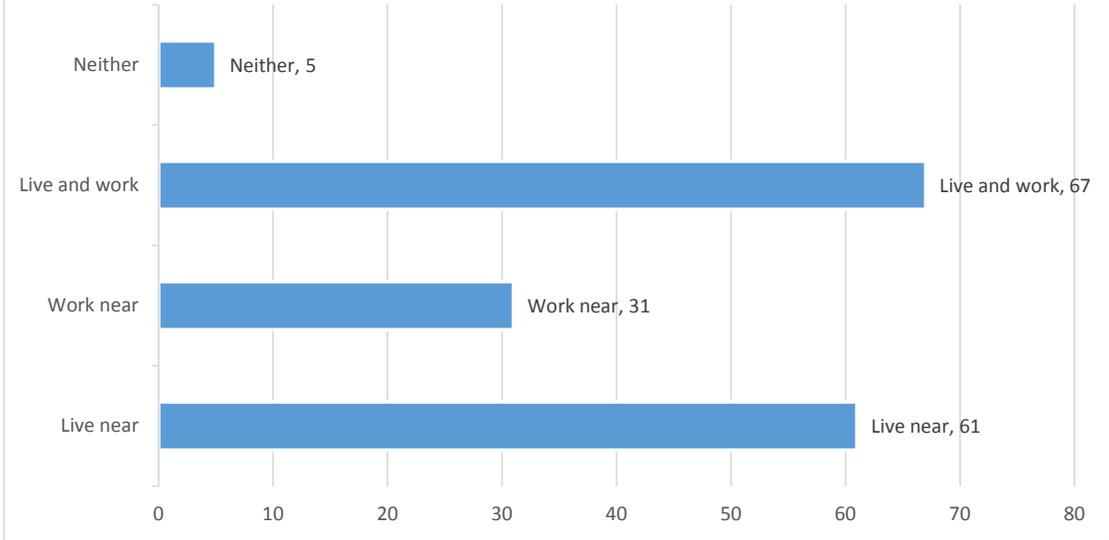


What is your relationship to the park?



Comments

I have worked at the Pike Place Market for 32 years. The last 5-6 years I have been working outside on the street across from the park selling tie dye. Every summer the actives in the park have been getting mire and more dangerous. It seems as if there is a fight every weekend that results in police intervention. It is embarrassing and I find myself constantly Apologizing to customers about the profanity and very evednet drug use and gang activity. Unless that can be cleaned up and more security be appointed then I think this will all a waist of tax payers money. We will be making a nicer place for the gangs and drug users to hang out.

It's great that you seem to be balancing the need for a more attractive park with the need to provide people (some who are homeless) a space to be. Something to consider is changing the name of the park so that it's catchier and more closely associated with the space (e.g. Pike Place Park).

I rather like the tables and chairs the way they are -- a bit rustic (perhaps a lot rustic). You did not show that sort of option in the pictures of "what you'd like to see." I want to see space where people can simply be -- a spot of nature in the middle of the city.

I'm surprised that the survey doesn't suggest any focus on the park as a contemplative space or a place to enjoy magnificent views and the beauty of Elliot Bay. I think amphitheater benches would function well to accommodate single and group gatherings. Something must be done to make the park accessible and safe for all. I absolutely love the diversity of people in the Market. The design should celebrate that. It should also have the courage to acknowledge problems presented by park users with substance abuse problems which make it dangerous and deter other visitors. My concern is about a design that fails to address the fine line between being accommodating to all and enabling abuse.

I like to simply "be" in the park; no socializing, eating or playing. It is a good place to sit still and meditate by myself. It is a good place to absorb the sun and wind, watch the gulls fly, and see others enjoying themselves. Why do you need to change what is good already? Maintain and refurbish is okay.

