

HERMAN FRANKS PARK

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COMMUNITY DESIGN CHARRETTE - TWO

12/13/16 MINUTES

DATE/TIME

December 13, 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 | 6. Greg Hansen | 12. Jane Lyon | 18. Meg Randle |
| 2. Zina Bougri | 7. Michael Iverson | 13. Scott Messersmith | 19. Matt Ruiz |
| 3. David Cochrane | 8. Cecily Light | 14. Tammi Messersmith | 20. Diya Shah |
| 4. Kim Crandal | 9. Ursula Jochmann | 15. Sarah Morton | 21. Brian Tonetti |
| 5. Ben Hagenhafer-Domell | 10. Evan Johnson | 16. Graham Pickett | 22. Bryce Ward |
| | 11. Olivia Juarez | 17. Charles Pioli | |

SYNOPSIS

CONCEPT ONE

	FOR	AGAINST
Big Idea 1: Start - 'Industrial Style' Excavation	5	3
Big Idea 2: Playground - Pipeworks	22	6
Big Idea 3: Stream - Below-Grade/Platforms	14	4
Big Idea 4: Landform - Excavation	12	6
Bid Idea 5: Terminus - Filtration Pool	4	3

CONCEPT TWO

Big Idea 1: Start - 'Water Feature' Pump	7	1
Big Idea 2: Playground - Educational	15	9
Big Idea 3: Stream - At-Grade/Boardwalks	13	2
Big Idea 4: Landform - Fill	11	3
Bid Idea 5: Terminus - Greenway to Liberty Park	31	17

MISCELLANEOUS

Tree Preservation	8	0
Art Installations	1	0





	FOR	AGAINST
Adult Playground	2	0
Relocate Dog Park Entrance	3	1
Dog Features	8	0
Wheelchair Access	3	0

MEETING
PRESENTATION

Seth Bockholt presented the two design concepts. He discussed the five big ideas, including the daylighting start, playground, stream channel design, landform, and stream terminus. He unveiled each design’s components, discussed what each design would entail, and explained how each might be experienced on-the-ground.

ROUNDTABLE QUESTIONS

Brian Tonetti introduced himself and discussed the mission and vision of the Seven Canyons Trust. He mentioned how this project began. He then opened the discussion up to the attendees. He began with the first question on the handout:

“Specifically, what do you like about design Concept 1?”

A participant felt like this design was a little more modest and achievable. Many participants like the playground design. A participant mentioned that this is the only playground in the area, and would like it preserved and enhanced. A participant felt like this design crossed the stream more and gave more interaction with the water. Another attendee felt like this design used the northeast corner better. Participants liked the amphitheater. This design, according to an attendee, mitigated dogs from entering the water. It was divided between those that like the enhanced parking design and those that felt like this might increase driving in the area and traffic in the neighborhood. It was said that this project will result in less maintenance responsibility. For example, less grass maintenance and cutting.

Written responses:

- “I liked the ramping amphitheater steps. I liked that you saved the playground.” (Greg Hansen)
- “Viewing platform. Stormwater pump and filtration. Water playground!! The stormwater pipe education component is great education! Definitely enhance the current playground.” (Olivia Juarez)
- “It seems more doable than #2, with a smaller footprint and no effect on the streets.” (Evan Johnson)



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- "The playground and stream viewing platform. Pond." (Sarah Morton)
- "The simplicity of the scope of designed area." (Bryce Ward)
- "The playground!" (Kim Crandal)
- "Bigger play area. So excited about creek exposure. Any change is exciting." (Meg Randle)
- "Playground needs remain and be upgraded because between 700 and 900 E and 1700 S and 1300 S there is no playground." (Charles Pioli)
- "The waterpark for kids, The Bridge that cross the water throughout the creek." (Matt Ruiz)
- "The change is not drastic. Amphitheater. Playground."
- "Playground."
- "Playground/daylighting start combo. Flows naturally/excavated."
- "More modest." (William Nicholls)
- "The combination playground/education area is excellent, as are the viewing platforms and amphitheater - the thought of concerts and picnics right there is really fun! I would use an architectural water feature instead of a pipe to daylight the stream. I like the idea of the kid's playground - but with a pretty water feature/ water fall." (Annie Naylor)
- "I liked the fact that people would be able to access the water and have interactions with it. I like that the landform was taken into account and the area was meant to look a little bit natural." (Kristina Haycock)
- "I think that concept one would be more cost effective therefore a more realistic design." (Brendan Mackey)
- "The interaction between people and the stream and water." (Pamela Palmer)
- "I love the amphitheater, viewing platforms and the ability for the public to see the water going into the pipe. Any education on the current state, and potential states, of our water is great." (Liz Jackson)
- "Water features." (Mindy Wilson)
- "The playground." (Tim Redmond)
- "I like the terminus being simple, without additions to the concession stand. I like the playground space. As long as the dog park off leash area stays I am happy. But it is nice to be able to watch kids and pups both on a contained area." (Mara Graeme)
- "I like 1,2, and 5. I don't have the time to fill this out for every concept. If I had to choose I like 1 and 2 equally. I think 1 is prettier but as a mother of young children, we'll use 2 more. Will the dog park still exist? That is important." (Crystal Young-Otterstrom)
- "It seems like concept 1 is a less ambitious version of concept 2. I don't see enough differences to justify discussing each in detail. I like the idea of exposing the stream and, ultimately, I probably prefer concept 2 because it seems to offer a more extensive play and exploration area. In general, I like the idea of a windy stream with lots of bridges. But even just a few

