

Maple Leaf Reservoir Park

Community Meeting Summary

February 9, 2010



Attendees

Approximately 180 members of the public attended this community meeting at Olympic View Elementary School on Tuesday, February 9, 2010. Attendees included Maple Leaf residents, community groups, park users and the general public.

Meeting purpose

The purpose of this meeting was to gather ideas and creative input from community members on the new Maple Leaf Reservoir Park. Through a facilitated brainstorming session, community members discussed the elements important to them and that best fit their neighborhood.

Seattle Parks and Recreation is planning a new and unique park on the Maple Leaf Reservoir lid. The park is being developed in conjunction with Seattle Public Utilities' replacement of the open reservoir with an underground structure and provides a new park on the reservoir lid. The Maple Leaf Reservoir Park is funded by the Parks and Green Spaces Levy.

Meeting format

The meeting format included brief presentations, followed by a facilitated brainstorming session. Seattle Parks and Recreation gave presentations on the project background and timeline, as well as discussing the call for artists. The Berger Partnership followed with a presentation the park's physical features and its potential development constraints and opportunities.

Following the presentations, meeting attendees participated in a facilitated, break-out brainstorming session. Meeting participants were also encouraged to provide feedback on comment forms.

Overview of park design themes discussed

During the break-out brainstorming session, meeting participants were encouraged to consider how they would like the park to look and function 10 years from now and share their ideas for the park's design.

Community members discussed a number of issues and ideas during the brainstorming session. There were a number of common ideas, but there were a few topics community members did

not have consensus, which included dog parks, hosting a farmers' market, parking, sports fields, and use of turf. A summary of common themes is provided below. A full list of comments is included in Appendices A and B.

The following park design themes were discussed:

- **Multi -purpose and multi-generational.** Participants discussed designing the park for a variety of uses and age groups. Participants suggested including elements for children and teens, as well as senior citizens. Comments included:
 - Multigenerational, space for all. See how it all overlaps and fits for all users, create a matrix to show how all generations are accommodated
 - Accessible for all ages, fitness levels, ADA
 - Include multi-functional courts that can be changed to accommodate a variety of uses: pickle ball, tennis, handball
 - Create uses/spaces that are flexible and can change over time

- **Balance active and passive uses.** Participants described interest in having both active and passive uses. Active uses include sports fields, and passive uses include community gathering spaces. While walking and biking paths were commonly suggested and supported ideas, the use of sports fields and creation of a dog park were commonly discussed with little agreement. Comments included:
 - Incorporate a skate park
 - Incorporate free, unstructured gathering space
 - Create passive/quiet activities on north end of park
 - Perimeter pathway that loops around the park: kids learn to ride a bike, year round use - create a pathway system like Green Lake
 - An off-leash dog park: fenced, clean and well maintained, shouldn't occupy "prime real estate" in the park
 - Amphitheater or larger gathering space with seating

- **Sustainability and educational opportunities.** Participants considered including interactive and educational elements to the park. Participants did not agree on whether to include a farmers' market. Comments included:
 - Connection to nature/food, education opportunities
 - Include Children's garden/P-patch/food productivity
 - Educational feature on natural environment: interpretive features, reference water sources and sheds
 - Educational art/architecture
 - Consider a farmer's market as we may be buying locally due to higher fuel prices

- **Incorporate natural features.** Natural features, such as trees, wildlife habitat, and open spaces were also discussed. Comments included:
 - Include areas of native vegetation and habitat
 - Tree patches (edible forests)

- Would like to see more large trees for: shade, climbing, natural habitat and aesthetics
- Interactive water feature (examples given for Portland, Olympia and Cal Anderson)
- **Enhance and protect views.** Participants recommended enhancing the southeast vista, as well as views from different elevations. Comments included:
 - Preserve and enhance the vista on south side, especially for Fourth of July fireworks
 - Take advantage of view corridors: Gathering spaces or benches to utilize view corridors
- **Preserve community character.** Participants shared ideas about creating a neighborhood park rather than a destination park, as well as including Maple Leaf's character into the park's design and art. Comments included:
 - Park should be a destination for the neighborhood
 - Create a strong sense of place - Maple Leaf and neighborhood identity
 - Incorporate maple leaves in art
 - Provide non-light polluting lights (focus the light down); night sky compliant
 - Maintain privacy of residents adjacent to park
- **Access.** Participants discussed safety and access alternatives for the park. Participants also discussed parking needs, but no consensus was reached on this topic. Comments included:
 - Make sure that park users can get safely to the park: example, if a skate park is included, can kids travel safely to park via skateboard; bike/pedestrian safety
 - Park needs to feel safe: good lighting at night, no hiding spots
 - Parking off street (or not!), maybe disabled parking only?
- **General park amenities.** Participants discussed general park amenities, such as restrooms, trash service and building materials. While there was discussion on using turf, participants did not reach agreement on it. Participants also recommended restoring and/or improving existing park structures and features. Comments included:
 - New or improved restrooms
 - Pathways with differing materials
 - Ample trash and recycling pick up in the park is needed
 - No turf where not needed: use alternative groundcovers, not just grass

In addition to the brainstorming session, participants were asked to complete comment forms. Comments from these forms generally reflected the themes discussed above. Comments received by comment form are provided in Appendix C.

Project next steps

Based on the themes discussed during the brainstorming session, as well as feedback from the comment forms, Seattle Parks and Recreation will incorporate the community's input into development of design alternatives for the Maple Leaf community's consideration.

Construction of the new Maple Leaf Park is tentatively scheduled to begin in spring 2012.

Learn more and stay connected

There are a number of ways the public can learn more about the project:

- *Visit the Maple Leaf Reservoir project Web site:*
http://seattle.gov/parks/projects/maple_leaf_reservoir/
- *Submit comments:* Kellee Jones at kellee.jones@seattle.gov or at (206) 684-7052.
- *Attend open houses:* Dates and locations of upcoming open houses will be posted to the Maple Leaf Reservoir project Web site.
- *Seattle Parks and Recreation Project Manager:* Kellee Jones at kellee.jones@seattle.gov or at (206) 684-7052.

