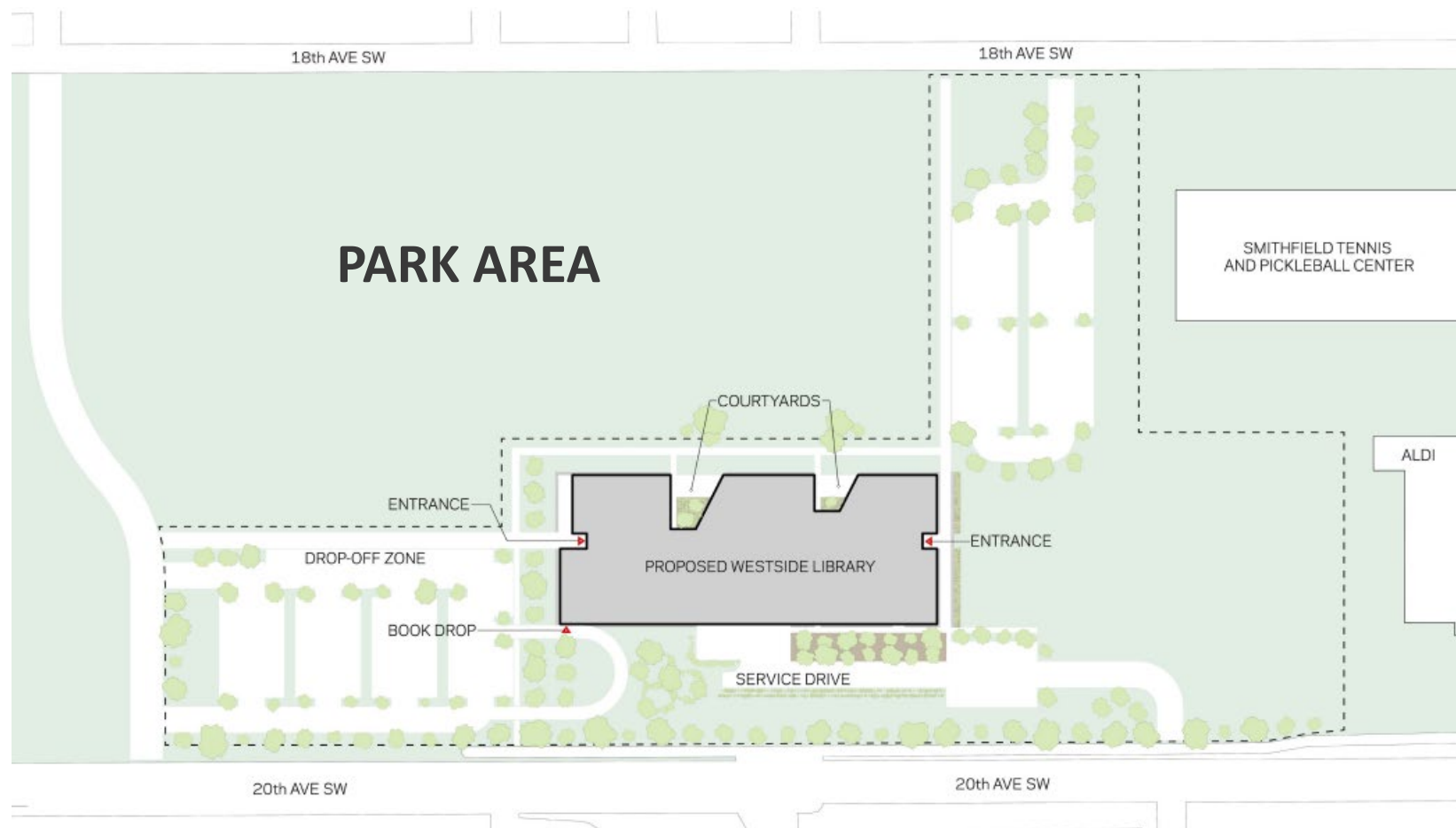




Development Committee Westside Library Park

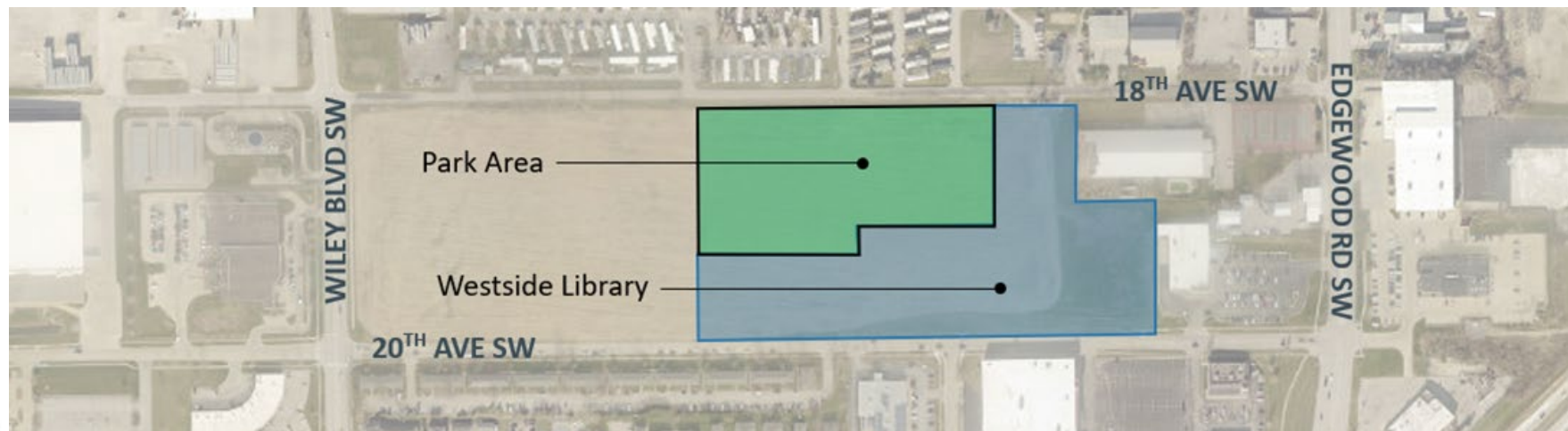
Background

- Land purchased by Library in 2022 for permanent westside library location
- “A park in a library and a library in a park” vision
- Concept planning for park component
 - Approximately 6 acres



Background

- Joint project between Parks and Recreation, Community Development, and Library
- City awarded contract to Genus Landscape Architects
 - Subcontractor with OPN on Library portion of project



Previous Planning Efforts

- Known desire for additional park space and amenities such as a **water feature, dog park, community garden, walking trails, and space for youth activities**
 - Westdale Area Action Plan
 - Community Gardens in Parks Plan



Community Engagement

- Community Events
 - Back to School Bash
 - Backpack Giveaway (Westdale Neighborhood Association)
 - Festival Latino
 - AsianFest
 - County Fair at Old MacDonalds Farm
 - Beers in the Barnyard Event
 - City Open House
- Neighborhood Association meetings
- Hames Homes Food Pantry