Steinbreuck park's simplicity "lawns, comfortable benches, a view" is part of what makes it so wonderful. People who are homeless have a right to enjoy this beautiful and rare outdoor space downtown, and some of this language about people "voicing their concerns about safety" sounds like coded talk for racism, classism, and generally making some people who currently use the park less welcome. I also don't buy the bit about the waterproofing membrane needing to be replaced as a justification for tearing up the park. It sounds like an excuse. I care far less about a garage than about this park, though I guess someone wants to make money off the garage and that usually rules. You can connect the park to the waterfront, but you can do that without tearing up the existing park. And yes, I know I'm wasting my time typing this, unfortunately. p.s. "Native American culture"... don't you mean cultures?

This park is already a gathering place for people, including Native people. If you change this special place to homogenize it and fill it with stupid cafe tables and design elements that thousands of other parks have, you will ruin it. Children can play in all kinds of public spaces - we don't need a special play area for them that is segregated. Make universal and welcoming design, and don't pretend that public safety is anything other than code for moving poor and undesirable people out of the area. Including historic Native American design elements while pushing urban Indians who are poor and alive in the here and now out of the park is the height of hypocrisy.

VS Park is one of the few places in town where I'm likely to sit next to anyone. A couple of big slanted lawns with a great view are all it takes. It doesn't need to be another mall. Also, if we haven't managed to maintain that, I don't see how we'd maintain anything fancier.

Last evening when I made my comments I forgot to suggest that those great trees currently in the park be saved during the construction process, if at all possible. They are a wonderful part of the park.

Not allowing for a connection would be a terribly missed opportunity. Not only for those who want a more direct access to the waterfront and market but also for the future of the park and the equality of those who inhabit it on a daily basis. Retaining a wall between will create a visible barrier between some of the more vulnerable and less fortunate members of Seattle, that view this park as a shelter, and the shiny new developments that promise to offer an exciting new elements to the market. I cannot imagine a more exclusive design move. The park, the market, and the new projects should act as a cohesive entity to offer the most accessible circulation possible. Retaining Victor steinbreuck park's legacy as a historic park is not dependent on a single wall, and not adapting to changing surroundings would be a loss to its future success. I would like to see the character of this park retained through its recognizable characteristics such as the berms and integration of native artwork. It is a widely enjoyed park that in my eyes can benefit greatly from this renovation project.

I love the online public meeting, thank you Seattle!

I think this survey takes a narrow approach to the redesign of the park, which should be totally reconfigured to work with the new connection to the Marketfront and waterfront if it is redone. Reworking the existing design is not going to do much to solve the problems the existing park has - if you are going to make a new park it will be best to not try to renovate the old park with its current design problems, make a new design for the park that works with the site conditions of today and the future. Also, I believe that someone should be consulted who can work on design/art concepts with the Native American community from inside - rather than imposing an idea of Native Americans by outsiders (as we see with the totem poles carved in the park that are out of context with the traditions of the Coast Salish people, designed and placed there by a white male architect).

we must get the drugs, criminals, and homeless out of this park if we ever hope to make it a place that the city wants to use.

This is a great survey! Please do focus on safety.

Downtown needs a playground at this location. Is there a way to build a native american playground? I think it would be neat to have a tribe help design a playground that represents their culture. My other request is that it be challenging enough to keep children 6+ years old engaged. Many of the downtown play spaces are designed to children under 5 years old.

Please outreach to the people who live in the park or use it regularly to make sure their opinion is heard.

--If this is simply a refurbishment project that will retain the original design, why all the public & design process? --If there's changes in store, how will the PPM Historic District Ordinance be dealt with? --It's a tiny park that shouldn't be ov

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Don't kick out the homeless. It's a public space.

"Everyone should feel welcome and safe in the park. The park was created to be a safe and enjoyable place for all types of people. Throughout our outreach process, many people have voiced their concerns about safety and sense of safety in the park. Some have told us about feeling uneasy because of unclear or damaged facilities, poor lighting after dark, or a lack of other people in the park at certain times of the week. Others have seen illegal and antisocial activities or have felt intimidated or threatened. These experiences and concerns damage the park's reputation and potential." One of the great things about Seattle is that we've always been a place with a lot of character, and characters, including ones with antisocial behaviors. You can't design that away. I don't want you to try. I don't want the Native Americans sitting in the park to feel uncomfortable. I don't want the people who don't have another place to be to feel uncomfortable. This is becoming a big city, and visitors will see that we have people who are homeless and people who use drugs and drink to excess. As we roll out a welcome mat for visitors, we have to keep the rug under the people who already live here.

