



Montana Rail Link Park Neighborhood Open House

A Missoula Community Partnership

WITH LEADERSHIP FROM THE FRANKLIN TO THE FORT & SOUTHGATE TRIANGLE NEIGHBORHOODS

Sovereign Hope Church, (1919 North Ave.)

Thursday, November 16th, 2017

6:00 – 8:00 PM

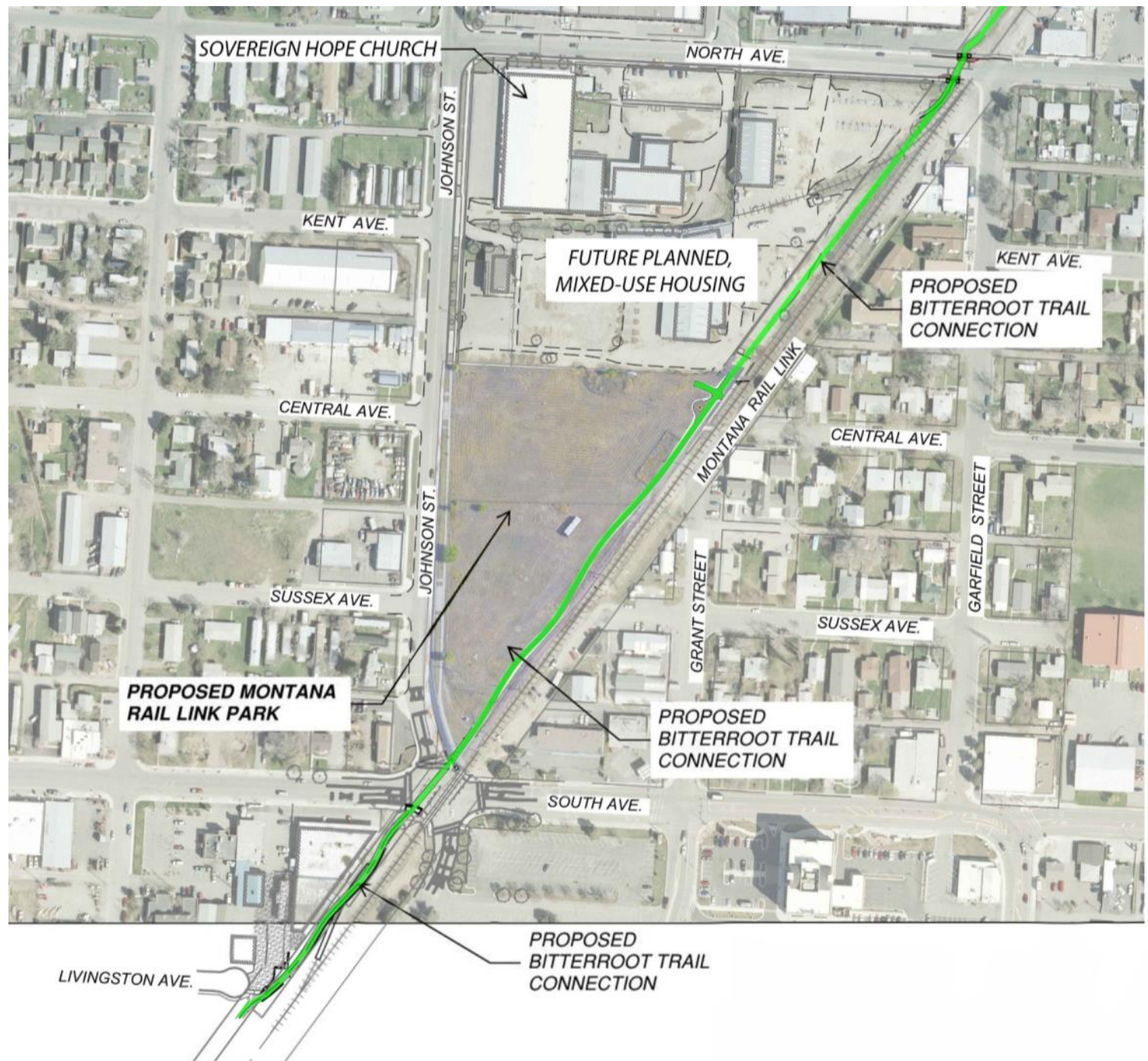
Welcome and Goals for the Workshop

Agenda

- Introductions, brief site background
- Workshop #1 Summary
- Programming Diagram
- Concept Master Plan
- Next Steps

