



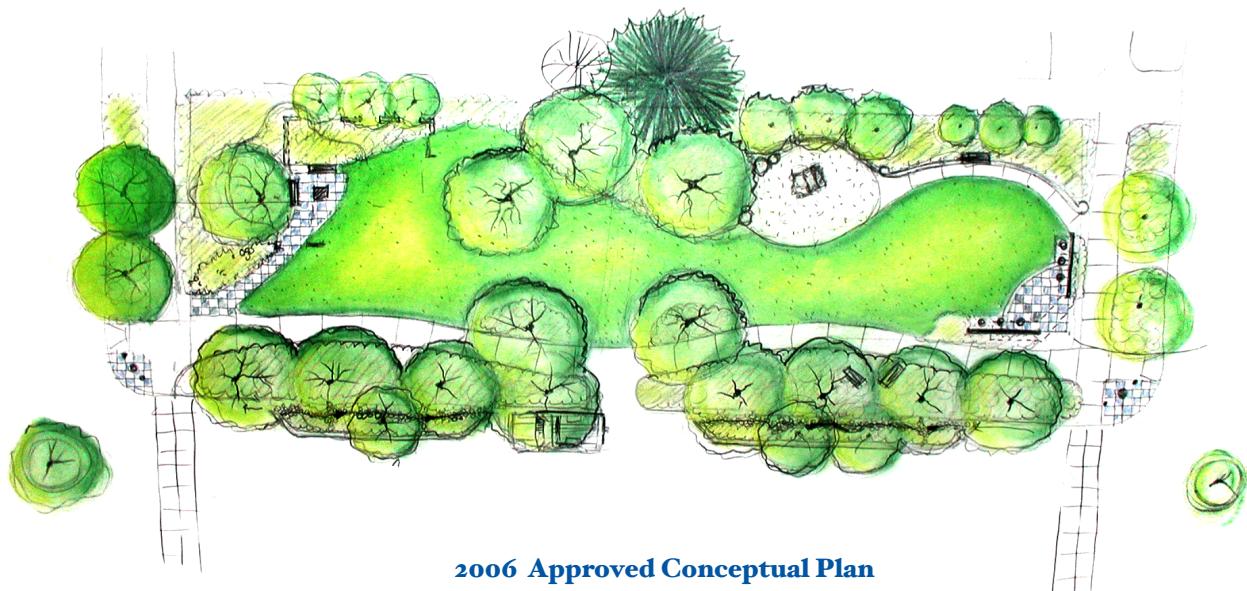
# Ballard Corners Park

@ 17th Avenue NW & NW 63rd Street

## Master Plan Report

August 2006

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2006 Approved Conceptual Plan



view from orchard to North



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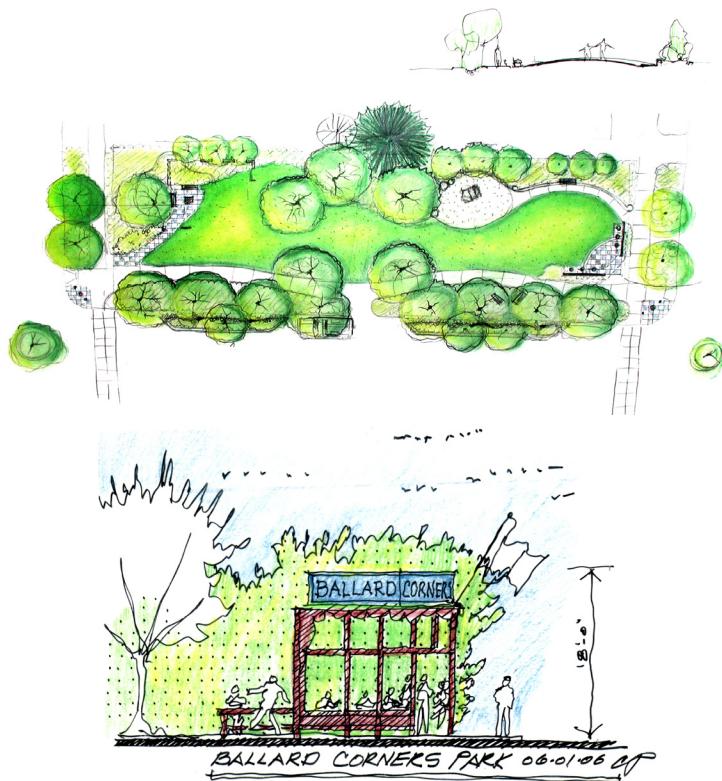
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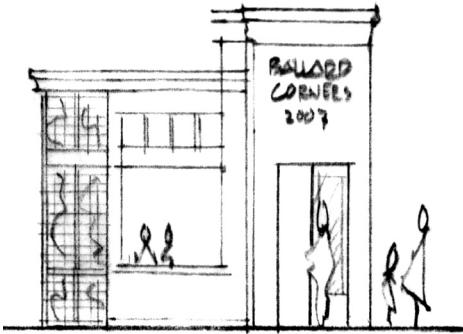


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"CONTEMPORARY ENTRY  
& CORNER STORE HISTORIC  
REMEMBRANCE

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# INTRODUCTION

## I. Introduction

### Background

The north lot of our park (6219 17th Ave. NW) has been purchased by the City of Seattle and is essentially a vacant lot. Seattle Parks is attempting to purchase the south lot (1702 NW 62 St.) with its residence, which has been unoccupied for approximately 15 years. They believe it will be acquired by the end of 2006. A small and simple grant from the City of Seattle's Department of Neighborhoods for \$15,000 is being used to design and develop a plan for the park space.

Barker Landscape Architects was selected to design the park with input from three community meetings and the guidance of the steering committee. Seattle Parks and Recreation through its Pro Parks Levy worked to acquire the property and will be responsible for maintenance. They are helping to guide the process. \$150,000 has been pledged by the Pro Parks Levy toward construction costs. We will be seeking additional monies through grants to assist us in building the park that the community wants on this property.

This report serves as a record for the first phase of this project - the development of the concept master plan. It is intended to document the decisions, thoughts, ideas, energy, and enthusiasm that were apart of the groundwork set by the Committee. It summarizes the design process and results, presents the final master plan, describes a phased approach to implementation, and provides a preliminary cost estimate. In addition, images that were used to describe and capture the essence and the desired character are included, as expressed by the community during the design process.

