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Gateway Park & Urban Plaza Project Advisory Committee Meeting #3

Date: March 3rd, 2015

Time: 5:45-7:30

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

Meeting Notes Summary

Debrief Community Gathering

- About 55 people attended the meeting
- In general, the community gathering went well with diverse people attending and engaged.

Results on Feedback - Open House

- Post it comments: People liked the following things:
 - Skate spot in option 1 preferred
 - Street elements into option 2 be put in option 1
 - Vibrancy of color
 - Partial to concept #2 strand scheme
 - Concerns about parking
 - Picnic areas scattered throughout preferred
 - Large family gathering areas desired (concept 2)
- Comment Form
 - 31 individuals submitted comment form – descent turnout with 55 attendees
 - Highlights
 - A slight majority preferred Raindrops / Concept #1
 - 92% preferred the promenade
 - Skate park separate from playground area
 - PAC discussion on comment form:
 - Prefer a combination – huge preference for promenade, but would like to see it on the Cells and Strand Design. Likes the C&S design due to the irregular shapes, walkway, likes the free flow and the pathways seems more organic
 - 3 people would prefer Concept 1 – but playground separate from skate spot
 - Approves of the irregular lawn, and also likes the long walkway/promenade. Would like the promenade incorporated into concept 2
 - The play hill in the first design is more fluid and better than in the second design
- PLACE presentation & Discussion
 - Preferred Concept Plan
 - Irregular lawn to allow for multiple activities
 - Promenade incorporated, undulating / expand and compress
 - Pushed skate spot to look more like the cells instead
 - Added growth of trees adjacent to the skate spot to provide a buffer
 - Plaza is open and inviting
 - Park edge designed for Programming such as food carts
 - Elongated forms throughout the park, different ways to use the spaces



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- Plaza Structure presentation
 - Plaza Structure Alternatives (Lisa McClellan)
 - Three potential options for structure location
 - Location 1 – on the corner near the paseo, reinforcing travel down into the park. Possibly in conjunction with trees. Possibly some roof, some open ceiling. Original design in master plan. Form an edge to the plaza.
 - Location 2 – Possibly located in the forecourt of the park. Segmenting off that area, making it a gateway into the central park area. Could be tall and open or with a back side. Could be a gateway to pass through to the park. Provides a buffer from Halsey.
 - Location 3 – possibly nearer the interior of the park, and more like a band shell. Leaves a long urban section in the front open for view. Does the structure need to speak to events, etc.?
 - Discussion: The PAC discussed and explored the function, size, shape and material of the structure. No decisions or recommendations were specifically made.
- Restroom Location
 - Where should it be, how connected to other elements
 - Should it be more visible from the street for security
 - Should it be closer to the children's play area, more out of the way?
 - Should it be connected to storage and pump rooms?
 - Brownfield issue by the playground
 - Loos are open on the top and bottom – might work
 - If you can only have one bathroom – what is the preferred location?
 - Prefers the upper left corner option (nearer the retail site, attached to the building/canopy)

Next Meeting PAC #4 / March 17th, 5:30pm – 7:30pm EPCC
Review/comment on Final Schematic Design