Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Project Process to Date
- Community Outreach Outcomes
- Review of Final Concept Design
- Next Steps
Project Timeline

**July 2018 - Ongoing**  
Community Outreach

**February 2019**  
Final Design Concept Unveiling

**February 2019**  
Design Refinement Focus Groups

**Jan. - April 2019**  
Pre-Construction Documentation

**Summer 2019**  
Begin Construction!
Community Outreach

City Departments

- Engineering Department
- Park and Garden Commission
- Parks Department
- Social Services
- Recreation Department
- Youth and Student Services
- NB Police Department
- NB Fire Department

Community Organizations

- Civic League of Greater New Brunswick
- Unity Square – Administration
- Unity Square – Community Leaders
- New Brunswick Public Sculpture
- Paul Robeson Center (Rutgers)
- Local Churches in the neighborhood
- Community Workshops

Park User Surveys

- Back to School Night
- Each of the Community Workshops
- Paul Robeson School teacher surveys

New Brunswick Public Schools

- Back to School Night
- Student Workshops
- Paul Robeson School teacher all-staff meeting
## Community Outreach Summary - Feaster Park

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<td>Separate areas for young and older kids</td>
<td>Safe ambiance (visibility, monitoring, lighting)</td>
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<td>Basketball</td>
<td>Reading area</td>
<td>Drinking fountain &amp; restrooms nearby</td>
<td>Shaded seating</td>
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<td>Fitness station(s)</td>
<td>Performance space</td>
<td>Water play!</td>
<td>More color (benches, plantings, art)</td>
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<td>Volleyball</td>
<td>Outdoor classroom (for school)</td>
<td>More swings</td>
<td>Safe crossing on Handy Street</td>
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<td>Zumba, yoga, multipurpose court</td>
<td>Game tables</td>
<td>Rich multi-sensory experience</td>
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<pre><code>                                                                               | Place for movies, dances, festivals                 | Accessible strolling paths                                                                         |
                                                                               |                                                      | Bike racks                                                                                         |
                                                                               |                                                      | More garbage &amp; recycling                           |
                                                                               |                                                      | Wi-fi &amp; charging stations                          |
                                                                               |                                                      | Senior-friendly                                     |
                                                                               |                                                      | Honor Robeson &amp; Feaster legacies                    |
                                                                               |                                                      | Maintenance shed for Parks Dept.                    |
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Community Outreach Summary - Pittman Park

*Leave it a tranquil space that is respectful of those buried*

- Colorful plantings
- Shaded seating
- Interpretive signage?
- Gardening (to relieve stress)?
- Perimeter fence?
Balancing the Design Elements

Paul Robeson (1898-1976)

Photo: Keystone Features/Getty Images

- **Sensory-rich spaces**
  - **Artist**
  - **Activist**
  - **Civic inspiration**

- **Social gathering**
  - **Promote wellness**
  - **Athlete**
  - **Scholar**

- **Encourage exploration**
  - Sports & Active play
River-Inspired Details

- Natural materials
- Flowing circulation & softening elements
- Celebration of water
Design Concept

Active & Passive Recreation

Passive Use
New Circulation
Design Concept – Key Areas
Design Concept – Key Areas

Space for Removable Bleachers
Basketball Fencing
Stadium Seating with Seasonal Shade Element
Full Court Basketball

Fitness Court
Strolling Path with Robeson Plaques
Terraced ‘Chili’ Hill with Boulder Seating
Terraced Robeson Plaza

Double Sided Seat Wall
Accessibility Ramp
Robeson Sculpture

COMMERCIAL AVENUE
Design Concept – Key Areas

- Playground 4’ Fencing
- Native Plants Garden
- Play Element (6-12yrs)
- Rubber Play Surface
- 4 Bay Swings (6-12yrs)
- HPO Shade Pavilion
- Outdoor Classroom
- Play Lawn
- Play Boulders
- River Rock Path
- Discovery Lab
- Wall-Mounted Blackboard & Water Access
- Play Element (0-5yrs)
- Sensory Garden
- 4’ Fence
- 2 Bay Swings (0-5yrs)
Design Concept – Key Areas

- Terraced Community Garden
- Ripple Planting Beds
- Pollinator Garden
- Planting Bed
- Feaster Monument Plaza
- Community Art Plaza
- Garden 4' Fencing
- Potting Shed
- Playground 4' Fencing
- Native Plants Garden
Design Concept – Key Areas

- Remembrance Panels
- 4' Perimeter Fence with Colorful Plantings
- Planting Bed
- Bench
- Speed Table With Curb Bump Outs
- Terraced Robeson Plaza

Photo: Walter Bibikow
Photo: Mrs Ryanmurtai Blog
Photo: www.gardensdirect.com
Sections

1. Proposed Section from Paul Robeson School To Handy Street Looking Toward Commercial Avenue
   Scale: 1" = 40'

2. Proposed Section from Commercial Avenue To Throop Avenue Looking Toward Paul Robeson School
   Scale: 1" = 40'
View Across Handy Street from Pittman Park
Corner of Commercial Avenue & Handy Street
Next Steps

Park Design

- Design Consultant Engaged
- Design Refinement Focus Groups
  - Community Garden – Unity Square
  - Paul Robeson Plaza – Public Sculpture Committee
  - Playground and outdoor classroom – Paul Robeson Community School for the Arts students and teachers
- Community Updates – written update for inclusion in newsletter, etc.