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bridges would be fun and would considerably enhance the park. As for the landform, I can see the advantage of separating the baseball park from the play area. It sounds a little expensive to do that, and I would hope it wouldn't ruin the look and feel of the park. It's definitely a good idea, though, if it could be incorporated and a thoughtful and not too expensive way. The waterfall would be very nice, too. I'm for that." (David Harris)

- "No. Cost issues should be upfront there are 100+ better things to spend money on."
- "The flood control. The children play feature. It seems more implementable." (Ellen Parrish)
- "I really like the idea of day lighting the creek. It provides green space, beauty, and recreation. I love the idea of natural water that I can interact with and run alongside. I don't like the dog park or the baseball fields and even though I have lived in the area for more than 8 years and I have only been to Herman Franks park one time. Actually, I only went running by it & didn't even stop. I usually avoid Herman Franks park due to the poorly utilized space. I would love to add this area into my runs to Liberty Park once it is built. It seems like it will be such a wonderful addition to the park." (Rebekah Huber)
- "I like." (Perry de Vlugt)
- "It restores a creek to it's natural above-ground place and enriches the beauty of our neighborhood." (Deborah Shelley Gabriel)
- "The playground near water and an amphitheater." (Morgan Byrne)
- "Playground. There are lots of kids in the neighborhood and an interactive water playground would be amazing." (Jarrett Fisher)
- "It seems more natural. The curving path of the creek, the simple low benches and fences are appealing." (Laurie Bryant)
- "The water feature playground. The bridges." (Kristin Mullen)
- "I love the concept of daylighting the stream and incorporating more natural features instead of a grass buffer around the park." (BobbiJo Kanter)
 - "I like this plan the most because it mitigates the dog park entrance which stops dog pollution. I think this concept is cheaper and poses many great ideas."
- "Below grade and bridges; interacts well with the existing infrastructure. Amphitheater is cool for community involvement." (Sarah Rohde)
- "More cost efficient, less risk of pollution/destruction of the creek because its lower." (Sam Siller)
- "I really like the idea of the amphitheater." (Tristan Simoneau)
- "Seems slightly more feasible than Concept 2." (Naomi S.)
- "I like that it is fairly simple, and the shape of the creek will keep it slow without implementing waterfalls and such."
- "The protection of the creek."





- "Keep the trees."
- "I like that it allows for people and other things to actually physically use it."
- "I like that it will make people be able to see and appreciate the creek. I also like that it could preserve the creek a bit more from contamination. I like all the bridges." (Maddie Humel)
- "I like the boardwalks. Creek. :)"

"What changes would you make to design Concept 1?"

A participant suggested installing art in the project scope. This art could become a way to interact with the water. A participant suggested more handicap accessible seating areas. Another participant suggested a playground design that could stimulate both adults and children. A potential design could include components work out on. Another idea was to include interpretive signage and educational information within the playground area, similar to Concept Two. An attendee mentioned that with the current layout of the amphitheater you wouldn't be able to watch baseball games.

Written responses:

- "I don't like the idea of dropping in elevation to the daylight area." (Greg Hansen)
- "Addition of pollinator plants (plant for bees, moths, butterflies). Make more places where people can interact with stream." (Olivia Juarez)
- "Add a dog pond?" (Evan Johnson)
- "Lose the amphitheater, keep the trees. Add education (art or map) at the 700 E and 1300 S intersection - or both - that tells you where the stream goes from there." (Sarah Morton)
- "Finish the connections on both sides of new "stream." Seems to be dead ends with fences of ballfields." (Bryce Ward)
- "Not sure of the details you may already with the park but adding some sort of interpretive signs or activities would be great!" (Kim Crandal)
- "Hope you can keep trees plus add more. Dog park entrance mitigates wet pups." (Meg Randle)
- "Add the intersection idea."
- "Don't slow to "pond," rather construct wetland type vegetation at terminus."
- "Fewer ornamental architectural elements." (William Nicholls)
- "The combination playground/education area is excellent, as are the viewing platforms and amphitheater - the thought of concerts and picnics right there is really fun! I would use an architectural water feature instead of a pipe to daylight the stream. I like the idea of the kid's playground - but with a pretty water feature/ water fall." (Annie Naylor)
- "I liked the fact that people would be able to access the water and have interactions with it."

