

Hillside Community Project & Leon Young Pavilion

Community Planning Meeting
September 12, 2018, 5:30 pm

Agenda

- I. WELCOME
Catherine Duarte, Community Development Division, City of Colorado Springs
Tilah Larson, PR&CS Dept, City of Colorado Springs
- II. PROJECT HISTORY
- III. PROJECT GIVENS AND MEETING GROUND RULES (Connie Perry, PR&CS Dept)
- IV. PROJECT GOALS AND PROCESS
- V. WHAT WE'VE HEARD TO DATE
- VI. SMALL GROUP EXERCISE / REPORT OUT
- VIII. WRAP UP / NEXT STEPS

Project Givens

- There are two Neighborhood Parks and one Community Park in the Hillside Neighborhood.
- Fountain Park and South Shooks Run Park are identified as Neighborhood Parks in the City of Colorado Springs 2015 – 2025 Park System Master Plan.
- Memorial Park is identified as a Community Park in the City of Colorado Springs 2015 – 2025 Park System Master Plan.
- The Leon Young Pavilion is located within the South Shooks Run Park with the Shooks Run Trail listed in the City of Colorado Springs 2015 – 2025 Park System Master Plan as part of the Legacy Loop Trail. This south section is (1 of 2) primary trail connection recommendations within the Legacy Loop, intended to connect with the Pikes Peak Greenway.
- The City's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department is legally responsible for design, maintenance, operations and management of all of these park sites.
- The City's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services will seek to provide services and facilities that are operationally sustainable and financially practical.
- **Implementation of any Community Project will occur through the City of Colorado Springs - Community Development Block Grant funding of \$150,000 which will adhere to federal guidelines. Any costs exceeding \$150,000 must be provided by match through cash, volunteer labor or donated supplies.**
- Many groups and individuals are interested in and are encouraged to help identify and develop the best possible project site; and **all voices are equal in the decision making process.**
- Staff will bring forward for your feedback to the next Community Meeting on November 1st the outcome of today's meeting for a proposed location with design options.

Please Don't Forget...Pass the Word!

- The next community meeting will be from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Thursday, November 1st, 2018 at the Hillside Community Center.
- If you signed in tonight (and if you provided your e-mail address) you will receive e-mails about upcoming meetings. Please make sure your e-mail address is legible so that we can include it on the e-mail distribution list.
- REMEMBER: PASS THE WORD
If you do not have access to a computer updates will be posted on the Hillside Community Center Bulletin Board.
- For project information and updates visit the project website at:
<https://coloradosprings.gov/HillsideProject>

TIMELINE

December 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community outreach and a youth-led photo voice project identified the Leon Young Pavilion as a community amenity and priority. Community members voiced concerns about deterioration and possible environmental hazards with the Leon Young Pavilion. They requested demolition of the current structure and replacement utilizing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.• The Parks Department tested the structure and soil for toxicity. Tests did not reflect levels of toxicity hazardous for public use.
January 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Development offered to explore setting aside \$150,000 of 2018 CDBG funding for the project.
February 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Due to pending priority projects along the Shooks Run corridor, including the Legacy Loop and Envision Shooks Run Master Plan, and lack of opportunities for activation, the Parks Department did not feel it was appropriate to replace the pavilion at its exact location at this time.• The Parks Department offered to explore other sites, including the South Shooks Run Playground, Memorial Park or Hillside Community Center/Fountain Park as alternate sites for a community amenity utilizing CDBG funding.
February – June 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community members coordinated outreach events, activities and surveys to identify project priorities and opportunities for the Leon Young Pavilion site and CDBG funding.
June 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• With no consensus on a project and location, Community Development reassigned the \$150,000 to a competitive pool due to concerns that the funds could not be committed by the end of the 2018 program year. CDD expressed interest in making 2019 funds available.
August 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open House convened by City staff and City Council regarding Hillside community project updates, including the Leon Young Pavilion and utilizing 2019 CDBG funding for a project.
September 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Meeting #1: Hillside Community Project and Leon Young Pavilion planning meeting and design charrette.
November 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Meeting #2: Outcome of the September meeting with a proposed location and design options.
