

BELL STREET PARK BOULEVARD

Recorded and Submitted Comments from 10 November 2009 Public Meeting



RESPONSE TO THEMES

1. SAFE

TRAFFIC CALMING

- Green roundabouts (buses?)
- Crossings/intersections in street itself – paint, surfacing
- Pavement at intersections emphasize pedestrian presence
- Control bikers and skateboarders on sidewalks
- Late night, 2:15 a.m. fast driving – need to slow traffic, curve the street like San Francisco's Lombard St. (buses?)

HUMAN SERVICES

- Unsafe for homeless
- Space where residents of new shelter feel safe
- Space (vacant storefront?) for community

POLICY/ PROGRAMMING

- Safety needs to be first priority- useless without safety
- Accountability for safety
- Hours of operation
- 911 slow response time: 60 minutes
- Fewer benches – need for Elderly lean posts/benches

SECURITY/ LIGHTING/ MAINTENANCE

- Need rangers and public safety
- Focus on lighting and security
- Cameras feasible? Access (tie into building security cameras/ cameras for collective monitoring on web)
- Protect from party-goers/ drunks
- Maintenance
- People's Belltown Republic (volunteer cleanup)
- Plants become hiding place for drugs/needles/weapons

2. GREEN

INFRASTRUCTURE (LID/ LIGHTING)

- Fungi for cleaning storm water
- L.i.d. plus veg
- Grass berms / hills
- Porous pavements
- Balance light and green goals (solar/LED)

WILDLIFE HABITAT

- Finches – watering spalls for birds and wildlife
- Wildlife corridor (plants friendly to wildlife) connect to Denny / native plants/ local stone
- Leave south side curb intact and preserve existing trees

URBAN AGRICULTURE

- Urban agriculture / vertical farming – produce for homeless & seniors

WASTE/ RECYCLED MATERIALS

- Composting toilets
- Recycle curbs and pavement

3. VIBRANT

PROGRAMMING/POLICY

- Restrooms are needed
- More engaging homeless and residents
- Control Real Change newspaper vendor numbers
- More Mix of uses / business types (not just restaurants)– knitting, hardware, office supplies – concern for parking 9
- Meander wide side, sometimes north, sometimes south (shift green space to south side at dog park)
- Currently more commercial space on south side of street- opportunity for outdoor seating
- Interim ideas for remainder of Bell - Future connection to waterfront/Elliot
- Intersection at 3rd – Bell Street divided by bus corridor
- Attracting traffic up from Bell St terminal, encourage traffic for business, avoid situation at Westlake where no one walks through park
- Concerned about unauthorized use of private parking with reduced on-street parking

AMENITIES/ LIGHTING/ SEASONAL INTEREST/ PETS

- Drinking fountains
- Play features and water feature- Safe place for children to play
- Balance water with sidewalk (width)
- Fountain / light
- Continuously running water (Growing Vine St. often dry and not maintained)

- Light show – Bellagio
- Concern about light and noise levels
- Seasonal planters for color / barriers/ seating
- Hanging baskets
- Litter / cigs infra for outdoor smoking
- Trash cans
- Bike racks, fewer cars
- View from monorail – enjoy in rain
- Creative dog waste infra_
- Dog run in addition to dog park , could fill whole block, eyes on street
- Interesting structure

CULTURE

- Connect with Steinbrueck Park / remembrance memorial
- Gateway invitation into park @ either end with history interpretation/education
- Parades, gathering area @ Fifth culmination, incorporate something throughout that culminates at 5th
- Art - include rotating art displays – ever-changing not static, murals, art walk
- Multi-use kiosk for Sunday markets/bazaar
- Bazaars / craft fairs / farmers market
- Holiday celebration feature – model Europe where there are fairs that last through various holidays (eg – in Dec. kiosks sell holiday cards and hot chocolate). Keep spaces large enough for this.
- Street fair, street food
- Performing arts, concerts –especially events to engage seniors and children
- Seasonal planters for color / barriers/ seating
- Hanging baskets
- Green workshop / sus place

RESPONSE TO BLOCK BY BLOCK DISCUSSION

1st Ave – 2nd Ave:

- Lighting to support business owners
- Provide widened sidewalk with cascade of water (water feature)
- Play area for kids
- Safety for single women in new development
- Durability/Protection (from drunks)
- Crime hot spot on the SW corner of 2nd and Bell (in front of A'Jhang Market)

2nd Ave - 3rd Ave:

- Performance space
- Art/Mural
- Link to Jimmy Stewart
- Plants/Rocks
- Block of street for street market (no buses)
- Art Walk
- Dog waste
- Possible community gathering space adjacent to dog park frontage.
- Crosswalk color

3rd Ave – 4th Ave:

- Smoking issues at bars (in front of Kellys)
- Integration of smoking areas into design
- Lighting in residential areas
- Private parking area security/use
- Clogged drain in front of private parking area

4th Ave – 5th Ave:

- Entry feature: Art/Lighting/Water
- Community gathering area
- Monorail views down corridor
- Consistent treatment at avenue intersections throughout project.

Additional Comments Received From Comment Forms and Emails

Safe

- Crossings/intersection in street itself – paint, surfacing
- Hours of Operation is a concern
- Who is accountable for Safety
- Cameras Feasible? Access (tie into building security cameras/cameras for collective monitoring on web) capture blind spots and surveillance
- No loitering -
- Consistent patrols of area but not on an obvious schedule

Green

- Stiff fines for public urinating
- No smoking in designated park areas
- Enclosed trash and recycle containers to eliminate garbage
- Bicycle paths for cyclist
- Trash cans

Vibrant

- More engaging homeless and residents
- Control pan handling
- More Mix of uses/business types (not just restaurants)- knitting, hardware, office supplies –
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- View from monorail – enjoy in rain
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- Interesting structures and architecture
- Multi-use kiosk for Sunday Markets/bazaar
- Holiday celebration feature – model Europe where there are fairs that last through various holidays (eg – in Dec. Kiosks sell holiday cards and hot chocolate). Keep spaces large enough for this.
- Street fair, street food
- Seasonal planters for color/ barriers/seating
- Green workshops/sustainable park place
- Nice street lights with sensors for on/off
- Adapt European idea
- Many seasonal events, Christmas tree sales, summer lunch bands in park, outdoor yoga classes
- More creative lighting, ie.. stringing lights across the street.

General Street ideas

- Close off entire street 100% pedestrian
- Would like Benches
- Few more Restaurants
- Store use area out front of store.

1st Ave – 2nd Ave:

- Durability/Protection – concerned about bar traffic at night.
- Need improved lighting and access to interstate (Different than lighting to support business owners)
- Need benches
- Add grass with tree and flower beds
- BBQ area/picnic area

2nd Ave – 3rd Ave:

- Art Walk
- Excessive street noise from midnight to 3 a.m. – noise ordinance
- Disabled, designated and enforced parking
- Load and unload zone is needed
- Dog Waste
- Crosswalk Color
- Pea patch
- Key to restore the red brick alley

3rd Ave – 4th Ave:

- Memorial to Soldiers
- Billboard enclosure stating current events at Seattle Center
- Pedestrian walkways with grassy areas
- Need Benches

4th Ave – 5th Ave:

- Water Feature between 4th/5th
- Create monorail visual arch, lights up in evenings
- Kiosk/directory to specialty businesses, restaurants, condos and banks.

