



## Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2018

Present: Cathy Baker-Eclipse, Marchelle Jacques-Yarde, Roudnie Célestin, Lisa Alberghini, Donald Alexis, Kelly Shay, Rebecca Bachand  
Refer to sign-in sheet for Community Members

Next meeting: TBD

### 1. Presentation

Cathy Baker-Eclipse led introductions around the room and gave an overview of the City's and Parks Department's goals for the Odom Serenity Garden. Rebecca Bachand gave a site overview and introduced concepts that may be incorporated into the garden design.

### 2. Discussion

Cathy asked leading questions to guide brainstorming of elements and feelings that should be considered in the design of the space:

- What do you find Soothing?
  - Waterfall
  - Classical Music
  - Secret Getaway
  - Quiet
  - Sounds of:
    - Rustling Leaves
    - Children Laughing
    - Birds (Not Pigeons!)
  - Light: Natural, Sun
  - Light: Nightlighting, Moonlight
- Uses for the Space
  - Networking/Connecting
  - Neighbor/family meet ups
  - Children laughing/playing
  - People watching
  - Disconnect, enjoy nature
  - Hammocks
  - Wi-Fi
  - Get Away
  - Exercise
  - Meditation

- Elements / **Feelings**
  - Birdbaths
  - Flowers
  - Absence of traffic noise
  - **Solace**
  - Family area to experience water
  - Natural scents
  - Swing Motion
  - Playful elements
  - Multi-generational
  - **Joyful**
  - Musical Play like Spaulding
  - Interactive Play – water pump
  - Intimate space
  - Water wall to buffer noise
  - Plants & Birdhouses to attract birds
  - **Retreat**
  - Healing elements of nature
  - BUTTERFLIES
  - Predators
    - Bat Boxes
    - Hawk Perches
  - Adirondack chairs
- Peace Rock / Serenity ROC (Redefining Our Community) @ Entry – a touchstone, sets tone for park
- Peacekeeper
- Cameras
- Involve Community in Build, selection of “Rock”
- Include Steven’s writing
  - In water feature?
- Handprint art
- Writing/reading nooks
- “I AM” Corner – Steven’s poem
- Interaction w/Building?
  - Add writing to building facade?
  - Signage/connection from Building and/or Morton St?
- Library = Space of Peace
- Sense of Faith
  - Joined hands on site and vowed to create sacred space
  - Swords into plowshares
  - Coming full circle
- RESPECT THIS SACRED SPACE

### 3. Action Items

The Garden and Residential projects might both benefit from CPA funding coming online in 2018. Teams should coordinate with the CPA representative in attendance.

RBLA Design will work with Parks to prepare concepts for review and discussion at a meeting in 6-8 week.