

# NORTH PARK BLOCKS EXTENSION COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT #3 SUMMARY REPORT

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## Introduction

This report provides a comprehensive summary of Community Engagement #3 (CE #3) for the North Park Blocks Extension project.

Included are the presentation materials that were shared with the community, featuring the final design scheme that emerged from comments and trends from previous community engagement events. Also included are the community's comments received during CE #3 and the results of the Survey.



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# 1. PURPOSE AND PROCESS OVERVIEW

## 1.1 Community Engagement Goals

- Create an equitable and inclusive engagement process to create a park design that meets the needs of current and future users.
- Build on the past engagement work done by the Broadway Corridor project that focused on authentic engagement with communities of color and low-income residents who have not previously benefited from economic growth in past downtown Portland developments.

## 1.2 Community Engagement Process

The feedback from Community Engagement and Survey #1 suggested that there was a strong desire for the new park blocks:

- to be SAFE, clean and easy to maintain,
- to CONNECT people to each other and to destinations,
- be as GREEN as possible, and
- be FLEXIBLE, providing opportunities for everyone through active and passive uses.

For Community Engagement #2, the design team prepared three conceptual schemes and a list of design “ingredients” in response to that feedback. Discussion with the community determined one of the design concepts to be the base for the final design and highlighted park features that were especially important, including lighting, urban nature, storytelling, and art.

## 1.3 Community Engagement Objectives

- Confirm that the final design scheme reflects the community’s input and values based on previous community engagement events.
- Connect with community members to alert them on how they can expand their role in envisioning the character of the North Park Blocks Extension.



## 1.4 Outreach Meetings/Sessions

### Meeting 1

PAC MEETING #4

Date: 12/03/2024

Target Audience: Project Advisory Committee (PAC)

Format: In-person meeting

Introduce the final design scheme prepared by the design team based on the results of the previous community engagement outreach events. Collected the PAC’s reactions, input, corrections, edits, and additions to prepare the materials to share with the community at large at the Community Engagement #3.

### Meeting 2

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT #3

Date: 03/12/2025

Target Audience: PAC and community members including a full cross-section of the different community groups: long-time residents, new-comers, future community, seniors, workers, youth, children.

Format: Open House, PNCA.

Presented the summary of the previous community engagement outreach and one final design scheme. Gathered feedback on which elements and designs resonated and whether the community felt their previous feedback was represented in the design.

Materials Presented:

- Site and project introduction
- Summary of results from Community Engagement #1
- Summary of results from Community Engagement #2
- 1 preferred design scheme for the project.

Materials included:

- Illustrative plan view
- Program diagram
- Circulation diagram
- Activation diagrams
- Planting diagram
- Tree density diagram
- Section showing tree sizes at 6 years and 12 years after planting and future tree canopy plan
- 12 rendered views
- Fly-through video of the design
- A survey was shared to solicit more input. Paper copies were provided in person and it was also available to fill out online.

Activities:

Open House facilitated by consultants:

- Reactions and open conversation documented
- Questionnaire for people to evaluate the design schemes
- Questionnaire and materials available online for feedback after the event



# 2. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT #3 MATERIALS

## 2.1 Background

Three of the boards provided background information for the final design scheme. One board included results from the first community event, showcasing the materials, comments and analyzed trends. One board showed illustrative plans of the three design concepts presented at the second community event with representative comments indicating aspects the community liked or wanted to

see improved in the final design. Half of the final board provided additional information about the results of the second community engagement event, with rankings and notes related to each of the three design schemes. The rest of that board included information about the site history, project process, and anticipated project timeline.

COMMUNITY EVENT 2 RESULTS

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**SCHEME A - QUILT**

- "Child play is not better than..."
- "There should be more trees for shaded areas..."
- "I like the central lawn, it would be so perfect for both..."
- "I like the balance of small square spaces and larger lawn for recreation..."
- "If the 'how it's' conducted into the road so that drivers subconsciously slow down. Let's then have it prioritizing pedestrians..."
- "Has the most potential for lacking on 'the space'..."
- "Feels like a great balance of green space and community space..."
- "Could be a lot with trees..."
- "Design seems to connect and integrate well with the existing park..."

**SCHEME B - TABLE**

- "Awards light turns for cyclists..."
- "The circular table ramp is cool and can become a signature Portland feature..."
- "I'm a little concerned about an elevated walkway, but also about not having a lawn area for kids to walk..."
- "I like the balance of small square spaces and larger lawn for recreation..."
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**SCHEME C - CLEARING**

- "The zig zag like ramp is too steep and hard to use..."
- "I'm very concerned about the space under the ramp, boardwalk being hard to use and very hot in the sun..."
- "This encloses the park, we already have in the Park..."
- "Being enclosed by trees canopy encourages users to stay in the park rather than walk through..."
- "This design just seems like the most innovative and interesting..."
- "Lots of trees, less pavement..."
- "Clearing a new lawn area with random planting and seating areas would work, but just expanding the existing tree cover..."
- "Others both open landscaped and landscaped areas for a variety of programming options..."
- "Less the right bank is..."
- "This would have the most chance of creating the sense of diversity of activities..."
- "Less the right bank is..."

COMMUNITY EVENT 1 RESULTS

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**BOARDS**

**YOUR SITE** NORTH PARK BLOCKS EXTENSION

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**MODELS**

**RESULTS**

Aspiration	Open House ranking	Online survey ranking	Trend
Accountable	1	1	Identified as the most important value, this aspiration was integrated as the goal for maintenance and management for the site related to safety and control of materials and design use of things.
Connected	2	3	Second top ranked, representing focus on reconnecting the city through this new open space.
Equitable	3	4	Ranked very closely with connectivity, creating a space that ensures that access is available to all was identified as an important value. With this ranking, participants emphasized the importance to park access but to also ensure there is the appropriate management of connectivity and control.
Resilient	6	2	Although ranked the lowest at the open house with the highest ranking with the online responses, in average, we are that connectivity, this aspiration as the fourth priority for the community. The aspirational value with this aspiration centered around creating a park that is possible to maintain and that still the neighborhood from the current use of paved asphalt.
Vibrant	4	6	Providing many activities/opportunities to create a vibrant space was identified with this aspiration as a positive approach to the site.
Prosperous	5	5	This aspiration is considered relevant, but people expressed concern about focusing too much on commercial activities in the open space.

**THE SAFEST PLACE**

Imagine a park where every corner is meant to provide a measure of safety. Safety is defined as perception, mobility, cleanliness, easy maintenance.

*Could a park be an active and engaging place where the driver for design is to mitigate unsafe conditions?*

**THE CONNECTOR PARK**

Design the most connected park possible. In this design theme, all elements of the park connect and direct you somewhere; destinations (internal and external) are clearly identified and literally linked.

*Could a park be an active and engaging place where the driver for design is to facilitate the easiest, clearest movement?*

**THE GREENEST PLACE**

Envision a park where not only the canopy of the North Park Blocks is extended, but that also the rest of the area feels as lush, green, and natural as possible. The park provides all the functions it needs but the central impetus is to plant as much as possible in it.

*Could a park be an active and engaging place where the driver for design is including as many trees and other plants as possible?*

**THE MOST FLEXIBLE DESTINATION**

Responding to the aspiration to activate the space and provide inclusion and excitement to all, this theme is based on imagining a park where every component can have at least two functions so all programs and activities are doubled.

*Could a park be an active and engaging place where the driver for design is having as many programs and activities as possible with the least amount of "stuff"?*

**COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

- Access and Inclusion 17%
- History and Legacy 16%
- Sustainability and Ecological Values 13%
- Language 8%
- Feasibility 4%

**COMMUNITY WANTS**

- Program and Activation 28%
- Space Design 18%
- Lighting and Visibility 14%
- Special Features 14%
- Planting 10%

COMMUNITY EVENT 2 RESULTS

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**SURVEY RESULTS**

Ranking

Question	B	A	Q	C	Clearing	Table	Quilt
Which option feels the safest, most welcoming, comfortable?	B	Table	A	Quilt	C	Clearing	All
Which option provides the most positive overall visitor experience?	B	Table	A	Quilt	C	Clearing	None
Which option connects best to the original North Park Blocks, the neighborhood, and the city?	A	Quilt	B	Table	C	Clearing	All
Which option best connects people to people?	A	Quilt	B	Table	C	Clearing	All
Consider that these parks and the new surrounding development can be a catalyst for change in our city, which option offers the greatest opportunity to achieve that?	B	Table	A	Quilt	C	Clearing	None
Which option provides the most impact green space and opportunities for green in an urban environment?	A	Quilt	B	Table	C	Clearing	All
Which option provides the most flexibility for different types of uses, programming, and activation throughout the year?	B	Table	A	Quilt	C	Clearing	All
Which of the 3 options has the greatest potential to transform this part of the city and contribute to the vibrancy and beauty of Portland?	B	Table	A	Quilt	C	Clearing	All

**Features Retained from Each Scheme**

**SCHEME A**

- Line of trees from existing NPB
- Large central lawn
- Raised table crossing
- Variety of seating options

**SCHEME B**

- Successful sloped walk design
- Iconic, visual interest
- Wandering paths
- "Table" furniture

**SCHEME C**

- Tree canopy enclosure
- Flexible event space
- Naturalistic planting

**Takeaways for Design**

**THE SAFEST PLACE**

- Good, fun lighting
- Easy to keep clean and maintained
- Attractions to encourage visitors
- Easy to move through

**THE CONNECTOR PARK**

- Accessible circulation
- Prioritizing pedestrians
- Connected to surrounding areas
- Celebrating local culture and history

**THE GREENEST PLACE**

- Native planting
- Interaction with nature
- Trees to provide shade
- Green open space

**THE MOST FLEXIBLE DESTINATION**

- Shade and rain cover
- Interactive art
- Support for a variety of events and activities
- Diverse and accessible seating

**HISTORY**

**SITE**

**PARK BLOCKS**

**PROJECT PROCESS**

**NEIGHBORHOOD EXISTING PROGRAMMING**

**PROJECT TIMELINE**

- Fall 2023 - Winter 2023: Project set-up, Contracting, Project advisory committee recruitment
- Winter 2023/24 - Winter 2024/25: Community engagement, Planning/concept design process
- Spring 2025 - Summer 2026: Construction documents, Permitting and contracting
- Fall 2026 - Summer 2027: Construction of Site 1 at PNCA
- Fall 2027: Anticipated opening date

