



## **Mill Park PAC # 1 Meeting Notes May 25, 2021**

**PAC Members in attendance:** Amy Schutzer, Andrew Long, Anne Downing, Audrey Anderson, Barbie Tew, Erin Zollenkopf, Francis Khampipi, Jasmine Anderson, Juanita Villalobos, Kari Koch, Michael Cruz, Mohammad Kahlid, Nang Piang, Pyae Sone Aung.

**PAC Members not present:** Ayan Salat, Trevor Hopper.

**PP&R Staff:** Eder Katembwe, Maija Spencer, Melissa Arnold, Robin Johnson-Craig

**Mill Park Master Plan link:** [Click here.](#)

**Mill Park Preferred Design link** (from master plan): [Click here](#)

**Introduction Activity:** See the attached sticky notes.

**Group Agreements:** Maija walked through the handout, see the attachment.

- No addition was made to the list
- All members agreed and were comfortable with the group agreements
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**Meeting Schedule and Life of a Project:** See the attachments.

### **PAC Goals:**

- **How do you define success?**
  - Inclusive, win-win
  - Implement ideas that include the community who will use Mill Park
  - There are so many people living around – we need to reach out other community members and hear their voices
  - Soccer
  - Have fun, practice, play games
  - Music – make music
  - Language – of all East Portland people is represented somehow
  - Consider a treasure for the neighborhood
  - Have something that is useful all the time
  - Be proud of it

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- Everyone hanging out together, joy, community
- Make the kids happy and full of joy
- We all collectively gather feedback from our community
- So the community enjoys the most out of the park
- Inclusivity – all ages and ability levels – not just for kids!
- What has prevented people from enjoying the park? What have been barriers?
- Safe space – everyone has access, no barriers
- We are the advisory team – if we can plan the best for the community, based on how comfortably they can access the park and how it can cater for everyone.
- This is the place I want everyone to have their birthday party at!
- Plenty of activities for all ages and abilities.
- This is the place that is free – the whole community comes together for a big party together with food and fun.
- That it is beautiful. Can be serene – includes people playing. A lot of joy.
- Community gardens – great addition especially for apartment dwellers.
- Burmese community likes to play sport call chin lone – many Burmese people live by. Provide space for this.
- Make it part of the community and neighborhood, integrated and flows. It feels easy to wander into there as they walk through the neighborhood. (bigger question of sidewalks, etc).
- Naturescaping – feels natural especially for immediate park neighbors. Could be natural play structures, trees, - not just human made.
- Safety, inclusivity, place to build community
- Community festival space
- I would suggest as a measure of success be that we ensure that we as a committee are getting feedback from all the stakeholders and identify any group that we haven't heard from in the community gathering or from our own backgrounds
- Group projects? Community art project like collage mural.
- How about public art? maybe like Mill Park Mascot

**Next steps, Questions and Feedback:**

- Most our community member lived around park. So as youth people every weekend they play Burmese tradition activity like we call Chin Lone.
- FYI We've got a lovely school garden inside Mill Park that is desperate for some community love :)
- Michael - I'd love to be a part of the school garden project. I asked my kid's teacher about that last year, but I don't think it was the right time.

**Positives of meeting:**

- Good to meet everyone and hear their ideas
- Liked that everyone got called on to speak at times
- Felt engaged
- Meeting went smoothly
- Like diversity of the group
- Happy and grateful to be involved in this team
- Looking forward to building community
- Amazing to hear all the ideas about how we measure success – teamwork is important
- Good to have context of the Master Plan, PAC role, and links for additional reading

**Delta/Improvement suggestions:**

- Would be nice to meet in person
- Build in a break for long meetings
- Include links to the Master Plan for “homework”





## **Mill Park Project Advisory Committee Group Process and Agreements**

This advisory committee represents a diversity of expertise, skills, backgrounds and viewpoints.

Advisors are expected to:

- Listen carefully to each other;
- Fully consider community needs, ideas, feedback;
- Work together to recommend a community-supported park design that reflects neighborhood priorities and citywide goals.

### **Developing Recommendations**

Recommendations should represent a broad base of collective wisdom about what will best serve our city and the local neighborhood.

The committee will work to reach full agreement on guidance and recommendations, using a consensus process that respects the perspectives and contributions of all advisors.

Whenever possible, the group will forward recommendations that are supported by the full group. If full agreement is not possible, the committee will use a three-quarters majority vote to finalize recommendations. In the case of a majority vote, a minority report will be accepted and submitted along with the PAC recommendation.

The suggestions, advice, and recommendations of the PAC will be provided to the project staff and the Director of Portland Parks & Recreation for consideration. Final decisions will be made by the PP&R Director.

