



PIONEER PARK MASTER PLAN PUBLIC WORKSHOP #1 SUMMARY

APRIL 20, 2021 | 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm | VIA ZOOM

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ATTENDANCE

Project Team Members:

- Donnie Hayes, FNSB Project Manager
- Mark Kimerer, BNAP Project Manager
- Corey DiRutigliano, BNAP Architect & Visual Communications
- Van Le, R&M Planner
- Taryn Oleson-Yelle, R&M Planner

- Bryce Ward, Borough Mayor

Advisory Committee Members:

- Travis Cole, Alaska Native Community

Approximate Members of the Public: 53

ATTACHMENTS

- Presentation
- Live-Notes ‘Whiteboard’ (Miro) Summary

MEETING OBJECTIVE

To develop an understanding of the unique experiences the Fairbanks North Star Borough community have with Pioneer Park, engage in a discussion on current issues and opportunities, and what the future Pioneer Park should be. The results of this meeting will directly shape the vision and goals of the Master Plan.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) is developing a Master Plan for Pioneer Park. Pioneer Park is a valued historical and recreational resource for the Fairbanks community. Residents have experienced and enjoyed the park’s attractions for decades, having seen it gradually change and evolve into what it is today. Since the Park’s origination in 1967, some changes have occurred, including a name change from the former “Alaska 67 Exposition” and “Alaskaland”, but many of the facilities need improvements and substantial updates to comply with current safety guidelines. FNSB is seeking ways to manage and fund those updates while also improving the park experience for visitors.

The Master Plan will define a vision for what Pioneer Park should be and guide its future development, operations, and management to best serve the community and its visitors for the next ten or more years. Engagement with the community on what could be better or difference about the park is essential to the development of a successful plan. The Advisory Committee is the primary working group or steering committee of the project. The Committee is compiled of a mix of stakeholders with various interests, skills, and experiences to encourage broader conversations and sharing of individual views to develop greater understanding. Information gathered from the Advisory Committee will directly shape the recommendations made in the Plan and the future of Pioneer Park.

SUMMARY

The first public meeting for the Pioneer Park Master Plan focused on three questions:

- What do you like about the Park? (suggests current uses and identity)
- What would you change at the Park? (suggests current issues and opportunities)
- What is your dream for Pioneer Park's future? (suggests potential vision and goals)

Introductions

The meeting began with introductions of the project team, their roles, and an overview of the role of the Advisory Committee.

Master Plan Development Process

Mark Kimerer provided an overview of the Master Plan development process, including what the master plan aims to accomplish, what has been completed, next steps for the project team and schedule. He discussed the origin, development history and legacy of Pioneer Park. Past visions, site plans, and master plan efforts were briefly reviewed, and Donnie Hayes provided context on the recent developments of Pioneer Park of today. Near-Future updates to Pioneer Park were shared, including a new Alaskan-themed year-round inclusive playground, heated ADA year-round bathrooms, restorations of the Church and SS Nenana and the return of mini golf. These projects provide a positive framework and momentum to this master planning effort.

Example Successful Park Elements

Mark presented three lower-48 example parks that share qualities with Pioneer Park and discussed a few common qualities of those successful parks. The example parks were High Desert Museum in Bend, Oregon, the Pioneer Farm museum and Ohop Indian Village in Eatonville, Washington, and the Spokane River Walk (also a former Expo site) in Spokane, Washington. Mark and Van encouraged attendees to share example parks they have been to and why they are memorable in the chat.

Other Example parks that attendees identified:

- Mud Island in Memphis, TN: geography based
- Reno, NV has a nice river park
- Columbia, CA is a great Gold Rush Community with horse and buggy rides
- Boise, ID has a city center with a lovely green walk and river front parks that has recently been developed

- High Point City Lake Park has a small train, historical cabin area, and a lake area
- Open Air Museum in Reykjavik, Iceland has historic buildings that were moved there from all over the country, has live animals, living history, and museums
- McEuen Park, ID is a waterfront park

The meeting then moved to the visioning exercise which was an open discussion around prompt questions.

Visioning

Community members in attendance were asked three questions designed to help the Project Team develop an understanding of what the future vision for Pioneer Park:

- (1) What do you like about Pioneer Park?
- (2) What would you change about Pioneer Park?
- (3) What is your dream for Pioneer Park's Future? (Long-term vision, 10-20 years forward)

The following is a summary of the discussion held around those three questions and reflect the future participants hope to see ([see the attached Live-Notes](#)):

What do you like?

Events:

Events are primary attractions/enjoyable aspects of Pioneer Park. Music and holiday event and festivals, bazaars and markets, and other organized gatherings like science fairs, community picnics, and scavenger hunts were frequently identified.

Facilities:

Existing facilities themselves are attractions and aspects community members enjoy at the park, including:

- Pioneer Air Museum and the airplanes
- Railroad Museum
- Palace Theatre
- SS Nenana
- Train
- Gold Rush Town/historic buildings and equipment with interpretations
- Art Galleries

Facility areas are also reasons attendees go to and enjoy the park; including the large gathering spaces (Civic, cultural, and entertainment spaces), the playground, frisbee golf, picnic areas and duck pond. The location on the Chena River, the footbridge over the river, Paddler's Cove providing river/boat access, and connection to the Chena greenbelt are positive aspects about and for Pioneer Park.