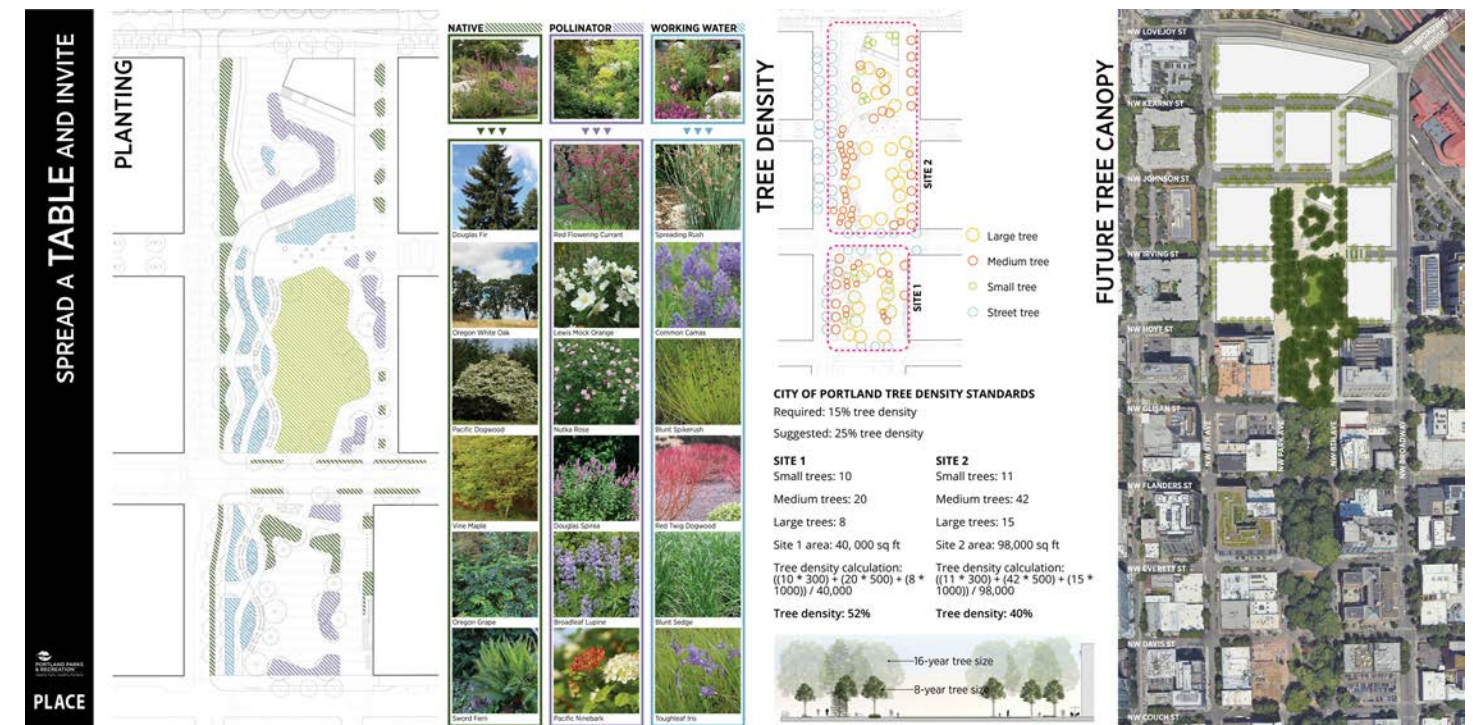
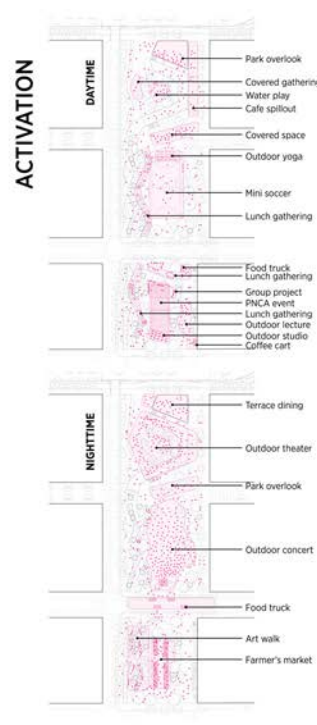
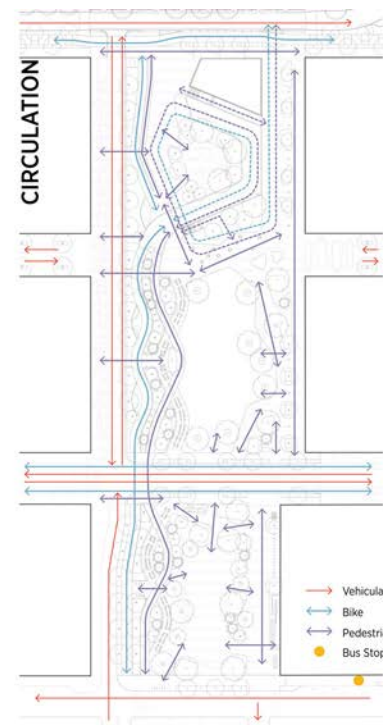
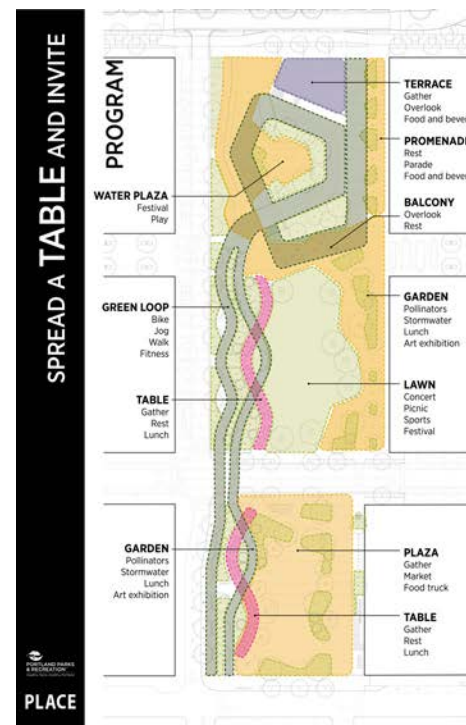
## 2.2 Conceptual Design Scheme

Six boards and a fly-through video were provided to illustrate the final design scheme. The design builds on Scheme B from Community Event #2, which was selected as the preferred scheme.

It was studied further and refined to incorporate features that community members appreciated from the other

schemes. The final design retained the curved Green Loop bike lane along the west side of Site 2, the long community table, and the looped ascent at the north.

The final design has less space dedicated to transportation, more green space, and is more thoughtful about how the space is divided and used.



SPREAD A TABLE AND INVITE



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# 3. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT #3 INPUT AND TRENDS

## 3.1 Community Engagement #3

Community Engagement #3 for the North Park Blocks Extension took place on March 12, 2025 at the Pacific Northwest College of Art (PNCA). Approximately 60 people were in attendance and combined in-person and online survey responses included 153 community members.

This section of the report provides an overview of the input collected utilizing both the in-person and online tools. The full verbatim list of comments received are included in Appendix 2.





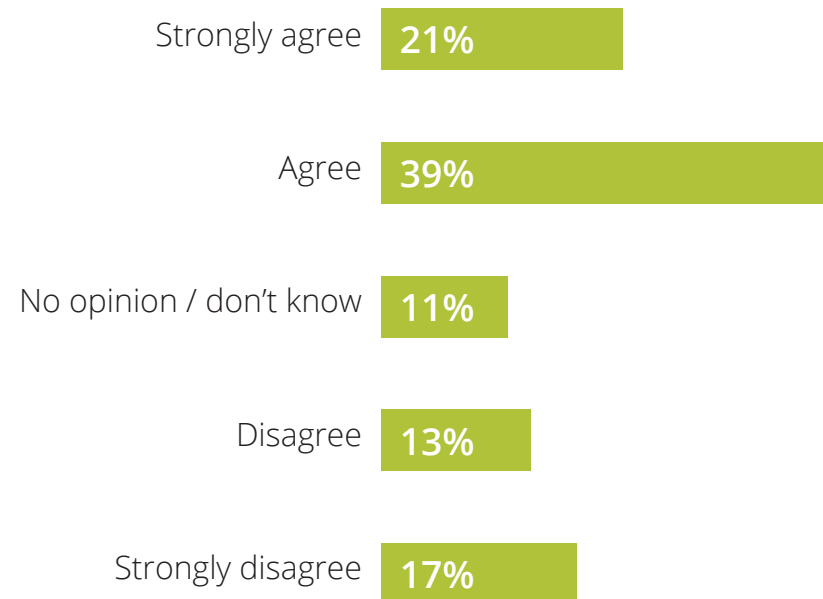
## 3.2 Input and Trends

### The park design responds to comments from previous community events.

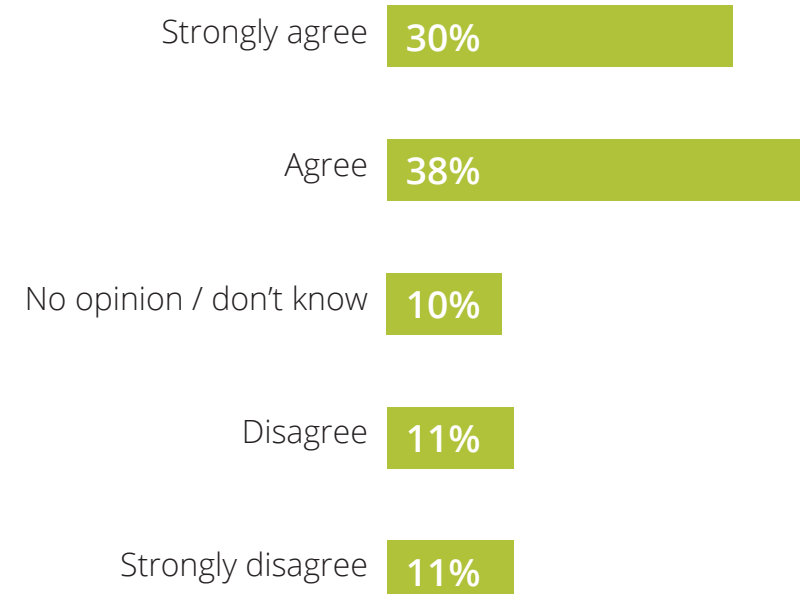
In the survey, community members were asked to indicate whether they felt the design was representative of the feedback given from previous community events.

Several general questions addressed satisfaction with the overall process for community input. Others targeted specific community feedback from previous events, asking whether community goals had been achieved in the final design.

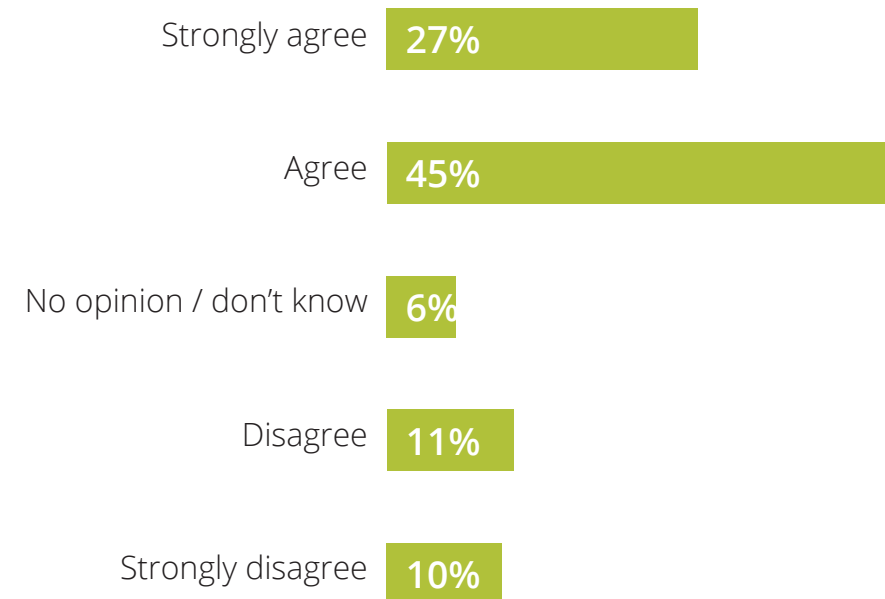
### The park design reflects my community's input and values.



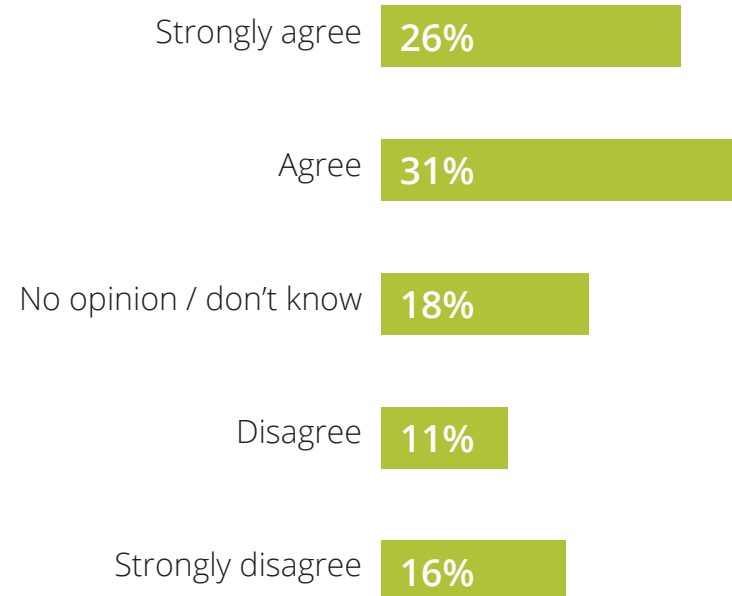
### The park design promotes safety and prioritizes pedestrians in separated easy to move through open areas along the bicycle Green Loop corridor.



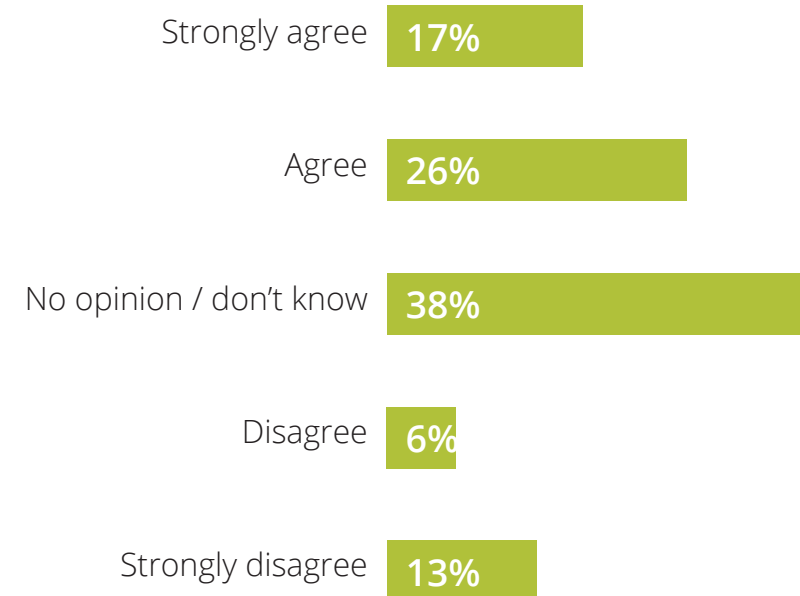
### The park design provides adequate opportunities for future shade from trees and green spaces for passive recreation.



