



**JUNCTION PLAZA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**  
**Workshop #2**  
**Tuesday, October 24, 2006, 6:00 – 7:30 PM**  
**Senior Center of West Seattle**  
**4217 SW Oregon St.**

## **Public Process Overview**

### **History of the Project**

- Genesis of the project:
  - West Seattle Junction citizens nominated this property for acquisition through the first funding cycle of the Pro Parks Levy Opportunity Fund.
  - In July, 2002 Seattle City Council unanimously approved funding through the first cycle of the Pro Parks Levy Opportunity Fund to acquire property for a new neighborhood park/urban plaza in the West Seattle Junction. Parks purchased this .15-acre property in September, 2005.
  - In September 2005, \$200,000 was approved toward park development of the site through the second funding cycle of the Pro Parks Levy Opportunity Fund.
  - The community raised the balance of funds for the purchase through private donations and a Neighborhood Matching Fund Grant.
  - Project Web Site <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/proparks/projects/JunctionPlazaDev.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:
  - The Pro Parks Levy Oversight Committee took public testimony during the Opportunity Fund grant decision making process.
  - Parks had a booth at the West Seattle Festival in July, 2006 to announce the project and take comments.
  - Parks held the first public meeting in September. The design consultant reviewed opportunities for the site and discussed several concepts for how the site could be developed. Attendees at that meeting preferred the "Open" concept. Notes from that meeting are posted on the project web.
  - The West Seattle Junction Association (WSJA) also reviewed these concepts and were in agreement on refining "Open."
  - This is the second meeting.
  
- Who Parks notified about the meeting and the sources of the list:
  - Parks sent meeting notification to carrier routes within ¼ mile from the project site.

- Parks notified WSJA of meetings and they forwarded meeting announcements to their membership.
- Park posted a notice at the site and at the Neighborhood Service Center.
- Parks sent notices to people who signed up at the West Seattle Festival, or who emailed to inquire about the project.
- Parks sent a press release to Seattle Time and Post Intelligencer, West Seattle Herald and other city newspapers.
- Meetings are posted on the Project Web site.
- Milestone and decisions made to date, if any:
  - The ProParks Levy Oversight Committee, Parks Superintendent, Mayor and City Council reviewed and approved the Opportunity Fund grant to acquire and develop this site as a park plaza.
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  - Parks internal review (ProView) reviewed the concepts and agreed on developing Open as the schematic design.

**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.
  - Additionally, this project may be reviewed by the Seattle Design Commission that may provide project direction.
  - The Board of Park Commissioners will hold a public hearing and make a recommendation to the Parks Superintendent. 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
- The process that led to the adoption of that plan – Not Applicable
- Budget limitations – All costs for design, construction and project management must be paid from project funds. The ProParks Levy Opportunity Fund provides \$200,000. The WSJA has committed to undertaking fundraising need to implement the project as currently envisioned. 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**

- \$200,000 was approved for this acquisition through the first cycle of the Pro Parks Levy Opportunity Fund. A Department of Neighborhoods Matching Grant provided funds, and the community contributed to this acquisition. The ProParks Levy Opportunity Fund provides \$200,000 for the design and construction of the park. This will not fully fund the design concept under consideration. The WSJA has committed to undertaking fundraising. The amount of funds raised will define the project that can be constructed.

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

- The Board of Park Commissioners will hold a public hearing on January 25, 2007 to take public testimony on the design. They will make a recommendation to the Superintendent on how to proceed at their meeting on February 8, 2007.
- There will be a third and final public meeting to guide final design once community fundraising is complete. This meeting is expected to occur in March, 2007.

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