

community meeting

workshop one

Wedgwood Landbank Site

Location: Thorton Creek Elementary
02.25.2019

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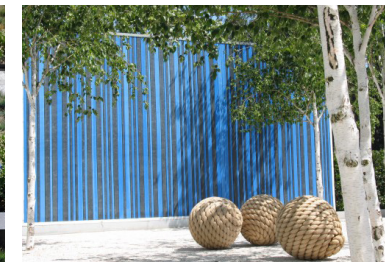
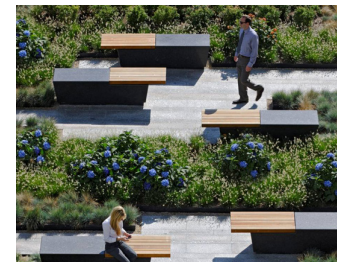
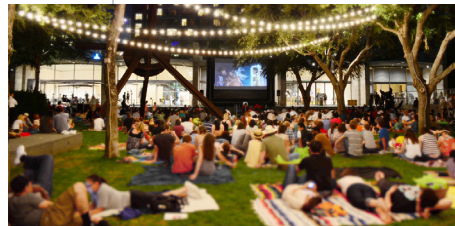
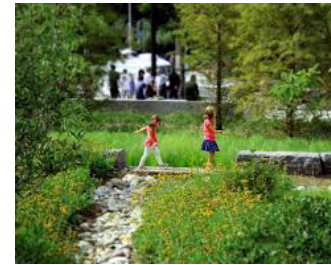
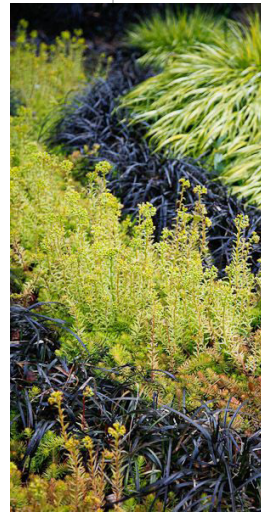
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Image scores ranged from 12 to 62. Priority range as follows:

low priority	12-29
medium priority	30-44
high priority	45-62

High priority images were:



(a) garden + nature

- People here love birds! So bird habitat is important. There are also avid gardeners and will want to participate / adopt the space (I think).
- Ground plants, flowers, waters, places for natural spaces and pollinators! Wild, indigenous plants would be a preference!
- Nature more important than urban.
- I am fond of hummingbirds.
- A water feature would be great, so relaxing. Plants and trees – yes!
- This space is very small for a city park. Whatever garden or nature features it has should be scaled small as well so they don't interfere with the main goal of giving parents or caregivers a place to take children or those in their care for play or respite.
- Image k: add berms to create a margin feeling to this small space. Image d: natural looking plantings that look good in all seasons. Not pictured but important – a statement tree that will be more impressive as it ages (i.e. beech, catalpa, sequoia, etc)
- Some vegetation is nice but it is a small space and needs to accommodate other uses.
- A space to sit and take in the ozone (so it would be nice to generate some!)
- More important – sitting in nature. Less important – using too much of the space for planting and not enough for interactions.
- Water – absolutely no. Don't want kids to get wet. Nature and plants – good to have, keeps the space a nice feel.
- This is my favorite – garden and nature. Very needed in this cemented / automobile area.
- Like organic play area with eating areas. No dog park.
- Love the greenery and garden space in the midst of businesses. Many gardeners in the neighborhood. Low maintenance greenery preferred since it would otherwise need upkeep to prevent overgrowth. Pollinators are great but too many in small park space is not great for kids and families to gather / play.
- Planting space and a walkable garden are ideal, for different reasons.
- Where are the trees? Big trees, not small Japanese Maples. Focus on minimal pavement, more trees, understory, natural areas. Images j and g are too built up. Image l is too much lavender as a person with severe bee allergies, I couldn't visit when in bloom.
- Image f shows active-natural places. This fits with our neighborhood. Image k shows trees. I'd like to see stormwater treatment along 35th to buffer the traffic.
- I think the combination of industrial materials (glass, wood, concrete) juxtaposed with low maintenance greenery is nice.
- Any garden and nature elements should invite engagement in the space.
- Low maintenance. Hardscapes preferred. No pea-patch.
- Creating habitat for birds or other animals will enhance the neighborhood. Garden design creates a beautiful and restful place to walk through or spend time.
- Birds and plants – yes. Color foliage – yes. Note: I want you to know that tall evergreen trees are the image of Wedgwood, very important. Thanks.