- Online Survey
- Open Houses



Amenity Preferences

Back to School Events

1. Water feature
2. Sport fields/courts
3. Hangout/reading spot
4. Ice rink
5. Dog park

County Fair

- Open space
- Monkey Bars
- Ninja warrior course
- Trail to get to library
- Splash pad
- Dog park
- Rock wall



Survey

- Focused on understanding **preferred precedents** and **desired character** for various park features/amenities
- Open September 21 to October 12
- Promoted through:
 - City communication channels and facilities
 - Neighborhood Associations
 - Other community organizations / events
- **254 total responses**

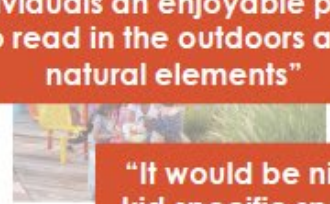


Survey Results

Reading Rooms



"It should be comfortable but allow multiple groups and individuals an enjoyable place to read in the outdoors and natural elements"



"It would be nice to have kid specific spaces...then other areas for adults"

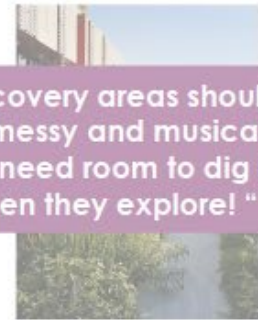


Discovery Garden



"Places to explore and accessible for all"

"Discovery areas should be messy and musical! Kids need room to dig in when they explore!"



