

	Date	Which option do you prefer?	Comments
PLAY			
	10/2/2016	Option 1	Keep it simple as it is small space - open, well lit and clean area that gives visitors a view and a place to picnic/eat their pike place meal. I have children but I do not think of the area now for play - unnecessary with all the market activities. Also because of concern for personal or children safety - exposing them to the smells of marijuana, urine etc. It is a public space, so the key is make it feel safe for all and clean.
	10/3/2016	Option 1	Large stones and woody debris are just another place for the homeless to hide around and to set up camp on, a open space provides more variety of assorted play.
	10/3/2016	Option 1	I like the new openings in walls to make the tree of life area more accessible to the rest of the park.
	10/3/2016	Option 1	The Tree of Life sculpture in the gathering circle was the result of a years-long planning process between the religious community, the homeless community, and the City of Seattle. It is an esthetically and emotionally pleasing addition to the Park. It should not be moved.
	10/3/2016	Option 1	More open space, improved visibility into the park and the activity taking place within. Open spaces and clear views promote a feeling of safety and help to limit illicit activity.
	10/4/2016	Option 1	I predict the "kid's play area" shown in option 2 will instead be used for sleeping, and won't be attractive to families with young kids.
	10/4/2016	Option 1	Cleaner, cheaper, doesn't require moving Tree of Life.
	10/4/2016	Option 1	This area is way too hardcore with street people for a kids area IMO. I'm down there 5 days a week each morning before Market wakeup through after hours shut down. Until we get serious about deciding a policy of the this and that about how SPD works with street people to say yes and no about occupying public spaces, and given the know sex offender population who hangs out down at the park (with many in the predator/sex offender category)... ..it is too early to get happy happy joy joy on giving the people there more targets.
	10/4/2016	Option 1	Moving the Tree of Life Sculpture is not a viable part of any option.
	10/4/2016	Option 1	I like the lawn wrapping the tree of life.
	10/5/2016	Option 1	I prefer the larger, open space with trees as a play area. The Tree of Life area of reflection does not seem like a good match for a children's play area. I prefer fewer "rooms" in the park.
	10/5/2016	Option 1	it's cool
	10/8/2016	Option 1	Both options have problems. Option 1 has plantings like the original design. Those plantings were removed by Parks when they found that the trees did not survive in this location (at least three attempts at new trees did not last). The shrubs on the east side where a location for too much refuse that was never cleared properly and then rats were attracted to the area. There are also rats no living in the shrubs along the North side of the park adjacent to Cutters. We can see them from our home directly across the street.
	10/9/2016	Option 1	It's gentler, and more in keeping with the original Park.
	10/12/2016	Option 1	no play area is more appropriate to this urban park setting.
	10/12/2016	Option 1	The back corner of the park is too secluded for a childrens play area. The majority of those who use this park for large periods of the day are older men which would make parents uncomfortable even if there is no actual threat. I think having an area for kids would be great but it needs to be more central a step away from adult gathering spaces.
	10/17/2016	Option 1	children do not play here, neighbors barely go here, it is not a suitable place at the moment, you need to get the character of the park under control before you proceed
	10/17/2016	Option 1	I think it's a large expense to move the sculpture and the space around it for a few boulders and logs. I think you can incorporate "natural play" elements less formally. I do like opening the sculpture area up the street. However it seems you already have your preference for #2. The description for #1 was far less illustrative.
	10/18/2016	Option 1	The original connection to the play area is preferable to opening it directly to the street. The side connection makes it more of a destination for those that are interested rather than an extension of the sidewalk, which might attract garbage and others that might stray off the sidewalk.
	10/18/2016	Option 1	I don't think a children's play is necessary. The refreshed landscaping should be a great space for kids. Plus more grass and trees is better than more hardscape (the proposed play area in option 2).
	10/18/2016	Option 1	Option 1 is safer for children playing since it doesn't give them easy access to the sidewalk and street as they run around. The two additional openings to the lawn are also positives
	10/18/2016	Option 1	Option 1 with additional ingress/egress to the Tree of Life sculpture on the Western Avenue side (total of 2 entrances). This allows better flow of pedestrian traffic, it's easier for SPD to patrol, yet still creates a sense of separation between the spaces (but is less of an obstacle course), which I think makes it safer for everyone.
	10/1/2016	Option 2	I agree that this park should be welcoming for everyone, but it currently fails to achieve that goal due to the large amount of illicit activity which occurs there. This creates an environment that isn't healthy or safe for anyone. I live and work downtown and I don't feel comfortable in VS park, and on those occasions when I do venture in for a look at the progress on the MarketFront project, I can count having inappropriate remarks directed at me. I prefer Option 2 because it includes a play area, and I think that is the surest way to activate this area. Activation is key to making the park welcoming for a wider audience.
	10/2/2016	Option 2	I have small kids and there is already so little for them in downtown. This is an amazing opportunity to create something not just for the community, but for children as well.
	10/2/2016	Option 2	Because this option includes a play area!

10/3/2016	Option 2	My kids need more nature and space to play and climb near our home!
10/3/2016	Option 2	More play space opportunities needed downtown
10/3/2016	Option 2	play area. my family comes to the market frequently and I'd love to take a break and let my kids play.
10/3/2016	Option 2	Kids need an actual play area. They'll be more interested and it will remind people that kids belong in the park too.
10/3/2016	Option 2	Live nearby and would love a kids area to take the children (I have 3 energetic young boys!)
10/3/2016	Option 2	I like the option to provide a play space that encourages kids to interact.
10/3/2016	Option 2	We need a proper playground in this park. For residents, visitors, and every family that comes to Pike Place Market and is looking for something to do with their children.
10/3/2016	Option 2	Play spaces for kids are important especially in the urban center. We want to feel safe and kid-friendly.
