



Meeting Notes

Baker Park Addition 1st Public Meeting

May 20, 2017

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Baker Park

Attendees: 28 adults signed up, more than 10 kids participated with play survey

Project Planner: Karimah Edwards

Sr. Landscape Architect: Shwu-jen Hwang

Project Manager: Shannon Glass

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PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Title: Baker Park Addition Project

Address: 8341 14th Ave NW 98117

Total Project Budget: \$937,125

Construction Budget: \$570,056

CIP Description: Seattle Park District Project

Planning: Q1 2017 – Q3 2017

Design: Q3 2017 – Q1 2018

Construction: Q2 2018 – Q4 2018

Scope: This project will develop the open space acquired by Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) in 2013 immediately adjacent to the existing Baker Park. The design will incorporate accessibility in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as well as SPR's intent to create access to open space in areas of high urban density. Impervious surfacing shall be limited to 15% or less, excluding trail and circulation surfaces.

Project Background (Brief history)

Public Input Process (Today's Opportunity, Surveys)

Next Steps (Input for design alternatives for next Public Meeting in July, preferred plan and play area choices at 3rd Public meeting in late fall)

Questions, Concerns, and Input

- Safety concern, visibility
 - Not enough light from existing lighting fixtures, not functioning well. Existing Asian style lights are beautiful, neighbors like them. Maybe supplement with additional lighting along pathway.
 - Theme: Neighbors like natural elements of Asian theme
 - Like some specimen trees. Trees provide shade and comfort.
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- Some trees need to be thinned for safety, visibility, and light
- Save all the largest trees!
- Open area in western old section, increase visibility, and provide lots of light
- Increase eyes on the park. Remove some trees close to new apartment building.
- Like Kirke Park. There are many activities provided. Nice play area, natural area, and P-patch.

- Senior woman said she likes walking loop and adult fitness equipment (+ 1 chin up bar.)
- Open lawn space to play Frisbee, throwing balls, etc. much needed.
- Prefer gradual slope adjacent to sidewalk at existing open lawn area.
- Preferred location for play area will be closer to 14th Ave. adjacent to open lawn.
- Bring picnic tables closer to 14th Ave for natural surveillance.
- Does not need a big plaza for community gathering. Some small seating areas should be fine.
- ADA access

- Consider P-Patch. People on waiting list.
- When not maintained well, most of the time in a year P-Patch does not look well. It's a small park. Prioritize for most needed uses.
- Would love to have a community group of gardeners who would help to maintain the landscaping.

- Suggest dog park at west section. Nearest dog park is at Golden Garden.
- Consider different times for dog use.
- Suggest for small dog zone for rest.
- Concern with noise and smell if dog park is part of design
- City Resolution mentioned no dog park immediately abutting residential area.

- Potential zoning change coming up in 2018. Surrounding single family will be rezoned to low rise residential. Building height, density, and shade will increase. Build park with future growth in mind and density. CrownHillUrbanVillage.org
(Parks need to be more open, provide more light, and accommodate activities for more users with denser population.)
- Need identity for Crown Hill Urban Village. Can you incorporate public art?
- Consider integrated design aesthetic with all Park/Greenway of other projects coming in.
- Connectivity to bigger Crown Hill Urban Village Community.
- Use design to activate park to discourage crime
- Consider urban needs / practical needs for growth: Dog Park? Etc.

- Introduce family friendly activities: play area, picnicking, etc.
- Expand play area, maybe provide small play structure, focused more for younger kids.
- More younger families are moving in to the community. Mother with toddlers and young kids need play area very much.
- Tennis court would be great, but the site is likely too small.
- Pickle ball courts.... Lines on basketball court?
- Pickle ball and/or basketball court on west side of park would be a great way to activate the space.
- Open space, multi- purpose field (large)

- Dislike existing rocks in play area that get tagged often.

- Dislike existing location of picnic tables occupied by teenagers, gang groups and sometimes homeless
- Mr. Baker used to have a nursery. Some remnants resulted in garden-like planting buffer.
- Some people like broken concrete wall planter, some don't. Senior woman users tend to like plants and garden in the raised planting bed. Most people do not like the shrub/ground cover zone in the west area.
- Replace planters
- One tree in the west area has memorial meaning to one Park User.
- The existing rain garden near play area was named "butterfly garden" and created to address drainage issue.

- Invite Maintenance staff for next public meeting
- Improvements shall consider maintenance. Be realistic.
- More trash cans
- Get rid of blind sleep spots and popular graffiti spots
- Fence to north parking lot property? Maybe leave it for the future development to do.

- What happened to existing totem pole? Where is it? What is the plan?
(It was rotten and Parks staffs removed it due to safety concern. Will check with Parks Facility Maintenance.)
Neighbor shared the history of existing park.

- If play area is in, Safe to Park route, especially crosswalk at 85th. Also check crosswalk from Safeway and cracks on existing street sidewalk.
(Will talk to SDOT)

- Identify core concerns and challenges and come up with design to address them.
- A teen group gathered at the picnic table. Karimah went talked to them and seek input. They like the park, the trees, and provided some input for play elements.
- Physical design can only improve to some degree for addressing social problems. Continuous community effort, community/police watch, engaging people in positive activities in the Park are discussed.

Play Area Expansion Votes by Children

Play Elements:

1	Slides	3	Spinning	5	Climbing
11	Swings	9	Whirl	0	Play Panels
3	Spring Toys	0	Upper Body	1	Imaginary Role Play
1	Bouncing	0	Chinning Bar	3	Music
0	Balance				

Play Area Styles:

Modern Composite Deck Structure 3
Traditional Composite Deck Play Structure 4
Traditional Composite: Plants 1
Modern Climbing Structure 3
Combination of Deck & Climbing Play Structure 4
Traditional Composite: Tree House 3
Net/Rope 7
Combination of Deck & Climbing: Animal 6
Traditional Composite: Ocean 6

Other Comments:

Teens

Basketball
Bring totem pole back
Checkers or chess with pieces that could stay in the park
WIFI
Shelter for rainy days
BBQ grills

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Big slide
Bird houses
P-Patch/garden
Tree house
Plants and trees
Karate, gymnastics and Jiu Jitsu area
Picnic tables
Bathroom
Big, climbing tree
Climbing area
Canopy
Fruit Trees
Not just stuff for younger kids
Little kids area
Stone path