

Bancroft Park
Community Meeting April 5, 2017
Verbatim Group Responses

Group 1

As a group, please take a moment to discuss the existing park elements. What three elements of the Bancroft Park are the most favorable? Please explain your reasoning.

- Bandshell – trees
- Plaza – historic town center feel
- Historical elements – marker for Bancroft

As a group, please define what success means for Bancroft Park. Please explain your reasoning.

- Ability to maintain historic charm and pay tribute to the past while providing modern amenities to enjoy

As a group, identify the top three priorities for improvements to Bancroft Park. Please explain your reasoning.

- Additional historic markers – Bancroft school is not include
- “Court” – original name of Colbrunn Ct. – creation of a pedestrian area
- Bathrooms – they’re creepy

Additional comments: Restore PARK POLICE! And ticketing vagrants and dog poop owners!

Group 2

As a group, please take a moment to discuss the existing park elements. What three elements of the Bancroft Park are the most favorable? Please explain your reasoning.

- Bandshell
- Open space, pavement - Farmer’s Market
- Grassy spaces – for people to congregate

As a group, please define what success means for Bancroft Park. Please explain your reasoning.

- Lower fees in order to increase use
- Better utilization of positive activities to reduce loitering, fires, public urination
- Better esthetics

As a group, identify the top three priorities for improvements to Bancroft Park. Please explain your reasoning.

- Rethink how the city charges residents to use their own Parks!
- Limited, non-traditional, kid-friendly sculptures or activities (face painting, chalk art, art classes, music)
- Increased security, ability to close the shell, lights that are separate from outlets

Group 3

As a group, please take a moment to discuss the existing park elements. What three elements of the Bancroft Park are the most favorable? Please explain your reasoning.

- Bandshell – open and operating for summer activities, insurance pay for repairs
- Bathrooms – necessary
- Pavilion/Garvin cabin/history

As a group, please define what success means for Bancroft Park. Please explain your reasoning.

- Upgraded Bandshell with power
- Safe, secure
- Open space

As a group, identify the top three priorities for improvements to Bancroft Park. Please explain your reasoning.

No Answer

Group 4

As a group, please take a moment to discuss the existing park elements. What three elements of the Bancroft Park are the most favorable? Please explain your reasoning.

- Entertainment, Bandshell
- Community support and development
- Security facility and public safety

As a group, please define what success means for Bancroft Park. Please explain your reasoning.

- Bring people together, develop community

As a group, identify the top three priorities for improvements to Bancroft Park. Please explain your reasoning.

- Bathrooms, Bandshell
- Safety
- Artwork

Group 5

As a group, please take a moment to discuss the existing park elements. What three elements of the Bancroft Park are the most favorable? Please explain your reasoning.

- Bandshell – provides entertainment, promotes community and socialization, easy access to local history
- Historic nature – Bancroft is unique in its large amount of history and displays
- Natural elements – This is the natural center of Old Colorado City and the natural beauty is crucial and important to the whole area

As a group, please define what success means for Bancroft Park. Please explain your reasoning.

- More community engagement and involvement. Events constantly going on, all throughout the year. More groups renting the park. Optimal usability year round. Make it cheaper to rent Bancroft. The fee is far too high for people to rent compared to other, much larger, Colorado Springs parks.

As a group, identify the top three priorities for improvements to Bancroft Park. Please explain your reasoning.

- Fix the Bandshell so that it may be utilized – having it closed/boarded up looks bad for business, tourism and locals
- New bathrooms - existing ones are in terrible shape
- Security – lighting, cameras, policing, keep ALL people off the Bandshell when not in use – wrought iron gate or the like to keep people off structures, PLEASE!

Additional comments: Please make sure all new plans are ADA accessible. Rocky Mountain ADA Center in town can aid with this. New trees, more events, security, new restrooms, 100 year celebration of Bancroft.

Group 6

Group 6 was not formed.

Group 7

As a group, please take a moment to discuss the existing park elements. What three elements of the Bancroft Park are the most favorable? Please explain your reasoning.

- The park is historic and current signs tell the history – that makes this park unique
- Activities at the Bandshell, community area – farmer’s market.
- The park is a pleasant open space in a commercial area with benches and picnic tables to be able to relax, both residents and out-of-towners

As a group, please define what success means for Bancroft Park. Please explain your reasoning.

- Safety first! 24-7. Family -friendly. We have all experienced panhandling and theft in the OCCHS museum. The park has attracted too many homeless that scare people.

As a group, identify the top three priorities for improvements to Bancroft Park. Please explain your reasoning.

- Repair Bandshell
- Create a separate restroom building
- Lighting and security
- Redesign the pavilion. Remove the wall to open it up, also so the homeless can’t sleep there. Design the pavilion to compliment the Bandshell.
- Artwork

Group 8

As a group, please take a moment to discuss the existing park elements. What three elements of the Bancroft Park are the most favorable? Please explain your reasoning.

- Concrete – grass openness
- Multi-generational
- Trees – add fruiting trees now as replacement for existing “old” trees

As a group, please define what success means for Bancroft Park. Please explain your reasoning.

- Feeling comfortable and welcoming to all west siders and visitors.

As a group, identify the top three priorities for improvements to Bancroft Park. Please explain your reasoning.

- Restroom – no/lo water – open four events only

- Lighting (security) and electricity outlets for farmer's market/events – outlets off at night
- Permeable pavers on Colbrunn – looks like grass but can be drove on

Additional comments: 100 days of Bancroft

Group 9

As a group, please take a moment to discuss the existing park elements. What three elements of the Bancroft Park are the most favorable? Please explain your reasoning.

- Amount of trees – to provide shade, and calming effect
- Good amount of green space – inviting
- Plaza space with great benches

As a group, please define what success means for Bancroft Park. Please explain your reasoning.

- Keep a town square, inviting feeling. Bring people together for special events, maintain small town feeling

As a group, identify the top three priorities for improvements to Bancroft Park. Please explain your reasoning.

- Modify design of pavilion to match historic feel of Bandshell
- Maintain park as a “town square” – does not need a playground
- Bring in more events to draw in people. i.e. – square dancing/free concerts

Group 10

As a group, please take a moment to discuss the existing park elements. What three elements of the Bancroft Park are the most favorable? Please explain your reasoning.

- Bandshell
- Social aspects = shopping, events, farmer's market, community coming together
- History and location

As a group, please define what success means for Bancroft Park. Please explain your reasoning.

- Positive usage = children and seniors can use (everyone ☺)
- Preserve history = celebrate 100 years – big celebration
- Preserve property and business values.
- Continue events = 100 year celebration and film nights.

As a group, identify the top three priorities for improvements to Bancroft Park. Please explain your reasoning.

- Fix Bandshell (before territory days please). Add sprinklers to reduce fire danger and include garage door or something to lock stage down
- Safety = police presence, lighting, cameras
- Secured bathrooms = open but secure. Combination or fenced in or timed like Europe.
- Take down sign showing the money raised for park improvement.
- Add film night events/100 year celebration annexed.

Group 11

As a group, please take a moment to discuss the existing park elements. What three elements of the Bancroft Park are the most favorable? Please explain your reasoning.

- Bandshell – performances + pad
- Park is integrated into community and used in many ways

As a group, please define what success means for Bancroft Park. Please explain your reasoning.

- Keeps being a community – meeting area. Concerts bring wider community participation. First impressions for bus – drop off positive.

As a group, identify the top three priorities for improvements to Bancroft Park. Please explain your reasoning.

- Public bathrooms
- Security and lighting. Pavilion on one level and open up.
- Half pipe – in corner.
- Door on stage – close off.

Additional comments: Fees?