

**Concept Proposal Description:
Ballpark NEXT**

① **What should become of the Smith’s Ballpark site and specified surrounding City owned properties, such as creative and activating uses?**

For the future of the Ballpark neighborhood I propose SKYGARDEN, a concept where the ballpark stadium space is split in two sections with one side that becomes an elevated park with storefronts underneath for local restaurants and business. These could be temporary popup shops to showcase their talents. The other half of the ballpark space would be a biodome/ greenhouse that is open year around for people to enjoy.

This entire park can be a flex space that can be used for concerts, festivals and other special occasions. The elevated park can connect, with a sky bridge and underpass to the north, over and under 1300 South, to the area that is currently a parking lot.

The parking lot would become a blend of a park but with a large community and training center where people of all ages can take classes in art, computer education and programming, cooking classes, etc. This park would also contain pickleball, basketball, and volleyball courts with a large open field that could be used for soccer, other sporting events, or festivals.

For residents, and visitors alike, the greenspace and community/learning centers would be a place to meet up, collaborate, and provide opportunities for exercise and recreation.

This would promote physical and mental wellbeing that is greatly needed today’s climate. With all the natural beauty Utah holds, it is time Salt Lake City becomes a leader in working with developers to incorporate more greenspace into the city and start pushing the boundaries of new and old technologies available for modern structures. Like encouraging all new buildings to incorporate greenspace and green technologies on every floor and/or unit, using technologies that keep advancing, i.e. Perovskite flexible solar cells, photovoltaics, atmospheric water generation (AWG), aeroponics, and so on.

There are many new and amazing assortment of technologies that the city can start incorporating into our new developments. This would also coincide with the Salt Lake City Urban Forest Action Plan, along with the Plan Salt Lake sustainable growth and development goals.

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Proposed Uses

- SKYGARDEN: Elevated park and year round biodome/greenhouse
- Pop-up store fronts for local businesses
- Flex space for concerts, festivals, and special events
- Ground fountain for summer
- Interactive sculptures
- Rock climbing wall
- Food truck court with picnic tables
- Beer garden
- Community training center
- Pickleball courts and soccer field
- Architectural/landscape
- LED lighting
- Year round promenade on West Temple
- Create housing with green space on each floor or individual unit

② How does your personal experience inspire your concept proposal?

During the pandemic we saw the need and importance of outdoor space. As a caregiver for my 90 year old father with Alzheimer's it was important for us to stay physically and mentally active during all seasons of the year, especially winter.

Pillar 1: Community Goals

③ How does your concept proposal meet community goals?

This would achieve the summary goals from the Ballpark Station Area Plan:

1. Establishing connected, accessible, and pedestrian-oriented land uses and facilities creates a vibrant and engaging experience for visitors and residents in the area
2. Holding multiple types of events, including community-driven events within a ballpark area, such as community movie nights, concerts, or festivals can help engage the surrounding community and enhance surrounding neighborhoods
3. Improve safety through lighting, residential interaction, and local and business activities
4. Enhance social vibrancy through special events and enhanced greenspace
5. Create a dense urban environment and entertainment zone around the Ballpark through the community/learning center, a food truck court, popup restaurants and shops, pickleball courts, elevated bridge, and promenade

This plan would also coincide with the Salt Lake City Urban Forest Action Plan, along with the Plan Salt Lake sustainable growth and development goals.

Community Goals

- Take advantage of current development opportunities, existing services, and amenities to enhance neighborhood livability
- Create a dense urban environment and entertainment zone around the Ballpark
- Increase connectivity in the station area
- Increase urban design quality
- Improve safety
- Enhance social vibrancy
- Increase affordability and attainability of housing for current and future residents

Pillar 2: Connect the Dots

- ④ **How does your concept proposal connect with the surrounding area and enhance connectivity within the Ballpark neighborhood?**

This concept creates a circular connection between SKYGARDEN's biodome, the elevated park, sky bridge/underpass, sports courts, the community/learning center, Main Street, Lucy Ave, TRAX, the pedestrian connection through future development, Festival Street/Promenade, and back to the SKYGARDEN. All these connections can be made principally by walking and biking.