(b) community + activation

- The space should be programmed for communal activities.
- Installation that includes children's work (i.e. tiles, mobile hangings, etc)
- Would love to see a bocce ball court! Or better yet, pickle ball court (Mapleleaf Park).
- Place to sit and relax in is important. Maybe (?) stand and gathering place.
- Our neighborhood does not have any music or movie venues so using the park as an entertainment space is appealing. Also, we have a limited selection of restaurants so a food truck could bring some welcome variety to our options.
- I like the idea of shared use and summer ideas. Look nice but this is Seattle, should be rain friendly.
- I value game and play space and meeting space over farmer's markets or commercial vendors.
- I love the idea of activities that draw the community to the space – particularly the markets and food trucks. Yay for a petangue piste!

- Activation would be wonderful. I don't see big events – probably awesome small things. My favorite images are food trucks (desperate for restaurants), games and small sitting areas.
- I like having activities that are flexible or changing especially in a small space. Not permanent games (like a chess board) that get old and if you aren't into it, then the park has nothing for you.
- Images g and f, love scrabble! I've seen a lot of outdoor chess games in my day. Never an outdoor word game. Images k and l, walkable, concert and movie venue would be awesome.
- A meeting space w/ greenery, local activities, multifunctional.
- Less interested in removable objects (i.e. Scrabble letters, bocce balls) which are likely to be pilfered. Love the open use space for gatherings. Already a farm stand down at Hunter Farms near post office.
- Toilet please, if necessary a honey bucket. Such a small space, keep veg farmer's market at Hunters site for parking. Only music should be spontaneous playing. Such a small space. Summer food truck could be fun.
- Yes farmers market and a stage for music and movies. Yes picnic tables for people to sit outside, workers to eat lunch, etc.
- Most of the activities are geared towards adults. While they are great, you should think about striking a balance. Image h seemed like the most fun activity for adults.
- I think food, coffee and games lend themselves to community and inclusion.
- Not keen on commercial vendors, but 1x/week farmers market would be nice.
- I like the open areas for gatherings but not necessarily grass.
- Given the small size of this space, no one activity should have too big of a footprint.
- I just prefer a nature-oriented park to relax and maybe eat lunch. A food cart would be okay, except the food can be poor.
- Something for people to do, create gathering place not just for kids but for everyone.
- The hanging lights in 'L' are amazing; a concert venue would be great such as Ink.
- Games! Yay! Food trucks! (doesn't need bathrooms)

