

HERMAN FRANKS PARK

EMIGRATION CREEK

COMMUNITY DESIGN CHARRETTE - ONE 11/18/16 MINUTES

DATE/TIME

November 18, 2016 at 5:30 to 8PM

LOCATION

Tracy Aviary's Education Room
589 E 1300 S, SLC, UT 84105

ATTENDEES

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| 1. Seth Bockholt | 7. Porter Edson | 14. Ursula Jochmann | 21. Miranda Pratt |
| 2. Zina Bougri | 8. Mike Evans | 15. Jane Lyon | 22. Brian Smith |
| 3. Cindy Cromer | 9. Velvet Finley | 16. Brendan Mackey | 23. Melissa Stamp |
| 4. Rob DeBirk | 10. Susan Grant | 17. Eric McCulley | 24. Brian Tonetti |
| 5. Lexi Dowdall | 11. Ty Harrison | 18. Nancy Mitchell | 25. Miriam Valere |
| 6. Sandy Dreis | 12. Ryan Honk | 19. Travis Mullen | 26. Alex Veilleux |
| | 13. Liz Jackson | 20. Lucas Pennington | 27. Nick Vincent |

THEME PREFERENCE

Attendees were asked to rank their priorities one through six on broader themes for the project.



COMMUNITY AMENITY

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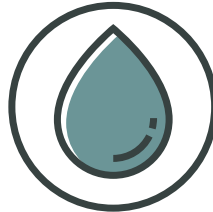
RECREATION

5th



FLOOD MITIGATION

6th



WATER QUALITY

1st



LIVING LABORATORY

4th



WILDLIFE HABITAT

3rd

MEETING

INTRODUCTIONS

Brian Tonetti opened the meeting and thanked everyone for coming.

PRESENTATION

Brian present the mission and vision of the Seven Canyons Trust, who they are, how they started, and what they hope to do. He presented the current conditions of the hydrology with 21 miles of buried creeks in the valley.



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He unveiled the proposed Herman Franks Park Emigration Creek Daylighting Project. He announced the scope of the project between the ballfields and surrounding roads. He discussed the potential to daylight 1,000 feet of creek at the park. He shared potential benefits of the project including improved water quality, a community amenity, wildlife habitat, recreation opportunities, and a living laboratory for nearby schools. He shared the timeline of the project. He outlined the process of the community design charrette. Participants can mark their broad priorities for the project, draw or write why they love creeks, and submit comments with the comment cards. He will go over the questions and have a conversation with participants. Feedback from this charrette will be used to create two design concepts, which will be presented at a second community design charrette. After this charrette, a preferred design, master plan, and implementation cost estimates will be created to be presented to Salt Lake City.

Seth Bockholt shared his excitement for the project. He invited the participants along on the process, as feedback will help create a collaborative design vision. He suggested they take advantage of this pro bono work to discuss the potential to reimagine this park without expending any taxpayer funds.

ROUNDTABLE QUESTIONS

Brian opened the discussion up to the attendees. He began with the first question on the handout:

“Do you use Herman Franks Park?”

The room was divided on use of the park, with half saying they did not use it and the other half saying they used the dog park. There was no one in the room that used the dog park. The dog park users mostly used the dog park in the summer, with some saying they used it during winter. However the water is turned off, so users must carry water to the park.

Written responses:

- “Don’t use.” (Ty Harrision)
- “Not nearly as much as I would like. Summer/Fall, daytime. Picnicing, botchi ball, and dog parks.”
- “No; I don’t play baseball or watch the sport. I do not use the dog park.” (Cindy Cromer)
- “Nope. I only use HFP en route to Liberty Park.” (Lexi Dowdall)
- “Yes. 1-2 times a month for the dog park. Weekend afternoons, all year long.” (Liz Jackson)
- “No.”
- “Sometimes I bring my dog, but not often.”
- “Yes, approximately 2 times a month to let dog run off-leash, usually in evening after work,