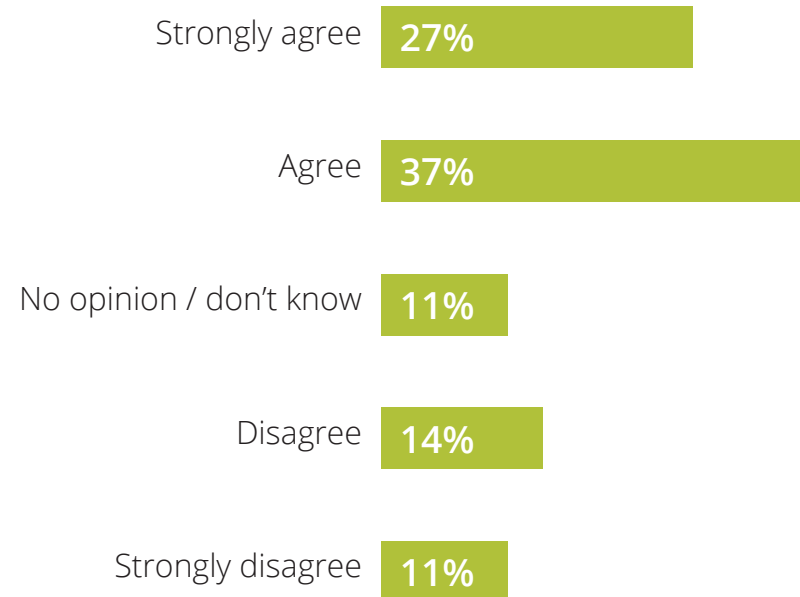
The park design promotes the spirit of community and provides opportunities for all people to connect.



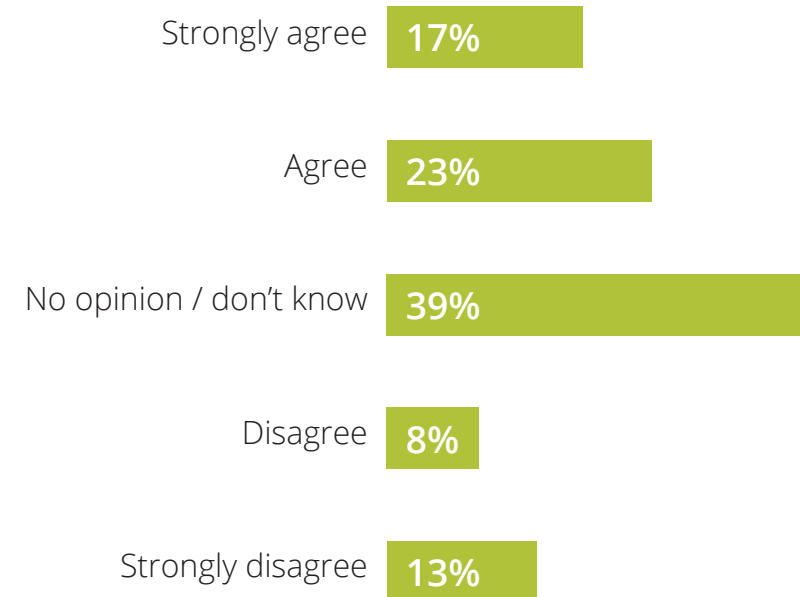
Public input was incorporated into the overall design concept.



The park design creates a flexible urban destination with many opportunities for daily use, and events and programming.



The public process was open, inclusive, and transparent.

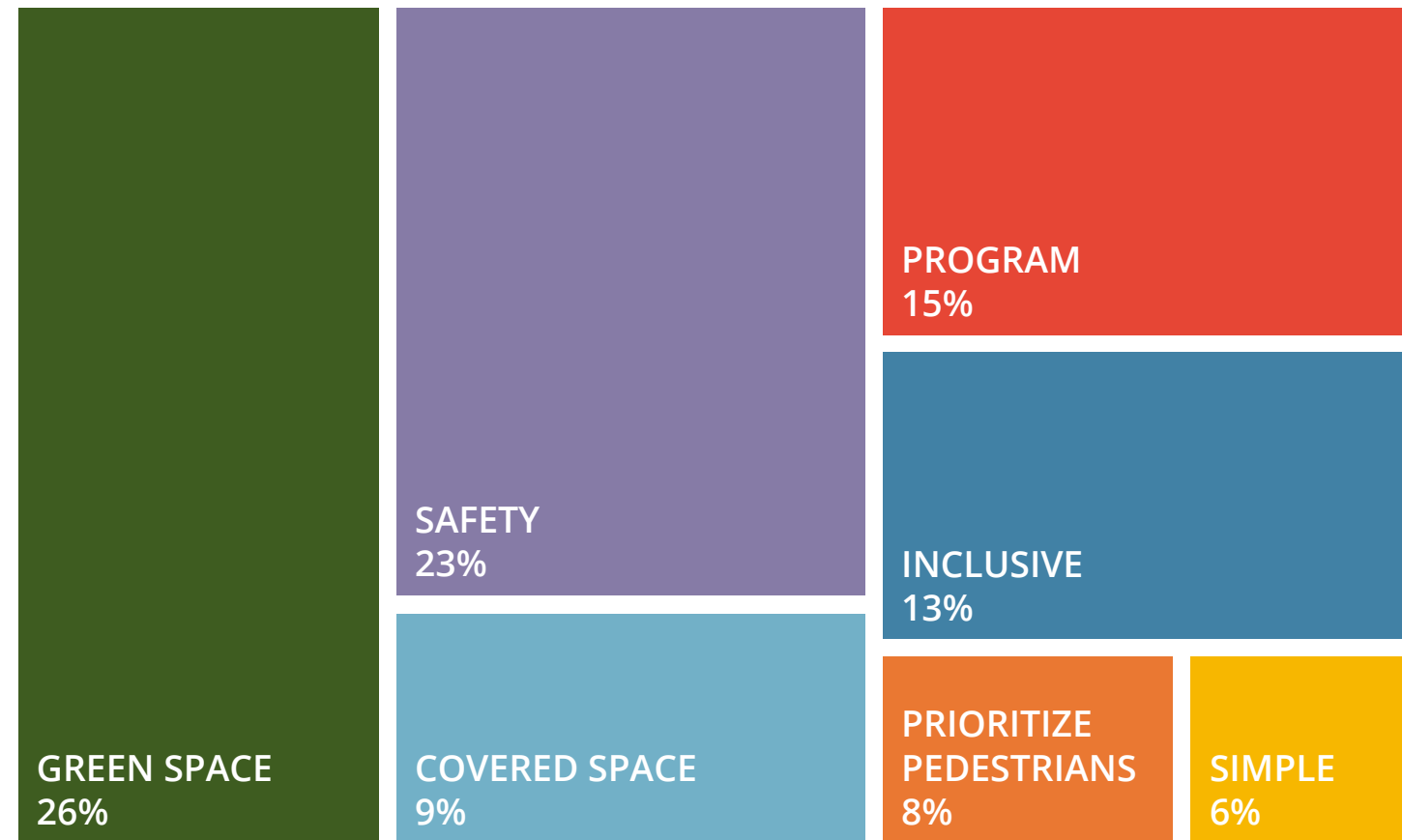


Would you be interested in additional in-person community engagement opportunities to impact the design development of this project?

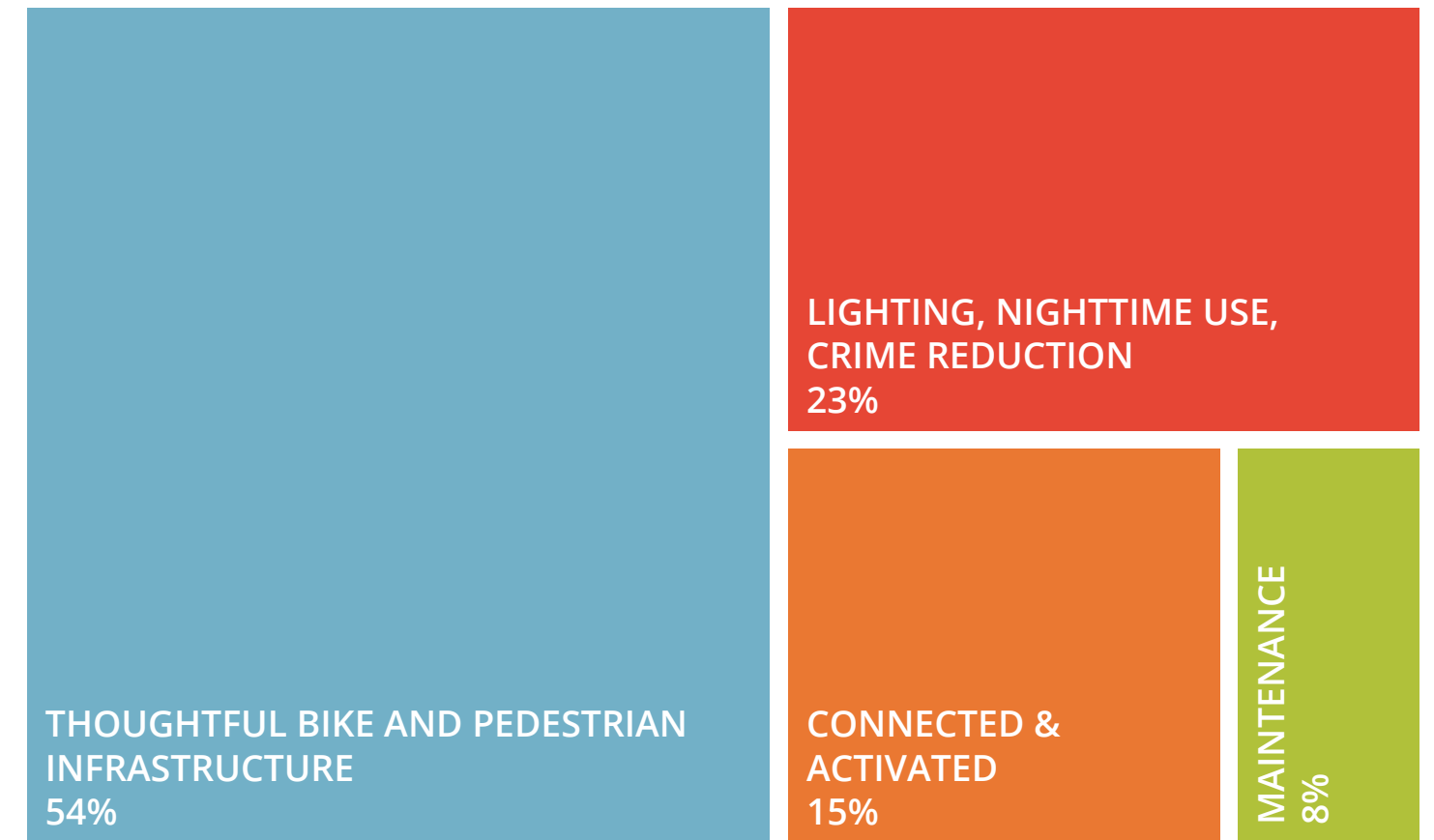


The specific comments collected in the survey are included in the TRENDS section of this document.