Appendix A – Comments by Themes

Multi -purpose and multi-generational

- See what schools nearby want
 - One school wants playground/space for kids older than pre-school age
- Park designed for diverse uses
- After school use, put after-school gathering area in close proximity to schools
- Create uses/spaces that are flexible and can change over time
- Park should have something for everyone
- Cohesive park
- Design so it is used! Compliment other parks, multi-use – don't design so it has to compete with other nearby parks
- Simple elegant design with open space that incorporates all uses
- On west side of park, needs to be consideration for people of limited mobility/senior
- Should meet the needs of diverse users
 - all ages from kids to elderly
 - various activities; passive and active
- Family oriented
- Active children
- Active adults
- Multigenerational
- Newer play area for many ages
 - Environmental play
 - Not near O.L.A
- Something for everyone (all ages, backgrounds, etc.)
 - Physical activities
- Create destinations for teens (youth)
 - Consider the needs of this age group
 - See and be seen
 - Safe place for kids
- Multigenerational, space for all
 - See how it all overlaps and fits for all users
 - Create a matrix to show how all generations are accomodated
- Design for senior outdoor enjoyment – activities for older generations
- Accessible for all ages, fitness levels, ADA
- Design for diversity of ages

- Adult fitness opportunity
- Unique space for children

Balance active and passive uses

- Performance space/community space
- Concerts/performance in the park
 - Amphitheater
 - Use with schools
- Incorporate a Skate park
- Create a track
 - Teach kids to bike on it
 - Jogging trail – crushed rock or paved or both
- Area for a water park
- No scheduled ball fields
- Play pump
- Field turf/soccer/lacrosse lines
- Place to fly kites
- Space for adventurous play, wild space, rocks, etc
- Splash pad
- Sliding/snow-play area
- Remodel kid-size ball field
- Incorporate a playground
- Pickle ball courts
- Multi-functional courts that can be changed to accommodate a variety of uses
 - pickle ball
 - tennis
 - handball
- Walking trails and un-programmed nature experience
- One-walled handball court
- Nearest skate dot is small; a larger skate park would be well used
- Rock climbing wall
- Walkable, quiet nature area
- Quiet area
- Free gathering space; unstructured
- Larger children's play area
- Lacrosse field
- Space for bike riding

- Pathways
- Provide sports courts
- Sports fields would require parking
- Perimeter path
- Interactive water feature – “splash pad”
- Categories encapsulated by all comments:
 - Area for sports/active use
 - Walkable, peaceful area
 - Friendly for children and families
 - Art and aesthetics, especially functional art
 - Area for Dogs
 - Earth-friendly
- New sidewalks
- Life-size chess/maze (something whimsical to express neighborhood character)
- Walkable destination
- Skate park - how much? (don't dominate)
- Balance of activity types
- Bicycle pump track (i.e. Collinade Park under I-5)
- Well connected/seamless (paths)
 - Cross-park connections
- Design a Running/walking loop
- Provide Smaller skate park (skateboard” elements”)
- Location for Roller skating (building on popularity of roller derby)
- Area for Climbing/bouldering
- Contemplative area for adults
 - Active/passive zones with separation
- Combination sports field
 - Durable for year round use
 - Find the balance between neighborhood park and destination sports park
 - A good balance of park uses (active and passive) along with sports
 - Lacrosse, Ultimate Frisbee, soccer need to be accommodated
 - Consider existing user groups that use the fields (little league)
- Provide Climbing rock – good for multi-generational
- Tot lot – separate play area for younger kids
- Create a combination sports field that balances the use. Make it year round;
 - Lacrosse
 - Ultimate

- Soccer
 - Active/passive
 - Consider alternative uses
- Perimeter pathway that loops around the park
 - Kids learn to ride a bike
 - Year round use- (Create a pathway system like Green Lake)
- Room for a Skate park
- Comfortable gathering space for groups or individuals
 - Un-programmed space
 - Community gathering with teens
 - A place to read a book
- Provide Tennis courts
- Athletic uses, variety, e.g. grass, hard courts, tennis, pickle ball
- Walking use around perimeter of park
- Rollercoaster! [suggestion from child]
- Skate facilities and space for teens
- How do some parks end up all one use, e.g. soccer? Does Parks have a “hidden agenda” for what they want the park to be? Is it already decided?
- Passive activity area
- Area for Chess
- Provide Diversity of uses
- Create area for athletic fields
- Biking/ walking trails connecting through
- Area for a Performance space/ gathering
- Provide 90' ball fields
- Space for:
 - Basketball/tennis
 - Pickle ball
 - Climbing wall
- Journey paths/experience
- Provide Kite flying/picnic areas
- Provide use for teens – skate park (near 82nd/Roosevelt)
- Bike and pedestrian-oriented planning
- Include open play area for inventive, creative play
- Unstructured open space
- Usable openness/lawn
- Allow Open area

- North/South connection for non-motorized
- Design a Labyrinth
- Create Passive/quiet activities on north end of the park
- Area for Pickle-ball court
- Area for Multi-sport ballfields – south region (use existing) and upgrade
- Walking path through park (organic, not straight)
- Add Monkey bars
- Provide a dog area
- An off-leash dog park
 - fenced
 - clean and well maintained
 - shouldn't occupy "prime real estate" in the park
- Off-leash area for dogs
- No dog area
 - Concern for environmental degradation
- Dog park is screened
 - From odors and sight
- Concern for O.L.A (safety)
- Off leash area (O.L.A.)
- Area for an Off leash dog park
 - Provide a hose off area
 - No swamp - grasses and green vegetation
- Space for dogs
- Provide a Dog run
- Create Off leash area
- Community gathering space
- Community meeting space
- Covered "party" areas, maybe at viewpoints. Do not located near Reservoir Tavern or people will gather there after tavern closing.
- Picnic area
- Don't preclude future space for a community center/facility
 - preferably in the southwest corner where there are good viewpoints
 - include gathering space near Roosevelt for those with limited mobility
 - provide shelter from the elements; covered pavilion
- Amphitheater or large gathering space with seating
- Provide space for a Community stage (plays, etc.)
- Picnic area

- Shelters/pavilions (picnics, etc.)
- Amphitheater built in hillside between upper and lower portion of the park.
 - Make it a fun place for kids to play
 - Sculptural element
 - Incorporate artist?
- Natural seating/gathering space
 - Integrated seating, not “furniture”
 - “Cob benches” that you can climb on

