

WELCOME

In the mid-1930's the property at 1125 Harvard Ave E. was given to the City of Seattle by the Henry family for a future library. At that time the City did not want a library at this location, so the City demolished the original Henry house and sold the property to the Bloedel family who lived next door. Mr. Henry's art collection, stored above the garage, was donated to the University of Washington, and now comprises the Henry Art Gallery.

In the early-1950's the property was purchased from the Bloedel family by the Bullitt family, and became the future home for newlyweds, Stimson and Katharine (Kay) Bullitt. Over the years, Kay was known for inviting the community into her garden for Wednesday night picnics and hosted many day camps for children from all walks of life. In 1972, Stimson and Kay Bullitt generously gave the 1.6 acre property to the City of Seattle for a future park.

Kay Bullitt continued to live her life in the house until passing away on August 22, 2021.

Seattle Parks and Recreation would like to acknowledge that this is a unique opportunity for SPR as an agency and for the community. As we move forward with bringing this site into SPR's inventory, we recognize that there are key factors in transitioning from being a private yard and garden to being under public ownership.

Please join us as we launch a full, inclusive public engagement process and conversation about the future park design and intent.



GOALS

- Launch the first phase of the public engagement process for the project
- Initiate conversations about the future park design and intent
- Establishing a vision for the park

SCOPE

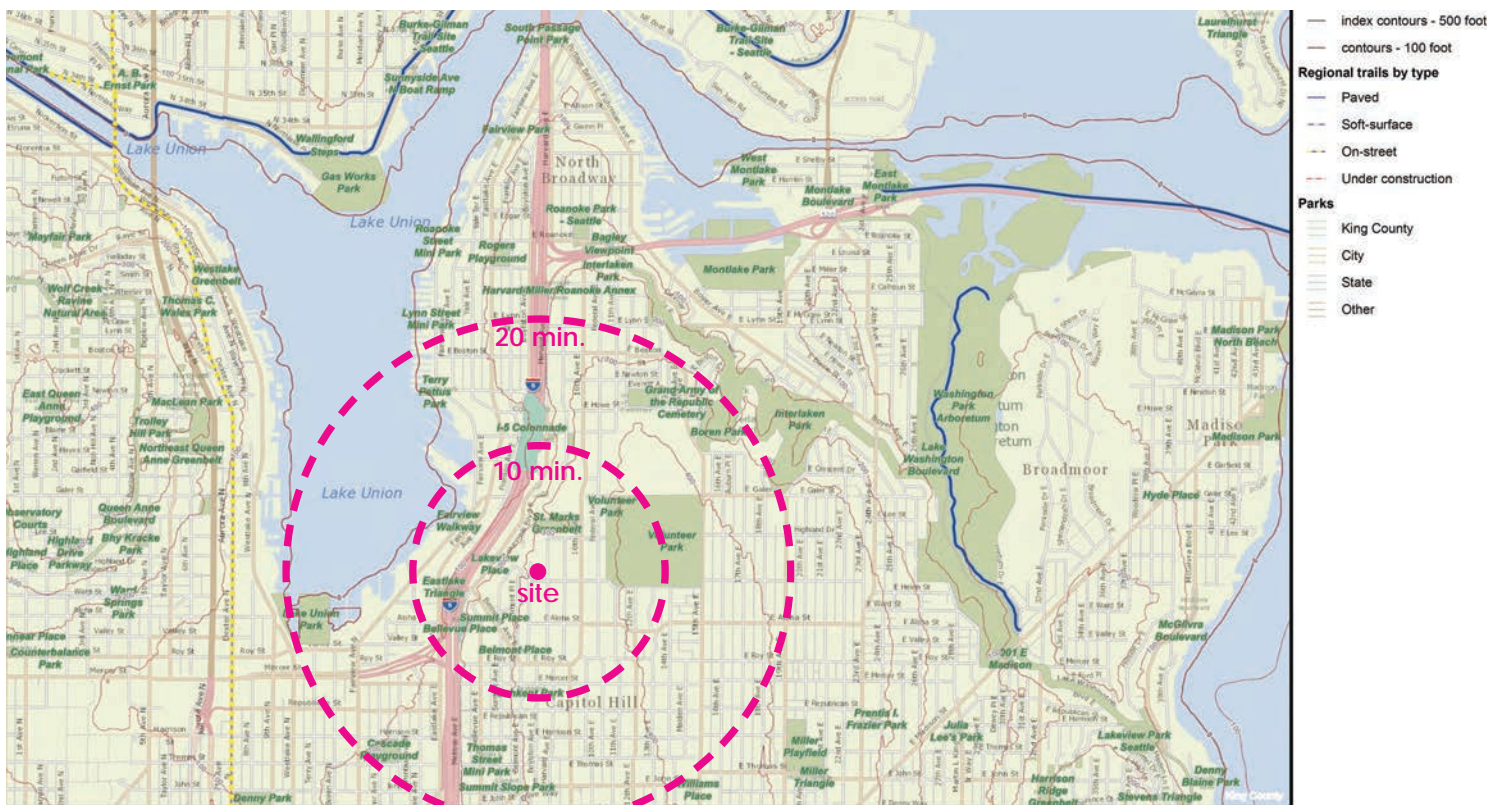
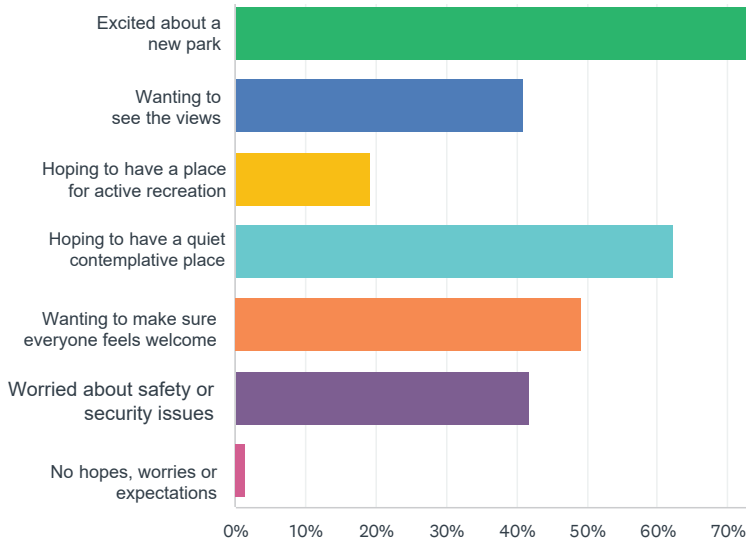
Final product of this initial phase will include:

