



**Victor Steinbrueck Park  
Public Meeting  
May 22, 2008, 6:30 to 8:30 PM**

## **Meeting Notes**

Approximately 40 citizens attended the second public meeting and gave their input on common threads and objectives. The group also discussed possible elements and actions we should take to realize these themes.

## **COMMON THREADS**

1. Security/Safety
2. Design
3. Art/Inclusiveness/Celebratory

1. **SECURITY/SAFETY** – things to make me feel more safe

- Physical – Southwest end, make visible
- Action – dedicated funding for security
- Change plantings – south end planting bed
- Add cameras
- Increase visibility through canopy
- Increase circulation area to include south end include whole outer perimeter
- Adjust sightlines, remove walls
- Increasing a sense of community supports security and safety in the park
- Security *not* an issue – feels safe in the park – concerns about the vocal minority
- South end is possible site for Homeless Place of Remembrance
- Need more “eyes” on park cameras? People need to feel that they are being watched!  
Suggestions: - Lights
  - Increased pedestrian activity
- Look at few block area for physical improvements, sightlines beyond just the park
- Motion detectors
- Need to feel welcomed to feel safe and secure

2. **DESIGN**

- Rock climbing wall – where the bathroom was
- South end facing Cutters – good acoustics
- Water features – speak to playfulness, energy
- Board games – built in gaming area
- Explore vendor overflow from Market into the Park
- Art/water/whimsical for interaction

- Artistic installation that creates a sense of gathering space – positive gathering space
- Concerned about the size of the park and size of the Homeless Place of Remembrance
- Expand the grassy area
- Create theatre space – invites performances at different times
- Maintenance/replacement costs
- Dogwoods, thin trunk, nice branching structure
- Include flowers around the base of trees – beautification efforts
- Plantings help show the park is loved – Beefing up the perennials – to look like private efforts
- Preference for plants over trees because of visibility issues
- Replace blueberries (per Richard H)
- How can lights be integrated into the design of the park?
- Reduce the height/size of the berms for visibility
- Permanent toilet with staffing
- Redesigned children's area
- Dogwoods add interest and shade in the area of the pergola
- Would increasing promenade lead to removal of the pergola?
- Remove seating but keep the shelter
- Designate space for artists/carvings
- Pergola should have lights
- Pergola/picnic area not well used or used primarily by people drinking, illegal activity, etc.

### 3. ART/INCLUSIVENESS/CELEBRATORY

- Should be separate elements
- Inclusiveness takes many different forms – should be part of **all** elements
- A place of Hope – looking forward
- Variety of scales/means/materials to create a sense of place
- Owl theme – connection to Olympic Peninsula
- Hope/healing/connections, **not** exclusive
- Inclusiveness needs to involve activities for everyone
- The art/symbols need to be reachable/accessible for all
- Need some place to put your feet up – wants benches back in the park
- Use the apartment as tourist/information kiosk
- Homeless Place of Remembrance to honor life, to be a living place of art
- Reiterates that the Park is great now – just needs to massage it a bit – not change it entirely
- Young artists/all artists aren't engaged with the park as it is
- Won't matter unless the crime is addressed

**Homeless Place of Remembrance – Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> - Next meeting – Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**