

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**  
**CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON**

<b>AGENDA TITLE:</b>	Briefing on the City of Shoreline Park at Town Center Master Plan
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Parks Department
<b>PRESENTED BY:</b>	Dick Deal, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director Jon Jordan, Capital Projects Manager

**PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:**

As one of the Parks projects in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), the Park at Town Center project will master plan for future design and construction of a public park and gathering place between North 175th and North 185th Streets, bounded by Aurora Avenue North and Midvale Avenue North. The proximity of this site to the proposed Shoreline Town Center affords the opportunity for this site to serve multiple purposes.

The master plan process for the Park at Town Center began in late 2010 with stakeholder interviews, followed by two community workshops in early 2011 to create a vision and explore design options. This report is intended to brief the Council on the progress of the master plan process including input from the stakeholder interviews, community workshops and briefings to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board.

Council will be asked to take action on a preferred master plan later this summer after further community input and refinement of a preferred concept. The City will then seek grants for park construction based on the Council's adoption of a preferred concept. Although no immediate funding is available at this time, the adoption of a master plan will allow the City to pursue traditional park development funding sources. It is anticipated that the master plan will be completed in phases.

**ALTERNATIVES ANALYZED:**

Generally speaking, a master plan process is a free-flowing exchange of thoughts and ideas to get participants to think creatively about ways to design and create a dynamic space. Up to this point, the process has been defined by input from stakeholder interviews, community workshops focused on creating a vision and exploring design options, and briefings to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board.

City staff and the consulting team that was hired by the City to assist with the master plan process, the Berger Partnership, have developed three design concepts from this input. The master plan process, the community vision that lead to the development of these concepts and the concepts themselves are explained in more detail in the body of

this report. These design concepts were intended to create interest and discussion in different design elements that can be selected from each concept to be included in the final design, or stimulate new ideas about how to best use the site. The intent was not to select just one design concept to move forward.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

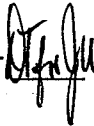
The 2011-2016 CIP includes a budget of \$100,855 for the current master planning process and an estimate of \$1,020,000 for the future implementation of the first phase of the plan. The City will seek grants for design and construction based on the adoption of a preferred master site plan.

**RECOMMENDATION**

No action is required at this time. Council will be asked to take action on a preferred master plan later this summer after further community input and refinement of a preferred concept.

Approved By:

City Manager



City Attorney

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The Park at Town Center site is geographically located in the heart of Shoreline, home of the new Shoreline Town Center with civic landmarks like Shoreline's new City Hall, the Interurban Trail and the proposed new Shorewood High School. This proximity to these community assets affords the opportunity for this site to serve multiple purposes. As well, by the summer of 2011, Aurora Avenue will be completely rebuilt through this area, with bus transit lanes, two traffic lanes in each direction, landscaped medians, underground utilities, new light standards and wide sidewalks. The City is also in the process of completing a Town Center Sub-Area Plan and updating the Transportation Master Plan, both of which will impact the future character of this area.

These improvements combine to create a compelling opportunity for the creation of a signature celebratory park space for the City of Shoreline. Potentially spanning from the west sidewalk of Aurora to the east margin of Midvale Avenue North, the proposed Park at Town Center would create a linear park development that would feature a major gathering space for civic events, extensive landscaping, pathway and specialty lighting, art installations and themed elements to celebrate the new Shoreline Town Center.

## **BACKGROUND**

On September 13, 2010, the City Council authorized the City Manager to award a contract to the Berger Partnership in the amount of \$79,920 to provide planning and design services for the development of a Master Plan for the Park at Town Center.

The Berger Partnership began this process by conducting stakeholder interviews in the fall of 2010 (see Attachment A – Stakeholder Interview Report). This was followed by two community meetings and briefings to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board in early 2011.

The Park at Town Center will serve to meet the objective of:

- Comprehensive Plan Goal PR 1: Enrich the quality of life for all Shoreline residents by ensuring that a broad range of high quality parks, recreation and cultural opportunities are readily available, by preserving open spaces and maintaining a quality parks and recreation system; and
- Comprehensive Plan Goal CD IV: Encourage historic preservation to provide context and perspective to the community.

The City will seek grants for park construction based on the results of the visioning master plan process. No immediate funding is available at this time, but the adoption of a master plan will allow the City to pursue traditional park development funding sources. It is anticipated that the master plan will be completed in phases.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **Master Plan**

A master site plan is an opportunity to look at a site or facility for the development of a long-range vision as to how the site might better serve citizens, improve the environment, and/or create a positive economic impact. This process is a free-flowing exchange of thoughts and ideas to get participants to think creatively about ways to design a dynamic space.

In the early stages of the planning process, all ideas are considered valid and discussed. After additional research or thought, some ideas are dismissed for various reasons. As the master planning process moves forward, additional design principles will emerge and will be refined into guiding principles to create future designs and the eventual master site plan.

The planning process for the Park at Town Center includes communication and feedback from Stakeholders, the Community, the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board, and Shoreline City Council. The following information provides the highlights of the Park at Town Center Master Plan Process:

Stakeholders – The process began in October and November of 2010 with stakeholder interviews (see Attachment A – Stakeholder Interview Report). The purpose of the initial stakeholder interviews for the Shoreline Park at Town Center project was to further understand stakeholder interests and visions, as well as any parameters or constraints that may exist for the Park at Town Center.

Community – The next step was to understand the interests and visions of the park shared by the community. This process is currently underway and consists of community meetings or workshops designed to flow from grand ideas and dreams or visions to identifying concepts and elements to a refined, preferred design plan for the park.

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board – After each community meeting, a summary of the development progress and community input is presented to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board. The first presentation was January 27, 2011, the second presentation was on March 24, 2011, and the third presentation will be on June 23, 2011. The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board are supportive of the progress to date.

Shoreline City Council – This is the first presentation to Shoreline City Council on the Park at Town Center Master Plan process. Progress on the development of the master plan and feedback from the stakeholder interviews, community meetings and the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board are presented in this report as information. Council will be asked to take action on a preferred master plan later this summer after further community input and refinement of a preferred concept.

## Community Meeting 1 – Creating a Vision

Attendees – Approximately 25 members of the public attended this community meeting at City Hall on Tuesday, January 25, 2011. Attendees included Shoreline residents, community groups, park board members and former city council members.

Purpose – The purpose of this meeting was to gather ideas and input from community members on the future planned Park at Town Center. Through a facilitated community workshop, participants discussed the park elements that were most important to them and that reflected what is unique about the City of Shoreline.

Following the presentations, meeting attendees participated in a community workshop where attendees were encouraged to share their thoughts for the future park at Town Center. Meeting participants were also encouraged to provide feedback on comment forms.

Community Workshop Discussion – During the community workshop, meeting participants were encouraged to consider how they would like the park to look and function 10 years from now, what is unique about Shoreline that could be reflected in the park, and share their ideas for important park amenities and facilities that should be considered in the park's design.

A summary of common themes heard at the meeting is provided below. See Attachment B – Meeting 1 Summary for a full meeting summary and list of comments received.

The following park design themes were discussed:

1. **Programs, farmers markets and/or other events will be key to making the park at Town Center a viable space.** Participants felt strongly about the need for event space.
2. **Strong desire to integrate a historical element in the park at Town Center.** Participants stressed the importance of highlighting the historical location of the park and its surroundings.
3. **Reflect Shoreline's focus on sustainability in the park.** Participants described an interest in using solar power and providing opportunities for people to reach the park through alternate modes of transportation.
4. **Use the park to showcase the seasonal and native vegetation and mature trees Shoreline is known for.** Participants discussed incorporating different types of native and colorful vegetation in the space.
5. **Create flexible spaces in the park that lend themselves to different activities, both passive and active for all in the community.** Participants expressed the importance of designing the park for a variety of uses and age groups.
6. **Reflect Shoreline's sense of community, landmarks and diverse neighborhoods.** Participants felt that the communities and diverse neighborhoods were a unique part of Shoreline and wanted them to be incorporated into the park.

7. **Provide adequate lighting to ensure enhanced safety and comfort at all times of the day and year.** Participants were concerned that without proper lighting and well designed shelters and amenities, the park could attract criminal activity.

## **Community Meeting 2 – Exploring Concepts and Elements**

Attendees – Approximately ten people from the community attended this meeting at City Hall on Wednesday, March 9, 2011. Attendees included Shoreline residents, community group representatives, and park board members.