Pillar 3: Invest in People

- ⑤ **How does your concept proposal integrate uses, programming, or resources to support an inclusive community with economic opportunities for all?**

With the concept of SKYGARDEN and the community/learning center we would have the opportunity to work with local business and programs to share their goods, products, and ideas with the community, residents, and visitors.

With the SKYGARDEN the city can team up with up and coming local business, restaurants and breweries to showcase their products at the pop-up storefronts under the elevated park or at the farmer's market held in the park.

At the community/learning center, residents and locals can team up and get insights and training from Utah tech companies such as Devmountain (a design, analytics, cybersecurity, and coding bootcamp), Hackbright Academy (Woman and gender diverse software engineering bootcamp), Adobe (software), Nav (business financing), Pattern (accelerator for global ecommerce), and others like local trade schools.

Proposed Uses, Programming or Resources

- General computer and programming training
- Business and financial training for small businesses and upstarts
- Trade school classes
- Art classes organizations, and local artists/businesses.
- Business center with meeting rooms
- Lectures and networking socials (business, art, life)

Pillar 4: Partner Near and Far

6 What types of partnerships does your concept proposal include to bring your proposed uses to life?

SKYGARDEN and the community/learning center can partner with local business like Lowe's to give classes on home improvements with discounts to their stores. Local restaurants can give cooking classes.

Salt Lake City Corp can use the new area as a starting point to introduce conversions of main roads to half auto and half pedestrian/bicycle lanes that can connect throughout the city and valley.

SKYGARDEN can partner with new green technology companies that can help develop and install flexible solar cells, photovoltaics, atmospheric water generation (AWG), aeroponics, and so on. They can use SKYGARDEN as a case study.

Partnership Types

- Lowe's home improvement/smart home classes
- Local restaurant cooking classes
- Salt Lake City Corp development of connect pedestrian and bicycle walkways throughout the city
- Green technology company partnerships for incorporating latest technologies throughout park and community/learning center

Pillar 5: Creative Yet Feasible

7 How does your concept proposal support the vision for neighborhood growth as identified in the Ballpark Station Area Plan?

SKYGARDEN can be a launching point of how the city can grow and connect to new developments throughout the city using new sustainable methods, green trails, and green technologies. Concept like Tokyo's Woven City that is currently being built that weaves different roads for auto, autonomous, pedestrian, and multiple combinations that connect homes and businesses, along with incorporating greenspace throughout the city.

This can quickly connect residents and businesses with less stress on the environment. This can encourage future developments to adopt these new ideas. SKYGARDEN also coincides with the Salt Lake City Urban Forest Action Plan and Plan Salt Lake sustainable growth and development goals, along with many aspects of Downtown Master Plan, RDA State Street Project, and Life on State Implementation Plan

Ballpark gives us the opportunity to try something new and wow the country, or better yet, the world. This is our opportunity to showcase Salt Lake City as a leader of what a green city can look like. Let's reimagine green space that would not only draw in more locals, but garner worldwide attention and acclaim.

Let's make Salt Lake City a future "clean" city and not one stuck in the past, but one that embraces the future. We like to boast that Utah is a bastion

of natural beauty and wonder, so it's high time we start implementing that mindset into our buildings and daily lives.

Supporting Elements

- Increase urban design quality with greenspace and pathways connecting the neighborhood
- Enhance social vibrancy with community gathering space for social gatherings, community/learning center, concerts, food, etc.
- Creates a dense urban environment and entertainment zone around the Ballpark
- Takes advantage of current development opportunities, existing services, and amenities
- Coincides with many ideas and visions of Salt Lake City plans
- Increase connectivity in the station area