



Meeting Notes

Wedgwood Landbanked Site Development Public Meeting

September 15, 2018 (Saturday)

3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Location: Hunter Tree Farm, 7744 35th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98115

Attendees: Approximate 200 participants throughout the event

Project Planner: Colin Campbell

Project Planner: Karimah Edwards

Admin Specialist: Aisling Quinn-Fleming

PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Title: Wedgwood Landbanked Site Development Project

Address: 8605 35th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98115

Total Project Budget: \$1,273,388

Construction Budget: \$789,500

CIP Description: Seattle Park District Project

Planning: Q2 2018

Design: Q2 2019

Construction: Q1 2020

Scope: This project will develop the open space acquired by Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) in 2014 in the identified open space gap in the Wedgwood neighborhood. 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.

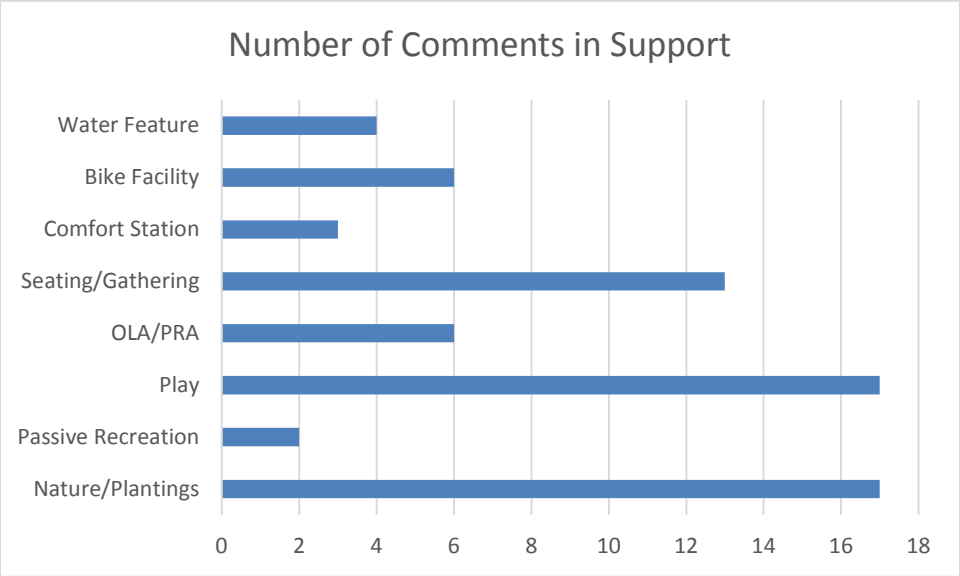
Project Background: Location/Context/Land Use, Existing Site Conditions and Problems, Existing Use and Users, Opportunities and Constraints

This project is within the Wedgwood neighborhood in Northeast Seattle, in a small neighborhood commercial zone that is surrounded by single family residential zoning. The lot is currently mostly empty and is relatively flat with one existing tree on the property. Previously, the site was home to a gas station and electrical substation. While previous surface soil testing found that the soil was safe for planned use if there is a change in scope more testing may be necessary. Since SPR purchased the site in 2014 it has been left undeveloped. Neighborhood groups have activated the space and it is used as parking for nearby businesses as well as a gathering space for the neighborhood. The site is well connected on 35th Avenue Northeast and as the neighborhood is likely to continue to grow the open space will be a resource for the community. Constraints will come from the proximity to single family zoning, commercial uses and the busy roadway directly adjacent.

Meeting Summary: On Saturday, September 15, we attended the Wedgwood Community Picnic to get the word out about the Wedgwood Landbank Site Park Development and get some input from neighbors on

what kind of park they would like on the site. Many community members came to talk with us about their hopes and concerns for the park as well as express their enthusiasm that the project has been funded. Over 200 people visited to leave their comments over the course of the four-hour event and we received many exciting ideas that will help shape the design of the park as we move forward in the process. After reviewing submitted comments the ideas with the greatest support were requests for a natural area or green space, play features, and seating or gathering space for the neighborhood.

Desired Improvements from User Survey:



OLA/PRA: Off Leash Area/Pet Relief Area

Next Steps: Conceptual Design will begin at the first public meeting on February 25 at Thornton Creek Elementary.