As with any project of this nature, it takes significant effort and patience, leadership, enthusiasm, and hard work to achieve a project of this kind. Ballard is fortunate to have a dedicated group of individuals - the Steering Committee led by Rebecca Carr and David Folweiler - to initiate this change. Thanks are also due to the community members who participated, Davidya Kasperzyk, Groundswell Northwest and the Ballard Boys and Girls Club.



# INTRODUCTION

## Pre-History

The Ballard Corners Park was envisioned by nearby resident, architect, and regional planner Davidya Kasperzyk. Davidya is a board member of Groundswell NW who was heavily involved in the development of the new Ballard Commons park.

About Ballard Corners Park, he writes:

"Our [Ballard] neighborhood has a growing density, with a large population of children, elders and families living in a mix of single-family and multi-family residences (LDT Zoning). The acquisition of this property filled a need [Crown Hill/Ballard Neighborhood Plan] identified in the Ballard Hub Urban Village for a neighborhood park in our arterial quadrant. There is now no park within our arterial boundaries (15th and 20th Avenues NW, NW Market and 65th Streets [of Seattle]). During the acquisition process, we had over 50 neighbors attend community meetings and our "grand opening" was attended by over 75 neighbors. There is a clear need for active program elements and a quiet green within our neighborhood. This process will help us meet and join together with neighbors as citizens in a common project to better our neighborhood."

- *Our Oct. 10th, 2002 meeting at the nearby Ballard Boys and Girls Club had 29 signed in participants.*
- *Our April 16, 2002 Petition "We Need A Park" had 67 neighbors signatures.*
- *Our gala opening the Site on June 20, 2003 had over 75 persons (17 toddlers) play on site.*
- *The site has been maintained by the adjoining neighbor, two adult males, and two teenage boys in the neighborhood. This has included lawn mowing, debris and waste removal, composting of the apples on site, minor vandalism repair and mitigation and site amenities including chairs.*
- *The nearby Ballard Boy's and Girl's Club, Salmon Bay Elementary & Middle School, and Ballard High School could provide a chance for participation and inclusion in the Park Planning Process.*
- *Seven neighbors participated in acquiring the signature pledges for this application going door to door. There is a lot of support and need (especially for kids) for this Park.*
- *We (an initial Steering Committee of 10) would like to have up to three children advise or actively participate in our Steering Committee work.*

"Groundswell NW and the Ballard Open Space Coalition (BOSC) first identified the property as an acquisition opportunity as part of their Ballard/Crown Hill Open Space Inventory and Action Plan, an Neighborhood Matching Fund (NMF) project involving over 200 Ballard citizens from all sectors of the community in 1996. That project included presentations on the value of open space to nine neighborhood organizations, at which volunteers were trained to walk every street in the area to identify open space acquisition and enhancement opportunities. The property adjacent to the project site was among over 100 acquisition opportunities identified, then presented to the community at a series of three public forums. At these forums, open space needs were discussed and evaluated and criteria were established for prioritizing acquisitions. Then these criteria were applied to the opportunity sites and priorities were established. This property rose to the top group of priority sites, and owners were sent letters to determine their interest in selling their property for public open space."

## Site History

Ballard is blessed to have rich cultural heritage... modern Ballard was built by Scandinavians and other immigrants using shingle mills, fishing, and logging as the primary economic engines. An old Victorian house was located on the south lot of our site and a grocery store was located on the north lot. The grocery store was built in 1905 and operated as a neighborhood market until 1954.



Original Victorian

The last grocer was William Boutin who operated the store as Boutin's Grocery from 1941 to 1954. Older residents have described the store as similar to a modern convenience store, stocked with essentials such as milk, bread, and eggs. According to one resident who was a small child when the store closed, the store also had a large selection of candy and confections along one counter stored in large glass jars. Another older resident recalls getting ice cream at the store. Yet another 81 year-old lifelong Ballard resident says that the grocery store was merely a front for a bootlegging operation. He claims not to availed himself of any tax-free booze, but couldn't add any substantiating evidence. The store was closed in 1954 and stood empty until it was torn down in 1964. It probably couldn't compete with larger grocery stores nearby.



Boutin's Store

The south lot had a beautiful old Victorian house built in 1891. A widow by the name of Sophia Brandt (deceased husband was 'Marinus' or 'Marinos', depending on which Polk directory you consult). She formerly lived at 5225 Palatine until she bought the property in 1937. In 1951, she tore down the old house and built the existing house. She is shown as the occupant until at least 1955. In 1956 a Marvin Brandt, a clerk at the City Water Department is shown as the occupant;

perhaps Marvin is Sophia's son - does anyone know? Apparently, the current owner lives out of state and the house has sat unoccupied for over 11 years.

It's possible that a stream ran either through the property or nearby. Apparently, there was a spring near Salmon Bay Park that ran into a stream down to Salmon Bay. Sources: *Folios from the Puget Sound Regional Archives, the Polk Directories, and oral interviews with current and former Ballard residents.*

HIStory

THEN & NOW

North Lot

Then



Grocery Store

Now



Vacant Lot with perennial Van and Boat

**South Lot**

**Then**



**Historic Home at 17th & 62nd-  
torn down circa 1951**

**Now**



**Current circa 1951 Home  
Seattle Parks is hoping to acquire the  
property by the end of the year.**

THEN & NOW

# PROJECT GOALS

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To create a unique neighborhood gathering place for the increasingly diverse population of this old and new Ballard community.

## AERIAL PHOTO OF SITE



## BALLARD CORNERS PARK PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE:

Thursday April 6th, 2006 7-9 PM

Thursday May 18th, 2006 7-9 PM

Thursday June 15th, 2006 7-9 PM

(all meetings to be held at the Ballard Boys and Girls Club - 1767 NW 64th St.)

## **II. The Public Process & Schematic Design**

### **Public Process**

The public design process was vital to the success of the design. It included three public meetings, several Committee meetings, and two meetings with the Seattle Department of Parks & Recreation Proview staff, and a meeting with Seattle Department of Planning & Development and the Playfield design team. The public process was revealing to everyone and with the help of community members, Park's staff and the Steering Committee. The following is an outline of the process and a brief description of its components:

We asked the community what they valued about the space and what they would like to see there. What problems or constraints they experienced and what opportunities there were for change? What do they know about the property that all should be aware of, so we can all help to design a successful project?

