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## NORTH RAINIER LANDBANKED SITE PARK PROJECT

Seattle Parks and Recreation's Planning & Development Division  
Senior Housing Assistance Group (SHAG) – Columbia Gardens  
Wednesday, April 5, 2017 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

### MEETING NOTES

#### Present

Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) Staff

- Toby Ressler, Seattle Parks and Recreation Project Manager
- Mike Schwindeller, Seattle Parks and Recreation Project Manager
- Karimah Edwards, Seattle Parks and Recreation Planner

Community Members – Approximately 80 community members stopped by for the April 5<sup>th</sup> event.

#### Summary

Karimah, Mike and Toby greeted participants and explained the project schedule, budget and planning process. This meeting was conducted as a presentation which included boards with graphics. Participants reviewed the images and used dot stickers to select the park elements they would like to see in the new park. Using pictures and holding it at the SHAG facility made it accessible for a diverse group of participants. Many participants voiced questions and concerns related to the project but also shared their ideas. Several SHAG residents and community members from the surrounding neighborhood as well as business owners were in attendance.

**Schedule:** The project is currently in the planning phase. Design will be completed by 2018 with construction planned for 2019.

#### Community Input

Park Element	Number of Votes
Adult Fitness Equipment (various options)	38
Bold Planting	14
Picnic Tables	13
Barbeque Grills	11
Open Space	10
Play Areas	9
Swings	8
Nature Play	8
Local Art	8
Linear Seating	8
Shade Structures	7
Net Climber	6
Basketball/Sport Court	5
Sculptural Furnishings	4
Plaza	3
Colorful Surfaces	2
Skate Features	1
Bike Facility	1

#### Other Recommendations and Comments

- Curb cuts for accessibility
- Restrooms
- Pathways for walking

- Water fountain
- Dog friendly area
- Flashing crosswalks
- Off leash area
- Handrails for aging adults to practice walking
- Roller skate area
- Spray park
- Wood fired bread ovens like in Toronto
- Performance plaza
- Pathways with lighting
- Obstacle course
- Walking track with an interesting shaped loop
- Outdoor Ping Pong like at Cal Anderson
- Alternate fitness options such as a riverstone walk and stuff to hang from
- Big slides
- Play equipment like what is at Seattle Center and Montlake Playground
- Atrium
- Amphitheatre
- Consider teens and aging adults when looking at play equipment

### Concerns

- Aging adults worry about not having a restroom close by when enjoying the park
- More lighting and access needed between Safeway and future park and SHAG
- Illegal camping, dumping drugs and other negative activity has been observed at existing site
- Safeway customers may bring additional trash into park
- Parking is currently an issue – 4 hour limits?
- Pedestrian safety is a major concern, look at ways to keep pedestrian's safe such as lighting and crosswalks

**Thank you for participating!**

