

# CID Framework and Implementation Plan

## Workgroup 5 - Public Realm

Meeting Summary,

November 2, 2017

### Work Group Members present

Tiernan Martin	Jamie Lee	Gordon Padelford	Jan Johnson
Sonny Nguyen	An Huynh	Brien Chow	Liang Chen
Jeff Hou	Fan Kong	Marissa Hagney	Lizzie Baskerville
			Lei Ann Shiramizu

### Staff present

Chip Nevins (Parks)	Diana Wiatr (SDOT)	Janet Shull (OPCD)	Susan McLaughlin (SDOT)
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### Additional Attendees

#### NOTES:

The first meeting of the Public Realm Workgroup was held at Hing Hay CoWorks large conference room. The meeting was co-hosted by the City of Seattle's Department of Transportation (SDOT), Parks Department (Parks) and Office of Planning & Community Development (OPCD).

Workgroup lead for the CID Advisory Committee, Sonny Nguyen, welcomed everyone to the first meeting and introductions were made around the table.

Janet Shull (OPCD) provided an overview of the Workgroup structure as it relates to the Advisory Committee and development of the Chinatown International District Framework and Implementation Plan. This workgroup will be working closely with the One Center City project, will map existing public realm/open space assets and identify future improvements. Elements will include park development, streetscape improvement projects, transit hub area improvements and other related projects.

Chip Nevins (Parks) handed out information on existing park sites located within the CID neighborhood and gave a status update on the Hing Hay park expansion and programming. The expanded park is seeing a high rate of usage. He talked about the new park in Little Saigon that will be planned and developed in 2018. The site is currently being leased from the Parks Dept. by Lam's for parking. Parks staff would like to talk more with the Workgroup members about potential uses for the new park and outreach with the broader community. The Workgroup expressed interest in doing a site walkthrough at a future date.

Susan McLaughlin (SDOT) handed out information on street improvement projects planned for the next 3-6 years. SDOT also did an observation of street usage at Jackson and Weller Sts and compared this with observations of other areas in Downtown. In the CID, it was noted that more people are using the street as a social gathering place than in other parts of Downtown. These observations will be informative as we think about how streets can be improved for pedestrian use in the CID. Susan also talked about the City's Pavement to Parks program. The importance of street lighting and tree canopy was also discussed.

**Questions and Comments:**

- Who to send questions/input to? It was agreed that Workgroup members should send questions and information to Janet and she would be able to respond and share out with the Workgroup members.
- What is the anticipated outcome and timeframe for this work. The workgroup will focus on shorter term implementation actions – looking out to next 5 years, but will also be able to consider longer term actions – looking out up to 20 years.
- It was suggested that we reach out to Preservation Green Lab staff, Michael Po, who is also looking at public realm issues.

**Next Steps and Action Items:**

- Jamie Lee will share a one-pager summary document on the Jackson Hub project for Janet to share with the group.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Meeting will be held Thursday, December 7 from 4 to 5:30 PM at Hing Hay CoWorks .

Note: The Workgroup decided that going forward, they would meet the First Thursday of the month from 4:00 to 5:30 PM at Hing Hay CoWorks large conference room