10/3/2016	Option 2	We need to support the presence of families throughout downtown--even just in small ways--to make it a truly healthy community. Children bring life to a space. The park is too small to surrender so much of its useable space to a memorial, no matter how worthy. Memorials can go in public spaces that well traveled but not useful for other things--like street right of way. And yes, it IS a memorial.
10/3/2016	Option 2	Invites more families with children, increases utility of park, improves flow of foot traffic.
10/3/2016	Option 2	We need more spaces for kids in the city!
10/3/2016	Option 2	Providing a play area for children is important to me!
10/3/2016	Option 2	entrance on Western more inviting.....but also like the option of the path leading up the knoll to the west. Play area can be of natural elements like rocks but the area should make it clear it's for children not a place to drink a bottle in a brown paper bag.
10/3/2016	Option 2	It has a better pedestrian flow.
10/3/2016	Option 2	play area for kids
10/3/2016	Option 2	I have young kids and they love to have areas made for them In the city to play on
10/3/2016	Option 2	small play area for children -- nature inspired. This feature would also invite more parents in with their children and ensure, at least partially during the daytime, the area's positive use.
10/3/2016	Option 2	Seattle downtown is lacking a play area for kids. We currently take our 2 year old son to parks outside of downtown (Cal Anderson park, Luther Burbank park). Having an amenity close by would be greatly welcomed by parents like us to who to work AND live downtown. Thanks for listening.
10/3/2016	Option 2	Play area!
10/3/2016	Option 2	It provides a more unique blend of "nature" in the city and gives some more feeling of playground
10/3/2016	Option 2	Make this park about more than homeless people
10/3/2016	Option 2	I like the nature inspired play area. I really hope it this becomes a reality it won't become yet another dumping ground for drug addicted individuals who I certainly do not want my child to see.
10/3/2016	Option 2	A play space for kids would be fantastic! There are so many kids that visit this park!!
10/3/2016	Option 2	A more pleasing array of the central elements and goals of that portion of the park.
10/4/2016	Option 2	No kids crap!
10/4/2016	Option 2	Downtown DESPERATELY needs more spaces for kids to play. Our son is nine now, and we've lived downtown since he was a baby. It's a constant struggle to find walkable places to play, and we're usually forced to trek out to Cal Anderson or Jefferson. Even something modest like this would be a big improvementâ€”and when you bring young kids into a park, it improves the whole feeling of the area.
10/4/2016	Option 2	I think it would be great to have a play area for kids here!
10/4/2016	Option 2	I would like a welcoming place for children to engage in play
10/4/2016	Option 2	Play area
10/4/2016	Option 2	Love the play area
10/4/2016	Option 2	it includes kid play options
10/4/2016	Option 2	It would be so handy to have a play area near the market. Families might stay in the area longer if the kiddos could take a play break.
10/4/2016	Option 2	include a small play area
10/5/2016	Option 2	I think a play area is a great addition - children playing bring joy and energy to public spaces.
10/5/2016	Option 2	The more welcoming we make the park to all citizens, the more use it will get. It seems that Westlake has benefitted from a more inclusive approach and certainly makes it a more appealing destination.
10/5/2016	Option 2	I live near the park with a 2 year old and would come everyday
10/6/2016	Option 2	Line of sight to sculpture from the street means better policing of vagrant activity
10/6/2016	Option 2	I think family friendly is an important concept that the City should emphasize across downtown. A "nature play area" can further this goal and draw families with children to the park.
10/10/2016	Option 2	Designed play area
10/11/2016	Option 2	We prefer the play area!!! There are few places that welcome our smaller citizens to downtown. We would visit more if this space were there.
10/11/2016	Option 2	Kids NEED a place to play! Lots of families with small children live in and visit downtown Seattle, and we need more non-commercial options for them.
10/11/2016	Option 2	Children's play area. But it should be bigger. The statue should be relocated.

10/12/2016	Option 2	A children's play area is a welcome addition to the park and especially this corner will be activated better. Right now there is not many people hanging out except one or two homeless persons when I walk by and it does not look very inviting.
10/13/2016	Option 2	Downtown has great need for children's play areas. Not just a small area. I feel that this is park is part of a larger vision for the whole market front. We have thousands of resident children downtown and many more visitors to the market and no real playground. I go into other communities for instant battle point park on Bainbridge which has swing slides climbing frames etc dressed up with the culture and themes of the area. Large gathering areas for various adult interests seem to be in the market and waterfront plan but where are the children represented. There are no downtown elementary schools with playground as in surrounding communities. The bell town community center has no outside play area as at other seattle communities Area malls have play structures such as at u village. We have a tiny climbing structure in Westland. If we want families to live and linger downtown we need places for children and grandchildren to play.
10/17/2016	Option 2	Looks more interesting.
10/17/2016	Option 2	Nature play area, and play area opening off of main sidewalk that also breaks up the long row of seating. This would be good for several reasons.
10/18/2016	Option 2	Because of the play area.
10/18/2016	Option 2	Installing a small natural play area for kids will be inviting for families. Given the amount of transients that frequent park the lawn is not sanitary for kids to use as a "rolling hill" .
10/18/2016	Option 2	kids
10/18/2016	Option 2	Option 1 excludes the play area Neither provide for removing the "tree of Life" which is an intrusion and waste of space that discourages interaction in a crowded park
10/18/2016	Option 2	More children live downtown and there are few play areas.
10/18/2016	Option 2	Prominence of Tree of Life, restored trees, play area could work if smart
10/18/2016	Option 2	More inviting and engaging
10/18/2016	Option 2	I prefer the larger restored grove and a larger area around the Tree of Life in option 1, however option 2 creates more traffic flow with the connection to Western. I have great concern about the play area being kept clean and kid friendly. I'm sure Cutters will be happy with more trees and the change of entrance and hope they are making a huge donation to the park since they will definitely benefit.
10/3/2016		Neither, go back to the start. This is not about trees. This should be about people. The open drug trade is rampant. The plan must admit the fact that the ever present (24X7) population on people sleeping, peeing, and defecating in the park is a REALITY. How does a Plan address this?