## How can the park design better support your input and values?



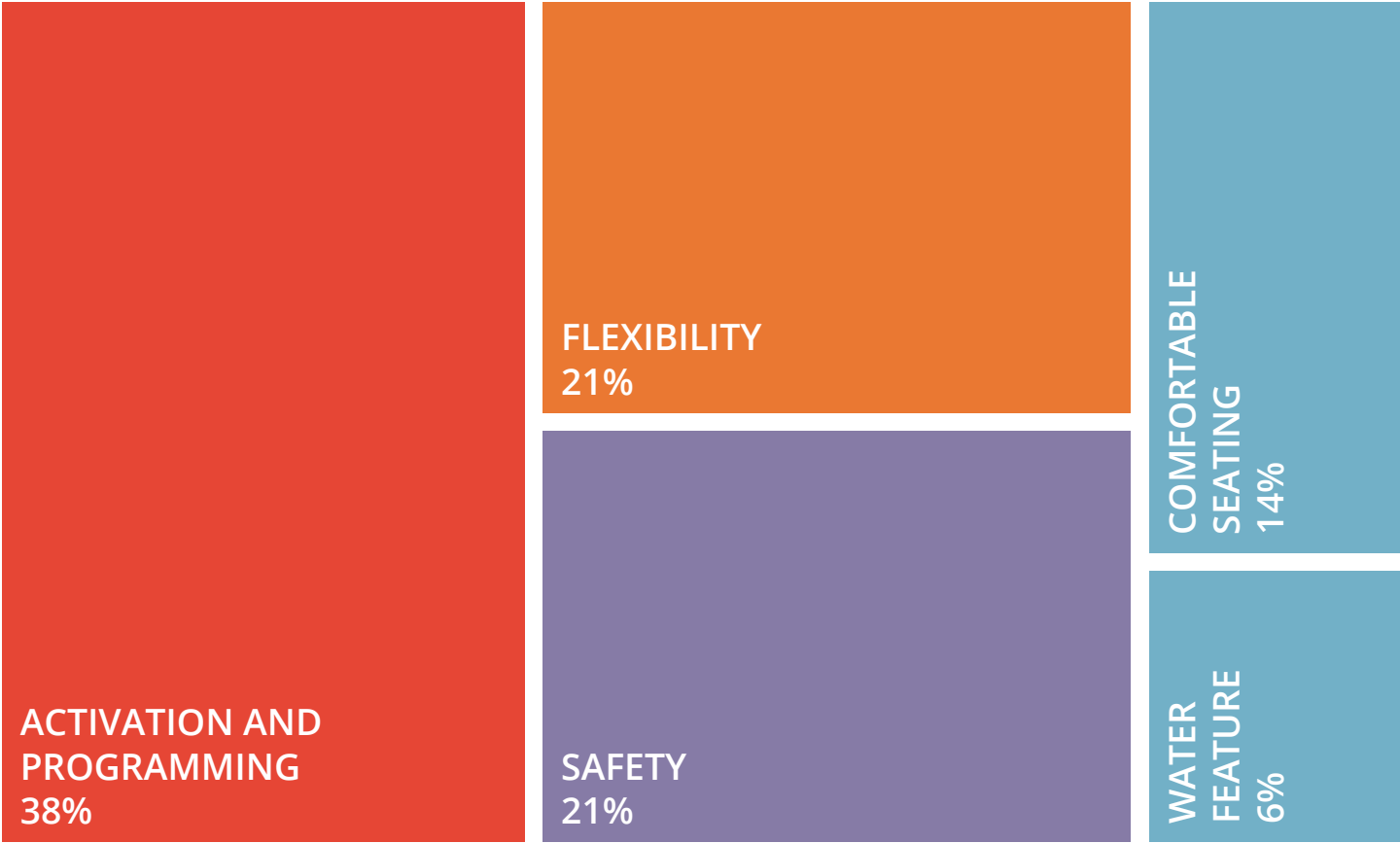
## How can the park design better support safety?



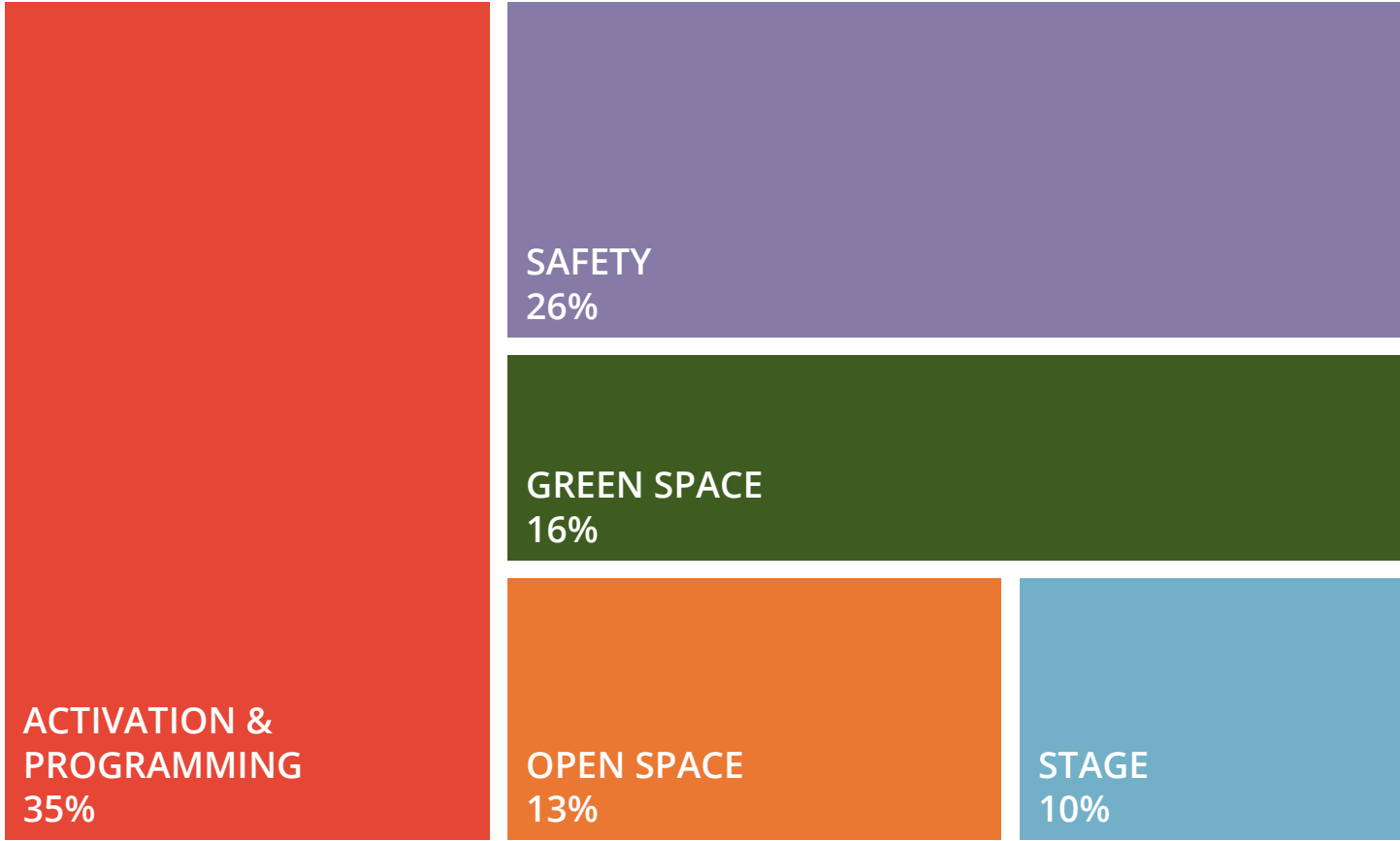
How can the park design better support urban green spaces?



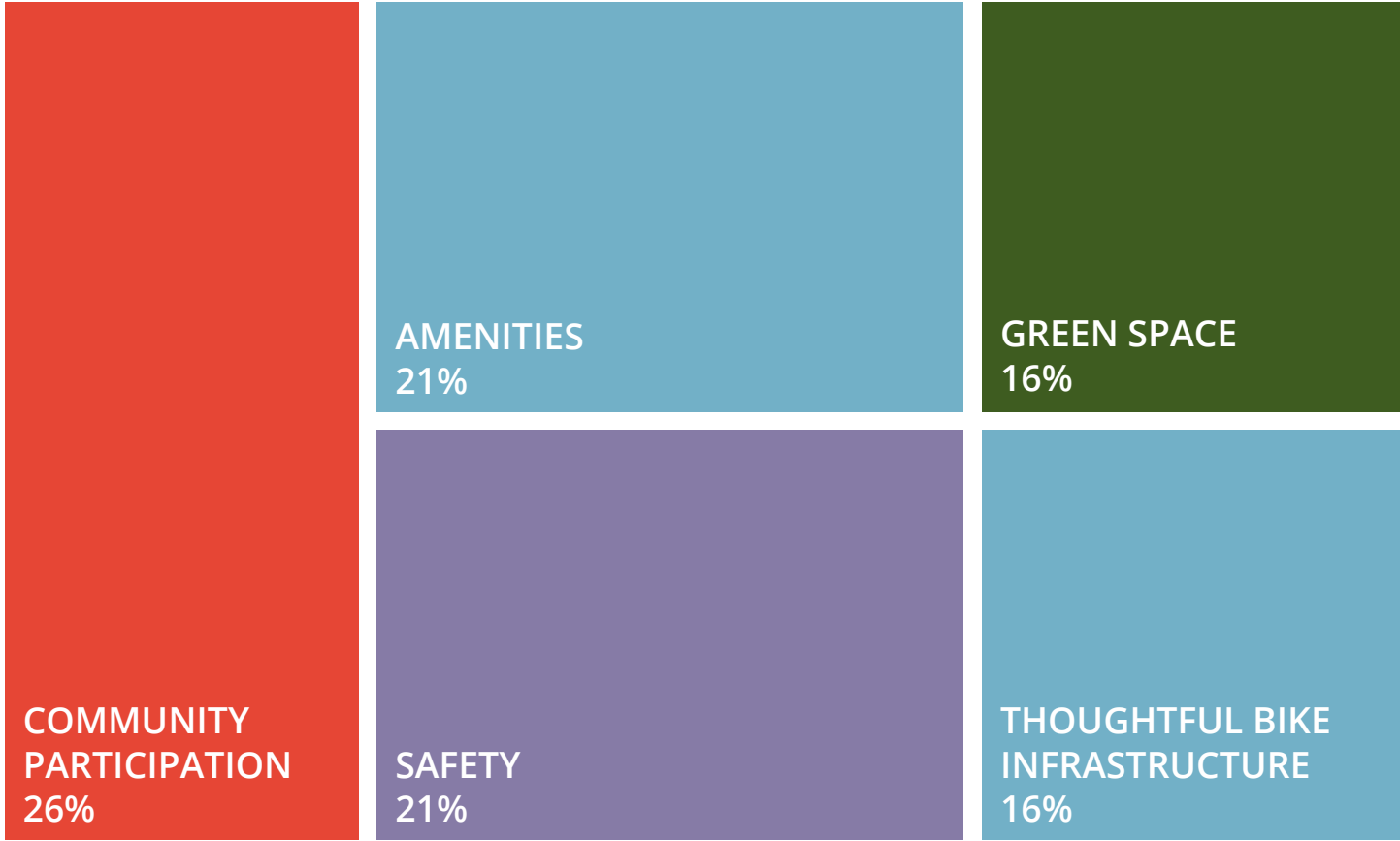
How can the park design better support community connection?



How can the park design better support a variety of uses?



How can the park design better support community connection?



# 4. TAKEAWAYS FOR DESIGN

The results of Community Engagement #3 helped the design team and the City refine the design elements previously suggested by the community.



## THE SAFEST PLACE

- Attractions to encourage visitors
- Traffic safety to accommodate different modes of circulation
- Easy to keep clean and maintained
- Good lighting for nighttime safety

## THE CONNECTOR PARK

- Prioritize pedestrians
- Reduce space dedicated to bike infrastructure
- Connected to surrounding areas and future development
- Consider historic park blocks

## THE GREENEST PLACE

- More green space
- Big trees for shade
- Native planting
- Opportunities to engage with green space

## THE MOST FLEXIBLE DESTINATION

- Simple, inclusive design
- Water feature
- Shade structure
- Space for active recreation and large events
- Diverse and accessible seating



# 5. NEXT STEPS

The feedback gathered from this community event, along with comments from PP&R's review and Design Team expertise, will be used to continue refining and detailing the design.

Additional focus groups will be held with community members including BIPOC communities, PNCA students and faculty, local artists, and other key cultural contributors.