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year-round. And also access Liberty Park along the 13th S. sidewalk approximately 2 times a month.” (Melissa Stamp)

- “Yes, I use it a couple of times a month to walk my dog. No specific season, or time of day.” (Lucas Pennington)
- “I have used the park 2 times for dog park and for biking in the summer.” (Porter Edson)
- “Yes - dog park. I am usually there four times and all seasons.” (Sandy Dreis)
- “Yes. Almost every day for the playground and green space.” (Travis Mullen)
- “Yes - walk my dogs daily, morning and evening.” (Miriam Valere)
- “Dog entertainment.”
- “I use the dog park a few days of the week during daylight. Mostly during warm weather.” (Ursula Jochmann)
- “Several times a week. We spend over an hour each time at the dog park.” (Ryan Honk)
- “Yes, on occasion to walk our dogs (let them play). We’re most likely to walk in the evening in Spring/Summer.” (Susan Grant)
- “Yes. Our children play baseball here and our doggies play at the dog park.” (Laura Maughan)
- “I live directly next to the Herman Frank park. I use it almost daily to have lunch, watch the sunset, catch up with friends, do yoga, read books- YOU NAME IT !! I use it often all year round.” (Destiny Olsen)
- “Yes. The off-leash dog park about six times throughout the year.” (Brenda Viera)
- “Yes. As a dog park and also as place to recreate with out grandkids.” (Denise Smith)
- “Yes - once a week or more during the summer. Not much in the winter.” (Greg Hansen)
- “Walk or drive by several times a week for the last 22 years on my way to Liberty Park and elsewhere. I have no dog, don’t play baseball, so it is a thoroughfare. The only time I actually use the park is to watch annual Pioneer Day fireworks, the best view up close.” (Cecily Light)

“What is one thing you love about this park?”

Several participants said they did not love the park. It was said the dog park is dirty and not aesthetically-pleasing. It is very use-centric and does not feel like a public park. There are no uses for non-baseball players or non-dog owners. There was a question about how wide the stream will be. Seth answered that this will be hashed out in the design phase. It was asked whether wildlife might be affected, especially by busy roads. Brian answered that the majority of wildlife will be migratory birds. It was also mentioned that the creek will bring macro-invertebrates in the water and other native insects, such as monarch butterflies, that the birds will forage on. It will also help the birds already in Liberty Park. It was asked how the stream will be extend into Liberty Park. Brian answered that this project will only be looking at Herman Franks Park, but the project could become a great precedent and demonstration for how it could be extend

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through Liberty Park, the Tracy Aviary, and ultimately between the Wasatch Range and Jordan River.

Written responses:

- "Nothing." (Ty Harrison)
- "The sheer size and diverse and plethora of activities available."
- "Actually I do not love this park. I am grateful for all of the City's open space, but I prefer other parks." (Cindy Cromer)
- "Honestly pretty apathetic to this park. I don't have a dog, nor do I play baseball - so I don't use the park. It's not bad having green space - but... I can't use it, but I live 2 houses away." (Lexi Dowdall)
- "Brings all sorts of people from all over the valley." (Liz Jackson)
- "Green space, dogs love it."
- "I love the hills and all the big trees. It sits so nicely in my neighborhood."
- "I use it but don't really 'love' it." (Melissa Stamp)
- "There is an open off leash dog park." (Lucas Pennington)
- "It's active." (Porter Edson)
- "Large park for dogs to run." (Sandy Dreis)
- "Local. Right next to our house. Non busy playground for most of the day." (Travis Mullen)
- "Trees and green space." (Miriam Valere)
- "Open space in the City."
- "It's close and a good place to take my dog when I don't have time for a long walk." (Ursula Jochmann)
- "Socializing with neighbors while my dog runs with other dogs. Being able to walk there and not drive." (Ryan Honk)
- "Availability." (Susan Grant)
- "It is my children's childhood." (Laura Maughan)
- "I love that this is a place I get to know the people in my local community. There are always people here conversing and enjoying one another's company." (Destiny Olsen)
- "The dog park." (Brenda Viera)
- "Proximity to my home, and meeting new friends from the neighborhood." (Denise Smith)
- "It is close, has large trees, and I like that I can take my dog there off-leash." (Greg Hansen)
- "Beautiful open green space, buffer to traffic on 7th east, quiet, almost private space." (Cecily Light)

"What is one thing that is missing from this park and/or one thing you might change



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about the space?"