Activities:

Pioneer Park offers a range of activities that are welcoming and inclusive, is a place where families, local and traveling/visiting, can meet and enjoy. It is a place where park-goers can have

fun and learn some local history at the same time. Food vendors, bike rentals, riding the train, and walking the park (either passively or as part of an event) in the winter months are positive features of Pioneer Park.

What would you change?

Many of the comments shared during this discussion were suggestions for programming additions, facility improvements, and opportunities to expand, adjust and recognize history.

Marketing & Management:

Improving advertising and branding, increasing investment, and more frequent maintenance (or renovating areas of Pioneer Park that are 'past-their-prime') are management-level changes attendees would like to see. Products sold within the Park should promote *Made in Alaska*, more local artists should be featured, and cabin rentals should be approachable for members of the community.

Clearer communication of what is available, what park-goers can do, and where they are located would be beneficial.

Improved wayfinding, maps and entryway orientation were identified as opportunities.

Identity & Focus:

Pioneer Park, while enjoyed for a wide variety of reasons, is missing a central identity in the eyes of many park-goers.

Name Change: calls for a name change from Pioneer Park include requests to revert to previous names of Alaskaland, A67 Exposition, or renaming it to Centennial Park, the traditional native name Tananan, or the development of a new name that reflects the park today and into the future.

The Park should be inclusive, accessible, and able to support all generations. Youth should be given special focus within the Park and would establish a Youth Advisory Committee. The Park should feature learning opportunities with a focus on fun.

Include a land acknowledgement of native people of Fairbanks area, include more native history and honor indigenous cultures to tell the story of this place to residents and tourists.

Establish a stronger connection and relationship with the Chena River.

Facilities:

Upgrading the cabins in Gold Rush Town, while keeping the historic characterizes, to last long-term is needed and improve spaces for rentals. Remove the buildings that have been closed for over a decade or are not practicably salvageable for productive uses.

Expand the space and use of the Civic Center. Bring back and improve the Pickle Barrel, it was great for concerts and theater.

Modernize the 'mingling space' around the theater to support winter food and drink vendors to expand time spent in the park. Have food trucks, covered picnic area and other facilities that extend the year-round use of the park. Add Wi-Fi connectivity throughout the park.

Access:

Improve Park access from Airport & Peger Roads for both pedestrians and vehicles and improve connections to nearby points of interests. Increase the walkability and connection between the park and downtown with an art walk or similar feature.

Shuttle service from inside the park to the parking lot, possibly have a train out to the parking lot or have the train function as an internal shuttle.

Improving the relationship with tourism companies and area hotels to make it more convenient for visitors to come to the Park. Improve the boat launch facility to allow visitors to better access the park via the Chena River.

Activities, Programming & Events:

Bring back the Northern Inua show, Alaska Native exhibits and presentations. Overall, more interesting, educational, and exciting activities and venues to increase the frequency of park visits (for residents especially).

Increase regular activities and lighting of the park in winter. Pioneer Park could be the community event destination in the fall and winter. The ice rink can be a skate park/rink in the summer. Include more public art, crafter and vendor spaces throughout the park; this may help give the tourists a reason to explore more of the Park beyond the Salmon Bake.

What is your long-term Vision?

Management:

Pioneer Park has short- and long-term fiscal planning and security and is more self-supportive. The Park has “hella-good marking and is not just doing crisis communication.” UAF, TCC, and other research groups are partners to the park to help create focus on traditional, contemporary, and future uses of the river and natural resources and provide educational experiences. Parks & Rec staff capacity needs are regularly considered and addressed. The facilities are regularly maintained and updated as needed, and the park has not expanded or been over-built beyond its sustainable size.

Identity & Focus:

Pioneer Park is a place of pride that the community is invested in, committed to, and celebrates. The Park offers a unique, connected experience from the parking lot to the SS Nenana, and all the activities and facilities in between. The park celebrates our history, modern Alaskans, and the diversity of the community.

Residents and visitors of all ages have access and enjoyment of the public park that offers casual, unprogrammed or unregulated activities as well as specialty programs and events. It's a place where tourists can interact and mingle organically with the locals; Fairbank's best asset is its people.

Pioneer Park is the central 'hub' for connecting to the rest of Fairbanks, featuring attractive walkability and connections to downtown, near-by ball fields, neighborhoods, and businesses. This place can bring a sense of 'home', of 'place', accented by the connection to the river and salmon.

The more of a destination the Park is for tourists and residents, the better it helps the community. Development for the park means holistic development for Fairbanks.

Facilities:

Grow the public spaces to include more opportunities for sitting and casual gatherings. Outdoor mural spaces, sculptures or art exhibits are attractions to and throughout the park. The Park is a place where locals walk to for eating, shopping in a market setting, and play.

The Palace theater is revamped, and productions are regular, the centennial space has a free community maker space that is kid and teen friendly, and the Park generates revenue for itself, other businesses, and our community.

The parking lot is designed to integrate better with and be a connected extension of the park. There are clear entrances, 'landing zones' and recognizable places that make the Park 'Instagram-able'.

Chena River and the Park have a close relationship and support one another. A water taxi and kayak access with boat parking is available at the Park's boat launch, creating a 'marina feel'. The health, quality, function and history of the river is featured. The Park expands across the river to the Chena Landing Neighborhood, making the river a central component of the park and expanding the opportunities available at the park.