The value of the park is to invite contemplation of the beauty of this place, and our place in it. The survey talks a lot about socializing and gathering, but the legacy most important to preserve is its tranquility for the lone visitor.

Hi. Due to the lack of affordable housing, since Nov I have lived outside the city limits. I used to work in Pike Place Market, and have always really appreciated this park. Please try to preserve the Tree of Live sculpture The thing I have most felt at this park was a lack of a sit down place. Thanks!

This quiz presumes too much. One of the questions asked where I feel unsafe and which spaces are most problematic. I feel completely safe at this park and I don't see the park as a problem.

This is the equivalent of a push poll--you're assuming the answer before the survey is even conducted.

Gathering (of Native Americans and other small groups) can happen at Westlake park and other plazas in downtown. Eating and socializing can happen in the marketfront plaza and waterfront. Victor Steinbreuck park is the ONLY place in the area that has GRASS like a real park. Even the huge waterfront project will have very little flat grass to just lie down, chill, picnic in a clean environment with a great view. Victor Steinbreuck park can offer this! Play and relaxation should be priorities while keeping a native American theme. Yes to an open, clean grass design and a playground tucked in north corner. No to dedicated seating/eating/gathering areas. Thanks!

Please try to limit cars on Western Ave. in front of the park. Perhaps signage near the parking garages south of the park could point drivers to drive south to access Alaskan Way instead of driving north. Having cars around the park and the market is difficult for both pedestrians and drivers trying to drive through the crowds of pedestrians.

Please enforce the no smoking rule. I do not take my child to the park because I cannot subject her to that much second hand smoke. The pot smoke is unbearable too.

This seems like a waste of money. How many port jobs will be lost if this park is renovated and the public would find something in the city to enjoy.

Thank you for working to make this a better park! It is what every downtown resident and tourist sees and frankly, it is terrible right now! Safety is a big concern and no pot smoke(!!!) and needles, please! I almost hate taking visitors to this park because it is such an embarrassment right now. Cleanliness (urine smell, graffiti, no needles, grass clean of dog poop) and making it a drug free space, especially on the south west corner -- that area is totally taken over by drug users and is pretty much not useable! That is my only concern adding more "small gathering" spaces--how can those be created in a way that doesn't invite the drug-using crowd to take them over too? Also, some sort of play structure would be amazing!! Something different than the "ball" at Westlake please--little kids (0-4) cannot barely use that, if at all, and most of the kids living downtown are in that age bracket! Please include something for them to enjoy. Thank you!!

Kids still play at the old play area but it's not ideal because parents want to be facing the water but have to face the street in order to watch kids. Also can't see the view very well from the play area because of the hill. Also dangerous because it's so close to the street. I think the best place would be the northwest corner of the park so it's a good distance away from the street and parents can still watch their children while still enjoying the beautiful views. Outdoor eating seating should be near the playground

Yes, please restore the children's' play area! The park is NOT "an extension of the market" as long as the cement wall at the south end of the park remains. Take the wall down so that the Market truly does connect to the park. One visit to the wall area, at the south end of the park, would lead the visitor to believe that the wall is a giant urinal. It stinks!!!! All 4 of the options would improve our perception of safety in the park.

Stop treating the disadvantaged, those with an empty Starbucks cup, like animals to be herded around for their own benefit. Perhaps if the children could be introduced to so called dopers, transients, homeless citizens and neighbors they may understand that these diminished people are no better or worse than the child's parents who can afford their opioids and alcohol.

I live downtown with my two young daughters. We do not have many places to play, and I constantly get asked by visitors where they could take their kids to let out some energy. If we want a family friendly city, we need to have spaces for our kids and our visiting kids to play. Play space in this location would serve so many children!

Forced choice. I have never felt unsafe in this park. Why is there no option for that? It proceeds then to ask what would improve my perception of safety, assuming I don't feel safe here. I feel much less safe thinking that people who don't hang out in this park on a daily basis are making decisions on behalf of others who do.