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I like that the landform was taken into account and the area was meant to look a little bit natural." (Kristina Haycock)

- "An idea to maintain some of the educational aspects from concept one is to place plaques identifiers of plant species along the river path and around the park. Also, a series of plaques placed along the path that teaches a simple lesson about ecosystems or the water cycle along the Wasatch front. So, as you walk the path you can stop at each plaque and learn the next lesson or step in the water cycle." (Brendan Mackey)
- "Make it even more dog friendly with an off-leash area." (Pamela Palmer)
- "I wish the exposed stream was dog-friendly too, considering proximity to dog park." (Mindy Wilson)
- "The pipe at the start doesn't seem as speaking. I don't like losing entry to multiple sides of the dog park." (Mara Graeme)
- "I've noticed that the current playground equipment gets a lot of usage by young children. I don't think they'd have the same, recurring interest in this design. A nice part of the current playground is its easy access from the street. In Liberty Park, after parking, it's a long walk to any of the playgrounds. The unsightly and noisy 700 East side of the park isn't addressed in either proposal. Why is that? That needs a buffer of some sort as well." (Zack Phifer)
- "No."
- "The water around the bleachers is unclear to me. Since this is going to be built into the baseball field--if the field is utilized then I could see the water as a potential concern." (Rebekah Huber)
- "I would omit the playground. If one of the purposes is for children to re-engage with nature, the creek bed IS their playground." (Rachel Critchell)
- "None. Great plan!" (Deborah Shelley Gabriel)
- "Add the overpass to Liberty Park." (Morgan Byrne)
- "With the strong Utah summer sun, please consider adding shade cover over the play area. There is the fabric type material that is stretched between poles that looks cool and provides shade for the kiddos." (Jarrett Fisher)
- "Too much "stuff". A stream with a place to walk and a few benches is all we need." (Mary Van Siclen)
- "Keep it as natural as possible. Add some rocks, local plants." (Laurie Bryant)
- "Add the pedestrian bridge." (Kristin Mullen)
- "Add a place for canine access to the water in the park - I am unsure if this is watershed but I assume that children will be splashing around in the water regardless (signs forbidding this don't actually stop it in Utah). My dog at least has its vaccines and is likely to cause less harm to the watershed than humans." (BobbiJo Kanter)
- "More areas of interaction or opportunities." (Sarah Rohde)

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- "One section to go into dogs."
- "Make the creek more accessible, make the creek look more "natural," so you're not always looking down on it." (Maddie Humel)
- "Maybe have a specific place where you can enter and exit the creek - hub. Suggestion, plant native plants surrounding creek."

"Do you have any concerns about design Concept 1?"

A participant voiced concerns about ADA accessibility in the amphitheater. Ramps down the sides could be included.

Written responses:

- "The steep drop off on the NE corner at 1300 S and 800 E." (Greg Hansen)
- "Extra parking incentivizes more cars... less is more! I don't think people would use the amphitheater." (Olivia Juarez)
- "I like slacklining - like tightrope walking - between the trees along 1300 S, so I'll be sad if that goes away, but the creek would totally be worth it. I don't like the creek being down in deep trench, either." (Evan Johnson)
- "Doesn't connect to Liberty Pond." (Sarah Morton)
- "The loss of "green space" by creating angled parking along 800 E." (Bryce Ward)
- "No." (Kim Crandal)
- "More benches; bleacher wrap around like #2." (Meg Randle)
- "Whenever changes are made to nature. I just wonder if there will be environmental impact. In summer, will water dry out... with it being on the summer?"
- "Don't limit stream path to existing median. Move ballfields/dog park."
- "You don't mention it, but the large trees at the park's perimeter would be lost to either of these concepts. Neither concept integrates with the rest of the park space and I'm not a fan of token strips of pseudo-nature that are far more cosmetic than any real "riparian" restoration." (William Nicholls)
- "What will the bleachers/ concessions look like? It would be great to beautify them. I am also concerned about the existing trees. I would like all of them to be kept and if possible, even more to be planted. A bit of shade in the summer is lovely." (Annie Naylor)
- "I wish it would go further. While concept one does a good job of daylighting the stream, I am not sure it goes far enough when trying to get people to take advantage of it. The playground seems minimal, and if people simply want to walk around water, they can cross the intersection to Liberty Park. If there is going to be a second park in the area, it needs to offer something

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more.” (Kristina Haycock)

- “Ball fields are nice, but still a lot of unused space when it is out of season, especially winter. Perhaps these are good areas for off-leash areas when not in use, kite flying, running, etc.” (Pamela Palmer)
- “Any safety issues for kids. I don’t think we will have too much to worry about, but the public probably will have this concern.” (Liz Jackson)
- “Is another playground really needed ?!” (MJ Spear)
- “No.” (Mara Graeme)
- “No.”
- “None, I feel that it is feasible and beautiful.” (Rebekah Huber)
- “None.” (Deborah Shelley Gabriel)
- “Making the play area and overview area safe for children.” (Morgan Byrne)
- “No. Either concept would be amazing for SLC and especially this neighborhood.” (Jarrett Fisher)
- “No.” (Laurie Bryant)
- “I want to make sure it is a safe area for kids to play being so close to the main streets. Will the retaining walls be sufficient to create an enclosed environment? Or do additional walls or fences need to be included?” (Kristin Mullen)
- “No.” (BobbiJo Kanter)
- “Just people not touching the water would be hard to control.”
- “What happens to old trees along the way? Have y’all looked into “green streets?” Done in Missoula, MT but a variation could be made to help people visualize the creek daylighted and interact with community.” (Sarah Rohde)
- “The dog park.” (Maddie Humel)
- “Trees already established.”
- “I think it is a wonderful plan but here’s my concern. I have been walking dogs a lot this past year and to my dismay, many people disregard leash laws and signs saying no dogs allowed. Do they think they are above keeping rules? I don’t know but it’s really depressing. So if you restore the creek and try to get plants to grow there, you can bet people won’t stay out of it or keep their dogs off of it regardless of any signs posted. They will ruin the bank and leave their poop all over and people won’t pick up after them.” (Sylvia Wilcox)

“Specifically, what do you like about design Concept 2?”

