



**Washington Park Master Plan
Champion Committee Meeting #4
The Portland Building, 1120 SW 5th Ave, 2nd Floor
4:00 PM – 7:00 PM
June 13, 2017**

Meeting Outcomes

- Share feedback from process
- Identify areas of tension from the public input on the two concepts and work to identify solutions/recommendations
- Affirm areas of agreement for moving forward with one concept
- Provide recommendation to PP&R for further Master Plan development

Meeting Participants

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Meeting Notes

I. Welcome

Director Abbaté thanked the Champions Committee for their time and service.

Asked all meeting participants to keep in mind the following questions:

- Are we envisioning a park for the next 20 years?
- Are we envisioning a park that is relevant to ALL Portlanders and visitors?
- Are we creating a vision for a park that is cohesive and interconnected?
- Can you champion this?

II. Washington Park Master Plan–

Project Manager reviewed planning process to date including:

- i. [Vision/Goals](#)
- ii. [Technical study](#)
- iii. [2 Concepts presented to the public](#)
- iv. [Public Outreach Summary Report](#)
- v. Champion Committee Memo, June 7, 2017 (attached)

III. Areas of Divergence

Small group discussions – attendees were divided into three groups to discuss how to resolve and provide direction on areas of the Master Plan where there was no clear direction provided through the stakeholder meetings and the public process.

The results of these discussions are being used by the Consultant Team to further refine the design.

How to use/manage Open Space

Opportunities

- Create opportunities for people to spend the entire day within the park
- Invite cultural diversity through natural area activation, provide access to nature for everyone
- Preserve forest habitat to a maximum, minimize enhancements along trail
- Create educational opportunities on trail
- Zoo Education Center & group camp space exists for education





Challenges

- What are appropriate activities in the natural area? Differing opinions on what is appropriate
- More programming would create more impacts to natural areas
- Area along the trail is low quality in terms of a natural area resources
- Need restrooms
- Need to provide ADA access

Programmed Space

Opportunities

- Provide smaller-scale programmed space - Bocce, etc.
- Keep spaces passive - Leverage the preservation effort
- Provide more benches, picnic
- Create small moments of activity, spaced far apart, at least with least impact to nature, nature play for children, activities at trailheads
- Allow visitors to discover new things
- Provide restrooms -- need more during events
- Take advantage of/focus on vistas

Challenges

- Limited space for large scale ball fields
- Challenging to provide for ADA
- Provide places to rest/stop
- Add bathrooms at café/gift shop/amphitheater
- Address trash from picnics
- Increases need for maintenance
- Increases need for parking
- Increased use increases bike/pedestrian conflicts

Sports/Active Recreation

Opportunities

- Archery is always in use - difficult to replicate somewhere else; is unique & probably does belong {no consensus}
- Soccer field on top of a parking garage is worth considering further
- Keep tennis – it is well used, possible to reduce number of courts?
- Sports field not used as much; water logged, could go out of the park
- Like complexity/ diversity of activities in park
- Layering of the park is interesting

Challenges

- Limited number of soccer fields in West Portland, if this field is removed, it needs to be replaced; current field is in poor shape





- Send people to THPRD Facility? It's far & you have to pay a fee if you live outside of the region
- Negative parking impacts for tennis and soccer in the park

Parking/Access/Transportation Management

Opportunity

- South Entry vision plan has ideas and suggestions for future use of parking structure and how to make the facility green
- Parking and drop off near hubs will be helpful
- Create a pass for folks from outer parts of the city to park within the park- "Reverse zone Permit Parking"
- Bus access is good via #20 on Burnside
- Widen Burnside
- Off-site garage at Uptown Shopping center area; public/private opportunity and mixed use, not for exclusively for park parking
- People mover – driverless, year-round, very easy, transformative, affordable
- Create green space in location of current surface parking as shown in the South Entry Plan
- Surface parking already invested. Use it until no longer needed. Spend money on other priorities

Challenges

- Short term there is a real problem with congestion
- Cultural Institution are not meeting their goals for serving the region because attendance is flat and limited by parking, want to increase number of visitors
- No place to pull off along Burnside
- Cost of parking garage which will be outdated in 20 years; unwise to invest in parking garage at this time
- Use Goose Hollow as a mass-transit hub – create a shuttle
- Bridge over Burnside will be something people see and will want park nearby
- Cars are not going away

Open Stearns Canyon? People Mover? Keep it for Bikes and Pedestrians?

