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March 1, 2012

Convened 8:30am
Adjourned 2:30pm

Projects Reviewed

14th Ave NW Park Boulevard
12th Ave Park

Commissioners Present

Julie Bassuk, Chair
Laurel Kunkler
Tom Nelson
Julie Parrett (excused from 11:30am-2:00pm)
Osama Quotah (excused from 8:30am-12:30pm)
Mary Fialko
Don Vehige (excused from 12:30pm-2:30pm)
Debbie Wick-Harris

Commissioners Excused

Norie Sato
Shannon Loew

Staff Present

Valerie Kinast
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March 1, 2012	Project:	14th Ave NW Park Boulevard
	Phase:	Concept
	Last Reviewed:	N/A
	Presenters:	Patrick Donahue, Department of Parks and Recreation Debra Guenther, Mithun Sandy Dymale, Mithun Phoebe Bogert, Mithun
	Attendees:	Sara Zara, SDOT Ellen Kissman, East Ballard Commerce Community Association Peter Locke, East Ballard Commerce Community Association Shannon Dunn, East Ballard Commerce Community Association

Time: 9:00am-10:10am

Disclosures

Commissioner Nelson's firm is the project designer, but he is not involved.

Summary of Project Presentation

The design team presented its concept design for the 14th Ave NW Park Boulevard. The project would convert the eastern-half of the 14th Ave NE road right-of-way between NW 59th St and NW 61st St. into a park by replacing a concrete roadway and gravel parking median with green space, green infrastructure and pedestrian and bicycling improvements. The team presented its initial concepts, such as Prospect and Refuge and Sit a Spell, and showed its preferred direction which drew heavily upon its concept Salmon Ladder, which featured the largest park area and green stormwater infrastructure. The team proposed: a raised table at 60th Ave with special paving that could be closed off for events; a lawn to the north and a play area and community garden to the south, with numerous benches and trees. The project also included transition areas ("tapers") one and one-half blocks north and south of the project; the team proposed food trucks in this leftover, paved space. SDOT explained its rationale for not declassifying the street as an arterial, which would have enabled a lower speed limit and a shorter taper.

ACTION (by Kunkler)

The Design Commission thanked the design team for its presentation of the 14th Ave NW Park. The commission appreciated the thorough presentation, liked the project's direction, and its use of weirs as usable features. By a vote of 7-0, the commission approved the concept design with the following recommendations:

- Urge SDOT to declassify 14th Ave NW north of Market as an arterial to enable lower speeds and reduce the amount of the area devoted to the tapers.
- Show how the project fits within the larger vision of the 14th Ave NW corridor from the ship canal to 6th Street. Study the other blocks as well as the taper areas. Do diagrams to explain the logic of the programming.
- Consider views, especially to the ship canal to the south, as well as opportunities for pockets of space-making when choosing and placing the trees.
- Use design to calm the southbound traffic on 14th Ave NW to reduce the speed of vehicular traffic. Explore using a bulb out, narrowing the lane sooner, and striping the lane to make drivers turn the wheel.

- Conduct extensive geotechnical testing to determine soil conditions for use during design of the rain garden and stormwater facilities.
- Reduce the hardscape at the driveway entrance, or use design to reduce its apparent impact.
- Express in the design the story and travel of the park's stormwater collection.
- Show the locations of bike racks.

At the next presentation, the commission asked the team to show the results of the geotechnical testing, explore how people might use the park and present details related to programming, and put north arrows on the drawings.