Purpose – The purpose of this meeting was to solicit feedback from community members on three park design concepts for the park at Town Center. Through a facilitated community workshop, participants were able to discuss the elements of each concept they liked and disliked. Feedback from the community workshop will be used to develop and further refine a preliminary preferred park concept for the future Park at Town Center.

Community Workshop Discussion – Participants separated themselves into three breakout groups. Each group had an opportunity to visit each of the three stations set up around the room, one for each concept, where they were asked to discuss and provide feedback on each of the three concepts.

A description of the concepts and elements is provided below. See Attachment C – Meeting 2 Summary for a full meeting summary and the notes from each of the concept stations, including the elements that the meeting participants liked, disliked and what they would like to see added to the concepts.

Staff gathered input based on specific elements out of each scheme that spoke to what residents of Shoreline would like to see at the Park at Town Center. Staff was not looking for a vote of one scheme in particular, but rather the elements from each scheme that could be combined to create a preferred park plan.

Common Elements – In the three concepts or schemes that were presented at the second public meeting, a variety of options are displayed in each scheme that study the existing Interurban Trail alignment, treatment of the Ronald Place Bricks, amount of paved vs. green space, and proximity to other elements in the Park. The basic program for each scheme includes the following common elements:

- Flexible spaces for outdoor events, markets, Art in the Park
- Restroom facility
- Link to City Hall
- City Light Property Flexibility
- Planting for all Seasons
- Art
- Lighting
- Connections to the Neighborhood
- Walgreens screen

## The Three Concepts or Schemes

### ***Shoreline on the Move***

The influences for this concept (see Attachment D – Shoreline on the Move) included the history of mobility in the Shoreline area and patterns created by Aurora Avenue North, Midvale Avenue and Ronald Place. The park design is 50 percent paved and 50 percent planted and includes “outdoor rooms” for events and for people to congregate. Between the “rooms” are smaller-sized open spaces. In this concept, the Interurban Trail is moved to Midvale Avenue North and a loop trail would be added along the perimeter of the park. This concept was intended to celebrate mobility, and incorporates movable park elements to better accommodate Seattle City Light.

### ***Shoreline Reflection***

This concept (see Attachment E – Shoreline Reflection) is influenced by the reflection and geometry of Ronald Place and Midvale Avenue North. This park concept is also 50 percent paved and 50 percent planted. In this concept, there would be many tall trees near the south end of park, with the Ronald Place bricks accented throughout the park. Water is a major element in this park concept – especially in the grade change near Walgreens.

### ***Shoreline Center Stage***

This concept (see Attachment F – Shoreline Center Stage) was based on the fact that this site is the center of Shoreline. There is movement in the design from edge to edge of the property to reflect Shoreline’s shore to shore theme. The 14 unique Shoreline neighborhoods are represented in 14 nodes throughout the park. This concept is 80 percent planted and 20 percent paved. At the southern end of the park, there could be a plaza for meeting space with movable screens that could block Aurora Avenue North and Walgreens.

## Guidelines for the Long-Range Vision

The project site has a long history, several property owners (see Attachment G – Project Site and Property Ownership), multiple existing uses, and plans for future development on and around the site. The net result, and one of the guiding principles for the Park at Town Center Master Plan, is that it be flexible and adaptive to the community vision and an ever changing future. Listed below are some of the guidelines that will influence the long-range vision and phasing of the park development:

1. Ronald Place bricks to stay in place per historical and environmental reasons/commitments. Minor alterations may be acceptable especially if to restore the existing Brick Road.
2. Interurban Trail to stay in place. Minor changes and alterations may be considered.
3. Accommodate or include the future opening of the right-of-way for the N 180th Street connection from Midvale to Aurora and Linden.
4. Maintain Seattle City Light (SCL) access to and redevelopment of utilities now and into the future.

5. Include the design concept for Midvale Avenue consistent with the Town Center Subarea Plan and the Transportation Master Plan.
6. Include and/or identify a potential exchange of a portion of the Ronald Place triangle parcel (excluding the bricks portion) for SCL right-of-way along the west side of Midvale Avenue.
7. Recognize/incorporate the potential requirements for SCL to assess rent versus current no-cost agreement.

### **Community Meeting 3 – Selecting the Preferred Option**

This third and final community meeting is scheduled to be held at City Hall on Wednesday, June 8, 2011 at 7 P.M. The purpose of this meeting will be to select a preferred option for recommendation to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board and then Shoreline City Council.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

No action is required at this time. Council will be asked to take action on a preferred master plan later this summer after further community input and refinement of a preferred concept.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- Attachment A – Stakeholder Interview Report
- Attachment B – Meeting 1 Summary
- Attachment C – Meeting 2 Summary
- Attachment D – Shoreline on the Move
- Attachment E – Shoreline Reflection
- Attachment F – Shoreline Center Stage
- Attachment G – Project Site and Property Ownership



## City of Shoreline Park at Town Center

### Stakeholder Interview Report



Updated: 11/17/2010

#### Purpose of Stakeholder Interviews

The purpose of the initial stakeholder interviews for the Shoreline Park at Town Center project is to further understand stakeholder interests and visions, as well as any parameters or constraints that may exist for the Park at Town Center. Feedback from these stakeholder meetings will be used to inform the broader community outreach strategy as well as the City's decision-making process as it selects a preferred design for the park.

#### Interviews Conducted

The eighteen (18) stakeholders interviewed for this project included: neighborhood representatives, local business owners and developers, two former Planning Commissioners, members of the Parks Board, students and an administrator from Shoreline High School, a representative from the Shoreline Historical Museum, and local event and festival planners.

- Lisa Surowiec, Richmond Highlands Neighborhood Association – Oct. 20, 2010
- Barbara Guthrie, Echo Lake Neighborhood Association – Oct. 20, 2010
- Gretchen Atkinson, Meridian Park Neighborhood Association – Oct. 20, 2010
- Robin McClelland, former Planning Commissioner – Oct. 22, 2010
- Ann Erickson, Hillwood Neighborhood Association – Oct. 22, 2010
- Mark Ikegami, Doug's Northwest Cadillac – Oct. 27, 2010
- Jim Abbott, Shoreline Rotary/Gateway Plaza Owner – Oct. 27, 2010
- John Thielke, Farmers Market/Richmond Beach Neighborhood – Oct. 27, 2010
- Nancy Frye, Shoreline/Lake Forest Park Arts Council – Oct. 27, 2010
- Pam Barrett, City of Shoreline Events – Oct. 27, 2010
- Vicki Stiles, Shoreline Historical Museum – Oct. 28, 2010
- Patti Hale, Parks Board member – Oct. 28, 2010
- Bill Clements, Parks Board member – Oct. 28, 2010
- Elaine Swanson, Vice Principal of Shorewood High School – Nov. 4, 2010
- Chris Evans, student at Shorewood High School – Nov. 4, 2010
- John Schaffer, student at Shorewood High School – Nov. 4, 2010
- Rich Gustafson, former City Council member – Nov. 12, 2010
- Rocky Piro, former Planning Commissioner – Nov. 16, 2010

#### Key Findings and Conclusions

The stakeholder interviews produced a lot of useful information (see detailed interview reports for full interview notes) about the Park at Town Center project. Some of the key comments included:

- A general agreement that play equipment and space to play with balls and Frisbees, etc., would be unsafe so close to Aurora.
- A general agreement that the park should be pedestrian oriented with more opportunities to cross Aurora Avenue North. Comments included building more overpasses and crosswalks to link the two sides of Aurora and the future Town Center.

- Many stakeholders were interested in exploring the possibility of a farmers market at the park. Other suggestions of events at the park included car shows, Celebrate Shoreline, and music festivals and concerts.
- Many stakeholders believed the most identifying feature of Shoreline is its trees. Comments about vegetation included using only non-fruit-bearing trees, using a variety of trees with distinct trunks, and lighting the trees in the winter.
- Stakeholders had many differing viewpoints regarding parking. Comments ranged from recommending having no parking at all at the park, sharing parking with other nearby facilities (i.e. City Hall, Shorewood High School) and businesses, to creating a parking at the park.

### **Interview Methodology**

Before each interview, the stakeholders were provided a brief project Overview, which included the project's background and timeframe, and relationship to the City's current Town Center planning efforts. The stakeholders were encouraged to ask questions during the interview.