Nature + Art



"Use nature as art"

"I like the idea of art sculptures that would encourage kids to explore in nature"



Survey Results

Community Garden

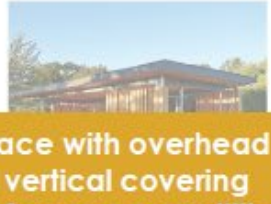


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"Accessibility and learning are key"



Park Shelter



"A space with overhead and vertical covering allows for more versatility, bathrooms are a must, and a "prep or kitchen" area would be so useful for parties"



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Sports Courts



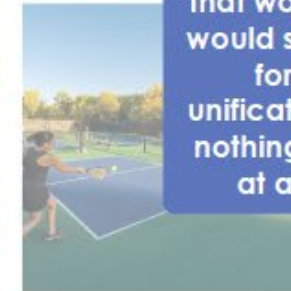
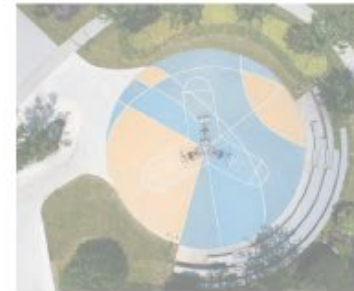
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"Be mindful of sounds of bouncing basketballs, etc."



"Soccer "courts" are a fantastic idea. There are a lot of immigrant populations in the area that would love this and it would serve as a platform for multi-cultural unification! Also, we have nothing like this currently at any other park."



Survey Results

Playground



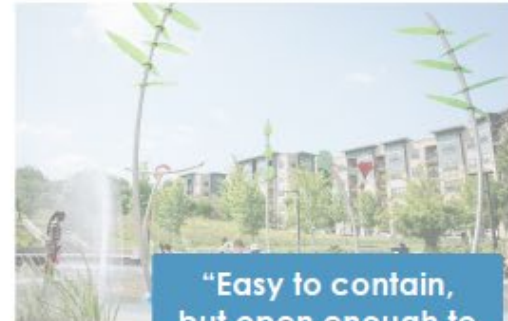
"I think having a playground that is more organic in style would be very unique...it would a great opportunity to do something different."



"Playgrounds that are inclusive are the most important"



Water Play



"Easy to contain, but open enough to get more capacity"



"A natural-looking water feature would be so cool!"



General Feedback

- Accessible (all ages and abilities)
- Natural design, shade / trees
- Appreciation, excitement

- Concerns
 - Vandalism, homelessness, cost, maintenance

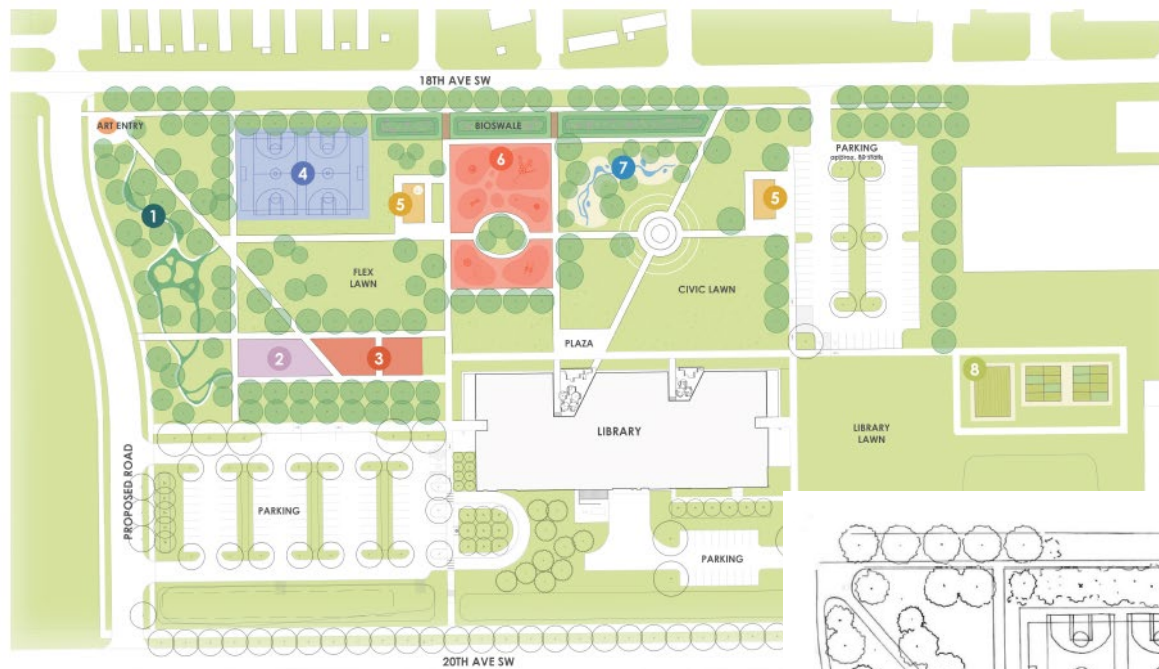


Important Considerations

- Support culturally relevant and responsive programming
- Promote learning, exploration, and discovery for all
- Provide flexible, multi-functional spaces
- Leave room for nature