(c) play + exercise

- I like the mulch for the kids as opposed to concrete. Image f, great to have exercise stations and maybe even a 'walking' track for walking and trike-riding.
- Exercising area very important. Place to exercise, walk and talk.
- Places where children can play and families can meet are very important for building community. Going to the playground would be part of a family's routine when they go to Rite Aid, QFC or Café Javasti.
- Permanently fixed structures vs moveable preferred.
- The more accessible the better.
- I wonder if the site is large enough to support some of the exercise activities shown on this board? I like the play structures for kids.
- Images a and f are my favorites. I'd like to see active recreation (basketball hoop!) and nature play.
- Has a bocce court been considered?
- Play structures w/ natural elements (raw logs / wood) are wonderful.
- If image f also included a partial basketball court, it would be my favorite.
- Natural (wood) play structures are great for young kids, an open space is great for older kids. If I had to choose one image that speaks to me, it would be 'm'.
- Sport court of some sort would work. Pickleball, handball, basketball.
- Pickleball! 4 square court? All ages activities, multifunctional open space, small sand box area.
- Love the ability to build in play into the design – don't need lots of play structures but love the small climbable nooks, logs, etc. Lots of kids in the area.
- Very little pavement please. 'Handy' seating is important.
- I don't think adults will use a par course on a busy street. Is there enough room for frisbee? Busy street 35th. Play area for children would be nice.
- Images a, b, and c resonated as kids will remain active with those. The other aspects seem aesthetically nice but not very useful.
- Sorry to bring up a sore WW subject -but- no bikes or bike supplies such as air and bike racks! I do not support bike lanes on 35th Ave NE.
- Tai chi would be great.
- Open space for meeting, relaxing, talking – not another playground because safe playgrounds require a lot of space.

- Generally having an area for kids to be active would be great. I see this as an area where people can go sit at benches and tables and also where kids can play. Having access to a local food truck was great when they showed up in the summer. Its also important to not make this a place for homeless people to camp out and live. How will the park be monitored?
- What's less important takes too much space.
- Things kids can play on without getting hurt are most important.
- Balance stumps / rocks, don't take up too much space and are fun for both kids and adults. The park is not really big enough for exercise stations.
- Image 'f' makes me think about how I wish for a calisthenics workout area for the park.
- Fun for all ages. We have outdoor places for kids, but none for adults or teens.
- Outdoor workout station, letter 'f' would be amazing!
- There isn't a closeby playground. Nature play would be wonderful.
- Quite a number of folks in the neighborhood would like to have a pickleball court to occupy the west end of the space. It would only require 20 feet by 44 feet, thus leaving significant space for other use.

(d) furnishings + art

- Like moveable chairs.
- Image l, super important to have water! Bike racks for obvious reasons. Seems practical to have seating that is fixed vs not. As the space is limited, seems best to make more room for activity? People can always bring a blanket.
- Places where people can hang out, relax, meet a friend, have lunch are very appealing. It would help people spend more time in the neighborhood when they visit to shop at QFC or Rite Aid. Also parents whose kids are at All that Dance could have a pleasant place to hang out.
- Please see comments for (e). Art installations that invite engagement such as seating or table should be emphasized.
- Need stationary / fixed benches and tables or they'll get stolen.
- I like the seating (not tables) and the low maintenance greenery.
- This is a small park in a neighborhood that isn't really a destination. We also have a legacy of trees. I like furnishings that provide seating in modern, green context.
- Yes to seating / park bench small gathering space.
- Image f, I like terraced seating idea that incorporate vegetation.
- 'Natural' furnishing, mixed use space that allows for sitting with coffee, climbing for kids, groups meeting, etc. Some bike parking will be useful, depending on whether SDOT proceeds with 35th Ave bike plan.
- I like playful seating that children can also play on and also the bistro sets for adults – very French looking. Nice!
- All these elements will add a bit of character, but to me personally they are less important as they not provide function.
- Multiple seating options and configurations, theft proof, colorful is nice!
- Please no bike racks or bike air and bike fix it stations! Keep the park use for everyone not just bikers.
- I would like the seating to allow for maximum interaction.
- Seating that nobody will steal, table tops for electronics and sandwiches and coffee.
- I see this area as a place for kids to play, adults to sit and talk. I think we have had enough of bikes.
- Image j – I love the benches interspersed w/ bedding plants that look green in all seasons. Image f – I love the tiered seating; concerts, meetings, celebrations!
- The most important thing to me is that kids have a place to play and adults have a place to play with them.
- Longer bench seating brings people together better than individual or small bench seating. A drinking fountain would be nice.
- We need things to do, not just a place to be. Many of us have back yards where we can be, let's make this a place that brings us together.
- Furnishings should be playful and comfortable for all ages. No cold stone. I'm not sure how well bike facilities would be used. Dog waste bag dispensers and trash cans. Lighting!

