



Ercolini Site Park Development Project Workshop #2 Public Process Overview

History of the Project

- Genesis of the project:
 - In the first cycle of the Pro Parks Opportunity Fund, West Seattle citizens nominated this property in a neighborhood that has many families and children, but is underserved in parks within walking distance.
 - Parks purchased the property in September 2005 with funds from the Pro Parks Levy, State Interagency Committee (IAC) for Recreation funds, and County Conservation Futures Tax funds. In 2005, the Parks Levy Oversight Committee recommended this park be developed with \$200,000 in additional funding from the Levy's Opportunity Fund, which Council approved via Ordinance 121947.
 - Project Web Site <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/proparks/projects/ercoliniDev.htm>
- Elements open/not open to public comment, and why:
 - Projects are governed by the City's Land Use Code. As a City agency, Parks is required to follow the Code.
 - Parks has many policies, design standards and technical specifications for construction that are in place to ensure safety and durability.
- Public process conducted on the project to date:
 - On July 15 and July 16, 2006, Parks staff attended the West Seattle Summer Fest and took comments on what citizens would like to see in their parks.
 - Parks held the first public meeting in October. The landscape architects reviewed opportunities and concepts for achieving the Levy goals. Notes from that meeting are posted on the project web.
- Who Parks notified about the meeting and the sources of the list:
 - Parks sent meeting notification to carrier routes within ¼ mile from the site.
 - Park posted a notice at the site.
 - Parks sent notices to people who signed up at the previous meeting.
 - Parks sent a press release to Seattle Time and Post Intelligencer and other city newspapers.
 - Meetings are posted on the Project Web site.
- Milestone and decisions made to date, if any:
 - Parks held the first public meeting in October. The landscape architects discussed opportunities and concepts for where and how improvements could be made to achieve the project goals. Notes from that meeting are posted on the project web.

Explanation of how decisions are made.

- How Parks uses input from the public
 - Public input will be used to define the general design of the park.

- What impact that input has on a project
 - Public input will be used to define the general design of the park.
- How “majority” opinions will figure in decisions:
 - If a majority of meeting attendees indicates a preference, this may be used to define or confirm the design direction, subject to the following reviews.
 - In instances where a “majority” opinion conflicts with previous “majority” opinions, the conflict will be considered by Parks internal review committees that may include ProView, ProView Tech or Project Steering.
 - In all cases, opinions are advisory to the Parks decision making process that includes internal technical review (ProView and ProView Tech) where Park policies, procedures and standards are considered.
 - The Parks Superintendent has the final decision on this project.

Factors that may have an impact on the outcome, including:

- Safety Issues – Safety issues are considered by the consultant, project manager and Parks technical review committees during design.
- Mayoral priorities – None known
- City Council Actions – City Council approved the Opportunity Fund Grant. No further Council action is known at this time.
- Voter approval – Not Applicable
- An existing adopted plan – Not applicable.
- Budget limitations – All costs for design, construction and project management must be paid from the project funds. The Opportunity Fund has provided \$200,000 and Parks is seeking a \$200,000 grant from the State Interagency Committee on Recreation. Decisions on the scope of the project and materials may be limited by the budget.
- Regional need – Not Applicable

Budget source, and amount, impact on project scope

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Timelines: upcoming steps in the process, points at which Parks will invite comment

- There will be a third and final public meeting to guide final design. This meeting is expected to occur after the first of the year.

After the public involvement process is over, Parks will make a decision and proceed to implement it.