



WASHINGTON PARK – PACIFIC CONNECTIONS PUBLIC MEETING #1

- I. DONALD HARRIS, Seattle Parks and Rec., Property & Acquisition Services Mgr.
 - a. Washington Park Arboretum Master Plan Implementation Vision of Arboretum Master Plan as it relates to Pacific Connections Project
 - b. Partnership of University of Washington and Seattle Parks in facility's operation.
 - c. Public Information Process.

- II. DR. DAVID J. MABBERLEY, Director, University of Washington Botanic Gardens, College of Forest Resources
 - d. Arboretum Mission
 - e. Vision of Arboretum Master Plan as it relates to Pacific Connections Project
 - f. Pacific Connections Garden Project

- III. ANDY SHEFFER, Seattle Parks and Rec., Project Manager of Pacific Connections Project
 - g. Scope
 - h. Schedule
 - i. Budget

- IV. PAIGE MILLER, Executive Director, Arboretum Foundation
 - j. Foundations Mission
 - k. Funding for Pacific Connections Project
 - l. Next Steps

Visit: http://www.arboretumfoundation.org/whats_new/whats_new.cfm

VI: Verbal Comments:

1. Mark all tree removals immediately
Trees for removal shall be marked immediately with painted dot, sandwich boards in areas of removals will call attention to areas with more detailed information
2. Carefully thought-out process (tree removal)
3. What will it feel like without the existing trees in the project area
Tree removals will be kept to a minimum and disturbed areas will be immediately replanted
4. Happy with holly move
5. Seattle Urban Stakeholders
Revisit Master Plan

6. Story of Dawn Redwood
7. Don't remove Arboretum Drive parking
8. Snags? Preserve and use them.
Yes, down trees will be re-used as wood on the forest floor, snags, or milled into lumber
9. Has Seattle Audubon been notified of tree removal?
Not directly
10. Pioneer Tree Removal
Cut and cover at Madison
Tunnel under Madison

VI. WRITTEN COMMENTS:

1. Oppose a six-lane SR-520 ! Keep it to four lanes and discourage cut-through traffic on Lake Washington Blvd.
2. No Pacific Interchange! Yes to Pacific Connection. Mary Ann Odegaard
3. Great Work ! Thank you!
4. Oppose Phase 1
5. What is the status of a bicycle trail along Lake Washington Blvd? Increased traffic means increased danger of injury or fatality to bikers.
6. Take a more proactive stand to deal with drugs, alcohol and sex in the park and surrounding neighborhood. Have park rangers walk the trails.

Washington Park Arboretum/ University of Washington Botanic Gardens - Mission Statement: *The Washington Park Arboretum is a living plant museum emphasizing trees and shrubs hardy in the maritime Pacific Northwest. Collections are selected and arranged to display their beauty and function in urban landscapes, to demonstrate their natural ecology and diversity, and to conserve important species and cultivated varieties for the future. The Arboretum serves the public, students at all levels, naturalists, gardeners, and nursery and landscape professionals with its collections, educational programs, interpretation, and recreational opportunities.*

Pacific Connections Project - Facts and Questions:

1.) What is the scope of the current phase of the Pacific Connections Project?

The first phase of the project is the creation of five eco-geographic exhibits of plants from Pacific Rim countries around a central meadow. The meadow will have a 300 sq.ft. open air shelter demonstrating sustainable building principals. The structure will be constructed using locally harvested materials from the arboretum. The salvaged timber columns will be carved by local artists and volunteers as an educational series. The structure will have a green roof to demonstrate water runoff mitigation and thermal comfort. Interpretive signage in the shelter will explain sustainability and conservation and the culture, climate, and geography of the gardens. An ADA accessible trail will be constructed from the meadow and loop through the future Cascadia Garden. A number of holly

trees currently residing in this area will be transplanted to another site to be developed into the holly collection.

2.) What are the Future phases of the Pacific Connections Project?

Future phases include expansion of the horticultural exhibits to create forest groves from the same five countries, covering 12 acres and including walking trails. The garden will be installed over a number of years, adding hundreds of new plants designed to fit around existing trees to the extent possible.

3.) Why was the project name changed?

The project was formerly called the South Entry/ Madrona Terrace project. The new name reflects the focus on plants from Pacific Rim countries.

4.) What is the extent of the project?

The current phase of the Pacific Connections project area is about 2.4 acres. In addition to this area, 26 existing Holly trees are going to be moved to a 3 acre site bounded by the western side of Lake Washington Boulevard, East Interlaken Boulevard, and Boyer Ave. East.

5.) How is the project going to effect existing trees?

26 Holly trees will be moved to the other site and about 146 trees will be removed as part of the current phase. A large number of these trees are big leaf maples that have a relatively short lifespan and many that are at the end of their life spans, others are native or cultivated species that are in poor health.

6.) How are the removed trees going to be replaced?

The removed trees would be replaced by a broad palette of plantings including trees, shrubs and ground cover that will create a balance of trees and associated canopy, open areas for light and circulation, under story and ground covers necessary to create optimal habitat, and public educational opportunities.

7.) What is the timeline for this phase of the project?

The first phase of the Pacific Connections Project will occur from October 2007 through March 2008.