The interview questions were as follows:

1. Please tell us about yourself and your organization/business.
2. Were you aware of the Shoreline Park at Town Center project prior to us scheduling this interview with you today?
3. How often do you visit parks in Shoreline/the region? Why do you/don't you visit parks?
4. What aspects of other parks do you like or dislike? What activities or facilities do you enjoy in parks in other communities that should be considered for the Park at Town Center?
5. How do you see the Park at Town Center functioning as part of the town center? As part of Shoreline?
6. What do you appreciate the most about, or what is unique to Shoreline? Or what elements of Shoreline's character would you like to see reflected in the park?
7. Imagine you move away and return to the community in ten years, how does the park look and function?
8. How do you think you would get to the park? Via bike, bus, foot, skateboard, car, etc.
9. How often do you see yourself visiting this park once it's complete? If not often or never, why?
10. What types of uses (passive vs. active or programmed) would you like to see at the Town Center Park?
11. What types of user amenities (water fountains, restrooms, etc.) would you like to have at the Town Center Park?
12. Are you interested in receiving updates about this project? How do you prefer to receive information?
13. Do you have any other comments or questions?
14. Who else should we talk to as we kick-off this planning and visioning process?
15. Will you be able to attend the upcoming public workshops about the project? (share the dates and purpose of upcoming workshops)

## Summarized Interview Responses

Due to time constraints, not all questions were asked of all stakeholders. Individual summaries of each stakeholder interview are included at the end of the document.

**1. Please tell us about yourself and your organization/business.**

*All of the stakeholders either work or live in the Shoreline area.*

**2. Were you aware of the Shoreline Park at Town Center project prior to us scheduling this interview with you today?**

*Most stakeholders had heard of the project before either through meetings with the City or through newsletters and word of mouth.*

**3. How often do you visit parks in Shoreline/the region? Why do you/don't you visit parks?**

*Stakeholders with children visit the parks in the area frequently, as do the stakeholders who are active trail walkers, runners, and bicyclists. Shoreline parks that the stakeholders visit the most include Cromwell Park, Ronald Bog Park, Paramount Park, Hillwood Park, and Richmond Beach Saltwater Park. Other regional parks the stakeholders visit included Greenlake Park, Carkeek Park, Discovery Park and Seward Park. Several gathering places were mentioned in the stakeholders' responses, these included Central Market and Third Place Books.*

**4. What aspects of other parks do you like or dislike? What activities or facilities do you enjoy in parks in other communities that should be considered for the Park at Town Center?**

*Stakeholder answers varied. Many stakeholders enjoy parks that have regularly scheduled programs, provide gathering spaces, and have artwork and historical signage. Additional aspects of other parks the stakeholders liked included vegetation (especially native plants), bike racks, trails for biking and jogging, and bermed landscaping. Parks stakeholders used as examples included the Sammamish Loop Trail (Redmond), Bothell Landing, Tivoli Gardens (Rome), Heritage Park (Lynnwood), Millennium Park (Chicago), Golden Gardens, Greenlake, and Central Park (New York).*

**5. How do you see the Park at Town Center functioning as part of the town center? As part of Shoreline?**

*The general consensus among stakeholders was that the park would function as a gathering place for office workers, people visiting future nearby businesses, families, and neighbors – a place where they can “rub elbows” and “do their own thing together.” Comments also included suggestions that the park lead people to businesses in the area, and give residents a walk-able, thoroughfare through the business district.*

**6. What do you appreciate the most about, or what is unique to Shoreline? Or what elements of Shoreline's character would you like to see reflected in the park?**

*Many stakeholders agreed that the most unique aspect of Shoreline is its trees. Other responses included Shoreline's history, Shoreline's sense of community (successful schools and strong*

neighborhoods), Shoreline's commitment to sustainability and the environment, and artwork in Shoreline.

**7. Imagine you move away and return to the community in ten years, how does the park look and function?**

*Stakeholders would like to see the park as an event and gathering space. Many stakeholders responded that they would like to see people enjoying themselves in an inviting space; one stakeholder referred to the park as "a pleasant area where you feel like you can stay away and linger." Lighting was important to many of the stakeholders to ensure people would visit and use the park during all times of the day and seasons of the year. They would like to see lights that complement the lights on Aurora Avenue North and potentially unique lighting features such as under lighting. Stakeholders would also like to see interesting landscaping with both seating areas and covered areas. Pedestrian access was a concern for most of the stakeholders. Comments about pedestrians included adding more crosswalks and creating a safe place near the highway. Several stakeholders also said they would like to see the area around the park more developed.*

**8. How do you think you would get to the park? Via bike, bus, foot, skateboard, car, etc.**

*Stakeholders had conflicting responses to this question. Responses ranged from wanting the park to be focused on pedestrians and bicyclists by providing only bike racks to believing that the City needed to provide parking at the park to attract regional visitors and accommodate people attending events. Other comments included increasing bus service near the park, adding a light rail station near the park, working with nearby businesses to provide some shared parking spaces, and using the City Hall parking garage and future Shoreline High School lot during evenings and on weekends. Many stakeholders also expressed concern about the limited safe crossings over Aurora Avenue North, making the park less accessible to pedestrians and bicyclists on the west side of Aurora.*

**9. How often do you see yourself visiting this park once it's complete? If not often or never, why?**

*Of the stakeholders who responded to this question, all said they would visit the park frequently, especially to attend local events or a farmer's market. Some stakeholders responded that there would need to be improved pedestrian crossings over Aurora Avenue North, particularly students at Shorewood High School, who are currently not allowed to cross Aurora during school hours including their lunch hour.*

**10. What types of uses (passive vs. active or programmed) would you like to see at the Town Center Park?**

*Many stakeholders responded that the park should be mostly passive with minimal programming. One stakeholder likened it to the "front yard" of the area, more of a formal and visually appealing gathering space instead of a recreational space. Many stakeholders are interested in event space at the park for a farmers market, festivals, concerts, and other local*

events. Another common comment included incorporating historical signage that highlights different aspects of the park and the history of the area. A few stakeholders responded that they would like to see recreation space, including interactive art and water features that children can play on, as opposed to a more formal play area.

**11. What types of user amenities (water fountains, restrooms, etc.) would you like to have at the Town Center Park?**

Stakeholders were split on the topic of providing restrooms to park users. Some were concerned about transients using them and the cost to maintain these facilities, and suggested relying on nearby businesses to provide restroom facilities. Others felt it would be unfair to rely on the businesses and that the park needs to have restrooms for users, which could be designed to deter transient or unsafe use (multiple stalls instead of single stall). Providing restrooms and other user amenities would make the Park at Town Center a desirable place to stop and stay along the Interurban Trail. Many stakeholders agreed that there should be different types of seating areas, but designed to be difficult for people to sleep on. Other common responses included having a well designed shelter, given our northwest climate, a visitor's center or informational kiosk, unique, pedestrian-scale lights, water fountains (including a ground level one for dogs), mile markers for joggers and bicyclists, and bike racks.

**12. Are you interested in receiving updates about this project? How do you prefer to receive information?**

All stakeholders who responded to this question were interested in staying involved with the project, particularly students at Shorewood High School. A few stakeholders suggested having the artist work with students in Shoreline before developing their ideas for the park or having the City create a video for students about the project that could be broadcast on their student network.

**13. Do you have any other comments or questions?**

Responses to this question varied greatly. Some stakeholders expressed excitement over what would be happening to the area. Others had general questions about the Town Center plan, zoning in the area, and the future of the power lines. Other responses included suggestions for ways to make the park unique, including geo-caching, providing a wireless internet zone, creating a sound barrier to block the noise from Aurora Avenue North, and lighting the trees in the winter.

**14. Who else should we talk to as we kick-off this planning and visioning process?**

Suggestions included other people interested in bringing a farmers market to Shoreline, representatives from Echo Lake Apartments, Kings School, the YMCA, Sky Nursery, Sustainable Shoreline, and Spiro's, as well as representatives from non-adjacent neighborhoods.

**15. Will you be able to attend the upcoming public workshops about the project?**

*The stakeholders who responded to this question said they would try to attend the meetings. The neighborhood representatives would like several weeks notice prior to the meeting so that they can announce it in their neighborhood newsletters.*

## City of Shoreline Park at Town Center

### Community Meeting Summary

January 25, 2011



*Last updated 2/1/2011*

**Meeting location:** Council Chambers, Shoreline City Hall

**Meeting time:** 6:30 p.m.

#### **Attendees**

Approximately 25 members of the public attended this community meeting at City Hall on Tuesday, January 25, 2011. Attendees included Shoreline residents, community groups, park board members and former city council members.