Regular Activities & Events:

There is a reason to go to the Park every day of the week. The Park offers attractions for casual recreation, regular programmed activities, educational experiences, and specialty events. K-12 educational field trips are a regular occurrence, but youth and teens want to come and enjoy the park on their own as well.

Coordination between the Park, the Growden Park and Carlson Center results in complementary use of facilities and resources for year-round activities.

Next Steps

The meeting concluded at the scheduled end time of 8:00 PM. Van and Mark reviewed the next steps in the process, including sharing of the summary of this meeting and the next Advisory Committee meeting on May 11th.



WHAT DO YOU **LOVE**, WHAT YOU WOULD **CHANGE**, AND
WHAT IS YOUR **DREAM** FOR THE PARK'S FUTURE?

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AGENDA

I. INTRODUCTIONS

- a. Project Team
- b. Advisory Committee (AC)
- c. Project Website

www.FairbanksPioneerParkPlan.com

II. MASTER PLANNING PROCESS

- a. What, Why and how
- b. Schedule
- c. Background

III. YOUR PIONEER PARK

- a. What do you like?
- b. What would you change?
- c. What is your dream for Pioneer Park 10-20 years from now?

IV. NEXT STEPS

- a. Park User Survey
- b. Next AC Meeting
- c. Next Public Workshop



INTRODUCTION + PROJECT TEAM



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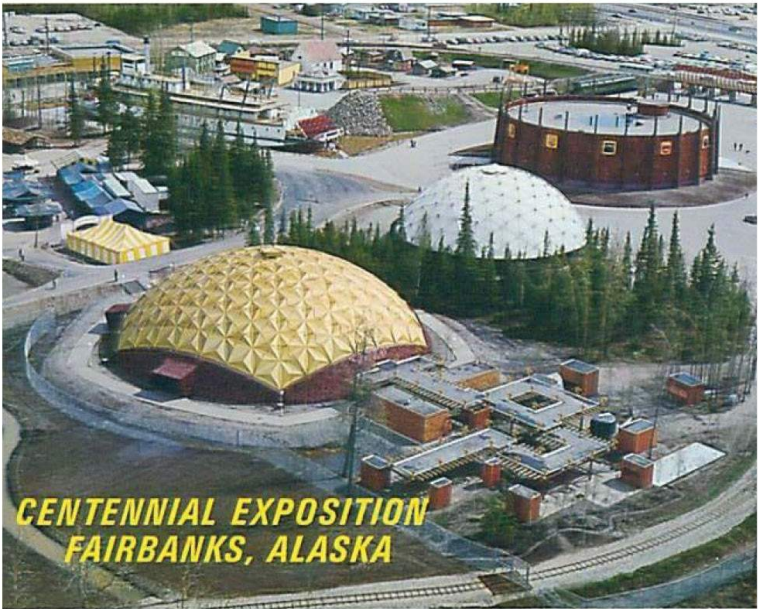
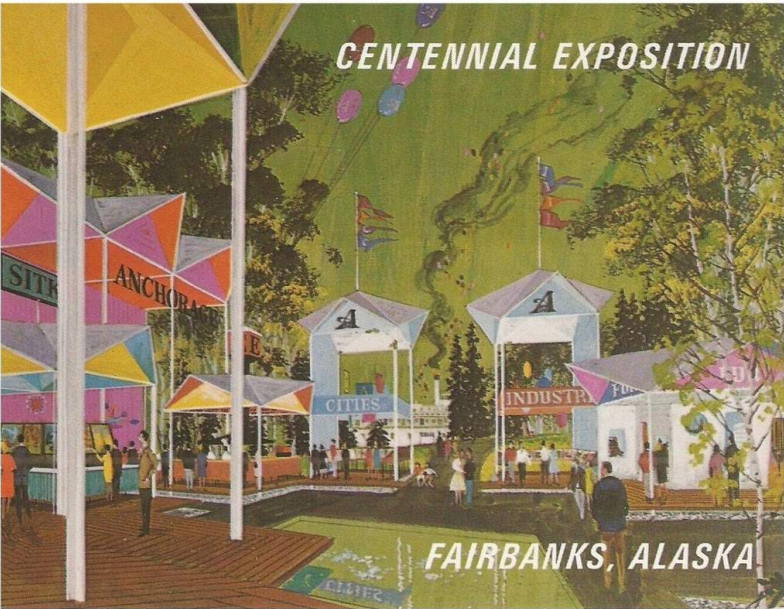
ORIGINAL PURPOSE OF THE PARK

PARK HISTORY

Park originally built in 1967 to celebrate the purchase of the Alaska territory in 1867

PARK LEGACY

- Beloved landmark in Fairbanks
- Central location for Alaskan History
- Tourist destination
- Gateway to urban recreation and events



