

City Loop Play Experience 49 Respondents from CPN

Congress Park Neighbors Survey Jan 2014 City Loop Play Experience		
Please indicate approximately in what quadrant you reside?		
Answer	Count	Percentage
Quadrant A - E. Colfax to 11th Ave, York St to Steele St.	17	34.69%
Quadrant B - 11 th Ave to 6th Ave, York St to Steele St	8	16.33%
Quadrant C - E. Colfax to 11th Ave, Steele St. to Colorado Blvd	10	20.41%
Quadrant D - 11 th Ave to 6th Ave, Steele St. to Colorado Blvd	14	28.57%
Based on your residence do you consider City Park to be your major preferred park.		
Answer	Count	Percentage
Yes (Y)	42	85.71%
No (N)	7	14.29%
What park do you prefer to go to? Please tell us why?		
Answer	7	14.29%
No answer	0	0.00%
Cheeseman - great walking/jogging trail around perimeter and not much goose poop		
Our first choice is Congress Park d/t closer location though we do go to City Park by bike frequently.		
We play at Teller and Congress Park. I don't like crossing Colfax with kids on foot or on bikes.		
Congress Park - walking distance, don't have to cross as many major roads (when running / walking).		
Congress Park		
Cheesman Park. No geese, like to ride my bike there.		
Congress Park and Cheeseman Park		

Are there children in your life (your kids, grandkids, kids you take care of) who use City Park?		
Answer	Count	Percentage
Under 6 only	6	12.24%
0-12 years old	16	32.65%
no young children	27	55.10%
I use City Park frequently:		
Answer	Count	Percentage
Frequently - at least once a week	19	38.78%
Occasionally - once or twice a month	26	53.06%
Rarely - a few times each year	4	8.16%
Almost never	0	0.00%
When you do go to City Park, how do you most often use it?		
Answer	Count	Percentage
natural green park for children to play, or for myself to run, walk dog, bike	44	89.80%
small group picnics, sports practice or games	20	40.82%
organized public events	26	53.06%
Museum or Zoo	34	69.39%
Other	5	10.20%
golf		
bird watching		
Playground		
Cross country ski		
Walks		

What is your age group?		
Answer	Count	Percentage
Under 18	0	0.00%
18-35	6	12.24%
36-50	20	40.82%
Over 50	23	46.94%
Denver Parks and Recs has proposed a \$5 million, 13 acre, "all ages" play experience (City Loop) to replace the current Dustin Redd playground in the west side of City Park, have you been following this controversy?		
Answer	Count	Percentage
Yes (Y)	39	79.59%
No (N)	10	20.41%
From whom did you hear about City Loop		
Answer	Count	Percentage
From the City	13	26.53%
From my neighborhood organization (RNO)	26	53.06%
From news media	27	55.10%
From a neighbor or friend	9	18.37%
Via what form of communication did you hear about City Loop?		
Answer	Count	Percentage
Newspaper	28	57.14%
Meeting Presentation	7	14.29%
Person-to-person conversation	9	18.37%
Facebook	8	16.33%
Website	18	36.73%

Email	10	20.41%
Other	2	4.08%
Local Papers		
the proposal on the designer's website		
How important is having a child's playground in City Park where the Dustin Redd playground is located now?		
Answer	Count	Percentage
Must have a child's playground	25	51.02%
Nice to have, but not more important than other uses offered by City Loop	16	32.65%
Don't care	8	16.33%
Comments	9	18.37%
Must have a playground at the least...if more services can be effectively offered, then great.		
I'm afraid that we are unaware of what an 'all age' play experience is.		
I'm against the entire City Loop project. Updating the playground would be nice, but other than that I do not want any additional development in the park.		
A play area is important but not to the exclusion of others. We had preferred the proposal that had more of a mixed use for not only children but adults as well. It was one of the final three options but was not ultimately selected. The proposal that won was far too child centric and was a bit tacky in design.		
There should be a children's playground at some location but not necessarily at the current location.		
We most often go to City Park to use the Dustin Redd playground.		
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The playground was a unique,highly anticipated, and much loved playground when it was built. I assume a children's playground there would always be an important asset. "Must have" wouldn't be my choice of words, though.		
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How important to you is it to have a Central Recreation Center built?

Answer	Count	Percentage
Very Important	29	59.18%
Somewhat Important	4	8.16%
Important	4	8.16%
Slightly Important	4	8.16%
Not Important	8	16.33%
Comments	11	22.45%

We have a dog park! Where did the money go?

The ineptness with which the city has handled the Rec Center is near-criminal.

Leave City Park as it is and maintain it properly

I think the City should own up to the fact that they have no intention of building one on East Colfax and take down the sign

This is a large area of Denver that does not have a rec center. I would love a nice rec center with an indoor pool, with space both for laps and for kids to play.

