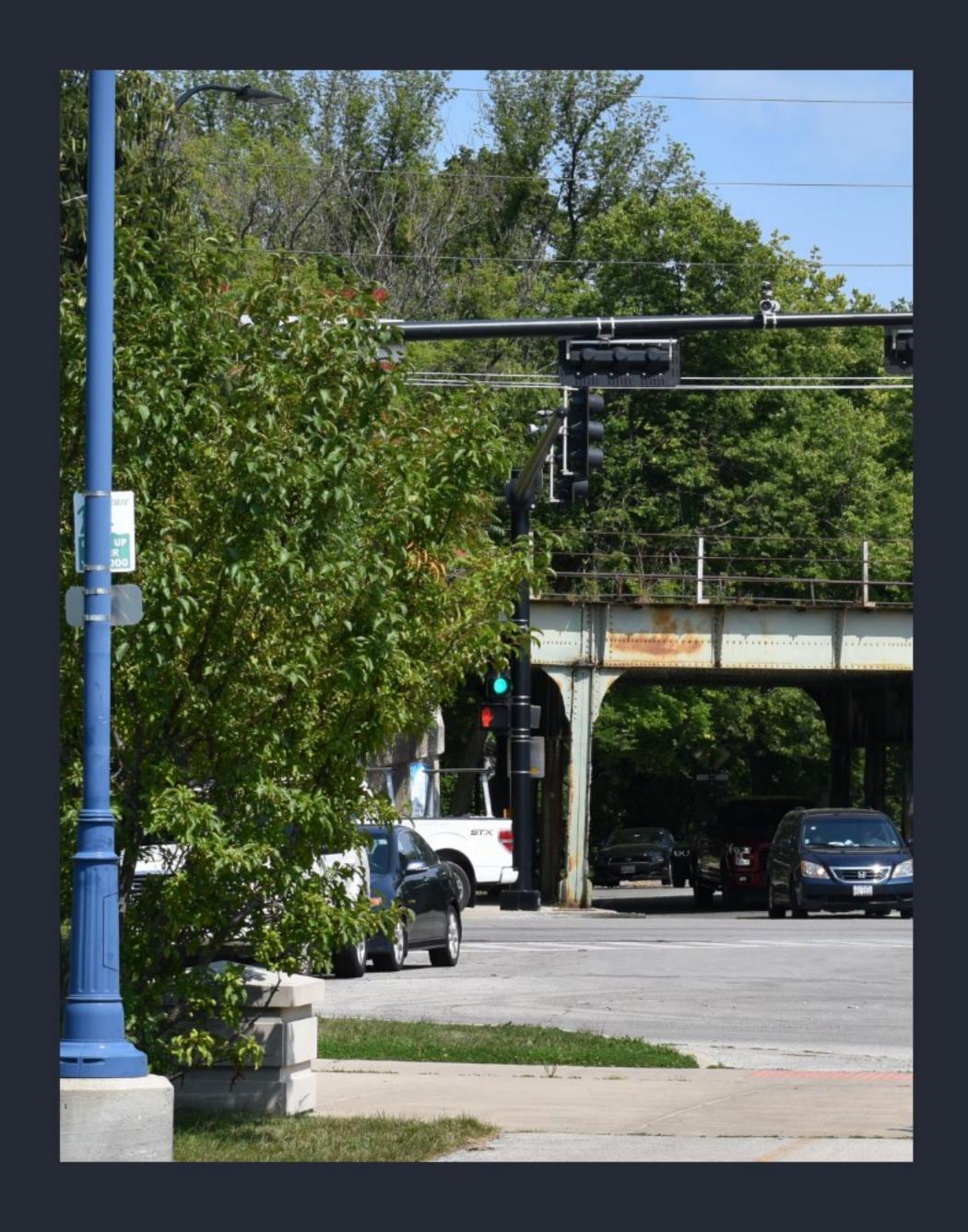
A wallride like chase plaza next to the right side of the bank at the north ratehr than the continued transition/bank

Consider signage to pay resoect to original Evanston sk8 team Carl McCalla and the Tom Thumb Skateboard Team. We have pics of Carl riding a bowl in 1979 for example. See Nate Kipnis for more info.

Consider signage that pays respect to not just Twiggs but our pioneering original skater Carl McCall and his teammates on the Tom Thumb Skateboard team. We hace vintage pictures available, including Carl riding a bowl in 1979. See Nate Kipnis.

more half pipes for beginers





THANK YOU! Q+A is up next | please return to the zoom window and enter your questions into the Zoom Q+A