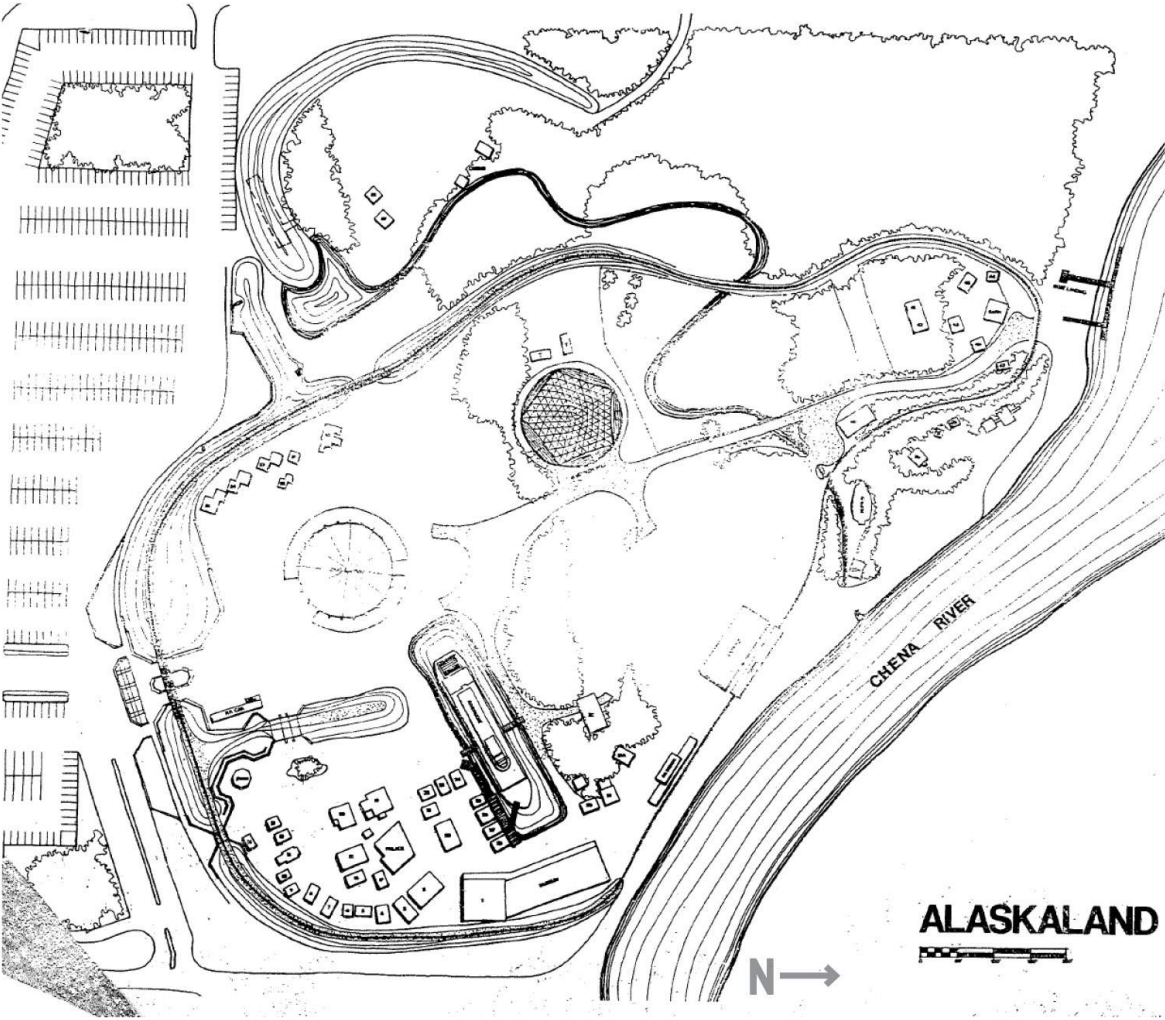
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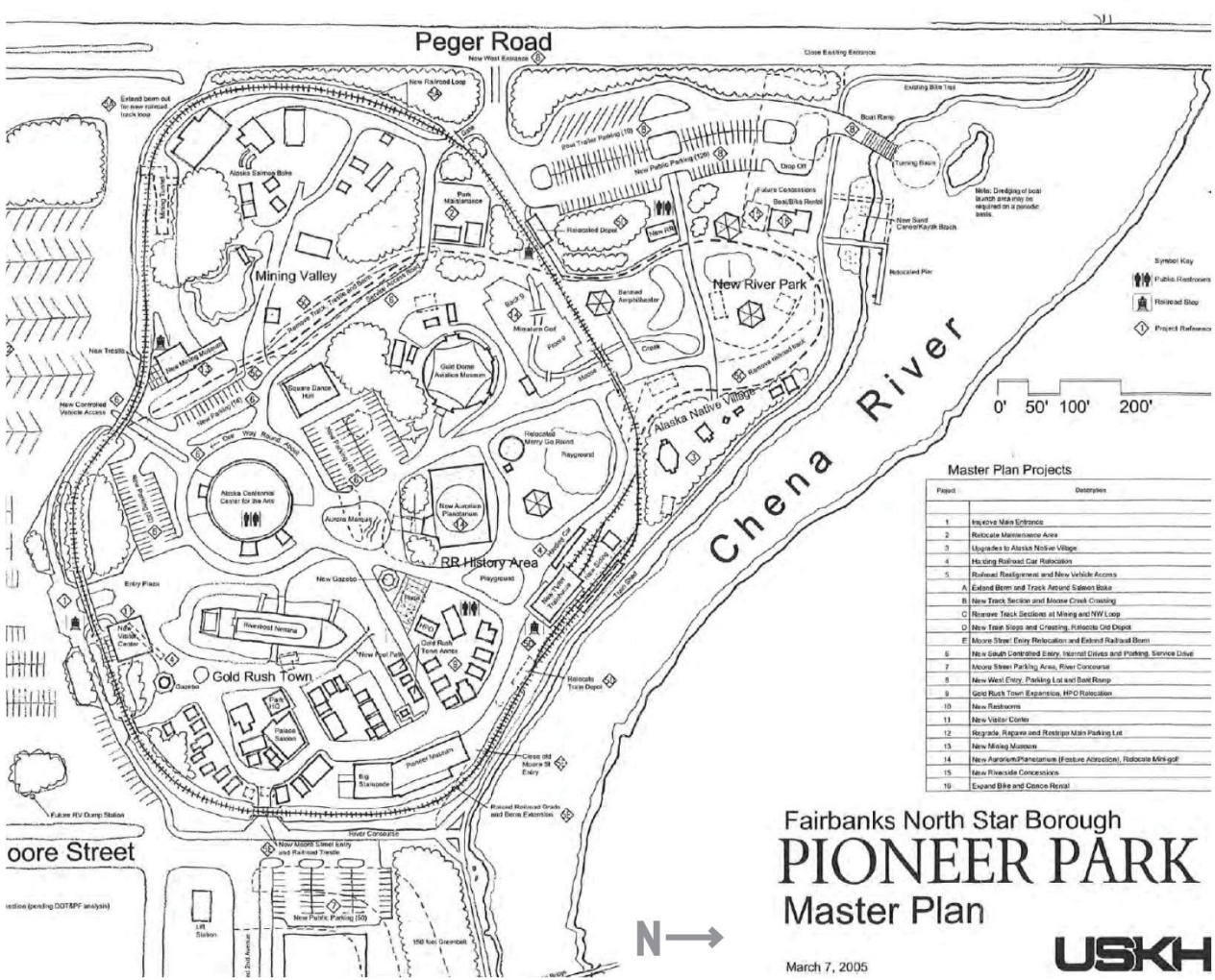
1967 ALASKA CENTENNIAL EXPOSITION SITE PLAN



