



FORT LOWELL PARK MASTER PLAN

Public Meeting #1, September 3, 2008, *Public Comments*

1. Consider using the buildings on the Adkins Parcel for adaptive reuse. You could have artist work/live space in the fabrication shed or in the commissary apartments. Artists could display and sell their work.
2. Hohokam and Fort-era had gardens. Can we explore community gardens on the site?
3. To restore the water tank and wind mill would be nice.
4. Wind mill and water tank could be made functional in this age of sustainability.
5. History of the pecan grove? Is it from the Fort-era or some other era?
6. What's the potential to close Craycroft Road at Glenn? Can we reclaim pavement for recreation or historic uses?
7. At Tucson Medical Center to the south, they are thinking of putting an entrance at Silver. This decision could impact traffic near the park.
8. Right now, the park is primarily a recreation site for neighborhood residents. Can recreation use be made compatible with the historic site?
9. Should connect the park with existing walking paths and other important nodes in the neighborhood. This would encourage more pedestrian connectivity. The TMC plan calls for additional walking paths. Fort Lowell could be a part of a network of trails that brings people from other locations in the neighborhood to introduce them to the resources and history in the park.
10. Do neighboring schools currently use the park as a classroom and can this use be increased?

11. With respect to cultural vs. recreational uses there are opportunity to meet both needs without conflict. Those portions of Fort Lowell Park that do not have historic resources are already dedicated to recreation- pool, tennis courts, etc. Where there are (actual) physical remains, those areas can be dedicated to historical interpretation. Use interpretive trails to connect these different areas and uses. There could be outdoor exhibitions that explain actual physical remains, with those areas connected by interpretive paths leading to other areas of the park. The park could function as a “cultural laboratory in the landscape”: How human beings have shaped the environment is an example of an interpretive theme.
12. Increase the educational use of the site. There are opportunities during the planning process to reach-out to the schools, especially the kids, to learn what they would like to see at the park. Consider a presentation to students and teachers to get feedback early in the planning process.
13. If you can't close Craycroft, maybe there could be a change in the surface (cobblestone?) to define the historic zone. Use a material different than the rest of the surface on Craycroft.
14. If there was a bridge over the road, there could be an exercise path over the bridge to both sides of the park. Parks in Phoenix and Milwaukee have parks with bridges connecting different portions.
15. Reid Park David Bell Bike Path is very successful. Consider something similar to create a longer path connecting a variety of neighborhood sites from McCormick Park to the Pantano Wash.
16. Could have a connection similar to the Science Center Bridge across Craycroft.