- Concept/early schematic design for the park
- Rough order of magnitude cost estimate for possible inclusion in the next 6-year cycle of the Seattle Park District
- Possible phasing for improvements to occur over time

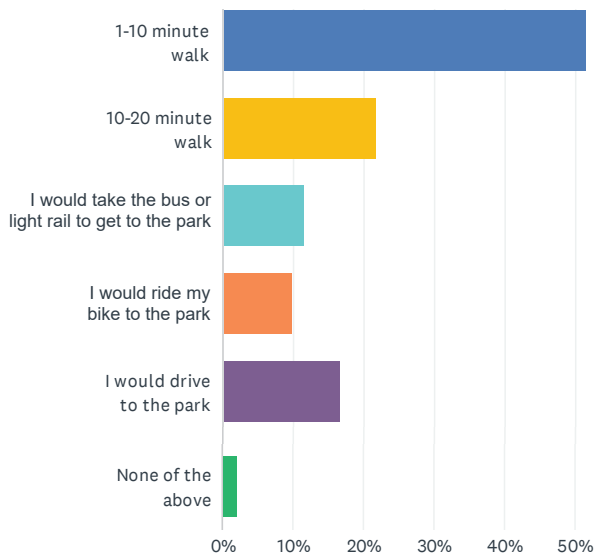
TIMELINE

- May 2022 – launch initial survey
- August 2022 – Open House/ Meet-n-Greet
- Fall 2022 – Public Meeting #2
- Fall/Winter 2022 – develop Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM) cost estimate and possible phasing approach
- Spring 2022 – Spring 2023 – Landmarks nomination process

Q1 Do you have hopes or worries about the future park site?



Q9 How far do you live from the park?



How would you get there?