We should not allow people to live in the park and yes, they do currently live in the park. There should be no drugs, no criminal activities, and definitely no smoking. It should be a happy place where everyone can play and have fun and feel safe. There should be no pan handling and it should be welcoming to all, not just one specific ethnicity.

The wall on the south end of the park is basically a public urinal. it should be removed to allow free-flowing connectivity between the park and the waterfront.

Play is very important for the park, but I define it as play for everyone - adults and kids. This means a large grassy area. Kids run and roll on the grass - I see it every dry day. Families picnic on the grass - preferring it to the established seating. The park is small and a grassy area is inviting for everyone. Connection and play for everyone on a grassy expanse and the most important features.

Do not make it another yuppie haven.

I would love it if the design elements could physically improve safety & security, rather than focusing on increasing safety by adding police or security officers.

as long as tourists are happy...but please no drums live music, performances with sound, its noisy enough

prioritize especially when different safety considerations manifest at different times of the day. More people would benefit the Park from late-afternoon into the evening. oCurrent lighting from the 'globe' fixtures is light-polluting and needs to be more directional as in downward. oMaintenance & cleaning must be highly maintained to communicate that people care about this place; a walk around the Pergola area certainly suggests otherwise. oFrom a security standpoint, those involved in anti-social and illegal behavior must be better managed... some via health care services and some in Time-Out â€œConnectivity notes: oIt should be unthinkable to wall-off or impede pedestrian flow between the Park and MarketFront and the Waterfront. oHow does blocking the most logical path of circulation between the Park and MarketFront reconcile with historic description that the Park is an extension of the Market? oThe only reason you would keep any part of the wall is if you felt the Park needed it as an outdoor public urinal, which is what it's currently used for. Yet, even if that was thought to be a brilliant idea, a more suitable location would be required. oWhile it is unacceptable to displace disadvantaged visitors to the Park, it is also unacceptable to design the Park to standards that enable and sustain the unsafe and unhealthy lifestyles of life-threatening addiction, mental illness and homelessness. oWhile the Park must be welcoming to all, it cannot be the 'home' of any. oLet's not overlook the fact that virtually all of the Native American tribes have significant housing and health capabilities. Take a look at the Northwest Indian Housing Association website to see more about their efforts in our part of the world. It's difficult for me to imagine that this group's leadership would be supportive of City efforts to maintain the dysfunctional status quo described above. â€œGathering notes: oThe Park is very small but very heavily used during its 'prime-time' part of the day. I am totally against making it feel smaller by dedicating spaces for infrequent activities like performances, or specific activities like a play area or for specific groups like the Homeless Memorial. oIn simplistic terms: Dedicated spaces = Exclusive or exclusionary spaces. oThe expansive lawn with its great berms and wonderful views create the platform that all users can enjoy. Specific activities and groups should conform to that platform and not the other way around. â€œNative American Culture notes: oThis section is extremely similar to the 'Gathering'. I want the Park to be inviting for all people. Setting aside part of the Park for a specific group excludes many more from that space than it serves. This particular Park is way too small for 'set asides'. oBUT, with that said, I would be receptive to a considerable increase in the amount of Native American art integrated into the design as long as it doesn't take up much space. One idea might be brass medallions embedded in the new sidewalks, like those already in the Market and on Capitol Hill. Another idea is converting the south totem pole to a native motif since, in its current design, it's a question-mark, as in "what is it?" to most viewers. â€œPlay note 1 â€œ Kids visiting the Park do not lack for truly wonderful play opportunities! The Park has a great play-toy hiding in plain sight that is most attractive to kids over a wide range of ages; it's the large north lawn with its wonderful berms. From my window, I see kids running around on real grass, up and down the berms, along the ridge of the berms, rolling and tumbling down the bermsâ€¦ what could be simpler and more funâ€¦ where else can they do something they so thoroughly enjoy in the center of the city! They are also attracted to the large boulder at the Homeless Memorial, a holdover from the original play area. They jump on and off, climb and crawl all over it. Children will not miss an undersized play toy that attracts only a narrow range of ages and which uses precious space for an activity that excludes most Park visitors. â€œPlay note 2 â€œ same tune as the Gathering and Native American Culture pages, but different lyrics. The Park is too small to carve up into sub-group, sub-use areas. Remove the Homeless Memorial; don't replace it with a play area. Replant the area with grass. â€œSocializing and eating notes: oThe current furnishings and layout to support people visiting with each other, eating and relaxing in the Park have been practical and functional and should be useful as a guide moving forward. oBafÃ© tables and moveable chairs would either disappear or be destroyed in a very short amount of time. Standing tables & counters could be useful if they didn't impede sight lines. Communal tables suggest massive numbers of people for long periods of the day sitting pretty close to each other; I don't see that as a great option within the Park's context. Lounge chairsâ€¦ wonderful in general but not so much for this Park. oAbsolutely not" regarding a dedication of space for socializing and eating Please establish a strong and substantial connection from the southwest corner of Victor Steinbrueck Part to the new MarketFront development which will connect to Waterfront Park after demolition of the viaduct. I do not want this already small park to feel even smaller by dedicating space to specific uses or user groups.

