

Open House and Survey #1 Summary

48th and SW Charlestown Park Development – Open House

February 24, 2019 (Sunday)

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Location: West Seattle Senior Center and West Seattle Farmers Market

Attendees: Over 150

Capital Project Planner: Ed Pottharst

Capital Project Coordinator: Kent Scott

PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Title: 48th and SW Charlestown Landbanked Site Park Project

Address: 4801 SW Charlestown St, Seattle WA 98116

Total Project Budget: \$1,273,388

Construction Budget: \$786,470

CIP Description: Seattle Park District Project

Planning and Design: 2019

Construction: 2020

Scope:

This project will develop the open space acquired by Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) in 2014 on SW Charlestown St between 48th and 49th Aves SW. The design will incorporate accessibility in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as well as SPR's intent to create access to open space in areas of high urban density. Impervious surfacing shall be limited to 15% or less, excluding trail and circulation surfaces.

Site considerations:

It is small – approximately two residential lots

It is wide open to possibilities – it has good access and visibility. There are no significant slopes or vegetation currently.

It is a neighborhood destination.

Open House Summary:

Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) hosted the first public meeting for the 48th and SW Charlestown Landbanked site on Sunday, February 24, 2019, at the West Seattle Senior Center and during the West Seattle Farmers Market. Collaborating with the market time proved beneficial. SPR and design team staff were able to talk with and gather input from over 150 people, ranging from elderly couples to young people, teens, and families with children. We asked people to place colored dots next to photos of possible activities in the new park.



From the placement of several hundred dots, three activity themes and possible park concept options emerged:

Community-wide focus: activities or features to include community events, community garden, nature play, tables and chairs, sitting, imaginative play, and a loop path.

Family/child focus: activities or features to include structured play, adult exercise equipment, games table, sitting, tables and chairs, lawn play, community events, and a loop path.

Dog focus: activities or features to include an off-leash area and/or other dog amenities, community events, sitting, tables and chairs, and lawn play.

There is overlap among the themes, and it will be possible to combine some elements to create a cohesive park design.

Responses from Online Survey #1:

In addition to the February 24, 2019, open house, we hosted a community survey online from January 15, 2019, to March 7, 2019. 538 people responded.

Three main questions were asked in the survey. The top four responses for each question were as follows:

1. Why would you visit the park?
 - To spend time with friends and family
 - To enjoy nature
 - To relax
 - To walk a dog

2. What features would enhance your enjoyment of the park?
 - Seating
 - Trees
 - Lawn
 - Planting and flowers

3. What are the qualities of the future park that would be most important to you?
 - Access to sun
 - Plants that highlight the seasons
 - Access to shade
 - Quiet areas

For more results, please see: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/stories/SM-WB33XKNL/> .

Next Steps:

Three site concepts and visuals will be presented at the second community meeting on Tuesday, April 30, 2019, 6:30-8pm, at Dakota Place Park, 4304 SW Dakota St. Following community input at this April meeting, we will develop a preferred design concept. The preferred design will be presented at the third and final community meeting in early summer 2019.