Sustainability and educational opportunities

- Intensive farming, including edible perennials (not so much annuals)
- Sustainability
- River, use natural water – recycling – rainwater catchment (***Note: There was a lot of discussion and group agreement about re-using water and making the park relate to the reservoir/“water” theme.***)
- Space for Farm animals
- Connection to nature/food, education opportunities
- Contrast between turf and “natural” grass, to show how natural water filtration works
- Bee keeping near bee-friendly plants
- Educational art/architecture
- Incorporate water features/celebrate the significance of water below
 - boulder park or rain garden
 - interactive for kids to learn, play
 - natural-feeling; not too manicured
 - incorporate public art and water; maybe a fountain
 - splash pad
- Create a P-Patch
- Include Children’s garden/P-patch/food productivity
- Thriving p-patch
 - Keep natural area on the slope dominant
 - Sustainable food/preserve natural area and habitat/fix drainage
- Community uses
 - Pea patch or garden
- Educational feature on natural environment
 - Interpretative features
 - Reference water sources and sheds
- Make it sustainable, plan ahead, environmentally-friendly

- Innovative use of rain water/ harvesting
- Create an Art center
- Pushing boundaries of sustainable uses i.e. harmony, balance
- Create Permaculture labyrinth
- Provide Pea patch
- Integrated urban agriculture
- Environmental education/engagement/nativeplanting/edibles/tangibly rewarding for children/water play
- Moving art a central location in the park “Wind, wings and water”
- Provide P-patch – out of view from neighbors
- Place heavier elements in southern part of park, such as large art features
- Incorporate art into key elements or structures; not just an add on
- Functional art
- Not a good place for farmer’s market
- Open to farmer’s market
- Consider a farmer’s market as we may be buying locally due to higher fuel prices

Incorporate natural features

- Create Habitat
- Gilding plants/companion plants
- Low or no maintenance plantings
- Group plants by climate area
 - Sun traps
 - Shady fungal area
- Space to walk through woods
- Natural wind break
- Northern part of park should be more natural to preserve residential vistas/privacy
- Keep trees along fence line, but remove or replace existing chain link fence
- Vegetated borders would improve the aesthetics
- Include areas of native vegetation and habitat
- Nature park
- Would like to see more large trees for
 - shade
 - climbing
 - natural habitat and aesthetics
- Vibrant area
- Green space

- Perennial edible plants, fruits, nut trees
 - Permaculture design
 - Maintenance would not be an issue
 - Community could maintain edibles
- Create water feature
- Water sculpture
- Peaceful
- Tree patches (edible forests)
- Create Water elements
- Open natural/habitat area
- Water/sensory elements
- More natural/native planting
- Thoughtful edge treatments/screening
- Slope / berm between the upper and lower portions of the site
 - Natural area with natives and habitat should be preserved
 - Provides separation between park uses
- Interactive water feature (examples given for Portland, Olympia and Cal Anderson)
- Provide fruit bearing trees and shrubs
- Insectaries/birds and insects
 - Pollinator trees
 - Consider these as a screen
 - Edible hedge
- Big trees to surround the park
- Drought tolerant plants that require less water. (Future water shortages)
 - Adaptive plants
 - Water conservation
- Rain gardens for lower park site to fix swampy fields. Re-work drainage to clean water and detain before releasing it to the storm drain. (expand rain gardens, consider L.I.D.)
- Biologically active, e.g. bee/bird habitat. Works with SPU needs (regarding chemical constraints on lid)
- Maintain wildlife, use native and non-native vegetation,
 - Uses include eating (edible shrubs)
- Use large trees around the perimeter (not on lid)
 - Use for climbing, tree houses
- Provide Trees
- Use Native plants
- Space for Flower gardens

Enhance and protect views

- Views from neighborhood
- Lookout sites
- Use views, natural amphitheater
- Preserve and enhance the vista on south side, especially for Fourth of July fireworks
- Take advantage of view corridors
 - Gathering spaces or benches to utilize view corridors
- Maintain viewing area for fireworks
- View/lookout tower (screen the water tower)
- Observation platforms for views, etc.
- Place for contemplation
 - View points?
 - Labyrinth
- Preserve view points
- Rest area/benches close to viewpoints
- Benches – especially to see vistas

Preserve community character

- Maple leaf/nature
- Incorporate historic elements into design
 - What did it look like in 1911?
- Incorporate maple leaves in art
- Maintain a neighborhood park
- Grand entrance off Roosevelt
 - Make a statement to create a sense of place at Roosevelt
 - Lively walk able edge along Roosevelt - accommodate commercial core
 - Consider incorporating art into entrance
- Park should be a destination for the neighborhood
- Create a strong sense of place- Maple Leaf and neighborhood identity
- Linking the two ends of the park
- “Maple Leaf” planting to view from above – pattern. Could use a Labyrinth (?), water feature (?) (can be located anywhere in the park)
- Create Quiet places around homes/view spaces
- Maintain privacy of residents adjacent to park
- Provide Non-light polluting lights (focus the light down)

- Night sky compliant
- Consider alternative energy sources
 - Solar power to run lights in the park?
- No field lights
- Use Solar power
- Consideration for lighting/ low impact lighting
- No lights for sports
- Better security lighting for night use
- Lighting – solar or other environmentally friendly technology
- Low-intensity lighting
- Awareness of light pollution
- Genesee Park is a positive example of effective lighting strategies
- Park would be well lit
- Preserve historic buildings
 - Restore
 - Remove fences

Access

- Increase safety
- No “creepy” or hidden spots
 - Access to emergency services and better police availability
- Need safe traffic crossings on Roosevelt
- Make sure that park users can get safely to the park
 - Example, if a skate park is included, can kids travel safely to park via skateboard
 - Bike/pedestrian safety
- Having access from 12th NE (open up the right-of-way) is important
 - safer access for kids
- Parking lot near main area
 - If there is a parking lot
- Prefer no parking lot
 - Concern about traffic on residential streets
- Minimize nooks and crannies for people to hide in – safety
- Entries - multiple points of access
- Security/sightlines/access
- Park needs to feel safe
 - Good lighting at night
 - No hiding spots

