

Waterfront Park, Ankeny Plaza & Street Improvements Project

OPEN HOUSE – PREFERRED DESIGN - June 13, 2007

In order to compile all comments for review at the June 20th Project Advisory Committee Meeting, **PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM BY NOON Tuesday, July 24, 2007**

1. How do you use this portion of Waterfront Park now?

- travel through on esplanade by bike
- travel through on esplanade by foot
- visit Saturday Market
- sell or perform at Saturday Market
- hang out
- visit the Japanese-American Memorial Plaza
- watch events at the performance stage

Other:

After receiving public comment on three schematic design options presented at the May 9, 2007 Open House, a hybrid design combining the most preferred features has been developed and is being presented today. The design is intended to provide space for Saturday Market on the weekends and for other markets and events to occur during the week.

In addition to accommodating markets and other large user groups, the final design is intended to create dynamic urban spaces that are fun community gathering spots in their own right. Please review the plans and scale model. Let us know what you think about the following design elements. At the end, you will be asked how successful we were overall in creating special urban spaces.

	I like it	I don't like it	I'd like it better if: (comment)
Plazas			
<p><i>Two large distinct plaza spaces are being created. One is for general public use and to accommodate a significant interactive water feature. The other is a covered programmable space for markets and other large events to occur.</i></p> <p>2. The circular plaza is at grade with the street crossing at Ankeny Plaza and creates opportunities for amphitheater style seating during events.</p>			
<p><i>The covered rectilinear plaza is about 3.5 feet above the circular plaza. It has steps and sloping sidewalks leading up to it, allowing for seating. The raised plaza takes up the elevation difference between the Burnside Bridge and the Naito Parkway street crossing from Ankeny Plaza.</i></p> <p>3. Raising this plaza makes it possible to have the covered area on one level for the entire length, rather than introducing series of steps and ramps within the plaza.</p>			
<p>4. The raised plaza allows for six large oak trees to be retained on the east and west sides of the plaza.</p>			
<p>5. Seat walls around the covered plaza will create places for people to relax and watch the fountain activities.</p>			
Esplanade			
<p>6. A 16-foot wide alternative esplanade is being provided just east of the existing esplanade so esplanade users can choose to pass through the market area or go around it. This approach retains the three large oak trees west of the Pump Station and allows more market booths to be accommodated.</p>			

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Water Feature			
<p><i>The park has an interactive water feature with water in two locations linked by special lighting.</i></p> <p>7. The portion of the water feature in the circular plaza includes water tumbling down steps and sprays to play in, as well as shallow pooled water to splash in.</p>			
<p>8. The portion of the water feature under the overhead structure consists of two rectilinear pools with sprays extending the length of the covered plaza. The intent is to create interest and activity under the canopy structure during times when markets or other large events are not present.</p>			
Overhead Structure			
<p><i>The structure that covers the raised rectangular plaza features a retractable roof that will be open when the plaza is not in use. The intent is to create a light, airy, attractive, permanent structure.</i></p> <p>9. The form of the structure makes a strong artistic statement to designate the space as a location for large events.</p>			
<p>10. The structure is made of steel structural members, semi-transparent side materials for wind protection, and retractable translucent pool covers for overhead sun and rain protection.</p>			
Seawall			
<p><i>In the dock area, the seawall will be raised to match the rest of the seawall, providing increased flood protection. The design of the seawall is intended to be compatible with future dock replacement.</i></p> <p>11. A curved cantilevered overlook at the seawall with seating and ornamental trees will provide places for people to rest and enjoy views to the river or to the plazas and water feature.</p>			
Interface with Japanese-American Plaza			
<p><i>The Japanese-American Historical Plaza is a special memorial located north of the Burnside Bridge. The intent is to be respectful of the memorial's design and character, but to also meet City requirements to treat stormwater resulting from the new paved areas. This can be accomplished in one of two ways:</i></p> <p>12. Create a rainwater garden in the lawn area north of the bridge, with simple plantings of sedges and grasses.</p>			
<p>13. Treat stormwater in below grade sand filters, allowing for the addition of a double row of cherry trees as a landscape buffer between the memorial and the much more active uses that will be occurring south of the bridge.</p>			