BEFORE



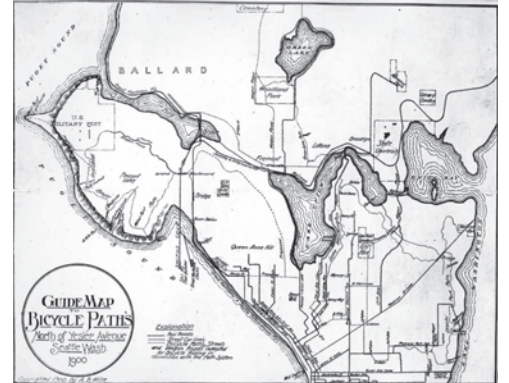
Lake Union in 1891. The circle shows the location of Cheshiahud's cabin. In her 1947 memoir of life in early Seattle, Sophie Fry Bass wrote: "John was a Lake Indian. His illahee [land], which was given to him by his cloish tillicum [good friend], "Dave Denny," was on Portage Bay, Lake Union, at the foot of what is known now as Shelby Street. There he had his cabin and a small potato patch. He buried his chickamin [money] at the base of stumps. Back among the stumps he built his "sit down" house, of which he was very proud and which we would not allow any one else to use."



Cheshiahud (also known as "Indian John," "Lake Union John," or "Chodups") and his wife Tleebuleetsa (also known as Madeline) outside of their home in Portage Bay, at the northeast end of Lake Union. Madeline is cooking outdoors while her husband carves a dugout canoe ca. 1890s.



City of Seattle map, 1874, McIntosh



Guide map to Seattle bicycle paths, ca. 1900



Chudups-John (Cheshiahud) & others in a canoe on Lake Union, 1885



1893 Seattle area map



Split in the path - near Roanoke, Frank Cameron "Bicycling in Seattle, 1879-1904."



Cheshiahud also lost a good friend in 1903 when David Denny died. Fortunately, Denny's nephew Orion (the first White male child born in Seattle) carried on his uncle's friendship. Orion took the most well-known photograph of Cheshiahud and Madeline.



Interlaken Boulevard was developed out of the bike path (below Seattle Preparatory School, Paul Dorpat, Michael Maslan).

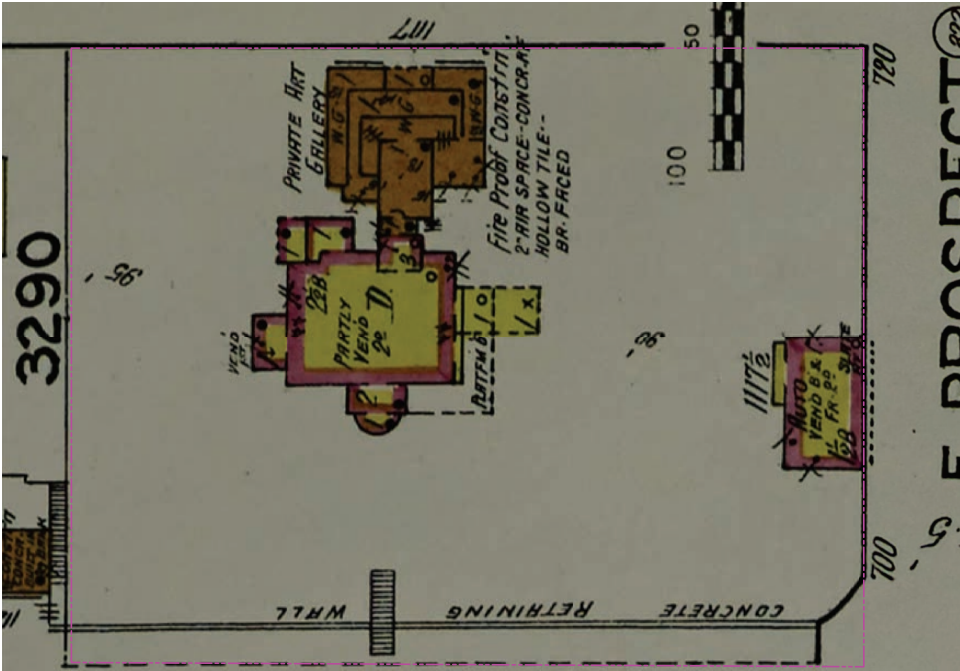
WALK through the well kept grounds surrounding Mr. Henry's home is like taking a trip through the grounds of an old English estate. ¶ This result has been obtained by leaving many of the native trees which were on the ground at the time the garden was planned, for while the home was built in recent years there is such a wealth of foliage surrounding the house that it gives the effect of a very old place. ¶ The home itself is an English

FIRST 50 YEARS

style of dwelling, the construction being brick and half timber. ¶ The garden has been laid out with many winding driveways, this giving an added expanse to the grounds. ¶ A heavy entrance gateway is a very pleasing feature. ¶ The garage is built at one end of the garden considerably removed from the house. ¶ The interior is even more interesting than the house and garden, being so planned as to give the greatest comfort.