- Safe crossing into park
 - Make Roosevelt safe
- Make it inviting
 - With multiple access points
- Consideration of uses/ parking
- Design for 12th Avenue access
- Locate any new structures on the Roosevelt Way side of the Park.
- Maintain the access off of NE 88th Street
- Create crosswalk across 15th (east of the park)
- Ensure ample Metro bus stops close
- Create multiple entrances
- Good bike parking to support alternative transportation to the park
- More bike/bus access as a consideration to higher gas prices in the future
- Safe, walkable neighborhood park
- Parking lot would need natural swales, filtration for water runoff
- Parking off street (or not!), maybe disabled parking only? ***(Note: There was a group discussion about parking. This group was most in favor of not having off-street parking and minimizing the number of people who arrive by car.)***
- Parking
 - No desire for parking lot
 - Angled parking along south and east sides won't disrupt flow
 - Limit additional parking to limit attracting car prowls
- Provide parking on busy streets (not quiet streets)
 - Make it a walking park
- Small amount of parking really needs to be considered within the park or at the edges
 - Take a load off neighborhood parking needs for peak activity / sports use
- Park development impacting neighborhood/parking
- Create same level parking and vehicle use
- More vehicles = more opportunities for car prowling; limit additional parking
 - This should be a park that locals walk to more than a regional park that people drive to
- Create Basic parking (south side, diagonal)
- Create Even slope along 82nd/ art wall

General park amenities

- No turf where not needed
 - Use alternative groundcovers, not just grass

- Locked bike storage area
- Synthetic turf for winter use
- Surfacing for needs of park users (ie. Paved paths for bikes, crushed rock to deter other uses).
- Provide artificial turf on lid and change current sports fields into other park elements
- Create Varied seating - moveable furniture
- Sheltered space (so it usable during bad weather)
- Include covered seating, benches, picnic tables
- Provide Bike racks
- Recycling component
- Connection to the Cascades in materials and design
- Provide restrooms – north (south already has restrooms)
- Wi-Fi access
- Use “ying and yang” idea from previous design process, creating two sections of the park based on usage. The northern part would be quiet activities; the southern part would be louder activities
- Wind turbines (some think these would be ugly)
- Large covered area that’s well lit for winter use
- Memorial of some kind
- Garbage cans are important; already a litter problem
 - Make attractive; possible public art element
- New or improved restrooms
- Can the lid be reinforced to support more weight?
- Improve the existing fields
 - Consolidate fields or make them multi-purpose for better use of space
- Can pergola be moved to another location?
- Low maintenance hardscapes
- Utilize existing structures as aesthetic features
 - Don’t fence them off
- Well maintained/storage for maintenance
- Maintain existing features
- Maintain Proper Drainage
- Improve restroom (or replace)
- Ample trash and recycling pick up in the park is needed
- Durable materials should be used
- Permeable surfaces for vehicles and park surfaces
- Keep gate house

- Water tower
- Pathways with differing materials
- Create Accessible/functional bathrooms
- Keep existing restroom
- Use Creative fencing (no razor wire)
- Discontinue tiled art on fence
- Add dimensions to space over reservoir (using foam?)
- South end access building – decorate and improve

Appendix B – Comments by Group

Group 1

Report back items:

- Using the park to educate people about water resources, plants, farming and sustainability. For example: permaculture, pea patch, farming, habitat, water use, recycling/collecting rainfall for use in park, water knowledge, connection to reservoir, splash pad.
- Have different elevations and physical features; take advantage views into and from the park.
- Community gathering area. Could be gardening/farming, skate park (partially covered), off-leash dog park, block party area, amphitheater, picnic shelters. Emphasis on year-round use.
- Safety, call boxes, lighting (but path lighting, not sport field lighting).
- Walking/running trail. For example, walking areas, reflexology path, fitness uses, park course, surface you can run barefoot on, connection to nature.
- Kid-friendly, and for kids of many different ages.
- Community character, including art, reflecting "maple leaf" spirit.

Brainstorm:

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- Sustainability
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- Picnic area
- Quiet area
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- Rock climbing wall
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- Natural seating/gathering space
 - Integrated seating, not “furniture”
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- Space to walk through woods
- Group plants by climate area
 - Sun traps
 - Shady fungal area

Group 2

Report back items:

- Park should meet the needs of diverse users
 - all ages from kids to elderly
 - various activities; passive and active
 - shelter from the elements
- Multi-functional courts and fields that can be changed to accommodate a variety of uses
 - pickle ball
 - tennis
 - handball
 - athletic fields
- Should remain a neighborhood park
 - more accessible by foot than by car
 - minimize additional parking
- Emphasize natural and historic elements
 - large trees for shade and climbing
 - water
 - habitat
 - what did the park look like in 1911?

- Preserve and enhance the vistas on south side, especially for Fourth of July fireworks
- Skate park
- An off-leash dog park
 - fenced
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 - shouldn't occupy "prime real estate" in the park

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 - No desire for parking lot
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- Would like to see more large trees for
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 - shouldn't occupy "prime real estate" in the park
- Don't preclude future space for a community center/facility
 - preferably in the southwest corner where there are good viewpoints
 - include gathering space near Roosevelt for those with limited mobility
 - provide shelter from the elements; covered pavilion
- Include covered seating, benches, picnic tables
- One-walled handball court
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- Improve the existing fields
 - Consolidate fields or make them multi-purpose for better use of space
- Can pergola be moved to another location?
- Keep trees along fence line, but remove or replace existing chain link fence
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- More vehicles = more opportunities for car prowling; limit additional parking
 - This should be a park that locals walk to more than a regional park that people drive to
- Make sure that park users can get safely to the park
 - Example, if a skate park is included, can kids travel safely to park via skateboard
 - Bike/pedestrian safety
- Garbage cans are important; already a litter problem
 - Make attractive; possible public art element
- New or improved restrooms
- Northern part of park should be more natural to preserve residential vistas/privacy

Group 3

Report back items:

- Off-leash area for dogs
- Walkable, quiet nature area
- Perennial edible plants, fruits, nut trees
 - Permaculture design
 - Maintenance would not be an issue
 - Community could maintain edibles
- Take advantage of view corridors
 - Gathering spaces or benches to utilize view corridors
- Area for sports/active use

- Friendly for children and families

Categories encapsulated by all comments:

- Area for sports/active use
- Walkable, peaceful area
- Friendly for children and families
- Art and aesthetics, especially functional art
- Area for Dogs
- Earth-friendly

Brainstorm:

- Vibrant area
- Family oriented
- Active children
- Active adults
- Green space
- Off-leash area for dogs
- Walkable, quiet nature area
- Performance space/community space
- Larger children's play area
- No dog area
 - Concern for environmental degradation
- Parking lot near main area
 - If there is a parking lot
- Prefer no parking lot
 - Concern about traffic on residential streets
- Perennial edible plants, fruits, nut trees
 - Permaculture design
 - Maintenance would not be an issue
 - Community could maintain edibles
- Create a P-Patch
- Lacrosse field
- Low maintenance hardscapes
- Space for bike riding
- Pathways
- Provide sports courts
- Functional art
- Sports fields would require parking

