

Buckley Park Master Plan – Public Feedback, Criteria & Design Response			
Four recurring feedback themes showing how specific public comments informed project criteria and the design response.			
Feedback Theme	Specific Comments from Feedback	Criterion	Design Response
Trees & Park Character	• Keep Buckley Park's grass, trees, views, openness and informal character. • Some respondents said the park should be left as-is because it has worked well for decades. • Repeated requests to protect the hillside for sledding and winter recreation. • “DONT CHANGE THE HILLSIDE. Local Families use it in the winter for safe sledding.” • Concern that the large evergreen/Christmas tree could be removed or damaged by construction. • Concern that improvements should not overbuild the park or compromise its everyday, informal use. • Interest in seating, including terraced seating, but with sensitivity to the park's character. • Concern about what trees may be removed for improvements. • "Leave the Park Alone."	Protect the park's open, informal character and existing trees and lawn. Minimize the physical and visual impacts of new infrastructure.	The concept preserves the open, informal character of Buckley Park and protects significant existing trees, particularly the large evergreen historically lit for the holidays. Improvements are integrated into the landscape to minimize visual and physical impacts at the park's primary gateway. The design maintains a primary sledding area while incorporating seating and planting to support year-round use and help stabilize the hillside and reduce erosion. New trees will be planted as a succession process as the older trees reach the end of their life. Reasons to improve the park include: - heavily used, struggling lawn - costly irrigation, old trees - lack of utilities for event (electrical, water...etc) - failing reinforced surface - poor ADA access - extensive event set-up
Accessibility & Circulation	• Support accessibility improvements, with concern about excessive pathways and hardscape. •Less pathways across the park is better •Concern that bikes, pedestrians and temporary event facilities can create congestion and visual clutter near 12th and Main. •Suggestion to relocate bike racks while keeping them convenient for cyclists.	Provide convenient, accessible connections while minimizing unnecessary new pathways and hardscape.	Circulation uses existing grades to provide an accessible route from Main Avenue to the key park amenities while minimizing new pathways and hardscape. Coordinates pedestrian, bicycle and event circulation to reduce congestion and visual clutter and maintains a functional, welcoming park for both everyday use and events.
Restroom Location	• Permanent restroom is a recurring request, but location is important. • Concern that restrooms remain at 12th & Main despite earlier public pushback. • Concern that a restroom at 12th & Main would damage the main gateway and look bad at a key visual entrance. • Suggestions included 13th Street, farther up 12th, or a mid-block location combined with the bus stop, bike racks or ticket kiosk. • Some suggested using the Police Department lobby instead. • Concerns included safety, cleanliness, gateway visibility, the children's rock play area, and the large evergreen. • Some residents felt the City had not listened to their concerns about restroom placement. • Desire for restrooms to be visually subtle.	Provide a convenient, appropriately located permanent restroom that serves Buckley Park and the surrounding downtown area while considering safety, accessibility, visibility, existing trees, utilities and relationships to nearby facilities and users.	The proposed location was evaluated for safety, visibility, accessibility, utilities, tree preservation, relationship to downtown, proximity to existing facilities and compatibility with surrounding uses. The location provides convenient access to Buckley Park and downtown while allowing the large evergreen to remain. The design minimizes the building's visual presence and protects the tree and adjacent park uses. Existing restroom facilities at the Welcome Center/8th Avenue, Transit Center, Rotary Park and Smiley Building are not immediately convenient to Buckley Park. The location also provides visibility from active public areas, supporting safety and passive oversight. Portable toilets can supplement restroom capacity at the northeast corner during major events.
Event Needs	• If there is a way of utilizing the hill for terraced seating and a stage... • Interest in terraced seating, event infrastructure, accessibility, restrooms, trees and landscape improvements—but not all elements can be accommodated at full scale. • Interest in better event functionality, including stage rigging and rear loading access.	Improve event functionality while maintaining the park's everyday use and character.	Concept provides flexible event infrastructure, including improved utilities and back-of-house access, while allowing the park to function as a daily park amenity. Integrated seating provides opportunities to support both events and everyday use. Event infrastructure can be implemented in phases as funding allows.