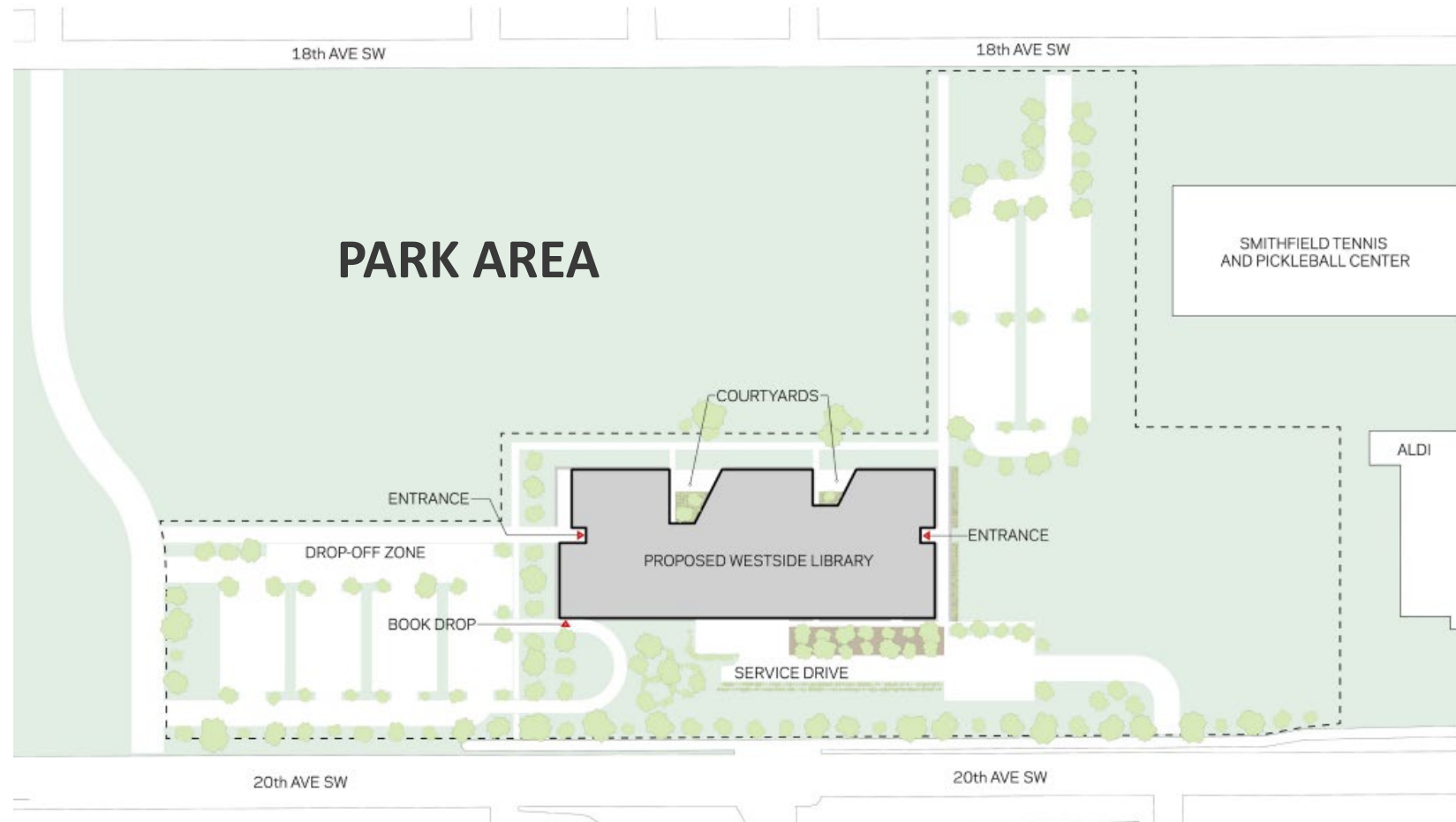




# Development Committee Westside Library Park

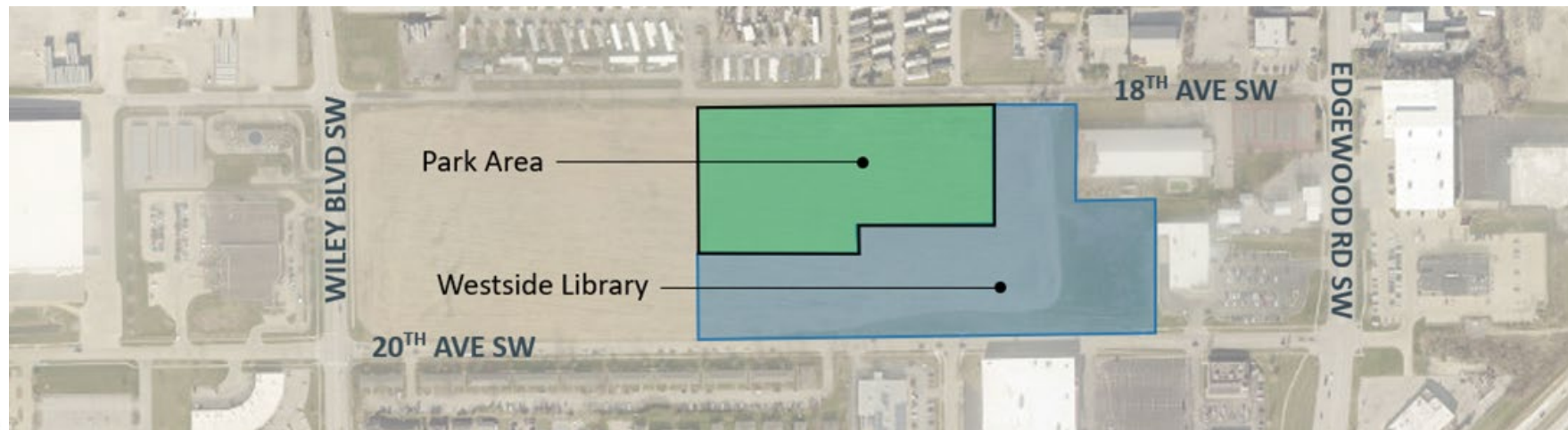
# Background

- 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



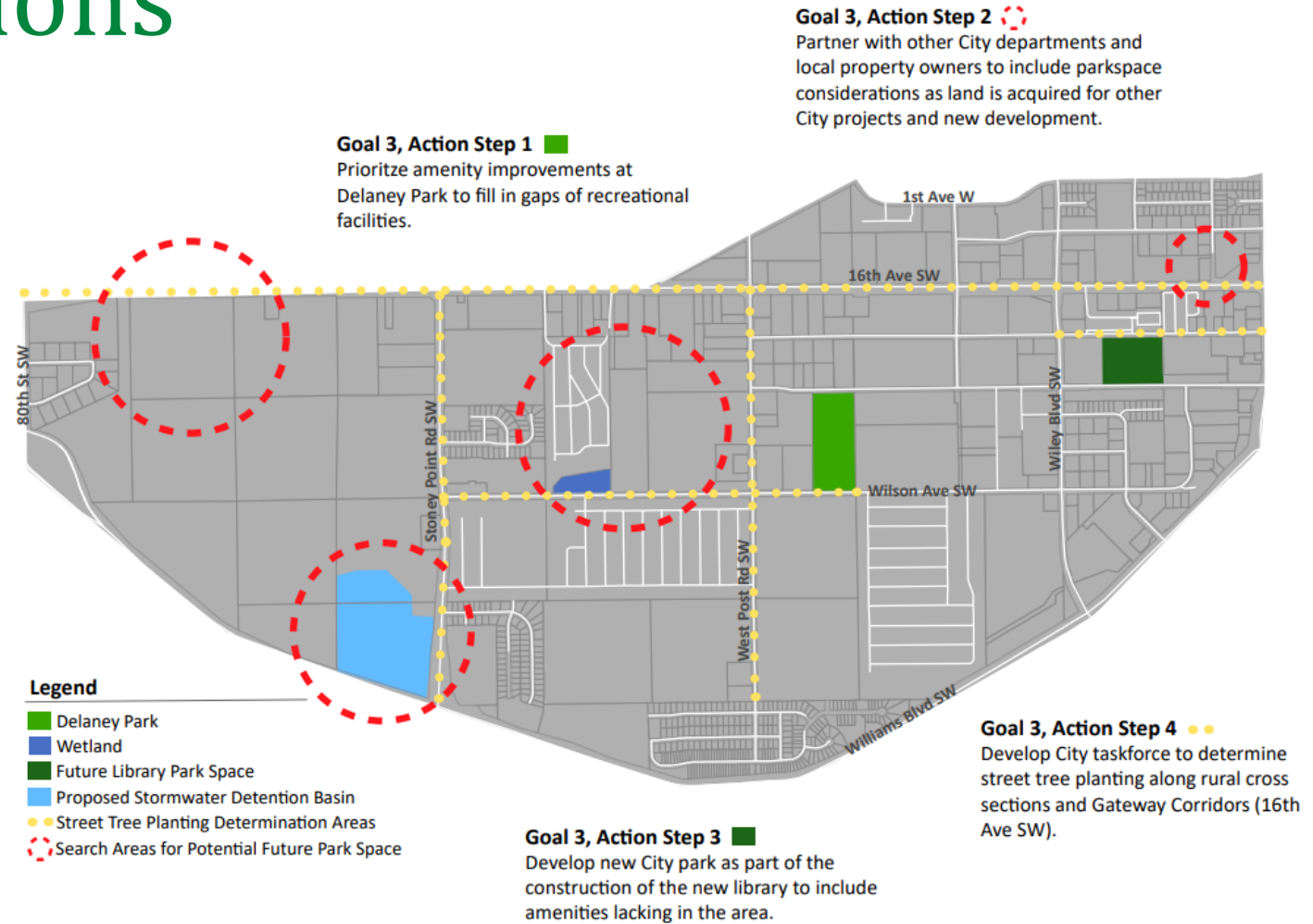
# Background

- 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



# Design Considerations

- 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



# Completed Community Engagement

- Back to School Events
  - City of Cedar Rapids Back to School Event at Cherry Hill (Aug. 4)
  - Westdale Neighborhood Association Backpack Giveaway at Delaney Park (Aug. 5)
- Festival Latino (Sept. 16)
- AsianFest (Sept. 23)
- City of Cedar Rapids County Fair at Old MacDonalds Farm (Sept. 23)



# Back to School Events

- Amenity preference voting and park drawings
- Very well attended
  - Majority youth (elementary/middle school)
  - Majority people of color