PREVIOUS MASTER PLAN EFFORTS



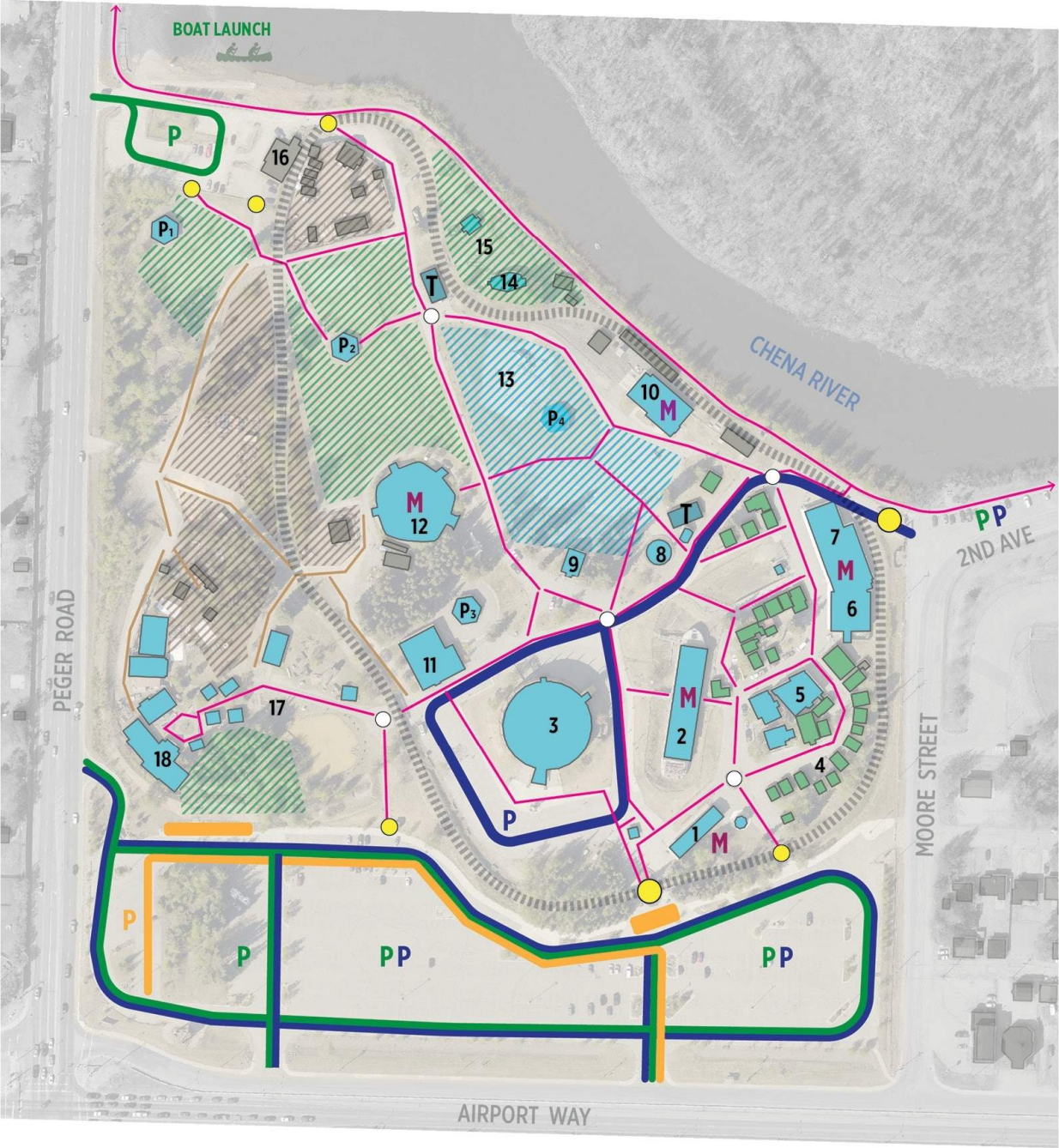
1980 MASTER PLAN



2005 MASTER PLAN



2021 PIONEER PARK CURRENT SITE FEATURES



PIONEER PARK ASSET MAP KEY

- Pedestrian Path
- Maintenance Staff route
- Rail Line
- P Vehicle Parking + Route (summer)
- P Vehicle Parking + Route (winter)
- P Bus Parking + Route (summer)
- Vehicle Drop off
- Park Entrance
- Path Gathering Point
- M Museum
- P# Pavilion
- T Public Toilets
- Public Lawn
- Future Playground Renovation
- Maintenance Area

AREAS of INTEREST

1 Harding Rail Car	10 Rail Depot + Museum
2 SS Nenana	11 Dance Hall
3 Centennial Center	12 Air Museum
4 Kitty Hensley House	13 Playground
5 Theater	14 Folk School Workshop
6 Pioneer Museum	15 Native Village
7 Pioneer Hall	16 Canoe Rental
8 Carousel	17 Mining Valley
9 Folk School	18 Salmon Bake



PIONEER PARK NEAR-TERM IMPROVEMENTS

UPCOMING PROJECTS

New Playground
Alaskan-themed, inclusive, year round

Bathrooms
Year round, ADA Accessible, heated

Structure Restorations
Restoration of the Church
Restoration of the SS Nenana

Activities
Return of Mini Golf



EXAMPLE PARKS



Pioneer Farm Museum and Ohop Indian Village, Eatonville, WA

Community-based living history center
Includes indigenous peoples in its presentations
Hands-on and inspiring for children



Pioneer Park Master Plan - Fairbanks, Alaska



Spokane River walk (Expo '74)
Spokane, WA

Tourism-based waterfront park
Regionally supported
Adaptive re-use of expo grounds



High Desert Museum
Bend, OR

Community-based tourist attraction
Shares the culture and livelihoods of the late 1800's
Hands-on and inspiring for children



VISIONING EXERCISE

What do you like about Pioneer Park?

Airplanes airplanes!!

The Pioneer Air Museum

Place to walk & gather in winter

Gold Rush Town & the Museums, the Pioneer Air Museum, the RR Museum, Alaska Salmon Bake, & Palace Saloon

Monday Markets!

Ice sculptures

Carol singing in Gold Rush Town

Explore Fairbanks did a Scavenger hunt

Veterans' Stand Down

Paddler's Cover as a take-in and take-out canoe location

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Playground

Footbridge over the Chena River

Public meetings /hearings

events, like the midnight sunrun!

vendor shops

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Science Fair at Centennial Center

Fatbike rentals were fun

The SS Nenana!!!

So welcoming and inclusive for all!

Food Vendors

historical buildings, structures, mining equipment, complete with interpretations

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"WELCOMING + INCLUSIVE FOR ALL!"

