Larimer Parks Public Meeting #3
Agenda

I. Park Planning & Design Process (20 min.)
1. Park Planning and Design Process and Design Team (URA)
2. Brief Overview of Zones A, B, C (WRT)
   • Design
   • Play
   • Material Selection
3. SEED Metrics & Art Opportunities (SfSP)
4. Stormwater Approach (CSG)

III. Park Design Q&A (URA/WRT) (15 min.)

III. Breakout Stations (25 min.)
STATION 1: Zones A, B, C (Lead by WRT)
STATION 2: Creative Play & Play Equipment Selection (Lead by SfSP)
STATION 3: Stormwater Approach (Lead by CSG)
STATION 4: Other Park Questions/Comments (Lead by URA)
STATION 5: Children’s Activity (Lead by Brean Associates)
The WRT Team is developing an overall plan for the open space network (Zones A, B, C). This conceptual plan will build off of existing and ongoing planning and development efforts in the neighborhood.
Create the framework for neighborhood wide parks and open space system with access and connection points
Following the conceptual design, more detailed drawings will be developed for Zones A and A1 including construction drawings.
Project Team Work Sessions

**PROJECT TEAM MEETINGS**

Monthly meetings 2nd Tuesday of the Month

(Sept. 2015–August 2016)

Members include:

- 4-H City
- Allegheny Land Trust
- Citiparks
- East End Youth Advisory Council
- East Liberty Development, Inc.
- East Liberty Gardens
- Enright Court Residents
- Fairfield Apartments
- Housing Authority of Pittsburgh
- Kingsley Association
- Larimer Consensus Group
- Living Waters of Larimer
- McCormack-Baron Salazar
- Mike’s Auto
- Office of Mayor Peduto
- Penn State Extension
- Pittsburgh Department of City Planning
- Pittsburgh Department of Public Works
- Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy
- Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (PWSA)
- Tree Pittsburgh
- URA

- Sept 21, 2015 Kick off Site Visit
- March Project Team Meeting
- September Project Team Meeting
- March Stormwater Design Meeting
STAKEHOLDER SESSIONS

Additional stakeholder meetings and work sessions to reach a broad cross-section of the community.

Youth
- Lincoln Elementary School – Mr. Allen’s Science Class
- Youth Workshop Hosted by East End Neighborhood Employment Center
- East Liberty Gardens Youth

Housing Groups
- Co-Housing
- Larimer Homeowner’s Group

Seniors
- Vintage Seniors
- (Future) Harriet Tubman Senior Housing
- Kingsley Senior Luncheon

Stakeholder Sessions
SOCIAL ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

SEED IS A TOOL TO SUPPORT AND PROMOTE PUBLIC-INTEREST DESIGN

SOCIAL

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY

Reinforcing a sense of fellowship and shared interests among people living in Larimer

• Creating 3+ acres of high-quality, community-supporting park space actively used by local residents.
• The # of programmed activities / events held in the park

JOB CREATION

Quantifying the # of jobs and training positions that are created for local residents,

ECONOMIC

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Limit disruption of natural water hydrology by reducing impervious cover and increasing on-site infiltration

Quantifying the amount of stormwater/ rainwater runoff that may be diverted from entering the combined sewer system
Conceptual Design
PARK AND OPEN SPACE SYSTEM – Overview of Zones A, B, and C

Zone A: The Commons
Zone B: The Woods
Zone C: The Bluff

Phase II & III
Fairfield Apts.
Larimer Apts.

Saints Peter & Paul Church

Larimer Park + Basketball Courts

Larimer Community Garden

Phase I

LARIMER/EAST LIBERTY PARK PLANNING + DESIGN SERVICES
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Zone B

Storm Water Retention Basins

Multi-use Trail

Trail Rest Areas

Adult Exercise

Tree Mound

Trail Overlook

Seat Steps

Future Housing

Play Lawn

Lawn Mounds

PHASE 1

Stairs

Gateway

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Zone C – The Bluff (Open Space and Recreation Opportunities)
First Phase of Park Implementation will focus on Zones A-A1
Play Equipment Selection

• The design team has been working with DPW to ensure that play equipment selected will meet requirements for safety and ability for future maintenance.

• The Team has preliminary approval to use this type of equipment provided that equipment meets all required ASTM/ADA Codes. Separate Age Groups Play Areas (2-5 years) and (5-12 years).

• Goals of Play Equipment
  ▪ Dynamic multiple opportunities for play
  ▪ Creativity
  ▪ Wider range of movement
  ▪ Physical challenges will attract older kids
Proposed Play Equipment

Typical 2-5 Year Old Play Equipment being proposed
Proposed Play Equipment

Typical 5-12 Year Old Play Equipment being proposed
Proposed Play Equipment

Water Play
Making Play Special and Inclusive

Design Approach for Larimer
• We will be exploring opportunities to make the playground as inclusive as possible.
• 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) adopted stringent standards that require playgrounds to have surfaces and equipment that can be used by disabled children
• Meet ADA accessibility guidelines for play areas
• Some of the aspects we will consider are:
  – Safety surfacing throughout
  – Accessible pathways
  – Play activities at ground level
  – Access to equipment from ground level
  – Equipment that offers equal access opportunities for all abilities
  – Clear color and design signals
The ‘Cacoon’ structure is one example of a piece of equipment that is designed for fun for all children, but specially designed for those with autism spectrum disorders. Enclosed space for one child to escape the playground when s/he becomes over stimulated.

Access to equipment from ground level offers equal opportunities for play for all abilities.
Site Furnishings

City Standards

- Light Standard
- Bench
- Bicycle Rack
- Trash Receptacle
- Signage

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Plant Selection

- Smart plant selection will support project sustainability goals as well as beautification; seasonal interest/high enjoyment
- Recommended Tree Species for Pittsburgh
- Avoid invasives in favor of native plants
- Resistance to disease and insects
- Water conservation
- Education
- Habitat
- Provide sensory stimulation for children
- Plant types may include:
  - Trees
  - Shrubs
  - Vines
  - Ground cover
  - Ornamental grasses
  - Herbs
Stormwater Approach Zone A and A’

- Incorporate stormwater from adjacent streets and park
- Utilize cistern to increase landscape value and provide more consistent water flow
- DPW to maintain bioswale
- PWSA to maintain pipe from bioswale to existing public storm sewer
- Schematic design – refine scale

Precedent
Shoemaker Green
University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia)
Please visit stations for a closer look at conceptual designs ask questions and provide your input.
Breakout Stations

Station 3  
Stormwater Approach

Station 4  
General Park Development Questions and Comments

Station 5  
Children’s Activities

Please visit stations for a closer look at conceptual designs, ask questions, and provide your input.
Questions

Zone A: The Commons

Zone B: The Woods

Zone C: The Bluff
Thank you for coming. For more information and project updates please go to:

URA Website: [http://ura.org/news/annual_reports.php](http://ura.org/news/annual_reports.php)

ELDI’s website: [http://www.eastliberty.org/](http://www.eastliberty.org/)

Larimer One Voice: [https://larimerplan.wordpress.com/](https://larimerplan.wordpress.com/)