

## B. PUBLIC SURVEY

### Survey Methodology

A public opinion survey was distributed to all attendees of the January 30, 2006 public workshop. Instructions were given at the workshop (and on the survey form) to complete the survey and return it to the Planning Department by February 15, 2006. Survey forms were also made available on line and through e-mail. The survey addressed the following items:

- Uses for the Park
- Uses Not Appropriate for the Park
- The Grassy Planted Area
- Brick Paved Areas
- Sunlight
- Night Lighting
- Water
- Roundabout

Public Input – Following the above presentations the public was invited to comment. Major points from these comments are listed below.

- The existing Park is intimidating. It doesn't invite you in. Make it more welcoming. Consider adding paths. Consider using the 1986 Plan.
- Make the Park more green. Consider adding flowers. Consider the use of water features.
- Support the commitment to save the trees.
- The Park does not have enough seating. Consider adding more benches, or movable chairs.
- Expand the Park to the edge of the adjacent buildings as suggested in the project scope.

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## Summary of Survey Results

### Clear Majority Views

- Passive Use – A clear majority of respondents preferred passive uses for the park with occasional special events.
- Greenery – A clear majority favored maintaining or expanding the green portion of the park. This was expressed in comments about additional grass, flowers, trees and plantings.
- Brick Roadways with No Curbs - A clear majority favored paving the Pineapple Avenue and First Street roadways and eliminating the curbs.
- Remove “Memory Path” – A majority (65%) of respondents listed the art work, “Memory Path” by artist Athena Tacha as an element that should be removed. Only three respondents (4%) suggested that this art work be retained.

### Often Mentioned Items

- Increase Seating – A significant number of respondents mentioned the lack of adequate seating and the need for more, either in the form of benches, moveable chairs or game tables.
- Flowers – A large number of respondents mentioned the desirability of flowers, some in general terms, and some with specific suggestions.

### Unclear and Occasionally Mentioned Items

- Roundabout – Respondents were nearly evenly split (51% for, versus 49% against) on the issue of whether or not a roundabout should be explored for the Five Points intersection.
- Water Feature – Respondents were also nearly evenly split (52% for, versus 48% against) regarding whether or not the City should explore creating a water feature in the Park.
- The Historic Clock – A relatively small number of respondents mentioned retaining the historic clock. No respondents suggested that it be removed.
- Public Art – Public Art was mentioned as a positive element by some, but not a majority of respondents.
- Dog Issues – A number of respondents mentioned dogs – some wanting to allow dog walking – some wanting to prohibit dogs in the Park - and a number suggesting methods to encourage dog owners to clean up after their dogs.