(e) vertical backdrops

- Would prefer a neutral fence with shrubs and trees to create more park-like setting.
- Keep green and low maintenance – might resist graffiti this way.
- I think a low maintenance backdrop would be better than one with plants. In our climate, plants might not thrive in pots in the winter unless they are very carefully cared for or frequently changed each season.

- I like the organic ideas but worry they will not be maintained. Prefer the harder utility backdrops and they will be easier to remove tags and graffiti from.
- I think that art as a backdrop is an important addition to any public space. Even absent a specific 'piece' or 'installation', the design aspects should be an aesthetic priority.
- I worry about the maintenance of some of the greenery, i.e. living walls and flower baskets.
- I'm interested in Wedgwood being green and vibrant, but not cutesie. Not into image 'j' or pots.
- I feel fencing of some kind will be important.
- Image j, plastic cups? No, we don't need more plastic. Planting walls (c and f) are cool but might maintenance. I'd rather have maintenance funding go elsewhere.
- Some combination of a funky, artistic backdrop w/ potted plants speaks to me.
- Incorporate green vegetation into the vertical or built elements. Incorporate play / climbing into vertical elements.
- Prefer natural greenery – current status as parking lot leaves need for more green space. Neighborhood is very green – more natural occurring less manicured, rain gardens, native plants.
- Natural wood, plants is more important. Image h is also very nice.
- A bit of artistic touch will be great. Images b and l resonated with my taste.
- Low maintenance. Graffiti resistant!
- Need security fencing to protect the children that will be using the park. Please create an area/space that allows the kids to play and parents to be able to keep an eye on them while using the park.
- Nature is good, lots of concrete and buildings already surrounding the area.
- A mural on the side of the brick building (north boundary) would be nice.
- Vegetation screen neighbors is nice. Trees can provide shade. Murals just attract graffiti. Anything that attracts graffiti should be avoided.
- The backdrops need to be as low maintenance as possible once they are put in because the Parks Dept, like all departments, has so much area and so many parks to maintain.
- Nature, wood, trees, green plants are relaxing.
- More natural, less pop art that will endure time and the fickle changes of taste. However, beware potted plants that will need lots of care.
- Image 'b' mural would be incredible – to commission an artist!
- Colorful, low maintenance, fun – but realistic, manageable. Something hard to tag -or- celebrate tagging. A landmark.

(f) neighborhood reference

- I am not as interested in history. Landscaping, play areas and gathering places are a higher priority for me.
- The lot has been a dump for the 16 years I have lived 3 doors up from. The only landmark left is the tree. Please feature it.
- With the rate of change in Seattle being what it is, I value having some references neighborhood / area as it was is not necessarily this specific lot, but something to communicate the nature of the area as it was.
- Is image F Wedgwood China? A sign should mention Wedgwood as part of the name of this park.
- A cousin once said to me, "...your neighborhood isn't in the city.". I think that we should love-up our rural references. Abandon the jasper reference – it sucks. Love the community picnic table picture.
- I like the idea of some history story of the neighborhood.
- The Wedgwood rock is the most iconic reference we have. Move it to the park? Ha!
- Wedgwood "rock" and other natural phenomena are most interesting references.
- No historical information necessary.
- Image (L) resonated because I envision the park to be a hangout place for kids. Nice seating area and flowers will add a nice touch.
- I love WW, I've lived here over 35 years -but- referencing the neighborhood is not important to me.
- What? A statue?
- Location reference isn't important.
- Not pictured – the first ever P-patch, Picardo P-Patch. Picardo was a truck farmer there, plus it's an old bog. Balch & Lovell – built homes, cottage style Cape Cod houses. This area used to be dairy farms and 35th was a dirt path and 'summer cottages' for people from Seattle.

