

2025 Hughes Civic Assembly

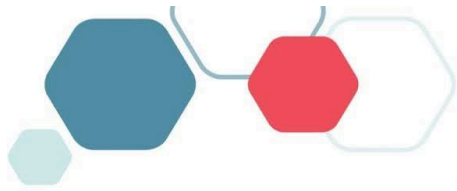
Weekend 1 Delegate Inputs

Overview

The following are notes compiled by Delegates from the Hughes Civic Assembly. Delegates were asked to write down **questions**, **key information**, and the **values** that would help guide their decision-making as they arose. They wrote these on the sticky notes, which were posted on the walls for all Delegates to review. The sticky notes from each of these categories are listed below in alphabetical order.

Questions

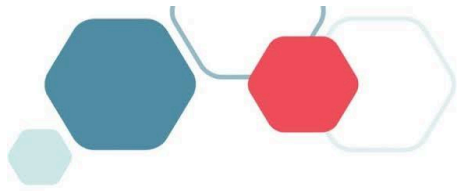
- Are we able to create transportation opportunities so we can save space on parking and make it more accessible to other groups who can't drive, etc.
- BIPOC Alliance - Would all of the land be protected or just the ceremonial area?
- BIPOC Alliance / Ron Hall - What does "Return the Land" look like if the land is to be public?
- Elaboration/clarification on bike park. "May be inconsistent with the intent of ballot measure"
- Exact location of storm water retention pond. Looking at page 71 of the Parks and Rec Master Plan, it appears that the retention pond overlaps substantially with the existing disc golf course. Is this correct? Where is the retention pond exactly?
- How do the various proposals and their stakeholders work together? Ex: How can there be a running course, bike park, and area for native celebration
- How do you separate biking and running?
- How does the assembly impact the city council? What is the deliverable from the assembly?
- How will an office space adhere to the 2021 ballot measure?
- How would the surrounding infrastructure (roads, traffic, etc.) be impacted?
- Is parking/transportation tie-ins factored into these proposals/speaker presentations?
- Is the Delegates goal to reach a supermajority we think the Fort Collins community will prefer, or reach a supermajority for what we think will pass with City Council? What happens if our proposed supermajority is not supported by Council?
- Page 5 behind our blue tabs describes "open space" as "common term but not defined." Can we work to define it? Will that help?
- Raptor Center - Is the raptor center compatible with the Fort Collins Running Club and their desired trails?
- Raptor Program & Bird Conservancy - Are the trails open access for running or walking or is access limited to guided walks or "tours" with a staff member?



- Raptor Program & Bird Conservancy - Are there logistical limitations to RMRP and Bird Conservancy cohabitating on the Hughes site? (or would your intended uses affect or conflict with one another?)
- Raptor Program & Bird Conservancy - The facility is next to a residential neighborhood. Have residents raised concerns, and if so, how are those concerns answered? (noise, danger to pets, etc.)
- Raptor Program & Bird Conservancy - Will the "administered restored grassland/shrubland habitat" be open to the public at all times, or only during guided tours? The phrases "no social trails" & "no companion animals"
- Raptor Program & Bird Conservancy - Will the disc golf course remain?
- Raptor Program & Bird Conservancy - With regard to accessibility, are there plans to provide better mass transit?
- Raptor Program & Bird Conservancy - Would a designated trail system be at all compatible with the raptor center? Would there be benefits to the center?
- Raptor Program & Bird Conservancy - Would you be willing to share an amphitheater with other groups?
- Relevancy of Treaty of Horse Creek, Treaty of Fort Wise, Treaty of Fort Laramie, Herrera v. Wyoming, United States v. The Great Sioux Nation?
- Ron Hall - How would the speakers' series boarding work?
- Ron Hall - Can these ceremonies be practiced in other Natural Areas? Why is it important for this specific location?
- Ron Hall - Does 'altered' state of this land prohibit/limit ceremonies being conducted?
- Ron Hall - What is the frequency/use of area? Is it open to the public?
- Streets or roads? Are there accessways to the site designed more to facilitate travel by car or are they accessible to pedestrians/bikers?
- What about parking? (for all of the proposals)
- What does/did Speaker 1 representing Warner College of Natural Resources aim to propose for the Hughes Site? Is there a specific guideline(s) or focus for the interest of this group?
- What parking requirements are there?
- Who is presenting the recommendation to City Council?
- Would you own your building, or would you not have strict ownership?

Key Insights

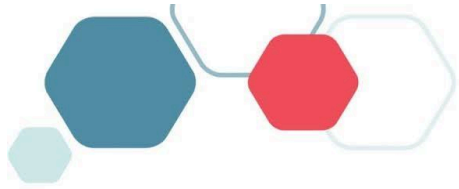
- According to page 84 of Parks and Rec Master Plan (2021) They are underfunded by 958,000\$. Also have a cost recovery of 55% "double that of similarly dense cities." page 87
- Balance of most valuable use & sustainability/restoration.
- Bike park/open use proposal: - high density area has low visibility/obstruction. - bike park impacts are on a scale of relativity
- Bird Sanctuary not fully compatible with larger bike parks. According to Bird Conservancy of the Rockies
- First People's Community Center can co-exist w/ other proposed uses - looking for access to land - no exclusive rights/use - restore land



- Group 1 - Sat. We should focus on the apparent compatibility of the presented ideas.
- Group 1 (Saturday) 164 acres is enough space to support multi-use. Potentially having the constructed bike park bermed off
- Initial polls were centered around P.O.L and natural areas
- Lack of public transportation/road crossings on S. Overland
- Land is damaged. Remediation will take significant time and effort
- "Open space" vs "parks" have different funding
- Parking considerations
- Rocky Mountain Raptor Program: would likely sell existing property (off Vine) to fund the building. Very willing to collaborate with other groups - do need to consider specific aspects of design in regard to keeping birds safe.
- Weigh resources information and past planning efforts that already incorporate community input for the stadium site

Values

- Accessibility
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- Accessibility for low income and mobility limited residents
- Accountability. Dedication to our mission as delegates
- Bike park/open space proposal: - supporting largest part of population - physical accessibility to site (transit); dedicated bus stop - parking will need to be considered - inclusivity + accessibility
- Check your biases when weighing the proposed site plans
- Collaboration with interested groups to come up with inclusive multi-use options.
- Community minded
- Cooperation between proposals (mixed-use)
- Evolution. It has been a while since this effort was initiated. Years have allowed new options to be introduced + we need to consider everything....
- Full transparency
- Group 1 - Sat: we need to consider public transportation
- Inclusive of most people
- Inclusivity
- Longevity
- Loudest voices (opinions) are not always the opinion of the majority
- Multi-generational
- Multi-use community gathering space
- Multigenerational (big picture, long haul)
- Natural land restoration
- Preserve + protect the integrity of the natural disposition of the Hughes area/site, with minimal disturbance to neighboring areas.
- Restorative justice
- Sustainability
- We can incorporate people and nature harmoniously
- Weight existing facilities when determining our super majority recommendations



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- Within the historical context of CSU ceding this land + the terms of that involving returning the land to the indigenous people of the land when the land became vacant, how can we make a decision with integrity?