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14. Previous design options explored removing one or both sets of historic cast iron columns in Ankeny Plaza to make more space for Saturday Market and better visibility towards Waterfront Park. The current design proposes keeping both sets of columns.			
<i>Ankeny Plaza has a beautiful character with the large trees, connection with Skidmore Fountain, and historical columns. The paving tiles are in disrepair and the hope was to repave the plaza.</i>			
15. Budget constraints may force leaving the existing paving in tact. Would this idea be an acceptable cost saving idea?			
16. The stairs from the top of the Burnside Bridge down to the MAX station are reconfigured as a straight run to create a safer passage, replacing the existing stairwells' switchbacks.			
Parking Lot east of MAX Station			
17. A barrier between the parking lot and MAX station is designed to separate pedestrians from car traffic in the parking lot. The steel frame will hold a graphic glass art wall. The wall will be transparent enough to maintain the visual link between the station and the market or other events in Waterfront Park, while avoiding the introduction of potential hiding spots.			
First Avenue			
18. There is a double row of street trees along the west side of First Avenue between NW Couch and SW Ankeny. The inner row of trees will be removed to open up sightlines up and down the street for improved safety.			
Ankeny Street			
19. Ankeny Street between Second and Third Avenues is proposed to be permanently closed to vehicular traffic, creating a pedestrian space with room for sidewalk cafes to spill into the street as well as other events.			
20. At the intersections of Ankeny Street with Second and Third Avenues, the plan reclaims right-of-way for pedestrian space by the use of curb extensions. This provides new space for sidewalk cafes, stormwater planters, water fountains, and historic cast iron columns.			

21. We are trying to create a northern gateway to Waterfront Park, a very special, successful, dynamic urban place that will bookend Salmon Springs at the southern end of Waterfront Park.

21-A. Overall, were we successful in our goal of designing special and attractive urban spaces?

yes no

21-B. Of the various elements included in the proposed design, which do you feel are vital to ensuring that this will be a successful, dynamic urban space?

22. Having studied the design drawings and scale model, is there anything you think we have missed?

yes no Comment:

23. Are you a Saturday Market vendor or performer?

yes no

23-A. Are there particular design elements you especially like?

23-B. Are there particular design elements you have concerns about?

24. Any other comments?

If you would like to be on the mailing list or e-list, please PRINT your contact information below.

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Supplemental Information
(Do not turn in with your comment form.)

In addition to the features described on the Comment Form, the following features are included in the design:

Restrooms

Two restroom locations are being considered. One is at the north edge of the Fire Station building. The other is in Waterfront Park near Naito Parkway. Portland Parks & Recreation, PDC, and Portland Fire & Rescue are meeting to discuss the options.

Dock

While there is not currently funding to reconstruct a new dock, the plaza and seawall are being designed to accommodate a new gangway and dock in the future.

Utilities

Potable water, waste water disposal, electricity, and natural gas, all of sufficient size, will be located conveniently within Waterfront Park to accommodate markets and other large users. The costs for telephone lines to service credit card machines will be investigated and considered.

Metal Sculpture in Waterfront Park

The metal sculpture wall will be relocated within the project site with the assistance of the artist.

Naito Crossing

The pedestrian crossing from Ankeny Plaza across Naito Parkway is currently 40-feet wide. It is proposed to remain the same width, but with enhanced paving linking Ankeny Plaza and Waterfront Park. 40 feet should be sufficient for a good visual connection and to move large numbers of people across the street safely utilizing the recently installed crossing signals.

Ankeny Plaza Historical Columns

Previous design options explored removing one or both sets of historic cast iron columns to make more space for Saturday Market and increased visibility towards Waterfront Park. The current design retains both sets of columns, but removes the base on the western set of columns so people can walk through them.

Bridge Vault Space

Retail (coffee and/or newsstand) is planned for the existing storage vault under the Burnside Bridge on the west side of First Ave. A retail use is intended to provide liveliness and more eyes on the area to increase sense of safety.

Parking Lot east of MAX Station

Sidewalks are located on both the north and south sides of the parking lot from First Avenue and the MAX station to Naito Parkway to provide connectivity through the space.

Underside of Burnside Bridge

Lighting will be improved under the Burnside Bridge to create better visibility and a sense of safety.

First Avenue

Sidewalks and roadways will be repaired as needed to create high quality, accessible pathways. Materials include concrete sidewalks, asphalt roadways, and cobble and pavers at the MAX line and pedestrian intersections. Street trees will be evaluated and replaced as necessary to provide healthier trees that will thrive in the streetscape without damaging the sidewalks. Stormwater planters are incorporated on the First Avenue blocks between Davis and Burnside, alongside the MAX line.

Ankeny Street

Vehicular roadways of Ankeny Street are paved with cobble, sidewalks are concrete, and the pedestrian block between Second and Third is stone pavers.

Features to be accommodated nearby off-site:

Saturday Market storage
Central trash and recycling center
Saturday Market office space