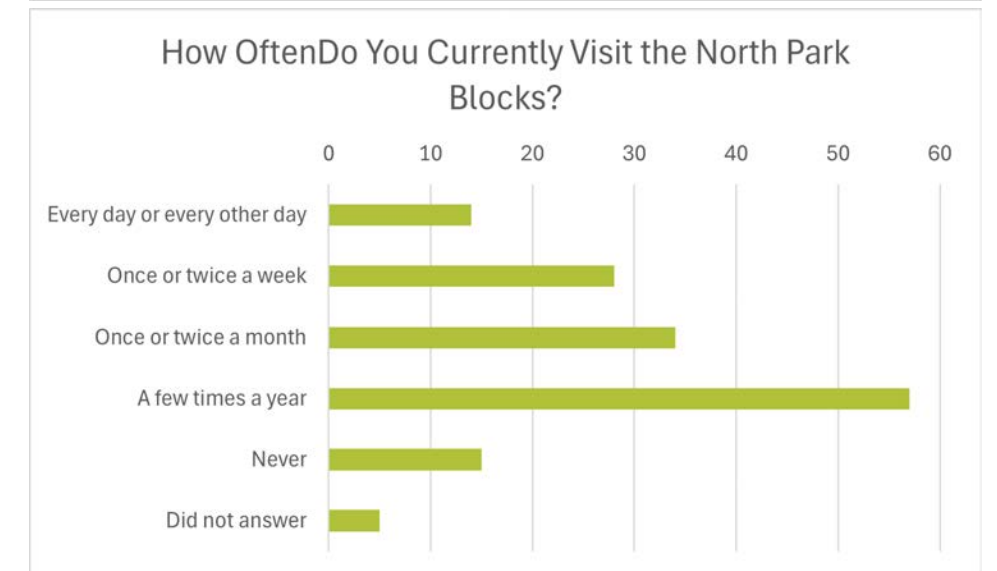
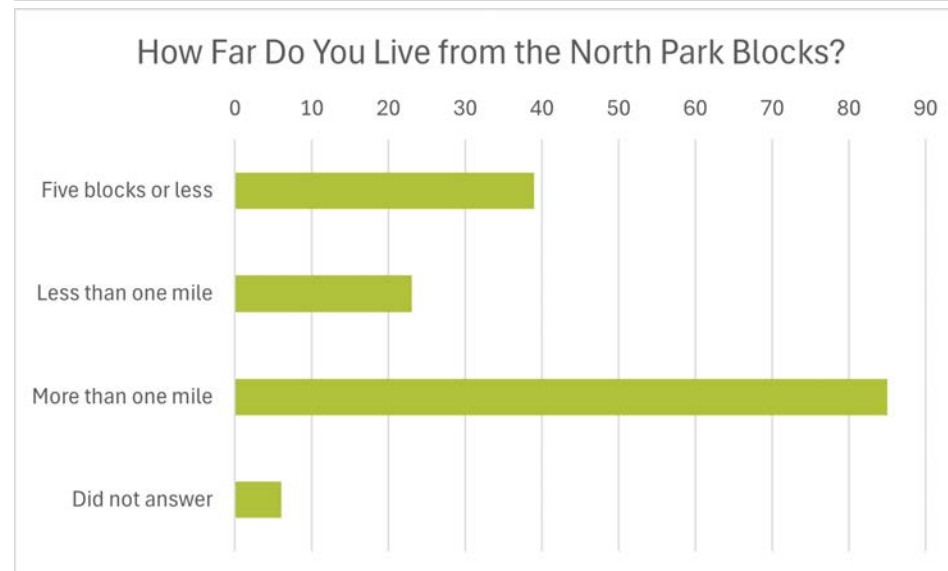
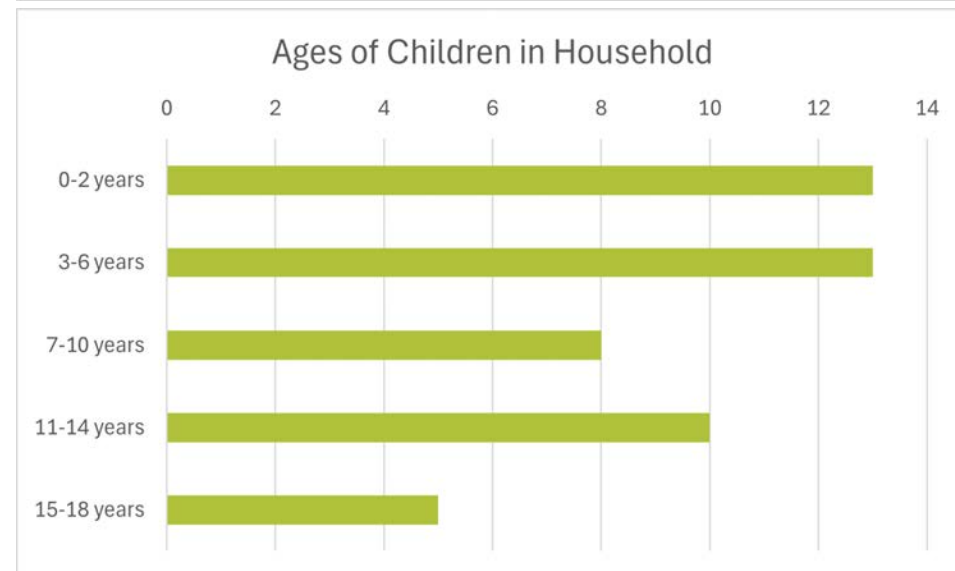
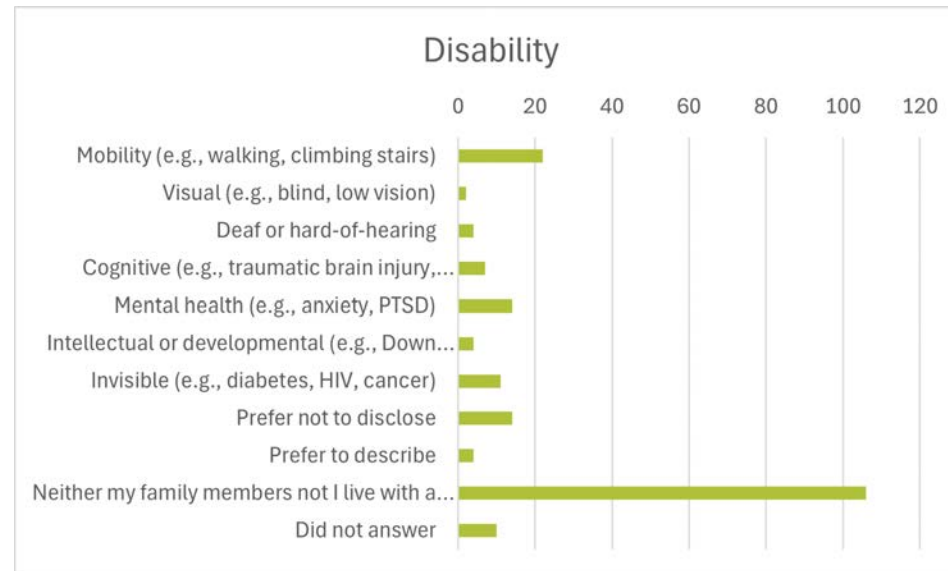
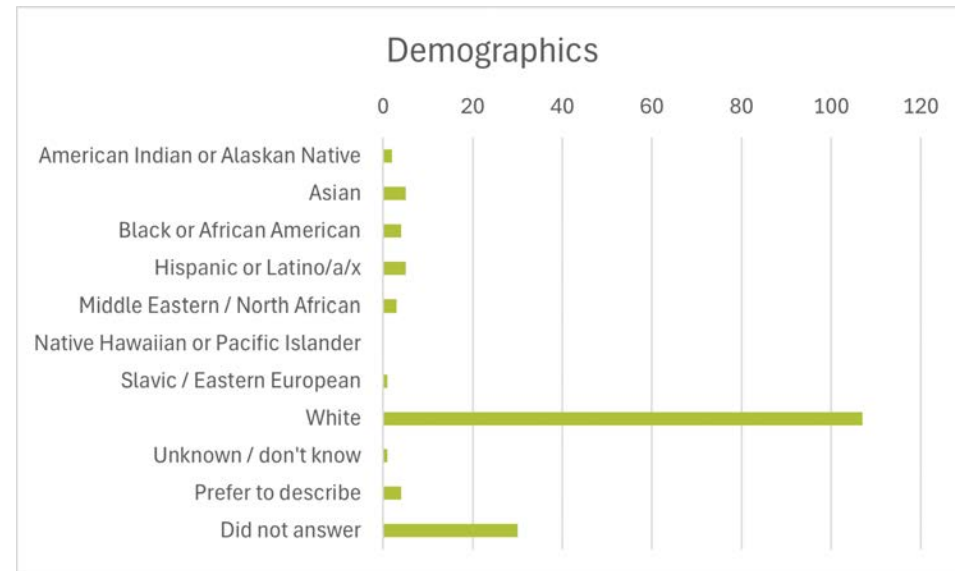
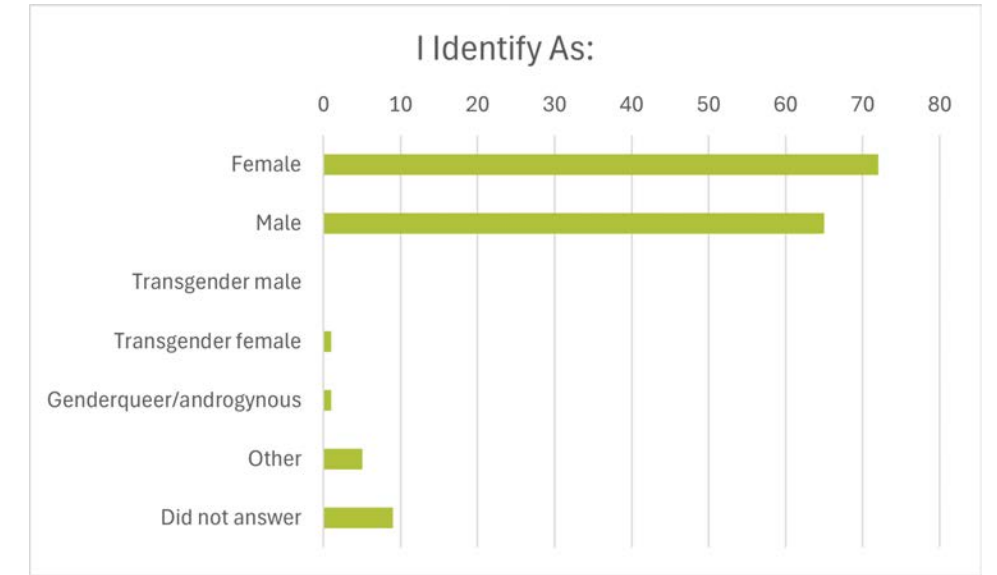
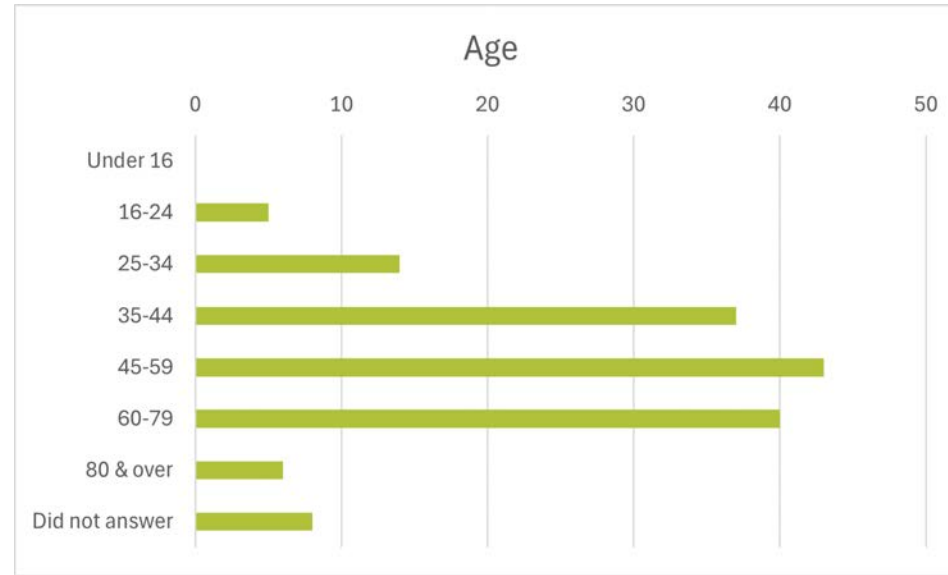




# APPENDICES

# APPENDIX 1: DEMOGRAPHICS

Demographics are based on all survey responses, both in-person and online.



# APPENDIX 2: COMMUNITY INPUT SUMMARY TABLE

## PART 1: Comments

This section includes comments related to the three schemes and what features community members liked or wanted to critique. It includes comments from the open-ended questions in the survey and notes from the in-person event.

TOPIC	PAGE
Community Input and Values	19
Safety	23
Urban Green Space	26
Community Connection	28
Flexibility	30
General Comments	32



COMMUNITY INPUT AND VALUES

How can the park design better support your input and values?	
Too much concrete, not enough "green." Stop using green paint on bike paths...it makes places look like an Ikea kiddie play rug.	More green space, native plants, and big trees
It looks like too much concrete. It'll be hot in the summer. Where does the rain go? How does it get into the ground. Where are the big trees and native plantings?	
Include as many native trees and shrubs as possible!!	
Needs more native trees & shrubs.	
More trees and green space. More flexibility. More lighting	
Regarding sustainability and nature, I appreciate the tree canopy and plant program though there still seems to be a lot of hardscaping; concrete and stone surfaces; without sacrificing accessibility might there be a way to soften surfaces, allow for more natural materials and ground surfaces that have some permeability? I also continue to wonder about safety and the abrupt transitions between the large scale public buildings surrounding the blocks and the intended semi-public spaces within the park blocks- those edges and transitions make me wonder how it may be used (or not) in the absence of a large number of visitors to the space. In other words without a strong draw of tourists, visitors, daily users, can the park block design still feel safe and under the control of people through natural ownership and friendly sense of community watch (ie not security or cops)?	
More natural green space, less pavement. Not much reason to go there vs Jamison or Tanner Springs parks.	
More green, less hardscape. More climate change resilient. Also plant tree varieties that get big. Can't tell from my review. And my clovers or some other lawn substitute. Less water, maintenance etc	
Remove the large sculpture and save money. Make it a play structure or green space with trees instead.	
Prioritize green space over hardscaping, unlike Darcelle Plaza	
Excessive hardscape. Needs more grass.	
Trees and open spaces. I am worried about the area below the ramp being a dead space, and we don't know how this will all fit until we know what the surrounding development will be like.	
Tons big trees please	
Too much concrete. Not enough greenery. Bicycle freeway. Too much attention to the Green Loop	
safety and connectivity can be better addressed. additional programmatic activation should be included in the design	
make sure there is lots of lighting and activation of the space to keep it safe at all hours and all days. Is there an opportunity to display art sculptures or rotating art as part of the First Thursday's in the Pearl district?	
As long as encampment tents are removed from these parks	
I would wonder if homeless people will camp in the park and throw trash all over. I like the concept as I lived for 6 years at 920 NW Kearney across the street from the Post Office site where the park will be built.	
There needs to be more so called "hostile architecture." The way it is designed now will only encourage illegal encampments. Your basically creating a new spot for homeless people instead of taxpayers	
I strongly disagree with the elevated bikeway. The 3-way stoplight where Broadway and Lovejoy ramps meet is clearly a safety hazard. The safest and SIMPLEST bikeway that crosses the bridge to the eastside is a ramp up from Johnson Street. For bicyclers crossing to the westside the Lovejoy lane and sidewalk is best or for both pedestrians and bicyclists or an elevator could be located north of the bridge right at the sidewalk. Allowable building height jumped from 15/30 to 25/40 stories following Tri-Met proposal to build a subway though I question whether the route presents seismic concerns about damage to buildings above in earthquake. It's certainly not the best route for a subway downtown. Allowable building height should return to 15-30 stories. The renderings do not clearly show which streets are pedestrian only or which allow traffic. If Hoyt is to remain accessible for traffic, earlier renderings show Park Ave also open to traffic. The existing Irving and Kearney walkways should extend into the new Park Blocks.	