Many participants liked the idea of connecting Herman Franks Park to Liberty Park via the greenway. A participant mentioned this would connect the east- and west-sides of 700 East,

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a very pedestrian and bike-hostile street. Another participant suggested the crossing would prevent big trucks from coming up 1300 South. It was suggested this concept might reduce idling at the corner of 1300 South and 700 East, as it can take a long time to turn here. Participants mentioned this would create a much more aesthetically-pleasing neighborhood. It could become a testament to the City's goal of creating a more livable city and a valley-wide attraction. Participants mentioned this concept offered more interaction with the stream through the pathway, numerous crossings, and the range of water experience, such as falls, pools, and weirs. A participant liked the fact that the stream was closer to grade and more visible. This concept, according to an attendee, better channeled dog owners to the new dog park entry. Attendees liked the multiple views from the bleachers for watching baseball games and fireworks.

Written responses:

- "I like the idea of the surface level concept at 700 E and 1300 S. Not sure about its practicality. I like the boardwalk along the creek as opposed to #1. I like the bleachers acting as an amphitheater." (Greg Hansen)
- "Green roof connection and change to the intersection. Boardwalk, water feature. Interaction with stream seems higher. Filtration pond! This is a change unlike anything I've ever seen in SLC and it's the kind of place I'd want my kids to grow up within." (Olivia Juarez)
- "I love the idea of a walkway over 700 E - I spend a lot of time walking to cross that street on foot and on bike. #2 also looks like it might preserve my slackline trees, by the bathrooms. I like raising the stream instead of having a pit, too, but that also seems harder." (Evan Johnson)
- "Connection to Liberty Park. The art water feature. The boardwalk and water access." (Sarah Morton)
- "I like the underpass/overpass for extending the park and water." (Bryce Ward)
- "Plaza above streets - connecting Herman to Liberty. Great design - would be a unique area in the city. We need more of this! Pond/Boardwalk. 100 year plan - to be able to follow the river and have a feeling of nature in such an urban environment." (Kim Crandal)
- "Wow - traffic flow conts. Without lights/congestion/pollution. Love the green space." (Meg Randle)
- "Walkway near water in continuous line. The variation in water flow. The walkway over 700 E to connect east from west side of 700." (Charles Pioli)
- "The Bridge - First of its kind. Innovative, futuristic, focal point." (Matt Ruiz)
- "I like access to water. I kind of like the idea of elevated 1300 S and no intersection. I like the bike lane idea."
- "Path along side of stream more than across."
- "Pedestrian access to Liberty Park." (William Nicholls)



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- "I absolutely LOVE the idea of ramping down 1300 S and 700 E to allow for a permanent pedestrian corridor into Liberty Park. There are so many people, myself included, that run into the park and have to stop at those lights and wait a long time, sometimes, to cross. And there are so many people, period, that need to cross that intersection every day. I think the underpass is very important, and worth the inconvenience of the road work while it's happening. I also really like that the corridor takes up the whole intersection, and a bit more. It will be a nice area that will not feel like crossing a road. Maybe we could put a dedicated left turn lane in the underpass from 1300S onto 700E going South, too - it's really hard to turn left weekday mornings. I love the architectural sculpture that daylight's water, and the educational element in the kid's park, the abundant stream crossings, and the fact that the bleachers and concessions will be redesigned. The concessions and bleachers are so ugly." (Annie Naylor)
- "I love this design. It adds something new and different to the area and really helps to focus on the importance of daylighting and the environment in general. It sets this area apart from Liberty Park in a way that would make the area better and would make the Herman Franks Park something worth visiting as a stand-alone." (Kristina Haycock)
- "I like the idea of using an architectural fountain presented in concept two to daylight the stream from the pipe. This design concept sounds great for giving people an opportunity to relax and enjoy the stream. These platforms and resting places would be a great location to place those educational plaques I was talking about from big idea two. Overall the aesthetics of concept two are much more visually pleasing. If the budget would allow for this design feature I would much prefer concept two. A new concession building and stadium seating would be an enormous benefit to the baseball leagues, earning their support for the project. I love the idea of a green walkway across 700e and 1300s. The traffic at that intersection is intense and a safe walkway from Liberty Park to Herman Frank Park would be amazing. If created the green bridge would be an environmental infrastructure asset for Salt Lake City, A landmark that would draw in tourism increasing park attendance." (Brendan Mackey)
- "I especially like that it links Liberty Park with Herman Franks Park. I like that the open space is more interactive and learning oriented than just a playground." (Pamela Palmer)
- "I think this is a great idea. There would have to be major thought into closures on 700 East, since it is a heavily used street, but if that can be accomplished this is very cool. The water feature is a good idea, as well. #2 is like a more complete and extensive plan." (Liz Jackson)
- "I love how it connects Franks & Liberty Parks. That will enhance usage of both parks." (Mindy Wilson)
- "I LOVE the idea of connecting the two parks via a pedestrian walkway under 700 East. I lived in SLC years ago and I remember what a "barrier" 700 East is -- or felt like... anything that better connects the East and West sides of SLC is a good thing." (MJ Spear)