Park should be kept as open and natural as possible. Watching over the park I see kids most enjoy playing on the mounds. Do not install any man made play toys. Keep sell benches etc madden from real wood- not long lasting plastic products. Park is a wonderful place if the clearly posted law/rules are adhered to. Unsafe conditions will continue as long as political attitude is to allow drugs, drink, sleeping, fornicating, camping, urinating defecating, no insistence on closed hours, playing loud music all day long and many times well past posted closing hours, catering to a few who ruin it for all. Spend all the money you want and let the existing conditions go unchecked and nothing will change. Park employees do a very good job trying to keep park clean and maintained. It is almost impossible when users are allowed to violate all the rules and know there will be no repercussions. Bottom line: if our mayor and police chief continue with their existing policies as to ANYTHING IS ALLOWED AS LONG AS YOU ARE EITHER HOMELESS, DRUGGED OUT, NATIVE AMERICAN OR JUST DONT CARE ABOUT COMMON GOOD WILL FOR THE 99% OF US WHO PAY FOR AND CARE FOR THE PARK the place will continue to deteriorate.

I hope the park or new area of park will have an area for dogs. For two reasons. Keeps the dogs from peeing and pooping on the grass and gives the area a place where dogs can play off leash.

{{test}}the most important thing is to connect the existing park to the new area above the new parking. The flow of people between the areas creates the best safety environment. Separating the areas creates pockets where crime and drugs will continue to grow. There is a problem now in that area which will continue to expand.

As a thirty year, First and Virginia resident, my wife and I have had plenty of time to watch activity in the park and consider potential changes. Our desires, based on actually living at the park and not on blue-sky possibilities, are as follows: 1. As broad and open a connection to the waterfront as possible. 2. Virtually no special areas and no dedicated areas other than what exists now. 3. Better lighting, better safety at night. 4. An understanding by the Park Department and the design team that the park works as is. Except for the covered, hidden area and lack of lighting at night, all it really needs is a broad and easily found connection to the waterfront. 5. Most of the "improvements" listed in your proposal will detract rather than add to the ambience of the park. Children love to play naturally on the berm that runs the length of the park; a play area only adds frustration and a child's inability to use an overcrowded facility on nice days, and increases City liability. 6. There continues to be no reason for the city to approve permits for amplification. The park is small enough that groups don't need it and, if your team spent any time there, you'd know that amplification drives most people from the park - every time. Our neighbors and we find it extraordinarily strange that the Park Department has never grasped that fact. 7. Your maintenance people have been terrific over the last year or two. The attention to litter has increased park usage dramatically.

When the connection to the Pike Market addition occurs remove the pergola from the park. Maybe you can find a location in the Park but I believe the existing pergola across the street plus the new Pike Market addition has an element that is covered and would serve this purpose.