COMMUNITY INPUT AND VALUES

<p>I've taken this survey once, but this time I must add further consideration. The elevated bike/walkway is ludicrous. It is dangerous to direct pedestrians and cyclists to the 3-way stoplight. The simplest bike ramp is from Johnson Street under the Broadway ramp and the south up the ramp near Irving. Access for westbound could use the Lovejoy ramp to NW 9th and with an elevator on the north side near the stoplight, both ramps avoiding the dangerous crosswalks. PUBLIC SAFETY DEMANDS the elevated ped/ bikeway be eliminated. I've mentioned the fallacy of the MAX light rail route beneath NW 6th Ave. It's too dangerous in earthquake and it's not the most productive tunnel route possible. The Greyhound terminal should be rebuilt as soon as possible, keeping the current bus stall locations, but relocating the main entrance to face Union Station. When Tri-Met announced the subway route, the allowable building height was raised from 30- to 40-stories. Go back to 30-stories north of Johnson and 15-stories south of Johnson. I do not support closing NW 8th between Hoyt and Johnson. The design should not direct traffic under the Broadway ramp via Johnson and Kearney. Traffic there is already troublesome and will lead more motorists onto the transit mall. I suppose NW 8th could be closed on weekend events held in the new park. I would consider closing the section of NW 8th that faces PNWCA facility.</p>	<p>Consider safety, both in terms of park use and traffic</p>
<p>Regarding sustainability and nature, I appreciate the tree canopy and plant program though there still seems to be a lot of hardscaping; concrete and stone surfaces; without sacrificing accessibility might there be a way to soften surfaces, allow for more natural materials and ground surfaces that have some permeability? I also continue to wonder about safety and the abrupt transitions between the large scale public buildings surrounding the blocks and the intended semi-public spaces within the park blocks- those edges and transitions make me wonder how it may be used (or not) in the absence of a large number of visitors to the space. In other words without a strong draw of tourists, visitors, daily users, can the park block design still feel safe and under the control of people through natural ownership and friendly sense of community watch (ie not security or cops)?</p>	
<p>Trees and open spaces. I am worried about the area below the ramp being a dead space, and we don't know how this will all fit until we know what the surrounding development will be like.</p>	
<p>more shade. it's going to be hot here. that doesn't support me and my community</p>	<p>Shade and covered space</p>
<p>More shade, more green space, less concrete, inclusive playground equipment, more bathrooms, public misters, maybe community garden spaces</p>	
<p>An urban public park is no longer simply a destination for community and recreation; it also helps to keep the city and its inhabitants cooler in hot weather by counteracting the urban heat island effect and provides critical habitat. Thank you for trying to balance the multiple needs.</p>	
<p>Need a large covered pavillion to host events during the rany days. Recruit and attract a private sponsor to a build an enclosed pavillion for winter months. We do not need more grass,grass, grass! (Jane Jacobs). We already have plenty of grass and do not need a water feature. An overall unimagnative mediocre plan.</p>	
<p>Well done on incorporating much of the community's feedback! That said, I don't see much covered space, other than tree cover. I would like the Committee to consider adding a few canopies over the seating areas.</p>	<p>Simplify the design</p>
<p>Simplify the design.</p>	
<p>Eliminate the meandering of the bike path. It serves no purpose, and outs riders at risk fir a head on crash. state design guidance explicitly recommends against this.</p>	
<p>simplify and make clearer, help it to have something to do with where it is and the time that in which it is being conceived. Ok to be more modest and spend a lot less money.</p>	<p>Less focus on Green Loop and bike infrastructure</p>
<p>Too much concrete. Not enough greenery. Bicycle freeway. Too much attention to the Green Loop</p>	
<p>It looks like high bike course</p>	
<p>Should not focus on bike/Green Loop but more on use of those who will live and work in adjacent blocks. Remove spiral ramp - substitute with park as focus for future development. Use enlisting ramps for bike and pedestrian access to Broadway Bridge and 9th Avenue. Calm traffic on 9th Ave. Signalize intersections with Burnside, Everett, and Glisan. Maintain parking and local traffic (use SE Clinton Street as a model). Preserve or increase parking on NW 9th Ave. Design site #1 without bike loop. Broadway Bridge ramps could be expanded if necessary.</p>	

**COMMUNITY INPUT AND VALUES**

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<p>More water options: splash pads and cool down or swimming opportunities.</p>	<p>Water feature</p>
<p>Some water feature? This is Portland and water is on or visible from other NW parks.</p>	
<p>small stage, area for potential gatherings / performances</p>	
<p>Markings or materials in the lawn for at least a half field of soccer - not to be used at all times for soccer but to help encourage that use</p>	
<p>Make it unique, welcoming, with intriguing surprises (like the little amphitheater that amplifies your voice in pioneer square, and the art in the max zoo station). String of picnic tables are to b close together. Slats look like they would not age well and would need a lot of maintenance. It's not imaginative, inspiring, nor inviting as it could/should be.</p>	<p>Program suggestions</p>
<p>safety and connectivi can be better addressed. additional programmatic activation should be included in the design</p>	
<p>make sure there is lots of lighting and activation of the space to keep it safe at all hours and all days. Is there an opportunity to display art sculptures or rotating art as part of the First Thursday's in the Pearl district?</p>	
<p>More shade, more green space, less concrete, inclusive playground equipment, more bathrooms, public misters, maybe community garden spaces</p>	
<p>P&amp;R needs to find maintenance of existing facilities, before building more elegant parks..... to fall apart due to lack of, you guessed it maintenance</p>	
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<p>Build in budget and design for enough maintenance to keep the park clean and well maintained</p>	
<p>Why would the city spend money to extend a park that doesn't actually serve families? Very few children live in this area. So, what is the purpose?</p>	
<p>The design should more strongly relate/support adjacent land uses and developments. as with the PNCA block finds design cottices should happen with the action users of the exact block.</p>	
<p>The Table design hits all the points I consider most important: smooth connections, lots of sitting and walking space, trees, open green space and open paved space but not too much of either. A+ in my mind.</p>	<p>Consider community needs, design should be inclusive</p>
<p>I feel my input has been listened to and incorporated into each stage of the design process, which is surprising and delightful.</p>	
<p>This is a very mixed community from people living on the streets to people living in condos. I would hope this design would be inclusive of all of us. Potluck in the Park operates there. I would hope that they could still be accommodated.</p>	

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<p>I understand your desire to bring back viable activity to downtown but it seems like you are investing in downtown</p> <p>Do not build this park or any new parks at all. Get the law changed to use system development charges to maintain all of the parks you currently have. It is the height of fiscal and civic irresponsibility to build any new parks when you can't even fully maintain and staff all of your current parks and pools and now your budget is going to be cut even further by city council this year.</p> <p>It's beautiful but doesn't fit with current needs across the county</p> <p>The money needs to be dispersed more evenly, smaller new park, will be great for tourism but of course there is the drug and homeless situation that could get worse with a park such as this for this activity of drug deals, using and loitering in the day time. This is not equitable to the families in NoPo pf whom do not have the transportation nor the financial means to visit downtown for this park</p> <p>By not being built and using the revenue to maintain and rehabilitate or existing parks</p> <p>The city only cares about downtown.</p> <p>This improvement is completely unnecessary and not needed.</p> <p>Smaller park. Portland is deeply in debt and needs \$ for basic public health and safety.</p>	<p>Concerns about city investment</p>
<p>The park is great, but I hope to see more realistic placement of tables (ie not adjacent to a green bike lane), and more bike racks/bike parking scattered throughout. The tables depicted next to the bike lane would be perfect for bike parking, with the addition of zebra striping to indicate crossing pedestrians. Otherwise gorgeous!</p> <p>I think that Parks is asking for too much input. Please dial down the level of community input and focus on a cost-efficient design that incorporates the identified preferred elements</p> <p>Mech of it yes all of it no</p> <p>Remove car access!!!!!! Stop slicing these beautiful ideas with auto transit. It destroys all connection and peace</p> <p>Canvas more widely. Perhaps a mailer to residents. Current planning seems to be the usual product of "listening sessions" or "community feedback meetings" which produce small samples.</p>	<p>Other</p>

**SAFETY**

How can the park design better support safety?	
The design of the park creates a corridor for movement. Bikes will take the path of least resistance. Strongly separate bikes and peds. Better if you put bikes outside of the corridor by the vehicles	Concerns about bike and pedestrian conflicts
Don't place tables/seating directly next to separated bike lanes. Use those extra areas adjacent to bike lanes for bike parking, and stripe crossings of the bike lane. On turns on the ramp, slow strips similar to those on the Broadway bridge would be helpful to people on bikes so that they're not flying around corners.	
I see attempts to separate the bike route from the pedestrian/park areas, and I encourage taking that as far as possible. Also there may be more areas that could be closed to cars than what's shown now. There's really no need to add more driving areas with this development.	
Without completely separated paths, there will always be some kind of conflict.	
There are two deficiencies with the bicycle infrastructure in particular. First the seating next to bike lanes where they swerve is impractical and invites conflict while also being inaccessible to the pedestrians who would ostensibly use it. That needs to be scrapped. Second, on the ramp there is no accounting for shy distance for the downhill bike lanes that has the railing on one side and would likely have people traveling at higher speeds due to gravity. That lane should be slightly wider than the uphill to account for both speed differential and the ability of the uphill lane user to veer into pedestrian space if absolutely necessary.	
Confusion between bikes and pedestrians. Both move at different speeds.	
Hard to tell if cyclists will respect demarcation	
I like the separation of bikes and leisurely movement.	Eliminate Green Loop from the park
Putting walkers with bikes is dangerous	
Drop bike green loop for bikes from park blocks use 9th. A new pedestrian stair could link bridge to park.	
See above. Remove the dominate bike loop and ramp from Site 2. Give the area to a park. (Hopefully a traffic engineer will be looking at the future capacity and safety of the elevated intersection of NW Lovejoy and Broadway.)	
Money should be evenly distributed between current PPR buildings that are risk for closure and this new project. Bikes don't need to ride through, they can use bike lanes on streets.	
There are a bunch of tables shown that impede on the bike path. Separation of uses makes too much hardscape. Fast bikers can ride on the streets, 5mph speed limit on paths for slow bikers, joggers and walkers.	
the Green Loop element is unrealistic and too tricked out. How does it coordinate with the bike infrastructure on NW Broadway? Do we need to duplicate? Consider removing it.	
maybe it's time to have some bike free zones	Prioritize pedestrians
Not only should the 3-way intersection where Broadway and Lovejoy ramps meet, be avoided, on the east side, Broadway and Weidler have too much traffic. The better Green Loop route is on Clackamas Street with a new ped/bike bridge over I-5.	
Forget the Green Loop. It's a sophomoric Idea.	
promote safety and prioritize pedestrians... remove car lanes then.	
The park looks beautiful but there's still a road that runs through the middle. Now's the opportunity to remove that and have a continuous park that provides the most safety and comfort for those using the park, especially for children and people with disabilities.	
Oh, I thought this was a question about easy of movement for pedestrians? It's separated and safe.	Prioritize pedestrians
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**SAFETY**

