

Hillman City P-Patch Redesign

Committee Project Celebration Meeting, July 13, 2010

Final Preferred Plan Elements

1. The Garden Shed will be relocated and then reconstructed at approximately 12'x16' size as funding allows with an attached 12'x8' covered shelter, a concrete slab-on-grade floor, day use and storage shelves for gardeners, and added storage for tables and chairs owned by the Seattle Tilth Master Composter Program. Desirable existing building elements from the blue shed will be reutilized in the new construction along with sustainable durable new materials. HCPP members are encouraged to work with University of Washington (UW) Architecture and Building Construction faculty and students or other design-build self-help schools and non-profit groups.
2. The Community Gathering Space is sized as a 22' diameter circle and will be centrally located near South Lucile Street with bench seatwalls and ADA picnic tables. The seat walls will be located with a 4' wide opening to allow wheelchair and wheelbarrow access but block trucks or cars from driving in from the street. UW Landscape Architecture students could be asked to assist with design and construction.
3. 4' wide compacted, crushed rock paths will allow year round wheel chair and wheel barrow access and have perforated drainage piping in French drains to remove excess storm water runoff and improve garden bed drainage.
4. Narrower 2' and 3' wide woodchip paths for gardeners will provide plot access.
5. The corner entry at 46th Avenue South and South Lucile Street will provide small benches, artwork and regulatory/informational signage to alert visitors of appropriate and restricted activities.
6. Raising the garden beds by 6" to 12" using permanent concrete blocks or concrete backer board planking would improve drainage and garden production over a longer growing season.

7. ADA wheelchair accessible garden plots will be constructed of concrete blocks or other permanent materials at 34' height to provide new opportunities for gardeners with disabilities.
8. The composting area will be located in a regraded area with improved truck access through the alley. New concrete "ecology" blocks will be used to provide areas for piles of young and mature compost and a haul-away debris pile.
9. The bulk storage area will provide room for short and long-term storage of wood chips, manure, leaves, grass or crushed rock for pathways. The access will be graded and stabilized for truck access.
10. If desired and funded seasonally by HCPP members, a porta-potty would be furnished, cleaned and resupplied for garden members. The structural crushed rock pad would also have corner post supports to prevent vandalism (tip overs).
11. Providing a rain garden for storm water storage, this area will also provide for adult supervised children's nature play with logs, boulders and native plantings.
12. The existing perimeter fence is in poor repair and is proposed for replacement with a 48" height see-through metal mesh, wood post and top-rail fence system. Multi-lingual "welcome" artwork will be added to the posts.
13. Rebuild the existing grape arbor for long term durability, code compliance and aesthetics. Consider asking UW students for help. See notes 1 and 2 above.
14. At the base of the fence along the sidewalks, seasonally colorful, low maintenance plantings will be installed to border the P-Patch but preserve safety by maintaining high visibility into the garden.
15. Surface storm water seasonally flows out of this corner, so the rain garden will improve the soil, add drain rock and provide adapted damp soil plantings.

16. With approval from Seattle Department of Transportation, soil and drainage can be improved and edible crops added to the planting strip along 46th Avenue South.
17. A small herb garden will be located to foster appropriate community use of the P-Patch.
18. The giving garden will include interpretive signage explaining the purpose and process of involvement with this worthy cause.
19. The existing trees at this location are of poor quality and large form select specimen street trees will mark the entry without casting excessive shade on the P-Patch. Also, these trees will be interpreted along with the native specimen tree grove as making up for the loss of the willow tree when the time comes for its removal.
20. Located in the northeast corner in an area of moist soil, this native tree grove will not cast excessive shade and provide suitable trees to mitigate the loss of the willow tree.
21. The Hillman City P-Patch entry sign will identify the main entrance and be attractive, durable and suited to the HCPP and neighboring community in terms of color and design.
22. To promote neighborhood identity and encourage healthy walking, a wayfinding post signage system will show directions and distances to ORCA School and the Brandon Orchard.
23. Regulatory and community information such as work parties and social gatherings will be posted on an information board under weather protection at the shed.
24. Once the willow tree is removed, six or seven new garden plots will be added to this sunny central location.
25. Eight or more new garden plots can be added to the alley with SDOT approval.