

Public Meeting for South Park Play Area

August 20, 2016

Duwamish River Festival

The first public meeting for the South Park Play Area occurred in the afternoon of August 20, 2016 at the Duwamish River Festival, where a booth was set up for festival goers to learn about the project and provide opinions on preferences for park features including play equipment and social spaces. Karimah Edwards of Seattle Parks Department with consultants Kas Kinkead and Lisa Corry of Cascade Design Collaborative staffed the booth.

Overall, the public was very supportive of the project.

The booth included a display board featuring an aerial photograph of the project extents, and images of the park to orient the visitor to the project. Three boards were created to illicit opinions on play equipment for children 1-5 year olds, play equipment for children 5-12 year olds, and site amenities for social gathering for 0-99 year olds.

All boards featured text written in three languages: English, Spanish and Vietnamese. A Vietnamese interpreter was also available for visitors.

A total of 180 dots were placed on the three boards by adults and children. The summary of the votes follows.

Play equipment for children, 1-5 Year Old

A total of 50 votes for the following in order of importance.

- 10 Natural Play elements (20%)
- 9 Traditional swings (18%)
- 6 Gardening (12%)
- 6 Musical instrument (12%)
- 6 Climbing and slides (12%)
- 5 Imaginative play (10%)
- 4 Spinner (8%)
- 3 Scales for measuring (6%)
- 1 Brightly colored pavement (2%)

Play equipment for children, Ages 5-12:

A total of 93 votes were cast for the following in order of importance:

- 29 Zip line (31%)
- 22 Rock climbing (24%)
- 15 Net climbing (16%)
- 9 Climbing (10%)
- 9 Swinging disks (10%)
- 5 Balancing (5%)
- 4 Spinners (4%)

Site Amenities for Social Gathering, Ages 0-99

A total of 37 votes were cast for the following in order of importance:

- 9 Stone gathering circle (24%)
- 8 Long park bench (22%)
- 8 Moveable tables and chairs (22%)
- 8 BBQ Grills (21%)
- 2 Quinceanera celebration in a park (5.5%)
- 2 Long Community dining table (5.5%)