



Meeting Summary

Beech Project Advisory Committee Training

December 15th, 2014

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Location

Shaver Elementary

3701 Northeast 131st Place

In attendance

Courtney Gearhaut, resident, parent of young kids

Fred Colley, resident, dog walker, scientist

Jamari Gilbert, resident, student at Park Rose High School

Karen Grey, Superintendent of Parkrose School District

Russell George, resident, Argay Neighborhood Association

Laura Goodman, Principal of Shaver Elementary School

Corinne Phillips, resident, parent of young kids, small business owner,

Bill Lindekugel, Argay Neighborhood Association

Nina Palacios, resident, parent of young kids

Meryl Redisch, Portland Parks Board, Urban Forestry Commission

Staff:

Hun Taing PP&R Community Engagement Coordinator

Britta Herwig PP&R Project Manager

Elizabeth Kennedy-Wong, Community Engagement Manager

Melinda Graham, Jonathan Beaver, Tommy King (2.ink Studios)

Juan Muros, Spanish Interpreter

Summary

- I. Introductions and Check-ins: round table introductions from all attendees Overall, the group consists of representatives from the Parkrose School District, parents, neighbors, and students from Parkrose High School. Some of the focus areas expressed by the group are gardening, universal access issues, educational value, bird watching, environmental concerns, dog walking, and good neighborhood connections. Karen and Russ was part of the Master Plan PAC.
- II. Life of a Project Diagram: Elizabeth explained the diagram that describes how a park is developed, planning stage (master plan), design stage (defining program elements), and construction stage. We are currently in the design development part of the process.
- III. Public Feedback Diagram: Hun explained the bubble diagram and how information is relayed from the public, gets vetted through the advisory committee and PP& R and sent to the park's design team to create the physical manifestation of those ideas. The design team then gives their

design options based on public feedback to the advisory committee & PP&R and then to the general public for more input. This ensures that the public's information to the creation of the park is heard. PP&R will post updates online at their PP&R website.

- IV. Drawing Exercise: to illustrate how everyone can have a different idea about the same place each PAC member was asked to draw their idea of a community garden. A variety of ideas were shared including art on fence sculpture/mural, elder friendly, shared space, pond, flowers, entrance from school, stepping stones, kid area, open space, kitchen pizza oven, fruit orchard, gathering place, PP&R Garden typically has work area, shade trees, water, benches, fenced, raised beds, path. It will be the job of the design team with the help of the PAC and the public to create a good design that will incorporate the different ideas as best as possible. This exercise also illustrates the role of PAC which is to take all information from PAC meetings, public information, and community forums and assist the design team to translate it into a park that is uniquely reflective of the community while considering budget, environmental and physical constraints.

- V. Project Team Explanation
 - a. Project managers role - administration of contracts with consultants and contractors, budget, fees, technical details, bridge between creative side and operations and maintenance, adheres to codes - to make sure that the park will last a lifetime
 - b. Community Engagement Coordinator's role – facilitate the engagement of public process, ensures underserved communities are involved, PAC committee supported
 - c. Overview of PAC's role and decision making is to support the design team in informing the design development process by helping to translate the ideas from the master plan into clear design elements that reflect the community needs and character as well as to assist with any prioritizing of design elements to meet the budget. PAC will use consensus decision making. Whenever possible, the group will forward recommendations that are supported by the full group. If full agreement is not possible, the PAC will use simple majority to vote to finalize recommendations. Highlights of ground rules for meetings and expectations
 - d. Zink studios introduced their team – their role is to translate the recommendations into the physical design of the park