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The Purpose



Map of proposed GO Bond improvement locations. Note that in addition to the 7 selected project locations, at least one smaller neighborhood park, trail or open space improvement will be selected per district. Source: Design Workshop, Inc.

In 2022, the Salt Lake City Council and voters approved an \$85 million General Obligation (GO) bond to enhance trails, parks, and other open spaces in Salt Lake City, called the "Parks, Trails & Open Space Bond." The bond will fund 12 to 14 neighborhood parks throughout the City. Taufer Park and Richmond Park were selected for District 4. This part of the bond, is called "Reimagine Neighborhood Parks". Reimagine Neighborhood Parks is one of the highest community priorities in the recently completed "Reimagine Nature" Public Lands Master Plan.

Investing in these local parks, trails, and open spaces aims to improve access and activation while empowering communities; reflecting their natural, historical, cultural, and economic identities; and offering high-quality park experiences for everyone. Targeting underutilized parks can improve the quality of parks, trails, and open spaces citywide.

Each neighborhood park, trail, and open space in Salt Lake City was evaluated to determine which parks would be improved with bond funding. The criteria of evaluation were based on, but not limited to the following:

- Asset condition and quality
- Low relative usage and opportunity for increasing usage and access
- Lack of significant capital investment in the past decade
- Opportunities to enhance already funded projects

The Purpose

- The Project site is within a "Greater Need Area" (Public Lands Needs Assessment, 2019)
- Based on information from the "Reimagine Nature" Public Lands Master Plan, 2022
- Nearby population densities
- Potential to highlight neighborhood identities and histories
- Levels of criminal activity and/or frequency of SLC Mobile requests

As a result of the evaluation, at least one park, trail, or open space project in each City Council District was selected to utilize up to \$1.5 million (per district) to reimagine the neighborhood park, trail, or open space.

The first phase of community engagement for Richmond Park and Taufer Park started on April 26, 2023. The subject engagement phase closed on August 7, 2023. This report is the summary of the community engagement findings and discusses the next steps for both parks. The preferences demonstrated in this report, future engagement, budgeting/finances and site limitations will guide the project's outcome.











The Justin Taufer Park Story



Justin Taufer (bottom right) acompanied by his wife, Margaret "Marge" Taufer, and his two sons, John Taufer and Richard Taufer.



Justin Edward Taufer

Justin Edward Taufer, Taufer Park's namesake, left a unique legacy of service and humility. Justin E. Taufer was born on December 12, 1908, in Salt Lake City, UT. Through faith, encouragement, and love for his community, he dedicated his life to serving others. He graduated from East High School in 1928. He served in the Navy during World War II. He was an excellent Metal Sheet Worker and Plant Superintendent at Electrical Products Consolidated. He shown great initiative through teaching prospective students in his field at Salt Lake City Community College.

He became an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on July 4, 1954. He served at the Liberty Stake and later served as the bishop of the Park Stake Ward for 9 years.

Taufer's service to others extended beyond his profession and church. On May 10, 1977, he drove up Millcreek Canyon to a family cabin when he saw a young woman being attacked by an enraged assailant. He stopped and tried to aid the woman under the dangerous circumstances. He was killed instantly, at the age of 68. He left behind his wife, Margaret A. Taufer, and his two sons, John E. Taufer and Richard F. Taufer.

Shortly following his death, he was awarded the Robert P. Connelly Medal for heroism. He was nominated by Salt Lake Kiwanis Club for an international award. On May 17, 1977, Central City Neighborhood Council joined with others to dedicate Taufer Park in his honor. The Sheet Metal Worker Union Local 312, Justin Taufer's Union, donated a sheet metal sculpture to honor him. This scultpure is in the park today.

Taufer Park Community Engagement Timeline

April 23, 2023

Beginning of Phase 1
Community Engagement
for Taufer Park

May 9, 2023

Taufer Park Volunteer Clean-up

May 10, 2023

Central City Neighborhood Council On-Site Park Meeting

May 13, 2023

Taufer Park Block Party

May 19, 2023

Tabling at the Park

June 2, 2023

Tabling at the Park

NOTE: This timeline continues on the next page.

What is Tabling at the Park?