Salmon Bake

Train

Historic buildings

Great location on the river

Many types of art, music, theater, bear gallery

A place where family, local and traveling, can meet.

folk fest and holiday celebrations are great community gatherings

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Summer & seasonal holiday events

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Palace Theatre!

Next to the river

Free and public

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Picnic areas for events that are covered if it's raining

Canoe Alaska

Winter: holiday markets, lectures, plays, concerts

4th of July, bluegrass concerts etc. Community picnics

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Wooded area has potential

take walks even in winter

large gathering spaces - Civic & Cultural as well as entertainment

duck pond is another favorite for the kids

frisbee golf

Conference location

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EVENT

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VISIONING EXERCISE

Pioneer Park & Alaskaland still are colonial - if we're going for inclusivity and historical aspects, we need should be going back and incorporating the history that happened before that colonialism.

support Pioneer Park with a hotel bus stop

Name Change conversation should be had, but not divisive between Pioneer Park v Alaska Land

more interesting/educational/exciting venues and activities

improving connecting with river!

year round connection with the river

Train out to parking lot

train function like a shuttle

We neglect ignore the river right now

We are missing an identity

Incorporate the kids

Expanded outdoor amphitheater / concert space

Improved entryway wayfinding - map & billboard

What would you change about Pioneer Park?

ORIGINAL INTERIOR PLACE NAMES: TANANAN
HTTPS://SITES.GOOGLE.COM/A/ALASKA.EDU/VIEWMAPPER/LOWER-TANANAN-PLACE-NAMES?AUTHUSER=0

+ covered picnic areas for events

Bring back & improve the Pickle Barrel - great for concerts & theater

sourdough sam, park mascot

improve the boat launch area

More living history demonstrations and including Indigenous histories

tell the story of this place

Lighting of park in winter

easier access from Airport & Peger, pedestrian and car

Name Change: go back to traditional, native name (Tananan)

Ping pong tables

Investment - ROI within business plan

Name Change: back to Alaskaland

Expand the history museum

Keep our 'green' space

Bring back Alaska Native exhibits & presentations

Name Change: Centennial Park?