#### **Staff in attendance:**

Jon Jordan, Capital Projects Manager, City of Shoreline  
Dick Deal, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, City of Shoreline  
Paul Cohen, Senior Planner, City of Shoreline  
Tricia Juhnke, Capital Projects Administrator, City of Shoreline  
Ros Bird, Public Art Coordinator, City of Shoreline  
Greg Brower, Berger Partnership  
Andy Mitton, Berger Partnership  
Kristine Edens, EnviroIssues  
Alissa VandenBerghe, EnviroIssues  
Elizabeth Conner, Project Artist

#### **Meeting purpose**

The purpose of this meeting was to gather ideas and input from community members on the future planned Park at Town Center. Through a facilitated community workshop, participants discussed the park elements that were most important to them and that reflected what is unique about the City of Shoreline.

#### **Meeting format**

Shoreline Parks Director Dick Deal welcomed everyone to the first of three community workshops to develop a community vision for the Park at Town Center project. He introduced the project team, goals for the evening's meeting and the overall purpose of the project.

Tricia Juhnke, a capital projects administrator for the City of Shoreline, outlined the projects underway or recently completed near the project area including the Interurban Trail extension, improvements to Aurora Avenue, the new City Hall, the development of the Town Center Sub Area Plan and the Transportation Master Plan that calls out future improvements for Midvale Avenue.

Paul Cohen, planner for the City of Shoreline, discussed the Town Center Sub-Area Plan and the framework for the plan. He described the park as a critical part of the Sub-Area plan, as the park will become a major draw for people who live and work in the Town Center as well as people from all neighborhoods of Shoreline to come and gather.

Dick Deal then explained the importance of the park planning process as a unique opportunity to create a future gathering place for the City of Shoreline, and the team is hoping for active community involvement to help make this project great. Developing a park plan will allow the City to seek out and apply for funding for the project, and they have hired the Berger Partnership to lead this process along with assistance from EnviroIssues and the project artist, Elizabeth Conner.

Greg Brower, Berger Partnership, explained the project area (between 175<sup>th</sup> and 185<sup>th</sup> Streets south to north, and between Aurora Avenue and Midvale Avenue west to east) and showed the areas that belong to the City of Shoreline and what areas belong to Seattle City Light. Greg described the constraints around developing land that belongs to Seattle City Light and the unique relationship the City is building with them. The main limitations on Seattle City Light property are height and material restrictions, the need for Seattle City Light to access their facilities on-site at any time, and that any improvements on their land must benefit Seattle residents.

Greg Brower then showed a series of images to help inspire attendees and think about what is possible for the park at Town Center in Shoreline. Kristine Edens, EnviroIssues, also shared the results of a series of stakeholder interviews with community leaders, including business owners, neighborhood representatives, parks board members, former city council members, and others with a vested interest in the park. Some of the key findings of the stakeholder interviews were that the park should be pedestrian-oriented, there need to be opportunities to connect Aurora, regularly scheduled programs to activate the space, exploring the possibility of a farmers market or a flexible event space. Some of the unique aspects of Shoreline that were discussed included the history of the area, trees and the connection to community and schools came out. There was a lot of discussion of about lighting. The stakeholders had mixed feelings about parking.

Following the presentations, meeting attendees participated in a community workshop where attendees were encouraged to share their thoughts for the future park at Town Center. Meeting participants were also encouraged to provide feedback on comment forms.

### **Community workshop discussion**

During the community workshop, meeting participants were encouraged to consider how they would like the park to look and function 10 years from now, what is unique about Shoreline that could be reflected in the park, and share their ideas for important park amenities and facilities that should be considered in the park's design.

A summary of common themes is provided below. A full list of comments received is included in Appendices A and B.

The following park design themes were discussed:

- **Programs, farmers markets and/or other events will be key to making the park at Town Center a viable space.** Participants felt strongly about the need for event space. Comments included:
  - One thing that's unique about Shoreline is that it doesn't have a farmers market.



- Farmers markets need to be protected from wind, dirt and noise. Should be held closer to Midvale, not Aurora, or on top of the City Hall parking garage if the plan moves forward.
  - Shoreline/Lake Forest Park Arts Council has a mobile stage that may be used for future events.
  - Need to have flexibility for different types of events – farmers markets are usually only one day a week. Let's plan for and make room for other types of programs.
- **Strong desire to integrate a historical element in the park at Town Center.** Participants stressed the importance of highlighting the historical location of the park and its surroundings. Comments included:
    - The evolution of Highway 99 is very interesting – how the interurban, red brick road and then cars shaped the formation of Shoreline and its “Highway History.”
    - Protect the brick road and plaza, and bring in a replica of an interurban trolley car.
    - Create an interpretive center as an offshoot of the relocated Shoreline Historical Museum.
    - 1912 was the first recognition of this area as a place; find a way to celebrate the centennial in 2012.
    - The linear shape of the park and interurban trail could lend itself to demonstrating the timeline of Shoreline.
    - Don't focus on just one point in time. Consider the past, present and future of Shoreline.
- **Reflect Shoreline's focus on sustainability in the park.** Participants described an interest in using solar power and providing opportunities for people to reach the park through alternate modes of transportation. Comments included:
    - Get people to the park in something other than cars.
    - Consider using solar powered lights and waterfalls.
    - Good expression of how Shoreline is moving forward in a sustainable way, following the example of City Hall and other sustainable elements being incorporated into other park and transportation projects around the city.
- **Use the park to showcase seasonal and native vegetation and mature trees Shoreline is known for.** Participants discussed incorporating different types of native and colorful vegetation in the space. Comments included:
    - Plant tall, native trees across from Ronald Methodist Church to mirror this asset.
    - I love Edmonds' plantings. We should plan for lots of seasonal color in the park space.
    - Use vegetation to announce the seasons.
- **Create flexible spaces in the park that lend themselves to different activities, both passive and active for all in the community.** Participants expressed the importance of designing the park for a variety of uses and age groups. Comments included:
    - Create a park focused on senior fitness with exercise equipment and stations.
    - Create a par course circuit with stops that have exercise equipment – get the community to commit to exercising together.
    - Features that entice people to move along the park.

- Desire for iconic pieces and smaller linear art to draw people to areas of discovery in the length of the park.
- The space is 10 blocks long and may require bathrooms at both ends.
- **Reflect Shoreline's sense of community, landmarks and diverse neighborhoods.** Participants felt that the communities and diverse neighborhoods were a unique part of Shoreline and wanted them to be incorporated into the park. Comments included:
  - Have a kiosk that shows where other nearby parks are located.
  - Install way-finding signs to other areas, neighborhoods, landmarks and parks are in Shoreline.
- **Provide adequate lighting to ensure enhance safety and comfort at all times of the day and year.** Participants were concerned that without proper lighting and well designed shelters and amenities, the park could attract criminal activity. Comments included:
  - Need to make sure the park is well lit so that it doesn't become like other sections of Aurora.
  - Provide shelters so the community can gather at all times of the day and year, but design so there are no "hidden" spaces to ensure safety.
  - Planning the appropriate pedestrian friendly height of lighting fixtures is important.
  - Need to have park specific lighting that doesn't pollute the surrounding neighborhoods.

In addition to the community workshop, participants were asked to complete and submit comment forms or e-mail comments to Jon Jordan after the public meeting. Comments received via comment forms at the meeting are reflected in the themes discussed above.

### **Project next steps**

Based on the themes discussed during the community workshop, as well as feedback from the comment forms, City staff and Berger Partnership will use the community's input to develop design options for the community's consideration at the next public workshop scheduled for the evening of March 9<sup>th</sup>.

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## Appendix A – Workshop discussion comments by theme

- **Events space**

- Representatives from Cascade Harvest Coalition would like to see Shoreline have a farmers market. North Seattleites could benefit from a farmers market, which means it could be placed in Seattle City Light property.
- A farmers market space could also be used for city festivals or other events
- There's lots of community support for a farmers market.
- This site is not appropriate for a farmers market. Right now the site is cold, windy, wet and noisy because of traffic. In the summer it's hot, noisy, and dirty.
- If there is a farmers market in the park it would need to be linear along Midvale because you don't want to feel like you're exposed to all the noise, wind, and dirt coming from all directions.
- A better place for the farmers market would be on top of the parking garage at city hall.
- The reason a farmers market succeeds is there are customers. We would need people who will come back every week for the entire season. We also would have to have a dedicated group of people to run the farmers market.
- This park space should be used for other potential city events, like earth day.
- Farmers markets have been shown to increase revenue for local businesses, also with the space and place – they're not very expensive and they allow for people to gather.
- Shoreline Lake Forest Park Arts Council has a mobile stage that could be used at concerts or events.

