SEATTLE DEPT. OF PARKS & RECREATION
PORTAGE BAY PARK
Design Commission Presentation #1
Oct 15, 2015
WALKER|MACY
Project Context
Project Background

*Park site was purchased by City of Seattle from UW with WSDOT Funds as mitigation for SR 520 Impacts to Section 6f protected properties in Washington Park Arboretum, East Montlake and McCurdy Parks*

*Park must provide passive recreation*

*The existing structure is eligible for City of Seattle Landmark listing based on its age, design and past maritime usage*

*Project includes building demolition, remediation of site contamination, and shoreline enhancement*
Project Schedule

Public Meetings

Site Investigation & Cleanup Plan
1 year

Design
14 months

Design Review #1 Oct. 15th
- Concept Options

Schematic Design
- through end of year

Permitting, Bidding & Construction
~ 2 ½ years

Portage Bay Park Opens

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Waterfront Park Typologies
Regional Connections
Activity Generators

New Residential Development

U District Commercial Corridors

Student Housing 5500 beds

Future UW Development Sites

University District

Agua Verde

Activity Generators

Student Housing 5500 beds
Portage Bay History

Forested Shoreline 1887

Montlake Cut 1915

Lumber Mill 1919

Maritime Uses 1932

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Project Site

1.65 acres on land

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Topography

Existing Concrete Dock

Building to be Demolished

Boat Street
Preferred Park Program

Gathering Areas
- Multi Use Open Space
- Small Performances / Events
- Shelter (possible)
- Picnic/ BBQs/ Game Areas
- Family Friendly Areas

Environment
- Natural Shoreline Planting
- Fish Habitat
- Highlight History and Culture

Recreation
- Beach / Access to Water
- Hand Carried Watercraft
- Piers (Fishing/ Passive Use)

Amenities
- Bike Racks
- Kayak Racks
- Restroom (possible)
- Accessible Routes
Park Vision

A park that re-connects people to the water

A park that responds to its urban context

A park that represents the ideals of the Pacific Northwest

A park that provides natural shoreline and fish habitat

A park that celebrates maritime history and culture
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WL 18 to 20

+28
Option 1: ROLL
Option 1 – Naturalized Shoreline
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- Shoreline habitat
- Passive recreation
- Water access
- Gathering
Option 1 Precedents
Option 2: FOLD
Option 2– Street & Water Recreation
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- Gravel Area for Picnics / Games
- Food Trucks
- Hand-carry Watercraft Put-in
- 16' Easement
- Picnic/ Event Shelter
- Future Potential Park Connection & Mid-block Crossing
- Beach WL 18 - 20
- Multi-Use Open Space
- Hand-carry Watercraft Tie-offs
- Shoreline Habitat
- Habitat Viewing Pier +22
- Shade Structure
- Pier +21
- PROPOSED UW MARINA
- FISHERIES TEACHING AND RESEARCH
- SCHOOL OF AQUATIC AND FISHERY SCIENCES
- SAKUMA VIEWPOINT
Option 2b – Street & Water Recreation
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Option 2 Precedents
OPTION 3: STEP
Option 3 – Waterfront Amphitheater
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Comparison of Options

**Option 1**
- Activity near Sakuma
- Street and Water’s Edge are Destinations
- Sloping Paths to Water
- Naturalized Shoreline
- Small Pier
- Picnic/ Event Shelter
- Sakuma Viewpoint is transformed into an active gathering place

**Option 2**
- Activity is Distributed
- Street and Water’s Edge are Destinations
- Sloping Paths to Water
- Small Beach/ Pull-Ins
- Large Pier
- Multiple Small Shelters
- Sakuma Viewpoint is modified to connect better to new park

**Option 3**
- Activity is Centralized
- Water’s Edge is Destination
- Steps to Water
- Active Beach
- No Pier
- No Shelter
- Sakuma Viewpoint is modified to connect better to new park