



# Ninkpata & Whitaker Parks Neighborhood Open House

**A Missoula Community Partnership**

WITH LEADERSHIP FROM THE FARVIEWS NEIGHBORHOOD

# Neighborhood Open House

## Agenda

- Introductions, brief site background
- Workshop #1 Summary
- Results from workshop
- Concept Master Plan
- Next Steps

# Site Background

- 2 Parks (Ninkpata & Whitaker)
- Farviews Neighborhood
- 2008 Farviews Parks study
- Ninkpata mostly un-developed
- Whitaker has existing park improvements
- Both offer relatively flat topography in an otherwise steep neighborhood



# Public Workshop #1 Summary

- The first public design workshop for Ninkpata & Whitaker parks was held on **September 12, 2018** at University Congregational Church. The goal of the workshop was to introduce the public to the park sites and to gather input from the public about the development and design of the parks.
- After an introduction from City Staff, the workshop participants divided themselves into small groups and participated in a series of exercises designed to gather input on the participant's vision for the park.



# NEIGHBORHOOD REPRESENTATION

- Approximately 30 participants. Per sign in...
  - Mostly from Farviews & Pattee Canyon Neighborhood
  - + 7 kid's workshop participants



# LARGE GROUP EXERCISE RESULTS

## Assumptions

- Sustainable, economically feasible to construct & maintain
- The parks are Public Parks
- Accessible (ADA, equity, roads/trails)
- Safe (meets Park standards, CPTED, MMIA insurance)

### Ninkpata

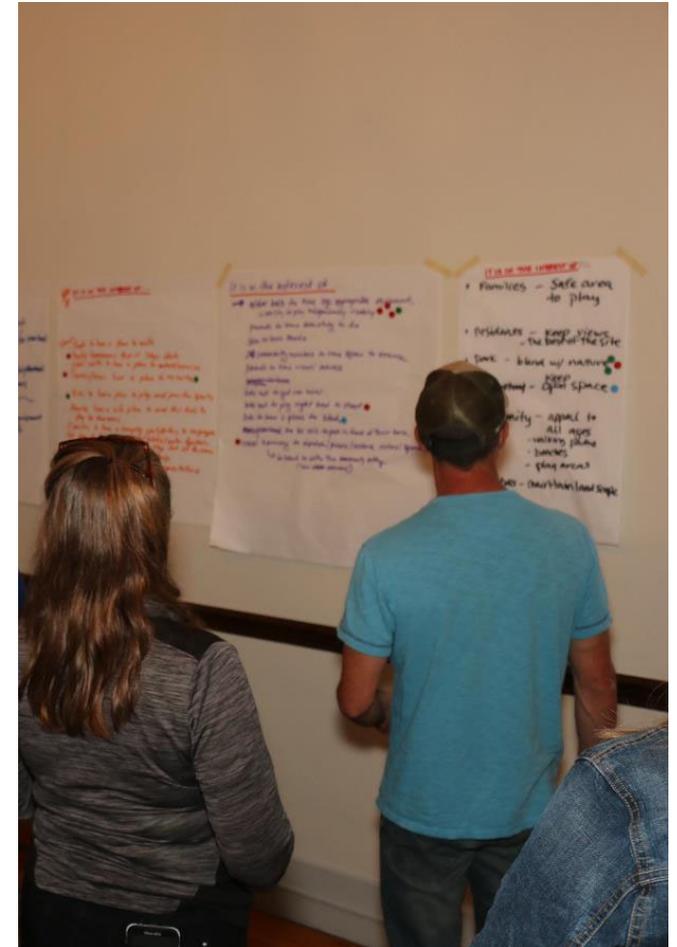
- Missoula water will remove tanks prior to construction (likely 2022)

### Whitaker

- USFS Radio Building to be removed with interpretation remaining on site

# SMALL GROUP EXERCISE RESULTS

- Question 1: What Do you value most about the area?
- Common answer themes:
  - Views
  - Openness
  - Quiet
  - Gathering Space



# SMALL GROUP EXERCISE RESULTS

- Question 2: It is in the interest of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Common answer themes:
  - Neighbors - Quiet
  - Homeowners – Privacy
  - Older children – Play Space
  - All Users - Preserve views
  - All Users - A shady place to sit
  - Users - Blend with nature
  - Neighbors - Preserve darkness at night
  - Adults - Activity space
  - Everyone - Enhance community

# SMALL GROUP EXERCISE RESULTS

- Questions 3: Words that describe the space (when completed) include \_\_\_\_\_.
- Common answer themes:
  - Nature
  - Open Space
  - Gathering Space
  - Attractive to all ages
  - Peaceful
  - Fun
  - Active
  - Safe

# SMALL GROUP EXERCISE RESULTS

- Questions 4: Important questions that must be answered include \_\_\_\_\_.
- Common answer themes:
  - Irrigation?
  - Age Demographic?
  - Individual park Identity?
  - Parking?
  - Cost?
  - Impact to neighbors?
  - Signage?

