WHY VACATE THE ALLEY?
ALLEY CONTEXT
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- Northern half of alley is already vacated and has a structure in it.
- Southern half of alley does not provide vehicle access.
ALLEY STREET VIEW

- Alley has existing utilities (electrical, communications, steam, water, gas). SPR and SDOT will have an agreement allowing these utilities to remain in place.
STREET VIEWS

1. JACKSON ST - LOOKING SOUTH

2. SIXTH AND KING - LOOKING NORTHEAST

3. MAYNARD AND KING - LOOKING NORTHWEST

4. MAYNARD AVE - LOOKING SOUTHWEST
EXISTING RELATIONSHIP

PARK

POST OFFICE

ALLEY PERMANENTLY BLOCKED

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PARK
FUTURE RELATIONSHIP?

PARK EXPANSION

PERMANENTLY BLOCKED

PARK
FUTURE RELATIONSHIP

PERMANENTLY BLOCKED

UNIFIED PARK
SUMMARY OF BENEFITS

• Makes an accessible connection between upper park and lower park
• Provides accessible connection to Bush Hotel programs and public restrooms
• Allows programming, maintenance and management by single entity
• Triggers Title 18 of SMC which allows for enhanced safety and enforcement only in parks
• Triggers Title 42 of SMC which would keep the property in public open space use in perpetuity
• Unifies old and new, upper and lower, east and west, as one powerful central gathering space for the community
PROJECT BACKGROUND
OPEN SPACE CONTEXT

INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN’S PARK

KOBE TERRACE

CITY HALL PARK

YESLER TERRACE

Danny Woo Community Garden
SITE FEATURES

1. Pavilion 藝然亭
   Gift from Taipei, honoring Chinese-American WWI veterans
   References poem by Yu Tienxiang (余天祥)

2. Bulletin board
   (Map of the CID and a list of different restaurants and places of interest in the area, to seek information)

3. Steps
   (Create an amphitheater-like feel and are utilized during performances and other gatherings in the park)

4. Ping pong table

5. Marble benches
   (Go on Chinese checkers)

6. Two sculptures
   (A memorial to members of the community who fought in WWII is located in the northeast corner, and the "Water" sculpture)

7. Area of park expansion
   Into area currently occupied by Postal Service building, Historically e.
   Dye Works and The Philippines Cole.

8. SCIDpda Senior Day Care and
   Weekday Meal Cafeteria, IDEA design center.


10. World War II Memorial
TOPOGRAPHY

15-21' Drop from east to west.
TOPOGRAPHY

SECTION DISCONNECTED

SECTION CONNECTED

6th Ave

former Post Office

existing Hing Hay Park

Maynard Ave

6th Ave

alley

expanded Hing Hay Park

alley
STAKEHOLDER GROUPS

- Seattle Parks and Recreation
- Friends of Hing Hay Park
- SCIDpda | Senior Housing, Care & IDEA Space
- College of Built Environments
- Architects without Borders
- International Special Review District Board
- Chinatown Chamber of Commerce
- Chong Wa Benevolent Association
- International District Housing Alliance
- Wing Luke Museum
- Storefront Seattle
- Local Small Businesses
- Uwajimaya Grocery
- Asian Resource Center
- International District/Chinatown Advisory Council
- Center City Parks Task Force
- Seattle Parks International District Community Center
- Chinese Information Services Center (CISC)
- WA Overseas Chinese Artists Assoc.
- InterImCDA
COMMUNITY PROCESS

• Public workshops during schematic design [3]
• Listening sessions to extend outreach
• Wilderness In Leadership Development (WILD) youth group participation
• Youth workshops [2]
COMMUNITY EVENTS
DESIGN PROCESS
BIGGEST SITE CHALLENGE:
The park has considerable topography and needs to provide large flat areas and seating for daily and special event use.

BIGGEST CONTEXT CHALLENGE:
The park has strong Chinese associations and needs to be inviting to the broader community.

TERRACES have roots across Asia and beyond. They are the most basic and flexible way to make slopes useful.

THEATER is a place where people come together to celebrate and connect with culture and the landscape.
SCHEMATIC DESIGN (MAR 2014)
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CURRENT DESIGN (JAN 2015)
ALLEY IS CRUCIAL TO UNIFIED PARK
DESIGN DETAILS
PAVING MATERIALS

ACTIVITY TERRACES
DARK GRAY SANDBLASTED

PLAZAS & PATHWAYS
LIGHT GRAY SANDBLASTED

SIDEWALK
COS STANDARD
WALLS & SEATING

Post Office Wall
Seat Wall
Tables & Chairs
SEAT WALLS & FURNISHINGS

TABLES & CHAIRS

SURFACE OF SEAT WALL

SKATING DETERRENT JOINTS

SEAT WALL CURVE
FLEXIBLE SEATING

LEGEND

- People in Accessible Seating
- People Seated at Table & Chairs
- People Standing
- Event Chairs
- People Sitting
- People Performing

EVERYDAY SETTING

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FLEXIBLE SEATING

LEGEND

- People in Accessible Seating
- People Seated at Table & Chairs
- People Standing
- Event Chairs
- People Sitting
- People Performing

LARGE EVENT

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FLEXIBLE SEATING

LEGEND

- People in Accessible Seating
- People Seated at Table & Chairs
- People Standing
- Event Chairs
- People Sitting
- People Performing

SMALL GROUP EVENT
POST OFFICE WALL

EXISTING WALL
EXISTING PARKING LOT GRADE
PROPOSED PARK GRADE
LIGHTING

- Bleachers Internally Illuminated
- 20' Pole Light
- Step Lights
- Gateway - Internally Illuminated
- Bamboo Uplighting
- 32' Pole Light
- S King Street
- Sixth Ave S
LIGHTING

20’ pole lighting

32’ pole lighting

existing lighting
LIGHTING

bamboo uplighting

gateway & bleacher internal illumination

uplighting detail

recessed step lights
PLANTING

AUTUMN MOOR GRASS

MID-WINTER FIRE DOGWOOD

MID-WINTER FIRE DOGWOOD FLOWER

FOUNTAIN SPRAY MOOR GRASS

gateway palette
PLANTING

HIMALAYAN HUCKLEBERRY
WHITE HARDY GERANIUM
CHAMPION HEBE
HINERA HEBE
SIBERIAN IRIS
PRIVET HONEYSUCKLE

terrace palette
PLANTING

CAMPBELL BAMBOO

bamboo palette
PLANTING

Natchez Crepe Myrtle

Lace Bark Pine

Zelkova
BLEACHERS

S King Street

Sixth Ave S

Bleacher
bleacher - no stair
bleacher - no stair
bleacher - with stair
bleacher - with stair
THEATER FRAME
FOLDED STEEL
angled view looking north from king
GATEWAY

view from sw corner looking in
GATEWAY

view from within main plaza
saddle connector
saddle connector
CULTURAL PATTERNS
PERFORATED FACETS
COMMUNITY ICON
SEATTLE DESIGN COMMISSION
ALLEY VACATION REVIEW
URBAN DESIGN MERIT
15 JANUARY 2015