



PORTLAND PARKS & RECREATION

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To: Washington Park Master Plan Stakeholders
From: Emily Roth, Project Manager
RE: Project Manager's Update
Date: December 2, 2016 (Update #2)

Well, six months flashed by since the first Washington Park Master Plan (the plan) update. Just a reminder, the plan is for the areas outside the venues (Oregon Zoo, The Children's Museum, The World Forestry Center, Japanese Garden). It includes Hoyt Arboretum, access and circulation, natural areas, statues, memorials, landscapes, maintenance and areas managed by PP&R. It will not address the management of the International Rose Test Garden.

During the past six months, the project team worked on the Technical Investigation document. The team gathered information about the park, staff, land-use, and users' experiences. Over the summer, visitor surveys were completed in the park and posted on-line. Over 500 people responded. The Technical Investigation document will be posted on line early next week: portlandoregon.gov/parks/waparkmasterplan

Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) formed a Champion Committee to monitor the development of the master plan, including equitable and inclusive public involvement. The Committee is a group of owners of and advocates for the Washington Park vision. They will assist in implementing the vision. The committee will participate in the establishment of goals and objectives for the Master Plan, monitor public engagement, provide their perspective on plan options and weigh-in on the selection of a preferred option for Washington Park.

We are beginning work on Phase 2 of the project – concept development. PLACE will be developing three concepts based on the technical investigation, stakeholder interviews and survey results. We anticipate going out to the public in Spring 2017 for feedback.

Scope Progress

1. Technical Investigations – completed, posted on the project webpage.
2. Concept Development – beginning December 2016 through March 2017
3. Civic Engagement/Public Outreach – developing strategy for concept feedback

Schedule

Updated project schedule shown below

Deliverables

Completed

1. Technical Investigation
2. Phase 1 Public Outreach including survey, stakeholder interviews and tour of Hoyt Arboretum
3. Information piece about the project.

Looking forward: Development of three concepts and Phase 2 public outreach

Meetings/Events

Attended

1. Explore Washington Park Board Meeting, September 8.
2. Arlington Heights Neighborhood Association, September 12.
3. Hoyt Arboretum Tour, September 23.
4. Sylvan Heights Neighborhood Association, October 11.
5. Champion Committee Meeting, November 7.

On the Calendar

1. Explore Washington Park Board Meeting, December 8.
2. Arlington Heights Neighborhood Association, December 12.
3. Champion Committee, December 16.

Happy Holidays

Project Information

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Washington Park Master Plan Update Schedule

December 2016: Completion of the Technical Investigation (Phase 1)
Begin Development of three concepts (Phase 2)

January through April 2017: Phase 2 - Concept Development

- January/February: Development, and review by PP&R Staff
- April: Public Engagement – review of concepts

May through July 2017: Phase 3 - concept refinement/single concept developed

August through October 2017: Draft Master Plan Update

November through December 2017: Finalize Master Plan Update