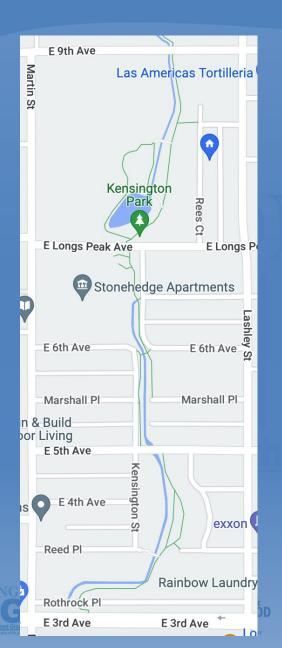
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- Boundaries:
  - North –E. 9<sup>th</sup> Ave.
  - South-E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.
  - East Lashley St.
  - West Martin St.
- No HOA, Roughly 350 households
- Kensington Park is the focal point of the neighborhood.



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#### NGLA Representatives



Stephanie Beck



Charlie Beck



Ruth Denhardt

Introduction

#### Past projects

- Kensington Park Master Plan, 2005
- Neighborhood Identification signs
- Party in the Park, 2008
- NIP 2013 Southern park playground upgrades (safety)
- NIP 2015 Benches near pond and playground
- NIP 2017 Tree planting in park
- Dumpster Days, 2017
- O Bike Rodeo, September 2022





**Project overview** 

- Current situation Incomplete Master Plan (created in 2005, 60% complete), damaged facilities, unsafe/unmarked street crossings
- Project Type Park improvements and Interactive Art





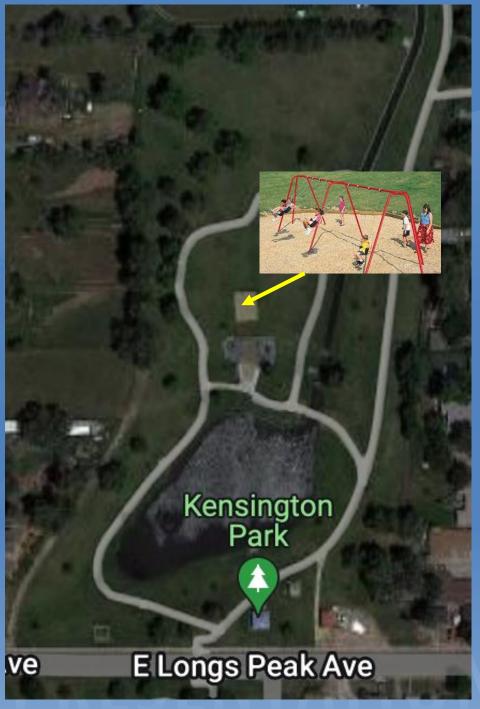
**Current Situation** 



**Project Overview** 

- Install swing set
  - Work with parks department to select, purchase, and install swing set near existing park structure using the sand pit.
- Interactive community art project
  - Commission interactive mural design through Art in Public places. Community event to paint the mural. Mural to include bilingual welcome message.





**Proposed Improvement** 





**Criteria 1: Need** 

- Concerns that Kensington is not a priority for the city (sentiment from the community).
- Recent events necessitate action to rebuild community trust and engagement.
- Need to connect northern and southern portions of Kensington Park.
  - Location of community art project will create cohesive and inviting park experience.
  - Safety concerns at Spring Gulch Trail crossing across E. 5<sup>th</sup> Ave.
    addressed with additional signage.



**Criteria 2: Participation** 

- Neighborhood Meeting (June 22, 2022)
  - Community feedback about park issues
- Park walk-through with Parks department (August 11, 2022)
  - O Discussion of progress on Master Plan, need for visible improvements
- Kensington Community Leaders meeting following shooting in Kensington Park (September 7, 2022)
  - Expressed need for safe space for neighborhood youth, after school activities, etc.
- Partnered with the city and Longmont Youth and Family Services for a Bike Rodeo (September 21, 2022)



**Criteria 3: Sustainable** 

- Will collaborate with:
  - Parks department to select appropriate swing set for the location and environment. Minimal upkeep required.
  - Art in Public Places to commission an artist to design and choose the correct supplies for the mural.
- Community members will monitor and touch up murals as needed.
  - An email to report the need for maintenance will be displayed on the park message board.



#### **Criteria 4: Neighborhood Contribution**

#### Budget

Grant Request	\$9000
Swing Set*	\$3000
Setback/Infill Area*	\$2000
Insurance/Legal*	\$3000
Community mural painting supplies	\$400
Artist Services (10 hrs at \$60/hr)	\$600
Community Contribution	\$3000
Neighborhood contribution (130 volunteer hrs at \$20/hr)	\$2600
Project planning (20 volunteer hrs at \$20/hr)	\$400
Total Cost of Project	\$12000

- \*Close collaboration with Parks Department will be required, so these numbers may change.
- Community Contribution = 25%

**Criteria 5: Public Benefit** 

- Increase engagement and pride in the community with visible improvements to the park
- Create a welcoming, safe space for community gathering
- Honor contributions of community members by making progress with the park
- Honor Hispanic/Latino heritage with inclusive signage

closing

We would love the opportunity to collaborate with the Parks Department and Art in Public Places to create some visible change in Kensington Neighborhood!

**Questions?** 



# NIP PRESENTATION