

## **Copernicus Park Public Workshop Summary**

August 13, 2014

Cooper Elementary School

### **Participants:**

Task Force committee members, Milwaukee County Parks, City of Milwaukee, TERRA Engineering, Neighborhood association members, and the general public. The workshop was promoted through announcements that were sent out to the surrounding community, and yard signs displayed around the park's perimeter.

### **Objective:**

To familiarize the public with the Task Force's work to-date, and cooperatively develop recommendations for site amenities identified by the public through the workshop visioning process.

### **Opportunity Analysis Summary:**

Participants were introduced to the study area's existing conditions, surrounding context, and visioning process through a presentation by the consultant group, County, and City staff. The presentation reviewed the opportunity analysis up to date through the illustration of the surrounding cultural features, physical site amenities, neighborhood hydrology, and best practices for Copernicus Park.

### **Process:**

The group was asked to divide into small groups to generate issues and opportunities pertaining to Copernicus Park. Next, the feedback was collected and grouped into similar overarching categories. Lastly, each participant was asked to mark three topic areas of their highest priority. At the end, each comment was reviewed and discussed to reveal the participant's prioritized list of vision elements for the future of Copernicus Park.



*Small breakout group discussion*



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*Reviewing results*

## **Outcome:**

A detailed list of priorities regarding stormwater mitigation issues, park programming opportunities, and goals and objectives for the Master Plan. A matrix was developed by the consultant team displaying the issues and opportunities from the seven different categories; Hydrology & Storm water, Environment, Activity, Park Identity, Safety, Policy, Removal of Basketball Court.



*Overall group discussion of results*

## **Next Steps:**

With an established community vision for Copernicus Park, the next steps of the process will be to develop alternative concepts for the park utilizing the Task Force and communities' input. After review from the City and County a preferred design will be chosen, and an open house will be held to review with the Task Force and general public. A final Master Plan document will be assembled and a final presentation will be given to Milwaukee County Parks, and Milwaukee DPW for adoption.