Opportunities

- Shuttle pick up stop could be a good way to connect to a high concentration of people in the city
- Stearns Canyon vehicle access instead of SW Kingston
- Canyon Walk in Sterns would change visitor experience





- People mover in Stearns to improve access to NW Portland
- Most people are able to find way from downtown to the Japanese Gardens and Rose Garden

Challenges

- Would require Uptown parking structure

How would an off-site parking structure work?

Opportunities

- Cultural Institutions support a structure off-site that serves the south end
- Shuttle needs to be something other than a school bus that is now used from the over-flow parking area, must connect to Tri-met
- Shared parking structure off-site allows for good partnership
- Create greater opportunities for more multi-modal use
- If more parking is built (structure) make it convertible space, anticipate need for different use in future
- Assess user fees
- Increase peak parking by design
- Permeable surface
- Uptown parking makes sense – shared cost
- Use existing parking until we do not need it
- Keep vehicle use to the edges

Challenges

- Parking structure needs design guides and built with a plan for future use
- Converting flat spots to garage spaces doesn't make financial sense
- Off-site garage - need to know who's there now and if are they interested
- Creating off-site parking will be expensive
- Need to use technology
- Equity
- Money spent on garage is not spent in park

Closing SW Kingston to private vehicles during peak use times?

Opportunities

- Keep people from driving through the park searching for parking
- Does Kingston need to remain open at all? Do you need to be able to drive between ends of the park?
- Can always try it & then re-open it

Challenges

- May push people out into the neighborhood





- Open Kingston for emergency use

Trails

- Better trails & benches are good
- Access and development along the multimodal trail is appropriate

IV. Areas of Agreement

Large group discussion - All meeting participants came together after the small group exercises to discuss identified areas of agreement.

Multi-Hub Option is preferred

- Provides information kiosks at many locations in the park
- Provide good maps/wayfinding
- Use existing venues to serve as concierge service – zoo restaurant and bathrooms are free and open to the public
- Provide more restrooms

Bike /Ped Treatment on the multi-use path

- Separate bikes and pedestrians

Food should be more available

- Need to address trash
- Seasonal but not permanent, and create permanent infrastructure to accommodate
- 2-3 carts
- Indoor café could provide additional incentive for people to go to the park
- Talk to Metro/zoo about use of the train station at the Rose Garden
- Consider impacts to neighbors

Wayfinding need to be improved and highlighted

- Create phone app
- Translation

Adding Forest Canopy Walk – agreement

- Everyone supported this idea

Garden

- Could be located at site of tennis courts
- Support for garden, not necessarily a building
- Concern about adding unnecessary asset/maintenance





V. Next Steps

- a. PP&R will take the information from the public, stakeholders, and this committee into account and then give direction to the consultant team on development of the single plan concept
- b. Review of draft concept by the TAC; Explore Washington Park Board; Cultural Institutions in August.
- c. Draft master plan will be ready for review by the public and the Champion Committee in October.

Vision and Goals: Finalized on March 22, 2017

Washington Park Master Plan Vision

Washington Park's natural areas, public places, cultural institutions, and recreational opportunities give life and beauty to our city. These essential assets connect people to place, self, and others. Portland's residents treasure and care for Washington Park's legacy, building on the past with a commitment to education, sustainability and safety, to provide for future generations.

Goals

- Fulfill the potential for Washington Park to become a world class park – valued for inspirational beauty, areas of respite, recreation, health and vitality. (Includes economic, social and environmental aspects)
- Washington Park is easy to get to and move through once there. (Transportation to and within the park provides easy and varied multi-modal experience)
- Washington Park showcases horticultural excellence and preserves natural area integrity. (Beauty and environmental value)
- Washington Park clearly connects people of all communities to the identified venues and activities. (Branding, wayfinding, communication -multi-cultural)
- Washington Park is well funded and supported; it adds economic vitality to the city and the region. (The park adds value and should be supported)
- Washington Park cultivates a rich educational, cultural and historic vitality, and embraces the cultural diversity of its visitors and the regional community. (Washington Park is relevant to and reflects a multi-cultural, multi-lingual experience, it is welcoming and inclusive)
- Washington Park is resilient to extreme weather conditions and natural disasters. (Safety for visitors and staff)

