

## Public Meeting Feedback & Design Team Response

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MEETING Public Meeting #1  
LOCATION Zoom  
PROJECT NAME Terry Pettus Park Renovation  
PROJECT NUMBER 30140.120  
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Ninety-five (95) Community Members

### GENERAL DISCUSSION

The planning and design team used a virtual meeting platform to share information about the background of the project and share four alternative design concepts. Participants were able to view the presentation on the screen and join the dialogue using the chat feature of Zoom. The design team used live polling to generate feedback on particular questions and design considerations.

- Zoom platform successful using chat and polling features for community engagement
- Concept options well received; community provided thoughtful and constructive feedback
- Total registrants: 129; total participants: 102 (7 members from design and planning team)

### SUMMARY OF PUBLIC FEEDBACK

#### Water & Hand-launch Access

- General consensus that better access to the water is desired
- Concern about access to launch areas when park is crowded
  - Suggestion for designated space for beach launch separate from beach lounge area
  - Suggestion for ramp to keep an area clear for launching that will not be crowded by loungers on the beach
- Desire for direct access to dock/launch area without obligation to take meandering path

#### Safety Concerns

- Stairs at night
- Vagrancy
- Drug use and litter (i.e. needles)
- Off leash dogs
- Late-night fireworks

**Planting & Habitat**

- Preference to save as many trees as possible; consider how existing trees will fare in the long term
- Plant palette should contribute to and complement colorful Eastlake gardens
- Plantings should not interfere with sightlines into, through, and within the site
- Lawn is not preferred by a majority of commenters
  - Suffers with high levels of pedestrian use
  - Requires higher maintenance
  - Attracts geese and becomes unusable
- Consider potential osprey nest platform, as suggested by one meeting participant and supported by other participants

**Character & Materiality**

- Interest in enhancing character/personality of the Park
- Interest in incorporating art into the Park
- Interest in incorporating interpretive elements that honor Terry Pettus
- Desire to use noise attenuating materials

**Parking**

- Majority of commenters support limiting parking (91% of poll respondents agree with limiting parking)
  - Maximize space for park development
  - Maintain sense of it being a neighborhood park
  - Support for load/unload parking only, but could occur at existing lot to SE
  - Support for providing accessible parking
- Few commenters are concerned about the loss of parking (9% of poll respondents do not agree with limiting parking)
  - Interest in dedicating some of existing public parking lot to park visitors
  - Concern about commuters using public parking, competing with park visitors for parking

**Other Amenities**

- Consider air pump for inflatables
- Desire for dog poop bag dispenser & trash can
- Concern about trash
  - Accumulation in water
  - Security from crows
- Consider incorporating exercise equipment as either part of the park or in association with the Cheshiahud Loop Trail
- Continue providing bicycle parking
- Consider lighting at bicycle parking for bike security

**Preferred Concept**

- 36% of poll respondents prefer The Terraces
  - Consider incorporating elements from Restoration concept, particularly at north end of Park
  - Consider how to preserve more existing trees within this concept

- 31% of poll respondents prefer The Restoration
- 22% of poll respondents prefer The Cove
  - May provide easier launch access with dock closer to southeast parking lot
  - Consider additional access point
- 9% of poll respondents prefer The Lawn
  - Concern that lawn will attract pet and goose occupation and waste

### **OTHER POLL RESULTS**

Live polling occurred during the meeting to gauge public feedback on specific topics. The questions, provided answers, and responses are below.

#### **What makes Terry Pettus Park so special to you? (Multiple choice, select top three that apply)**

##### Provided Answers

- Ability to enjoy views out over Lake Union
- Opportunity to launch and take-out small hand-carry watercraft
- A place to connect with nature
- A place to lounge/sunbathe/swim
- A place to picnic
- Other? (Please send using the chat feature)

##### Public Response (Verbal report only; ~10:15 in recording)

- "84% enjoy views"
- "Some other uses pretty even"
- Other (from chat)
  - quiet space in an urban area
  - paddling
  - picnic
  - dog walking

#### **What are the biggest challenges facing Terry Pettus Park? (Multiple choice, select top three that apply)**

##### Provided Answers

- Lacks sense of safety
- Not enough seating
- Insufficient native plants
- Insufficient area for lounging
- General state of disrepair
- Lack of accessibility
- Other (Please send using the chat feature)

##### Public Response (Verbal report only; ~12:40 in recording)

- Seating, Lack of Sense of Safety, General sense of disrepair “pretty high up there”
- Other (from chat)
  - Fireworks at night
  - Safety of stairs at night
  - Drug use, needles
  - Off-leash dog use

**With the newly added property (~4000sf) to the south of the existing Park, what do you see as the most viable opportunities for the site? (Multiple choice, select top two that apply)**

Provided Answers

- More space to ensure universal access to all Park features
- More space for habitat restoration (native plants and shoreline restoration)
- Ability to create beach area/lawn picnic areas
- Other (Please send using the chat feature)

Public Response (Verbal report only; ~15:15 in recording)

- Somewhat balanced for universal access, habitat restoration, picnic areas

**All of the concepts have a varied balance of types of improvements, including lawn, upland restoration, terraces, picnic areas, seating, etc. What would you prioritize or value most? (select one)**

Provided Answers

- Mostly terraces (includes seating and picnic areas)
- Mostly lawn
- Mostly upland restoration
- Other (Please send using the chat feature)

Public Response

- 64% Terraces
- 21% Restoration
- 15% Lawn

**Do you prefer the dock orientation to be located at the north or south end of the Park? (Single Choice)**

Provided Answers

- Answer 1: North
- Answer 2: South
- Answer 3: No Opinion

Public Response

- 40% South
- 34% North
- 26% No Opinion

**Many of the elements shown in the various site concepts are interchangeable across the options. That being said, which concept provides the best balance of all elements that are important to you? (Single Choice)**

Provided Answers

- The Lawn
- The Terraces
- The Cove
- The Restoration

Public Response

- 36% The Terraces
- 31% The Restoration
- 22% The Cove
- 9% The Lawn

**DESIGN & PLANNING TEAM RESPONSE**

- Public restrooms will not be provided as part of this renovation
- Dolphin pier offshore is not included in scope of this renovation
- Lighting will be considered for stairs and elsewhere as needed
- Dock orientation will consider trash accumulation; floating dock likely required due to seasonal changes in lake level

**Upcoming Dates**

- September 17, 2020: Design Commission Presentation #1
- Public Meeting #2, Fall 2020
  - Meeting details will be posted to the project website when available
  - <https://www.seattle.gov/parks/about-us/current-projects/terry-pettus-park-renovation>