After this joint effort to understand the land and the neighborhood, all were invited to help design the park. This resulted in several conceptual designs and schematic plans ranging from a very simple open green space to one that embraces and interprets the site history.

#### **• First Public Meeting: Thursday April 6th, 2006 7-9 PM**

All three of the public meetings were held at the Ballard Boys & Girls Club. At the first meeting we asked the community what they valued about the space as it was and what they would like to see there. What issues they experienced and what opportunities there were for change? What do they feel is sacred?

**• April 13, Office Design Charette:** Steering Committee invited to review the first public meeting results, develop & explore Barker's conceptual plans that responded to and built on the community's ideas.

**• April 25 Steering Committee meeting:** Entire Steering Committee meets to review 7 plans developed at previous meeting.

#### **• May 2 Parks PRE-ProView meeting**

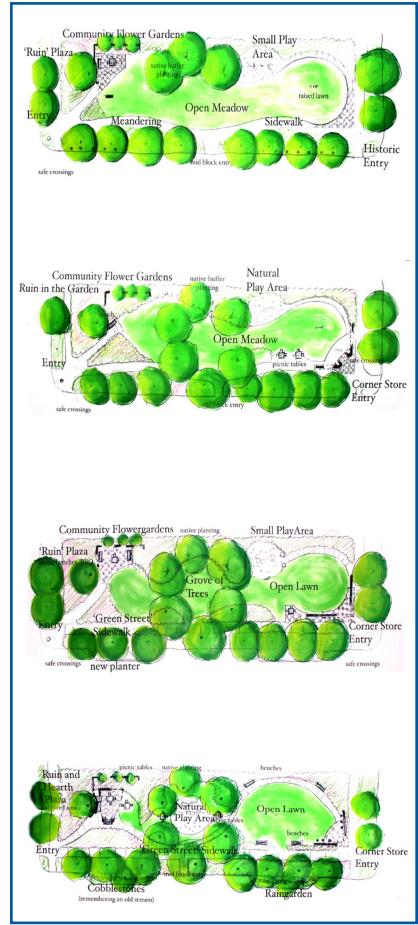
Seattle Park & Recreation Pre Pro-View review meeting. Parks concerns about maintenance, community gardens, lawn/meadow, are discussed and result in revised plans.

**• May 9 Parks ProView** Seattle Park & Recreation Pro-View review meeting. Discussed gathering areas, access "loop" being year round, corner store structure, raingardens and the onerous SDOT process. The draft alternative plans were presented to Mr. Stoops, Mr. Shiosaki, Mr. Wilkeson, Ms. Kliment, and others on the Parks Staff.

**• Second Public Meeting: Thursday May 18th, 2006 7-9 PM: Presentation of Concept Plan Alternatives:** Four plans were presented with audience voicing their preference for a combination of plans A & B.

**• June 13 Parks ProView** Seattle Park & Recreation Pro-View review meeting of preferred plan. Plan approved subject to conditions.

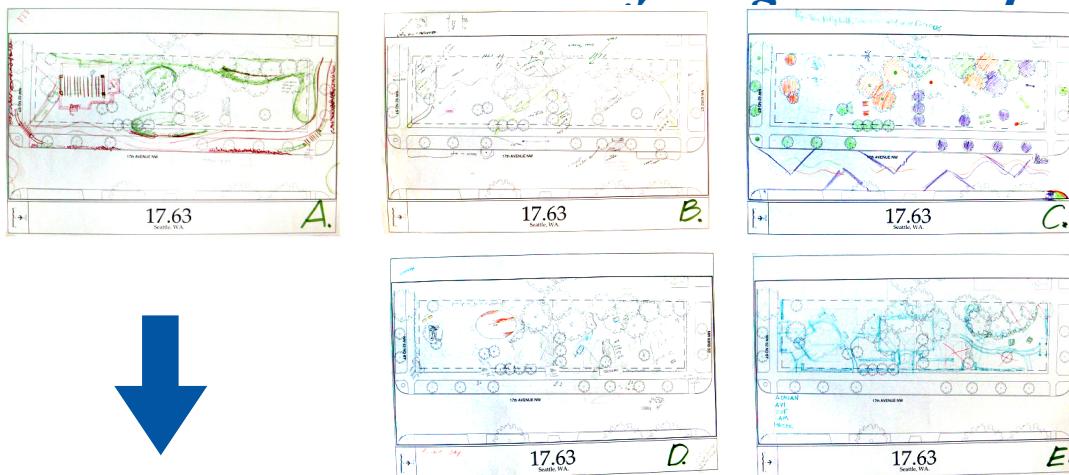
**• Third & Final Public Meeting: Thursday June 15th, 2006 7-9 PM:** Preferred Plan (A modified) presented at the Boys & Girls Club. Plan adopted by Committee. Discussion about next steps.



