

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

MAY 28, 2019

CLAPP PARK

2018

- The five (5) course golf system was identified as no longer being sustainable.
- Recommendation was made to close Clapp due to its lack of economic performance.
- The Mayor and Council voted to **temporarily** keep the golf course open to allow for a community engagement process.

2019

- WSU Public Policy and Management Center was engaged to conduct a community engagement process
- Council Member Clendenin appointed an 11-member Transformation Committee comprised of diverse stakeholders

CONFLUENCE



LISTEN

FOCUS

SHARE

**COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT
PROCESS**

The listen phase was designed ***to listen to the community and solicit their ideas on how to transform the park.***

- **Facilitated eight (8) community discussions**
 - Approximately 220 participants
- **Hosted a social media town hall**
 - Total Reach 34,105
 - Total Engagement 1,057

LISTEN PHASE

MARCH 6 – 25

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Amenity ideas discussed included:

- A desire for some form of golf to remain
- Affordable activities
- Amusement and trampoline parks
- Educational/community center
- Climbing boulders
- Dog park/Area
- Garden uses
- Paths/Trails
- Water features (swimming or splash pads)
- Library
- Ziplining
- Gathering place

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

- **Program ideas discussed included:**
 - Adult fitness
 - Educational programming
 - Entertainment
 - Golf programming
 - Art in the Park/Gallery
 - Themed gardens
 - Paint & Sip
 - Seasonal festivals/activities to celebrate holidays and culture
 - Final Friday - Local Artist Festivals/Activities

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK



- **Development ideas discussed included:**
 - Amusement park
 - Aquarium
 - Restaurants, including sit-down and dog-friendly options
 - Food trucks/temporary stands
 - Public spaces and rental facilities
 - Shops, swap meets, farmers market or low-impact commercial
 - Quality food and low-impact shopping options, particularly temporary setup spaces or modular, adaptable buildings

FOCUS PHASE

MARCH 3 – MAY 8

The focus phase was designed for the Transformation Committee ***to learn from other communities, listen to the Wichita community, and develop a recommendation for the future use of the park.***

The share phase was designed ***to take the Transformation Committee draft recommendation back to the community to get final feedback before final recommendation.***

The draft recommendation was presented to the following groups:

- District III Advisory Board
- Planning Commission – Advanced Committee
- Park Board

SHARE PHASE
APRIL 3 – 8



**TRANSFORMATION
COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION**

VISION FOR CLAP PARK

LW Clapp Park will become a vibrant community asset and a destination, offering unique settings and opportunities for both community residents and visitors. This will be done by:

- Maximizing Clapp's waterways, floodplains and green spaces as natural recreational amenities
- Embracing compatible use, development and programming to promote ongoing activity and engagement throughout each day and season
- Creating a family friendly environment that supports opportunities and programming for all ages to drive and promote full utilization of Clapp Park in harmony with nature

AMENITIES

- Prioritize enjoyment by all abilities
- Disc golf and/or miniature golf
- Walk/bike trails & connectivity
- Sky Trail features or zipline
- BarK and/or indoor/outdoor dog park concept
- Pavilion & amphitheater for gathering and meeting space
- Rental facility with warming kitchen
- Educational facility
- Unique playground area
- Fire pits
- Outdoor learning environment
- Artistic – celebrating Wichita
- Parking lots

PROGRAMS

- Outdoor exercise/yoga
- Senior and ADA exercise options
- Youth nature excursions
- Concerts, art, music theatre
- Challenger (WSU Tech concept)
- Stargazing/Space education
- Insect and Wildlife education
- Horticulture
- Gardening

DEVELOPMENT

- Aquarium
- Top Shot
- Artsian retail space
- Rental and multi-use venues
- Pavilions for food trucks or flea market
- Coffee shop or snack bar
- Equipment rental
- Four-season (splash pad/ice rink)
- Aerial Tram
- Public-Private Partnerships to generate revenue







STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

- Staff concurs with the philosophy and ideas presented by the Transformation Committee.
- Staff recommends moving forward with closing Clapp Golf Course and transforming the space into a park.
- Staff recommends developing a CIP budget for creating a master plan.