

## Meeting Notes

**Project:** Jefferson Park Expansion Update and Jefferson Skate Park Community meeting #3

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### Presenters:

Kim Baldwin	Seattle Parks
Ruri Yampolsky	Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs
Elizabeth Conner	Public Artist
Micah Shapiro	Grindline
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**Purpose:** Public meeting #3

**Jefferson Park Expansion update:** Andy Mitton gave an overview of the progress to date. The promenade expansion pricing came in too high, and will be constructed as part of the playfield expansion project. The contractor is working diligently to open the play area and tennis courts early. However, an issue with compaction under the sub-grade has held up progress. Completion is anticipated for late August, and is on schedule with the original contract.

### Comments from the public:

1.0 Which trees will be thinned out to enhance views?

- Only the trees on the overlook at the NW corner of the park will be pruned and the material removed will primarily be dead wood. There are a lot of dead branches on the lower halves of the trees.

1.1 Will there be a lot of Evergreens like Volunteer Park? Can they be added later?

- There will be evergreens planted along the West edge of the driving range; but, certainly more can be added in the future.

1.2 Status of Gatehouse preservation? Will the Cedar trees be removed to increase visibility of the structure?

- At this time SPU is waiting for a determination from Landmarks as to whether the structure is deemed historical. There is no intention to remove the Cedar trees to the west of the structure to increase visibility.

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**Beacon Mountain Play Area:** Andy Sheffer presented the 80% construction documents, and explained the changes to the spray patterns to separate features between small kids/toddlers and larger kids. Bid in the fall/winter of 2010. Construction 2010-2011.

### Comments from the public:

- 2.0 What are the Surface Materials?  
Spraypad – Concrete  
Paths – Permeable Asphalt  
Either side of hillside slides – Poured in place rubber
- 2.1 What structures are part of the Beacon Mountain play area?  
Small Mechanical Vault/room.  
Small Overlook/Tree house structure  
Large bridge across “canyon”  
Small footbridges across rain garden

**Jefferson Playfield Expansion:** Andy Sheffer explained the layout has stayed the same since the last meeting. Most recent changes include shifting the major fields to the North to allow for an additional unmarked Ultimate field at the South end. A portable baseball mound is being used to allow for the additional practice space. Bid in the Spring of 2011. Construction – late 2011.

### Comments from the public:

- 3.1 Thanks for field changes!

**Public Art Update:** Ruri Yampolsky gave an overview of the Public Arts program for the 2000 Levy and the SPU Reservoir burying program. Elizabeth Conner explained the concept for the contour bands, and gave an update on progress with construction in the field. Elizabeth then explained the current art project to provide an alternative to chain link fencing and barb wire at the Four SPU access cages.

### Comments from the public:

- 4.1 Likes bus barn “balls” in the fence by Safeco Field and how this helps a simple chain link fence have some character.
- 4.2 Consider glass tile and LED / Solar power as an option

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**Skate Park presentation:** The team presented the current concept, including; site constraints, integration into the park site, lighting elements, and skate features.

### Comments from the public:

- 5.1 LED cool for street, make sure bowl is lit functionally.
- 5.2 Make park more appealing to non-skaters
- 5.3 Make the flat area around the dish more interesting – signature feature of the park.
- 5.4 Push design, make cool, polish is needed now.
- 5.5 Likes full pipe (1 person); okay with none after \$ discussion and understanding that the pipe costs about 3xs other features
- 5.6 Add buffer to stop stray boards on east side
- 5.7 Correct danger of board dropping over spine into other bowl
- 5.8 Increase deck size at north end ramp in street plaza.
- 5.9 Use durable plants that can withstand thrashing and don't use bark that gets in the park.
- 5.10 Consider some steel coping in pool along with pool coping
- 5.11 Opposing view – different copings can throw your session
- 5.12 Tighten up flat areas in bowls
- 5.13 Will Tile be used or considered?
- 5.14 Pump Ups?
- 5.15 Consider plaza/special entry where paths cross north of park
- 5.16 Sidewalk at NE entry, soften to a curve
- 5.17 Vegetative debris is negative

### Meeting Adjourned

The preceding is assumed to be a complete and correct record of the significant items and actions agreed upon at the above meeting. Please advise the author immediately of any additions or corrections to the minutes. Work is proceeding on the basis of this record.

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