Several participants recommended changes to the dog park. Recommendations included an area for small dogs, getting rid of the mulch, and a pond for dogs to swim in. It was recommended to run the creek through a portion of the dog park. Brian suggested this could be a separate water source to limit creek contamination. The creek could run between the playground and dog park to separate the children from the dogs. Benches and tables could be installed for picnicking. It was brought up that baseball players warm up in the scope area. A participant mentioned that cottonwood trees are butchered at the park by maintenance crews due to powerlines. The trees could pose a safety concern if they fall because they are old. It was mentioned that diversity of plant species is missing because the park is strictly grass and cottonwoods. The park is missing flexible open space. It was mentioned that this is where people watch fireworks. It was suggested that 1300 South could be closed down to preserve this use. It was mentioned that baseballs sometimes fly into the dog park or streets. The creek and a trail could provide linear connection to Liberty Park.

Written responses:

- "Nature and wildlife." (Ty Harrison)
- "A stream would be great."
- "The space lacks diversity of uses. It is dedicated to dogs and baseball." (Cindy Cromer)
- "Picnic areas, more multi-use areas, a musical stage for summer concerts. It's a shame to not be able to use, sit, or enjoy that vast expanse of grass." (Lexi Dowdall)
- "I'd love to see an update to the dog park. It's worn down. Bringing the creek aboveground would be beautiful. Add boulders for dogs to climb on and won't get crushed (unlike plants)." (Liz Jackson)
- "Off-leash dog areas."
- "It feels like its only for baseball players or dog owners. It would be nice to have more ecological space (like a creek)."
- "Emigration Creek!? Seating." (Melissa Stamp)
- "Open water for recreation, like fishing or for dogs." (Lucas Pennington)
- "I would love for a creek." (Porter Edson)
- "Small dog versus big/both." (Sandy Dreis)
- "I would like to see the dog park upgraded with make mulch larger. Space improved playground. Slides." (Travis Mullen)
- "More native plant areas. Small dog area in the dog park." (Miriam Valere)
- "More water. Water for dogs to drink and play in. Trees. Boulders, big rocks to climb. Space for big dogs and another for small."



- "Water. Irrigation faucet in park is only on during warm weather." (Ursula Jochmann)
- "More trees." (Ryan Honk)
- "I'd make it more aesthetically pleasing." (Susan Grant)
- "The feeling of community restored. The park is beautiful but has been overrun and misused by drugs." (Destiny Olsen)
- "It needs more trees in the dog park and a path outside the dog park fence. I don't want to take my baby in the dog park but would like to walk the perimeter while the dog plays." (Brenda Viera)
- "Picnic areas and the addition of a creek would be wonderful!" (Denise Smith)
- "Lack of landscaping makes it look barren. No sign that I have ever seen with name of park on it. I had to google Herman Franks Park to find out where it was, the address was not on meeting announcement that I saw. (what is a design charette, anyway? I'm not googling that one.)" (Cecily Light)

"What changes would make you use this park, or use it more often?"

A participant proposed sidewalks adjacent to the creek. Large boulders could help stabilize banks and prevent dogs from eroding the banks or getting into the water. A small dog area would make small dog owners use the space more. If maintenance of the park was better, a participant would use it more. People do not pick up dog poop because it is hard to see in the mulch. It was suggested to use a permeable paver in the dog park. A participant suggested creating deep pools for fishing. They fish upper sections of Emigration Creek and have caught many Bonneville cutthroat trout. They suggested reaching out to Trout Unlimited.