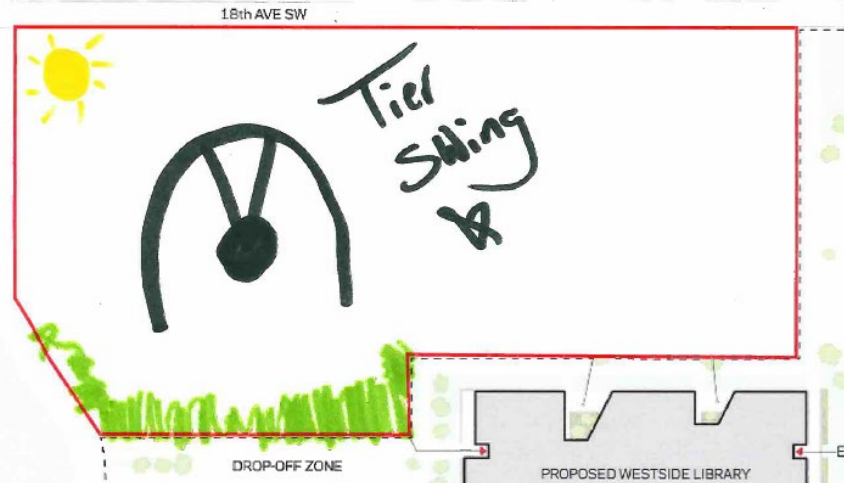
# Results

Amenity	Back to School Bash (Cherry Hill Park)		Backpack Giveaway (Delaney Park)		Totals	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
1. Water Feature	129	20%	417	33%	546	29%
2. Sport Fields/Courts	86	14%	152	12%	238	13%
3. Hangout/Reading Spot	78	12%	125	10%	203	11%
4. Ice Rink	72	11%	96	8%	168	9%
5. Dog Park	52	8%	104	8%	156	8%
6. Traffic Garden	40	6%	104	8%	144	8%
7. Fit Lot	40	6%	75	6%	115	6%
8. Skate Park/Pump Track	45	7%	55	4%	100	5%
9. Public Art	39	6%	50	4%	89	5%
10. Native/Natural Areas	25	4%	47	4%	72	4%
11. Community Garden	17	3%	22	2%	39	2%
12. Outdoor Classroom/Event Space	12	2%	9	1%	21	1%
Totals	635		1,256		1,891	
# of People	212		418		630	