- **Historical integration**

- The most unique part of Shoreline is the history.
- The park's site is the very beginning of Shoreline and the very beginning of Highway 99. The park should have an element that shows how transportation shaped the formation of Shoreline.
- I would like to see the entire town center area as a roadmap of how Shoreline's history began.
- There should be an interpretive center near the red brick road. Center could have a building with several floors.
- There should be a replica of a trolley station with a trolley. We don't need a big open space, we need something that will bring people here and this could do that.
- The park should represent a time walk through the history of Shoreline. There could be historic pictures along the walk and could be tied to the park course exercise equipment.
- It's very important to preserve the red brick road.
- It's important that we make sure that the historical element is balanced and not too focused on a specific time period.
- I want to reiterate that we want a brick plaza and trolley
- The road should be back the way it was; the rest park space could be the site for the museum.
- We have to jealously guard our historic elements.
- I think we should have historic markers, or pocket parks, like in Ballard, with historic elements.

- I think we have to be careful as we want to respect history so that we do not replicate history. While this was an important time period it was only from 1912-1939.
  - The highway has influenced more than the trolley.
  - There is more of an opportunity to recognize not only the settler's history but also the prehistory and the people who lived here first.
  - Lynnwood bought an old original trolley so that's been done already nearby.
  - We should recognize North Trunk Road and trolley in a unique way but also recognize what the car did to develop the area.
  - Our highway history is unique because it was supposed to be on Bothell Way. We also still have the auto cabins.
- **Sustainability**
    - I would like to see solar powered light panels and waterfalls incorporated in the park.
    - We should encourage bikes along Midvale because the trail is too bumpy.
    - There needs to be a commitment to sustainability. I'd like to see events like a solar fest incorporated in this park.
    - We should focus on connections to the Interurban Trail and East/West connections. Allow for people to get access the park in something other than cars.
    - The park needs to be pedestrian friendly.
    - Sustainability is a good expression of moving forward.
- **Vegetation**
    - It's unique that we still have trees.
    - We should plant some across from Ronald Methodist Church so that we can balance their trees.
    - We should focus on low maintenance and low cost landscaping like berms instead of flowers.
    - I envy Edmonds' flowers and containers.
    - I would love to see color in the space.
    - The unique aspect of Shoreline its name and the concept of water. I would love to see horizontal water features with moving water, which would add a living energy to the park.
    - We should consider including a maze 18-20 inches high that people could walk through. The maze could conform to any odd shape we have.
- **Passive and active space**
    - I'm interested in a focus on senior citizen's fitness in the park. Exercising and staying healthy is a benefit to the whole community. Please consider a space that is somewhat enclosed so that the seniors won't be embarrassed.
    - Consider incorporating a par course – a circuit with exercise equipment that promotes a healthy community. We should get the community to commit to exercise together.
    - There needs to be direct access to businesses. Fountains along the way and people could walk from the businesses to the park.
    - Please include decorative features on linear basis, continuation feature that forces people to move instead of staying stagnant in one area. A place to disperse from. Point them to other directions/parks though way finding signs

- There should be iconic pieces and smaller linear art to draw people to areas of discovery in the length of the park.
- The space is 10 blocks long and may require bathrooms at both ends.
- There should be a coffee stand in the park for visitors.
- We should have celebration banners along the way to decorate for the holidays.
- There needs to be restrooms in the park, possible in the interpretive center or along Seattle City Light property since it benefits Seattle residents.
- **Sense of community, landmarks and diverse neighborhoods**
  - I think we should let this park drive the heart of Shoreline – cause the city to develop around it.
  - Please make the park spaces about people, they'll attract more people.
  - I hope there will be some type of kiosk that would highlight other parks and areas in Shoreline.
  - One of the things that drew us to Shoreline was the diversity.
  - Shoreline has been rated highly because of parks and how they're maintained, schools, and our proximity to a major major metropolitan area.
  - It would also be good to recognize the neighborhoods through signposts.
  - I would like to see this kind of process for the art elements of the project. Usually it gets too far along in the process before anyone has a say.
- **Lighting**
  - There's a lot of drug activity and prostitution on Aurora Avenue in the south. I'm worried that if we build the park without enough lighting we'll have to give up the park at night. The nicer the park the less it will attract crime, that's not for us mentality.
  - Pedestrian-friendly communities should have lighting that isn't as high as it is on Aurora. The park should have more intimate lighting that is lower to the ground because it makes people feel safe.
  - I would love to see the historical element carried out throughout the entire town center and one way to accomplish this is through the lighting.
  - Unique and attractive lighting is important.
  - We need to have park specific lighting.

## Appendix B – Workshop comment forms

### Comment 1

- Would like to see pea patch
- Art
- Historical facts related to Shoreline
- Farmers Market
- If you want people to bike to this destination there needs to be places to lock up your bike
- Trees – we need more trees
- Yoga in the park
- Luminaries
- The trail needs plants
- Exercise
- Good lighting/more trash bins
- Parking
- Water park
- Rock wall along 99
- (Like the idea of separating farmers)
- Poetry readings, etc.
- Do not want taller buildings 6 levels is enough not 12 levels – yuck

### Comment 2

- What aspects of other parks do you like or dislike? What activities or facilities do you enjoy in parks in other communities that should be considered for the Park at Town Center? *Both formal space and adaptable space. Multiuse opportunities – for events, exhibitions, markets, festivals*
- How do you see the Park at Town Center functioning as part of the town center? As part of Shoreline? *Serving as the town center's "front yard," anchoring and connecting the center and its component parts.*
- What do you appreciate the most about, or what is unique to Shoreline? Or what elements of Shoreline's character would you like to see reflected in the park? *A diverse community, a key location between Seattle and Everett. Urban yet forested.*
- Imagine you move away and return to the community in ten years, how does the park look and function? *A handsome, signature space – mature landscaping, welcoming hardscaping, art feature, civic spaces, public places*
- What types of uses (passive vs. active or programmed) would you like to see at the Town Center Park? *Several designed nodes that can be gathering spaces for special events connected with formal plantings and pathways.*
- What types of user amenities (water fountains, restrooms, etc.) would you like to have at the Town Center Park? *Piazza-type hardscaping at one or more nodes – possibly pavilion-type structures for performances*

### Comment 3

- What aspects of other parks do you like or dislike? What activities or facilities do you enjoy in parks in other communities that should be considered for the Park at Town Center? *Views (Stanley Park, Vancouver) and History (San Jose Park, relocated buildings)*
- How do you see the Park at Town Center functioning as part of the town center? As part of Shoreline? *A history walk with photos of how the area changed – Interurban to BRT. Use photos of historic places like Cox Garage or Besse Bee's Diner.*
- What do you appreciate the most about, or what is unique to Shoreline? Or what elements of Shoreline's character would you like to see reflected in the park? *Pride in the community*
- Imagine you move away and return to the community in ten years, how does the park look and function? *Historic structures like the auto cabins at 170<sup>th</sup> are relocated. Auto cabin could be a coffee stand.*
- What types of uses (passive vs. active or programmed) would you like to see at the Town Center Park? *Craft markets and festivals.*
- What types of user amenities (water fountains, restrooms, etc.) would you like to have at the Town Center Park? *Renovate older buildings here and don't build new.*

#### **Comment 4**

*A stakeholder left a packet of articles and information about senior parks and playgrounds. The articles discussed the increasing popularity of senior playgrounds to help elderly people stay healthy and improve their coordination and balance. The articles also discuss layouts and design styles for the playgrounds.*

## City of Shoreline Park at Town Center

### Community Meeting Summary

March 9, 2011



*Last updated 3/25/2011*

**Meeting location:** Council Chambers, Shoreline City Hall

**Meeting time:** 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

#### **Attendees**

Approximately ten people from the community attended the meeting at City Hall on Wednesday, March 9, 2011. Attendees included Shoreline residents, community group representatives, and park board members.

#### **Staff in attendance:**

Dick Deal, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, City of Shoreline  
Jon Jordan, Capital Projects Manager, City of Shoreline  
Tricia Juhnke, Capital Projects Administrator, City of Shoreline  
Ros Bird, Public Art Coordinator, City of Shoreline  
Maureen Colaizzi, Park & Recreation Project Coordinator, City of Shoreline  
Greg Brower, The Berger Partnership  
Andy Mitton, The Berger Partnership  
Kristine Edens, EnviroIssues  
Alissa VandenBerghe, EnviroIssues  
Elizabeth Conner, Project Artist

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#### **Meeting purpose**

The purpose of this meeting was to solicit feedback from community members on three park design concepts for the park at Town Center. Through a facilitated community workshop, participants were able to discuss the elements of each concept they liked and disliked. Feedback from the community workshop will be used to develop and further refine a preliminary preferred park concept for the future park at Town Center.