Written responses:

- "Nature observation year-round. Creek walks. Streambank sod restoration." (Ty Harrison)
- "A stream would be great."
- "More diverse, more passive uses." (Cindy Cromer)
- "Free up green space - for everyone to use. The creek idea is wonderful. I'm passionate about water quality and habitat. Free the creek!!" (Lexi Dowdall)
- "Waterways! Dog park updates (replace the chips, maybe with a more natural design). Dog pond." (Liz Jackson)
- "Definitely a creek with big rocks and real riparian integrity would make me so want to come enjoy the green space."
- "Larger, more attractive off-leash area with better waste management - it's not my top choice because there is poop everywhere and it's grass and unsanitary." (Melissa Stamp)
- "Deep pools with native trout. I'd got there to fish many days a week." (Lucas Pennington)



- "A creek with deep pools and long runs. I would use it for fishing. Also, put some native trout in the creek." (Porter Edson)
- "None - I use it several times a week." (Sandy Dreis)
- "A creek! Improved green space/more diverse plants. Nicer sidewalk along 13th South. Wider, farther from the road." (Travis Mullen)
- "Use it daily." (Miriam Valere)
- "More rocks and trees."
- "Water flowing through the dog park. And if a pond could be incorporated or a deeper section for the dogs to swim, that would be awesome." (Ursula Jochmann)
- "A cleaner ground cover." (Ryan Honk)
- "As above." (Susan Grant)
- "Security!!! This park has become overrun with drug distribution/ use & homeless camps with little police reinforcement. I'm hoping by bringing more beauty to the park, more people will utilize it, fostering a family and community oriented space again." (Destiny Olsen)
- "Enlarge the dog park." (Brenda Viera)
- "I would walk there 2 to 3 times a week both by myself and with our grandkids." (Denise Smith)
- "The dog park area can get really muddy, and some owners are not great about cleaning up after themselves - but no real complaints." (Greg Hansen)
- "Would definitely go there if the creek was above ground, to enjoy scenic water, and relax. The creek and some minimal seating would make the park a destination. The space could be more interactive and educational such as self-guided conservation garden display, or use it to promote physical activity (don't say exercise) by adding a few stations with place for stretching, sit-ups/push-ups, calisthenics, balance." (Cecily Light)

"Do you have any stories or memories about the park to share with us?"

Brian explained Herman Frank Jr's story about his father hitting baseballs over 700 East. A participant mentioned they had a garage band in the sixties. They practiced nearby the park and often had backyard concerts. A participant mentioned this park reminded them of their dogs. Another participant lost her dog and found it at the park, where the dog made it on there its own. A participant suggested creating interpretive signage at the park to talk about the project and the history of the site.

Written responses:

- "Butchered cottonwood trees on 700 E and probably elsewhere." (Ty Harrison)
- "No." (Cindy Cromer)
- "Nope - I never use it. It's fun watching the near constant parade of dogs heading to the dog

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- park from my porch. But that's it!!" (Lexi Dowdall)
- "I've met fellow dog-lover friends there." (Liz Jackson)
 - "Umm... I've heard people refer to it as 'dog sh*t park' (sort of affectionately)." (Melissa Stamp)
 - "I went there with my friends dog." (Porter Edson)
 - "My dog ran away and went straight to the park - three blocks away." (Sandy Dreis)
 - "My kids love playing on the small green space and at the playground." (Travis Mullen)
 - "My dog disappeared from our yard one day and took herself to the park where some kind soul let her in." (Susan Grant)
 - "We love playing baseball and joining together to celebrate and teach our kids of good sportsmanship and friendship. We have meet wonderful friends because of the baseball fields." (Laura Maughan)
 - "Too many to count! My partner and I spend a lot of time there having picnics, bird watching, meeting the neighbors, enjoying morning coffee." (Destiny Olsen)
 - "I love watching little league baseball." (Denise Smith)
 - "No." (Cecily Light)

"How do you think a creek would benefit the park?"