Tabling at the Park is an engagement opportunity where residents talk with the Public Lands Department's Project Manager at the park about any concerns, ideas, or ask questions about the overall project timeline. At Tabling at the Park, over 75 interview discussions were collected at Taufer Park and Richmond Park (refer to interview data results on pages 11 and 17).

Taufer Park Community Engagement Timeline Continued

June 4, 2023 June 11, 2023 July 9, 2023 July 23, 2023

Tabling: Yoga in the Park at Pioneer Park

June 10, 2023 June 24, 2023 July 15, 2023

Tabling: Farmers Market at Pioneer Park June 7, 2023

SLC Police Department Park On-Site Park Meeting +

Tabling at the Park

July 21, 2023

Homeless Resource Center (HRC) Squad Party at Taufer Park

Miscellaneous Engagement Statistics

- Placed 30 yard signs at both parks and nearby intersections.
- Sent 974 mailers to residents adjacent to the parks.
- Delivered a total of 40 hard copied surveys to the apartment towers near Taufer Park, Central City Recreation Center, and Senior Center. 16 completed surveys were picked up from these locations.
- Canvassed more than 60 homes by leaving survey flyers at front doors.

August 7, 2023

End of Phase 1 Community Engagement for Taufer Park

Taufer Park Volunteer Clean-up

On May 9 2023, Salt Lake City Department of Public Lands and volunteers partnered with Home Depot to pick up trash, re-paint park amenities, re-pave woodchips, and plant flowers. This park touch-up came in perfect timing for the block party on May 13, 2023!

Taufer Park Data **Summary Results**

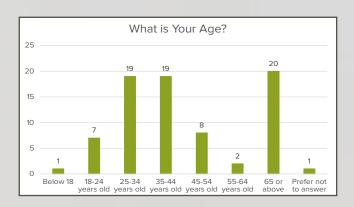
The Taufer Park survey was open to the public from April 26, 2023 to August 7, 2023. 78 people responded to the survey. More than the majority of the survey respondents lived within close proximity to Taufer Park. 92.8% of survey respondents live in the neighborhood and 64.10% of survey respondents spend 5 minutes walking to Taufer Park from their residence. The majority of respondents were between the ages of 25-44 years old (38 respondants) and over 65 years old (20 respondants). Demographic and other respondent information can be found in the charts at right.

Community engagement results primarily consist of the survey, interviews collected, and tabling at events. During this phase of engagement, over 300 people were informed at tabling events (as listed on the previous timeline) about the project. This number includes the tabling at the park engagement opportunity.

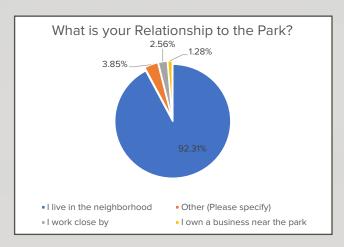
The most immediate desire for the community is to make the park safer so residents feel comfortable using the space. More than 40% of respondants stated that they would visit the park more often if safety, seating, lighting, and landscaping were addressed. Although bond funding cannot be used for direct enforcement, the final design will aim to provide clear sight lines and lighting to dark areas of the park to increase safety and help enforement personnel uphold park rules.

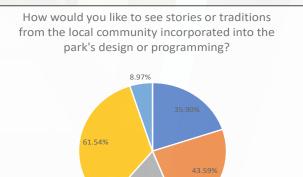
The Central City Community has placed a high value on neighborhood history/culture, community gathering, and service. More than 40% would like to see community gathering and celebrations incorporated in the the park design. More than 60% would like to see some sort of art installation. Many have specified, through in person interviews, they would strongly prefer some sort of installation to pertain to the Lady Guadalupe Tree shrine.

Taufer Park Survey Demographics



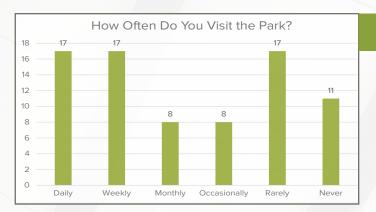






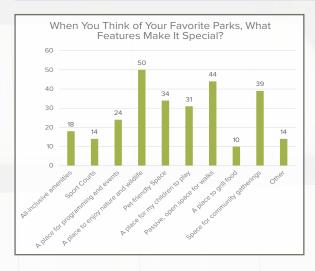
- Hosting cultural events or festivals
- Providing space for community gathering or celebrations
- Interpretive displays/ storyboards
- Art installations (murals, statues, etc.)
- Other

"I only use Taufer Park as a shortcut currently. It's not a park I'd want to hang out in."