# DESIGN PROCESS

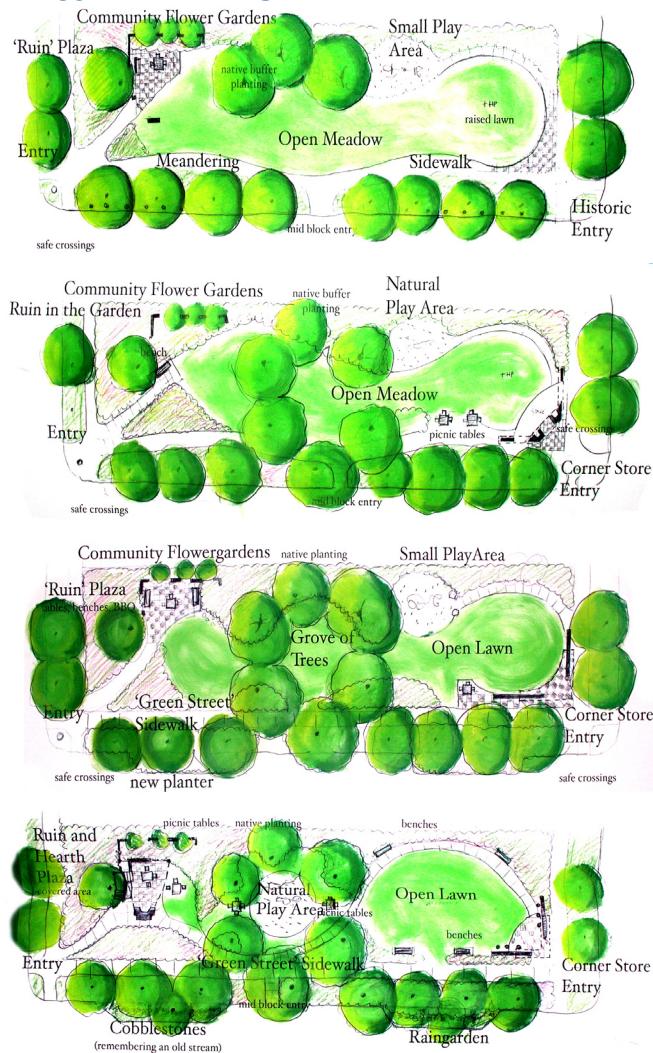
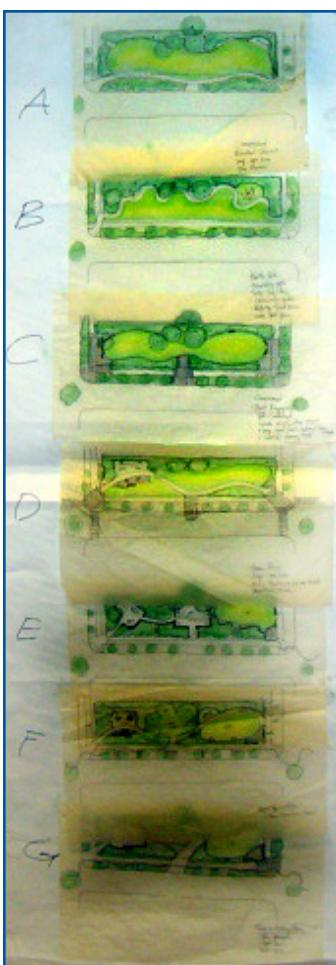
## *The Design Process Summarized Graphically*

### I. FIRST STEP - Community design workshop



### 2. SECOND STEP- Office design workshop

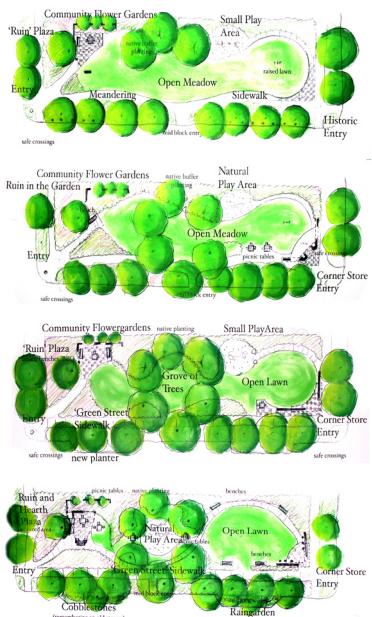
**Initial Seven Sketch Plans generated for Steering Committee's Review**



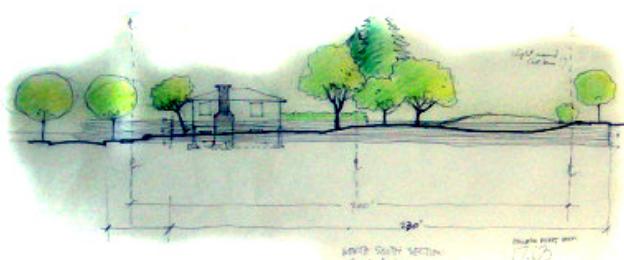
**Alternatives Selected by Steering Committee for further review**

### 3. THIRD STEP - Committee, Parks and Community Review

After the Steering Committee reviewed the seven alternatives, 4 were selected for presentation to the Parks Department and the Community. Parks preferred the simplicity of Alternative A, and this was developed to include more appropriately sized gathering and play spaces.



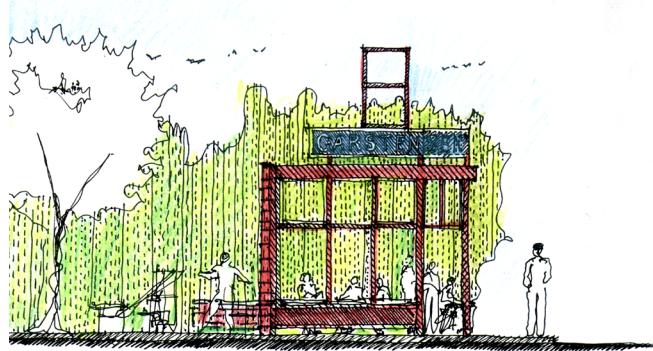
**Four Draft Alternatives**



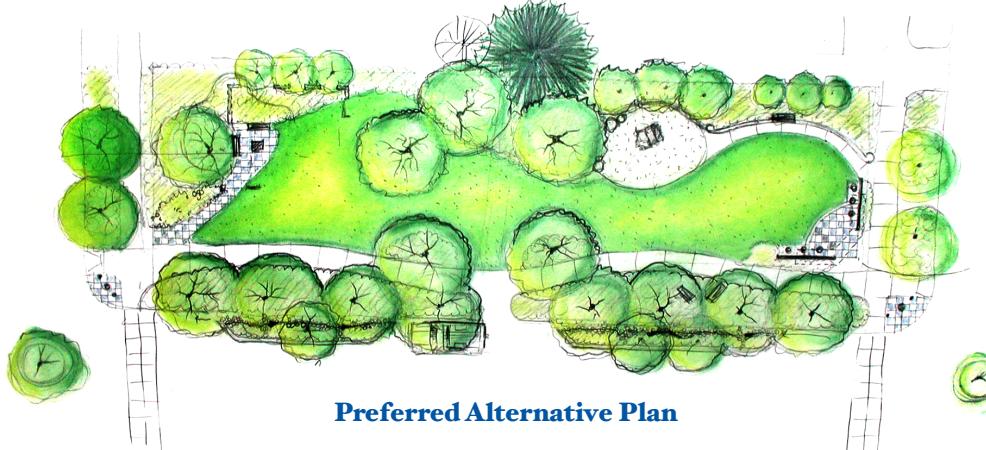
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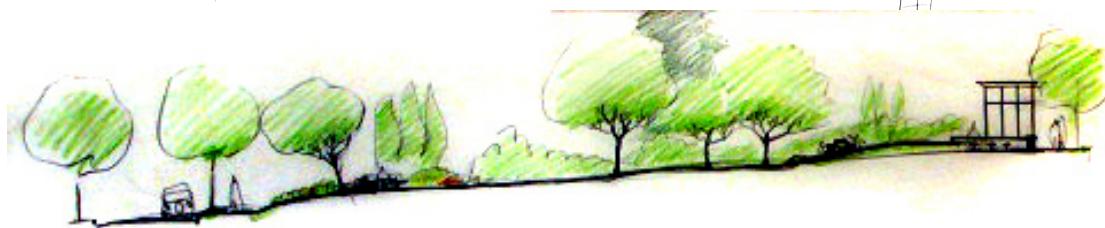
**East to West Section**



