



CITY OF HEALDSBURG

PARKS DESIGN TEAM CONCEPT WORKSHOP #1 — SUMMARY

Project Name: Healdsburg Parks, River Access, Open Space & Connectivity Masterplan (PROMP)
Meeting Date: September 12, 2019
Meeting Location: Healdsburg Community Center (CMR)

Present: David Fletcher, Fletcher Studio (FS)
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Mark Themig, City of Healdsburg (CoH)
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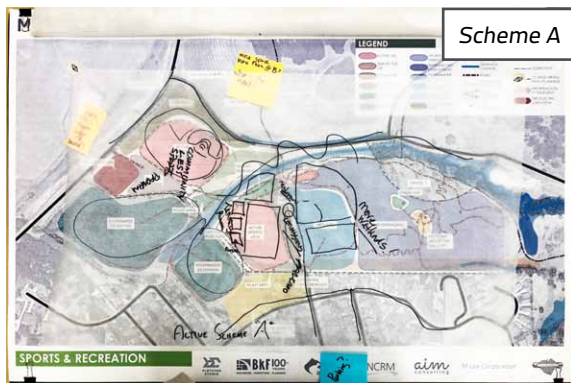
SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

1. CoH and FS provided a summary of Meeting #1 (08/15/2019), available in full detail on the Parks Design Team webpage. < <https://www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us/931/Parks-Design-Team> >
2. FS provided an overview of existing conditions and (3) concept ideas each for Montage and Badger Parks, respectively. The concept ideas represented a spectrum of usage intensities, from maximum sports activation to maximum passive use in natural settings.
3. FS introduced the workshop structure: the room was laid out with (2) park stations, one for Montage Park and one for Badger Park; the PDT would divide itself into two workshop groups; one group would begin working on Montage Park while the other group worked on Badger Park; following a 25-minute work session, a volunteer from each group would present their team's ideas to the room; then the groups would switch park stations and repeat the process.
4. CoH reviewed the upcoming schedule. Notably, connectivity will be a focus of the next PDT meeting.
5. CoH addressed questions from the PDT, notably concerning the design process' accountability or lack thereof to the Montage developer; the unknown future of the designated affordable housing site; and the Comstock development across Healdsburg Ave.
6. The PDT broke out into workshop sessions.
 - a. Each workshop group naturally divided into (2) teams: an "active" concept team and a "hybrid" concept team.
 - b. More time was needed and allowed for the first work session. The second work session was allowed less time as a result.
 - c. Desire was expressed to resume the second workshop session as a future meeting.
7. See pages (2 - 5) for workshop images and summaries.

MONTAGE PARK

ACTIVE SCHEME IDEAS



THE BIG IDEAS

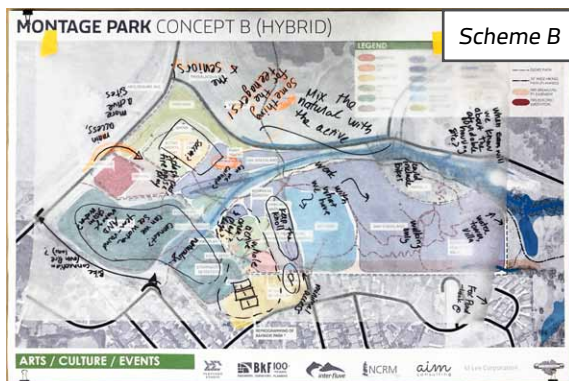
1. **Scheme A:**
The area northwest of the creek is more of an open community space and less of a sports space. The serpentine knoll is removed and the wetland to its east is relocated; the Barbieri expansion and the existing wetland become one large sports complex with amenities included.
2. **Scheme B:**
The area northwest of the creek includes an illuminated multi-sport synthetic field and court facilities, while the Barbieri expansion includes a natural grass field and different courts & high-intensity facilities. The serpentine knoll is removed; the wetland remains. An amphitheater creates community event space adjacent to the creek.
3. **Scheme C:**
This scheme is an alternate to Scheme B in which Barbieri Park incorporates a soccer field and the serpentine knoll remains for viewing sports events.

QUESTIONS, OBSERVATIONS, & MISC.

- What's the (specific & quantified) need for additional sports facilities?
- Do additional sports facilities at Montage need to include lighting and sound amplification?
- Montage offers more open space than Badger. If we're adding sports facilities here or there, they seem to fit better here (spatially).
- How many parking spaces do these areas accommodate? How many spaces would be needed to support the various program options?
- We need restrooms.
- Refreshments/concessions would be appreciated.
- Can we move the wetlands? Could they move "offsite" to the affordable housing site? Is there enough available area there? Or could we buy credits instead?

MONTAGE PARK

HYBRID SCHEME IDEAS



THE BIG IDEAS

1. *Scheme A* locates active use/flexible event space at the existing wetland, while the northwest area becomes a natural environment that is continuous with a naturalized lake area in the lower detention basin. The serpentine knoll is preserved to provide viewing of the sports/events area, along with the west-facing slope to the east. Barbieri Park is expanded toward the creek through a variety of small program areas.
2. *Scheme B's* guiding principle is "let's work with what we have." It preserves the serpentine knoll and wetlands, and incorporates a mixture of natural and active uses across the site. The northwest flexible event area is designed as a community space but expanded to accommodate soccer when needed; the Barbieri expansion incorporates a variety of smaller areas.