We currently use the Montclair recreation center in Lowry for indoor play and swimming. It would be nice to have something in our own neighborhood.

I thought the Central Rec Center was to be built where the dog park is near East High. It should have been built in Congress Park. It should NOT be in City Park.

This Rec center should have been built years ago. Instead the money was squandered on the purchase of the land. Had the rec center been put in Congress Park it would have been built by now! Now all we have to show for it is a bunch of well exercised mutts

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Regarding the City Loop All Ages Play Experience I would like the City to provide more information about:		
Parking plan	29	59.18%
Traffic plan	28	57.14%
Maintenance plan	36	73.47%
Sponsors. Who are they and what to they get in return?	31	63.27%
Operational funding plan	32	65.31%
More information on a playground for young children. How are young children going to use City Loop?	21	42.86%
I Don't Care	2	4.08%
Other	4	8.16%
The rationale for so dramatically altering the uniquely historic, naturalistic and pastoral character of City Park with the "City Loop".		
Do you support the proposed all ages City Loop Play Experience as presented to date?		
Answer	Count	Percentage
Yes	14	28.57%
No	22	44.90%
Undecided, I need more information.	13	26.53%
Comments	14	28.57%
It seems excessive.		
It is offensive that the City would select an out of state Landscape Design firm's design over a local firm		
In addition to the typical concerns about parking, traffic, maintenance, the selling-off-public-parks, the design just looks like a ridiculous LSD-inspired whimsy.		
If it ain't broke, don't 'fix' it.		
Yes, but still with reservations as noted in an earlier response.		
I am concerned about the effect it may have on the overall historic character of City Park		

Many neighbors surrounding the park have expressed concern about the scope of the design of this project, the loss of openspace and close proximity to the Dr. King memorial. As a result of a meeting between concerned neighbors and represenatives of Denver Parks and Recs has temporarily suspended fund raising for this project until spring. According to the Denver Play Area Master Plan June 2008, page 132 "The community in each neighborhood should determine its own priorities for play areas. Denver neighborhood groups should be given the tools to do their own local assessments" Do you support that representatives of the neighborhoods impacted by development of this project be involved in the planning process from the begining rather than after a decision has been made.

Answer	Count	Percentage
Yes	41	83.67%
No	8	16.33%
Comments	12	24.49%

Last I checked, it was The People's park.

This would seem to be obvious.

Neighborhood involvement should help you to get the best park for the people who plan to use it; it should not stop the forward movement of park construction however. It would be sad if a few dissenters halted the enjoyment of the masses.

Neighborhood assn input is essential

All Denver parks belong to the residents of Denver and are not to be sold to the highest bidder for commercial activities.

I have seen lots of coverage of the proposals in LOCH over the past year. People should have been aware of the options and proposal before now.

they should have been..there were calls for input 12 months ago...

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Would you like Congress Park Neighbors ENews to include additional information about changes of policy or use of parks within Denver?

Answer	Count	Percentage
Yes	45	91.84%
No	0	0.00%
No answer	4	8.16%

Do you have additional comments?

Answer	13	26.53%
No answer	36	73.47%

One of the best things about city park is the vast grassy open space and the trees. We don't have a great deal of open space in the city and I would hate to see it lost to a huge "playground". I prefer natural open space to colorful plastic playground equipment and asphalt parking lots. I often walk to the park for the serenity and prefer it say that way over a bustling high traffic area. We already have congested parking in the neighborhoods surrounding city park and this will not help.

THE CITY SHOULD FOCUS ON THE CENTRAL DENVER REC CENTER FOR THE LOVE OF GOD!!! The City asked the voters for \$11M in 2007 and the voters did their part. The City has seemingly done very little besides overpaying for real property to a politically-connected owner.

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Final design must be context sensitive and include a focused play area for children.

Thanks for giving us an opportunity to respond to this survey. This major and city council are far too beholden to business interests.

I support updating features of the park and expanded public use like jazz and free movies that sell concessions for funding.

City Park is part of our Denver heritage. I think we need to maintain the open space we still have. I feel that further development not will enhance the park, but will further erode our ability to recreate without toys or gimmicks. Let's not continue to "pave paradise."

Thank you for providing this venue for input.

Your survey is full of loaded biased questions that do not and will not get any true view or information about CPN residents attitude towards this project. Those of us who actually use the playground want to see this project done I and many others followed this project years ago from the start and voted on this design. Where were you then? This is nothing more than a small vocal NIMBYism last minute craziness, Families with kids want this in large overwhelming numbers.

city loop is a wonderful project for our neighborhood and our city. it revitalizes the area and makes city park and e colfax more livable and more attractive to business growth. let's figure out parking and traffic questions and more forward.

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