

Meeting Notes

Wedgwood Landbank Site Development 3rd Public Meeting

June 29, 2019 (Saturday)

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: Future Wedgwood Park Site, 8605 35th Avenue Northeast, Seattle

Attendees: Approximate 50+ participants

Project Planner: Colin Campbell

Project Manager: Shannon Glass

Consultant Designer: T. Frick McNamara (Studio 41)

PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Title: Wedgwood Landbank Site Development

Address: 8605 35th Ave NE, Seattle 98115

Total Project Budget: \$1,273,388

Construction Budget: \$789,500

CIP Description: Seattle Park District Project

Planning: Q2 2018-Q1 2018

Design: Q2 2019 – Q4 2019

Construction: Q1 2020 – Q4 2020

Scope: This project will develop the open space acquired by Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) in 2014 in the identified open space gap in the Wedgwood neighborhood. The design will incorporate accessibility in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as well as SPR's intent to create access to open space in areas of high urban density. Impervious surfacing shall be limited to 15% or less, excluding trail and circulation surfaces

Project Background: Location/Context/Land Use, Existing Site Conditions and Problems, Existing Use and Users, Opportunities and Constraints

This project is within the Wedgwood neighborhood in Northeast Seattle, in a small neighborhood commercial zone that is surrounded by single family residential zoning. The lot is currently mostly empty and is relatively flat with one existing tree on the property. Previously, the site was home to a gas station and electrical substation. While previous surface soil testing found that the soil was safe for planned use if there is a change in scope more testing may be necessary. Since SPR purchased the site in 2014 it has been left undeveloped. Neighborhood groups have activated the space and it is used as parking for nearby businesses as well as a gathering space for the neighborhood. The site is well connected on 35th Avenue Northeast and as the neighborhood is likely to continue to grow the open space will be a resource for the community. Constraints will come from the proximity to single family zoning, commercial uses and the busy roadway directly adjacent.

Meeting Summary: On the morning of Saturday June 29th, Seattle Parks and Recreation staff along with design consultant Studio 41, held an Open House for the Wedgwood Landbank Site Development Project. This was the third meeting held for this project, to present the preferred design to the community and collect input. Throughout the 2-hour event over 50 people stopped by to view the design, ask questions, and provide input. Attendees expressed excitement for the design of the coming park and the addition of new open space for the neighborhood. The most popular features were the open lawn space in the center of the park as well as the variety of seating options that will be available. Members of the Wedgwood Garden Club also attended and have been considering making a donation towards the park's development.

This open house also served as the kick-off for the naming processes for this new park! If you have an idea, please submit suggestions for park names in writing by **Friday, October 18, 2019**, and include an explanation of how your suggestion matches the naming criteria. The Park Naming Policy, clarifying the criteria applied when naming a park, can be found at <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/Publications/namingPolicy.htm>

Please send name suggestions to Seattle Parks and Recreation, Parks Naming Committee, 100 Dexter Ave. N, Seattle, WA 98109, or by e-mail to paula.hoff@seattle.gov.

The Parks Naming Committee will consider all suggestions and make a recommendation to Seattle Parks and Recreation Superintendent Jesús Aguirre, who will make the final decision.

Thank you to Café Javasti for partnering with us and providing coffee for this event!