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- "The roads going under the stream and interpretation about what daylighting of a stream is." (Tim Redmond)
- "I LOVE the pedestrian crossing on 7th and 13th. I'd be happy with a raised bridge, but am at grade green crossing would be amazing." (Mara Graeme)
- "It's a beautiful dream. I'd love to see the creek above ground all the way to Liberty Pond." (Ellen Parrish)
- "Concept two is my favorite. I worry that it is not completely feasible, as many homeowners nearby may object---but I would not. I love the idea of emigration creek connecting the two parks. This would really be a natural space and an educational opportunity for teaching others about the creeks." (Rebekah Huber)
- "I love the green space going into liberty park. I think it would make an almost seamless park and so much easier to get to Liberty from that side. Right now it is a total mess trying to get to the park on foot." (Rick Henriksen)
- "I like concept two because there are more ways for pedestrians to cross the water." (Rachel Critchell)
- "It takes the plan a step further, enlarging the creek extension above-ground." (Deborah Shelley Gabriel)
- "LOVE the green roof and water features, also love that it keeps bleachers for outdoor education." (Morgan Byrne)
- "I love, love, love how 7th east and 13 south ramp down underneath the creek. This is amazing, amazing, amazing. What an incredible way to break up the asphalt jungle of 7th east and provide a walking trail to liberty park. Families and kids could safely walk from the neighborhood directly to liberty park. This would be a real win for urban design. I love it!" (Jarrett Fisher)
- "The way 7th East is handled. I do not like crossing that busy street at certain times of day. Drivers ignore the pedestrian signs when they first say go - drivers try to "beat" the pedestrians." (Mary Van Siclen)
- "My preference is for Concept One." (Laurie Bryant)
- "The Pedestrian Bridge! We have been talking about how the intersection needs one almost every day. It has become so dangerous. Cars have been so aggressive and are in a hurry. My kids and I both have had near misses with cars in too much of a hurry. Love the additional walkways/boardwalks. The amphitheater. Of course all of the water." (Kristin Mullen)
- "I really like the idea for the overpass between Herman franks park and liberty park over 700 east. This is an intersection that has been concerning to me for years due to the speed of the cars on 700 east and the number of families and children crossing the intersection. I think securing the safety of this intersection is vital to the Herman franks park project as uncovering



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- the creek will bring many more family and children to the area.” (Shannon Wells)
- “I love the idea of connecting parks, but not sure how accurate it would be.”
 - “More interaction with creek and the tunnel idea is really neat.” (Sarah Rohde)
 - “I think running it across the intersection is really cool and will be more beneficial to the creek. Also, the amphitheater is a great idea.” (Sam Siller)
 - “I like the accessibility of the river in this concept, as well as connecting the two parks.” (Tristan Simoneau)
 - “It would be very cool to see all of these changes on 7th East.” (Naomi S.)
 - “I like the new inset bleachers, and I like the changes to the intersection.”
 - “Putting river over cars.”
 - “I like how there are bridges in between the waterways. I also think the waterfall concept is cool.”
 - “That the creek is more interactive. I feel like it would look better to.” (Maddie Humel)
 - “More engagement with creek.”

“What changes would you make to design Concept 2?”

Attendees suggested including the playground design in Concept One. Another participant wanted the 45-degree parking. It was suggested to add more access to the ballfields along 800 East.

Written responses:

- “Include the amphitheater steps concept from #1.” (Greg Hansen)
- “Would education park info be in English and Spanish? I’d like to see written media be accessible to both.” (Olivia Juarez)
- “Dog pond?” (Evan Johnson)
- “Details of the road, 700 E, ramping down and back up - access to existing driveways.” (Bryce Ward)
- “Would it be possible to make some sort of roundabout underground?” (Kim Crandal)
- “Add playground into dedicated water area in dog park. Can you add parking stall 800 E?” (Meg Randle)
- “45 degree parking on 800 E.” (Matt Ruiz)
- “I really like it. Add a playground and it will be golden.”
- “Ditch foundation.”
- “The covered bridge element seems like theme park style pretense for such a modest space. Same with the idea of “viewing platforms.”” (William Nicholls)
- “I like the playground idea from Concept 1 better, especially if the kids can actually play in