Site Background

- 4.5 Acres
- In Franklin to the Fort, Adjacent to Southgate Triangle
- Formerly used by Montana Rail Link
- Adjacent to Bitterroot Trail
- Central Location
- Area underserved by Parks



Public Workshop #1 Summary

- The first public design workshop for Montana Rail Link Park was held on **August 1st, 2017** at Sovereign Hope Church. The goal of the workshop was to introduce the public to the park site and to gather input from the public about the development and design of the park.
- After an introduction from City Staff, the workshop participants divided themselves into small groups and participated in a series of exercises designed to gather input on the participant's vision for the park.



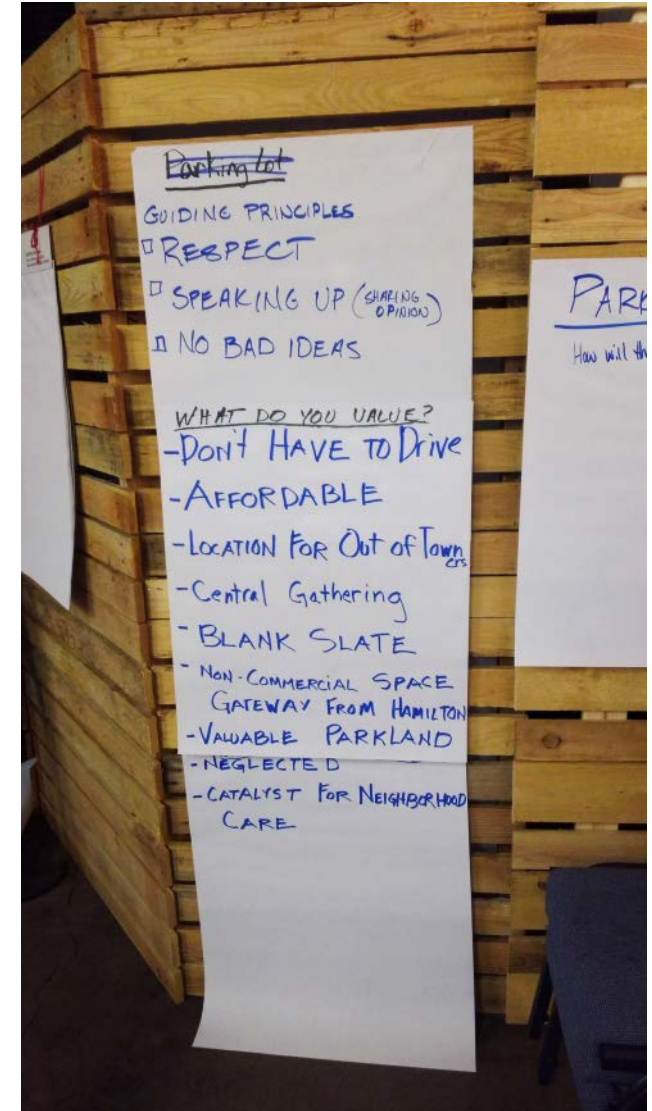
NEIGHBORHOOD REPRESENTATION

- Approximately 30 participants. Per sign in...
 - 12 – Franklin to the Fort
 - 4 – Southgate Triangle
 - 1 – Lewis and Clark
 - 1 – South Hills
 - 1 – Rose Park
- + 3 kid's workshop participants



SMALL GROUP EXERCISE RESULTS

- Question 1: What Do you value most about the area?
- Common answer themes: central location, walkability, variety of local stores, situated on the bike route to Hamilton



SMALL GROUP EXERCISE RESULTS

- Question 2: It is in the interest of _____ to _____.
- Common answer themes: shady places to sit, restrooms & drinking fountains, accessibility (including playgrounds), and thoughtfully designed circulation, game spaces, dog area, safety

SMALL GROUP EXERCISE RESULTS

- Questions 3: Words that describe the space (when completed) include _____.
- Common answer themes: vegetation (trees, native plants), flexible spaces and facilities, accessibility, useable year round