10/3/2016		Having a history with the park (lived across the street for 35 years) there are problems with landscaping the area around the circle. Rats frequented this area. They could hide and make nests in the bushes/landscaping--for about 10-15 years there were many, many rats until the Parks Department took out the landscaping. The other problem with having this area landscaped is that the "drinkers and druggers" would hang out in this area in large numbers. They could hide their "stuff" in the bushes which were about 2 feet high and the Police could not see it. Parks finally took it all out and there are very few problems today. PLEASE don't put the landscaping back in! You're just inviting problems again.
10/4/2016		I can't tell what / where I'm looking at due to the close cropping of the plan exhibits isolated on this page view.
10/17/2016		Neither option provides additional play space.
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NATIVE AMERICAN		
10/1/2016		Of the four ideas presented above, I think the inclusion of Native American design elements and natural materials is the most promising and the most appropriate. Native America art would also be very welcome, though it can be more difficult to integrate into the site. I feel strongly that, while it may make sense to include some Native America language (e.g., providing Native names for certain objects or items present in the park), the language itself should not be used a design element in the manner depicted in the above picture. The language is very, very little used and doesn't resonate with non-speakers nearly as much as Native art and design do. If the intent is to expose visitors to Native culture, art and design are the best ways to do that, and we shouldn't sacrifice valuable ground and wall space for words at the expense of more resonant cultural items,
10/3/2016		Respect for or Native culture should be maintained.
10/3/2016		This is a fraudulent interpretation of history. The current totem poles where largely carved by non-natives. Marvin Oliver played a small role but they themes and presentation do not follow the traditions of the Duwamish, Suquamish, or any other first nation. Please clarify who you are working with from the First Nations.

10/3/2016	This is a fantastic place to honor both our Native American history and the the many tribes who live on this land today. That this is called Native Park should be celebrated, but NOT with blueberry bushes to help chronic inebriates! (perhaps a well-intentioned idea back in the 70's--but a fundamentally racist one.) We should be honor the culture and art that generate pride and respect and the desire to know more. For infrastructure, the ideas on this page are great. AND, please get rid of the phony totems and replace with ones actually carved by Native Americans. This could be carved on-site as an ongoing demonstration as a wonderful way to open the park after it's renovation and then ceremonially erected when completed. We already have the example of the totem-carving at Waterfront Park for the John T. Williams totem which was very successful and well received by all. Allow space to support small scale programming (in addition to story telling) that keeps the character of this park alive on a daily basis: e.g. carving demonstrations with information about the various traditions and the opportunity to buy examples at designated booths in the Market; Native American art design classes where people can learn about some of the traditional designs and try their hand at drawing an example to take home; docent talks to teach about Seattle and Seattle history from a Native American perspective; etc. Converting the covered structure to a more useable/flexible element could serve to support these activities.
10/3/2016	Storytelling program would be a great option. Could a curved stepped area be cut into the west side of the large knoll to seat people during the storytelling?
10/3/2016	I am afraid that the culture that hangs out in the park would destroy this type of art, mainly with graffiti
10/3/2016	Yes, for sure!
10/3/2016	I appreciate Native American culture and art and, in fact, collect NW and Alaskan Native American baskets. Using Native American art, especially Coast Salish, is appropriate for the Pacific NW. That said, I have had a strong connection to the Market for 50 years, since working at the Port of Seattle during college and I have never heard Victor Steinbrueck Park referred to as Native Park except during this renovation process. It's fine to use elements of Native American culture but I do not believe there is such a strong connection between it and the park. A greater connection is between the history of the Market and the park and I think that is getting overlooked or minimized.
10/3/2016	I love all these ideas and agree that we must provide a welcoming space for our Native American friends and their culture.
10/3/2016	Great ideas. Frequent Native American story telling events and other events like hands-on crafts, artistic displays, mini pow-wows and potlatches, could also increase the number of people visiting the park and would make the space feel safer.
10/3/2016	The first idea--Native American design, patterns, and natural materials--works much better in a park. The other three are more museum-like, and therefore not appropriate.
10/4/2016	We should definitely keep and promote a native presence here.
10/4/2016	There should be some information about the poles. Also, what about a rotating exhibit of contemporary poles?
10/4/2016	I like Native American Art and Story Telling
10/4/2016	Everything you have mentioned is good. The more available, the better!!
10/4/2016	I would just ask this group to consider anew that there are many native Americans who are not homeless. This has been a simplified and patronizing generalization that has bogged down the conversation in Seattle about how to honor our predecessors and rightful owners of this land and place. As long as this doesn't mean = there are no limits to the rights of homeless folks to occlude the fair comfortable use by the full range of park visitors and surrounding neighborhood, then I am all for a celebration here (assuming that it is considered appropriate and relevant by the native peoples who are engaged in this process) of the true land owners and founders of culture of place.
10/5/2016	Love it. Would love to see the language and story telling especially.
10/6/2016	Love it!
10/6/2016	I view this project as a tremendous opportunity to highlight Native culture. For me it is one of the most important aspects of the project. Design, materials, language, art and events are all great elements. Vending of Native goods as well. I would support incorporating "Native Park" somehow.
10/8/2016	Any of these concepts would be good for the park. What about the totem poles will they return after the membrane is repaired? We like them.
10/9/2016	Although they are not "authentic", the original poles are beloved by all and must stay I like the idea of words, perhaps the words for different things where they are - the local name for the sound where we are looking at it, "tree", "seat", etc. Give us a chance to actually learn a little something
10/12/2016	I dont' have strong feelings for or against
10/12/2016	Looks great. Some display of native history in Seattle is helpful for visitors.
10/12/2016	The totems are silly - they aren't even made by actual native Americans. We should have spaces and programing for actual local native activities such as carvings and resources on site for those who want to partake is such activities to do so. I think we can also use materials as that reflect that culture within the functional design - moving away from non-funtional artwork that becomes outdated.