Land acknowledgement on native people of Fairbanks area - more native history

Expand space and use of Civic Center

stronger relationship with river

gold panning

Promote Made in Alaska

Update the restrooms

Ability to learn while having fun!

Space for more vendors, crafters and other

Lighting of park in winter

Clear communication of what is available, what you can do, maybe a 'circuit' through the park

Bring back the northern inua show

roller skating in summer where ice skating in winter

improve spaces for rentals

Open and expand the native museum

local artists

more public art spaces!

longer train ride!

Park used more for community events in fall & winter

better advertising

Alaska history for residents & tourists

Maintenance! It's a bit rundown - "past-its-prime"

Maintenance - maybe do less in a more focused, better way

Forest on far side of River - example of what it was

Ice sculptures

Youth advisory committee

Mini kids parade inside the park

museums docents are in costume!

Making this an inclusive space!

larger outdoor ice rink

Remove buildings that have been closed for over a decade

more living history demonstrations & indigenous histories

learning opportunities

acknowledge and honor Indigenous cultures

shuttle to on a loop to serve several hotels and the park/downtown

Up to date "mingling space" around theater to support winter food/drink vendors to extend time spent in the park

upgrade the cabins in gold rush town, retaining the flavor, to last at least another 100 years if not forever.

free museum day

should really think about the parks waste in terms of relationship to the chena and our air quality,

year round regular programming

Water taxi along river

food trucks year-round

Red Bull crash course

Kids and youth clubs

Turn the Harding car into a trendy rentable venue

Promote Made in Alaska in all sales

Increase walkability/connection between park and downtown with an art walk

stronger relationship with river

support all generations and be accessible

more public art spaces

ice rink can be a skate park/rink in the summer

Improve boat launch area - "marina" feel where people could come by boat & park their kayak

upgrade the cabins in gold rush town

Open the boat for kids to play on

Ping pong tables!

I feel the rules that you have to comply to in order to rent a cabin need to be lightened up. They are too hard to conform to. Turned me away from rented a cabin.

Investment

connect to nearby points of interest (walk, shuttle)

Concerted volunteer group to support elderly and vendors

Tour companies need to spend more time at the park, not just the salmon Bake



What would you change about Pioneer Park?



VISIONING EXERCISE

A free food garden by the river where our local green thumbs can provide for our community, and young ones can learn how to grow food, companion planting, and indigenous plants and their uses

IT WOULD BE GOOD FOR FOLKS TO KNOW WHAT THE MOVING PARTS OF THIS ARE AND HOW THE COMMUNITY CAN ADVOCATE IN SUPPORT OF A SHARED VISION (CIP, BOROUGH ASSEMBLY, ANYTHING ELSE THAT WOULD FACTOR INTO THE PROCESS POSSIBLY MOVING FORWARD OR FALLING APART)

celebrate modern Alaskans and the diversity of our community.

it is a place that generates revenue for other businesses in our community!

Integration of renewable energy options

What is your dream for Pioneer Park's future?

(a long term vision, planning 10-20 years ahead)

there's more public spaces and sitting for folks who live here to just chill and be and enjoy being here

Making the park more self supportive

Expand it across the river, to the Chena Landing Neighborhood. having it on both sides of the river would be amazing

Increase walkability/connection between park and downtown with an art walk (most likely sculpture) — can tie into education about the area

Connection & integration with River

Incorporation & integration of Alaska Native culture - prominently featured

This can bring a "home" - this is the sense of "Place" - the river, salmon and connection create the place.

A living, active space where locals want to spend their time, integrated with other active spaces like downtown, the river, and parks along the way

Truly community invested & ran

The theatre is revamped and the thespians have their space back

see more events, give us a reason to go every day of the week

Maybe serve beer again at least?

A new/ expanded building for The Folk School.

Partnering with Hotels that do pickup and drop off at the park

Make it the "hub" for connecting to the rest of Fairbanks

Water taxi & kayak access/parking

Urban beach along the river

Use the park's many attractions for K-12 education

Place of PRIDE

Hella-good marketing : not Crisis communication

Education for K-12 as well we visitors - field trips, projects, interactive learning experiences. The young people are the ones to keep the park going so they need a connection established.

the Bear Gallery and showing contemporary Alaskan artists

include art, sculptures (sculpture parks are a huge tourist draw), visiting interactive art exhibits (like teamlab Borderless in Tokyo)

this treasure becomes our heritage park

Focus on maintenance and don't over build something we can't maintain

youth advisory committee

On the tourism front, the more interesting/ educational/ exciting venues and activities that Fairbanks has, the better. It makes us a better destination and helps all of us in the community. A rising tide lifts all boats.