- Create water feature
- Take advantage of view corridors
 - Gathering spaces or benches to utilize view corridors
- Dog park is screened
 - From odors and sight
- Perimeter path
- Utilize existing structures as aesthetic features
 - Don't fence them off
- Lighting – solar or other environmentally friendly technology
- Low-intensity lighting
- Awareness of light pollution
- Genessee Park is a positive example of effective lighting strategies
- Park should have something for everyone
- Peaceful
- Multigenerational
- Minimize nooks and crannies for people to hide in – safety
- Benches – especially to see vistas
- Picnic area
- Adult fitness opportunity
- Interactive water feature – “splash pad”
- Unique space for children
- Categories encapsulated by all comments:
 - Area for sports/active use
 - Walkable, peaceful area
 - Friendly for children and families
 - Art and aesthetics, especially functional art
 - Area for Dogs
 - Earth-friendly

Group 4

Report back items:

- Openness, natural planting, views, un-programmed space
- Variety of uses for all ages and backgrounds
 - Bicycle pump track (i.e. Colonnade Park)
 - Running, walking
 - Climbing/bouldering
 - Physical activity

- Walkable/bikable neighborhood park (safe)
 - Thoughtful access/edges/screening
- Restore/improve existing structures and features
- Programmed elements - amphitheater, pavilion, lounging area

Brainstorm:

- Tree patches (edible forests)
- New sidewalks
- Shelters/pavilions (picnics, etc.)
- Not a good place for farmer's market
- Life-size chess/maze (something whimsical to express neighborhood character)
- Unstructured open space
- Walkable destination
- Concern for O.L.A (safety)
- Maintain viewing area for fireworks
- Concerts/performance in the park
 - Amphitheater
 - Use with schools
- Cohesive park
- Skate park - how much? (don't dominate)
- Entries - multiple points of access
- Create Water elements
- Open to farmer's market
- Well maintained/storage for maintenance
- Usable openness/lawn
- Security/sightlines/access
- Off leash area (O.L.A.)
- No lights for sports
- Better security lighting for night use
- Open natural/habitat area
- View/lookout tower (screen the water tower)
- Maintain existing features
- Newer play area for many ages
 - Environmental play
 - Not near O.L.A
- Water/sensory elements
- Synthetic turf for winter use

- Balance of activity types
- Bicycle pump track (i.e. Collinade Park under I-5)
- Maintain Proper Drainage
- Preserve historic buildings
 - Restore
 - Remove fences
- Improve restroom (or replace)
- Provide parking on busy streets (not quiet streets)
 - Make it a walking park
- Maintain a neighborhood park
- Include Children’s garden/P-patch/food productivity
- Well connected/seamless (paths)
 - Cross-park connections
- Something for everyone (all ages, backgrounds, etc.)
 - Physical activities
- Design a Running/walking loop
- Provide Smaller skate park (skateboard” elements”)
- Location for Roller skating (building on popularity of roller derby)
- Area for Climbing/bouldering
- Provide Bike racks
- More natural/native planting
- Observation platforms for views, etc.
- Thoughtful edge treatments/screening
- Recycling component

Group 5

Report back items:

- Multigenerational
 - Space for all – teens, gathering
- Off leash dog park (with hose off area)
 - Grass and trees
- Thriving p-patch and sustainable food
 - Keep natural area dominant
- Combination sports field, balance of use, year round
 - Lacrosse
 - Ultimate
 - Soccer

- Active/passive
- Consider alternative uses
- Sense of place - Maple Leaf and neighborhood identity
- Neighborhood park

Brainstorm:

- Tot lot – separate play area for younger kids
- Park needs to feel safe
 - Good lighting at night
 - No hiding spots
- Safe crossing into park
 - Make Roosevelt safe
- More bike/bus access as a consideration to higher gas prices in the future
- Consider a farmer’s market as we may be buying locally due to higher fuel prices
- Good bike parking to support alternative transportation to the park
- Grand entrance off Roosevelt
 - Make a statement to create a sense of place at Roosevelt
 - Lively walk able edge along Roosevelt - accommodate commercial core
 - Consider incorporating art into entrance
- Design for senior outdoor enjoyment – activities for older generations
- Surfacing for needs of park users (ie. Paved paths for bikes, crushed rock to deter other uses).
- Create a combination sports field that balances the use. Make it year round;
 - Lacrosse
 - Ultimate
 - Soccer
 - Active/passive
 - Consider alternative uses
- Park should be a destination for the neighborhood
- Durable materials should be used
- Amphitheater built in hillside between upper and lower portion of the park.
 - Make it a fun place for kids to play
 - Sculptural element
 - Incorporate artist?
- Small amount of parking really needs to be considered within the park or at the edges
 - Take a load off neighborhood parking needs for peak activity / sports use
- Create a strong sense of place- Maple Leaf and neighborhood identity
- Interactive water feature (examples given for Portland, Olympia and Cal Anderson)

- Perimeter pathway that loops around the park
 - Kids learn to ride a bike
 - Year round use- (Create a pathway system like Green Lake)
- Provide artificial turf on lid and change current sports fields into other park elements
- Room for a Skate park
- Area for an Off leash dog park
 - Provide a hose off area
 - No swamp - grasses and green vegetation
- Thriving p-patch
 - Keep natural area on the slope dominant
 - Sustainable food/preserve natural area and habitat/fix drainage
- Provide fruit bearing trees and shrubs
- Insectaries/birds and insects
 - Pollinator trees
 - Consider these as a screen
 - Edible hedge
- Comfortable gathering space for groups or individuals
 - Un-programmed space
 - Community gathering with teens
 - A place to read a book
- Linking the two ends of the park
- Big trees to surround the park
- Place for contemplation
 - View points?
 - Labyrinth
- Provide Tennis courts
- Create Varied seating - moveable furniture
- Rain gardens for lower park site to fix swampy fields. Re-work drainage to clean water and detain before releasing it to the storm drain. (expand rain gardens, consider L.I.D.)
- Permeable surfaces for vehicles and park surfaces
- Drought tolerant plants that require less water. (Future water shortages)
 - Adaptive plants
 - Water conservation
- Provide Non-light polluting lights (focus the light down)
 - Night sky compliant
- Consider alternative energy sources
 - Solar power to run lights in the park?