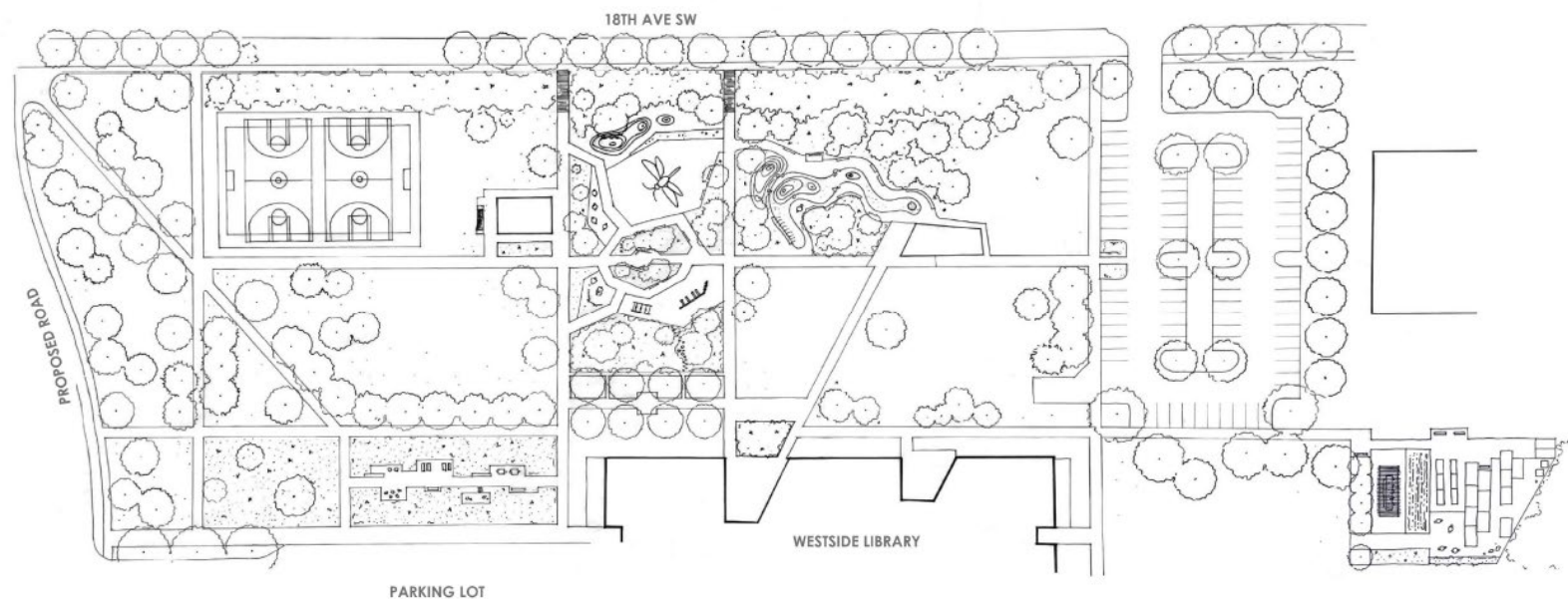


Concept Plan Iterations



Plan Legend

- 1 Nature + Art
- 2 Discovery Garden
- 3 Reading Room
- 4 Multi-Use Sports Courts
- 5 Park Shelter
- 6 Playground
- 7 Water Play
- 8 Community Garden



Final Concept Plan



Perspective Rendering

Aerial view of Park looking Northeast.



Perspective Renderings

View into Park from the children's area of the Library looking North.



View of natural water play feature looking West.



View of multi-use sport courts and flex lawn looking East.



Project Timeline

- Community Engagement August to October 2023
- Draft Park Plan Developed November 2023
- Final Park Plan Open House November 2023
- Final Park Plan Presentation
 - Development Committee December 2023
 - City Council Spring 2024

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