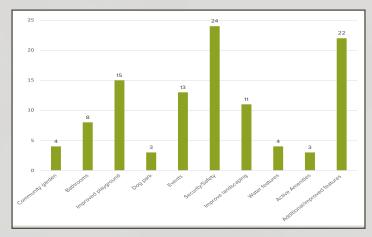
"I think the Virgin Mary tree is cool and would like to see it look better."



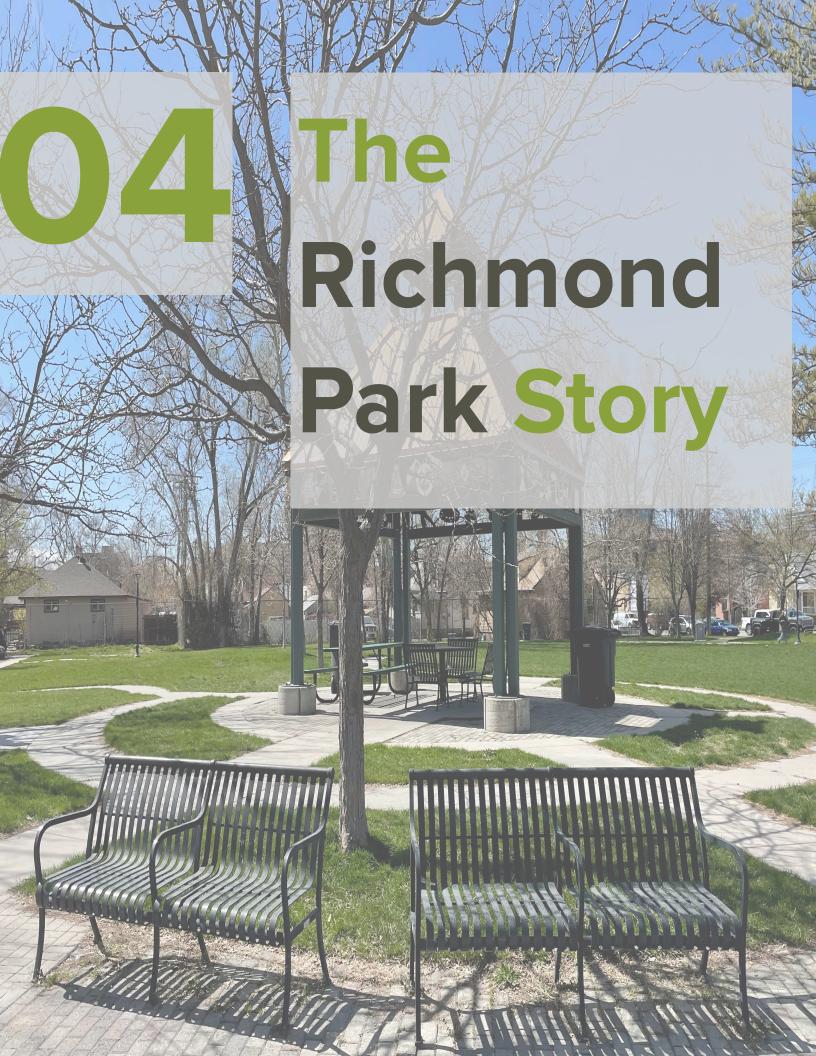


More than 40% of respondents would visit the park more often if the park were safer, had more seating, more lighting, and better landscaping.

Taufer Park Interview Results



At the tabling at the Park, 50 interviews were collected. All resident interviewees were asked what kind of improvements they would like to see in Taufer Park using the allocated bond funding. The 3 top responses were Security/Safety (24 residents); Addition/Improved Features (22 residents) such as an improved Lady Guadalupe Shrine, electrical outlets, perfomance stage, lighting, BBQ stations, and improved walking paths; and Improved Playground (15 residents).



The Mignon Richmond Park Story



Mignon Barker Richmond



Mignon Barker Richmond accompanied by her husband, Thomas Richmond.