Maintenance is the most important feature for safety- MAINTAINING what you have, before building more that you can't afford maintain is the answer	Maintenance
The city should use tax dollars to maintain all parks before building new ones	
Be smaller in size so less to monitor and maintain.	
Daily cleaning to remove encampments and litter	Connect park to surroundings
Make it open to adjacent streets like existing N Park Blocks	
Again, I wonder if the main mechanism for providing safety and comfort is that we hope the park will be highly used and visited, I wonder what else can be done to increase comfort and safety through either attractive elements like engaging landmark artwork and/or connection to residential and community spaces that are connected to the park	
safety within the central core can be better addressed. west end of park seems better planned than the east	Ensure park is active
The bicycles are dealt with adequately but there are a number of spaces that could create a dangerous environment - the cafe has to have a tenant. The buildings around the park must be active especially at evening on the ground level	
More bathrooms, mister, more shade, playground—things that encourage families and neighbors to gather in the space	
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No way I would go in this area at night. It will be filled with drugs, feces and who knows what else.	
It's unclear what the park might be like at night and/or when few folks are around - all of the renderings show mass amounts of folks in the park, but there are rarely even a dozen folks around the northern blocks of the existing North Park Blocks. Obviously the vision of the park is for it to be lively and populated but when safety is the main theme, it'd be helpful to understand what the park would be like in night conditions or when it isn't heavily populated.	
The green loop design in the north block is oriented to make a damin features of the bike garage challenge to the Broadway bridge this doesn't improve safety,	Concerns about the elevated ramp and meandering bike path
The ramp to/from the Broadway bridge is problematic. it uses much if the block creates danger areas in its shadows and will be very expensive. repositions to NW 9th Ave with bikes mouths N/S on NW 9th Fremont similar ramp makes better sense aesthetically and financially.	
Eliminate the ludicrous elevated ped/bikeway.	
Eliminate the bike path meandering	
If the green loop is meant to be a well-used bike loop I don't understand the wiggles in the bike path, especially in the middle block. People generally attempt to travel in straight lines absent some topographical obstacle; adding extra turns to the route seems to have the potential to create conflict as riders in a hurry cut the corners, especially with seating areas positioned at the inside of the bends. Why not straighten out the middle section of the bike route?	
I like the bike design but wonder if there are too many "loops."	Concerns about drugs, crime, and homelessness
Again, there are plenty of places to ride your bike / run/ walk in Portland. The North Park Blocks don't need an extension at the moment- with all the homeless in that area, an extension won't make that safer.	
Safety is getting a handle on the crime and drugs in that area first.	
We will need an active force of at least twenty full time police and security for this park to come even close to what is envisioned here. The current north park blocks are no longer a public place for citizens. An accurate rendering would include dozens of tents, a pupolation of drug users, trash and no one actually usuing the park as intended	
Why is this needed? Who does it benefit? How will this. It immediately become a homeless park?	
These new blocks will be just as unsafe as the existing blocks due to drugs and homelessness	
However nice parks also bring encampments for homeless which are not safe	

**SAFETY**

Are the hard scapes so people won't camp? Will the tables attract campers? I don't know the research.	Concerns about drugs, crime, and homelessness
Need to build it to discourage homeless encampments. Otherwise, the city will spend a ton of money and only the homeless and drug users will use the park because it's too unsafe	
Boring and sterile. The bicycle loop might be fun for little kids but real cyclists wouldn't find that little loop much fun. The waterfront loop is better.	Other
In the design the road surfaces are paved with the same pavers as the park surfaces, which is already confusing for drivers and pedestrians at Director Park	
I generally don't think ped/bike conflicts at this area will be a major problem in this area.	
Same comments as answer to question 1.	
This is one of the first projects I have seen that does this right - really right. Thank you.	
Tons big trees please	

URBAN GREEN SPACE

How can the park design better support urban green spaces?	
Appears to have plant landscape. Increase size of lawn.	More green, less paving, big trees
Ok. Trees. Yeah.	
Too much concrete.	
More trees! The grassy areas a beautiful in the renderings, but even in the spring, folks congregate around shade trees. Dotted the open areas with trees would be much more pleasing and comfortable. A good example of this is the north end of Farragut park.	
More trees and green space	
I wish there was less concrete and stone/ hard surfaces and more permeable ground cover while remaining accessible to all. It would also be wonderful if the the landscape program had even more of an eye towards native guilds and beneficial (to insects, humans, animals) plantings- how can the landscape program support soil building, water absorption, native insect flourishing, in addition to the beauty and vibrancy it already provides?	
All the trees shown are small. So much hardscape.	
Plant MORE trees, with more grass and less pavers. Maybe also replace the trees already removed from the existing North Park Blocks.	
Less pavement, more plant life	
There is a lot of paving and brick within the project area.	
Less hardscape, a few more trees. Hardscape gets so hot!	
Needs more green space and trees	
More grass. Having a space big enough for softball or soccer would be great	
More greenery.....Perhaps a green wall?	
Keep as many existing mature trees as possible	
There could be more trees	
Lose some of the older trees and plant younger ones	
I see too few tall trees in the design.	
Needs more grass in some of the excess hardscape areas.	
Dedicated green spaces and tree canopy are critical to mitigating the disproportionately high temperatures that exist in urban areas. As temperatures continue to rise, generous tree canopy should be one of the top priorities for any urban park.	
Tons big trees please	
Don't show renderings of the new Park Block without extensive treescape.	
No it looks heavy on the manmade elements and green spaces as a tiny ornamental decorations	
Need more space for large-species native trees including more evergreen conifers and more shrubs such as Tall Oregon Grape. Less pavement because current design is too much gray urban heat sink.	
Again please include lots of native trees including Oregon white oak, madrone and smaller native trees that are best for wildlife and climate resilient.	Native plants
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Lean in with native species that are adapted to our rainy/dry seasons and will also support songbirds.	
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**URBAN GREEN SPACE**

what are the opportunities for active recreation? That is the need.	Provide space for active recreation
More grass. Having a space big enough for softball or soccer would be great	
I agree that the trees will add shade, but I'd like to see a few additional structured canopies added over some of the seating to offer respite from inclement weather.	Cover in addition to tree canopy
i like all the trees, but trees grow slowly. how will shade be provided for hanging out and sitting with friends?	
The trees are great, although I wonder if there's a way to get shade via some other means during the 20+ years it'll take for them to grow in fully? Something like a semi-permanent shade system that can be removed when the trees are ready.	Consider historic park blocks
More trees echoing blocks to south	
See above. Remove the ramp and gain additional park space. The new park blocks should distill and restate some of the basic elements of the historic park blocks while accommodating adjacent uses, so that in time they appear as a common statement. (The Paris park that follows Canal Saint-Martin is a good example of how this is done for that city.) Respect Portland's history.	Consider safety
Area is not safe for family use.	
Make it safe and welcoming for the community, not a drug and crime invested cesspool like the current park blocks	Other
Seems great. Activating the spaces requires more hardscape. This design strikes a good balance.	
This looks like an oasis for people experiencing homelessness. I would hope they could exist in this area as comfortably as the rest of us.	
This is a waste of tax dollars that could be better used for other parks	
The city should not be spending anything expanding downtown parks while there is no money in the budget to maintain existing parks elsewhere in the city	
Number of trees might be fine, but they are clustered around edges or over beds where there is no place to stop. clusters in the middle in a few more places would offer more shade at all times of day.	
Need sun! Shade is rarely a problem in Portland. We are not Southern California.	
Water interests	

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

How can the park design better support community connection?	
additional programs can be included to activate the space	Activate the space
Given that the Post Office property is going to be developed with lots of housing, maybe more active recreation (basketball, tennis, multisport courts and kiddie playgrounds)	
small performance / stage area; more of a playground / play area for small kids (esp small slide and/or climbing structure)	
I think I see a cafe type space. I would encourage that and/or a beer garden. Make it a space where people really want to spend time and relax, not just travel through.	
This park needs to have active activity management - regular events need to happen here or it will not be successful safe space.	
Give people a reason to go there - cherry trees, a rose garden, a pond, an amphitheater, a work out circuit, a playground, a beach, a fish pond.	
This will be tricky. The upper portion of the looped trail could become derelict. Programming will be important. Having retail/cafe will also be important for activating the space, but this didn't work out well at Directors Park and I would encourage the design team to consider this challenge. The video and boards paint an optimistic picture. I hope that can be the reality.	
Better accessible playground, more bathrooms, community garden, spaces to play sports (frisbee, catch, pass a soccer ball, etc.)	
This depends on what events are to be held there, such as Art in the Pearl. Corridors for hundreds of event goers must be established in the landscaping. For an example of BAD landscaping, nearby is the cul de sac just north of the Lovejoy ramp. The sidewalk is narrow and the shrubbery confines walkers who'll often step into the street to avoid confrontation with street urchins. Terrible sidewalk, terrible landscaping.	
Prioritizing beautiful art and water features that call people to congregate will be essential, as will keeping the park clean.	
All the designs seem very formal and not linked to community activities.	Provide comfortable seating
Looks great and I hope that there will be moveable and comfortable seating that is fun to sit, perch and lean on- that isn't hot in the summer or too cold to the touch in the winter, that offer shade and shelter, allows for nature and people watching, accounts for the dampening or heightening of the surrounding soundscape and supports folks in making decisions that are meaningful to them. Overall it looks like a great direction	
As an elder, I did not see any benches or chairs with backs. That is quite important to many of our age mates, a place to sit back and relax with the back supported.	
Looks like the bulk of space is a corridor for movement with small pockets of space. Increase size of spaces and amenities for sitting to foster community	
I saw a lot of spaces for big groups but not much for 2-6 people so sit comfortably and visit.	Consider adjacent uses including future development
more thoughts should be given to how adjacent users will use the park	
With adjacent housing yet to be put in place how can we know what the spirit of the community may be.	
More flexibility	Flexible space
I see flexible, intersecting, and fun spaces that I look forward to experiencing.	Consider the issue of homelessness and encampments
How will this impact the houseless community that currently comes to park blocks and near Union Station. How will we prioritize safety for them and encourage community gathering?	
For dealers and homeless?	
The homeless and drug communities downtown will take this park over	
Again encampments from homeless can decrease safety	
I hope the homeless don't take over the park and make people feel uncomfortable - especially when they aggressively ask for money and follow people.	
Need to prohibit encampments via hard scaping	
Water feature to bring kids.	Water feature
The plaza in the southern block needs a central focal point, like a fancy fountain.	Consider a range of group sizes
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COMMUNITY CONNECTION

This is in a wealthy part of town with less families bc of affordable housing while N and NE is under threat of closing community centers and SUN programs that have data and history of serving as connection centers. Delay project till stable funding	Concerns about investment
What's wrong with this city? Oh no.. we can't spend the money where it's really needed.. let's build new park blocks. Yeah.	
There is no community being built while parks and facilities are neglected throughout the city so that funding can be wasted on downtown parks that are not necessary	
Community in downtown?	Other
Seriously? This place is a ghost town as it is. Lots of shuttered businesses and homeless. Maybe you should consider the root cause of that and find a solution instead of putting a bandaid on it?	
This is the wrong place to focus limited resources.	
These parks are not going to magically create community.	
Use the absolute least possible herbicides. Use an IPM approach for integrated pest management.	
I appreciate the idea of promoting community spirit, but it's too high-concept and how does one measure this anyway?	
unclear how these values are translated into urban form.	
This not something a park design can achieve.	
Spend more money	
Can't tell.	
The tables are a great idea. They present a great opportunity for connection. I do wonder if they'll be used to their best uses, but my wariness is no reason not to give them a chance.	
Tons big trees please	
No	
Parks and Rec gave only two days public notice of the Open House. Parks and Rec is hypocritical. You really do not value participation. This is for show.	
What does the "spirit of community"event mean?	

**FLEXIBILITY**

How can the park design better support a variety of uses?	
festivals, markets, food carts... activities associated with Portland don't seem to have a space within the future/flexibility of the design.	Provide large open spaces for big events
Add a define larger space. I'd have to look a lot closer. There appears to be open hard space that acts as corridor but I didn't see a space that had significant capacity.	
The spaces are littered with "blob" benches and attempts to create smaller private spaces. You couldn't hold any event that involved more than a 8-10 people.	
It is not clear to me where events and programming will be accommodated in the park, though I'm sure it's been accounted for. Perhaps, make that more obvious in the designs.	
Unclear where load/unload parking will be for events on Site 1, PNCA Block. Concerned about our Sunday meal program which hopes to return here after construction. If vehicle parking is not allowed on the plaza proper, there will need to be parking adjacent to this block. I don't see that on the circulation pattern diagram.	Consider future programs, activation, and development
I can see the park blocks becoming a great park with high use in the spring and summer, but it's not clear to me whether it requires programming. Buskers, art installations, and perhaps food carts would make it a daily stop.	
Agree and I wonder, where are all of the people in the video coming from? How do they get there and what draws that number of people to these blocks? Like realistically how many folks might use it daily, and what distance are they traveling to get there and why? What's the draw outside of it being a nice place to be? Are there more opportunities to draw folks in through food, landmark artwork and engaging features like water play, etc.? People seem to be a key component in making the park safe and comfortable, so that is why I wonder about this	
Active activity management - a weekly farmers market. musicians. art installations from PNCA et cetera.	
What kind of events? Programming? It's not a peaceful 'escape' with some types of events....	
My earlier comment on this issue stated supporting a variety of uses depends on sidewalk stores. I forgot to add that, according to earlier designs, every building will have at least 3 levels of above ground parking thus limiting sidewalk storefront businesses.	
New buildings with storefront businesses will determine activities more than landscaping.	
Some of this is in the next stages of design - public power, bathroom?, vending?	
See above: Relative to question 6 below, more thought must be given to the future community.	
Maybe a stage or an amphitheater for potential performances and events. Smth more permanent will prevent future park rhythm distractions.	
stage area or just raised concrete spot with steps to be used as a stage	
Strawberry Fields look for outdoor concerts	
Encourage economic development, allow businesses to open and flourish and manage the homeless situation better. Otherwise, this is pointless.	Support economic development
Lawn and tables ain't much. I wish you'd allow commercial: coffee or ice cream carts. Rocks or logs for climbing, etc.	Design to be inclusive of different people and needs
Not accessible to the city's most vulnerable residents.	
More shade, better seating situation that is accessible (fits people of all sizes, supports a person's back, "aisle" space that's accessible	More green space
Why go there? Too much concrete.	
Seems like a lot of paved areas. We already have enough paved areas in the surrounding area. Having more greenspace would be better.	
Plenty of places for events already. Prioritize park.	
Tons big trees please	
Urban yes. Relaxed, comfort and safety in nature No!	Safety concerns
Not a chance I would use this as the area is too unsafe.	
Will people want to visit this park with homeless and people using drugs?	
Opportunities to sleep and be homeless? Yes.	
Success depends heavily on how many drug users experiencing homelessness make this space feel	

