

# Bancroft Park Proposed Action Plan Online Survey Results April 28, 2017 thru May 10, 2017

## Proposed Action Plan

**Proposed Bancroft Park Action Plan**  
April 27, 2017

## Verbatim Responses

### **Please tell us your thoughts on the proposed Bancroft Park Action Plan?**

Great proposed new look for the Park.

After looking at the proposed concepts, I would definitely lean toward everything "western" and "historic" and stay away from modern. Old Colorado City is just that...old and historic and who doesn't like nostalgia? I know I do and I believe our many visitors do as well!

I wish there was a plan for a larger play area. So many families from Co Springs and visitors come to the park. It would be more engaging and encourage families to stay longer. Otherwise, I think it looks great! We walk through the park on a weekly basis and visit stores in the area. I walk my dog in the grassy area. We attend all of the festivals and go to the farmer's market. It is the heart of this area. I avoid some of the areas in the evening if there are large groups of homeless people hanging out there. I think the security features are essential. Thanks.

Too little for too much cost.

- The bandshell improvements appear to address the main issues there. - Good idea to upgrade the event access capability. - Sad to see the pavilion gone. I think its roof in bad weather will be missed, along with its usefulness for some activities that worked better in an enclosed/somewhat protected area. There was a compromise suggestion to take out the walls (as a vagrant preventive measure). I'm not sure this aspect was thought through. - Restrooms in front could work if they look good and are kept up. Big if. What hours are they to be open? - Could the new parallel parking on the avenue be changed to diagonal if the 2-lane plans go through? Has this been considered? - With the restricted Colbrunn access, can larger trucks fit through? - How does this restriction impact the avenue crosswalk at this location? If the crosswalk's removal is planned at the same time, you should say so. - I think a small playground will be good - especially for events with families in the park. - Hopefully, those outlets you're showing can be shut off at night, because of vagrants. - Nice to see that some of the historical monuments are being left alone. But what are the "historical markers" in the middle of the south end? - Is the intent to designate all the farmers market activity in a certain part of the park? If so, and the booths are jammed together, it will lose some of its charm. - Glad you're keeping the parking on Colbrunn. - What is a "flush transition"?

New to OCC. Unique and worth preserving. So much cookie cutter these days. Historical preservation absolutely needed for this park and this area! Please, please, please!

I don't think the pavilion should be removed, nor should the Farmer's Market be relegated to one small section. The market was too cramped previously when it was still on the street, the current alignment is ideal. I do like the free-standing restroom and protective garage door for the bandshell, as well as the small playground.

The plan looks great. When do you start on the bandshell?

## **What would suggest to improve the proposed Bancroft Park Action Plan?**

Would like to see the sidewalks widen to accommodate more of the special events.

I like the goals laid out...especially the small playground and separate bathroom building. These areas need to be protected from vagrants and unruly individuals, secured after hours with diligent police protection and enforcement. Families need to know that even in the early evening in the summer warm weather their children will be in a safe environment.

Restrooms and band shell repair seem reasonable. Do what you can for these for \$500K or less of public funds.

See above. A global complaint is the lack of information about some of the changes - what they are and why they're proposed. Specific questions can be found in my comments above. "Suggest to improve"? My main problem with this "action plan" is that it's been rushed through. A true master plan process would have taken months and involved the community in a more drawn-out and thoughtful way that might have produced ideas that have not yet surfaced. This plan has been a rush job, obviously provoked by the fire when the city previously had

no intent of working on Bancroft this year. People have barely had a chance to truly consider any of the city's proposals. The proper way to do this would have been in two phases - 1, to fix the bandshell (fast), and 2, to determine other improvements (slow). I don't see what that was so hard, and I think that's what City Council intended.

Please keep a pavilion of some kind (the foul weather protection is quite a necessity at times, especially during the often rainy Territory Days. Also, again, the Farmer's Market does not need a special section, let them use the whole park as they do now.