



## Denny Park Sports court Proposal **PLANNING/PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCESS**

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### Purpose

The scope of the proposed project is to add a sports court to Denny Park. The sports court would mitigate for the loss of the existing basketball court on private property across the street from Denny Park. The existing court will be demolished when the site is redeveloped. The current basketball court is 84' x 50'; standard for high school age youth. The size and location of the future sports court in Denny Park has not yet been determined, although two potential site locations are the current temporary Off-Leash Area site and along the eastern edge of the park.

The outreach will be structured around two public meetings. The meetings should be at least six weeks apart. The primary areas of concern will likely be how the proposal would impact the park's trees and the overall design of Seattle's first park. Seattle Parks and Recreation would like to partner with Vulcan on the public involvement needed for this proposal and will assign a park planner to work with you.

### **1. Preparation for First Public meeting**

- Before the first public meeting - (four- six weeks)
  - Hire landscape architect to prepare site analysis and potential options -likely a firm with experience with basketball courts and strong design skills. **Work closely with Parks to develop options – including court size, locations and ADA access.**
  - Meet personally with key stakeholders to discuss the project, field questions and strengthen good relationships. Learn about other potential issues, possible other important contacts. The list of potential issues and individuals includes:
    - Discussion of potential tree removal (For the play area project, we removed one diseased tree, one young tree and one healthy tree. We had considerable community conversation about this).
      - Mimi Sheridan worked on the play area project and is familiar with the park and the concept of adding activities.
      - Jennifer Ott - Friends of Seattle's Olmsted Parks
    - Potential and current basketball users
      - Leslie Parrot lives in the 2200 Westlake building and has two teenage boys (she was involved earlier and checks in periodically).
      - Talk with people playing in the current spot about where they live and why they come to this court.
      - This court is listed in a variety of "best places to play" websites. At these sites, people hook up to play drop-in games. This is a good way to contact players.
    - Childcare providers in South Lake Union
    - Mike McQuaid - President South Lake Union Community Council
    - Christina Dunsmore - Downtown Families Association

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- Pastor Lindsay - Denny Park Lutheran
  - Elizabeth Grace - Friends of Denny Park
  - Sam Cook - Downtown policing officer-discuss CPTED, lighting
  - Amy Johnson - Descendant's Committee
  - Denny family
- Public meeting notification (3 weeks before public meeting)
    - Install sign along 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, small sign near play area, small sign near current basketball court
    - Send meeting notification postcards
    - Email the following people who have attended meetings for other projects nearby:
      - Denny Park Play space project
      - Denny Park Off Leash Area
      - Westlake and Lenora park site
      - Stakeholder list-South Lake Union Community Council
    - Post fliers
      - Local businesses
      - Vulcan buildings
      - LIHI buildings
    - Press release to community organizations, news organizations and district councils for next meeting.
    - Seattle Parks Blog, Facebook and Twitter

**2. Seattle Parks review – Review sports court proposal with Seattle Parks through ProView internal review process prior to first public meeting.**

**3. First Public Meeting – seek input from public on sports court options**

**4. After First Public Meeting-get more feedback and follow up**

- Follow up with people who were met with in person
- Email minutes to all who signed in and thank them for coming to the meeting
- Attend regular meetings of Lake Union Community Council

**5. Preparation for Second Public meeting**

- Second Public meeting notification (3 weeks before public meeting)
  - Update sign along 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, near play area, near current basketball court
  - Send meeting notification postcards
  - Email the following people who have attended meetings for other projects nearby:
    - Denny Park Play space project
    - Denny Park Off Leash Area
    - Westlake and Lenora park site
    - Stakeholder list-South Lake Union Community Council
- Post fliers
  - Local businesses
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- Send meeting notification postcards
  - Press release to community organizations, news organizations and district councils for next meeting.
  - Seattle Parks Blog, Facebook and Twitter
6. **Seattle Parks review – Review preferred sports court option with Seattle Parks through ProView internal review process prior to second public meeting.**
  7. **Second Public Meeting - show preferred option and seek input, discuss next steps.**
  8. **After the Second Public Meeting-get more feedback and follow up**
    - Follow up with people who were met with in person
    - Email minutes to all who signed in and thank them for coming to the meeting
    - Attend regular meetings of Lake Union Community Council
  9. **Finalize preferred sports court location and next steps with Seattle Parks.**
  10. **Review final sports court proposal with the Board of Park Commissioners.**