FLEXIBILITY

But with out appropriate maintenance budget how can those events continue year to year.... Maintain what you have, then build out more!	Plan for maintenance
Only if you protect it	
Use the money to enhance existing parks or maybe replace closed parks	Other
The city does not need a redesign of downtown parks. The city needs to maintain existing parks.	
Too flexible, no character	
Designing for "programming" is tiresome. Design it to work wonderfully for passive use.	
I like the variety of spaces, with lots of seating and greenery. It feels balanced	

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

Every person's experience is unique and different, is there anything else you would like us to know?	
As someone who works near the North Blocks, I think additional study of the proposed design should be taken into consideration. The safety concerns do not seem to be addressed via the proposed design. How can the design further impact the community by activating this important core of the north block neighborhood.	Concerns about safety
Future design under the green loop connection near the Broadway bridge will be important to create safe connections through the space and under the pass so as not to create an unsafe environment or opportunity for camping or loitering.	
Stop this and fix the area's safety first.	
This is a going to end up being the biggest homeless camp in the city	
Please focus on cleaning up the parks, remove encampment tents to provide a space to flourish	
Personal safety is a priority.	Environmental concerns with materials
The lights shown in the renderings (vertical, fully exposed tubes) are horrible, and as anti-"green" as could be. They are glary, send light up into the trees where they devastate birds, and the light isn't needed. Read any article about light pollution, dark skies, lighting and wildlife, etc. These were used in Caruthers Park with all these same poor results.	
Too call something "green" and use plastic-based paint on bikelanes (city-wide), and the stupidly named "rose" bus lanes only adds to the environmental burden on our passive stormwater systems and ultimately our river. It makes our city look like a kiddie rug. If people cant understand a bike, walk or the words BUS ONLY, doubtful they can understand colored paint.	
Please include more unput from urban wildlife experts and tree advocates before installing so much pavement. Also wherever possible please use permeable pavers instead of solid concrete.	Mixed reaction to bike infrastructure but safe infrastructure is important
I hope that this project integrates into the green loop concept as a whole	
I would just like a clear justification for curvy bike routes; the attached materials don't appear to clarify this. Looks nice otherwise.	
Please follow guidance and best practices from bike infrastructure development. The same mistakes keep being made over and over, including on this project. I didn't notice bike parking but it should be ample and covered spaces for bike parking would be even better.	
The big bike loop thing seems kinda dumb, honestly.	
As mentioned in Q2 the north park block is dominated by the green loop as a "signature feature" where may or may not be appropriate with the surrounding uses. other design options should be considered including those which use the existing street.	
You asked about the ped path, shade, community spaces, but did not mention the green loop once in this survey. The bike lane design needs to be modified. The unnecessary squiggles are, well, unnecessary. That's not how people move on bikes and for what should be an iconic bike/walk route for the city, this would be embarrassing if built. I don't have strong opinions about the rest of the design—the more circular ramp is good, community spaces are good. But that bike lane in the northern potion makes no sense.	
The design is impressive! I am wondering how neighborhood history and culture will be incorporated.	Incorporate neighborhood history and culture
Make it INTERESTING! Include art and details that the viewer discovers over time. The art in the zoo station takes months/years to figure out. The "sculpture" looks like an ill-conceived play structure that I can imagine kids climbing on and pushing each other off of. Make it look like Portland, not Omaha.	
This design looks too expensive to build, program and possibly maintain.	Ensure adequate maintenance
A great plan - is better than no plan. I hope the park is maintained and trash is picked up on a regular basis.	Incorporate community participation in the project
Community participation in construction and grounds keeping should be considered to control costs.	
Ensure that art students at the adjacent, PNCA are involved in interact with design and plantings	Accessibility is important
A great aspect of the design, is how easy it will be for those with mobility issues to navigate the space. Looks welcoming also. The scale is correct.	

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

Very nice design, though it doesn't feel super cohesive. How will PP&R keep it activated and lively?	Consider necessary amenities and infrastructure to support daily use and programming
I represent Potluck in the Park. I diagrammed out our operational setup to scale in the prelim plan for Site 1. We were pleasantly surprised to see that it will fit into the current dimensions of the design which Miguel Camacho-Serna provided to me. Our primary concern now is load/unload parking.	
drinking fountains would be good to have	
How about some toys, or a playground for the very young?	
The area showing guitar players isn't an ideal spot for that activity because of the lack of shade. Would be cool if there were more shaded areas that would encourage spontaneous street busking, and bonus points if the area could look like a stage using a pattern of bricks to indicate a rectangular space that can accommodate musician gear (doesn't have to be raised) under shade, such as a tree or canopy. Ideally the "stage" can face the park center and not the street, since the music would project into the park rather than away from it.	
I'd love for there to be a stall or space where you could rent/borrow recreational equipment - such as a soccer net, bocce balls, basketballs, frisbees - it'd be amazing for this to help support the existing features/uses of the current North Park Blocks. And a free bike repair station would be amazing too! Also I really love the canopy swing area that part and the many features of the bike ramp feel like the key moments of the park which I want to see brought into the lawn and plaza portions more.	
It's not clear, but the word 'restroom' occurs only once in the design boards and I would just stress that having adequate restrooms available will make the space a much more welcoming and comfortable destination for people of all ages.	
There are inadequate trash and bathroom facilities for the existing North Park Blocks, with no signs that these have been addressed in this proposal	Thoughtful outreach to community necessary
I only answered strongly disagree on the last few questions because I only live a few blocks away and haven't heard a single thing about it until I saw a Facebook post.	
Outreach to elders & people with disabilities beyond hoping for meeting attendance	
Getting to talk to the team in person has been great, but most of the community cannot / does not attend these. I wonder if something as simple as a YouTube video presentation would lower the barrier for people to participate? Sometimes the diagrams are hard to follow and having a person walk you through it helps tremendously.	
This is the first time I am hearing about this project although I assume my tax dollars are going to fund this.	More green for play, more trees, and more shade
COP and PPR need to dial down the community input on projects like these. We've voted, and paid taxes, for competent professionals to do the work. Design-by-public-input rarely results in a top tier product.	
Thanks for your work on this. I know that no solution will be 100% perfect to every use case. I just like the idea of more greenspace and the ability to play sports outdoors within the community. We already have many plaza-style parks littered throughout downtown (Pioneer Square, Director Park, Jamison Square) with more on the way (Darcelle XV and the eventual Tom McCall renovation). The Fields Park is so crowded on a sunny day that I think more open greenspace would be well utilized and would look great when connected with the rest of the Park Blocks, north and south.	
Tons big trees please	
it is important to provide areas where people can be comfortable. the benches and table do this, but it is going to be so hot in this park in the summer. how does parks intend to provide areas for rest out of the heat? i like the large benches, please don't put metal rails and hostile architectural features on them that make it so 'homeless' can't laydown.	
The design is gorgeous and ambitious - well done to the team. I look forward to eating lunch there in nice weather and catching up with friends after work.	Excited about the project
Very excited about this, thank you for working on it!	
It's a beautiful and exciting design. I think as a city, we still need to address the impacts and needs of our neighbors struggling with housing, drug addiction, and mental illness. The Pearl District was a wonderful place to raise our children (2000-2020), but it is sad and very discouraging to see how things have changed. It would be great to bring more life (i.e., businesses, families, recreation) back into the area.	
Thank you. This city needs more beautiful spaces that we can all enjoy.	
Complete this project ASAP	
Thank you for prioritizing and investing in green space and our community.	
Seems like good work and effort	

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

I am excited as a Pearl resident and business person in the Pearl District to watch this project unfold!	Excited about the project
It is a very important space. Thanks for taking the time and effort to make it work	
I went to PNCA and often felt uncomfortable walking from public transportation stop at Union Station to school. Very excited to see this space revitalized and think it will be amazing for the students at PNCA, Willamette and the community! I do feel bad about the displacement of the homeless folks though.	
So much better than a parking lot	
How will this project be funded?	Other
Spend the money on communities in genuine need, not pet projects that do little to improve upon the very few people that live in this area.	
Take the time to rethink the approach and the ripple effects of some design decisions.	
I wrote a book (2021), Portland's Good Life, <a href="https://www.amazon.com/Portlands-Good-Life-Sustainability-Environment/dp/1793614571?dplinkId=4b925c19-91e9-459f-8792-7dc7813617c1&amp;nodl=1">https://www.amazon.com/Portlands-Good-Life-Sustainability-Environment/dp/1793614571?dplinkId=4b925c19-91e9-459f-8792-7dc7813617c1&amp;nodl=1</a> and discussed this project...my initial view (when the project was described as a campus) was to use the U. of Virginia as a model, elements of it are in play....	
This park should not be the priority when resources are limited. Other neighborhoods are having services closed.	
Good Luck!	
I live in the neighborhood. I probably sound cranky and cynical but it's reality	
The city's Bureau of Emergency Management (PBEM) coordinates citywide teams of volunteer responders in times of emergencies and especially trained to respond in a Cascade Subduction Zone earthquake (CZE), Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET). The Pearl District has a NET. The challenge for the team is our neighborhood nor its residential buildings have space to store equipment and supplies for the team to access quickly in a CZE incident. Can either the North Park Blocks Extension or future development of the Broadway Corridor include a storage place for the neighborhood's NET assets? Both Carmen Rubio and Rene Gonzales, commissioners who oversaw Planning and Development and PBEM respectively in their time were approached about this matter.	
I was involved with the PDNA during the negotiation for the site. The eventual deal drove the land basis far higher than anticipated, and the resulting buildings to be taller than ever desired. The fact of these buildings is completely glossed in the video and they appear to be clouds on the horizon or something similar; be real please.	
The public engagement process was so open that most participants had nothing to connect to or push back from. Also you presented 3 options in your boards but there is no question about our thoughts or preferences - this survey is useless.	
I've been an ardent advocate for public transit since the 1990's. I had to oppose the SW Corridor MAX extension to Tigard/Tualatin because of its inexcusably bad engineering. I do not support converting standard 40' shuddering shaking rattletrap buses to electric. New electric bus fleets should be built from the ground up rather than converted at twice the price. They should also come with shorter wheelbase say 30' models to take advantage of lighter weight energy efficiency and maneuverability on circuitous routes. 40' buses are suitable on limited stop routes mostly during rush hours.	
This process is tiresome. Move faster and get this done.	
I hope this project will move forward given the financial difficulties our city is dealing with.	
It's hard to tell, but it looks like Kearney Street will be open to traffic from 9th Ave to the street under the Broadway ramp. Traffic there should be discouraged. Johnson should go through but not Kearney. Also, that road - if you'll notice - needs to have its westside sidewalk relocated to match the Eastside location. This adds maybe 8' of road space needed for managing traffic.	

GENERAL COMMENTS

Thank you for hosting the event, I found it really informative. I just had two pieces of feedback: 1. For future type events it might be helpful to include a poster or whiteboard that illustrates the timeline (including construction and completion). I asked one of the staff members at the event when construction would begin and they said they had no idea. 2. While I am very supportive of the amazing work that Potluck in the Park does, as a long-time resident who lives close to the North Park Blocks and as an adopt-the-block ambassador, I have observed that unfortunately every Sunday the amount of trash, open-air drug use and camping in the park increases significantly. For that reason and so everyone can enjoy the new block, I would not be supportive of Potluck in the Park continuing their operations in the Park once the new block is completed.	Other
Updates on construction development	
This is a charade.	
More people should have the opportunity to see the excellent video fly through	
1) The design won't age well. It's looks like every other current design. 2) A simpler, more formal design like a European plaza or even a clone of the existing Park Blocks would be more pleasing, more flexible, and more useful over time. 3) putting kinks and curves in paths and bikeways where they're not in response to topography or some aspect of the park just annoys cyclists and pedestrians. It does *not* create visual interest or look "organic" or whatever design quality is au courant.	