Horace C. Henry home, Seattle, circa 1920 (MOHA1 13044), quote from Homes and Gardens of the Pacific Coast, vol. 1, Frank Calvert, 1913



1917 Sanborn Map



Property of Museum of History & Industry, Seattle

Horace and Susan Henry home, ca.1900. Architects Chamberlin and Siebrand. MOHA1



Property of The Seattle Public Library

Horace Chapin Henry House, ca. 1910



Horace Chapin Henry house, ca. 1935, gallery built in 1917, Carl Gould, Arch. SPL



Baist's Real Estate Atlas of Surveys of Seattle, Wash - Plate 12 1912

LAST 70 YEARS



Stimson Bullitt (1919-2009) was an attorney, real estate developer, and the son of A. Scott Bullitt and media pioneer, Dorothy Stimson Bullitt. He married his second wife, Katherine (Kay) Squire Muller (1925-2021), a Radcliffe alum and activist in 1954. The couple had local architect Fred Bassetti design a Modern A-frame in 1955 for their growing family, with San Francisco landscape architect Garrett Eckbo preparing a General Garden Plan for the site.



2021 King County IMAP

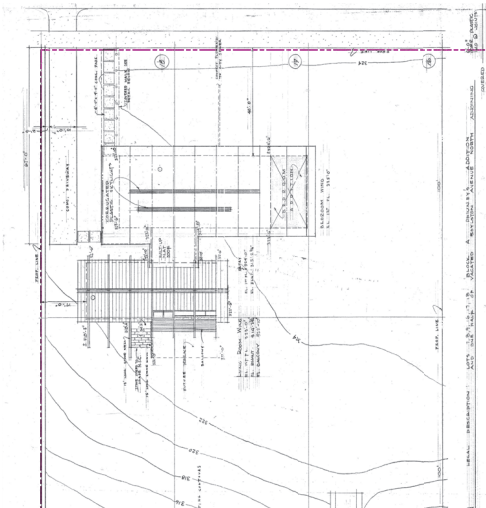
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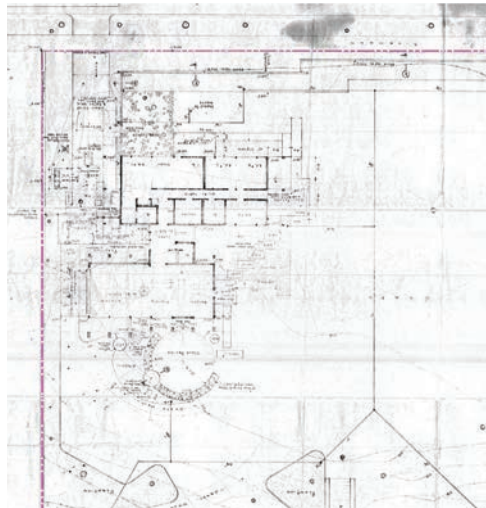
Home soon after completion, 1956



Kay Bullitt, photographed at a garden party in 2005. (John Lok / The Seattle Times, file)



