## **LOCATION AND CONTEXT**



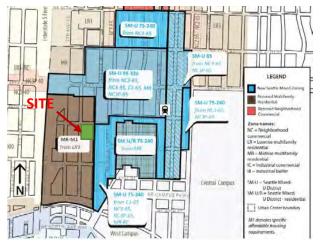
**ADDITIONAL LOT** was purchased in 2012 through Parks proactive approach to fill this open space gap and former owner's willingness to contribute to the open space improvement in this high density area including an offer for a potential art piece to enrich park design and honor the sister city relationship with Kaohsiung City.



### **FUTURE 43<sup>RD</sup> GREEN STREET PLAN:**

- + COMMUNITY LED INTERSECTION PAINTING
- + PERMEABLE PARK EDGE AND SIDEWALK
- + IMPROVED STREETSCAPE
- + PEDESTRIAN STREET SITE FURNISHINGS

- An unique young college student community with diverse groups
- **75%** of total population is between the ages of 18 and 29
- Population who are persons of color: 46.02 %; Asian (31%)
- Renter-occupied: 82.4%, Owner-occupied: 9.4%

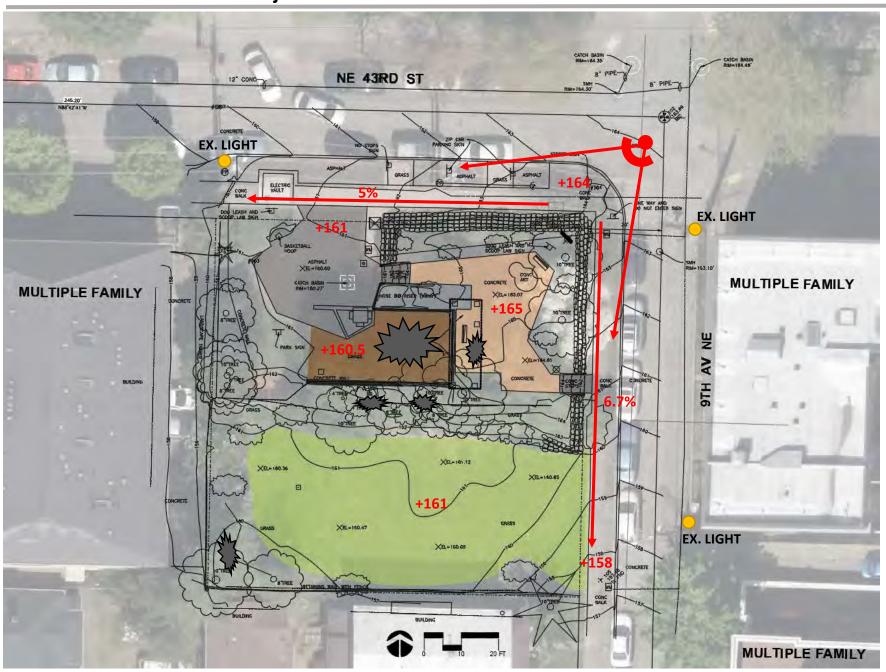


### **LIGHT RAIL STATION & UPZONNIG:**

- TALLER BUILDINGS
- HIGHER DENSITY
- LESS SUNSHINE, MORE SHADE
- MORE PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC
- MORE NEEDS FOR OPEN SPACE



## **EXISTING CONDITIONS & SITE ANALYSIS**



- CURRENT PARK IS NOT INVITING
- RAISED SEATING AREA BLOCKS VIEWS INTO PARK AND IS NOT ACCESSIBLE
- HIDING CORNER BEHIND RAISED SEATING AREA AND EX. WALL CREATES CRIME AND SAFETY ISSUES
- EX. TALL WALL DISCONNECT TWO LOTS
- SMALL PARCEL SIZE (100'X100')
- NO LIGHTING IN THE PARK, 3 EX STREET LIGHTS
- 15% IMPERVIOUS SURFACE LIMIT FOR NEW LOT
- GRADE DROP FROM +164 TO +158 AT 6% ALONG 9<sup>TH</sup> AVE. AND TO 160 AT 5% ALONG 43<sup>RD</sup> ST.
- GRADE DROP TO ADJACENT PARCELS AT SOUTH
- EX BASKETBALL
- NICE EX. DOGWOOD TREE AT NE AREA
- BIRCH TREES IN THE MIDDLE SEPARATE TWO LOTS & BLOCK VIEWS.
- -EX. BAMBOO AT SOUTH WEST AREA, ANOTHER SLEEPING CORNER
- EX. SITE AMENITIES (Basketball, Drinking Fountain, Picnic Table, Shelter, Bench, etc.)
- EX. ART FEATURES (Bamboo Mural on the Wall)
- EX SUNNY LAWN AREA, TREES, & PLANTS
- ELECTRIC VAULT AT SIDEWALK ALONG NE 43RD ST
- DETERIORATED EXISTING SIDEWALK
- NO IRRIGATAION
- + POTENTIAL ART ELEMENT ENHANCEMENT
- + FUTURE GREEN STREET IMPROVEMENT AT 43RD ST
- + AN UNIQUE YOUNG COLLEGE STUDENT COMMUNITY WITH DIVERSE GROUPS

# **EXISTING CONDITIONS**









What do you like about the existing park?