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- the water within the playground, similar to the canyons water feature at Liberty Park - but I would like the mentioned educational element incorporated. I also like the amphitheater from Concept 1. I think it would be used frequently. I used to live in Daybreak, and the graded grass & concrete amphitheater at the North end of Oquirrh Lake was used for concerts, picnics, laying out at the "beach", playing children - basically, it was used all the time." (Annie Naylor)
- "I can't think of any." (Kristina Haycock)
 - "Along with the educational nature of the open space, perhaps a par-course could be incorporated for exercise." (Pamela Palmer)
 - "Include interpretation about why streams have been covered in the first place to avoid it being repeated." (Tim Redmond)
 - "I don't think a concession stand or waterfall feature are needed." (Mara Graeme)
 - "I've noticed that the current playground equipment gets a lot of usage by young children. I don't think they'd have the same, recurring interest in this design. A nice part of the current playground is its easy access from the street. In Liberty Park, after parking, it's a long walk to any of the playgrounds. The unsightly and noisy 700 East side of the park isn't addressed in either proposal. Why is that? That needs a buffer of some sort as well." (Zack Phifer)
 - "Some."
 - "Not sure I like the proximity of the concession stand to the water." (Ellen Parrish)
 - "The water around the bleachers is unclear to me. Since this is going to be built into the baseball field--if the field is utilized then I could see the water as a potential concern." (Rebekah Huber)
 - "Beautify the existing crosswalks at 7th/13th with existing level for traffic to make it flow/connect in appearance to Liberty Park. Digging out a down ramp for traffic and bridge is too big for the space ...how far east/west/north/south would you have to start the down slope to go deep/low enough for large vehicles to pass under? You just can't make a 'dip' under that intersection. And the cost? Too much money!!!!" (Perry de Vlugt)
 - "None." (Deborah Shelley Gabriel)
 - "Incorporate a kids playground. This is very important to the neighborhood." (Jarrett Fisher)
 - "Could you add a small place to water dogs without trampling the landscape of muddying the stream? Since there is a dog park there, make sure your design accounts for both responsible dog owners and less responsible ones. Make wide places along the walks to allow people with leashed dogs to pass without the dogs getting too close to each other. Some dogs are not nice about that!" (Mary Van Siclen)
 - "Make it more like Concept One. There are too many angles and hard-looking edges." (Laurie Bryant)
 - "Does this one have the water feature playground? Or some sort of kids activities?" (Kristin Mullen)





- "Is there a risk or concern from partners about the dangers of the creek to small children who could fall in while playing around?" (Sam Siller)
- "I think incorporating the amphitheater idea would be nice." (Tristan Simoneau)
- "Large overlook area near dog park seems weird, and does not appear to control water speed well."
- "Hard to read and understand."
- "Maybe another bridge." (Maddie Humel)
- "Put in a few bridges."

"Do you have any concerns about design Concept 2?"

A participant voiced concerns about the bleacher design becoming a place for homeless populations to be shielded. There were several different concerns from attendees about the below-grade street crossing. Participants were concerned about the inability to turn left or right on 1300 South from 700 East and vice versa. This might divert traffic into side streets and neighborhoods as motorists find alternative routes. Attendees voiced concerns about bus stops and lines being effected by the crossing. A participant voiced concerns about the playground shifting focus to education.

Written responses:

- "The intersection idea - no turn options to or from 700 E or 1300 S, increasing traffic in neighborhoods, getting emergency vehicles in, etc." (Greg Hansen)
- "The traffic flow change seems a little confusing to understand, especially when you say "at grid," which I didn't understand at first. I would talk about what at grid/above grid means in laymen terms." (Olivia Juarez)
- "The 700 E crossing will be too expensive, and not get built!" (Evan Johnson)
- "I love the intersection, but I imagine it will be extremely unpopular." (Sarah Morton)
- "Only concern would be safety and access to/through the over pass, so clarifying the safety measures to keep people and cars safe from each other." (Bryce Ward)
- "Traffic - not being able to turn from 1300 or 700. Access to park may be difficult. BUT, I love the plaza idea... I would be willing to go out of my way for the beauty." (Kim Crandal)
- "Fireworks issue - Would it be damaging to water park? On either 1 or 2." (Meg Randle)
- "Don't think geometrical water theme where park playground exists is necessary at all." (Charles Pioli)
- "Bridge construction - logistics. Cost. Time of construction." (Matt Ruiz)
- "Are the trees going to be intact?"

