



BRIGHTON PF SCIENCE PARK IMPROVEMENTS
PUBLIC MEETING #1
Thursday December 14, 2006 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Aki Kurose Middle School

MEETING NOTES

Meeting facilitated by Randy Robinson, Project Manager Seattle Parks Department
Attended by several neighbors, teachers and interested persons

Project Overview

- After introductions, Randy gave an overview of the Science Park Improvements project including a history of the grant applications and grants awarded (Pro Parks Opportunity fund \$100,000 and UPS Foundation \$100,000). Jason Madeiros, who worked on the original grant applications also elaborated on the background of the proposed project.
- Randy clarified how and when public input would be taken and how decisions are made in the process of a City of Seattle Parks Department project.
- The schedule and budget were reviewed briefly.

Site Analysis

- Randy introduced the idea of science park elements being located primarily in the north end of the park and the track/path idea (Space and Time) being around the athletic fields. There was general support among those present for concentrating science park improvements in the north east corner of the park that may include a developed entry, plaza, seating and other amenities.

Science Elements

- The three main science element concepts were explained by Randy and Jason. The concepts were generally developed by students, teachers and others over the past two years and specific workshops that were held in the fall of 2006.
- **Space and Time** – the science objectives of measurement and scale are joined with the recreational aspects of a running track/path around the athletic fields. This idea was supported by those present.
- **Physics** – incorporates science concepts of gravity, momentum, inertia, etc. with recreational uses for skaters including ramps, slopes, etc. The idea of skater presence was received with some mixed feelings but generally supported.
- **Earth Sciences** – such as plate tectonics, glaciers, volcanism, etc. could be realized through a scale model/plaza that may include rocks from various Washington locations (granite, etc.). Also this could be the location for benches and other non-science elements.

Discussion and comments from citizens

- Volleyball areas are important, the courts get a lot of use
- Views from the upper areas of the park are very nice, especially looking south
- Entry at the northeast corner is a good idea
- Drainage is important, grass is often wet in the NE corner, no real path in this area
- Many senior citizens walk around the park, but they have few places to sit
- Loop trail/path can be used by all. More use = more safe
- Skate elements can be used by science users and skaters

- Weave biology theme in timeline/path
- Show uplift and rock strata in Earth Science area
- Let water collect in some areas to imitate the idea of the Puget Sound
- Give kids their own “plots” of land to conduct their own experiments
- Provide links to other parks (like ecology at Seward)

Wrap up and Thanks

Next meeting for the Brighton Science Park Improvements will be in mid February, 2007. The website will be updated at: <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/proparks/projects/BrightonPlayfield.htm>

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.