- Open lawn (35%)
- Trees / Plants (25%)



What do you dislike about the existing park?

- Existing tall wall (45%)
- Basketball (36%)
- Shelter (32%)

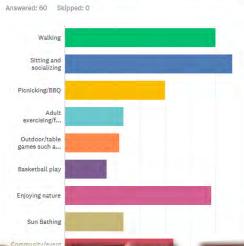
**On-line Respondents: 60** 

Public Meeting Respondents: 24
Public Meeting Participants: 40~50

What activities would you like to do in the park? 
~ From public meeting

seating and socializing (45%), walking (42%), enjoying nature (38%), picnicking (35%), playing on the lawn (35%), adult exercising (29%), etc.

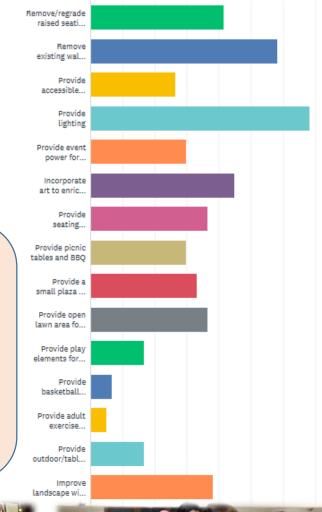
What activities would you or your family like to do in the renovated park? Please check all that apply.



What improvements would you like to see in the park? 
~ From public meeting

providing lighting (60%), providing seating and picnicking (45%), improving landscape (41%), providing accessible walk (39%), incorporating art (39%), providing open lawn and plaza (32%), removing tall wall and raised seating area to improve visibility (29%), etc.

What improvements would you like to see in the renovated park?







## **Christie Park Addition Project**

## **EXPLORE THEME & ART GIFT IDEA**

Christie Park was named for the explorer James Christie who led the Seattle Press Expedition to explore the unknown land of the Olympic peninsula. Christie was known for his efforts to respectfully engage with Native communities.



Members of the <u>Press</u> expedition were photographed at the end of their trans Olympic Mountain trek, in Aberdeen, Washington on 21 May 1890. From left to right are Sims, Barnes, Crumback (kneeling), Christie and Hayes. (Courtesy of Mrs. Pierre Barnes and Mrs. Light Paul).





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**UW** has strong rowing culture

Most participants (71%) like the "Explore" design theme. They thought it fits well with this diverse young college student community.

Most participants (68%) like the idea of using canoe/boat to symbolize "Explore" design theme.



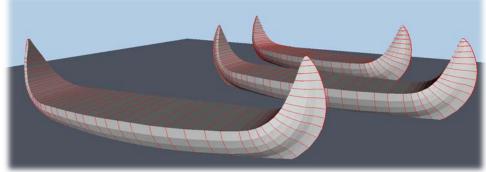
EXPLORE



Taiwanese Tribal people explore many islands in Pacific Ocean in the rowing boat.

ART GIFT IDEA to honor the friendship between Kaohsiung Sister City and Seattle:

Use "BOAT" to symbolize the concept of exploration and to honor the explorative spirit from James Christie, UW community, Seattle, and Kaohsiung Sister City.



FUNCTIONAL ART ELEMENT - BOAT, EXPLORE, BENCH, SOCIAL

## **CONCEPTS**

CONCEPT A CONCEPT B





### **OPTION A FEATURES:**

- CURVILINEAR FORM (26%)
- SMALLER LAWN WITH DIAGONAL WALK (13%)
- DIRECT ENTRANCE FROM INTERSECTION
- ART ELEMENT CENTRALLY LOCATED (26%)
- SMALLER MULTI-USE PLAZA
- SMALLER LAWN WITH DIAGONAL WALK
- A SEATING AREA AT SOUTHEAST ENTRANCE

### **SIMILAR FEATURES:**

- + PLAZA AT EXISTING NORTH LOT
- + OPEN LAWN AT NEW SOUTH LOT
- + CIRCULATION AND ACTIVITY ZONES TO
- **ACTIVATE WEST AND SOUTH EDGE**
- + LIGHTING & LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENT
- + SITE AMENITIE TO FOSTER ACTIVITIES

### **OPTION B FEATURES:**

- GEOMETRIC FORM (16%)
- LARGER LAWN WITHOUT DIAGONAL WALK (42%)
- GREEN BUFFER AT INTERSECTION CORNER
- PATH CONNECTION FROM 9<sup>TH</sup> AVE NE TO NE 43<sup>RD</sup> ST
- ART ELEMENT LOCATED AT SIDE (13%)
- BIGGER MULTI-USE PLAZA
- A SEATING AREA NEAR ACTIVITY ZONES



