



## Victor Steinbrueck Park Meeting #1 Synopsis

### 1. What is wrong with the park?

The park layout is good (overall) – what's wrong is the drug dealing, harassment, criminal activity and anti-social behavior.

**Behavior** - There is a lot of threatening behavioral problems in the park  
The grassy areas are soiled with waste – feces and needles – creates a serious health issue  
Crime and physical harassment are huge problems

**Design** - The park could use a 'sprucing up' – seating  
The south end of the park is a problem – lack of constructive activity occurs there  
Need to preserve the green space and the views  
The council ring is not used – need to do something with that space

### 2. What is good about the park?

**Quintessential Seattle place** – great views, great mix of people  
Diversity of park patrons

**Design** - The park's design and setting allows for integration and cross traffic between the market employees, parks users, tourists and vendors  
Park design originally had in mind the homeless and first Americans  
Greatest part is the loop – the parade of people, great use of space  
The park stands by itself for the people, the totem poles  
Views and the boat lights at night are beautiful

Favorite parts: benches, berms, huge planters, iron grill art work, totem poles

### 3. What are the threats facing the park?

Parks need to be perceived as safe – the perception of a lack of safety is a threat

**Safety** - Confusion between homelessness and illegal activities – the illegal activities are what needs to be dealt with  
Need to keep Victor Steinbrueck park as the People's park, for everybody

### 4. What are the opportunities for the park?

Embracing Victor Steinbrueck's intentions and legacies - have the park accessible to everyone

Create an opportunity for hope and healing  
Place of focus, place to re-channel negativity, a place of sacred things  
Celebrating beauty of the park  
Support for a Homeless Place of Remembrance – one that provides dignity, support and honor

**Design** - Planting area near the public toilet could be an opportunity for 'sprucing up'  
Something for children – play elements, the current play area (council circle) is not used  
Planting circle across the street from the park should be integrated into the park  
Experiment with (removing benches) drawing people further into the park  
Chessboard in the circle

**Eyes on the Park** - Market security should extend down the street – include planting circle, big tree

Uniformed Park Rangers

More of MID patrols

**Programming** - Opportunities for increased programming - creating broader community ownership

Art community – park as venue – celebrate Life in the City

**5. What is your vision for the park?**

A Homeless Place of Remembrance as part of the park

A place where everyone is welcome; fear is eliminated

A gathering place where people care about each other

A safe place for children, a gathering place for elders, a place for everyone who is lawful

“Soul” of our City”

Fosters creativity

Homelessness is ended

Falling asleep watching the sunset