**Sketch of 'Corner Store'**



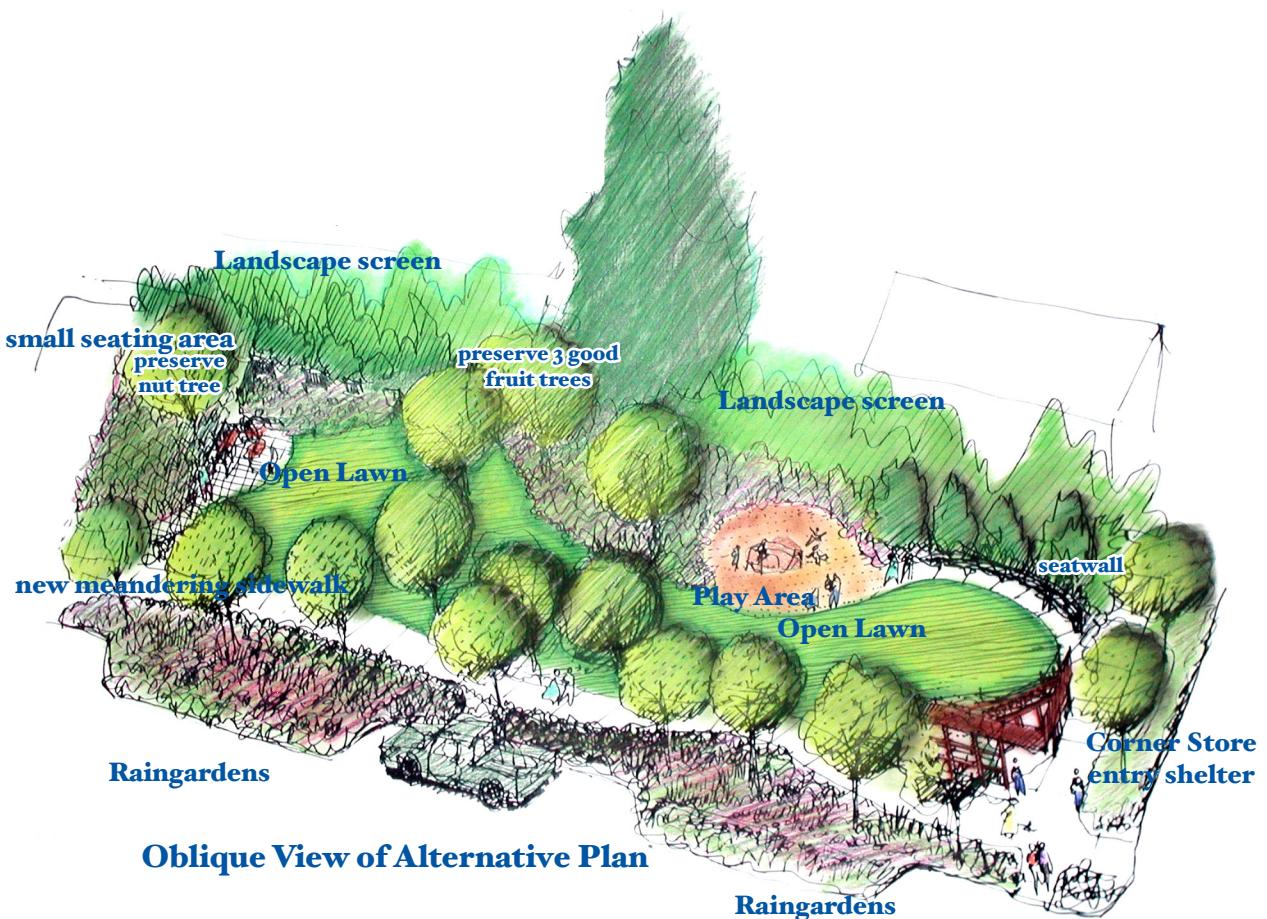
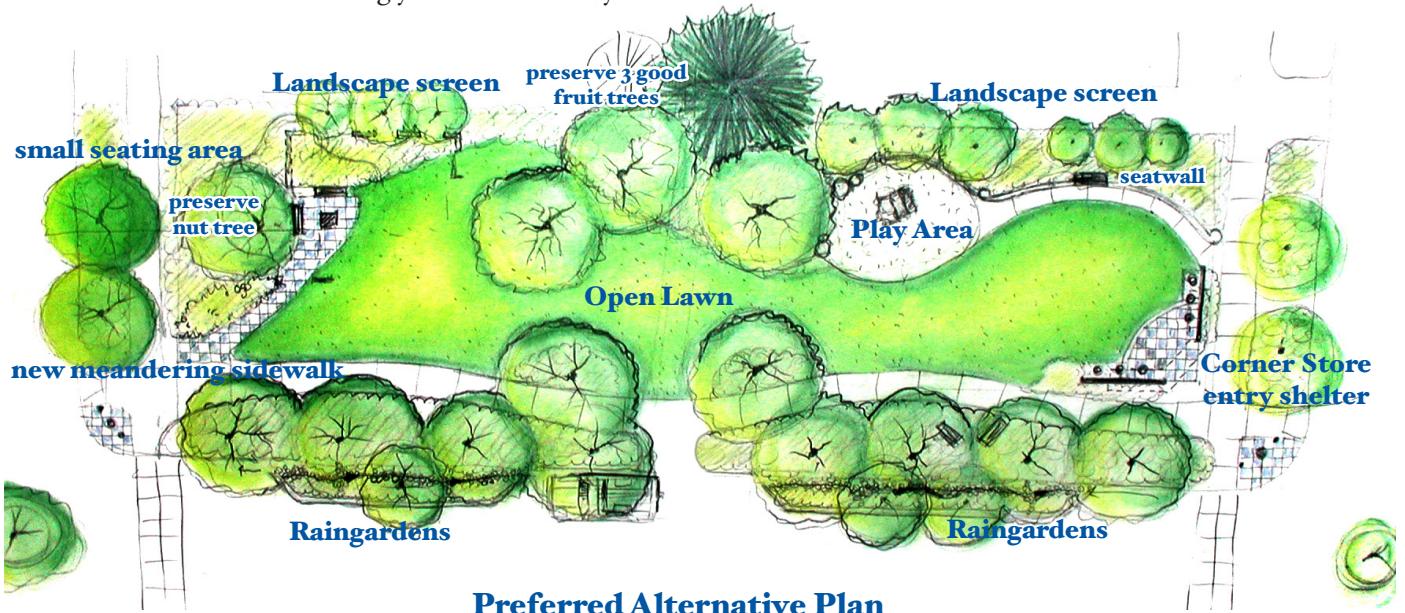
**Preferred Alternative Plan**



