Welcome + Introductions
Skyline Park

Skyline Park Improvements Project
Skyline Park Recap

We asked all of our participants to share their most memorable experience of a park or public space in another city.

We also asked all of our participants to share their favorite urban public space in Denver.
Denver's Front Yard
Skyline Park
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2. Goals + Context
3. Basis of Design
4. Concept Options
5. Q&A
6. Next Steps
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Feedback Opportunities
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This session is being recorded and will be made available after the webinar.
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• Answering open-ended prompts via the Chat button
• Asking Q&A throughout the duration of the webinar
• We’ll also use a few polls that will pop up on your screen automatically
• Use the Chat button to answer open-ended questions we’ll be asking you
• We’ll read back some responses, and collect the rest to help us with design concepts
• Use the **Q&A** button to ask questions
• Everyone will be able to see the Q&A
• We’ll address questions closer to the end of the session
You can ask questions anonymously by selecting this button.
• **Upvote the questions that you most want answered**
Breakout Meetings!

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Goals + Context
Vision

Skyline Park will be an authentic and contemporary expression of Denver’s urban outdoor lifestyle.

Goals

1. A **welcoming destination** that equitably brings diverse people together through a mix of unique events as well as everyday outdoor experiences

2. A **cultural icon** that celebrates the arts, culture, and community of Denver

3. A **connected place** that integrates with its edges and plays an active role in the downtown multimodal network

4. A **resilient oasis** for respite that improves ecological health and individual wellness, while connecting visitors to the outdoors

5. A **catalytic spark** that contributes to an active, thriving, and vibrant downtown

Vision + Goals
Downtown Denver serves an evolving spectrum of people...
... including residents, office workers, students and visitors.
We also want to capture the imagination of a wider (and more diverse) audience with unique experiences to draw them to Skyline Park.
Today’s Downtown parks serve a range of user needs.

Civic Center Park
- Cultural Events and Festivals
- Outdoor Classes
- Amphitheater
- Fountain, Flower Beds, Public Art

Commons Park
- River Trail
- Walking / Jogging Paths
- Natural Areas
- Pick-up Games

Cuernavaca Park
- Permitted Sports
- Picnic Pavilions
- Rolling Hills

Confluence Park
- Active Rapids
- Denver’s Beach

Sonny Lawson Park
- In Five Points
- Active Ball Field

Sculpture Park
- Public Art
- Cultural Events and Festivals
But there are still gaps in both park access and park type.

FOUR ICONIC PROJECTS
DEFINITIVE | BELOVED | EXPLORATORY
SEMINAL | AUTHENTIC | MEMORABLE

- CENTRAL PLAZA
- SIGNATURE PLAYGROUND
- ARTS & CULTURE PARK
- DOWNTOWN LOOP
Skyline Park is well situated to fill those gaps, but is currently fragmented, poorly connected to its surroundings, and lacks the amenities and experiences to welcome a broader audience.
Basis of Design
1. The next Skyline Park should be **UNIFIED** by a tapestry of lawns and plantings, plazas and pathways.
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Basis of Design: Unified
2. The next Skyline Park should be fully CONNECTED with surrounding streetscapes and ground floor uses.
Provide promenade on north edge for cafe seating and circulation

Green Goddess, New Orleans

Basis of Design: Connected
Open up office buildings into the park for indoor/outdoor workplaces

Facebook Campus, Sunnyvale

Playa District, Los Angeles

Basis of Design: Connected
Expand park into Arapahoe to allow enhanced ped and bike experiences

Indianapolis Cultural Trail, Indianapolis

Basis of Design: Connected
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- **Discovery Green, Houston**
- **Main Plaza, San Antonio**
- **Mutt’s Restaurant & Dog Park, Dallas**
- **SoundScape Park, Miami**
- **Independence Beer Garden, Philadelphia**
- **Natural History Museum, Los Angeles**
Let’s pause to highlight some comments so far!

**Basis of Design**

**Spectacle / Regional Draw**
- SoundScape Park, Miami

**Downtown Social Life**
- Main Plaza, San Antonio
- Independence Beer Garden, Philadelphia

**Neighborhood Activities**
- Mutt’s Restaurant & Dog Park, Dallas
- Natural History Museum, Los Angeles
Concept Options
Workshop #1 feedback suggested program priorities

“Program Priorities”

“I appreciate any park that has interactive art exhibits as well as an iconic landmark to identify that city. I also appreciate a stage for live music and performances.”

“An element of adventure (outdoor adventure/healthy lifestyles), something that is unique and new, not a duplicate of other features elsewhere... Climbable sculpture!”