### IDENTITY & CHARACTERISTICS – EXPLORE THEME

- YOUNG COLLEGE STUDENT COMMUNITY: STUDENT EAGER TO LEARN AND EXPLORE THE UNKNOWN
- PARK NAMED AFTER JAMES CHRISTIE, A NORTHWEST EXPLORER IN 1890s CLOSE TO TRIBAL COMMUNITIES
- UW HAS STRONG ROWING TEAM AND CULTURE
- KAOHSIUNG SISTER CITY AND SEATTLE ARE BOTH HARBOR CITIES AND LOVE TO EXPLORE
- USE BOAT TO SYMBOLIZE EXPLORE THEME

#### **SAFETY AND ACCESSIBILITY**

- REMOVE RAISED SEATING AREA AND WALL TO IMPROVE VISIBILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY
- PROVIDE ACCESSIBLE CURB RAMP
- PROVIDE ACCESSIBLE WALK, INCREASE CIRCULATION, INCREASE NATURAL SURVEILLANCE
- PROVIDE LIGHTING

#### **INTRODUCE & PROMOTE ACTIVITIES**

- CREATE INVITING ENTRANCE AND PROMOTE SPONTANEOUS SOCIAL INTERACTION ALONG STREET EDGE AND ENTRANCE.
- PROVIDE SEATING AT PLAZA FOR SOCIALIZATION AND FLEXIBLE SPACE FOR ACTIVITIES AND COMM. EVENT
- PROVIDE SITE AMENITIES: SEATING, PICNIC TABLES, BBQ, BIKE RACK, DRINKING FOUNTAIN, ETC.
- PROVIDE ACTIVITIES TO ACTIVATE THE FARTHEST CORNER AND PLAZA (FITNESS, SPRING DANCER, PING PONG, ETC.)
- PROVIDE OPEN LAWN AT NEW LOT (FRISBEE, KICK BALLS, BADMINTON, SUNBATHING, RELAXATION, ETC.)

#### **ENHANCE NATURE AND LANDSCAPE**

- IMPROVE LANDSCAPE ALONG PERIMETER AND ENTRY.
- IMPROVE STREETSCAPE IF BUDGET ALLOWS.

#### **SUSTAINIBILITY**

- IMPROVE IRRIGATION
- MEET STORM WATER DRAINAGE REQUIREMENT



# **ACTIVATE THE PARK**

























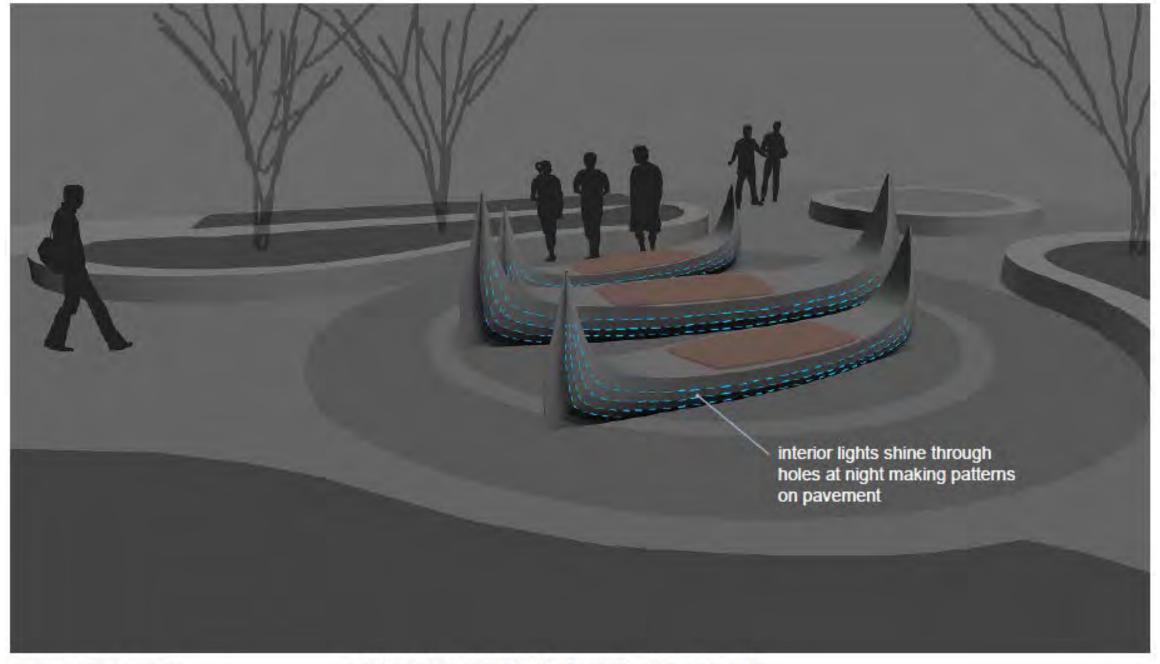


PROVIDE LIGHTING AND LANDSCAPE









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Christie Park Artwork Concept