

Meeting Notes: 12th Avenue Park Development – Public Involvement Meeting #3

Date: Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Time: 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Location: SU Alumni Building on Corner of Marion and 12th

1. Introductions

a. Susanne Friedman– Seattle Parks and Recreation

i. Scope

1. Park proper – woonerf is not included in this design – but should be accommodated (not precluded) by designs developed

ii. Project Timeline and opportunities for Public Input – Woonerf is up for potential funding as part of Park Opportunity Fund. Design Development of the project will proceed after a determination has been made about potential woonerf funding. This determination is solidified by the City Council’s vote on the City budget in November.

b. Design Team

i. Kris Snider, Jake Woland – Hewitt

ii. Ellen Sollod – Sollod Studio

2. Brief Review of Program / Inspiration Feedback and Design Feedback from previous session

a. Cloud

i. Look at materials/fabrication for long-term durability.

ii. Study changing elevation of the cloud to the NW to create a welcoming gesture.

b. Performance Area

i. Ensure flexible use both for performances and seating.

c. Paving

i. Explore paving material alternatives.

d. Lighting

i. Space should be bright and inviting while respecting adjacent residences.

e. Planting

i. Possibly incorporate ‘Pollinator Pathway’ Plantings.

f. Overall

i. Maintain diversity of seating options.

ii. Preserve playfulness of design.

iii. Ensure selected materials are both sustainable and maintainable.

3. Introduction to the final concept proposal

4. Discussion of design proposal

a. Overall design reaction

i. The community appreciated the design refinements and felt that they lived up to their requests from the previous meeting.

b. Areas in need of further study in design

i. Bird Control

1. Concern that birds on the cloud cabling could make or break the success of the space.
- ii. Trash can and bike rack locations
 1. Want to ensure that appropriate locations for these furnishings are found that fit into the overall composition.
- iii. Planter Height
 1. There was a concern that dogs getting in the two rectangular planters could make the plantings difficult to retain and keep up.
 2. Moving the planter curb height to 14-18" from 4" was thought to be a useful deterrent.
- iv. Lighting
 1. Concern that lighting would be too bright.
 2. Designed team confirmed that the goals for site lighting are qualitative not quantitative - well-controlled (cut off) fixtures that provide even lighting across the space at appropriate levels to minimize glare.
 3. These qualitative goals will be refined with a lighting designer in future phases of design.
- v. Planting
 1. There was a stated interest in seeing plantings that will provide winter interest.
 2. There was an interest in seeing the planting designed pushed to some more surprising plant choices than what was perceived as fairly typical plant selections.