“More trees! More shade! Too much concrete for a park. Make it more green.”
Balancing flexibility and specificity

Music Center Plaza, Los Angeles

Grand Park, Los Angeles
Serving different audiences at different times of day, week, and year

Winter
- Christkindl Market

Spring
- Film Festival

Program Rhythms

Coffee Culture
- Cafe
- Kiosks
- Fitness
- Botanical Garden
- Skating
- Meditation
- Nature Play
- Yoga
- Broomball
- Conversation

Fall Festival

Fall

Oasis
- Coffee Culture
- Work Lounge
- Dog Park
- Bocce Ball
- Public Art
- Beer Garden
- Hammocks
- Work Lounge
- Meditation
- Nature Play
- Yoga
- Broomball
- Conversation

Summer
- Rotating Art Installation

Spring
- Jazz Brunch
- Yoga
- Work Lounge
- Dog Park
- Bocce Ball
- Public Art
- Beer Garden
- Hammocks
- Work Lounge
- Meditation
- Nature Play
- Yoga
- Broomball
- Conversation

Fall
- Fall Festival

Winter
- Christkindl Market

Digital Display Art Performance
- Pickleball Competition
- Live Music
- Beer Garden Cocktail Hour
- Sunday Family Art Workshops
- Digital Display Art Performance

Program Rhythms
Skyline Park has been a successful venue for large community events.

Block 1: Existing

- Cultural Recreational Social Sustainable Connected

- Christkindl Market 74%
- Seasonal Markets
- Spectacle / Regional Draw
- Shakespeare Festival 61%
- Cultural Festivals
- Arapahoe Street

- Lawrence Street
- 16th Street Mall
- 16th Street
Expanded arts and culture through live performances, movies, digital content, and rotating installations

Block 1: Option A

- Movie Nights: 72%
- Live Performances: 72%
- Digital Displays: 59%
- Rotating Art Installations: 73%
- Summer Shade Art: 73%
- Winter Sculpture Festival: 73%
Or flex lawn with sculptural shade canopies, gathering spaces, and outdoor workplace amenities.

Block 1: Option B

- Spectacle / Regional Draw
- Flex Lawn
  - 62%
- Outdoor Shade
  - 73%
- Shaded Gathering Spaces
  - 73%
- Work Lounges
  - 59%
- Winter Warming Huts
  - 72%
- Pavilions in Winter
  - 73%
What do you want to experience on Block 1?

a. Expanded arts and culture through live performances, movies, digital content, and rotating installations

b. Flex lawn with sculptural shade canopies, gathering spaces, and outdoor workplace amenities

c. A bit of both
Recent skating rink and food & beverage pop-ups demonstrate that Skyline Park could be a hub of downtown social life.

Block 2: Existing
Interactive water plaza and ice rink

Block 2: Option A

SUMMER
- 72% Summer Performance Plaza
- 59% Interactive Water Feature

WINTER
- 48% Light Shows
- 52% Ice Skating / Rollerskating

Downtown Social Life
Paired with independent food hall and outdoor dining area

Block 2: Option A

- Food Kiosks / Concessions: 49%
- Digital Display: 49%
- Cafe Seating: 49%
- Downtown Social Life: 49%
Or loop water feature and skating

Block 2: Option B
Paired with landscape-integrated food and beverage

Block 2: Option B

- Casual Seating: 54%
- Communal Tables: 54%
- Fire Lounges: 54%
- Picnic Lawn: 62%
What do you want to experience on Block 2 in terms of water feature and skating?

a. Interactive water plaza and ice rink
b. Loop water feature and skating
c. A bit of both
What do you want to experience on Block 2 in terms of food and beverage?

a. Independent food hall and outdoor dining area

b. Landscape-integrated food and beverage

c. A bit of both
Skyline Park can also provide for the daily park needs of neighbors.

Block 3: Existing

- Dog Park: 36%
- Fitness Classes: 42%

Neighborhood Activities

Cultural | Social | Recreational | Sustainable | Connected
More active uses such as dog park, sports courts, fitness, climbing and sledding

Block 3: Option A
Or more passive uses such as shady respite, botanical garden, winter hot house, snowshoeing, and nature play.

Block 3: Option B
What do you want to experience on Block 3?

a. More active uses such as dog park, sports courts, fitness, climbing and sledding

b. More passive uses such as shady respite, botanical garden, winter hot house, snowshoeing & nature play

c. A bit of both
Please join us in the breakout rooms after the Q&A!
Denver Parks and Recreation is inviting all of Denver to share ideas for reinventing Skyline Park. We are embarking upon a wide-reaching engagement process that invites all of Denver’s communities to participate in the concept design.

**Stakeholder Engagement**

Residents

Community Groups

Businesses

Visitors

**Project Timeline**

Denver Parks and Recreation is creating a concept design for all three blocks of Skyline Park and a final design for Phase 1 construction, funded by the Elevate Denver Bond Program. The three-block concept design will be completed by Summer 2021, and will form the basis of future phases of construction.

**Timeline:**

- **Workshop #1:** Vision and Goals  
  Summer 2020

- **Workshop #2:** Concept Design Options  
  Winter 2021

- **Workshop #3:** Draft Concept Design  
  Spring 2021

- **Final Concept Design**  
  Summer 2021

- **Phase 1 Implementation**
Next Steps

Take our Survey
surveymonkey.com/r/skylineworkshop2
Closes April 4, 2021

Need a paper survey?
Email Jesus Orrantia (DPR)
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Watch for Updates
www.denvergov.org/theoutdoordowntown

Attend Workshop #3
Spring 2021
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