Bassetti & Morse, 1955



Eckbo, Royston, and Williams, 1955



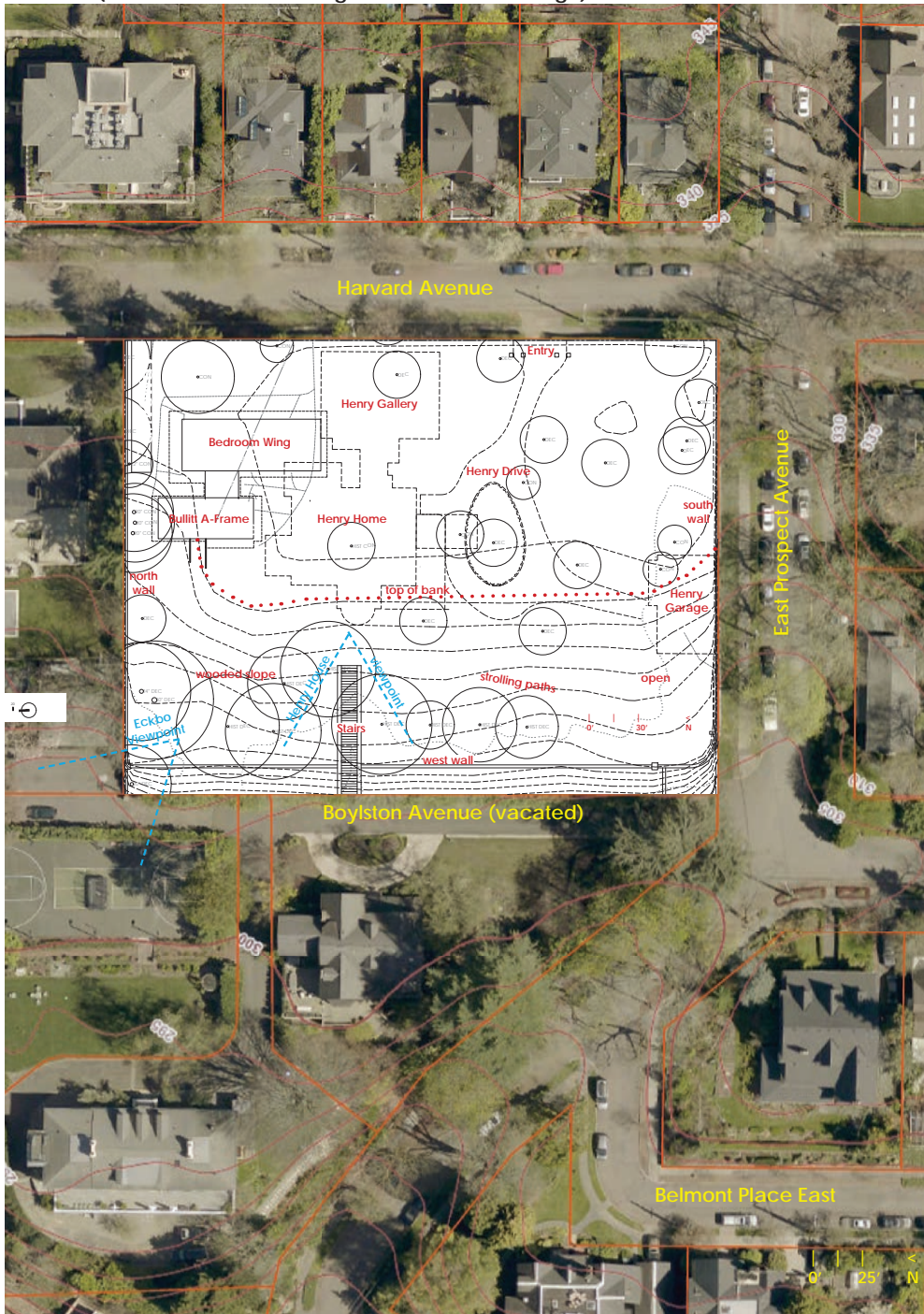
The Metropolitan Democratic Club's third annual Chautauqua Afternoon, 2016

NEXT STEPS

From 1900 to 1955 the property was visually open onto Harvard Avenue



A fence and hedge were added along Harvard Ave East by the Bullitts. SPR is evaluating removal of the hedge and fence following principles of CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design).



SPR is preparing a nomination for historic review of the property and buildings by the Landmarks Preservation Board.

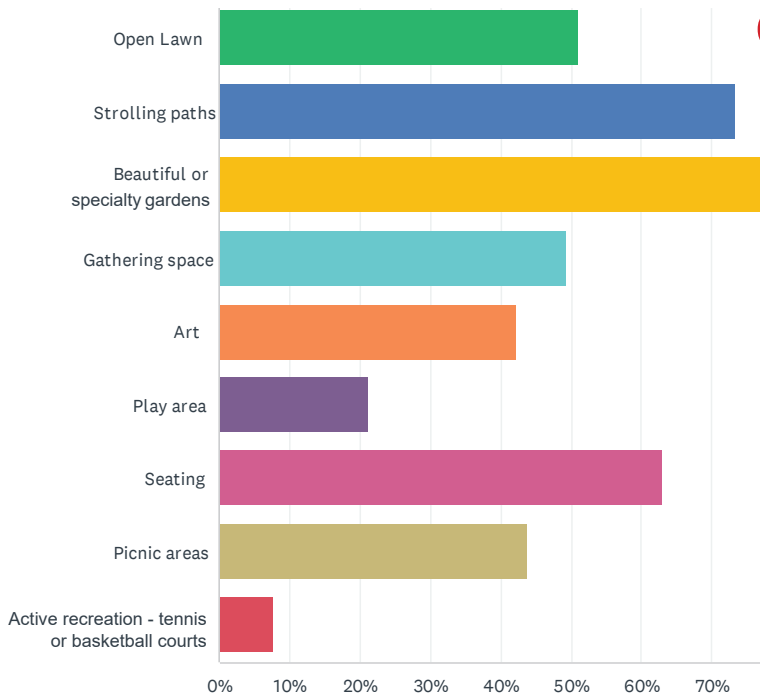


A recent SPR study recommends repairs to the masonry walls include repointing and seismic restraints.