A participant was excited that dogs will have access to fresh water year round. There was concerned about water quality pollution from dogs. A participant mentioned that the project needs to balance dog access with water quality. Solutions were suggested to create a potable water "stream" in the dog park to distract the dogs. A participant mentioned a study done at Tanner Park showed no correlation between *E.coli* impairments and dogs. Brian mentioned that Emigration Creek is impaired with *E.coli* due to septic tanks in Emigration Canyon. He said that it has been discussed to create a fountain that could pump and filter the water into the creek channel to clean it. A participant mentioned that the creek would bring plant diversity to the area. It could support bees and butterflies for gardeners, and would be important to other wildlife that depend on these insects. The community could come together to help plant trees. A participant asked about flooding concerns. They mentioned that the west-side of the park often floods 700 East. Seth mentioned that the current stormwater pipe under the park is undersized and pressurizes during a storm. He suggest that this project could enhance the capacity of the system with extra storage and a place for water to go in flooding situations.

Written responses:

- "Tremendously. Diversify park uses." (Ty Harrison)
- "Educational opportunities for local schools."
- "Maybe." (Cindy Cromer)



- "Adding habitat diversity. Bettering the treatment of our waterways and the potential for educational opportunities for children." (Lexi Dowdall)
- "Make it more beautiful. Give an opportunity for more natural growth." (Liz Jackson)
- "Maybe."
- "I think riparian ecology always improves any space. It's so good for humans to be around it."
- "Could be a great educational tool to help community understand our streams, water supply, water management. Include maps, signs, interpretive features so people know its Emigration Creek! Community amenity." (Melissa Stamp)
- "It would bring in people, because there would be more recreational activities." (Lucas Pennington)
- "It would make it prettier." (Porter Edson)
- "Beauty - possible splash pond." (Sandy Dreis)
- "Nicer green space and more natural environment." (Travis Mullen)
- "Wildlife habitat." (Miriam Valere)
- "Running water is very theraputic, relaxing."
- "Dogs could finally have fresh water year round." (Ursula Jochmann)
- "Attractive wildlife, providing diversity visually." (Susan Grant)
- "It is beautiful." (Laura Maughan)
- "I'm hoping by bringing more beauty to the park, more people will utilize it, fostering a family and community oriented space again." (Destiny Olsen)
- "The dogs can play in it." (Brenda Viera)
- "More people, more enjoyable." (Denise Smith)

"Do you have concerns with the proposed efforts?"

Brian asked if any participants had any more concerns about the project. There was no response, so the question was skipped.

Written responses:

- "Yes, a dissappointing outcome could have a negative impact on efforts to daylight other sections of our streams." (Cindy Cromer)
- "None - please do it!!" (Lexi Dowdall)
- "Safety (drowning risk). Will be tricky to manage dog use and access - I see people playing fetch with off-leash dogs along grassy area along 13th S grassy area." (Melissa Stamp)
- "No." (Porter Edson)
- "A long construction process." (Travis Mullen)
- "Nope - love the idea!" (Miriam Valere)



- "Perhaps drawing some wildlife that could be hit by cars." (Ursula Jochmann)
- "Not a present." (Susan Grant)
- "Will it in any way take away the baseball diamonds or dog park?" (Laura Maughan)
- "Will there still be grassy areas ? Are any plans drawn up yet? What could be potential harm/downfalls of this project to someone living next door?" (Destiny Olsen)
- "Connecting the stream to the dog park will need some method to prevent contamination. Dogs are messy and unhygienic and children play in the playground. Chdren will want to play in the water. It will need to be completely separate and may contaminate the pond in Liberty Park." (Brenda Viera)
- "NO." (Denise Smith)
- "Too many people, no parking." (Cecily Light)

"Have you experienced any issues with the park? Have you heard of any?"