**Section South to North**

### *III. Summary of the Plan*

The vision for Ballard Corners Park is to create a place for neighbors to gather in a beautiful garden-like open space. This park will become the front and backyards for many residents who will live in this increasingly dense community.



# PLAN ELEMENTS

## *IV. Master Plan Elements*

### OPEN LAWN



**Large open lawn for running and playing**

### LANDSCAPE SCREENING



**Great landscaped screens along edges for neighbors**



## RAINGARDENS



Raingardens in Portland are great models of how street runoff can be infiltrated into the ground and reduce negative effects of paving.

## PLAYAREAS



A small but attractive play area will invite primarily younger children. There will be a seating area along a new seatwall along the NW edge near the play area.

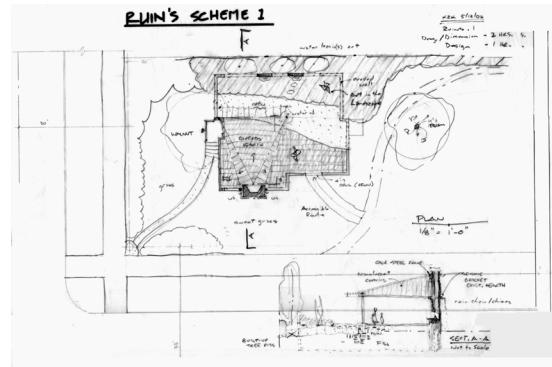


## SEATWALL

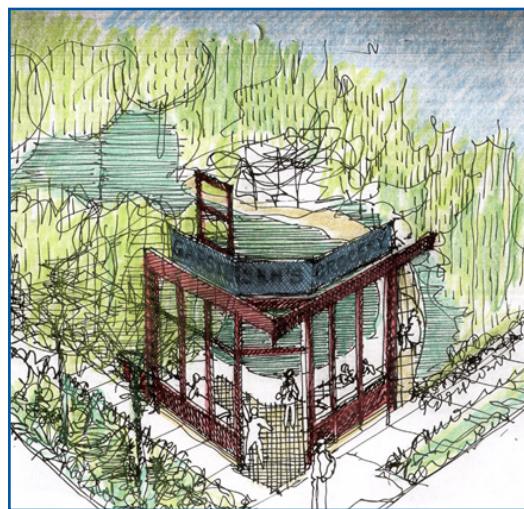
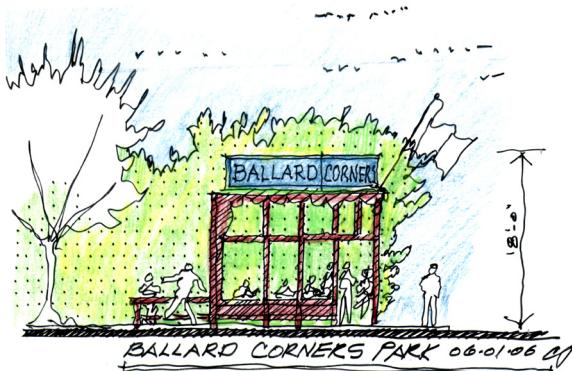
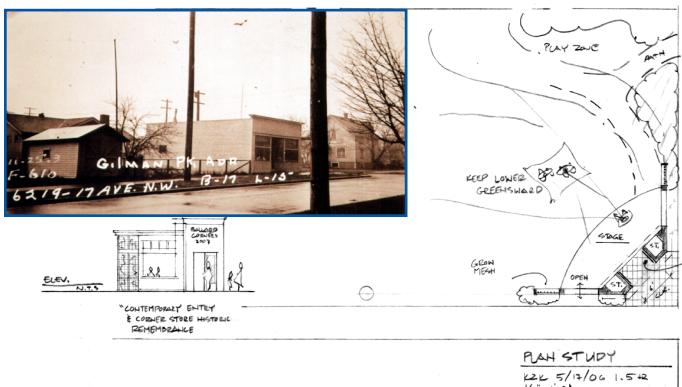


## GATHERING PLACES

a small seating area at the south site, with living room character reminiscent of the houses on the site



A larger gathering area and shelter would be created at the Corner Store Entry at the NE corner of the site



## V. Planting & Maintenance

### Draft Planting and Maintenance Plan for Ballard Corners Park

Many native plants were selected for this park because of their aesthetic appeal, wildlife value, low maintenance needs and educational value to the community. In addition, durable and beautiful perennials, grasses and shrubs will adorn the edges of the park. New trees will be planted along the roadway and as screens for neighbors to the west.