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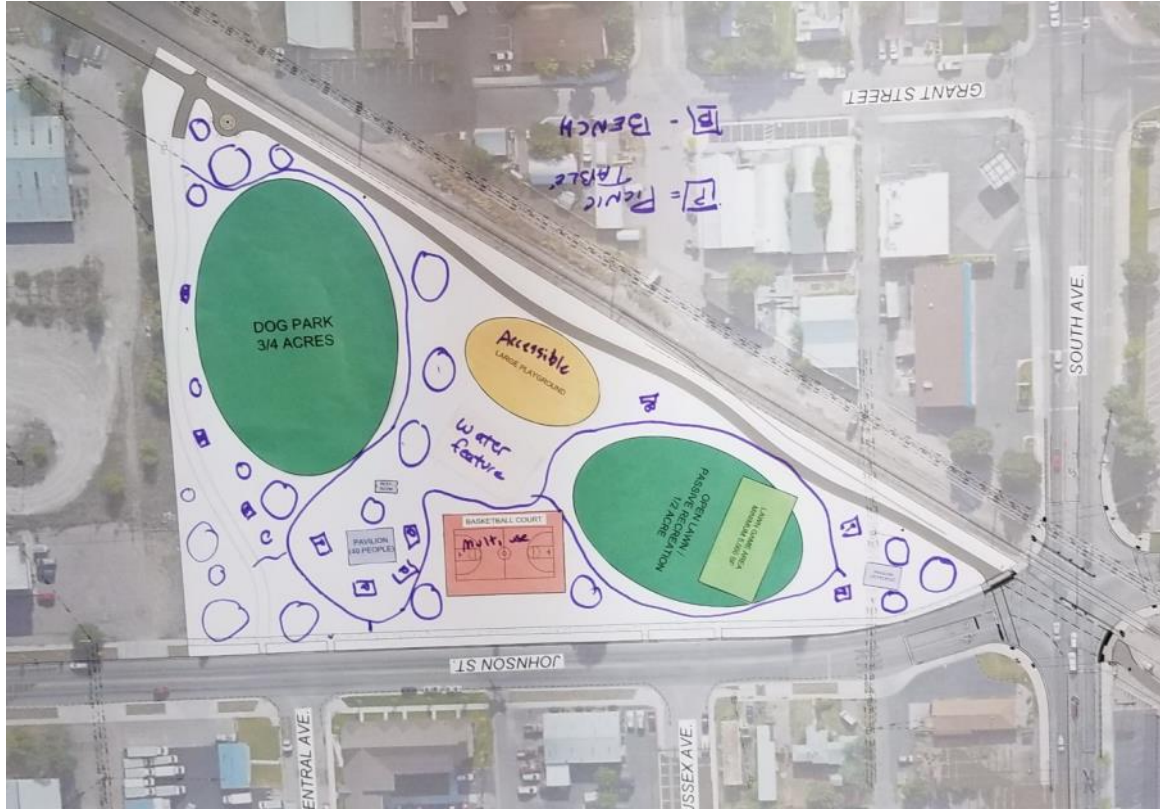
- Questions 4: Important questions that must be answered include _____.
- Common answer themes: accessibility (including ADA parking), dog park feasibility, prescription trails establishment, safety (in particular related to nearby streets), how to incorporate/celebrate history of the railroad, reduce light pollution, what are the impacts to local neighbors, funding

