



Danny Woo Garden/Kobe Terrace

Parks Upgrade 2015

620 S. Main St, Seattle WA 98104

June 30, 2015 6:00- 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Presenters:

Andy Sheffer(AS)– Seattle Parks and Recreation

35 people in attendance

Q. Are the existing trees staying?

A: yes, absolutely, will set up meeting with fruit tree specialist and garden mgt(Rachel).

Q. What will the service pathway look like?

A: It will consist of arborist mulch with ground cover at edges. It will be inconspicuous and not for public use.

Q. What will happen to site lines and views?

A: You have improved views into the park. No sitelines should be will be impaired

Q. What is the timeline for construction ?

A: Construction start planned for mid August and will persist through first week of October. If we get additional grant money there will be a PHASE 2 to include implementation of additional upgrades in the fall.

Q. Will handrails be added to trails ? I am concerned for the needs of senior population that use the park

A: We will look at ADA improvements with additional grant money in the fall.

Q. Will the new areas be organic?

A: yes, no pesticides near areas of food production. We should post a sign that reads “Pesticide Free Zone”.

Q: What is the existing vegetation under trees at present?

A: Perennials, perennial weed species, failing retaining walls, pedestrian paths to be removed, concrete cylinders to be lowered, and invasives to be removed.

Q. Will there be any noise barrier for the east side Kobe open space?

A: This falls under the jurisdiction of WSDOT. It is doubtful that they are pursuing this issue; but, we will check in with them and post and update to the minutes

Q. What is happening with the lighting proposal ?

A. We are currently waiting for grant. If the grant is obtained we can switch out the luminaires on the existing pedestrian poles with LEDs which will provide increased foot-candles.

Q. Informational Signs ?

A. Yes, signs : “No Pesticides” . And other informational signs will be added to inform users of the park and garden. For Instance, we should have a rainbow sign at the lower entrance to the park.

Q. What can be done to accommodate and facilitate communication between park and the people of the community ? (language barrier)

A: Parks will provide an interpreter for people with concerns : Andy Sheffer will facilitate this exchange.

Q. How will construction affect safety for the users of the parks garden?

A: Construction fencing will be erected and all work will occur within the fencing.

Q. What measures will be taken to control the impact for safety and use during the construction phase?

A: By employing best mgt. practices associated with construction entries and exits.

Q. Can we keep current fruit trees?

A: Yes, and improve their health.

Q. Will there still be access to the fruit trees by the local community members ?

A: Absolutely, however they must show care harvesting on the sloped hill.

Q. Can we increase visibility and decrease the amount of places where individuals can hide/camp at?

A Yes, by improving sightlines.

Q. What aspects of CPTED are being implemented ?

A Increasing natural surveillance by decreasing barriers (e.i. tall bamboo, enhancing access by creating a stronger portal at South-East entry. Maintaining landscaping ; that it communicates active presence in the space. placing seating in common areas to attract an active presence. Natural Access Control via walkways, fences, lighting, signage and landscape to clearly guide users to and from the proper entrances. Territorial Reinforcement - Creating a "sphere of influence" by utilizing physical designs such as pavement treatments, landscaping and signage that enable users of an area to develop a sense of place.

Q. Will there be native planting and edibles shrubs ?

A: The crux of the understory will be primarily natives and drought tolerant. Edibles located in close proximity near the upper path way to allow for harvesting. (ie: huckleberry)

Q. What will be done to assure Block Watch personnel can provide maintenance during the winter season?

A: Ensure stormwater runoff does not cross main paths and create puddles. In areas of build up it should be easy to shovel away quickly.

Q: How can you protect/preserve the existing of housing for seniors population?

A: I am investigating contacts and will follow up with more details (Andy Sheffer).