Do not vary from Steinbrueck/Haag design - the park does not need new furniture or anything other than natural. While it can connect to the waterfront it needs to be clear it is NOT the waterfront but is the "living room" for the Market. Site lines have also got to be preserved.

Creating a sense of public safety and addressing the need to eliminated using the southwest corner around the Pergola as a public latrine is essential. This requires enforcing the Park Rules which state the Park is CLOSED from 10PM to 6AM. Improved lighting, maintenance and cleaning is critical. The Park should not be segregated or compartmentalized. Remove the Pergola. Remove the Tree of Life which is poorly designed and poorly constructed. The ground lights only worked for about 6 months and it not really a tribute to anyone. It is a blighted area. Pergola is a haven for the illicit drug trade. I have seen 3 deaths by overdose under the Pergola and witnessed individuals mainlining drugs into their jugular vein while sitting there. People familiar with the Park have told me that less than 20% of the those who "reside under the Pergola" are Native American. The Duwamish, Suquamish, Tulalip, and others do not identify with the Park as a Native American Center or Gathering Place. That is fiction.

children seem to find plenty of space to play on the grass without dedicating space for them, and I am definitely opposed to play equipment

Open access to market all 100%

Major concern is safety in the park. Open drug dealing, alcohol consumption, and urinating. I understand that The park is important to Native Americans but truth be told many of them are there to sell drugs and get high in the park.

The park should have the feeling of openness to nature and the beauty of its location overlooking Elliott Bay....DO NOT close it off or minimize its presence from the expansion now in progress. The Olympic Sculpture Park has done a brilliant job in creating a park for all to enjoy. Marilyn Batali

Keep the mound ("mountain") in the park. Do not flatten area. Mound gives a great visual expansion of the park. Creates an optical image that greatly expands the space of the park. To flatten the mound will greatly diminish the park. Park will seem much smaller and not as inviting.

The park needs a consistent security detail; the berm that is currently there is needed for the attractiveness of the park. There is a great need for this green space in the neighborhood. It doesn't need to be a playground...it needs to be attractive and safe for walking and activity.

This system is a bit stilted...I was not able to choose the numbers for priorities as I saw fit...it said I had an error...unintelligible to try and figure what the system wanted instead.

Crossing Western from the park to the market at Virginia is a disaster. Replan. Either redesign under western or over western. Or utilizing a real person traffic cop to direct both pedestrians and autos

Thank you!

I am concerned that there is no mention of green space as a priority. I am eager to hear a commitment to maintain (or, better - increase!) the green grassy areas, trees, and plantings. It would be a deep shame to reduce the green space, as downtown Seattle sorely lacks usable green public space.

Flattening the park's topography increases visibility and perceived safety issues by having open line of sight to all areas. Area closest to waterfront should be unobstructed by fixtures for gathering to enjoy the view. The market feels like it has its back to the park. Better connecting to Pike Place and the street through "shared streets" similar to Bell Street Park is encouraged.

There needs to be a better way to get people across Western Avenue at the park. Cars are often backed up for blocks because of the steady stream of pedestrians crossing at the crosswalk at the south end of the park. This creates a danger from frustrated drivers, people crossing between cars, and bicyclists jumping onto the sidewalks to avoid the backup of cars.

Thank you for asking for input without having to attend a meeting!

socializing and eating and seating should be distributed throughout the park, as that is the park's primary function, in addition to looking at the view. If there is an open connection to the market at the south end, that will become a busy area for pedestrians, so it would make more sense to have less dense seating there and more seating away from the thoroughfare.

Please consider a stop and go light at the park's entrance/intersection. There must be a way to control traffic, both peds and cars, at this intersection and have it remain "ped friendly." Clinging to the old stop sign is outdated, short-sited and dangerous. As ped traffic increases with the Market renovations, those of you responsible for continuing the current stop sign will have injuries on your consciences. Get smart and do something about it now!

I think a more direct connection to the Market would help more people to enjoy its spectacular views. It's a beautiful park. I'm rarely there, but when I am, I love it! Good luck with the design!