# Workshop #1 Citizen Designs

- The second part of the small group exercises consisted of arranging a selection of scaled park amenities on a plan. Not all the amenities provided would fit in the space so the participants chose their preferred amenities based on the group exercises and arranged them on the base map.



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Whitaker

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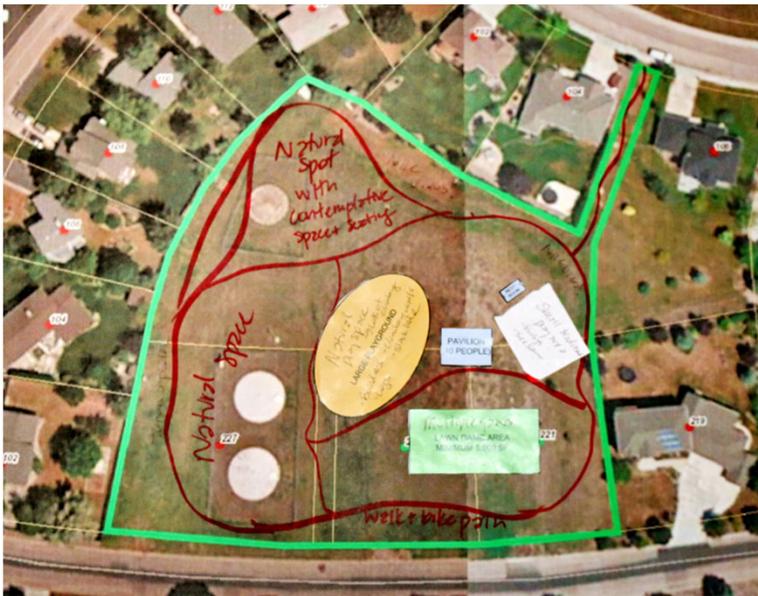


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Ninkpata



Whitaker

# AMENITY PRIORITY IN CITIZEN DESIGNS

- **Highest Priority** - All 4 groups placed the following amenities in their park designs

## **Ninkpata**

- Multi use open space
- Playground for older kids

## **Whitaker**

- 20 person pavilion
- Open space/passive rec ½ acre

# AMENITY PRIORITY IN CITIZEN DESIGNS

- **High Priority** – 3 of 4 groups placed the following amenities in their park designs

## **Ninkpata**

- Walking Path
- 40 person pavillion
- Small playground
- Benches
- Shade Trees
- Basketball court

## **Whitaker**

- Existing playground
- Small playground for older kids
- Basketball court

# AMENITY PRIORITY IN CITIZEN DESIGNS

- **Medium Priority** – 2 of 4 groups placed the following amenities in their park designs

## **Ninkpata**

- Large playground
- Rest rooms
- Open space/ passive rec ½ acre

## **Whitaker**

- Sledding hill
- Tennis Court
- Community Garden
- Natural landscaping
- Contemplative space

# AMENITY PRIORITY IN CITIZEN DESIGNS

- **Lower Priority** – 1 of 4 groups placed the following amenities in their park designs

## **Ninkpata**

- Natural playground
- Pickleball court (multi-use)
- Ice rink
- Exercise stations
- Splash pad
- Chess/checkers tables
- Cement bike/ skate loop
- Educational stations

## **Whitaker**

- Ice rink
- Exercise path
- Rest rooms
- Trash cans

# AMENITY PRIORITY IN CITIZEN DESIGNS

- **Very low** Neighborhood Interest – 0 of 4 groups placed the following amenities in their park designs
  - Dog Park
  - Volleyball court
  - Baseball diamond

# TIMELINE/NEXT STEPS

- Share Concept plan with neighborhood through open house
- 21 day online public comment period
- Adjust plan based on comments
- Neighborhood votes to recommend plan for adoption
- Submit for Park Board Adoption (pending positive neighborhood response)
- Working group on funding (pending park board response)
- Acquire funding and begin final design and construction process