#### **Meeting format**

City of Shoreline Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, Dick Deal, began the meeting by welcoming and thanking community members for attending the second in a series of three public workshops for the Park at Town Center project. Dick reminded participants that while there isn't a funding source identified to implement this project, creating a master plan for the park will help the City identify potential sources for and secure funding in the future.

During this planning phase of a project, the team will develop a master plan for the park. A master plan is an opportunity to develop a long-range vision as to how this site might better serve citizens, improve



the environment, and create a positive economic impact. The planning process is a free flowing sharing of thoughts and ideas, focusing on creative ways to create a dynamic space for the heart of Shoreline. In this early planning process, all ideas will be explored and discussed.

Dick explained that at the first meeting, the consultant team reviewed the project site and showed several examples of linear park spaces around the world. The intent was to get attendees thinking on a grand long-term scale about the future park space. Ideas were shared and the community identified themes they thought might work well within the Park at Town Center site.

The consultant team used the feedback gathered at the first meeting and created three different draft design concepts for the Park at Town Center site. Dick explained that at tonight's meeting the team will share the design ideas behind each strategy and ask the community to share what they liked and disliked about each concept. Included in the summary below are the thoughts generated from this discussion. Comments will be gathered to inform the future development of a preliminary preferred park concept prior to the next public workshop. A comment form asking for feedback about the three concepts will be posted online through June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Based on information and input gathered to date, modifications to the Interurban Trail and Ronald Place bricks were shown in varying degrees in the draft design concepts for the purposes of community discussion. There may be constraints or additional design principles that may not allow these elements to be altered, but the team wanted to get a sense of the public's input on this during the planning phase.

Dick introduced Brendan Lemkin who represents the Farmers Market interest. He and his colleagues are working with the City to explore this option further. Dick then introduced Patty Hale and Bonnie Barry from the Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board. Capital Parks Project Manager Jon Jordan introduced the consultant team for the project: Greg Brower and Andy Mitton from the Berger Partnership, Kristine Edens and Alissa VandenBerghe with EnviroIssues, and project artist Elizabeth Conner.

### **Exploring Concepts and Elements Presentation**

Greg Brower with the Berger Partnership gave a brief overview of the purpose of this workshop. He explained that the design concepts provided today were intended to help test ideas to elicit and document community feedback. The ideas that were gathered at the last public workshop were also incorporated into three park concepts for the community to react to during tonight's workshop.

Kristine Edens with EnviroIssues summarized feedback received at the last public workshop on January 25, 2010. Some of the major themes the City heard at the last meeting included a need for flexible event space that could accommodate a farmers market or other events, the importance of historical elements, incorporating sustainable features, integrating seasonal and native vegetation, using lighting to provide safety and comfort, and providing restroom facilities for park users.

Andy Mitton with the Berger Partnership presented the history of the region and specifically the park at Town Center site. The City of Shoreline was first inhabited by Native Americans. Settlers arrived in the area around the 1880s. In 1902, construction started on the Interurban Rail line. By 1910 Everett and Tacoma were connected through the Interurban Railroad. The North Trunk Road, now known as Ronald

Place, was paved with bricks in 1913, some of which can still be seen today. When the Interurban Rail stopped running in the 1930s, cars were becoming popular. The 1950s and 1960s brought the car culture and influence on architecture in the area. Shoreline was incorporated as a city in 1995, bringing together 14 unique neighborhoods. In 2007, improvements to the Interurban Trail started, along with the widening of Aurora Avenue North, and the building of City Hall.

Greg introduced the three concepts and briefly explained each one. There are several common elements among all of the concepts; including flexible spaces for events and other activities, restrooms, a link to City Hall, art, plants for all seasons, lighting, neighborhood connections, Seattle City Light (SCL) flexibility, and a screen to block the Walgreens property from the park.

The Exploring Concepts and Elements presentation is available online and includes a detailed description of each concept, as well as the history and images presented to introduce each concept.

### **Community workshop discussion**

Greg asked the meeting participants to separate themselves into three breakout groups. Each group would have an opportunity to visit each of the three stations set up around the room – one for each concept. The smaller groups were asked to discuss and provide feedback on each of the three concepts. Below are the notes from each of the concept stations, including the elements that the meeting participants liked, disliked and what they would like to see added to the concepts.

#### ***Shoreline on the Move***

The influences for this concept included the history of mobility in the Shoreline area and patterns created by Aurora Avenue North, Midvale Avenue and Ronald Place. The park design is 50 percent paved and 50 percent planted and includes “outdoor rooms” for events and for people to congregate. Between the “rooms” are smaller sized open spaces. In this concept, the Interurban Trail is moved to Midvale Avenue North and a loop trail would be added along the perimeter of the park. This concept was intended to celebrate mobility, and incorporates movable park elements to better accommodate SCL.

Meeting participants liked the following elements of this concept:

- The loop path around the site
- Moving the Interurban Trail to Midvale Avenue North to better accommodate event space
- The unique connection across Midvale Avenue North
- The movable park elements, as long as they aren’t stolen or unsafe for people to be around

The elements that meeting participants didn’t like in this concept or would like to see added to the concept:

- More green spaces
- Opportunities to protect users from noise and pollution
- A screen to block Aurora to make people more comfortable
- The north end of the site loses energy
- A visitor center should be added near the restroom
- Additional restrooms should be available at City Hall or Gateway Plaza

### ***Shoreline Reflection***

This concept is influenced by the reflection and geometry of Ronald Place and Midvale Avenue North. This park concept is also 50 percent paved and 50 percent planted. In this concept there would be many tall trees near the south end of park, with the Ronald Place bricks are accented throughout the park. Water is a major element in this park concept – especially in the grade change near Walgreens.

Meeting participants liked the following elements of this concept:

- The spaces are delineated in creative ways
- The connections to the neighborhood
- The water is an important and attractive feature

The elements that meeting participants didn't like in this concept or would like to see added to the concept:

- Lack of specific nodes and seating areas in the space
- The northern side of the park is less formed and designed
- Should have a loop trail
- There needs to be two bathrooms
- There is no central area for event space, which is needed for event flexibility
- Incorporate coniferous trees into the design
- Use sustainable water practices

### ***Shoreline Center Stage***

This concept was based on the fact that this site is the center of Shoreline. There is movement in the design from edge to edge of the property to reflect Shoreline's shore to shore theme. The 14 unique Shoreline neighborhoods are represented in 14 nodes throughout the park. This concept is 80 percent planted and 20 percent paved. At the southern end of the park there could be a plaza for meeting space with movable screens that could block Aurora Avenue North and Walgreens.

Meeting participants liked the following elements of this concept:

- The concept of nodes for each of the neighborhoods
- The shore to shore idea of the park
- The rounded gathering area as a focal point
- Moving the Interurban Trail to Midvale
- The artistic flow of this concept

The elements that meeting participants didn't like in this concept or would like to see added to the concept:

- Temporary art instead of only permanent installations
- Provide SCL with clear routes to access their poles
- Incorporate more water and celebrate it
- The Ronald Place bricks are important, but do not have to be where they are today
- Parking needs to be addressed
- Create a connection to the high school

Meeting participants asked several questions about how often SCL would need to access the transmission lines and if we could design ways for them to be easily reached without their trucks ruining

landscaping or other aspects of the park. Greg replied that we do not have an idea of how often SCL will need to access the poles, but SCL has told the City that the poles are old and may need to be replaced in the future. It is possible to design pathways that anticipate the access needs of SCL trucks, but SCL has been clear they will use whatever access point they need to use to access their facilities, and the City is not guaranteed that SCL would use any access points designed into the park.

### **Next steps**

Jon explained that the Berger Partnership will refine the park concepts based on the comments received at this meeting. Soon there will be a comment form posted online so community members who weren't able to attend this meeting can comment on the concepts.

This information will be presented to the Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board on March 24. Then on April 18, this information and a summary of the comments received to date will be presented to the Shoreline City Council. The Council will provide their feedback on the concepts which will also be included in the preferred park concept that will be presented at the final workshop in early June (tentatively scheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup>).