10/13/2016	Play areas can integrate culture in many ways
10/17/2016	Thoughtfully integrate Native American design with play equipment and hardscape treatment.
10/17/2016	your pictures are great, sadly that is just not the way it is

10/17/2016	My guests and I have enjoyed meeting the native woodcarvers that sometimes sit and work at the park, and also enjoy the occasional drum circle. Making the park more welcoming to native people and displays of culture would be highly desirable.
10/18/2016	Native American culture needs to be an integral part of the design, not something that is added afterward. The original design accomplished this very well.
10/18/2016	Incorporating a lot of wood or metal (not engraved concrete) native American art would be great.
10/18/2016	I would encourage the native American design influence to be modern contemporary in approach and application. Not "museum like" or focused on historical use (i.e. totem poles). A good individual to engage with the Native Community is Louie Gong. He is a native artist and owner of PPM business 8th Generation. He's very creative and could provide design ideas.
10/18/2016	good ideas - but probably not appropriate to add more 3-d sculptures - words, patterns and stories are non-objective more respectful of the local culture.
10/18/2016	I fully support and encourage more recognition of Native American Culture in the park
10/18/2016	Strongly support efforts to integrate Native American representation.
10/18/2016	Strengthen the Native art and culture component. Be forward thinking about it and positive.
10/18/2016	Yes Yes and Yes! Let's honor our history as we build on top of it!
10/18/2016	Art is good, native art is better.
10/18/2016	Yes and YES! And let's make sure this art is inspired by and made by local natives - perhaps even many of the talented native artists who frequent the park. This is a story that will be told, and re-told - let's make sure this is a story this community can be proud of.
FURNISHINGS	
10/1/2016	I think all of the above are good, cost-effective ideas. I especially like the idea of capping the guardrail in a way that makes it possible to have a simple meal while standing and staring west.
10/2/2016	Can the area be less "rocky cement" - very harsh looking - both seating and ground. Maybe increased textures - even smooth cement or with colors to brighten the area. Do not think there is need for shade as small area and most visitors stay for short durations. Also prevents sightlines and openness.
10/3/2016	Folks, the question really deals with trivial issues. Please note the presence of 24X7 campers in the first photo. What is the difference if the benches have arm rests? Address the actual use of the Pergola. Install benches that can be folded up at night like the have installed in the Pergola across the street. This reduces the 24X7 campers from illegal use of VSP. VSP is supposed to be closed from 10 PM-6AM. How does your plan address this?
10/3/2016	Keep most benches and add arm rests to help elderly sitters and keep an more orderly use of that seating. Remove the rigid picnic tables and stools, which dominate the use of space without allowing any flexibility of use, and replace with moveable furnishings. It is a crowded park much of the time and flexibility is needed to support varying uses that could better celebrate the history and culture of this park as well as its fabulous location. These uses should be able to shift from activities such as musical performances, sketching or painting classes, Native American story telling, dancing, and carving demonstrations, to families being able to sit together to enjoy a brown bag lunch and individuals feeling comfortable to sit alone and enjoy the view with their coffee and book. Moveable furniture allows for these minor but critical shifts in use. Crowded benches and rigid picnic furniture do not.
10/3/2016	Flexible seating is desired for different size groups or one individual. Shelf along guardrail good option for gazing out to the view. It makes it a better place to stop for a while.
10/3/2016	Chairs and tables (metal) are better for being able to clean and also control during the fall and winter months
10/3/2016	I'm not sure the movable furniture is realistic. Who is going to maintain it? How often will it have to be replaced?
10/3/2016	It's nice to have lots of options especially since a large part of the park is taken up by homeless people it's nice to have enough seating for us to stop and enjoy lunch/snack
10/3/2016	Movable tables and chairs will be gone in a week.
10/3/2016	Arm rests on the benches and a guardrail shelf are good ideas. The existing tables and seating, combined with the unappealing surfaces on which they sit, are sterile, not attractive, and not used very often. A more natural combination of elements, together with the additional sizes, shapes, and configurations, would be a better solution. Movable tables and chairs will just lead to a big mess.
10/4/2016	All of the above. The movable tables and chairs have worked great in Occidental Park.
10/4/2016	Having a picnic from provisions bought in the market seems the obvious primary use case for the park. What best enables that behavior? Probably the movable furnishings.
10/4/2016	I like the guardrails. I love the color that the movable furnishings bring to the area. I think it's pointless to add arm rests to the benches (waste of money).
10/4/2016	Movable furnishings a good idea. BEST IDEA: guardrail shelf to look out over water.
10/4/2016	Arm rests are helpful. However, if they are spaced closely along the benches it will make it impossible for anyone to recline, thereby taking away the opportunity for resting. The guardrail shelf is a good idea. Table and seating as described are good. Flexible seating is a nice idea if there is a managed way of keeping the seating in good condition and easily available.

10/4/2016	Movable furnishings, please. Anything to lighten up, open up, and animate the feeling of this park would be a positive. Heavy looking and over scaled elements, while on-trend during the original design period, have proven to be difficult to design and site in a way that successfully invites broad range of users and usage over time.
10/4/2016	Variety of seating types is great.
10/5/2016	These are all good ideas. I especially like the addition of movable furniture.
10/6/2016	Not benches. That will invite homeless problems. I like the wooden stools.
10/6/2016	love the idea of adding movable tables and chairs to help with positive activation.
10/8/2016	I like all with the exception of the movable furnishings. That's too much.
10/8/2016	All of these would be good improvements for the better use of visitors to the park.
10/9/2016	Absolutely positively do not put "arm rests" in the middle of the benches!
10/10/2016	The guardrail is a brilliant idea!
10/11/2016	Love the guardrail shelf idea. Not so big on the idea of adding moveable tables and chairs...this space is already so crowded and frenetic; I think truly open open space should be the focus.
