



Washington Park Arboretum

Master Plan Implementation

Public Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2010, 6:30-7:30 pm

Place: Graham Visitor Center, WA Park Arboretum

Meeting Purpose:

The implementation of the Washington Park Arboretum master plan continues with funding from the 2008 Parks & Green Spaces Levy and generous private donations through the Arboretum Foundation. The funding will primarily be focused on continuing work on the Pacific Connections Garden. This meeting is to provide an update on development of the Pacific Connections Garden that has already been reviewed by the public and to gather input on other new proposed projects at the Arboretum.

6:30 Welcome and Introduction: Andy Sheffer, Seattle Parks and Recreation

Construction

- Gateway to Chile Project (Pacific Connections Garden) – Construction
- New Zealand Focal Forest (Pacific Connections Garden) – Construction
- Cascadia Focal Forest (Pacific Connections Garden) - Installation of Irrigation

Design

- Chile and China Focal Forests (Pacific Connections Garden) Design start-up
- Interpretation and Wayfinding - Design and construction
- Ridge Top trail link from Woodland Garden to GVC - Design and Construction
- Camellia Garden – Design and Construction

6:40 Design and Implementation: Jason Henry and Andy Mitton, The Berger Partnership

Andy Mitton gave an overview of the progress made to date on the following gardens:

- Gateway to Chile –
 - Approximatley 30 trees will be displaced to install the new garden.
 - Holmdahl Rockery will be cleared of plants and fully restored to original condition.
 - Plantings will be purchased from nurseries, and will be large specimens to make an impact along Lake Wash Blvd. to make gardens aware to the public.
- New Zealand Focal Forest -
 - Future work will include two immersive beech forests, a phormium fen, hebe meadow, and two tussocks.
 - A natural drainage swale will be created to address drainage issues, and become a focal feature to the collection.
 - Approximatley 15 to 20 trees will need to be removed to implement the garden.

- The Bollard garden will be re-located directly across the drive. Additional planting and stones will strengthen the visual presence of the garden.
- Cascadia -
 - Work for this phase includes irrigation and eventually full planting.
 - Tree removal work has been completed for this phase.

Jason Henry presented an overview of the planning effort that has been completed for the relocation of the Camellia collection.

- Camellia Garden – Camellias located in the future New Zealand garden will be displaced.
 - A concept plan has been developed that consider future needs for the garden.
 - Introduced the Higo collection, and conceptual layout of the garden.
 - Stressed the importance of removing and managing/thinning existing trees to improve light levels to manage the collection.
 - Partial walls, stylized torii gates and a central water basing are the character defining elements that create the sense of the enclosed garden room.

7:05 Fundraising by Arboretum Foundation: Paige Miller, Arboretum Foundation

7:10 Plant Procurement by University of Washington: Fred Hoyt , UW Botanic Garden

7:15 Questions and Answers

1. Master Plan explanation
2. Arboretum Drive closure why?
 - a. Bikes on Arboretum Drive and not on Lake Wa Blvd ?
3. Genetic Conservation
 - a. How do you preserve
4. Explanation process of the Master Plan which is the key organizing principal
5. Where are the perspectives for N ?
6. 520 – Lake Wa traffic
7. *Eco-geographic vs. tax*

7:30 Adjourn