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- "As interesting and ambitious as blocking 700 E/1300 S is you will get nowhere with this. To the point that it is counterproductive to propose as it side tracks discussion."
- "Probably too ambitious to be financially viable. An underpass would be the low point in the area and would flood (the lake in Liberty Park is part of the area's flood retention system) and you're proposing putting two major streets below the floodplain." (William Nicholls)
- "Can we really afford the underpass? I hope so. It's an incredible idea that would get so much use. I would be willing to donate. It won't be much - maybe a couple hundred dollars - but if we could get more people from adjoining neighborhoods to donate it might make a difference. I am, however, concerned about safety with the underpass. Will there be high retaining walls along the park and the East side of 700E where the underpass starts/ends? The high retaining walls could be fallen off from the sidewalk, but if they're too high I feel they will affect property value for the homes on that section of 700 E. On a positive note, I feel that an underpass will also improve both car and pedestrian traffic at an incredibly busy intersection. Additionally, I'd like to see decorative retaining walls in the underpass because it is a main entrance the city from I-80. Maybe there could be various murals, or sculptures, decorative rock retaining walls?" (Annie Naylor)
- "It will be expensive, and therefore hard to sell to the city. I think it would be a wise improvement in the long-run, but people don't always think long-term." (Kristina Haycock)
- "I hope that the idea to filter the water from concept one would be incorporated into the fountain. Although I am a huge advocate for the stream to serve as an educational platform, I feel that you will get more support from the community with the interactive water features park design. Lowering the intersection would cost a ton of money to construct and there will be community backlash for the detours and inconvenience the construction would cause." (Brendan Mackey)
- "None." (Pamela Palmer)
- "Any road closures to 7th will need to be thought through, communication well, and mitigated as best as possible." (Liz Jackson)
- "No." (Mara Graeme)
- "I'm really unclear about the Big Idea 5 of this proposal. It sounds like it runs under the intersection of 700 East and 1300 South but never really says that. The verbiage is confusing..."green overpass"...is that the street or pedestrian walkway? What is the wide rectangle that the pedestrian's are walking over? A stream? A street?" (Zack Phifer)
- "Some."
- "Cost. Recalcitrant neighbors." (Ellen Parrish)
- "I am not sure how feasible this concept is, as the road would have to be very low to have the creek flow over it. More information is needed to show this is feasible (e.g., cost, construction,



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height, etc.)” (Rebekah Huber)

- “The new intersection! If you built that...the homes right on the corner of 7th/13th will lose their view if this ‘cross over’ gets too high. And how low would the down ramp have to go to make traffic for trucks to pass under? I feel that’s TOO big of a change for that intersection. Remember, we’re talking about an intersection that’s heavily used. Making a down slope/ramp to me, is more for a larger area with wider, open space to create.” (Perry de Vlugt)
- “Might be a bit more expensive.” (Deborah Shelley Gabriel)
- “I don’t like that it gets rid of the playground, if they are planning to keep the dog park there I think it makes sense to have a playground right outside for the kiddos.” (Morgan Byrne)
- “No. Let’s make it happen!!!” (Jarrett Fisher)
- “We do not need bleachers. Who wants to enjoy a stream with a ton of other people?” (Mary Van Sicen)
- “If you’re daylighting a creek, make it a creek, not a water feature that looks like it belongs in a garden.” (Laurie Bryant)
- “I want to make sure it is a safe area for kids to play being so close to the main streets. Will the retaining walls be sufficient to create an enclosed environment? Or do additional walls or fences need to be included?” (Kristin Mullen)
- “Crossing the intersection at 700 E & 1300 S - this is a very busy intersection and, while I think the design and look of this is great, the practical implementation seems like it would be very disruptive.” (BobbiJo Kanter)
- “Money/support for connecting parks. Fences for blocking off steep parts.”
- “Just curious about budget and timeline for the tunnel.” (Sarah Rohde)
- “Only about the practicality of tunneling the roads, but as a park user that doesn’t concern me too much.” (Tristan Simoneau)
- “Water quality issues.” (Naomi S.)
- “Seems like it may be costly and hard to implement.”
- “Construction duration.”
- “Underground intersection is too complex.”
- “How would you protect the creek from contamination?” (Maddie Humel)
- “Dogs, contamination, trash - easier. Erosion.”

“Are there other improvements we should consider?”

Participants suggested adding access to water in the dog park. There is no year-round drinking water. This could be a potable water creek feature, or a participant suggested daylighting a small portion of the culvert as it runs through the dog park. A participant suggested expanding the

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scope of the project to the whole park. Specific moments of high use could be better designed with the expanded scope. A third concept could be proposed to reconfiguring the entire park. A participant suggested reaching to out the neighborhood again to get as much engagement as possible. Another participant suggested involving other local nonprofits, such as HEAL Utah.

Written responses:

- "Mosquito abatement?" (Greg Hansen)
- "Pollinator plants! Native plants. ADA accessible spaces for interaction with creek. Overall, Concept 2 is the stronger, most appealing plan." (Olivia Juarez)
- "I love all of it! The dog pond is my only extra idea - but it might make the stream too nasty, so it might not be an option." (Evan Johnson)
- "Habitat restoration, native plants. Will it be concrete or dirt?" (Sarah Morton)
- "No." (Kim Crandal)
- "I am excited about shift in traffic if you all get logistics worked out." (Meg Randle)
- "Have a stream in dog park area (separate) from main stream for dogs only." (Charles Pioli)
- "Learned a lot. Thanks!"
- "Existing uses can be reconfigured productively. Missed opportunity to only consider existing median strip."
- "Challenge the existing layout and uses of the park to better integrate the daylighting idea. You seem unwilling to go there, yet float the much more grandiose idea of making an underpass of a major street and intersection." (William Nicholls)
- "I would also like a small stream or water feature or a pond, kind of like at Memory Grove, to run through the dog park at Herman Franks. My dog LOVES water and the pool/stream there is so perfect for playing frisbee. The "dog" ramps are great, too. My dog is main reason I am so excited about this project!" (Annie Naylor)
- "Riverdale has a park with a "slash Pad" which during the summer days is very popular with children and parents. This link will provide you with some images and information about Riverdale's splash pad park." (Brendan Mackey)
- "Please incorporate only native plants, trees, shrubs and xeriscaping with a drip system. No large irrigated grassy areas are necessary. (Use Buffalo grass, etc.)." (Pamela Palmer)
- "Is there any thought on adding a water element to the dog park - maybe an overflow shallow pool that could be used as potential flood mitigation, but also give the dog owners a fun element in all of this? Any chance a dog has to get into the water is typically a positive in the owner's mind." (Liz Jackson)
- "Dog park is pretty basic & could use an upgrade. Our dog loves Memory Grove/City Creek & Liberty Park but never seems to enjoy Franks--and it's too bad since that park functions as the