A participant mentioned that the wood chips in the dog park are a huge issue. Gravel could be a good solution for drainage. However, it was mentioned that gravel might stick to poop and dog paws. Brian asked the group if there were issues with homeless populations or trash. It was mentioned that the park is often a thoroughfare for homeless, but its hard to find a spot to at the park that is hidden to set up a camp. It was mentioned that some neighbors were concerned with dogs barking at the park.

Written responses:

- "No personal experience. I have heard complaints about loose dogs, dog waste, and traffic." (Cindy Cromer)
- "I've head of a drug dealer handing out in the mens restroom. A few car burgleries around the street." (Lexi Dowdall)
- "The dirtiness. Wood chips aren't kept up - dog park isn't kept up." (Liz Jackson)
- "I've heard that people leave their dogs there tied up sometimes."
- "No." (Melissa Stamp)
- "No." (Porter Edson)
- "Lack of water during winter when it is turned off." (Sandy Dreis)
- "Homeless people, lots of dogs, drug dealing, trash. Stinky poop!" (Travis Mullen)
- "No." (Miriam Valere)
- "Dog park needs to get rid of wood chips - hard to see and pick up poop." (Ursula Jochmann)
- "No." (Susan Grant)
- "No." (Laura Maughan)
- "Two things: drug use/distribution, trash overflow from the park (maybe garbage cans at the



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- edges of the park could be installed)." (Destiny Olsen)
- "Not all people clean up after their dogs. It gets muddy." (Brenda Viera)
- "I have been told that there is drug use and some criminal element in the evenings." (Denise Smith)
- "No." (Cecily Light)

"Are there any specific improvements you would like in the project area?"

A participant mentioned that there are bleachers within the project scope. Brian said that this project will not take away from any of the current uses at the park. A participant suggested creating a small, natural amphitheater in the bank. A participant suggested creating a forebay at the beginning of the project to settle suspended solids and clean debris. They mentioned the 900 South Constructed Wetlands as a precedent. A participant suggested more trashcans. It was suggested to have small tables for people to relax and drink a coffee to make the park more appealing to a larger group, rather than just baseball players and dog owners. It was suggested to create places to play for children in a natural setting.

Written responses:

- "More diverse uses, more flexibility of uses, less attention to dog owners and their demands. (I would not contribute any money to enhance the dog park but would contribute to funding a more riparian-like corridor)." (Cindy Cromer)
- "Places to relax on the grass, a small concert venue would be wonderful." (Lexi Dowdall)
- "Add the creek." (Liz Jackson)
- "Less Kentucky bluegrass, more native plants."
- "Yes - daylighting the creek! A water feature within the dog park." (Melissa Stamp)
- "There should be deep pools, for habitats for native trout." (Lucas Pennington)
- "As I said deep pools and long runs for fish." (Porter Edson)
- "I would like a nicer sidewalk along 13th South. The current sidewalk is narrow and close to 1300 South. It scares me walking with my kids to Liberty Park." (Travis Mullen)
- "Native pollinator habitat. I keep bees nearby and they need more forage, as well as the native bees." (Miriam Valere)
- "Silting areas."
- "Benches, small sturdy tables to set beverages on, especially in dog park." (Ursula Jochmann)
- "More areas where people could sit and chat; small native trees and grasses and flowers." (Susan Grant)
- "More trees, plants and spaces for wildlife to feel protected in and garbage cans on the exterior of the park." (Destiny Olsen)
- "Enlarge the dog park." (Brenda Viera)



- "Just make sure that the lovely creek idea comes to fruition." (Denise Smith)
- "Seating, landscaping, par-course." (Cecily Light)

- THE CHARRETTE WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:45PM -

***Note: The minutes also contain online comments from November 18 to December 12.**

