



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Chicken Yard Park

1. **Will CBJ hold another public meeting, or provide the opportunity to comment on plans, address questions, etc.?**

We can host a zoom meeting to answer questions, it likely will not be a formal meeting, but anyone can attend to ask questions. Please email keri.williamson@juneau.org and let us know if you are interested and we will set this up.

2. **Is the latest update sent out a draft or a final?**

The "Design Plan – June 2020" under associated documents is the final plan for construction this summer except for the area marked as future. This is conceptual and could be changed.

3. **Is it possible to not isolate parking spaces so they are available for use when not occupied?**

The CBJ signed an easement with the property owner of the adjacent house for private use of this parking area. These parking spaces are not for public use.

4. **Can the neighborhood fundraise and add swings to the plans?**

Yes, the neighborhood can fundraise and coordinate with CBJ to purchase and install swings. The Park Foundation is interested in collaborating with the neighborhood on fundraising. You can contact Ian Fisk at (907) 209-2657 or John Pugh at (907) 723-3831 for more information.

5. **Can CARES funding be used?**

CARES funding specifically does not allow for Capital Improvement Program (CIP) purchases. So we cannot use the funding to supplement this construction project which is a capital improvement.

6. **Can the neighbors adopt the landscaping beds and plant and maintain them?**

If neighbors would like to plant and maintain landscaping beds they can contact Michele Elfers with Parks and Recreation at Michele.Elfers@juneau.org. We have agreements for different facilities and uses in our parks with organizations and groups. We would work with you to understand your interest and commitment and develop a written agreement for the work and use.

- 7. Why didn't swings, a water line for the community garden, bench seating in the slope, or other improvements that have been requested not make it in the plan for this year?**

The funding for this project is very limited and the space is very limited. As we discussed at the community meeting, we would not be able to accommodate all ideas because of cost and space restrictions. The planned improvements cost estimate uses all of the funding. We heard from the community that open space is important, so we left an open area that could have more elements added to it in the future. Similarly, the slope could be modified in the future if more funding is available.

- 8. Will the sagging concrete retaining wall or the wooden retaining walls around the perimeter be replaced this year?**

The concrete retaining wall and rock gabion retaining walls will not be replaced as part of construction this year. The wood retaining walls around the north/northeast end of the park will be replaced as part of construction this year.

- 9. What is the new park surfacing?**

The surfacing is a material called E-1, it is similar to D-1, but with a smaller rock size (essentially a blend of sand to 1/4" size rocks).

- 10. Please relocate dog poop bag dispenser and garbage bin to entrance of the park.**

The dog poop bag dispenser can be moved to the park entrance, the garbage bin location will not change due to limitation of space at the park entrance.

- 11. Why is the basketball hoop located in the south corner of the park and can it be moved to the east corner?**

The location of the basketball hoop was selected to maximize the usable space in the park. A vehicle access must be maintained to the Fifth Street residence, which restricts the ability to locate any play structures in the south corner of the park. The concern of overshooting and having the ball roll downslope was discussed with the design engineers. They compared this hoop, which is located 16' from the corner of the 10' tall fence to other basketball courts in Juneau and found those to have a 10' fence with the hoop located 10' from the fence.

- 12. Is the nun sign being removed?**

The nun entry sign is not being removed.

- 13. Is the perimeter walkway being removed?**

The walkway around the perimeter is being removed except for the narrow section directly adjacent to the fence line (this is poured directly on to the retaining wall). The walkway can be replaced with future funding, but there is not currently enough to add this to the work for this year.