



**Northgate Urban Center Park
PAT Member Meeting #5
June 11, 2008**

Present:

Special Guest:
Paul Fischburg, Mayor's Office

Parks Staff:
Kim Baldwin, Project Manager
Jacqueline D. Tabor, Project Managers Assistant
Patti Maxwell, Community Center Manager
Royal Alley-Barnes, North Operations Manager

Design Consultant:
Karen Janosky, Project Manager, Mithun

Project Advisory Team Members:
Sue Geving, Velva Maye, Brad Manson, Chuck Dolan

Topics of Discussion

1. Artist Selection Process
 - Laura Haddad and Tom Drugan were selected by the committee as the artists for the park.
 - Four interviews were held on May 21, 2008, and were chosen from 28 submittals.
 - Panelist included (2) PAT members, Velva Maye and Desiree Smith, (2) local artists, (2) staff members from Mithun, Kim Baldwin from Parks and Kelly Davidson from Arts and Cultural Affairs.
 - Mithun has started working with Haddad/Drugan. They have done a lot of research including Native American stories referencing springs. They are the artists that were involved with Fremont Peak Park. Royal added that she had direct contacts to actual American Indian artists that could interpret these stories correctly and might have actually written the books the artists are researching. Velva noted that we should address the totem pole that was near the mall and consider it's story. They are also looking at incorporating the Hubbard's story, one family that lived on the site prior to it being a park and ride. They are considering referencing the color red and tying it into the Native American Beaver Story they described. There are also agricultural aspects that need consideration. Art enforces and integrates what is important to the Park and the community. This is not part of 1% for the arts but the community supported art and the team moved forward with it.
 - Haddad/Drugan has a lot of community art work experience such as:
 - Fremont Peak Park
 - Hat and Boots(Oxbow Park)

2. SEPA Checklist complete and available at Northgate Library
 - Was not available upon further research by PAT member Chuck Dolan.
 - Kim will send the SEPA checklist in a PDF format to all PAT members
3. Design Commission
 - Project went to the Commission last week.
 - The Design Commission is an advisory team with a broad view providing professional critique. It's very worthwhile and is comprised of a talented and diverse group.
 - See the Design Commission's website for actual minutes.
3. General Topics:
 - The Northgate Chamber of Commerce was reviewed. The letter requested clarification on a list of issues brought forth by the chamber.
 - Sue Geving feels the design doesn't meet the intent of the 1993 Northgate Area Comprehensive Plan. She feels that the plan called for active recreation and that this isn't being fulfilled with the current design.
 - The community brought up the proposed levy and discussed whether or not Northgate was in it.
Parksandgreenspaceslevy@seattle.gov
 - Paul Fischburg from the mayor's office joined our group to discuss how the park fits into the bigger picture of Northgate. Paul discussed the possible rezone, impacts to the park, and other development and plans for the area. He also discussed budget issues that the city is currently facing and other outreach that is being done for the rezone.
 - We will be going to the Design Commission again after the next community meeting.
 - We have a public meeting on the 25th of June
 - Next PAT meeting date is to be determined.