The Park needs to feel safe and comfortable to everyone in the City. The last time I walked by the park, I was overwhelmed by the smell of urine and the amount of people sleeping in the park. Seattle is going through major growing pains, and the social and injustice issues are increasing. The renovation of this park will not be able to solve all of the problems that are occurring there today. However, through encouraging positive behavior and designing a space that is inclusive to all will help!

As a resident of the area (resident of the Watermark and SAC member), I'm thrilled that you are looking for a new way to connect the market to the park. Traffic is a very BIG issue by only having tourists cross at the cross walk. It can take 15-25 minutes to get through the intersection and it is a huge inconvenience to residents. Thank you for addressing this issue, I look forward to the improvements

To make this park welcoming to everyone requires significantly more cleaning and supervision.

We need great connectivity to the Waterfront, play spaces for children, spaces to honor Native American history and tradition, and stop ceding the park to those using drugs and alcohol.

Please be sensitive to the street people being included in this public space. They're entitled to the same access as everyone else.

The times I have used the park have been for the view, to eat lunch, to have conversation, and to see the Tree of Life sculpture

Please be sure to keep a grassy area for people to sit/gather/play.

Sounds like a lot to fit into such a small space, but I think it can be done while accommodating a wide range of needs/wants. I feel having a strong Native American focal point is important to pay tribute to the tribes and their cultures who have, and still do reside in the area.

Seattle, with all its new high rises, is quickly becoming a city of concrete. Downtown parks are vital for keeping the city vibrant. Please keep planning this park and think of a few locations please!

I don't feel that any part of the park is unsafe. Your survey does not allow that opinion. While Maintenance and cleaning are top for improving "safe" feeling; getting police out of their cars to walk through the park would be a good idea. The park as currently designed offers sufficient flexibility for informal group gatherings. The design should be maintained, do NOT alter the lawn areas. The current long benches and smaller table and stools are perfect. The park is for individual use more than as an entertainment stage. Only include a play area if it is a renovation of the original play area. This is NOT a childcare center and besides, kids have the most fun just playing on the hillocks. Don't clutter the place up with a pile of logs or other debris. The beauty of VSP is the SIMPLICITY of the design. Re outdoor rooms... they already exist! Simply replace the seating with new seating in the same or roughly the same style. Your list of historic attributes is missing the most significant one- the VIEW. That deserves 9 of the 10 points! Please, do not alter the park in any significant way. Increase the maintenance; replace broken or work seating with like-seating and recognize that the park is popular BECAUSE of its current design. The focus on "activation" and turning the park into a stage or cocktail lounge is misplaced. That's not why we love VSP. It's about the VIEW and the unique combination of elegance and rustic simplicity of the design.

Safety and security is the most important. As a woman in my 60s the park is not inviting. It should be cleaned much more frequently.

Complete connection risks making 'thru the park' the main flow to Overlook Walk from the south end of the market for the mass of pedestrian traffic. This would overwhelm any of the other uses envisioned for the park. Partial connection here plus other partial paths from the market and market front would better channel the flow much like tributaries feed a river; in this case, Overlook Walk.

Thank you for all your hard work!

The park should respect its neighbors and NOT be a place for drumming or amplified music. Such activities would not be compatible with the peaceful contemplative intent of the original park.

We have a unique opportunity to transform the park in a very positive way. This is the time we must be honest with the community in regards to the condition and use of the park as it is today. as a daily visitor I am confronted with drugs, dealers, drunks, sleepers. The opportunity to to elevate the park so it can be enjoyed by all, the tourist, the local residents, kids, and families. I am confused by the need to prioritize the park as an important place for the Native American community. I have seen and enjoyed when the Native American community uses the park for cultural activities. However, for the most part the Native Americans use the park to sell drugs, drink alcohol, and have the occasional fight. Lets treat this park as the jewel that it can be for our city. Thank you

Grass and totem pole should remain. The access to the waterfront should be Southwest corner of park

