

Gateway Park & Urban Plaza Project Advisory Committee Meeting # 4

Date: March 17<sup>rd</sup>, 2015

Time: 5:45-7:30

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

## **Meeting Summary**

Confirm Park Elements & Design

- Hybrid scheme approved by PAC with some adjustments to play area (see below)
- Promenade approved by PAC
- Neighborhood entry approved by PAC
- Large picnic area approved by PAC
- 2 neighborhood entries at south and north corners of 106<sup>th</sup> approved by PAC

PLACE presentation & PAC discussion on playground based on past discussion Play area feedback

- Safety surface should go under the fort structure and around more of the water table
- Change surface choices to provide access to play structure
- Design in a way that integrates and encourages interactions between all kids
- Spiral path to hill
- Changes to sand area
- Less is more, simplify

PLACE presentation & PAC discussion on plaza structure

Feedback on plaza structure

- Representation/symbolic/optical illusion of gateway arch rather than literal structure
- Generally likes all the ideas
- Likes the scrim idea if thing/animals don't get stuck
- Love shadow play and colored glass
- Economical bathroom and fireplace

Recommended changes to design for the community gathering

- Reincorporate spiral path on hill
- Change sand area surfacing
- Use photos with the intended surfacing at the open house

Top three events that you would like to see in the plaza/park during the first year

- Multicultural event, perhaps at night
- Farmer's market
- Movie in the park
- Chess boards
- Ping pong tables

Announcements: PP&R staff discussed opportunities to participate in Parks Naming Process and Inclusive play focus group. There will be a PAC 5 meeting after receiving the cost estimate of preferred design.

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