



Central Park Trail NEWS & UPDATES

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Project updates from the Central Park Trail Steering Committee

Central Park Trail and Judkins Play Area Dedication - Thursday, May 7

Students Enjoy the New Trail

Central Park Trail and Judkins Play Area Celebration

Thursday, May 7, 1998, is the culmination and celebration of a four-year project to design and build the Central Park Trail. It is the result of hundreds of hours of community volunteer time, the creativity and cooperation of city and school district staff, the support of city, county and state elected officials, and federal, state county, and city financial support.

The Central Park Trail provides a pedestrian connection from the I-90 Lid Park and the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail north through Judkins Park (with its new play area), Judkins Playfield, Washington Middle School, and Dr. Blanche S. Lavizzo Park, and then west along South Washington Street to Edwin T. Pratt Park and Yesler Way.

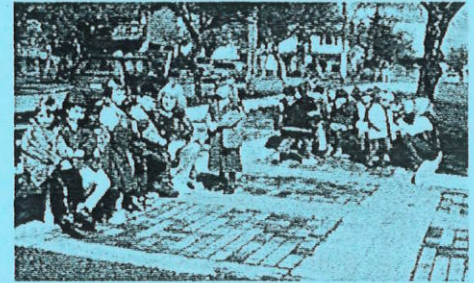
The Central Park Trail project was first identified during the

development of the Central Area Action Plan five years ago. After the Plan was recognized by City Council in 1994, the Central Area Action Plan Implementation Team (CAAP*IT) and the Central Area Development Association (CADA) were formed and outreach began on how to implement this part of the plan.

Karen Daubert, CADA board member, and Anne Knight, CAAP*IT Land Use/Transportation Chair, began by making contact with key community members to explain the vision, solicit ideas and build broad support. Meetings and walks were held with the property owners, agency staff and community members.

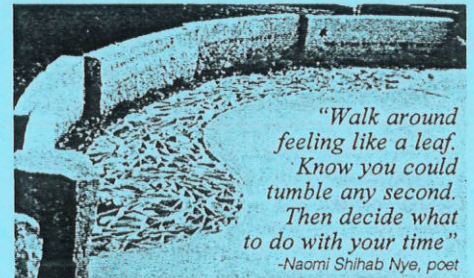
On one hand, the project was simple - the trail would be located solely on existing public property, but, on the other hand, it was very

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Young students enjoying their walk on a spring day

Happy Medium School students use the new trail every day. The school is located at 20th and Lane Street with easy access to the trail so teachers can take their classes on outings to the new play area. The school received a county Watershed Action Grant to study the history and hydrology of Judkins Park.



*"Walk around
feeling like a leaf.
Know you could
tumble any second.
Then decide what
to do with your time"*
-Naomi Shihab Nye, poet

Please Join Us on Thursday, May 7th!

Dedication of the Central Park Trail and Judkins Play Area

Walk to Judkins Play Area 10:00a-10:30a

Meet at the Washington Middle School parking lot off Weller Street and walk with students to the Judkins Play Area for the dedication.

Dedication 10:30a-11:10a

Central Park Trail and Judkins Play Area Dedication with Mayor Paul Schell, Councilmember Sue Donaldson and former Governor Mike Lowry at the Judkins Play Area.

Parade to Lavizzo Amphitheater 11:10a-11:40a

Join the parade along the Central Park Trail to Lavizzo Amphitheater.

Entertainment at Lavizzo Amphitheater 11:40a-12:30p

Bring a picnic lunch and join us at Lavizzo Amphitheater for music and entertainment with Councilmember Nick Licata and students from Washington Middle School and Happy Medium School. (Weather dependent)

Washington Middle School sixth-grade students have taken on a major environmental stewardship project with the leadership of Yve Susskind. The students are working to reclaim a space on the east side of the school for the community and wildlife to enjoy and for students to use for classes. They also want the site to be accessible to wheelchairs and to connect to the Central Park Trail. Students are gaining important skills and insights. One student stated:

"I've learned how a group of people working together can make a big impact, and how hard it is to accomplish goals."

Central Park Trail and its extension to Downtown Seattle as part of the Mountains to Sound Greenway



Dedication (Continued from front)

complex to coordinate, because it involved so many public agencies and different funding sources. CADA received matching grants to build the Garden of Memories portion of the trail and to design the overall trail, and a county Arts Commission grant to develop an arts plan. The city received a federal transportation enhancement grant to build the trail and state WWRP Outdoor Recreation matching funds for the play area and future tennis court. City matches were from its Neighborhood Improvement Fund and Cumulative Reserve Fund. In addition, federal Community Development Block Grants funded other improvements, including the ballfields upgrades which also received a Mariner's grant.

Seattle Vocational Institute built the new plaza at Lavizzo Park as part of their remodel, and the city improved the safety at street crossings along the trail through the Pedestrian Access Program.

All in all this project has been a success because of the many levels of cooperation between agencies, departments, and the community, with the result being a new trail and park facilities that truly help knit the community together.

Central Park Trail

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Central Park Trail Update

The initial phase of the Central Park Trail will soon be finished. Final review of the construction project is underway so it will be completed in time for the dedication. Directional signs for the blue sign poles along the trail will be added in early summer and the Department of Parks and Recreation will be replacing and adding new park identification signs in Judkins Park as funding allows.

Plans to enhance Washington

Middle School's front entrance along the trail are being funded by a Neighborhood Matching Grant to the PTSA and CADA. The school's Environmental Stewardship Program has recently received a grant in support of the students' project to provide wheelchair access on the east side of the school. Extension of the trail to downtown from Pratt Park will start this fall with the construction of pedestrian improvements along Yesler Way.

Thank You to the Friends of Central Park Trail

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