- Create destinations for teens (youth)
 - Consider the needs of this age group
 - See and be seen
 - Safe place for kids
- Multigenerational, space for all
 - See how it all overlaps and fits for all users
 - Create a matrix to show how all generations are accommodated
- Provide Climbing rock – good for multi-generational
- Ample trash and recycling pick up in the park is needed
- Slope / berm between the upper and lower portions of the site
 - Natural area with natives and habitat should be preserved
 - Provides separation between park uses
- Simple elegant design with open space that incorporates all uses
- Contemplative area for adults
 - Active/passive zones with separation
- Combination sports field
 - Durable for year round use
 - Find the balance between neighborhood park and destination sports park
 - A good balance of park uses (active and passive) along with sports
 - Lacrosse, Ultimate Frisbee, soccer need to be accommodated
 - Consider existing user groups that use the fields (little league)

Group 6

Report back items:

- Mixed-use and multi-purpose, flexible use space
- Inviting, restful, green and natural
- Diverse users and accessible
- Community hub
- Interactive and educational

Brainstorm:

- Design so it is used! Compliment other parks, multi-use – don't design so it has to compete with other nearby parks
- Make it inviting
 - With multiple access points
- Athletic uses, variety, e.g. grass, hard courts, tennis, pickle ball
- Sheltered space (so it usable during bad weather)

- Space for dogs
- Walking use around perimeter of park
- Rollercoaster! [suggestion from child]
- Community uses
 - Pea patch or garden
- Skate facilities and space for teens
- How do some parks end up all one use, e.g. soccer? Does Parks have a “hidden agenda” for what they want the park to be? Is it already decided?
- Accessible for all ages, fitness levels, ADA
- Biologically active, e.g. bee/bird habitat. Works with SPU needs (regarding chemical constraints on lid)
- Maintain wildlife, use native and non-native vegetation,
 - Uses include eating (edible shrubs)
- Use large trees around the perimeter (not on lid)
 - Use for climbing, tree houses
- Educational feature on natural environment
 - Interpretative features
 - Reference water sources and sheds
- Make it sustainable, plan ahead, environmentally-friendly

Group 7

Report back items:

- Use low impact lighting
- Flagship sustainable with educational urban agriculture, rainwater harvesting
- 12th Avenue entrance with walking and bike paths throughout park entrances
- Active recreation/ball fields and passive areas
- Provide off-leash area
- Provide performance area

Brainstorm:

- Provide Diversity of uses
- Create area for athletic fields
- Pushing boundaries of sustainable uses i.e. harmony, balance
- Create Permaculture labyrinth
- Provide Pea patch
- Integrated urban agriculture
- Create Off leash area

- Design for diversity of ages
- Biking/ walking trails connecting through
- Create multiple entrances
- Design for 12th Avenue access
- Preserve view points
- Provide a Dog run
- Environmental education/engagement/native planting/edibles/tangibly rewarding for children/water play
- Area for a Performance space/ gathering
- Provide 90' ball fields
- No field lights
- Consideration of uses/ parking
- Space for:
 - Basketball/tennis
 - Pickle ball
 - Climbing wall
- Provide Trees
- Create Even slope along 82nd/ art wall
- Use Solar power
- Consideration for lighting/ low impact lighting
- Create Accessible/functional bathrooms
- Journey paths/experience
- Pathways with differing materials
- Innovative use of rain water/ harvesting
- Create an Art center
- Passive activity area
- Allow Open area
- Area for Chess
- Keep gate house
- Water tower
- Park development impacting neighborhood/parking

Group 8

Report back items:

- Provide Maple Leaf Labyrinth. “Wind, wings and water.” Natural space, native plants, water feature, birds, walking path
 - Perimeter walk, bike trails with access N/S

- Same level lighting (no evening lighting) / privacy, quiet.
- Area for medium dog park “out of view – in the trees”
 - Visual connection upper/lower park
- Create combined active areas – south end for all ages

Brainstorm:

- Safe, walkable neighborhood park
- North/South connection for non-motorized
- Design a Labyrinth
- Use Native plants
- Create Passive/quiet activities on north end of the park
- Add dimensions to space over reservoir (using foam?)
- Area for Pickle-ball court
- Create Basic parking (south side, diagonal)
- Area for Multi-sport ballfields – south region (use existing) and upgrade
- Ensure ample Metro bus stops close
- Create same level parking and vehicle use
- Moving art a central location in the park “Wind, wings and water”
- South end access building – decorate and improve
- Provide space for a Community stage (plays, etc.)
- Rest area/benches close to viewpoints
- Walking path through park (organic, not straight)
- Maintain privacy of residents adjacent to park
- “Maple Leaf” planting to view from above – pattern. Could use a Labyrinth (?), water feature (?) (can be located anywhere in the park)
- Provide P-patch – out of view from neighbors
- Space for Flower gardens
- Add Monkey bars
- Use Creative fencing (no razor wire)
- Discontinue tiled art on fence
- Provide Kite flying/picnic areas
- Provide use for teens – skate park (near 82nd/Roosevelt)
- Bike and pedestrian-oriented planning
- Keep existing restroom
- Create Quiet places around homes/view spaces
- Locate any new structures on the Roosevelt Way side of the Park.
- Maintain the access off of NE 88th Street

- Create crosswalk across 15th (east of the park)

Appendix C – Comment Forms

Comment #1:

Good meeting – one small suggestion on managing the meeting – (think of it as the gift of feedback)

I am not a “guy”

Could you come up with another way to address the group?

Suggestions: Folks, Neighbors, Ladies and gentlemen?

Thanks,

Good job tonight

Comment #2:

- Natural areas with p-patch, edible plants, trees, water features, habitats for birds, bees, butterflies, etc.
- Multigenerational
- Neighborhood park, not a destination park, no more parking, lights, soccer fields
- Off leash dog area in low-impact way
- Mix of active/passive areas. Space for contemplation

Comment #3:

Please consider a skate park! I know hundreds of children in the neighborhood who would use it!

