

Development Activities Meeting

This report created by the Neighborhood Planner and included with staff reports to City Boards and/or Commissions.

Logistics	Stakeholders
Project Name/Address: South Side Works Tunnel Park Dog Park	Groups Represented (e.g., specific organizations, residents, employees, etc. where this is evident): South Side Community Council (SSCC) Project Development Team Design Review Committee (DRC) Local Review Committee (LRC) Residents
Parcel Number(s): 29-J-105	
ZDR Application Number: DCP-ZDR-2020-04587	
Meeting Location: via Zoom	
Date: 6:00pm	
Meeting Start Time: September 24, 2020	
Applicant: Alison Goss	
Boards and/or Commissions Request(s): City Planning Commission approval of Final Land Development Plan.	

How did the meeting inform the community about the development project?

Ex: Community engagement to-date, location and history of the site, demolition needs, building footprint and overall square footage, uses and activities (particularly on the ground floor), transportation needs and parking proposed, building materials, design, and other aesthetic elements of the project, community uses, amenities and programs.

Shared drawings and images of overall public space plan with dog park as a component; walked through the overall programming masterplan; turned attention to dog park within Tunnel Park; trying to activate the west side of the dog park; small and large dog area; proposing new sidewalk on the south side; shared 3-D design of dog park; trying to keep most of the existing trees; materials are in development but shared examples; showed existing and proposed images; reviewed the elements of the dog park – both built and landscaped environment.

Input and Responses

Questions and Comments from Attendees	Responses from Applicants
Encouraging to see a comprehensive plan in the area. Area programmed for children. Have you thought about children with special needs?	Talking about the dog park today. But, trying to make the playground for all needs.
Removal of waste – how handled?	Have thought about it. Try to keep it as clean as possible. Especially, when dealing with dog waste.
Will benches and umbrellas be throughout the dog park?	Benches both in and out of the dog park. The umbrellas will be more on the west end but not sure exactly where

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	we will be positioning them. Trying to use trellis-shaped structures in the dog park to provide shading.
How many entrances?	Three entries.
	The trees will provide shade too. We will try to keep them and use what we have. They are existing trees.
Was there any consideration for incorporating circuit workout stations throughout the park?	Haven't looked at a circuit for running. Tunnel Park isn't very long. Not planning on circuit exercise equipment.
I like the removal of Coal Pl. and adding the turnaround at the end of 27th street (removing the trellis and giving a view to the river).	
Very impressive - sounds like lots of fun! Are there any provision for restrooms?	Looking to use underutilized retail space indoors for this accommodation.
Rather than a permanent container, have you looked into the food cart culture so popular in Portland?	We've looked into that. We're looking at a more permanent structure.
I think the proposal is great. The amount of dogs in the area is incredible. I think it's a great draw. Is that going to be natural grass or synthetic material?	Because of the length, we were going to propose natural grass with a decomposed granite walkway. Nature grass helps with the filtration system. If the grass becomes dead from lots of us, we will look at a better solution.
The synthetic can get stinky over time. That's why I asked.	
Restrooms – thought about strategically placing in coordination with Riverfront Trail system?	We are considering restrooms as part of the retail.
Concerned with the maintenance. It seems the wood chips work best. The rubber pellets are a problem in the summer sun. Grass is beautiful as long as it lasts.	
Assume café closes up and seats and umbrellas go away.	We see this as a 12-month, year-round operation. Winter activation and summer activation.
Loves the overall comprehensive open space plan. Have you engaged the Office of Public Art?	We've engaged a marketing group that put us in touch with local artists and museums. We haven't engaged the Office of Public Art.

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They connect artists with big ideas. I encourage you to reach out to them.	Thanks, we will do that.
You might want to consider CMU's art and design dept.	

Planner completing report: Anthony Kobak