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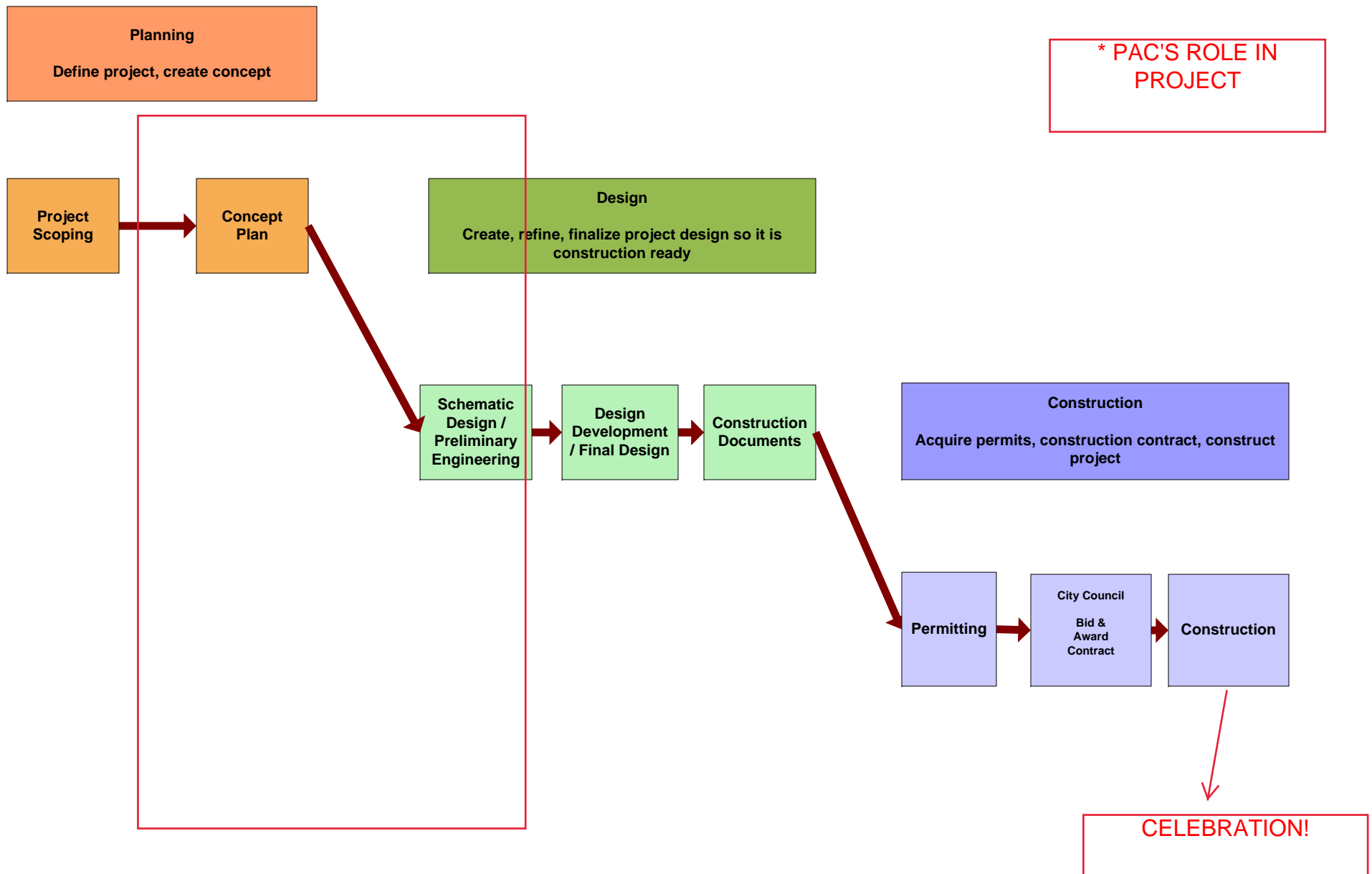
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## **Mill Park Project Advisory Committee Ground Rules and Agreements**

- Listen carefully and speak honestly.
- Respect the views and opinions of others.
- Keep an open mind.
- Allow everyone the opportunity to speak once before speaking twice.
- Use discussion to clarify information, not advocate for your position.
- Consider the needs and concerns of the local community and the larger city.

# Life of a Project



## **Mill Park Draft Schedule**

### **Orientation:**

- May 25 – PAC meeting #1

### **Review Master Plan with Meyer Reed (design team), learn about project, early input:**

- Early July 2021 – PAC meeting #2
- Mid-July - Community Gathering #1 (for broader community)

### **Feedback on three design concepts for Mill Park:**

- Early Sept – PAC meeting #3
- Mid-September – Community Gathering #2

### **Feedback on draft of final design for Mill Park:**

- Early January 2022 – PAC meeting #4
- Mid-January 2022 – Community Gathering #3

### **PAC recommends final design / wrap-up / celebrate!**

- February 2022 – PAC meeting #5

### **Next Steps:**

- Winter 2021/22 – Summer 2022: Design Development / Construction Documents
- Fall 2022 – Spring 2023: Bidding and Permitting
- Spring 2023 – Summer 2024: Construction
- Summer/Early Fall 2024: Park Opening!