Comment #4:

- Consider multiple ages – playgrounds for kids, activities for older kids and adults (climbing wall, p-patch, pump track) and skate park
- Neighborhood is very pedestrian – Let’s keep it that way. i.e., don’t add a parking lot. Encourage walking and biking and keeping flow (cars) minimum. Increase bike racks
- Use natural/native plants/fruit trees
- Dog park – already naturally used for this - make legal. Perhaps “fenced” larger area? Keep away from kids play area.
- Prefer to see this as a NEIGHBORHOOD park, not a destination park (like Greenlake)

Comment #5:

- Dog park (fenced)
- Pump Track
- Open space for performance/picnic/amphitheater
- Bike racks

Comment #6:

Seattle is desperate for sports fields, particularly lacrosse. While a new women’s/men’s lacrosse fields were put in at lower woodland, they did not schedule the local high school team on it.

Instead they placed schools from central Seattle. Therefore our local high school is now scheduled on 3 different fields for practices and games! The game of lacrosse is growing so fast in the Northwest, but we are sorely limited in fields

Currently in North Seattle, we have 4 boys youth teams, 2 youth girls teams, and high school. The sport does not draw a ton of spectators to neighborhood parking would not be any worse than a baseball game.

No one mentioned if this is all grass or if turf is being considered. For lacrosse, turf would be preferable, as it would not need mowing or lines painted every two weeks. Not to mention that the cleats can wreak havoc on a continuously wet field in early spring. But, if turf is not an option, we can live with grass. But we need fields to play on and we need the Parks Department to actually schedule local teams on local fields and not give those fields to teams/schools from other parts of the city who already have turf fields to play on which are closer to them geographically!

Comment #7:

Don't forget a small area for DOGS.

Comment #8:

It may not be best to group all "youth areas" together. Younger children's equipment may be better situated near adult areas that the caregiver would enjoy. The ball parks might actually pose a threat of injury if too close to young children play areas.

Comment #9:

Great place for an astronomical sculpture

- Sundial or gromon

Cf. sundial on Olympic View South wall.

Comment #10:

Keep the area as OPEN SPACE. As population increases, areas to "be outside" will be needed, without limitations/dedicated uses. No ball fields, tennis courts, etc. That limits users to certain activities. NO off leash dog area!! They require too much space and discourage use by people who do not enjoy dogs.

Comment #11:

Centered at Maple Leaf, RUG Little League has offered youth baseball and softball programs for about 350 local youth per season for nearly 50 years. RUG is a non profit, all inclusive sports league serving all children interested in playing. RUG is managed by an all volunteer board of directors and coaches. Costs are low and waived upon request in order to encourage participation. The league website is www.rugll.org. TUG has their Jamboree at maple Leaf at the beginning of the season and plays the majority of their games at Maple Leaf.

RUG offers team play for youth from ages 5 through 18. Currently RUG cannot host play for youth ages 13 through 18 at Maple Leaf because it lacks a 90 foot field. RUG actually doesn't have a 90 foot field in our little league boundary area. Having a 90 foot field along with the

two existing 60 foot fields would be a great benefit to RUG, the your it serves and their families.

Fields around town are usually overbooked with different leagues including adult leagues from March to mid July. Our players are always excited to play and practice because of the spring time energy of children and we try to provide them with as much time as we can manage outdoors on the fields. We often have siblings in the league on different teams and age groups. With a 90 foot field at Maple Leaf, families can be at the same location for games of their different aged children.

As well as providing team and tournament play, RUG provides equipment, uniforms and pays for its field use, last year over 10,000 dollars was paid to the City of Seattle for fields use fees. All the money comes from donations or from families that participate in the league.

The breakdown of our league's team is below:

RUG's 5 through 8 year old players practice and play at both Northgate Elementary and Maple Leaf. RUG had 12 teams in this age group, about 150 players.

RUG's 9/10-year old Minors team practice and play their regular season games on the west field at Maple Leaf, as well as at the Ravenna field. In 2008, Minors had 82 players and 7 teams. The 11/12-year old Majors players practice and play games on the east field at Maple Leaf. In 2008, RUG had Majors 45 players and 4 teams. In 2007, there were 5 teams.

The 5 Minors and Majors girls softball teams practice and play on both the east and west fields at maple leaf. Softball had 54 girls playing.

In 2008 15 teams shared the 2 maple leaf fields. We try to slot 2 practices or games a week for each team. The scheduling for the RUG league is handled by our scheduling volunteer Dan Wood.

Our season ending tournaments are held on these Maple Leaf fields as well as hosting inter-league play in the early summer for both baseball and softball. One hundred and thirty boys and 50 girls are served by these Maple Leaf fields. We also share them with the Roosevelt high softball team at times.

Comment #12:

I think it is vital to establish a North-South non-motorized transportation connection as the current bike/pedestrian routes (5th, Roosevelt, 15th) are heavy traffic, non-friendly. Connecting 12th through the park would allow bikes and peds to use that quiet street nearly all the way through Maple Leaf.

This also encourages people to get to the park with-out driving.

Also, many comments pertained to "keeping it a neighborhood park" implying not encouraging other people from "elsewhere" to come. I think this is unrealistic. If it is a beautiful space, people will come and we should accommodate them, it is their park as well. We need to be smart regarding parking and traffic, but welcoming.

Comment #13:

I think maple Leaf Park would benefit from an off leash dog park. There are a lot of dogs in maple leaf and a place where dog owners can get together is community building. It is easier on the environment to be able to walk to an off leash area than have to drive to one. Dog owners generally will help with maintenance and cleanup.

Comment #14:

Focus on “everyday” events, less on BIG events, except when fireworks are included:

Active community use: all ages

Natural plantings to buffer edges w/ native plantings

Observation “platforms” to take advantage of great views.

Food productivity in terms of both p-patch along north side of site “tree-patch” along west side of site

Improved ball parks

Additional parking especially near children’s play and ball fields

New sidewalks further removed from Roosevelt Ave

Picnic shelters for all seasons events

Restrooms

Bike racks – lots of them to encourage ridership and bus line linkages

Not a good site for a farmers’ market

Life size chess board

“tree-patch” is a concept planned by members of sustainable NE Seattle to create edible forest gardens. This will require creating an administration function similar to the p-patch program in insure maintenance. This is a program that we want to create, if not here, somewhere in Seattle as a pilot project.