- I am not sure what this is supposed to be. I don't see how any of this could be incorporated but if there were to be a 'historical Wedgwood' picture board with some of these photos, that might be nice.
- Image 'f' looks like what neighborhood is named of. Image 'd' looks like part of a useful park.
- History is great, but not of high importance to the neighborhood. What about Picardo Farm and the first P-patch?

General comments:

- I am concerned about the restroom facilities – curious if/how they will be managed. Will we find people sleeping in them in the morning? Potential drug use? Or will there be public restrooms?
- I would love to see a beautiful place for neighbors to meet, families to hang out and visitors to pause and spend some time. Our neighborhood is very walkable so I believe a lot of people would benefit from colorful landscaping, inviting places to sit and areas for children to play. Also, there are a lot of dogs in our neighborhood so providing dog waste bags and trash cans at a distance from seating would be a very welcome feature.
- A relaxing retreat for adults. Kids have lots already. Pin-up exercise: I spend a lot of time on Ravenna Avenue; since it's an arterial / bus line and Picardo P-Patch is there. I walk along it often for exercise.
- A mix of options: 1) for activities, sitting spaces (not just benches -> w/ tables), basketball, bike racks. 2) Green – trees and stormwater. 3) Contemporary mixed with former rural. I like visual and sound buffering from 35th.
- Large trees, especially conifers are what defines Wedgwood. They should be included and honored in this design. My daughters would like a rollercoaster. You don't need to put that in ☺
- I would like the park to serve multiple purposes and all age groups. Some ideas around that are: open grass for soccer, frisbee, picnics, playing w/ dogs. Seating for somewhere to go with your food and drinks from Javasti. Partial basketball court – there isn't one nearby that is a decent quality and basketball can be enjoyed by people of many ages and by families, especially if the hoop is adjustable.
- The park should be focused on activities, not green space. Kid play activities or sport courts.
- A multifunctional green space that appeals to kids → seniors. A respite from busy 35th Ave. Safety – some type of barrier to keep kids/pets/balls off 35th Avenue.
- We are a family that walks a lot to do errands. We'd love a playspace and open greenspace for gathering, play, picnics and meeting neighbors. Seating that is anchored, built-in, natural and inclusive would be great.
- Nature, seating for visiting and eating and structures where children can play – even if it's just seating they can climb on.
- Would like to see: 1) An awesome kids play area w/ different kinds of swings and activities. 2) A hedge along the walls on the two sides. 3) A walking/jogging track around the park. 4) Plants and flowers.
- Color! Durable and easy maintenance. Graffiti resistant. Open space for informal meetings / gatherings.
- I would like the space to include food, coffee, music, games, led (guided) exercises. Food trucks, tables, activities.
- A place to meet, rest, drink your coffee, read the paper. I may lack vision, but I don't see that there is enough space for major activities such as a playground. It would be ideal if it had visual barriers from 35th and 86th.
- Place for kids to play – separated by age/size. Place for parents and grandparents sit. Need some kind of public restroom.
- Off leash dog park. Picnic tables. Would like to see people friendly outdoor furniture like benches and tables.
- Peaceful place to relax and rejuvenate surrounded by nature. Trees, plants/flowers, and a water feature. Long community benches to bring people together. Natural play features that can be used by both children/adults. Non-linear! Curves rather than straight lines and boxes. A walking path. Tables where people could eat lunch. No dog park! There is a wonderful kids playground at Thornton Creek. Please make the park for all.
- We need a place for people to gather, have fun and meet each other. If we just have places to sit, it will serve only apartment dwellers. If it's a playground, only young kids and parents will come. I challenge you to create a space where multiple generations can come, enjoy together in a setting that is more natural than urban. But please, no off leash dog park.
- Safety from street – a more defined edge along 86th. Consider users of all ages – there are many older residents and kids. Shade trees in the center. I would really love to see the park also treat the runoff from the street. People here have big lots, big yards. They have places to hang out. Would be great to create a place to see and be seen.
- I only have a singular interest – a pickleball court as I described on the play + exercise page.