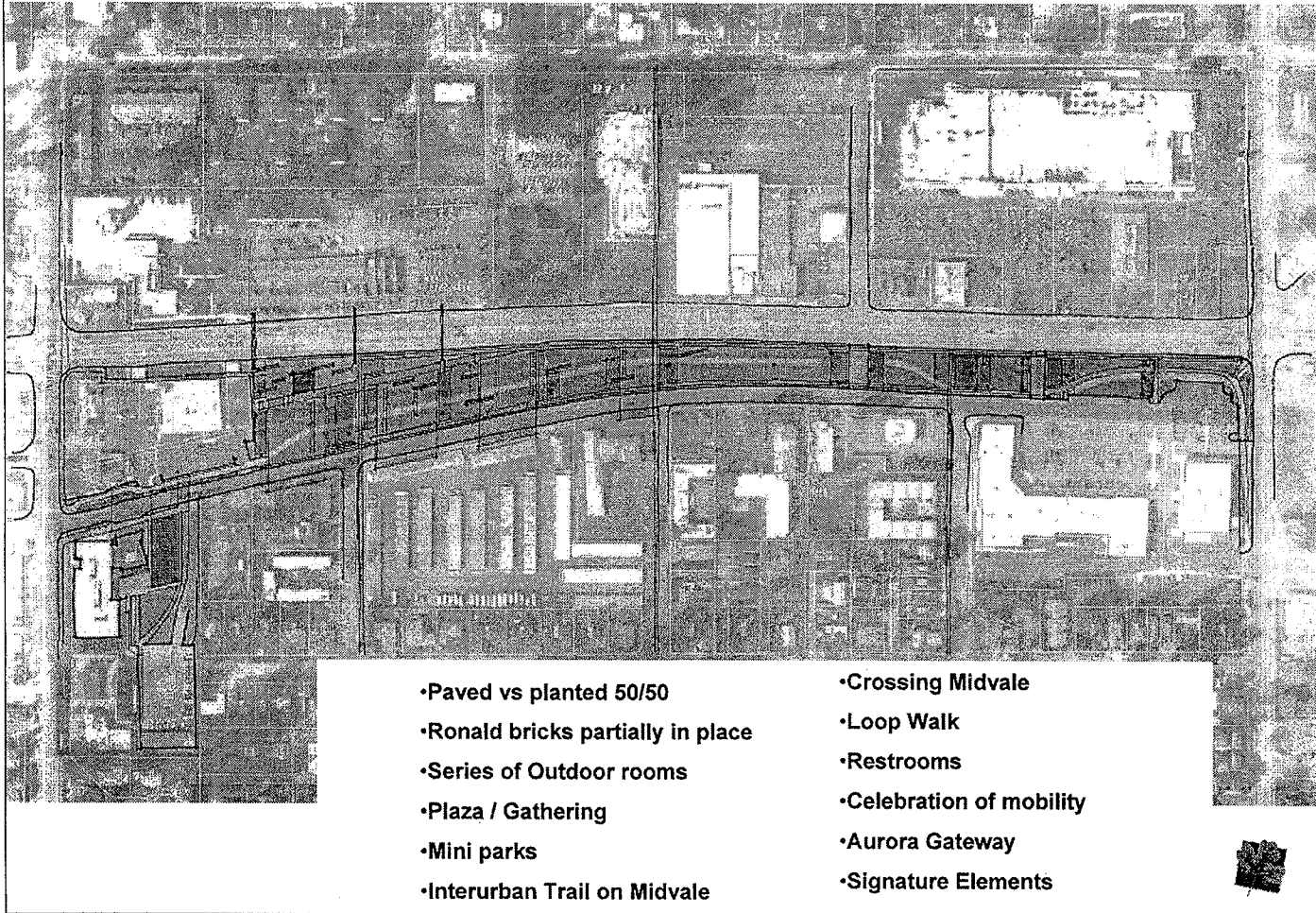
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# Shoreline on the Move

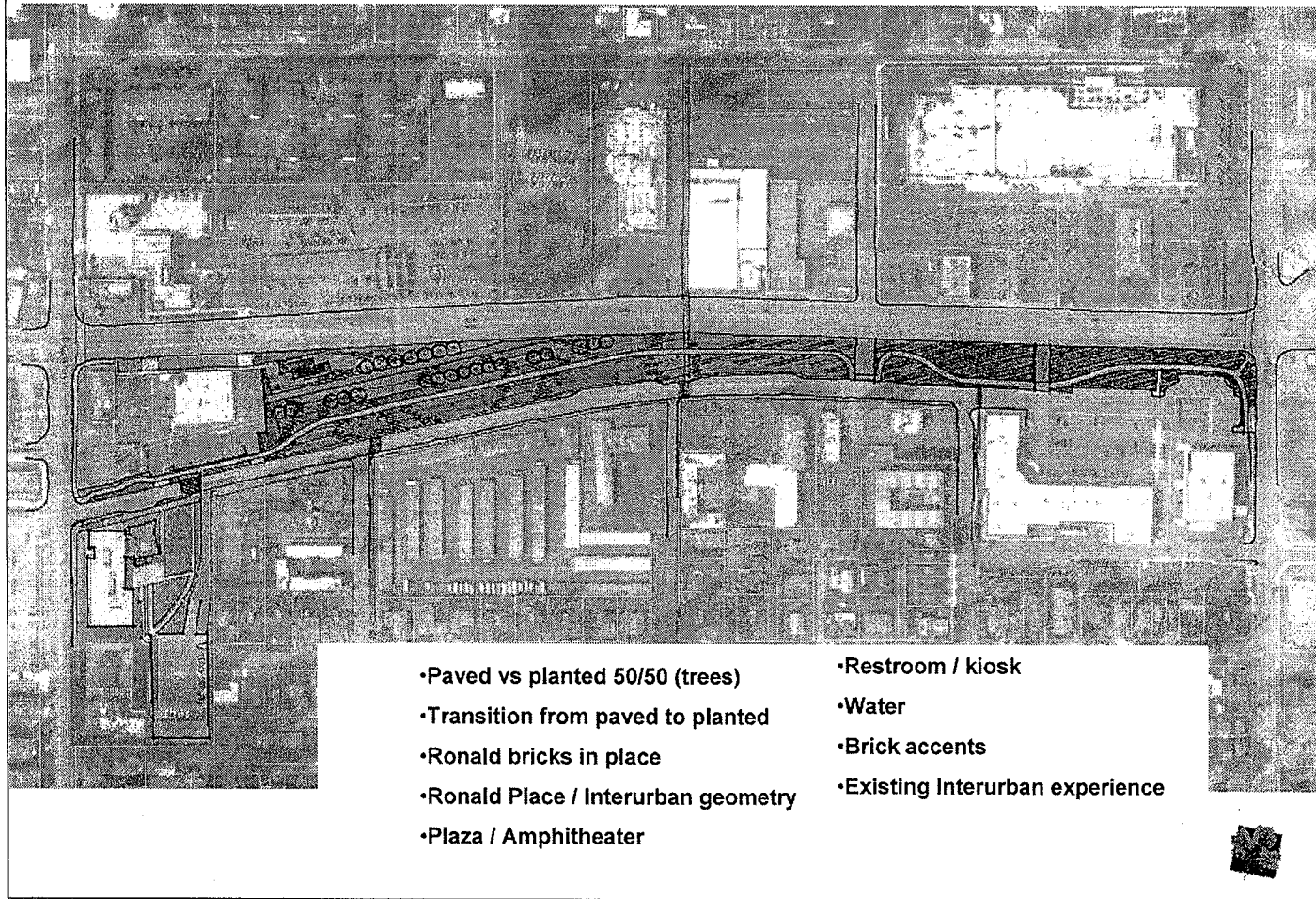
Shoreline Influences: Aurora pattern,  
Ronald Place, Urban fabric



A series of outdoor rooms are created by relocating the Interurban Trail to follow Midvale Avenue. A loop trail is created around the site by adding a sidewalk along Aurora Avenue. The Ronald Place Bricks are largely kept in place, but have been slightly modified to remove damaged portions of the bricks and to raise the grade to relate better to the large gathering space in front of the restroom. To solve the problem of having solid objects placed in the City Light Right of Way, several Park elements are placed on tracks and carts with wheels that can be moved out of the way to re-configure spaces or for emergency repairs to the transmission lines.