10/11/2016	Modernize the furniture. More flexibility in the design. Look at examples from False Creek park in Vancouver, B.C. Fun, experimental, innovative, creative.
10/12/2016	I don't find the existing tables and seating particularly inviting to use -- its nice that their custom to this place but not inviting.
10/12/2016	The current furnishing is not comfortable at all, except the long benches along the lawn. So I end up having lunch on those long benches and avoid the others. I would remove the current concrete picnic tables and seats and replace them with moveable furniture that will also add more color and liveliness to the park
10/12/2016	I work for the Downtown Seattle Association and our flexible seating has been very well received. I also think a guard rail shelf would be great as well as a space for group seating. Movable furniture is nice because it can more easily be replaced as it needs care and can accommodate a wider number of uses and moved out of the way for larger events.
10/17/2016	Integrate play equipment with furnishings.
10/17/2016	mostly the homeless people use the tables and most of the benches on the weekends, the protestors take up the front park benches with their flyers
10/17/2016	when I used to work downtown I would go here a lot to eat lunch. Sitting was always a challenge to get when lawn was damp. wall worked good for sitting. Maximize sitting or like shelf too
10/17/2016	I like all of these ideas, especially addition of moveable furniture and the guardrail shelf.
10/18/2016	I like that the design of the original tables and seating will be retained. The biggest issue over the years has been maintenance. Part of the levy should go to a maintenance endowment to keep the wood and other materials in good shape over the years.
10/18/2016	I like all the ideas. The supplemental seating has been a big success at Westlake and Occidental Park and I strongly support adding more of this here.
10/18/2016	Movable furnishings only make sense if they are locked up at night.
10/18/2016	Due to large transient population that frequents park you'll want to design furnishings that discourage sleeping and vandalism. Existing furniture is heavily "etched" with initials and carvings. Constructing or surfacing furnishings with stone or metal material could work to minimize vandalism.
10/18/2016	Guardrail shelves, if provided, need to be cambered/ canted at 10 to 15 degrees to prevent accidental spills and objects falling off to the west. Movable tables and chairs are best and should be added. A bit more ADA compliance on seating and tables is needed
10/18/2016	Like arm rests
10/18/2016	Excellent
10/18/2016	The stationary stools have always been a struggle for me, and my family (kids with strollers, kids on laps, older adults with less flexibility getting on and around the stools). Would love to see a design without these, in favor of more movable options (if at all possible).
LIGHTING	
10/1/2016	I agree that the current lighting is inadequate and results in unsafe conditions. All of the above suggestions would be helpful.
10/3/2016	more is better
10/3/2016	The presentation does more to confuse than to illuminate (no pun intended). For example the presentation on Supplemental lighting is difficult to understand. Finally, SP&R does not maintain the present lighting, why is the public supposed to believe they will do so in the future. The 24X7 campers continually disconnect the current lighting. What will be done to address this?
10/3/2016	lighting should be soft and spread throughout the park. This should be a lovely and safe-feeling place to enter after dark to enjoy the moon and the stars and the night view.
10/3/2016	Sounds thoughtfully selected.
10/3/2016	no comment
10/3/2016	The bollard lighting does not provide enough lighting where as the other two options do
10/3/2016	Yes, it's important that the park should be well lit but not glaring. Light should be directed downward to illuminate the park. Well lit park will promote safety.
10/3/2016	lighting is essential, and make it vandal proof
10/3/2016	More lights is safer. We don't go to the park because it doesn't always feel safe

10/3/2016	Even lighting would help considerably to make the space feel safer, and would help to reduce illicit activity. All areas, including the lawn, need to be evenly light and shadowy areas should be minimized if not eliminated. LED lighting is a good choice in that it has a more natural color rendition than other lighting types.
10/3/2016	The new ideas are all terrific and much needed.
10/4/2016	These all seem like good solutions.
10/4/2016	I live across the street, so I appreciate the change to lights that are shielded on top.
10/4/2016	there shouldn't be any dark spots
10/4/2016	This design looks appealing as well as practical.
10/4/2016	I would not be a slave to the original design here. Lighting technology (and knowledge of urban space and sightlines) have evolved so much since then. Lighting can be simply about the light effect rather than a tectonic mass/heavy object. Please bring some happy urbanism to this space at night -- even in contrast with retaining some of the heavy earthen feel of day -- by allowing the lighting to be fine textured, human/urban scaled rather than heavy sculpture, market-like, warm, twinkling/sparkling....it may be the best venue politically/historically for lightening up the feeling of the space and truly making it feel like an extension of the fine textures and fine scaled atmosphere of the market.
10/5/2016	Great suggestions!
10/6/2016	Love it!
10/6/2016	Lighting is critical. Sounds like you are heading in a good direction.
10/8/2016	nice - thanks for considering and preventing too much uplighting that would be really bothersome for neighbors and would further pollute the sky
10/8/2016	As an owner of property directly across from the Park the lighting must be good for people who want to visit at night (a feeling of security) but also where does the light travel to for us who live across the street. The pole light at the Northwest corner that has not been working for some time is good for us. Because the light shines into our living and dining room. When it was working we had to put a pillow in our living room window to block the brightness that entered our home. We see the lighting in the picture of the covered area as also coming into our home. The direction of the lighting must be DOWN. The long stretch of the western wall overlook with all the lights in the picture above we believe would also add to the light entering our home. We suggest testing different designs in the park before any final decision is made.
10/11/2016	Reduce glare with new lighting. Rail lighting is great. Consider ideas for making lighting playful and interactive.
10/12/2016	See if a colorful or artistic light feature can be provided in the park.
10/12/2016	Ground plane lighting is lovely, the park is also a great place to take in the city view around you. It would be nice to not have so much above light pollution.
10/13/2016	More lighting is great but in all honesty, I would not walk into that park at night at the moment. When the entire waterfront is changed this may become a main well used route to water and back
10/17/2016	dangerous ground walking in the park at night, people cannot see the holes that were made by bored people during the day. Lawsuit potential
10/18/2016	The lighting needs to remain subtle.
