Meeting Summary
Willamette Park Open House
May 7, 2015
5:30 - 7:00PM

Location
Umpqua Bank
3606 SW Bond Avenue
Portland

In attendance
Ken Love, Ward Barbour, Kerry Chipman, Sharon Fekety, Fadi Opgenorth, Carryanne Conner,
Mike Dowd, Denis Schure, William Danneman, Gene Stubbs, Kevin Ebner

Staff
Ross Swanson, PP & R Project Manager
Lauren McGuire, PP & R Capital Projects Team Manager
David Shaff, Water Bureau Administrator
Ryan Spackman, Water Bureau Construction Manager
Keith Walker, Water Bureau Project Engineer
Terri Davis, PP & R West Zone Manager
Elizabeth Kennedy-Wong, Community Engagement Manager
P. Elise Scolnick, PP&R Community Engagement Coordinator

Consultants
Ryan Carlson, Mayer/Reed Landscape Architects
Carol Mayer-Reed, Mayer/Reed Landscape Architects
Kenya Williams, JLA Public Involvement
Sam Beresky, JLA Public Involvement

Summary
This was an open house on the Willamette Park Redevelopment Project to inform and gather
comments on the trail, access and dog off-leash improvements projects, as well as timeline and
Bureau of Environmental Services work being done on the new pump station. Future work will
include relocation of the playground.

Presentation
Ross Swanson, Project Manager/Landscape Architect, gave a presentation on the proposed
changes in the park. He pointed out specific changes to the multi-use path, access to the river,
the entrances at SW Nebraska, Riverpoint and Miles Place. He also indicated that the play area
will be relocated to a different area of the park at a later phase of improvements.
Ryan Carlson, Landscape Architect with Mayer/Reed presented the design and functions of the dog off-leash area and the possible addition of a shy dog park (for smaller dogs). He also addressed the view point at the south end of the park.

Comments from the Public

- Coordination of concerts in the park and construction should be done
- Q. Will there be water at the dog park? A. This will depend on the budget.
- Q. Will there be changes to the railroad crossing? A. Yes, it will be constructed to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act standards.
- Views on the south end should be maintained
- Q. What will the dog park surface be composed of? A. The surface will be similar to softball/baseball fields. It will be a material that does not get muddy during the wet season.
- Q. What is the shy dog area? A. A place for dogs that are not socialized to be with larger, more social dogs.
- Q. What about the play area? A. The existing play area will be relocated at a later date, possibly the next phase of improvements.