Parking lot is designed - it is an extension of the park

develop relationship and directional signage to the hatchery

More historic community development visions for less sprawl

Partner with TCC, UAF, and other research groups on traditional, contemporary, and future uses of river and natural resources for public lectures, educational experiences, etc.

coordination between Pioneer Park, Growden Park and Carlson Center for complementary resources for year-round activity.

tower or something similar for folks to get an elevated view of the area and nearby features

Teenagers need to be taken into considerations for plans

Don't make it a place where things are locked down with guides

make it place where locals will walk to for eating, shopping (markets), and play

the chena is clean enough for salmon to swim up thru the park

urban beach along the river, with sand

make it instagramable

coordination between Pioneer Park, Growden Park and Carlson Center for complementary resources for year-round activity

MUCH more pedestrian friendly

The folk school has indigenous elders as teachers, the bear gallery has waaaaay more money and artists, and they take up the entire 3rd floor

outdoor mural spaces where local artists are welcome to practice their painting and street art

have people in person dress who could talk about Fairbanks history.

wi-fi connectivity

keep it casual, public and unregulated

mini kids parade inside part to advertise kid/youth clubs etc.

Make it instagramable

Making the park more self supportive, which you are working towards is needed. So it is not all tax money to repair and built

a great "casual" place to bring visitors

Long term and short term fiscal planning

Expand it across the river, to the Chena Landing Neighborhood

Besides all the maintenance and accessibility upgrades XD, I imagine a true community invested and ran park.

the centennial space has a free community maker space that kid and teen friendly.

still want to see the Palace theatre there in 20 years!

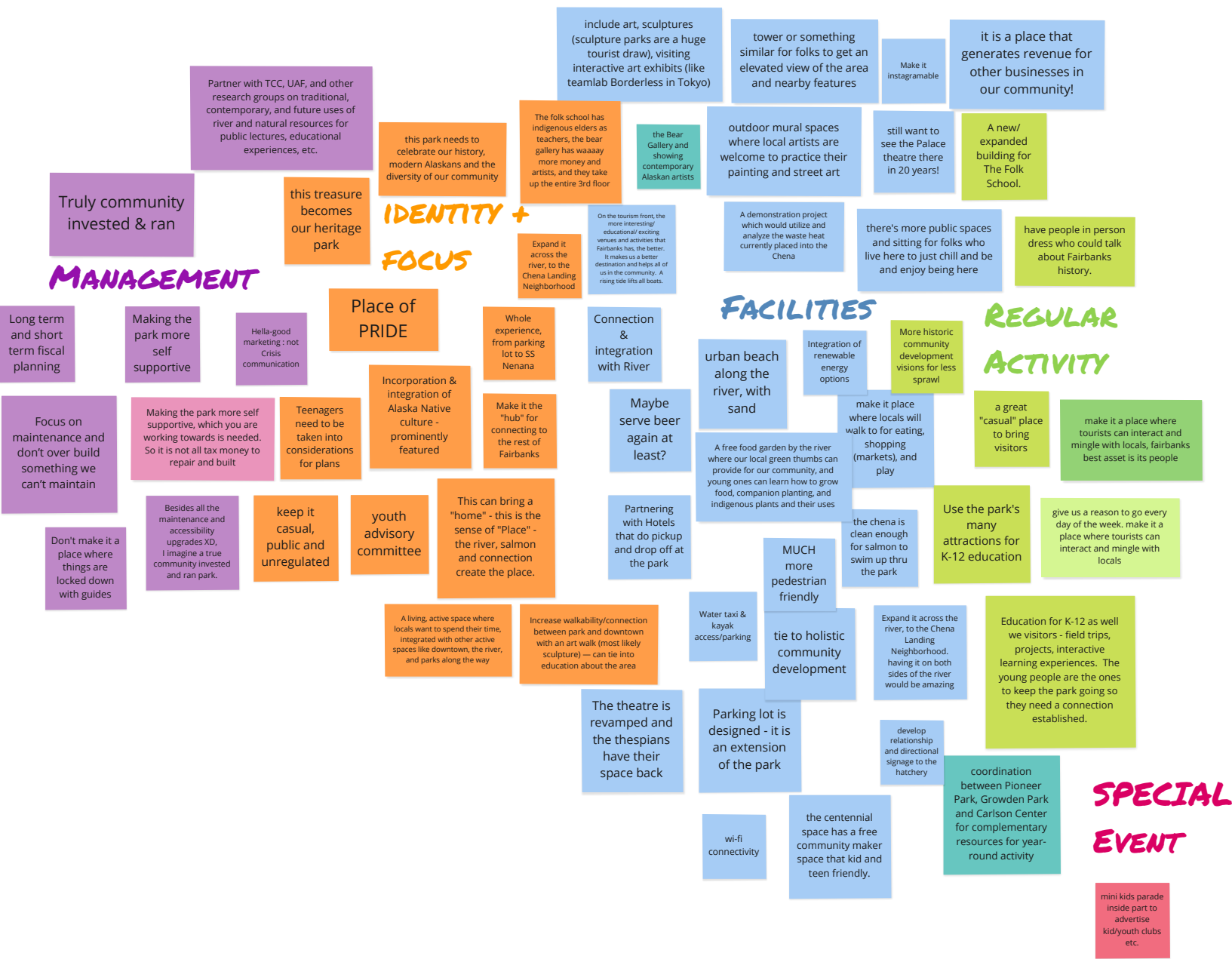
give us a reason to go every day of the week. make it a place where tourists can interact and mingle with locals

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What is your dream for Pioneer Park's future?

(a long term vision, planning 10-20 years ahead)



NEXT STEPS

Park User Survey Launching Soon

Next **Advisory Committee** meeting on **May 11 2021**

Public Workshop #2 in August 2021

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