10/18/2016	All looks good. Would suggest that there be the ability to adjust lighting after the Park is complete. Criminal activity is likely to happen in the darker spots and designers may not anticipate all the lighting needs.
10/18/2016	Very needed to discourage illicit drug use and improve public safety = top priority.
10/18/2016	Supplemental lighting as shown is a very good idea, Light poles should have fixtures which do not create glare or view interference from across the street (peds/businesses/residents)
10/18/2016	Park lighting has at times been quite a contentious issue between adjacent neighbors & the Parks Department. The Post Top/Globe fixtures are notorious light polluters and are extremely unpleasant for adjacent neighbors facing the park. The original fixtures were problematic but since they had relatively low output levels the neighbors were able to cope with them. In 2007, Parks replaced them with higher intensity fixtures. We requested assistance from Victoria Schoenburg, which resulted in 'shielding' being added to the top of the fixtures. This was a considerable improvement and was accepted by the neighborhood, but the un-shielded lower half of the globes still result in unnecessary and unpleasant levels of light being directed upward toward surrounding neighbors. From both quality-of-life considerations for neighbors adjacent to the park and to support the public-safety benefit of neighbors having "eyes on the park", lighting fixtures should not impede visibility into the park at night. Light should be directed where it's needed and no-where else. This is not a petty concern and the possibility that we might confine VSP's re-design to 19th century technology [globe-type fixtures] should be unthinkable. There is much written on the topic of light pollution; here's a good starting place: International Dark Sky Association. The "Bent w/ upward shielding" fixture, which appeared in other Walker Macy presentations, appears to be the most ideal option for providing light where it's wanted and not spraying it out to places where it's unwelcome. Lastly, light intensity levels should only be high enough to achieve light-level goals and absolutely no higher. All lighting must be experienced as pleasing to a night-time experience without diminishing the fact that it's actually night-time!
10/18/2016	Make sure it is durable. Miscreants may walk there at night with hammers and baseball bats.
10/18/2016	Don't have the lighting overwhelm the nighttime view
10/18/2016	Friendly safety.

10/3/2016	Option 1	It is really important that this area have a clear path. People congregate here and paths could easily be blocked if they are integrated into seating.
10/3/2016	Option 1	It seems more open from the park to Marketfront. Option 2 seems as if folks have to thread their way through fixed furnishings to access Marketfront. I'm not sure why the fixed furnishing area has to be so blocked off between the park and Marketfront.
10/4/2016	Option 1	Make the Market Front more of a space
10/4/2016	Option 1	appears to be a clearer, cleaner way with wider spacing among the fixed furniture.
10/10/2016	Option 1	The direct connection seems like a great way to keep all areas of the park accessible to everyone.
10/12/2016	Option 1	Option 1 is better as the ped connection in option 2 is an afterthought. However in option 1 the picnic area should also be connected to the ped walkway to the South: remove the low wall at least for part of it so there is connection there. For better flow, I would cut off the the South East corner of the picnic/gathering area by a slightly diagonal angle and completely open it up: no walls. You actually may want to think ahead: what if this connection becomes so popular in the future when the waterfront is finished? The ped. connection in option 1 may be too cramped. To avoid an expensive redesign in the future (and another long public process), I would create walls/ dividers that are flexible (wood - not concrete) so the design can be adjusted on the long term: this is called adaptive design and it makes a lot of sense in changing cities.
10/17/2016	Option 1	I like the walkway.
10/18/2016	Option 1	The circulation up from the waterfront needs to be a continuous path not simply leading into the park. The first option continues the circulation up into the market, to Western Ave, and to a small connection into the park. The second option seems that the grand destination is the park, and that would provide too much traffic to an otherwise relaxed park setting. Option 2 completely changes the character of the park.
10/18/2016	Option 1	There should be strong separation between park activity zones and those in MarkeFront - different hours and different user groups are likely. Option 1 creates a lower profile cross connection which maintains a separate identity for the two spaces
10/18/2016	Option 1	I like the benches along the edge of the grass area and the ability to pass through the area. I don't like the configuration of the fixed furniture in option 2.
10/1/2016	Option 2	I prefer Option 2 because I think it will enhance circulation between MarketFront and VS park, as well as within VS park itself. I think that circulation is key to keeping both facilities clean, safe, and welcoming for all users.
10/3/2016	Option 2	park needs more activation. shouldn't feel like a homeless encampment
10/3/2016	Option 2	I enjoy it appearing to blend into the green space. With option 1 the seating looked out of place all by its self.
10/3/2016	Option 2	Allows a more natural and intuitive flow. Many will just climb over the wall rather than go around, I think. Blocking off the seating area, and including fixed furniture is too rigid and controlling for a space that is so much more heavily used than it was when this space was first designed. I advocate for getting rid of the dividing wall on the north end of the seating area as well. Moveable furniture can create a sense of space without rigid walls. Note the moveable tables and chairs place along the sidewalk at Waterfront Park. This is a crowded thoroughfare, but the tables are well used and nice to sit at.
10/3/2016	Option 2	I like the informal aspect of the furniture placement. Seems more like a gathering place. Encourages meandering. The strait path is boring and sterile looking.
10/3/2016	Option 2	Les walls is better for less hiding spots, ramps are better for access to parks upper and lower areas, movable furnishing are better for reduced visitors and for events that are large in scale, such as dancing after dark.
10/3/2016	Option 2	I like having a little more seating and it's moveable
10/3/2016	Option 2	direct access to marketfront
10/3/2016	Option 2	More open views. Expanded seating options promote more use.
10/3/2016	Option 2	I strongly prefer option 2. It does a much better job of integrating the park and Marketfront. It would be a shame not to take advantage of this opportunity as the entire waterfront is redeveloped in ways not foreseen when the park was built.