I mentioned that part of the park should be dedicated to Native American Culture. That is true, but not to the exclusivity to the community at large. The Native American community needs a great place to congregate, explore tribal art and heritage -- the trick is to ensure that the park is used well by all communities so everyone feels safe and welcome. All visitors to the park should feel welcome and not feel unsure about entering the park -- that includes tourists, locals, Native-Americans and general locals. A key will be cleanliness, security, good communications & inclusivity to all populations. Another key will be to understand, help and support our homeless population but not to the detriment of the general population who use the park. A children's area would be great, but should not take over the park. Let's make this a park for everyone: safe, secure, fun, beautiful, environmentally progressive, great views, one of THE places to be in Seattle as we develop our beautiful new waterfront after the viaduct, the new PPM Waterfront Entrance, and the overall progressive plan for Seattle being the most livable city for everyone. With that said: WE MUST FIGURE OUT OUR HOMELESS POPULATIONS, WITH THOUGHT AND COMPASSION AND SERVICES.

I mentioned that part of the park should be dedicated to Native American Culture. That is true, but not to the exclusivity to the community at large. The Native American community needs a great place to congregate, explore tribal art and heritage -- the trick is to ensure that the park is used well by all communities so everyone feels safe and welcome. All visitors to the park should feel welcome and not feel unsure about entering the park -- that includes tourists, locals, Native-Americans and general locals. A key will be cleanliness, security, good communications & inclusivity to all populations. Another key will be to understand, help and support our homeless population but not to the detriment of the general population who use the park. A children's area would be great, but should not take over the park. Let's make this a park for everyone: safe, secure, fun, beautiful, environmentally progressive, great views, one of THE places to be in Seattle as we develop our beautiful new waterfront after the viaduct, the new PPM Waterfront Entrance, and the overall progressive plan for Seattle being the most livable city for everyone. With that said: WE MUST FIGURE OUT OUR HOMELESS POPULATIONS, WITH THOUGHT AND COMPASSION AND SERVICES.

Include better lighting and program opportunities for night time. Include small, multi-functional (seating, art, etc.) skate spot because skateboarders will use the space and therefore make the space safer during night hours.

This park is Seattle's greeting jewel to welcome guests from all over the nation and world rich and poor. Most people locally and visitors are concerned about safety and right now the park is a known gathering site for anti-socials who monopolize the park for drug sales, and others who are "high" or mentally ill or those who cause fights, loud altercations, using the benches as a beds for a campsite and who spoil the park for everyone else. The park should have higher security and "line of site" concerns with the future development. Simple ground cover or low-maintenance covering, and walkways winding through the park keeping a flat terrain for those in wheel chairs, walkers, strollers, and of course everyone to enjoy walking sitting and enjoying the view for a rest and drinks or snacks. The area is bordered with compact condo residences so noise is a high level factor of concern and decibel levels should be considered when considering whether or not bands and other groups should be allowed to perform. As to Native Americans: No religious or cultural preferences. I have been told this land is held in a combination of city and private title, Develop the park simply with safety in mind, low-cost, low-maintenance and open and accessible to all those who wish to come and respectfully share the space with others of all walks of life.

I love the Tree of life Sculpture and gathering place.

I have lived across the street from Steinbrueck Park for 31 years. Although I look at it daily, I do not frequent it because of what I have seen going on there. Although I chose mostly the south end of the park because it has the highest concentration of safety problems, over the years I have seen safety problems scattered throughout the park. Unfortunately, the seating areas have been commandeered by unsavory characters for drug use and sales. They have become battered and dirty so that no other visitors want to sit on the often oily, dirty, splintered or otherwise damaged seats and tables. The Native American already have full use of the park the same way that we all do. It is a park for everyone. Their specific heritage is honored by the Totem Pole centrally located in the park. The whole park is a play area for the kids, as it should be. Children are seen freely running over and around the berms. Parents seem to only keep them away from the luring eyes of the men perpetually seated under the large south berm tree and along the benches lining the Western Ave. side of the park. Park dollars should be used for over all renovation and for more security, Park Rangers, that will keep children safe. The sheer beauty of the view, open, clean shaded green refuge for picnicking & playing and above all SAFETY, (10 points), while enjoying the scene should be the lasting legacy of Steinbrueck Park.