#### Plantings

The planting areas include a native forest understory, a riparian zone for the raingardens, and a native meadow shrub area. The largest component of this native area is the screening zone which will contain the trees and understory shrubs listed below:

<i>Vine maple</i>	<i>Serviceberry</i>
<i>Pacific Dogwood</i>	<i>Pacific wax myrtle</i>
<i>Gary Oak</i>	<i>Cascara</i>
<i>Red twig dogwood</i>	<i>Native Hazelnut</i>
<i>Kelsey Dogwood</i>	<i>Oregon Grape</i>
<i>Salal</i>	<i>Sword fern</i>
<i>Ocean spray</i>	<i>Bleeding heart</i>
<i>Trillium</i>	<i>Yarrow</i>
<i>Ninebark</i>	<i>Salal</i>
<i>Evergreen Huckleberry</i>	<i>Highbush cranberry</i>
<i>Twinberry</i>	<i>Red elderberry</i>
<i>Kinnikinnick</i>	<i>Sand strawberry</i>
<i>Nodding onion</i>	<i>Soft Rush</i>
<i>Hedge nettle</i>	<i>Nootka rose</i>
<i>Pearly everlasting</i>	<i>Maiden fern</i>
<i>Blue eyed grass</i>	<i>Baldhip rose</i>
<i>Oregon Iris</i>	

#### Ornamental Plantings

The Parks Department would like the ornamental plantings to be very durable and chosen in cooperation with the District Gardeners, and be as resilient as possible. The following plants are a few samples of plants that we would consider.

<i>Fat Spike Lavender</i>	<i>Stella D'Oro Daylillies</i>
<i>Frikartii Aster</i>	<i>Tuscan Blue Rosemary</i>
<i>Chives</i>	<i>Autumn Joy Sedum</i>
<i>Rockrose</i>	<i>Smoke Bush</i>
<i>Rugosa Rose</i>	<i>Iris foetidus</i>
<i>Bear's Breeches</i>	<i>Chinese witchazel most fragrant</i>
<i>Laurustinus "Spring Bouquet"</i>	<i>Burkwoodii, Korean Spice Viburnum</i>

## *V. Planting & Maintenance*

Planting will be done primarily by volunteer community members and groups, and is expected to include training sessions in the proper methods of planting and mulching.

Maintenance of the site will be a committed community endeavor and the most important component of this park project. Groundswell and the Ballard Corners Steering Committee have a long successful history of community building, including the many successful park, open space and shoreline acquisition and restoration projects. They are successful at fund-raising, and have a long commitment to the acquisition of public open spaces. Once established, native plants need very little maintenance. The planting and maintenance proposal includes:

### **Planting**

- Eliminate most of the blackberry and other invasive plants with community work parties.
- Use organic “weedstopper” corn gluten pre-emergent to control the expected invasive seed supply after the grading is complete.
- Prepare the soil with a minimum of 4” of compost mixed with the existing soils.
- Two layers of cardboard sheet mulch will be placed around each plant and wood chips 4-5” inches deep will be placed on top immediately after planting.

### **Maintenance**

- The garden landscape areas will be adopted for maintenance by Groundswell, community members, school groups, scout troops, garden club, etc. The areas are the orchard, the meadow/shrub garden, the raingarden area, and the ornamental grass/perennial gardens. Community members will regularly provide weeding, mulching, and replanting. It is expected that during the growing season work parties will be held once every two months and led by a qualified community members.
- Plants will be watered regularly during the first three years for establishment with a water conserving drip irrigation system.

# VI. Cost Estimate

Qty.	Unit	Item	Labor	Mat's	\$/unit	Subtotal
<b>MOBILIZATION, DEMOLITION, TESC</b>						
1	LS	Mobilization	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
200	LF	Temp. facilities	\$3	\$3	\$600	
1	LS	Performance bonding, insurance (3% of total)			\$10,000	
1	LS	Environmental Protection (cb filters, tire cleaning, other permits)	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,000	
1	LS	Allowance for pruning, grubbing, sod removal and export	\$250	\$250	\$500	\$500
1	LS	House demolition BY OTHERS				
<b>Subtotal</b>						<b>\$23,100</b>
<b>EARTHWORK</b>						
200	CY	Rough grading (15,000 SF/4" = 5000 CF = 185 CF)	\$30	\$30	\$6,000	
200	CY	Soil Import	\$30	\$45	\$9,000	
500	CY	Fine grading	\$15	\$15	\$7,500	
<b>Subtotal</b>						<b>\$22,500</b>
<b>SITE UTILITIES (Storm Conveyance)</b>						
1	LS	Irrigation	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$24,000	\$24,000
1	LS	Drainage Allowance	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$6,000	
<b>Subtotal</b>						<b>\$30,000</b>
<b>HARDSCAPE AND SURFACING</b>						
New concrete sidewalk (2250 sf)						
350	SF	plaza for corner store	\$12	\$12	\$24	\$8,400
350	SF	plaza in ruin (and path)	\$12	\$12	\$24	\$8,400
1	LS	Allowance for shaping 'ruin' walls	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
18	CY	Concrete path/stepping stones (based on 245 lf)	\$450	\$450	\$900	\$16,200
1	LS	Rain Garden	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
1	LS	Safe crossings	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
80	LF	Concrete curb around play structure	\$20	\$20	\$40	\$3,200
5	CY	Seatwall along path (50 lf)	\$550	\$550	\$1,100	\$5,500
5	EA	Seat boulders	\$100	\$100	\$200	\$1,000
25	CY	Accessible wood fiber surfacing	\$20	\$30	\$50	\$1,250
<b>Subtotal</b>						<b>\$45,550</b>
<b>FURNITURE AND ARTISTIC ELEMENTS</b>						
1	LS	Allowance for Corner Store Art & Architecture	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
1	LS	Allowance for 'Living room' concrete (or other) furniture	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
1	LS	natural play elements (boulder, logs, etc.)	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
1	LS	Children's Play Structure	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
4	EA	Picnic tables Fairweather 36" sq. F-4 IPE	\$300	\$1,000	\$1,300	\$5,200
<b>Subtotal</b>						<b>\$59,200</b>

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Qty.	Unit	Item	Labor	Mat's	\$/unit	Subtotal
<b>PLANTING</b>						
200	CY	Imported and placed soil amendments (5000 sf)	\$20	\$20	\$40	\$8,000
10	EA	Trees (procured & delivered by contractor/planting by others)	\$250	\$250		\$2,500
100	EA	Shrubs (procured & delivered by contractor/planting by others)	\$15	\$15		\$1,500
500	EA	Perennials (procured & delivered by contractor/planting by others)	\$7	\$7		\$3,500
1000	EA	Groundcovers (procured & delivered by contractor/planting by others)	\$2	\$2		\$2,000
1	LS	Temp. Fencing for lawn establishment	\$1,750	\$1,000	\$2,750	\$2,750
5400	SF	hydroseed lawn	0.14	0.14	0.28	\$1,512
<b>Subtotal</b>						<b>\$21,762</b>