A photograph of a park area with a large sign that reads "HERMAN FRANKS PARK" in large, white, serif capital letters. Below the main title, "EMIGRATION CREEK" is written in smaller, white, sans-serif capital letters. The sign is set against a background of green grass, trees, and residential houses in the distance.

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- off-leash area for Liberty. That's one reason I love connecting the parks." (Mindy Wilson)
- "Both concepts are exciting and I hope one comes to fruition." (MJ Spear)
 - "Keep all age groups in mind." (Tim Redmond)
 - "I'd love to see one of the baseball fields made into park or dog park space. I've never seen all 3 in use at once, plus won't the new school on 3rd east have ball space?" (Mara Graeme)
 - "A walkway under 7th East and 13th South from one park into the other would be a nice addition. Especially if it could be configured so that you walked along the stream while walking along it. The Provo River trail has some places like this down near Riverside Plaza at 12th N. and 5th W." (David Harris)
 - "I don't appreciate the idea of increasing air pollution by interfering with 700 East! And 50 million cost - bull!"
 - "Can the creek go through Liberty Park? This seems like it would be a nice compliment to both parks." (Rebekah Huber)
 - "The new intersection! If you built that...the homes right on the corner of 7th/13th will lose their view if this 'cross over' gets too high. And how low would the down ramp have to go to make traffic for trucks to pass under? I feel that's TOO big of a change for that intersection. Remember, we're talking about an intersection that's heavily used. Making a down slope/ramp to me, is more for a larger area with wider, open space to create." (Perry de Vlugt)
 - "Anything like either of the two would be great honestly. Sorry I don't have much more feedback than that." (Rick Henriksen)
 - "None that I know of. It would be cool to have the creek run right across 700 East and into Liberty Park but I guess that would entail building a road bridge over 700 East. Probably completely out of the question." (Deborah Shelley Gabriel)
 - "I'm glad on both designs there are lots of stream crossings so you can get to the ballpark and dog park from many directions, I love that there is a plan to get rid of the grass and reincorporate native plants to the area." (Morgan Byrne)
 - "Is there a way to get enough flow so you could make a kayak park? Please consider the shade feature I mentioned above for the kids park. Also, have some traditional playground features like swings and slides. Having a "real" playground surrounded by this creek would be amazing." (Jarrett Fisher)
 - "1. Please have signs telling people to pick up after their dogs. 2. Do not have places hidden from the street so people are encouraged to sleep there. At choke points in other parks it is intimidating to have to step over and around passed out people. 3. Make sure the walking surfaces favor older people who with use walkers or cannot pick their feet up well or do not see well - so minimal seams in the pavement and visual differences when the terrain changes." (Mary Van Siclen)





- "This looks incredible! I live a few houses down and couldn't be more elated to see these designs. I would like to ask how this project is being funded. Will it be funded enough to accomplish concept 2? I would be able to donate \$100 / month if I could set up monthly installments. Lastly, I think signs with the concepts should be placed in the park now, as well as informational fliers. I know many in our neighborhood would love to be educated and comment if they know the proper venue to." (Kristin Mullen)
- "I am sorry I was unable to attend either of the briefings. This is difficult to understand from the drawings provided. I am in favor of the concept of daylighting the stream, and I have concerns about the safety of children, and what can be done about dogs getting into the stream and pooping. If you just watch that area for a couple of hours you will see that a vast majority of people just let their dogs out of the car and into the dog park, not on leashes. If the stream is here, dogs will be running through the stream. And, the playground just was rebuilt, what a waste of money unless it can be moved to another area. I like the idea of a playground that teaches people about the stream. It looks like Concept 2 puts a bridge over 700 East, very expensive! Sorry I cannot be more specific about the details." (Judi Short)
- "Please move all options inwards and AWAY from the street- Whats the value add to do all of this just to have the creek 6 feet from automobile traffic?" (Shaun Riedinger)
- "Again, "green streets" could be a cool community engager and help raise support and awareness." (Sarah Rohde)
- "Being specific about how people should interact with the creek." (Naomi S.)
- "Keeping sidewalks."
- "Protecting the creek." (Maddie Humel)
- "Allowing native plants to grow and trees without getting in the way of people getting to the creek."
- "So I hope you will add into your design a nice little fence that blends in with the vegetation but that keeps dogs and people out." (Sylvia Wilcox)

- THE CHARRETTE WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:45PM -

***Note: The minutes also contain online comments from December 13 to July 11.**