



**Bell Street Park Boulevard
Property Owners Meeting
November 9, 2009 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.
Uptown Espresso 4th & Wall**

Patrick Donohue opened the meeting and introducing Tim Gallagher, Park Superintendent and the project team.

Patrick explained the project and the park concept. He said the purpose of the meeting was to begin the dialogue with the property owners.

Below are comments, questions and responses from the meeting.

Comment: Safety is the biggest concern; we would like specific information on patrolling.

Park comment: Currently there are two extra Park Rangers in the City budget. They will bolster the security in downtown parks. Tim Gallagher encouraged people to contact the city council and let them know how important these rangers are.

- Q. How are design elements going to be addressed to make this a safe and functional park?
R. Parks has put together a team of experts in night lighting and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles.

Comment: Residents need to take ownership.

- Q. How is crime prevention being addressed but more than that how is nuisance prevention being addressed?

Comment – people are drawn to flatter areas for gathering but benches are not optimal.

Safety issue: BCC – Is engaged and busy with stewardship - Belltown citizens are on patrol.

- Q. What business would want benches or gathering places? What I'm hearing about safety is not related to the park. Nothing – that is just Park related. Can't we have money reallocated for business or other improvements?
R. No, this money is allocated for this project. Belltown is a neighborhood that needs more open space.

- Q. Parks is spending a lot of money – what can you show to hang your hats on – what has worked?
R. Parks isn't going to change that the dynamic of the area but we are trying to improve this area.

- Q. This is an opportunity to work at the design
R. Security and safety issues: Collaboration between Police and Park Rangers.

- Q. Is SPD engaged?
R. There are a total of 22 parks in downtown and if we are working with other departments. This is a large collaboration with Parks as the lead.

- Q. Time frame? Early 2011.

Comment – Why does it have to be at the beginning of the summer this is bad for business. Does it have to be then?

Q. Do benches have to be there?

R. We are still in the design phase and we are looking at all options.

Q. Can Parks go to shelter location to talk with residents ?

R. This would help with the Public Comment Process and be good outreach.

Q. What outreach was done and who did mailers go to?

R. Mailers went out to bell town, lower queen anne and part of downtown – press release to all media.

Q. Can you do smaller informational meetings ?

R. This takes up a large amount of time and budget – Parks will do their best.

Comment: Parks should look at arterials and alleys what streets Bell and make them integral part of the park.

Q. Parking? Consideration for parking for residences? SDOT talk with people? Will cars be able to double park and still let bus by?

R. Yes, the street is wide enough. Parking will be lost on the street.

Q. How taxis should move?

R. We are looking into how taxis will use the street. It needs to function well. We want this to be part of the design

Comment – I liked each block separately planned? Is that still the plan - big project with small elements Design integrated parks.

Q. Will other public meetings be held? Yes.

Q. How are working for efficiency with SPU and SDOT.

R. Not final paving - we are working with them the way they are finishing aspects. There will be savings.

Comment – We want to design the park with children in mind and make a place downtown for families. This is an opportunity to serve families and think about people who live downtown.

Purchase space down here is very difficult and expensive.

Comment – Business need to be engaged.

Patrick wrapped up with hopes to continue the dialogue and told people to be sure to take his card.