10/4/2016	Option 2	It forces interaction. With option 1, the seating area might become colonized by people sitting there all day, but option 2 seems like you could get a more dynamic mix of casual use.
10/4/2016	Option 2	Option 1 is uninviting.
10/4/2016	Option 2	It seems cramped and uncomfortable (for both the switchback and the park) to turn back to each other here. The switchback landing should fluently open to the park. The park should feed into the switchback. This also greatly addresses the high-tension dead-end feeling currently in that part of the park. Not comfortable for women, aged, families with children unless there is an escape route.
10/5/2016	Option 2	If we're going to open this space up, and I think we should do that, then open it up all the way and make it really accessible.
10/5/2016	Option 2	2 allows for more space for furniture. Seattle generally lacks public seating, so more everywhere is a good idea.
10/6/2016	Option 2	More pedestrian traffic through the park
10/6/2016	Option 2	I support maximizing connections between the park and Market Front. Activation and circulation will help make the park inviting and feel safe.

		The larger opening is the best because it will be seen as a direct link vs a short of small walkway that would not be inviting and that assumes that the people now using this space are not allowed to use it as place to use drugs and use the area as a bathroom (what a smell). This area must be cleared. Visitors to the Market will not move to the Park if they see and smell what is there now. We would also suggest that many visitors to the Park will now enter from the Market Front vs the cross walk on Western Ave. Would not have to cross a busy street and the North end of the Market from Desimone Bridge is not the main attraction area for people visiting.
10/8/2016	Option 2	
10/9/2016	Option 2	More of a direct connection between the Park and the Market
10/11/2016	Option 2	Creates more activity throughout the park. No dead zones that invite loitering.
10/12/2016	Option 2	This project appears to be about connecting -- with the waterfront, new market expansion -- so lets provide people with choices on how to move through the space.
10/12/2016	Option 2	I'm not entirely sure - whichever option has less wall... The more space for walking through the better. I don't understand the need for a short wall at all around the flexible seating area.
10/13/2016	Option 2	Better flow of people
10/17/2016	Option 2	The connection to MarketFront needs to be as generous as possible.
10/17/2016	Option 2	Movable furniture is a nice amenity.
10/17/2016	Option 2	I think it is important to open up the sound end of the picnic area and encourage movement through. Currently groups of people tend to take up long-term occupation of that end and it doesn't feel safe or welcoming.
10/18/2016	Option 2	Should provide greater pedestrian flow (less of a choke point). Also, I think it should help to reduce the criminal activity that currently (and has for many years) occurs in that location by having more people walking through that area.
10/18/2016	Option 2	feels more open
10/18/2016	Option 2	Better function of space. Creates more engagement.
		I don't care much for either option but Option 2 is preferable since the connections between the park and MarketFront are more intuitive. BUT, both options strike me as rather awkward and uninspiring since they leave the picnic area in a location that seems incompatible with a space that offers the best views of the harbor which naturally draws people to the southwesterly corner of the park and where congestion to the very important connection to MarketFront will be high. I suggest relocating or removing the picnic shelter and relocating the fixed tables and chairs in this area to other parts of the park. Further, I suggest maximizing the area for people watching, picture taking, a place for some large scale art and finally as a pedestrian connection hub. Put another way, people don't like to walk through eating areas to get to their destination and people don't like to sit and eat where people are constantly walking around them. People can picnic anywhere in the park but the viewpoint/connection to MarketFront can only be in one place. The only reason the picnic area was located in its present location is because of the dead-end, alcove-like design of this part of the park when there was a huge drop-off on both the south and west sides of the park. The context of this area is soon to be dramatically changed by MarketFront and Overlook Walk and so the use of this area needs to better reflect that.
10/18/2016	Option 2	more inviting
10/18/2016	Option 2	More open
10/18/2016	Option 2	More inviting while still providing the distinction of areas and uses
10/18/2016	Option 2	I feel option 2 will make the spaces work together better, and increase enjoyment & safety for residents, visits, etc.
10/3/2016		The way you present these options is confusing and it is very different to understand the differences and the options. Make the options clearer.
GENERAL COMMENTS		
10/1/2016		I like the ethos of the original design for the park, but I dislike many of the design details, especially the mounding. I urge the City to start from scratch and to design the best park possible without regard to the original design.
10/2/2016		Please add a real play area for kids!
10/3/2016		The improvements to the park would be great, yet I feel that without a plan to help the homeless that take up residency in the park it will continue to be a spot that tourists pop over to for a quick picture thus leaving the park under utilized.
10/3/2016		play spaces for children are important -- pls consider!
10/3/2016		Start by admitting that the current "social dynamic" in VSP is dysfunctional and address the question of how you will address that. Address the issues of the 24X7 residents and the rampant and open drug trade. This is not about furniture and trees, it is about people!!!!!!
10/3/2016		The play area should be integrated in the final design. Gathering spaces should be as inviting and user-friendly as possible. Trees should be restored.
10/3/2016		We have a lot of new developments and change coming to this area and do not want these changes to sweep away the past. But taking a rigid approach to that change--by refusing to adjust and be flexible--only dooms that past to the shadows as life flows by. Victor Steinbrueck Park has established itself as Native Park. Let's ADD to that and pull it into this century, with new energy and life and authentic respect.
10/3/2016		Please take this opportunity to create a space that is kid-friendly. Studies show that places that are safe for kids/families feel safe to everyone. And inviting, outdoor spaces that feel inviting to everyone are definitely something we need more of in Seattle!
10/3/2016		
10/3/2016		If these ideas are used in the making of the park according to the pictures you have given this will be a very nice park and a great destination for citizens and tourists.

10/3/2016	I am concerned about what I perceive is a continued resistance to opening up the southwest corner of the park and fully connecting it to Marketfront - this in spite of the overwhelming feedback of the community. The park should be open to all and joyously celebrate its connection to Pike Place Market. It should be a safe, vibrant and welcoming place.
10/3/2016	This project is very important to our neighborhood, and I thank all of you for your work on it!