QUESTIONS, OBSERVATIONS, & MISC.

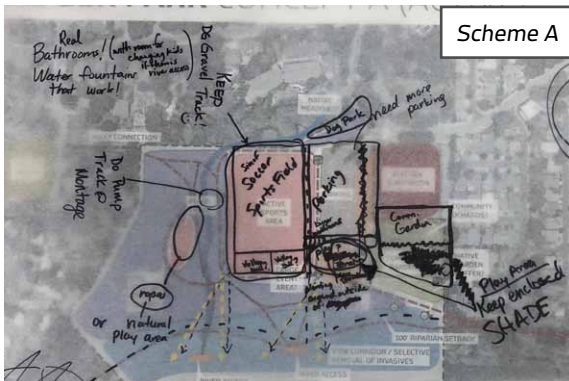
- We should keep the knoll; it's a beautiful feature of the site.
- The east end of the site is very close to natural open space and river access (and the water tower and the villa). How can we preserve that quality and tie into it?
- "The native habitat botanical garden could include a reptile sanctuary and it could be educational."
- Let's include something for the teenagers (e.g. a pump track or similarly fun and active program).
- Let's include something for the seniors.
- How about a firehouse-themed play area with a splashpad?
- We should not replace an existing community park (Barbieri) with a parking lot.
- What if the northwest area becomes the noisier area, and the Barbieri expansion (adjacent to a neighborhood) stays quieter?
- We could include bikes on the main trail parallel to the creek, but the upland trails should be walking only. Where bikes are allowed, they should be slowed.
- We should maintain a bike connection around the wetland, along the fire lane.
- When will we know the future of the affordable housing site? We should create two different schemes: one that works with each different outcome.
- Can we culvert the creek? Then we'd have more space for sports facilities on top.
- Can we restore the channelized creek to a natural meander and rehabilitate the wetlands?
- The stormwater detention basins should be naturalized and made beautiful, we should remove the fences, and the spill way should be fixed.
- Can the stormwater detention basin hold water year-round? Can it become a recreational lake for boating?
- Can we relocate the wetland? We could introduce soccer and baseball there.
- Can we introduce a cafe for refreshments?
- We need restrooms.
- Where are the trees?
- We need shade: shaded walking and shaded play in all schemes.

