Current Sheppard Park Amenities

Historic Pavilion

Existing Playground Equipment
Historic Park Aerials

1928

1951

1997
Who was William Henry Sheppard?

The understated hero – a powerful, yet relatively unknown Louisvillian.

Sheppard was a star among missionaries Black or White. He was considered in his time to be one of the greatest missionaries in the world.

In 1890, he was sent to the Belgian Congo and was able to establish relationships with native people as well as travel freely among them which was unprecedented.

In 1912, he came to Louisville to become pastor at Grace Hope Presbyterian Church where he increased church attendance and membership.
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First African American Fellow of the Royal Geographic Society inducted by the Queen of England.

Sheppard was admired by the Congo people for his skills as well as his knowledge of the native language while living as a missionary among them.
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**HUMANITARIAN**

Sheppard contested Belgian atrocities in the Congo in a highly publicized trial in which Sheppard was acquitted. Subsequently, the European government abolished King Leopold II’s Belgian hold on the Congo.
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Art Collector

Recognizing the beauty of Congo artifacts, Sheppard brought back to the U.S. many pieces of art.

Raffia cloth was given to Sheppard by the Kuba people of the Congo (one of the oldest examples in the world) – currently at the Speed Art Museum (above) and the Hampton Institute (right).
Proposed Conceptual Park Plan

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See board for closer detail.
Proposed Park View

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Possible Splash Pad Design Elements for Phase I

BRIGHTLY COLORED CONCRETE PAVEMENT EXAMPLES
Possible Splash Pad Design Elements for Phase I

TALL SPRAY ELEMENTS

WIDE SPRAY ELEMENTS
Possible Splash Pad Design Elements for Phase I

ANGLED / ARCHING SPRAY ELEMENTS
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TEAM SPRAY ELEMENTS – DESIGNED FOR GROUP PLAY OR SELF DISCOVERY
Restroom Designs

WALL TEXTURE OPTIONS:
- SPLIT FACE BLOCK
- STUCCO
- EXPOSED AGGREGATE
- HORIZONTAL LAP SIDING
- BOARD AND BAT
- BRICK
- STONE
Possible Playground Design Elements for Phase 2

INCLUSIVE PLAY FOR ALL ABILITIES
Possible Playground Design Elements for Phase 2

SLIDES AND CLIMBING UNITS