10/4/2016	As the project moves along my hope is that all people, from all economic walks of life, will feel welcome to this wonderful park.
10/4/2016	Thank you for taking on this very important project! It will be exciting to see this place tuned up to really become the balcony-extension to the market that was conceptualized. The current design, with its high berm sculptures and walls, feels out of wavelength with the finer scale of the human body, sightlines, the historic context, and, frankly, the scale of the site itself. We have learned so much about urban space in our modern since this was designed, albeit as a beautiful physical piece/sculpture. As a landscape architect myself, I hope that my works will be updated or even replaced as knowledge continues to grow and as we can do better and better for our cities. Every square foot should be joyful and encourage density and happiness.
10/5/2016	GREAT job! Love all of these ideas - such a nice balance of improvements versus wholesale change.
10/6/2016	This is an important opportunity to make significant improvements to the park to address public safety challenges and make it attractive to broad user groups. Addressing circulation and incorporating activating elements are critical. As noted, highlighting Native culture should be a prime goal. I do not support a goal of "freezing" the original design/purpose and do not think the Historical Commission should have undo say in the final design.
10/8/2016	We have been involved in issues with the Park for 33 years that we have been living across the street. We want to continue to contribute and feel we are very good at knowing what will work in this very small and busy location. The meetings you have held are good and our input appears to be used. There is more to be done and we want to be involved. Susan and Fred Kay email: fredsusank@hotmail.com
10/9/2016	I understand the original Park included blueberry bushes. Please bring some back.
10/11/2016	The designs are hard to see on the webpage- come across as fairly small. Otherwise, this system for online open houses is great!
10/12/2016	I know this park was designed by Haag and Steinbrueck and so is revered in some way but i think not looking at the whole park redesign is a missed opportunity.
10/12/2016	I love the park, but the original design looks dated. The current concrete features are not detailed well. Please look for more contemporary and welcoming design that is on par with international urban and landscaping design.
10/16/2016	for a public meeting of 90 scheduled minutes to allocate only 20 minutes for questions and answers"with no rules about brevity by speakers"and even less democratic for an "online open house" not to provide for participants to read others' comments, as well as to offer their own. 2. Nowhere in the meeting or in cited websites is there a full explanation either of why a public park was built at least 50% on private property or of how and why the underlying private-property parking structure, of reinforced concrete, was "protected" from infiltrating moisture in a manner requiring complete replacement less than 40 years after installation"at City expense. 3. Referring to the King County Assessor's 'localscape' website results for 2001 Western Avenue (http://localscape.property/#kingcountyassessor/My-Property), was the purchaser of the property in 2013, at some 27% more than the assessed value, obliged to make allowance for the possible failing of protection against water infiltration from above the parking structure, or did the purchaser simply receive "watertight" assurance that that would be the City's responsibility?! 4. Having walked to the park twice since the October 4th meeting"around 2pm on October 6th (a blustery, grey time) and around 4pm on October 10th (more pleasant with some sunshine)"I found very many people on both occasions; many were dressed as office workers, mostly sitting on the benches, and others were dressed more roughly but quite orderly: few of the park visitors looked like tourists (with cameras) and hardly any were on the featureless, grass-covered hill dominating the public-property portion of the park. 5. The 'localscape' website cited above includes a map showing the park's profile above the private parking structure and on public land"showing that the grass-covered hill bordering Western Avenue is almost entirely on public land, while the existing promenade (with benches, stools and tables) is above the private parking structure and overlooking the Alaskan Way viaduct. 6. Therefore urge the Parks Commission and the City Council to carefully examine the possibility of replacing the featureless hill with all of the proposed park improvements, thereafter ceding to the private-property owner both the existing promenade infrastructure and full responsibility for maintaining the integrity of the underlying parking structure (perhaps with the reservation of a right-of-way for an eventual stairway towards the water's edge). 7. Repercussion for respecting historical-preservation provisions will necessarily have to be examined publically"not just vaguely asserted! 8. The sequence of first
10/17/2016	almost none of the neighbors to the park use the park now. social media and travel sites say stay away! It is not a comfortable place to go. Even third world countries have bathrooms for tourists, we can't even manage one bathroom, so it had to go, we spent money on a nice bathroom, that is closed when people need it. You let 4 cruise ships dock here, what are you thinking, they are always asking for a bathroom, the only place to send them is the sculpture park garage!
10/17/2016	Thank you for keeping the hill (rolling lawn). My granddaughter and other young family members and guests have loved rolling down and laying on that lawn for years, even though I was more squeamish than they were about dog urine. The designs you show are staying close enough to the original and adding good improvements.

10/18/2016	Restore the children's play area to the original design. The Tree of Life should never have been placed in the park.
10/18/2016	Please don't allow the design of the Waterfront to overrun this park. It is certainly important that the Market make strong connections to its surroundings, but even more important that the boundaries are clear and distinct. In this spirit, I have always thought the motive to blend and blur the lines between the waterfront project and the market has been misguided. It is unfortunate but tolerable that this may happen between the "Overlook Walk" and Marketfront, but this should not extend into Victor Steibrueck Park. Thanks for the opportunity to comment.
10/18/2016	Design it so the entire space is activated, easily accessible with a lot of pedestrian flow so that the criminal element doesn't feel like they can own sections of the park. Keeping it a safe and happy space for all and not drug users and thieves should be paramount in the design decisions.
10/18/2016	Seems like the park is good the way it is.... put the money toward green/environmental causes, so we can have a planet to have parks on.!!
10/18/2016	The PPM Historical commission's primary concern will be views and connection. Make sure this is well vetted and understood before presentation to committee. Good Luck and keep up the good work. This park needs some love.
10/18/2016	Thanks for providing such a good tool for registering public comment -
10/18/2016	Please honor the original intent and design of the park while moving towards equity for the entire community.
10/18/2016	Hopefully the more attractive and activated area will discourage the drug culture.