Workshop #1 Citizen Designs

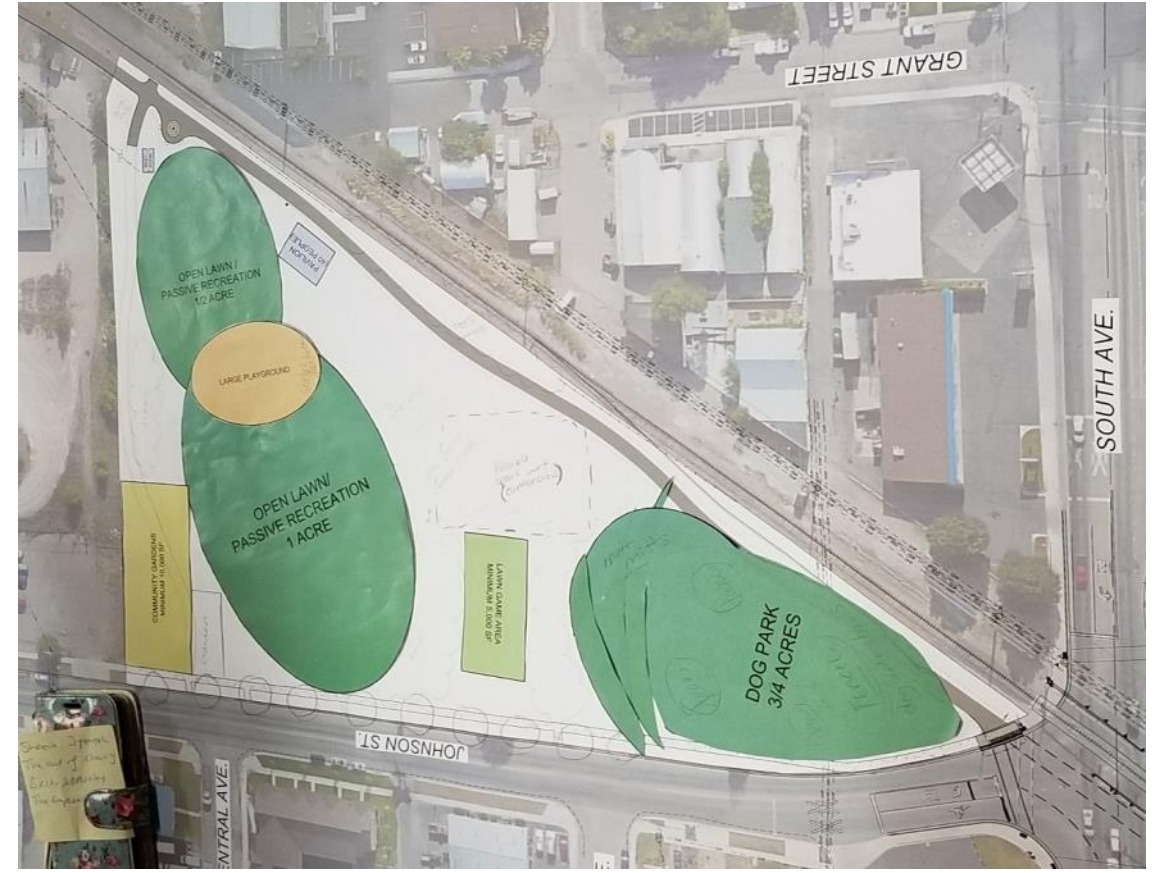
- The second part of the small group exercises consisted of arranging a selection of scaled park amenities on a plan. Not all the amenities provided would fit in the space so the participants chose their preferred amenities and arranged them on the base map.



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AMENITY PRIORITY IN CITIZEN DESIGNS

- **Highest Priority** - All 4 groups placed the following amenities in their park designs
 - Large Playground
 - Lawn Games Area
 - Pavilion for 40
 - Restroom
 - Open Lawn/Passive Recreation – 1/2 Acre
 - Dog Park (off leash, voice control area)

AMENITY PRIORITY IN CITIZEN DESIGNS

- **High Priority** – 3 of 4 groups placed the following amenities in their park designs
 - Community Gardens
 - Open Lawn/Passive Recreation -1 Acre
 - Combined Sports Court

AMENITY PRIORITY IN CITIZEN DESIGNS

- **Medium Priority** – 2 of 4 groups placed the following amenities in their park designs
 - Volleyball
 - Pavilion for 20
 - Water feature

AMENITY PRIORITY IN CITIZEN DESIGNS

- **Lower Priority** – 1 of 4 groups placed the following amenities in their park designs
 - Basketball Court
 - Tennis Court
 - Pickleball Court
 - Small Playground

AMENITY PRIORITY IN CITIZEN DESIGNS

- **Very low** Neighborhood Interest – 0 of 4 groups placed the following amenities in their park designs
 - Soccer/Multi-use Sports Field (12 & Under)
 - Softball/Baseball Field (12 & Under)

PROGRAM DIAGRAM



CONCEPT MASTER PLAN



TIMELINE/NEXT STEPS

- Submit for Parks Board Adoption (pending positive nhd. response) **December 2017**
- Select Consultant Team **December 2017**
- Construction Documents **January-February 2018**
- Staff Review/Out to Bid **February 2018**
- Contractor Selection **April 2018**
- Begin Construction **May 2018**
- Anticipated Opening **September 2018**