Richmond Park's namesake, Mignon Barker Richmond, left a legacy to the community of Salt Lake City. Mignon Barker was born on April 1, 1897, in Salt Lake City, UT. She attended Calvary Baptist Church. She graduated from West High School in 1917. She then attended the Utah State Agriculture College, now known as Utah State University in Logan, Utah. Mignon earned her degree in home living, textiles, and food.

Mignon continued to experience the injustices of racism when she graduating from college in 1921 and was denied the opportunity to work in her field. During World War II, she used her talents and skills to be a community organizer. She was hired as a senior director of youth volunteers for the United Service Organizations and volunteered at the Red Cross, Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA), and LDS Hospital. During President Lyndon Johnson's administration, she headed the Women's Job Corps and was chairwoman of Project Medicare Alert.

Mignon served for many years with the Salt Lake Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). She was co-founder of the Nettie Gregory Center, a gathering place in Salt Lake City for minority youth groups to get involved in recreational activities. Mignon also served on boards for the Utah Community Service Council and on the Women's Legislative Council, where she was instrumental in developing anti-poverty legislation. Mignon Barker Richmond passed away on March 10, 1984, at the age of 86. She left behind her daughter, Ophelia, and her husband, Thomas Richmond. In 1986, the Salt Lake Branch NAACP, Trinity AME Church, and Calvary Baptist Church joined with others to dedicate Richmond Park in Salt Lake City.

Richmond Park Community Engagement Timeline

April 23, 2023

Beginning of Phase 1 Community Engagement for Richmond Park

May 10, 2023

Central City Neighborhood Council On-Site Park Meeting

May 26, 2023

Tabling at the Park

June 9, 2023

Tabling at the Park

NOTE: This timeline continues on the next page.

What is a Pop-Up Shop?



Tabling at the Park is an engagement opportunity where residents talk with the Public Lands Department's Project Manager at the park about any concerns, ideas, or ask questions about the overall project timeline. At Tabling at the Park, over 75 interview discussions were collected at Taufer Park and Richmond Park (Refer to interview data results on pages 11 and 17).

Richmond Park Community Engagement Timeline Continued

June 4, 2023 June 11, 2023 July 9, 2023 July 23, 2023

Tabling: Yoga in the Park at Pioneer Park

June 10, 2023 June 24, 2023 July 15, 2023

Tabling: Farmers Market at Pioneer Park

June 7, 2023

SLC Police Department Park On-Site Park Meeting

June 14, 2023

Tabling at the Park

Miscellaneous

Engagement Statistics

- Placed 30 yard signs at the Parks and Intersections.
- Sent 974 mailers to residents adajcent to the parks.
- Delivered a total of 40 hard copied surveys to the apartment towers near Taufer Park, Central City Recreation Center, and Senior Center. 16 completed surveys were picked up from these locations.
- Canvassed more than 60 homes by leaving survey flyers at front doors.

August 7, 2023

End of Phase 1 Community Engagement for Richmond Park

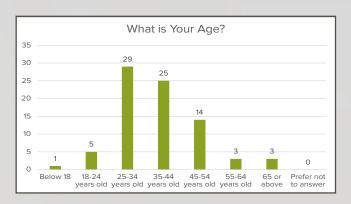
Richmond Park Data **Summary Results**

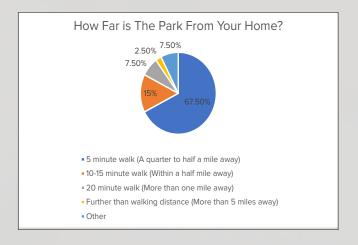
The Richmond Park Survey was open to the public from April 26, 2023 to August 7, 2023. 80 people responded to the survey. More than the majority of the survey respondents lived within close proximity to Richmond Park and have the desire to utilize the park more. 90% of survey respondents live in the neighborhood and 67.50% of survey respondents live less than 5 minutes away from Richmond Park. The majority of respondants were between the ages of 25-50 years old (68 respondants). Demographic and other respondent information can be found in the charts at right.

