

Meeting Notes

Wedgwood Landbank Site Development 1st Public Meeting

Monday, February 25, 2019

7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Location: Thornton Creek Elementary School Cafeteria, 7712 40th Ave NE

Attendees: Approximate 40-45 participants

Project Team Project Planner: Colin Campbell
 Project Manager: Shannon Glass
 Consultant Designer: T. Frick McNamara (Studio 41)

Budget Seattle Park District provides \$1,273,388 for planning, design, and construction

Schedule Planning: Spring 2018
 Design: Spring 2019
 Construction: Winter 2020

Project Description

In 2014, Seattle Parks and Recreation purchased the .33-acre site at 8605 35th Ave NE using King County Conservations Futures funds, to provide more open space for the Wedgwood community. Seattle Park District funds the development of the site into a new neighborhood park. The design will incorporate accessibility in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as well as SPR's intent to create access to open space in areas of high urban density. This King County Conservation Futures funds restricts park use to low impact, passive recreation, and limits impervious surfacing to 15% or less, excluding trail and circulation surfaces.

Project Background

This project is located in the Wedgwood neighborhood in Northeast Seattle, in a small neighborhood commercial zone that is surrounded by single family residential zoning. The lot is currently mostly empty, and relatively flat, with one existing tree on the property. Previously, the site was home to a gas station and electrical substation. While previous soil testing found that the soil was safe for planned use, a change in scope may necessitate more testing. Since SPR purchased the site in 2014, it has been left undeveloped. Neighborhood groups have activated the space, and a portion of the site is used as parking for nearby businesses. The site is well connected on 35th Avenue NE; as the neighborhood is likely to continue to grow, the open space will be a resource for the community. Constraints will come from the proximity to single family zoning, commercial uses, and the busy adjacent 35th Ave NE arterial street.

