



GREEN LAKE PLAZA & SHADE GARDEN PROJECT Workshop #2 Public Process Overview

History of the Project

- Genesis of the project:
 - The Green Lake 20-20 Neighborhood Plan contained recommendation to “Build a pedestrian gathering place or plaza in the Residential Urban Village. It should serve as a focal point and gathering area for the urban village and a connection to the Lake.” And “Create passive recreational areas, gathering areas, a shade garden and seating around the community center.”
 - In November 2000, Seattle voters approved a \$198.2 million levy lid lift for Parks, including \$441,600 for the Green Lake Plaza and Shade Garden project
 - Project Web Site <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/proparks/projects/JunctionPlazaDev.htm>
- Elements open/not open to public comment, and why:
 - Projects are governed by the City’s Land Use Code. As a City agency, Parks is required to follow the Code.
 - Parks has many policies, design standards and technical specifications for construction that are in place to ensure safety and durability.
- Public process conducted on the project to date:
 - Significant community outreach contributed to the development and review of Green Lake 2020. City Council held public hearing on the plan prior to recognizing it through resolution.
 - Parks held the first public meeting in October. The landscape architects reviewed opportunities and several concepts for achieving the Levy goals. Notes from that meeting are posted on the project web.
- Who Parks notified about the meeting and the sources of the list:
 - Parks sent meeting notification to carrier routes within ¼ mile from the site.
 - Parks notified the Green Lake Community Council of this meeting.
 - Park posted a notice at the site.
 - Parks sent notices to people who signed up at the previous meeting.
 - Parks sent a press release to Seattle Time and Post Intelligencer and other city newspapers.
 - Meetings are posted on the Project Web site.
- Milestone and decisions made to date, if any:
 - Parks held the first public meeting in October. The landscape architects discussed opportunities several concepts for where and how improvements could be made to achieve the Levy goals. Notes from that meeting are posted on the project web.
 - Parks ProView review committee reviewed the options presented at this meeting.

Explanation of how decisions are made.

- How Parks uses input from the public
 - Public input will be used to define the general design of the park.
- What impact that input has on a project
 - Public input will be used to define the general design of the park.
- How “majority” opinions will figure in decisions:
 - If a majority of meeting attendees indicates a preference, this may be used to define or confirm the design direction, subject to the following reviews.
 - In instances where a “majority” opinion conflicts with previous “majority” opinions, the conflict will be considered by Parks internal review committees that may include ProView, ProView Tech or Project Steering.
 - In all cases, opinions are advisory to the Parks decision making process that includes internal technical review (ProView and ProView Tech) where Park policies, procedures and standards are considered.
 - The Parks Superintendent has the final decision on this project.

Factors that may have an impact on the outcome, including:

- Safety Issues – Safety issues are considered by the consultant, project manager and Parks technical review committees during design.
- Mayoral priorities – None known
- City Council Actions – City Council approved the Opportunity Fund Grant. No further Council action is known at this time.
- Voter approval – Not Applicable
- An existing adopted plan – The Green Lake 2020 was endorsed by City Council. There is a Vegetation Management Plan for trees in Green Lake. The initial design for Green Lake Park was created by the Olmsted Brothers firm.
- Budget limitations – All costs for design, construction and project management must be paid from the \$441,600 project funds. Decisions on the scope of the project, and materials may be limited by the budget.
- Regional need – Not Applicable

Budget source, and amount, impact on project scope

- In 2000, Seattle voters approved a \$198.2 million levy lid lift for Parks and Recreation, including \$441,600 for this project.

Timelines: upcoming steps in the process, points at which Parks will invite comment

- There will be a third and final public meeting to guide final design. This meeting is expected to occur after the first of the year.

After the public involvement process is over, Parks will make a decision and proceed to implement it.