# Shoreline Reflection

Shoreline Influences: Ronald Place, Bricks, Historic Geometry

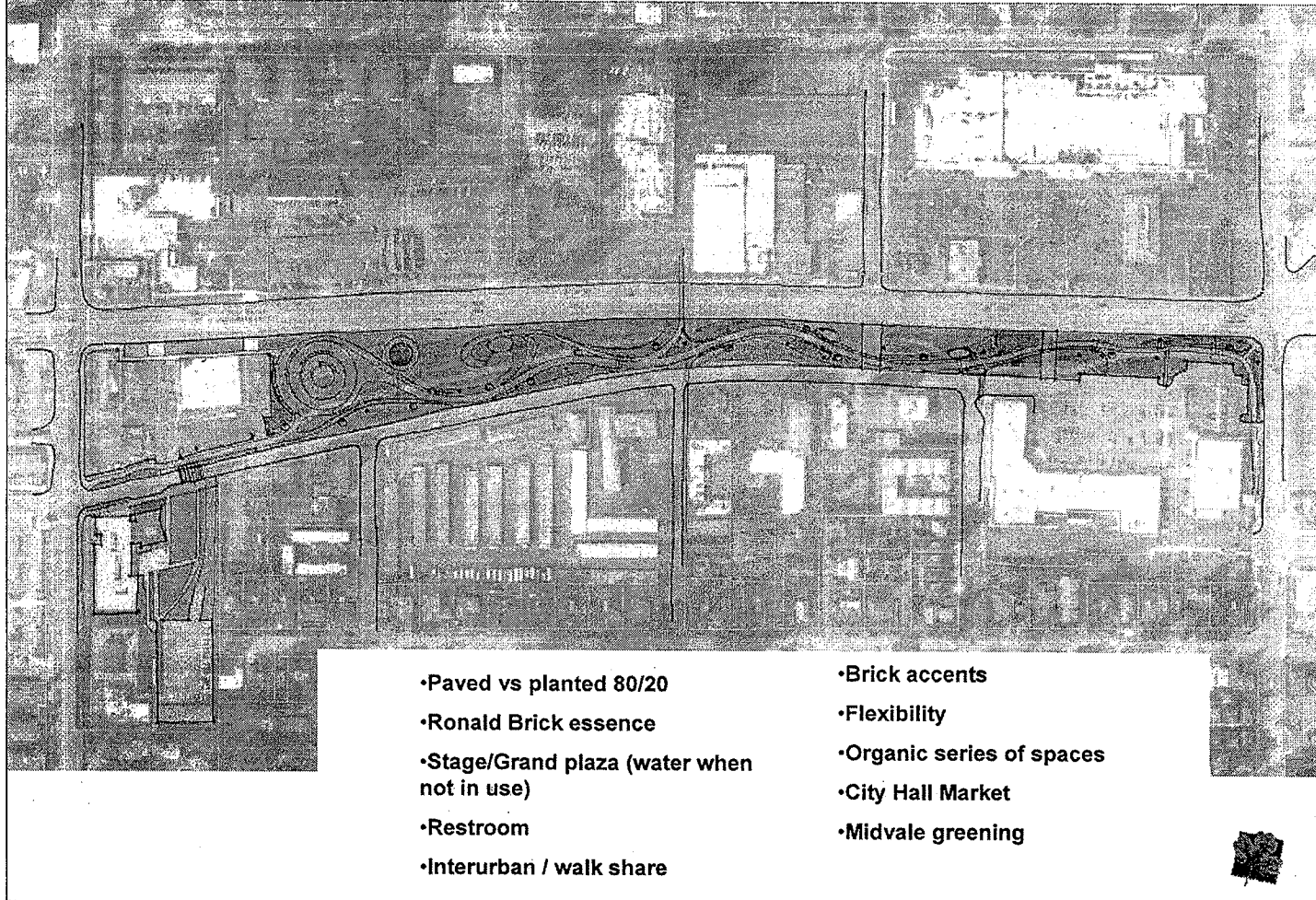


Building off the geometry of Ronald Place and the history of this unique feature that is only in Shoreline, all of the design elements follow the angles set up by the old bricks. The Interurban Trail and Ronald Place Bricks are left in place. Community gathering areas are created by forming rooms and defining them by rows of trees or other paved features. As you move north through the space, a series of planting elements march through the landscape forming gateways and patterns that mimic crop rows. Water is represented on the site by allowing it to pool in a thin layer to transform the space during rains into reflective surfaces.



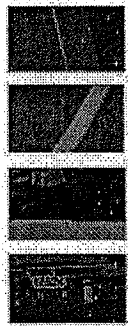
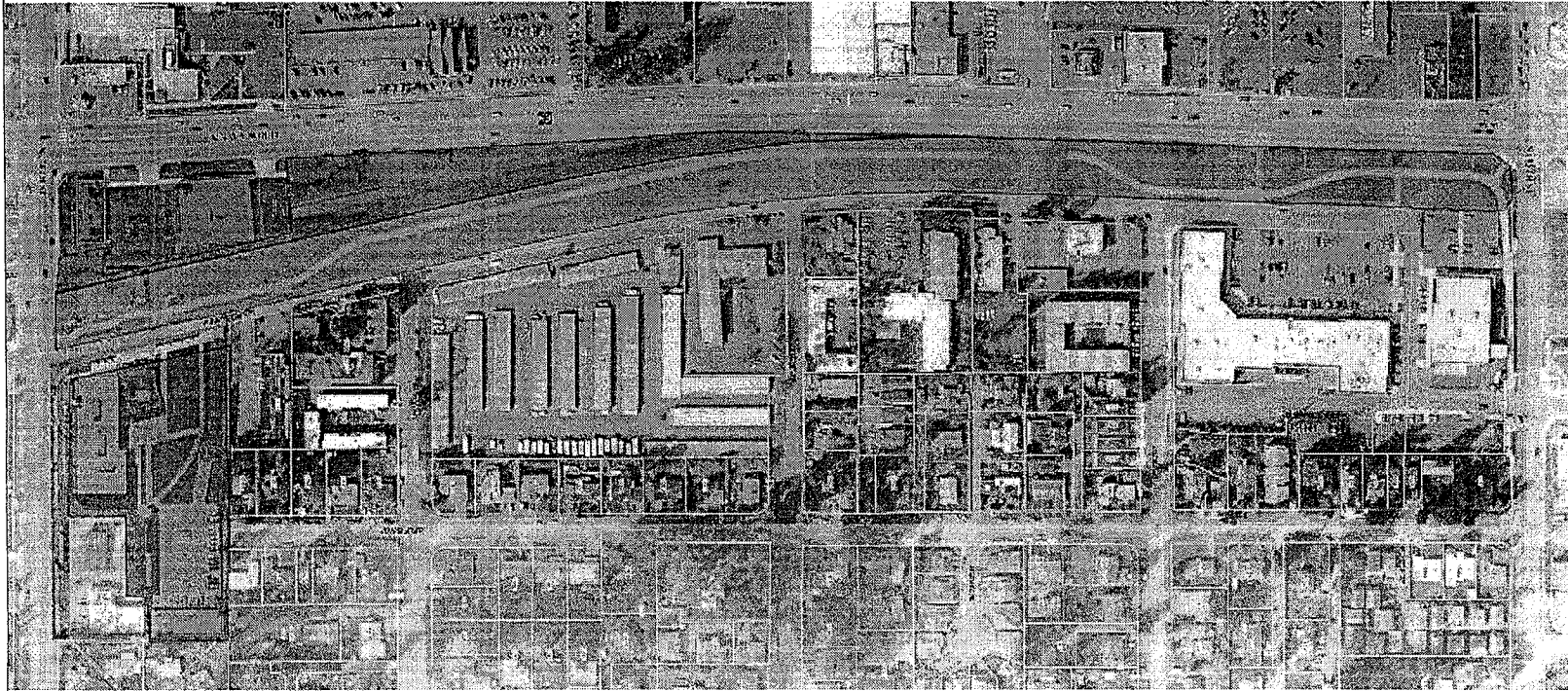
# Shoreline Center Stage

Shoreline Influences: Edge to Edge (shore to shore),  
Neighborhood representation 14 nodes (art, events)



Working off the notion of Shore to Shore (how Shoreline was named), this scheme looks to re-locate the Interurban Trail into a pathway that winds from edge to edge to create a unique experience as you travel through the site. Fourteen nodes are presented along the way, representing each neighborhood of Shoreline. A Center stage performance space with rotating stage walls is on the southern end of the Park, adjacent to a round restroom. This scheme honors the Ronald Place Bricks, but moves them around to fit into the design scheme. The main plaza space doubles as a water feature when not in use, artistically lit at night, to provide a unique element for visitors along the Aurora Corridor.

## Project Site



- City of Shoreline
- Seattle City Light
- Shoreline City Hall
- Private Property



Park site and Property Ownership (Note North is to the right of the slide)