



PIONEER PARK Master Plan Update

NEWSLETTER

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Public Meeting 1:

Date: Jan. 28, 2010

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Billings
Community Center
at 390 N. 23rd Street

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Public Input Key to Process

The Billings community has many opportunities to participate in the design for the Pioneer Park Master Plan Update. The design process for Pioneer Park is supported by a framework of public input venues that provide fundamental guidance for the resulting design.

The Pioneer Park Design Process flow chart, shown on page 2 and posted on the Parks and Recreation website (<http://www.prpl.info/>), indicate the key venues for public input through the process.

Interviews were held with stakeholders and user groups to gain insight into their use, needs, and value of Pioneer Park.

Surveys were mailed using a random sample of Billings addresses. Overall, 2,750 surveys were distributed throughout the community. A total of 437 surveys were completed resulting in a strong margin of sampling error with a respectable overall response rate of 16.6 percent for the survey rendering it a statistically valid survey. The survey data has been analyzed and Key Findings will be presented in the Public Meeting to be held January 28th (see public notice posted on Park and Recreation website). An electronic copy of the final survey report will be available on the Parks and Recreation website and hardcopies will be available for review in the Parks and Recreation office, and the public library.

This public meeting will give the community additional opportunity to provide input to the design process. Please see the Public Meeting Agenda on page 3 for details. At this stage in the process, site-specific and community data has been gathered, inventoried, and mapped. Analysis of this data is underway and will be



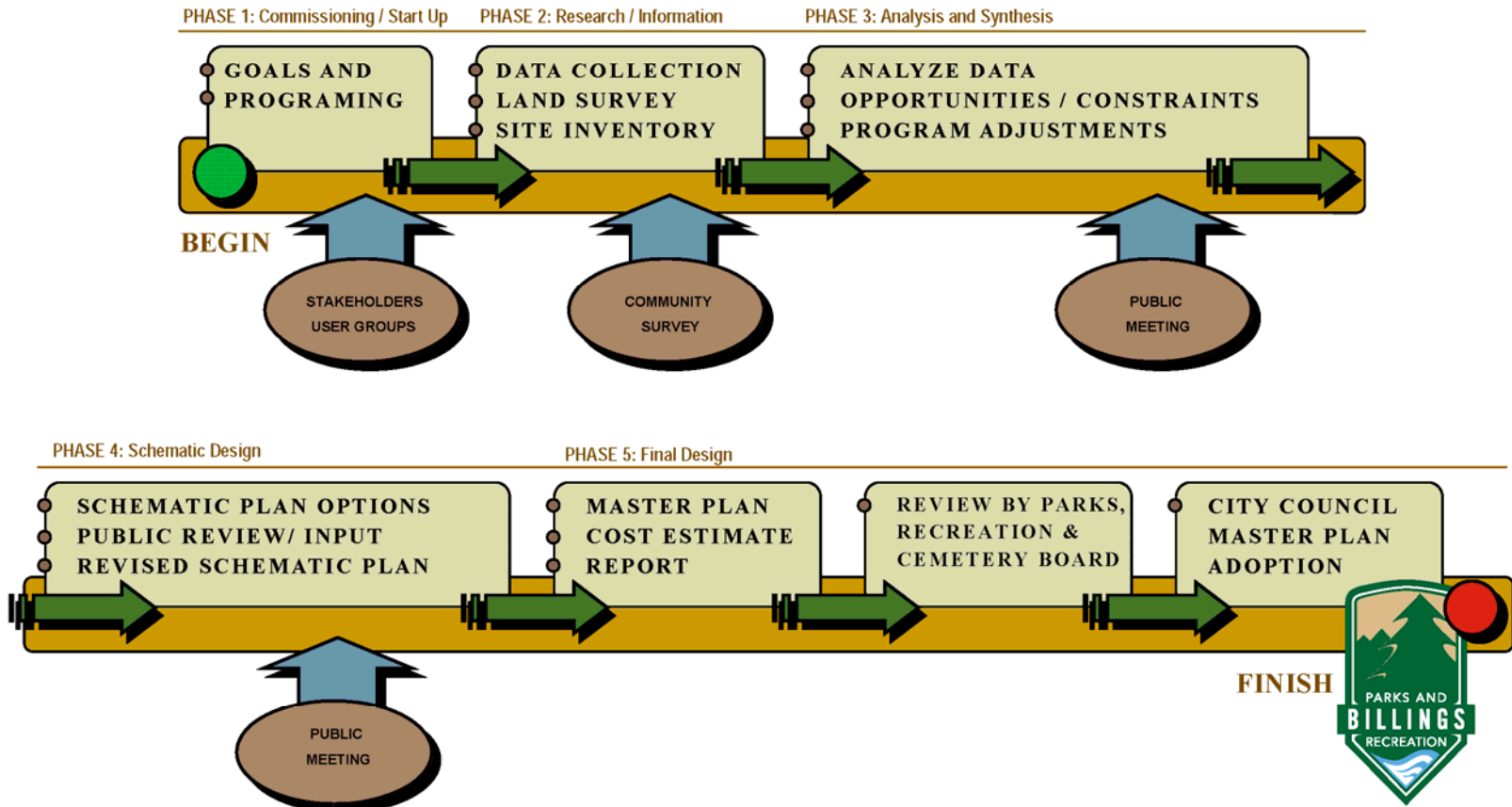
synthesized into identified opportunities and constraints for Pioneer Park. Public input is key at this point to provide community guidance in the final synthesis before the design work can commence. This public meeting is an opportunity for members of the community to come together in collaboration and provide constructive input. The public input will then provide a "lens" through which the city and consultants can view and assess the synthesized data during the design phases of the process.

The design work will result in three options of schematic plans based on the inventory, analysis, and community input from the previous phases. The schematic plans will be presented to the community for input in a second public meeting. A final resulting conceptual plan will then be prepared based on the community input received.

The city staff and consultants will then finalize the conceptual plan into a final master plan for the park and will present it to the Billings City Council for Adoption.

Community involvement is necessary for the success of this endeavor. Please come and share some ownership in your community park.

PIONEER PARK DESIGN PROCESS



Public Meeting Agenda

Meeting Goals:

- To inform the public of the planning process, existing park inventory, conditions, uses, and key findings of the recently completed community statistical survey.
- To receive constructive and collaborative public input to establish a paradigm through which to proceed through the design phases of the Pioneer Park Master Plan.

Greeter Table: Public sign in and receive hand out and comment sheet.

6:30 pm Meeting Start:

Power Point Presentation (20 min.): General group presentation of planning process, park inventory, conditions, uses, and key findings of community survey.

Question and Answer (15 min.): Fifteen minute period for questions regarding presentation information.

Break Out Stations (90 min.): Public open to visit three stations for additional specific information and input opportunities.

Disc-Golf Station: Review and discuss existing Pioneer Park disc-golf course, and alternative disc-golf course site opportunities. Receive Public Input.

General Pioneer Park Station: Review and discuss Pioneer Park uses and needs other than disc-golf. Public mark up existing site plans and comment sheets for public input.

Park and Recreation Staff Station: Park staff available for questions/answers and discussions regarding Billings park system, facilities, recreation, maintenance and funding.

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