BADGER PARK

ACTIVE SCHEME IDEAS



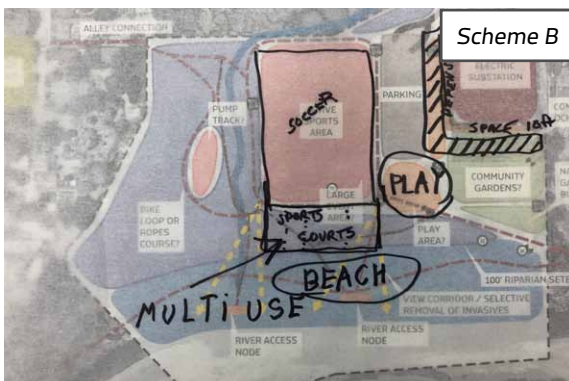
Scheme A



Scheme A



Scheme B



Scheme B

THE BIG IDEAS

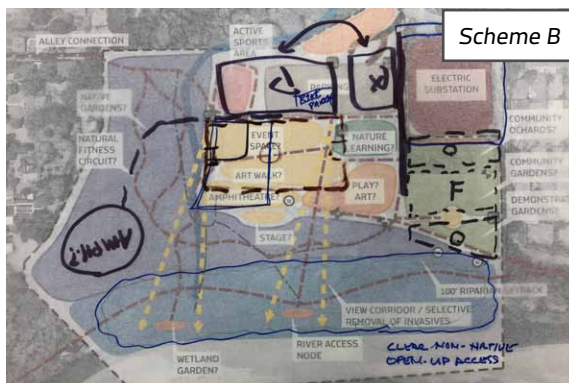
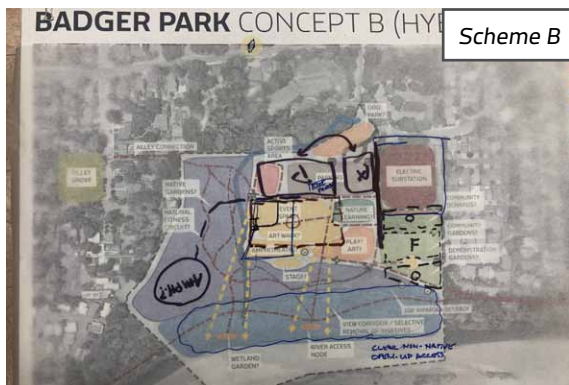
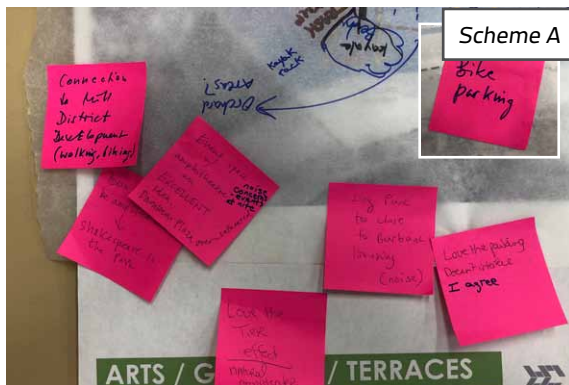
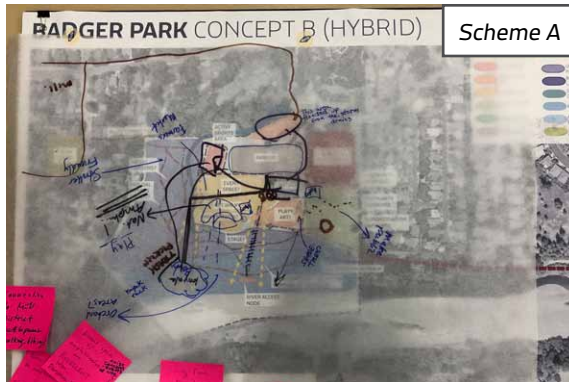
- Scheme A:**
 The park's current arrangement is largely retained, with the large multi-use soccer field as a key element. Volleyball courts are introduced at the south end of the field, adjacent to an improved and shaded play area. While the gravel track is retained, additional trails are introduced on the west side of the park with natural play areas or a ropes course. View corridors are integrated to improve native vegetation health along with an expanded community garden for increased horticultural activity. The dog park is moved to the north area of the park under the trees.
- Scheme B:**
 The park's current arrangement is largely retained, with the large multi-use soccer field as a key element. An ensemble of multiuse sports courts extend south off the field. A substantial beach is implemented, south of the courts, creating an active spine through the spine.

QUESTIONS, OBSERVATIONS, & MISC.

- Shade is a paramount concern for parents
- Trails are a desired amenity
- Beach access quality would be improved by allowing for showers or changing rooms for children
- A variety of play, athletic, and passive recreation opportunities would be of benefit
- A beach would be key: gentle slopes, sandy substrate, and flood resiliency are integral

BADGER PARK

HYBRID SCHEME IDEAS



THE BIG IDEAS

1. **Scheme A:**
Using Badger as a multi-event space with flexible amenities would vastly improve the park's role in the community while providing for all age groups.
2. **Scheme B:**
Moving the parking area into the park would allow for easier access to wooded trails and natural play areas. While the terraces have potential, many felt that retaining an open lawn would allow for more continuous and diverse uses from the scale of the farmer's market to the afternoon soccer game.

QUESTIONS, OBSERVATIONS, & MISC.

- One bold idea is to move the amphitheatre into the west woods
- Removal of non-native plants remains a top priority
- Creating a more inclusive garden environment that feels more public would be appreciated
- Bike parking is intensely desired and sorely lacking
- Connection to the Mill District will be important
- Amphitheatre (naturalistic) is a popular idea, however, noise concerns remain with the adjacent neighbors
- Terrace approach is popular
- Rotating the parking to open up the park is a popular idea
- Moving the dog park to the north creates noise concerns for adjacent neighbors

	First	Last	9/12 PDT Meeting
1	Pat	Abercrombie	X
2	Bruce	Abramson	
2	Nancy	Andrews	
3	Sheila	Angerer	
4	Jessica	Bangs	
5	Steven	Barber	
6	Cindy	Beth	X
7	Jackson	Boaz*	
8	William	Buckner	
9	Natasha	Castelli	
10	Greg	Gibbons	
11	Kevin	Heinichen	
12	Chris	Herrod*	X
13	Mathieu	Isaacs	
14	Dannelle	Jenkins	X
15	Kelly	Keller	
16	Terry	Kemp**	X
17	Mindy	Kiff	X
18	Amanda	Mansfield	
19	Samantha	Marquis	X
20	Mark	McMullen	X
21	Kristin	Midura Robinson	
22	Peter	Mork	X
23	Rochelle	Mueller	X
24	Ken	Munson	X
25	Jennifer	Nelson	
26	Walter	Niederberger	X
27	Tatiana	Ortiz	
28	Kathleen	Page	X
29	Cecilia	Pietropaoli	X
30	Emily	Podolak	
31	Tony	Ramsden	
32	Dorothy	Reagan	X
33	Mary	Rose Haffner	
34	Josh	Schoeneman	
35	Stephen	Schwartz	
36	Lacey	Scott*	
37	Lee	Sigler**	X
38	Felicia	Smith	
39	Terry	Smith	X
40	Rick	Stinson	
41	Tisha	Tara	
42	Stuart	Tiffen	X
43	Jay	Tripathi*	X
44	Mary Beth	Vierra	X
45	Alina	Vanoni Collin	X
46	Karen	Warburton	
47	Victoria	Whitaker	

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