



Seattle
Parks & Recreation

48th Avenue SW/SW Charlestown Street Landbanked Park Site Neighborhood Meeting at park site June 27, 2019, 5-7 p.m.

Summary

PDD and the Cascade Design Collaborative showcased a preliminary preferred schematic design for the new park at 48th & SW Charlestown in West Seattle. Over 100 community members stopped by the park site on Tuesday, July 9, 2019. Neighbors of all ages enjoyed ice cream sandwiches, lollipops, and juice drinks while reviewing the design. The Genesee-Schmitz Neighborhood Council helped with outreach, and its president, Molly Magnifico, gave welcoming remarks. The design generally earned widespread praise, and the community is largely enthusiastic and looking forward to construction of the park in late 2020 after design development and construction bidding.

The following were written comments provided at the meeting:

Overall

- Love the design. Neighborhood gathering spot is perfect. Can't wait to see it for real.
- Beautiful plan overall- thank you!
- Love it – thanks! Looks great!
- Looks great! Glad to see multiple, multipurpose uses and not just playground (we have plenty, and I'm a mom of two kids).
- I like the small slope as it is. Minimize or eliminate concrete. A good lawn, with part for heavy turf use and 3-5 trees, and a bench or two. Simple would be fine. Lawn and trees. The design is beautiful. Thank you!
- This design is perfect! Only concern is stage right next to green house – time-limited use, I hope. Perfect neighborhood gathering spot. No dog park – thank you!! No P-Patch – thank you!!

Loop path/walkway/lawn

- Love the walkway. Perfect for seniors.
- No loop path – more lawn, please.
- Maintain lawn area to keep the grass nice.
- Too much lawn and too little play areas. The older children in the community have no playground or play space within walking distance. The open lawn space does not serve the community and should be utilized for the community to gather and have an engaging area made with the space as opposed to being left open.

- Square and flatten law for sports. Loop too small for running/laps/biking. So just make more lawn.
- More lawn – flat area for play like frisbee, baseball, soccer. Is the path needed? Who will use it?
- More natural material on loop path – or soft-type path like rubber would be great for walking.

Lighting

- Trail lighting would help make the park all-season in winter.
- Would like to see low lighting along the walkway.
- Low lights are a good idea.
- Low level lighting – yes, please! Esthetically delightful and will be welcoming during the dark winter days.
- I like the idea of low-level lighting at the SW corner/bench walls.

Dog park, dog amenities

- No dog park, please; make sure it is community space.
- Wish it included a dog park.
- Understand why the dog park wasn't picked for this site, but a with a large need for larger space to exercise dogs off leash, what is the City's plan to create a safe, off-leash space for dogs in West Seattle? Lincoln isn't a sanctioned space, and I want to not break the law.
- Need a dog relief area – maybe with a dog water fountain.

Tot area

- Please include swings, climbing equipment for younger kids.
- Having tot area at the alley where trucks and cars travel is not ideal.
- Another small kids' playset would be nice.
- See Whale's Tail for inspiration for tot play: climbing sculpture, local art, Seattle-themed (pirates, boating, orcas)

Swings, play areas

- Combine play areas and make something similar to Whale Tale Park at Alki - a ship to play and climb on; soft area with climbing statue. Swings.
- Park should have swings: they create community, and every age loves them.
- Consider play area for kids 6-12.
- Would like to see a playground and basketball court.

Historical and natural features

- Can you invite local historian of West Seattle, i.e., someone from the Duwamish tribe, to integrate some aspect of local history for all of us to learn from?
- Bring in design and imagery and play elements that incorporate Duwamish and local tribal history of the area. Talk to native locals and native artists. Ask Duwamish Longhouse folks?
- "Garden patch" store @ NE corner – then grocery store Zorich's Thriftway on site.
- Please consider historic site stage.
- I loved the idea of including some information about native vegetation and uses and/or information about salmon and how what we put on our lawn/streets HERE ends up in Puget

Sound. It is a great place to help educate folks about our connection up here in the nearshore to Puget Sound and salmon

Picnic area

- Would like to see a covered area with BBQ.
- Would be nice to have some of the picnic areas covered.

Garden/food

- Food garden space – maybe?
- Still would love to see some community P-Patch; there is definitely room.

Trees

- Yay, more of them!
- Love the trees.

Community “creations” – incorporated?

- Would like to see a way for neighbors to create some aspect of the park to make it theirs, for greater community involvement, ownership.

Drainage

- How will the park handle drainage? It is at the low point of Charlestown hill.

Other:

- Please keep this as a community gathering spot without a big focus on young kid toys.
- More seating please.
- Will the park feature WiFi?
- Distance from SW Charlestown to path is short without a significant barrier to stop running children.
- Will the park have an EV station?
- Consider a space for outdoor movies – some sort of screen (2 people).
- Provide screening of windows of neighbor to east.
- Please add a crosswalk on 48th SW and Charlestown SW.
- SDOT: please will you consider getting a drive circle/slow down at the bottom of hill – 47th & Charlestown?

