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To: Washington Park Master Plan Stakeholders
From: Emily Roth, Project Manager
RE: Project Manager's Update
Date: July 29, 2016 (Update #1)

This is the first Project Manager's report for the update to the Washington Park Master Plan (the plan). From now on I will be sending these out on a monthly basis to report progress, schedule information, and deliverables as we move forward. The plan is for the areas outside the venues (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 any areas managed by PP&R. It will not address the management of the International Rose Test Garden.

In March 2016 Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) selected PLACE Studio (PLACE) as the consultant team to update the plan. PLACE is working with many subconsultants to gather information about Washington Park, create a revised plan and outreach to the public.

We kicked off the planning process in April 2016 with the consultant team and the PP&R Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). Since that time, PLACE and their team have been in the park gathering background information, meeting with key PP&R staff and Explore Washington Park. At the same time, the public outreach, led by JLA, has been surveying park users and others outside the park, and talking to stakeholders. There is an on-line survey that has been open for the past six weeks, closing over the weekend. As of last week we received over 500 responses.

As the technical investigation phase draws to a close, the consultant team is putting together the Opportunities and Constraints Memo. I have requested that all deliverable for the project be graphic oriented with short narratives.

Scope Progress

1. Technical Investigations – first phase completed by the end of July.
2. Civic Engagement/Public Outreach – surveys and stakeholder interviews completed by end of July, with a few exceptions (difficult to reach stakeholders).

Schedule

1. Project schedule attached
2. Project is on schedule

Deliverables

Completed: Notes from various meeting throughout the technical investigation phase.

Looking forward:

1. The Opportunities and Constraints Memo will be delivered to PP&R on August 19, 2016. The TAC will have two and half (2.5) weeks to review and submit comments to me. I will compile and return the comments to PLACE during the week of September 12. The final report will be completed the last week in September.
2. Survey results.
3. Summary of stakeholder interviews.

Scheduled Meetings/Events

1. September - Emily will be attending the Arlington Heights Neighborhood Association.
2. September – Emily will be attending the Explore Washington Park Board meeting.

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