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## Gateway Park & Urban Plaza Project Advisory Committee Meeting #1

**Date:** Jan 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Time:** 5:30-7:30

**Location:** Classroom #1, East Portland Community Center - 740 Southeast 106th Avenue

PPR Community Engagement Coordinator: Hun Taing / [hun.taing@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:hun.taing@portlandoregon.gov)

**Attending:** Place Studio Staff: Mauricio, Colleen, Eric, Carol  
PPR Staff: George, Hun, Jeff, Alicia, Terri  
PAC and public members: Nidal, Linda Robinson, Thuy, Jennifer, Cody, Jessa, Andrew, Xochil, Bob Earnest, Clifford & Daughter, Christopher

### PAC & OPEN HOUSE MEETING SCHEDULE

- PAC #1: Thursday, January 8, 5:30pm – 7:30pm
  - Master Plan Review & Identify Park Characteristics
- PAC #2: Tuesday, February 10, 5:30pm – 7:30pm
  - Review/Revise Design Options from PAC input
- Open House #1: Tuesday, February 17, 5:30pm – 7:30pm
  - Present Design Options to the Public
- PAC #3: Tuesday, March 3, 5:30pm – 7:30pm
  - Review Public Input on Design Options
- PAC #4: Tuesday, March 17, 5:30pm – 7:30pm
  - Review/Comment on Final Schematic Design
- Open House #2: Tuesday, March 24, 5:30pm – 7:30pm
  - Present Final Schematic Design to Public

### Meeting Outcomes/Goals

1. Confirm Vision & Goals
2. Review components of Master Plan
3. Identify characteristics of park elements

### Meeting Summary

- I. Introductions
- II. Review Master Plan's Vision & Goals
  - Hun reviewed the vision and goals from the Master Plan on page 8 and asked the PAC if these are still relevant and if there's anything missing. The PAC recommended revising the statement "Provide park elements that are wheelchair accessible and barrier free" to "Provide as much as possible inclusive access to the entire park space"
  - With the above revision, the PAC agreed to move forward with the vision and goals as our guideline for designing the park
- III. PP&R Plazas - Director's Park & Holiday Park - Alicia
  - Alicia presented a slide show to demonstrate some of the options, opportunities for programming an urban plaza including fountains, classes, games, dances, cultural celebrations, community festivals and events. Lessons learned from Director Park and Holiday Park is the



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need for Flexibility of design elements. Flexibility in programming options, Spaces and programs that can adapt to current and trending interests.

## IV. Confirming parks components & identifying characteristics – PLACE

- PLACE presented the schematic design and explained that they are looking to determine the personality, texture, of the park. What should the character of the components be? What feelings are engaged regarding the park? What ONE word or phrase would be best to describe what this park could/should/will be? PAC gave input on the characters of the NE Entry Plaza, Event Space, Passive Recreation Area. Items such as farmers market, food carts, water fountains with lights, picnic tables to accommodate large families, cultural art, bathrooms, traffic and much more were discussed.
- PAC member asked about the possibility of fenced dog off leash park. PPR and another PAC member who was on the committee during the Master Plan said that was considered during the Master Plan but the committee decided it was not the highest priority. There's a fenced dog area that is supposed to happen further down on Halsey. Currently only fenced on 3 sides and needs to be finished.
- PPR will provide more information on inclusive and nature play at the next meeting so the PAC can provide informed recommendations.

## V. Public Comment

- A community member not in the PAC spoke about the historical significance of Douglas Firs in the area and that it should be incorporated in the design. The community member also added there should be something iconic that will distinguish Gateway Park.

## VI. Adjourn - Next meeting Tues, Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:30pm, East Portland Community Center - 740 Southeast 106th Avenue