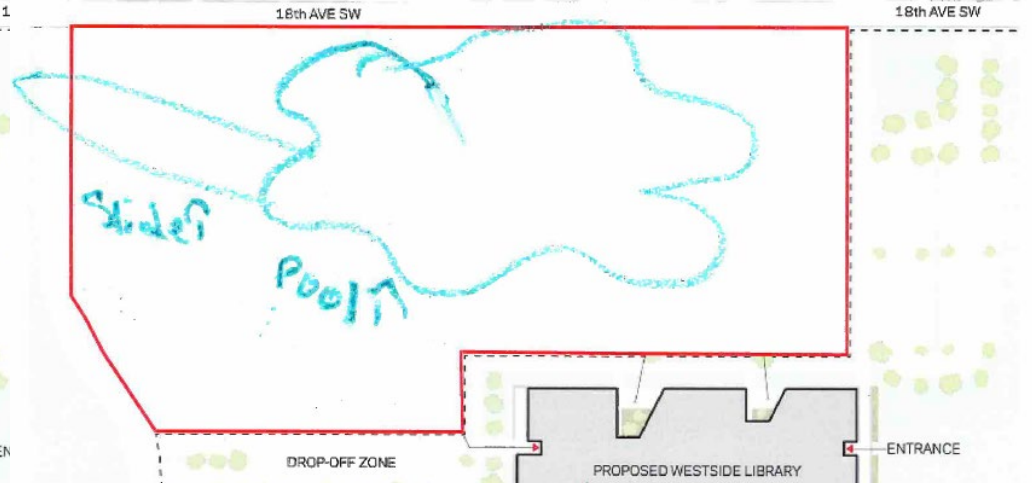


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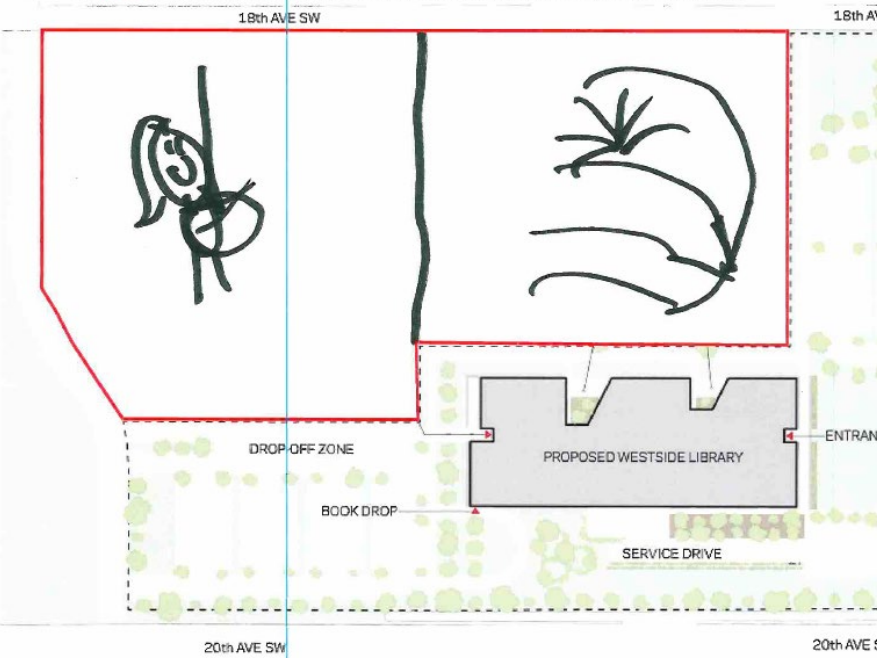
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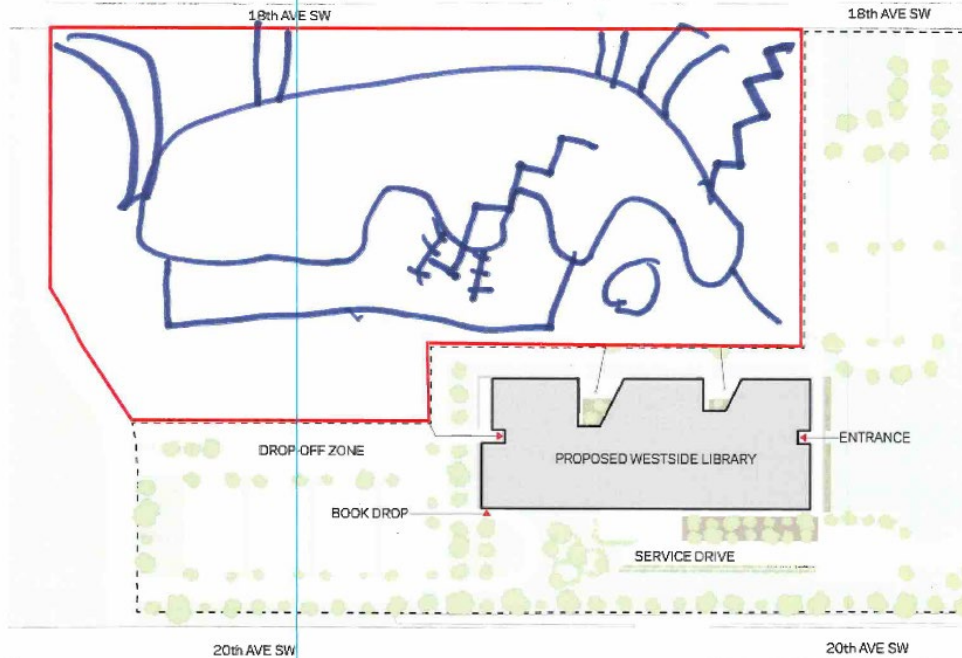
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# County Fair

- Feedback on desired amenities and park features
  - Open space
  - Monkey Bars
  - Ninja warrior course
  - Trail to get to library
  - Splash pad
  - Dog park
  - Rock wall



# Upcoming Community Engagement

- **Open House** – 4:30 to 6:30 PM on Wednesday, Sept. 27 at Ladd Library
- **Neighborhood Association meetings**
- **Community Events**
  - Cedar Rapids Parks Foundation Beers in the Barnyard event (Thursday, Oct. 5)
  - City Open House (Wednesday, Oct. 11)
- **Online Survey** – open now through Oct. 12



# Timeline

- Community Engagement Mid-Sept. to early Oct. 2023
- Draft Park Plan Presentation November 2023
- Community Engagement November 2023
- Final Park Plan Presentation Dec./Jan. 2023/2024

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