Comment #15:

Common areas are a great place for perennial edibles

- Food as a reason to come to the park
- Public food brings people together, brings kids to the park for a snack along with sports/playing
- Well designed perennial edible plantings require little maintenance once established – functioning ecosystems
- Important that permaculture designers be involved in low maintenance
- Well designed permaculture edible plantings are beautiful among their functions

Can be part of

- Walkable, natural area; paths; vibrant
- Child and adult interest; multi-generational
- Food eaten along with sports playing
- Berry hedge can be used for screening
- Peaceful, beautiful
- Picnics

Comment #16:

What I would like to see in our new park –

To be green/environment friendly

To blend in with the natural setting

To be walker friendly – i.e. a walking path around the perimeter

To have viewpoints with benches and/or picnic tables to put to full advantage the gorgeous views of the cascades and the east and for sunrise viewing

A pleasant, inviting space for our community and visitors to gather

These are my ideas. I take frequent walks in the neighborhood so this issue is especially meaningful to me.

Thank you for your consideration.

Comment #17: Anonymous

- Would like a north/south path. It's good to have/build pieces within the park to use in the park but I would also like to have the park be something that people can go through as they use the whole community.
- Build things that actually bring the community together rather than just individually focused aspects. Example: community stage
SPORTS FIELDS AND DOG PARKS=EXTRA TRAFFIC

Comment #18:

Sports fields, soccer, lacrosse, tennis courts

Open grass area/sports Frisbee, volleyball, pickle ball, basket ball, 90' baseball diamond RUG LL.

Connection from 12th

Walk/run path – meandering

Lights – low impact

Nature

Performance space

Water feature for kids

Bathroom

Comment #19:

1. Community Park. Foot vs. car
 - a. More accessible by foot not car
 - b. No parking lots when it's already quiet
2. Natural areas w/art and water features
3. Multi-function sport areas and courts
 - a. Skate park/handball court
4. Keep and expand vistas areas
 - a. Viewing
 - i. Fireworks
 - ii. The city
 - iii. Mt. Rainier
5. Limit parking
 - a. Large parking area brings more strangers
 - i. More crime
 - ii. More pollution – oil leaks and exhaust fumes
 - iii. More accidents – people who speed distracted
 - iv. Make it a “destination park” and not a community park

Comment #20:

A neighborhood needs to be a glen of quiet in a busy world. Let the organized ball teams go elsewhere – no huge lights, etc.

We need a natural refuge for kids and adults.

Comment #21:

No parking lot on 14th and 82nd corner. Both streets are quieter, slower residential streets – better access closer to retail zone off Roosevelt and 85th, better able to handle traffic.

Splash pad, basketball court, play area, picnic tables w/view, walking path, sledding hill, urban art.

Comment #22:

Thanks for the great meeting!

Hey city of Seattle! It's the year of urban agriculture. Let's make this a model of what Seattle can offer. Urban agriculture goes way beyond p-patches (although they are excellent). Urban agriculture can be integrated with ALL the other uses I heard tonight. Snack fruits growing near the ball fields, low maintenance nut trees for shade, fruit trees shading the dog park. Innovative use of rain/stormwater to minimize irrigation needs. There are people in Seattle that would love to participate in maintenance. Let's show the world what Seattle can do to increase local food resilience, and urban ag!!

Feel free to contact me with questions.

Comment #23:

- Crushed rock running track
- State of the art lighting to minimize light trespass and light pollution.

Comment #24:

1. A community park with an “under current” having principle/design elements promoting water awareness, recycling and education
2. A park which is safe and promotes community.
3. NO scheduled ball fields!
4. Elements expressing the maple leaf identity – literally and figuratively

Comment #25:

- A natural self sustaining refuge as a neighborhood use space (discourage cars) with covered area (rain!)
- Paths for walking, jogging, etc.
- Dog off leash area

Comment #26:

What I'm supporting:

- Edible perennials of all shapes and sizes

Who I am:

- Student at UW

- Member Seattle perma guild
- Member UW farm
- Prospective resident of area

Characteristics:

- Low maintenance
- Contained
- Area appropriate
- Not distracting
- Possible utility of plants
 - o i.e. berry hedges inside of fence
- Workable around any kind of community plan

The Duh factors:

- People get fed
- People learn – possible community projects
- One GIANT leap towards sustainability
- People get fed
- One more thing to do 😊
- “grab an apple at halftime”
- And many more thousands of awesome things that you will hear about in talks with these guys...Seattle Perm Guild and UW

How to get it done:

- Seattle has so much in terms of knowledge around urban ag. And in keeping with 2010 being “Seattle’s year of Farming” it would just make sense to get local groups to do the little work needed in designing and implementing edibles. Reaching out to groups like;
 - o Seattle perm guild
 - o UW
 - o Local school programs
 - o State ag institutions (i.e. apples)
- There are just so many people in this community that would jump at the chance to design and maintain edibles.

Comment #27:

Who I am: Student of permaculture, neighborhood garden, artist, and cyclist.

I support: less parking, more nature, intensive urban farming and rainwater harvesting. Edible perennials all over garden community permaculture/edible garden habitat for pollinator species. Guilding/companion planting

Turf alternatives/map where high use turf is required, lesser used areas should use grass/ground cover alternatives for less maintenance and water.

Sun traps/heat sinks for sun-loving plants and mushroom farm education areas in shady zones.

Cob benches you can climb

Native/edible native education

Reflexology path and obstacles, community gathering, fitness

Officially City of Seattle says 2010 is year of Urban Farming! This park should reflect that!

Work with UW farm, Seattle Fruit tree society, Seattle permaculture guild and scallops.

Berry hedges instead of fences, connection collaborative spaces for fruit gleaning and guilding/permaculture workshops

Comment #28:

No pea-patch or anything ugly or loud along the north side of the reservoir. The residents on 88th St. would like to maintain a similar level of quietness and views.

Comment #29:

Suggestions for Maple Leaf Park- St. must provide off-street parking; we neighbors cannot deal with more invasions of our side streets.

An area to present entertainment (a bowl shaped area and room for performances)

Restrooms in the new area

Some way to enjoy the view of the city i.e. a structure to sit in to enjoy the view areas

Walking paths for exercise

A garden

Comment #30:

Retaining wall on 82nd

Upgrade existing baseball

Bathrooms

Comment #31:

I am glad to have more opportunities for input – thank you! This meeting showed that the community has a lot of agreement on many park elements such as:

- Safety lighting but overall low nighttime light levels
- Activities for all ages
- A balance of active and passive space
- No parking or limited parking which is sited on busy street (Roosevelt) rather than the quieter streets
- An off leash area
- A walkable neighborhood park rather than a city – wide destination

Please consider this community input carefully in coming to a final design

Comment #32:

Incorporate the existing pergola into public art at the park.

