## **Bancroft Park Action Plan**

Activity Report Update April 24, 2017





## TIME LINE



March 14	Engineers Report received from Travelers with a replacement cost value set at \$106,379
March 15-17	Staff review of Engineers Report and contractor contact initiated
March 16	Park Staff establish Master Plan process and timeline
March 19	Meeting convened by Council Member King with Old Colorado City stakeholders, Council Member Strand, and staff.
March 22	Email to stakeholders outlining the Master Plan process and directing them to complete survey on SurveyMonkey®. Information added to website coloradosprings.gov/Bancroft providing general information, Public Meeting notices and direction to the survey.
March 23	Postcard mailed to Property Owners within a 1000' radius of the park announcing meeting date and requesting participation on survey.
March 23	Staff met onsite with four contractors to review Insurance Assessment and to begin bidding process.

## TIME LINE



March 28	City Council approval of supplemental funding in the amount of \$250,000 (Conservation Trust Funds and General Fund)
April 5	First community meeting held at the Westside Community Center. Park Staff presented project information and process, park history and collected initial public feedback
April 10	Online survey closed. Received 242 responses.
April 13	Staff presentation to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.
	Proposals to fix the fire damaged band shell due from contractors
April 18	Second community meeting held at the Westside Community Center. Park Staff presented the public comment to date as well as presented three alternatives for public feedback
April 24	Bancroft Park Action Plan activity report update presented to City Council

#### **Immediate Next Steps**



#### **Evaluation of band shell enhancements**

Electrical service updates Security door ADA access to facility

#### Identify bidding of band shell enhancement

#### Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

May 11<sup>th</sup> – Presentation of the proposed Action Plan

#### Bancroft Park Action Plan Priority Goals

- Repair and Improve the band shell
- Improve the public restrooms with a new building
- Improve the park amenities to meet ADA requirements
- Improve public safety within the park
- Enhance the neighborhood and special events through park renovations and improvements. Encourage more use of space
- Protect and enhance the historic values
- Create park improvements that are low maintenance and more sustainable



#### **Online Survey Results**



## Annually, how often to you visit Bancroft Park?

- Visited often both for events and for leisure
- Band shell, farmers markets and park benches/picnic tables most used
- What do you like most about Bancroft Park?
  - Location to Old Colorado City
  - Special events
  - Area's rich history
  - Events and Farmer's Market

## What do you like least about Bancroft Park?

- Homeless presence
- Safety concerns
- Restroom condition



Taste of Old Colorado City

#### **Online Survey Results**

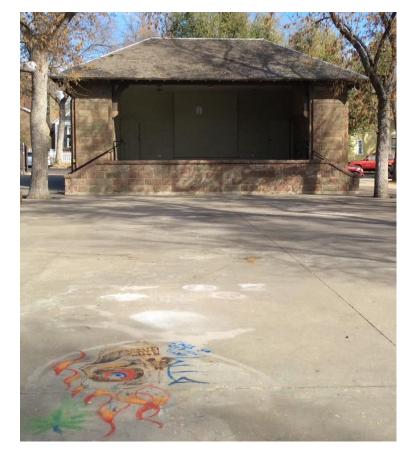


If you could improve Bancroft Park what elements would you add?

- Restricted access to the band shell (52%)
- Additional restrooms (43%)
- Convert Colbrunn Ct. to a pedestrian plaza (43%)

Due to the recent fire in the Bancroft Park band shell what improvements would you like to see made to the structure?

- Improve usability for events (62%)
- Remove restrooms from band shell (50%)
- Secure band shell outside of the use during special events (50%)



#### **Online Survey Results**



What are your top 3 priorities for improvements to Bancroft Park?

- Repair band shell (56%)
- Improved bathrooms (42%)
- Space for farmers markets (37%)
- Security lighting (37%)

If you could change one thing about Bancroft Park, what would that be?

- Family oriented (playground)
- Restrooms
- Address the homeless
- Improve park safety/lighting
- Band shell fixed asap



#### Public Meeting #1 Feedback



What three elements of the Bancroft Park are the most favorable?

- Band shell
- Trees and open lawn
- Open areas for events
- Historic aspects of the park and neighborhood setting



#### Public Meeting #1 Feedback



# Please define what success means for Bancroft Park

- Maintain historic charm
- Safe, secure and open areas
- Better utilization of park
- Community gathering
- Family friendly
- Welcoming and inviting



## Public Meeting #1 Feedback



Identify the top three priorities for improvements to Bancroft Park.

- Bathrooms
- Band shell
- More events
- Improved safety
- Improved park lighting
- Consideration of rental fee reduction



#### Public Meeting #2 Feedback

- COLORADO SPRINGS
- Three potential alternatives reviewed
- Preference:
  - Separate restroom adjacent to Colorado Ave
  - Expand plaza space
  - Removal of existing pavilion
  - Restrict access to Colbrunn Ct
  - Secure band shell when not in use







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Alternative

#### **Design Concept Board**

**Band Shell Security Improvement Concepts** 



**Restroom Improvement Concepts** 



**Playground Equipment Concepts** 



COLORADO AVE







**Plaza and Hardscape Treatment Concepts** 



Colbrunn Ct. Pedestrian Plaza Space Concepts



Bancroft Park Action Plan Concepts April 18, 2017