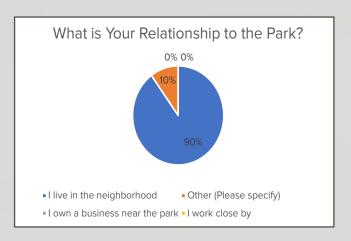
Community engagement primarily consisted of the survey, interviews, and tabling at events. During this phase of engagement, over 300 people were informed at tabling events (as listed on the previous timeline) about the project. This number includes the tabling at the park engagement opportunity. The majority of residents who access the space use the community garden or bring their dog(s) to play in the open space. The most immediate desire for the community is to make the park safer so residents feel comfortable using the space. Although bond funding cannot be spent on direct enforcement, the design will aim to provide clear sight lines and lighting to dark areas of the park to increase safety and help enforement personnel uphold park rules.

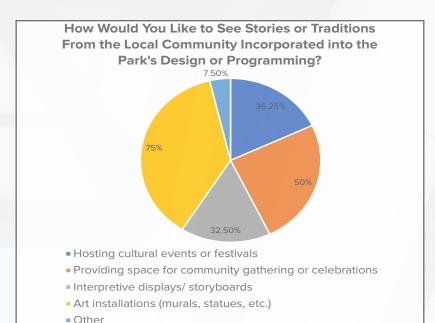
As previously mentioned in the Taufer Park summary results section, the Community has placed a high value on neighborhood history/culture represented in the park, community gathering, and service while ensuring greater utility and usage at the park. 50% of respondents would like to see community gathering and celebrations incorporated in the the park design. 76% would like to see some sort of art installation. 32% would like to see interpretative displays/storboards displayed at the park highlighting the life of Mignon Richmond and the communities history.

Richmond Park Survey Demographics

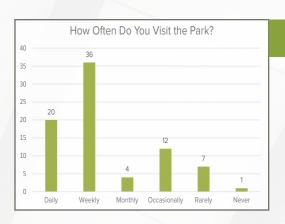




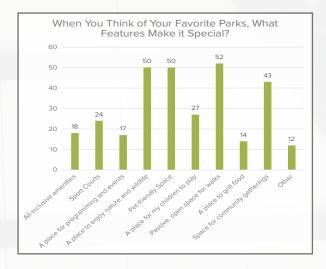




"I have a plot in the community garden at the park, and I often bring my dog to play in the park after checking on the garden."

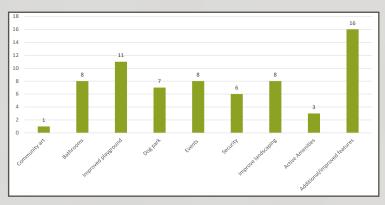


"I would like to see stories of neighborly deeds.. Stories of service and helping those in need. Stories of overcoming judgemental stereotypes and recognizing everyone around us as actually being human.."



"It's close by and a good place to bring my dog for a quick walk. Sometimes it's also a nice place to get some sun and just relax."

Richmond Park Interview Results

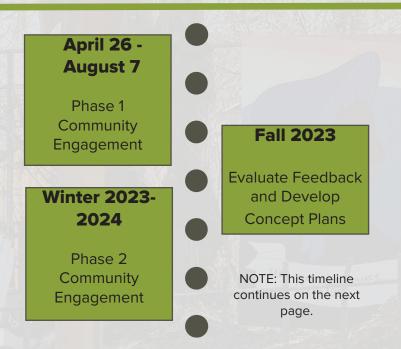


At the tabling at the Park, 29 interviews was collected. All resident interviewees were asked what kind of improvements they would like to see in Richmond Park using the allocated bond funding. The 2 top responses were Additional/improved features such as electrical outlets, more lighting, BBQ stations, and improved walking paths (16 residents); and an Improved Playground (11 residents). There was a tie of 8 residents in each category who mentioned the desire to have Bathrooms, Events, and Improved landscaping.

What's Next?

To meet the rapid deadlines required to spend the allocated GO Bond funding, these engagement findings will be used to produce multiple concept designs for both parks. Programming and future engagement will continue where all interested individuals can select and give feedback on their preferred designs for Taufer Park and Richmond Park. Both parks are anticipated to begin construction as soon as summer 2025. Please note that this schedule is highly subject to change, particularly as this is the first phase of the process. The stated preferences mentioned in the report, in addition to, future engagement, budgeting/finances, and site limitations will guide the project's outcome.

Tentative* Project Timeline for Richmond Park and Taufer Park



*Schedule is highly subject to change, particularly as this is first step in the process











Tentative* Project Timeline for Richmond Park and Taufer Park Continued



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