SPR is studying accessibility throughout the property.

Q5 What would you like to see in the new park?



Open Lawn, Roanoke Park, SPR



Strolling Paths, Gardens, Washington Park Arboretum, SPR



Gathering Space: 'Pride in the Park', Volunteer Park, June 2022, SPR



Art and Play, Dragon, Gerard Tsutakawa, Donnie Chin International Childrens Park, SPR



'Love and Loss' Art and Seating, Olympic Sculpture Park, Seattle Art Museum



Picnicking, Ella Bailey Park, SPR

ideas to add?



Q6 What can we learn from other parks you have visited?

Q6 “Kubota Garden has similar past of private home and distinctive garden developed for greater public use by SPR in collaboration with private foundation and serves a unique neighborhood.”

“Absolutely love Volunteer Park and the many options there. Lots of wide open places for blankets. Good picnic table options (could have more). Walking paths. Shade and sun.”

“Interlaken, Carkeek, Discovery parks, and the Arboretum are beautiful, nature-filled spaces that provide a healthy escape from the congestion of the city.”

“I have visited the Miller Garden, the Dunn Garden, and the Arboretum along with the Bellevue Botanical Garden recently.”

“The best parks in the city are open in their design - not made to accommodate a single sport, activity, or feature. Discovery Park has this, but so does Victor Steinbrueck, each in their own way.”



Kubota Garden, SPR



Volunteer Park, SPR



Carkeek Park, SPR



Interlaken Park, SPR



Discovery Park, SPR



Dunn Gardens, Seattle

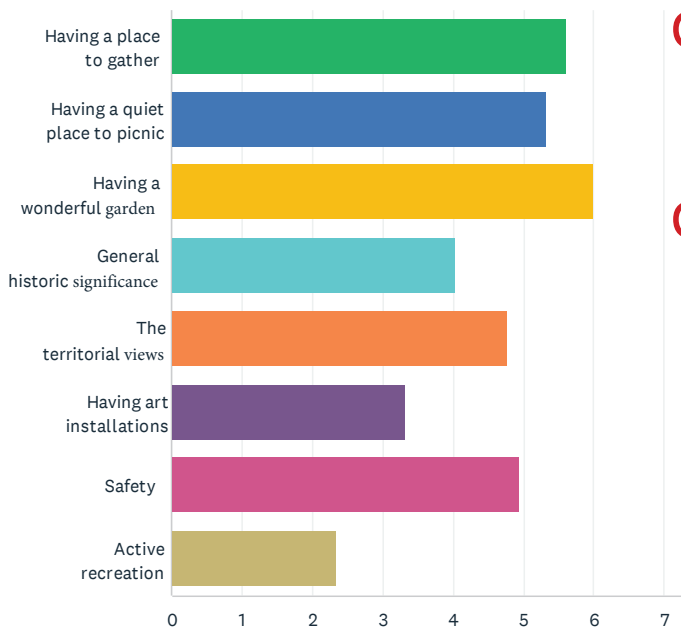


Victor Steinbrueck Park, SPR



Washington Park Arboretum, SPR

ideas to add?



Q7 What is most important to you?

Q8 Do you have any other suggestions for the future park site?

Q8 *“I advocate for simplest as possible. No fancy play structures, no tennis courts. No specialty gardens. No art, aside from plants/trees. Just peaceful place where people create their own fun.”*

“Would love to have a play area for kids. The closest one in Volunteer Park is too far sometimes.”

“I loved Kay. Her place was where Giovanni Costigan spoke, lots of political democratic events-Mike Lowry’s shrimp feed. It’s filled with history and memories that I don’t want to disappear with future generations. It was also ground zero for organizing anti nuclear and pro-peace events including people to people with Tashkent.”



Anything else you would like to tell us about?