Subtotal before tax and contingencies:		\$202,112
Overhead, Profit 15%		\$30,317
Subtotal		\$232,429
25% Design, Permitting, Project Management		\$58,107
Subtotal		\$290,536
8.8% WSST		\$25,567
Subtotal		\$316,103
SDOT Permitting		\$20,000
25% Contingency		\$79,025.79
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$415,129</b>

COSTS

# VII. Appendix

## BALLARD CORNERS PARK PRO VIEW MEETING

DATE: May 9, 2006

SUBJECT: 1st Pro View Meeting SUMMARY

Hello all:

Here is a summary of what we have heard in two meetings with the Parks Department. Attached is the poster we showed in addition to the drawings you have seen.

1. Pre-Proview meeting. Last week I met with Karen Galt, Landscape Architect, Pam Kliment, Neighborhood Planner, and Royal Barnes, all Parks Dept. folks about the concept plans. We looked over all 7 plans, and discussed the public meeting, and steering committee meeting input. The 3 plans (A, D & F) were discussed more thoroughly, and there was agreement that those 3 plans were best to show the proview group and at the second public meeting.

Plan A, the simplest one with the realigned new meandering sidewalk was popular because of its simplicity, especially if the lawn could be more like a meadow (low growing, drought tolerant, biologically diverse seed mix that gets mowed and watered less than manicured lawn).

Plan D and Plan F had potentially more maintenance and hiding places. Retaining the fireplace standing got negative reactions because it would invite bonfires and a hiding place where undesirable activity could be encouraged, but the bricks (if salvageable) could be re-used to create a smaller scale hearth and/or plaza. The ruin idea where some old house foundation walls appear rising above the landscape seemed okay, if it wasn't too dominant. We also discussed the small active and natural play elements, which seemed appropriate.

Any community flower gardens will have to be backed up by a 3 year commitment from an established neighborhood group like Groundswell NW, and this might include maintenance of the retained fruit trees. We also discussed the lawn being raised up on a slight mound to provide better drainage and sitelines, and the corner store entry reminiscent of the soda fountain/candy counter seemed like a winner if done right.

2. Proview meeting. Yesterday, I met with the Proview team, Michael Shiosaki, Kevin Stoops, Karen Galt, Paul Wilkeson, Pam Kliment to review the 3 plans. These had been refined somewhat based on the pre proview meeting, so they reflected some of the refinements suggested.

Again, plan A was liked because of the simplicity. A secondary path (maybe 40" wide, mow strip/path, hard surface) would probably be needed to provide ADA access to the play and seating areas along the west edge. The realigned sidewalk would trigger, as we know, extensive and "torturous" processes with SDOT to get approval, so budget accordingly. The lawn area as a usable meadow (irrigated and mowed but less than Ballard Commons) was supported. A small play element, as well as natural play, seemed appropriate.

Plan D seemed dominated by the hearth/ruin, they would like to see more about the hearth, but agreed that the bricks should be reused to build a plaza or hearth seatwall with tables and chairs, not the ex. chimney.

Plan F they felt tried to do more than the site could comfortably hold. It isn't large enough to do both the corner store entry and the larger version of the house ruin, and that they would prefer a plan with just one of those elements.

It was suggested that a hybrid between A and F could be even better with the corner store entry. Perhaps just the SW corner of the house foundation could rise out of the landscape, with a few “eroded” pieces appearing. The flower gardens could work with “bulletproof” plants and a commitment from the neighbors. We also should consider not replacing the sidewalk in one option, but incorporating the planting strip into the park planting making the park seem larger in one option.

Page and I looked over all of this, and would like to develop one or more additional refined concepts for the public meeting that hybridize A & F, and modify D. We will try to get those to you no later than monday afternoon next week so we can get your input before the meeting on thursday. Also, I will get the measurements of the house to you this week. Let us know your thoughts!

Thanks,  
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Hello 17.63 Design Committee,

We at Barker Landscape Architects will be having an in-house design charrette (workshop) this Thursday, April 13th from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. Any and all members of the committee are welcome to join us. We will see you again with several design concepts at the April 25th committee meeting, here at our office at 7 p.m.

Sincerely,

Page Crutcher

# APPENDIX

Hello people

Thank you to everyone who attended the steering committee meeting tonight. This message will serve as the minutes.

We discussed the public meeting on 4/6. Page walked us through the structure of the meeting:

Introduction (me)

History of site and overview of project me

Future meetings/events (me)

Base map info, present current site elements (Page/John)

Introduce group design process (Page/John)

Break out into design groups

Groups present designs

Closure and future events (me)

Page asked us each to describe what was important to us in the design of the park. Some items mentioned included a community garden (P-patches were ruled out as they attract too many non-local people), play elements/structures for kids, a plaza or gathering spot, seating/seat walls, and forming a boundary on the park to prevent kids from running into the street (something low – plantings, seat wall, or berm). Other ideas included using cobblestones on the planting strip adjacent to the curb, saving the walkway from the corner to the existing house, and saving the fireplace/chimney and a portion of the foundation as “ruins” to play on. It was generally accepted that off-leash dogs would not be permitted. Pam thought our site did not meet the criteria of an off-leash area.

We discussed the history of the site and Ballard and it was generally accepted that we would incorporate art or other elements that would reflect that history.

We set a date to knock down the fence – this Saturday 4/8 at 1:30. Bring muscle, leather gloves, pry bars, and wire cutters. Insurance limitations prevent direct participation by children, but children can be present.

We also agreed on an Easter egg hunt on Sunday 4/16 at 10:00 AM.

At the next steering committee meeting we will review Barker’s three alternate design concepts. It is scheduled for 4/25 at 7 PM at Barker’s office (1514 NW 52nd).

Also, please take time to look at our embryonic website ([www.ballardcornerspark.org](http://www.ballardcornerspark.org)) and give me feedback. Is it attractive? Should I add more pictures/graphics? Is it confusing? Should I provide more information about...? Did I forget to give credit where credit is due? Any feedback would be helpful.

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