You must submit the following along with this form as a single PDF.

- Individual or organizational statement (250 word max)
- Letter of intent that includes history of project and its impact on the community (500 word max)
- Visual materials (See Art Commission Guidelines for requirement)
- Budget describing cost of materials, artist fees, maintenance, installation, etc.
- Two letters of support from project partners or neighborhood organizations
- One letter of support from the Department of Public Works or Department of Mobility & Infrastructure

Notes:

- You may be required to hold a Development Activities Meeting with the applicable Registered Community Organization prior to Hearing. For more information, visit pittsburghpa.gov/dcp/rco.
- After receiving Art Commission approval, any necessary permits, certificates of occupancy, legal agreements, or other city approvals are still required. These must be applied for separately at the appropriate City departments and are the responsibility of the applicant.
- Application format is a digital copy of full application form, required documents, and the presentation to be projected at the Hearing as one single PDF. Send all documents to pacd@pittsburghpa.gov.

Project Information

Type of Project: [ ] Conceptual Review  [✓] Conceptual/Final Review  [ ] Final Review  [ ] Courtesy Review

Has this project been come before Art Commission before?
[ ] No  [✓] Yes, when: September, 2018

Duration of project: From 07 / 01 / 2019 to 12 / 31 / 2023

Permanent?  [ ] No  [✓] Yes
Project Location

Address: 2005 S. 18th Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15203

Cross Streets or other relevant information: Park is bordered by Saber Way and 18th Street to the West and Josephine Street to the North

Neighborhood: South Side Slopes

Applicant Information

Name: City of Pittsburgh Department of Public Works (Andrea Ketzel, RLA)
Mailing Address: 414 Grant St., Room 301
City: Pittsburgh State: PA Zip: 15219
Phone: 412.552.4396 Email: andrea.ketzel@pittsburghpa.gov
Relationship or Role in Project: Senior Project Landscape Architect

Co-Applicant (optional)

Name: Pashek + MTR (Sara Thompson, Principal)
Mailing Address: 619 East Ohio Street
City: Pittsburgh State: PA Zip: 15212
Phone: 412.321.6362 x 105 Email: sthompson@pashekmtr.com
Relationship or Role in Project: Project Manager

Presenter at Hearing if different than applicant: Sara Thompson
City of Pittsburgh Art Commission Conceptual/Final Review
January 6, 2021
South Side Park – Phase 1 Improvements

Organizational Statement

This City of Pittsburgh park improvement project was undertaken by the Department of Public Works. Public Works is dedicated to providing creative, customer-friendly service while maintaining the City’s infrastructure by enhancing park entrances, improving park facilities and rehabilitating public structures. The department also meets the environmental needs of Pittsburgh residents by collecting residential refuse and recyclables. Lastly, Public Works ensures public safety by responding to emergencies such as flooding, land subsidence, snow/ice storms, and other weather-related catastrophe.

Pashek+MTR, a landscape architecture firm in Pittsburgh’s Northside, is the park design prime consultant.

Other partners include:
- Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (PWSA)
- Friends of South Side Park
- South Side Slopes Neighborhood Association
- Ethos Collaborative, a consulting firm designing the park’s green infrastructure component.

Letter of Intent

Through the Department of City Planning, a master plan for South Side Park was completed in 2018. The Department of Public Works then initiated design of Phase 1 improvements, as identified in the master plan in 2019. The Phase 1 design intertwines ecological and recreational aspects of the site to create public space that will be used by residents, community organizations, and municipal entities.

Pashek+MTR was hired by the Department of Public Works and began using this Master Plan document to further develop ideas through construction documentation. PWSA, along with their selected consultant, Ethos Collaborative, have been working on the green infrastructure plan in South Side Park, to reduce combined sewer runoff. Pashek + MTR has been working with Ethos to respectfully integrate new and rehabilitated facilities with proposed stormwater infrastructure improvements, so park users may have access to and enjoy year-round recreation and educational use in the community. The design will address:

- ADA accessible boardwalk over green infrastructure
- Shared-use bike path
- Renovated entrance at 18th street
- Discovery garden/playground
- Relocation of existing basketball court
• Relocation / new parking area along Saber Way
• Opportunities for interpretive signage
• Grading for a festival green.

Pashek + MTR met with the advisory committee and the public in November of 2019 and then in January, February, August, and October of 2020 to discuss the design.

During the schematic design and design development phases, the design team has especially considered sustainability, maintenance requirements, user experiences, community preferences for program, inclusion, and an intention to provide a community asset unlike any other in Pittsburgh.

Groundbreaking is planned for April 2021, and ribbon-cutting in Spring 2023.

Letters of Support
• From Department of Public Works
• From PWSA
• Friends of South Side Park

Budget
$2.9 million – Funding from City of Pittsburgh, grants and matches for park improvements
SOUTH SIDE PARK
ART COMMISSION SUBMISSION

SOUTH SIDE PARK PHASE 1 DESIGN
City of Pittsburgh Art Commission
Conceptual / Final Review
January 2020
SOUTH SIDE PARK
TIMELINE

SOUTH SIDE PARK PHASE I DESIGN IMPROVEMENTS SCHEDULE

2019
- Data Collection
  - SD Drawings to Cost Estimator, DPW, E. PWAS, 2/21/20
  - SD Approval and Cost Estimate Review, 3/13/20

2020
- Schematic Design
  - DD Drawings to Cost Estimator, DPW, E. PWAS, 7/27/20
- Design Development
  - DD Approval & Cost Estimate Review, 8/18/20
  - Art Commission Submit in January

2021
- Construction Documents & Approvals
  - CD Drawings to Cost Estimator, DPW, E. PWAS, 11/20/20
  - CD Drawings & Cost Estimate Review, 12/11/20
- Reviews & Revisions
  - NPDES, Zoning, PLI
  - Pre-Bid Meeting, 2/1/21
  - Bids Due, 4/12/21
- Bid
  - Construction Starts, 4/12/21
- Contract Negotiation
  - Phase 1A
- Construction
  - Phase 1B

2022
- Grand Opening
  - Ribbon Cutting Pop-up Event, Spring, 2023

Time to Celebrate!
SOUTH SIDE PARK
EXISTING CONDITIONS AND SITE CONTEXT
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SOUTH SIDE PARK
PLAYGROUND AND DISCOVERY GARDEN

PLAYGROUND

DISCOVERY GARDEN
- ROCK COVE

DISCOVERY GARDEN
- BIRDS NEST

DISCOVERY GARDEN
- SOUND GARDEN
SOUTH SIDE PARK
PLAYGROUND
SOUTH SIDE PARK
DISCOVERY GARDEN – BIRDS NEST
SOUTH SIDE PARK
DISCOVERY GARDEN – SOUND PLAY

Tenor Tree Chimes

Flower Chimes

NOTES:
1. TENOR TREE CHIMES MANUFACTURED BY FREESITES HARDWOOD PARK (PHONE: (605) 375-3655, WWW.FREESITES HARDWOODPARK.COM) OR APPROVED EQUIL.
2. INSTALLATION TO BE COMPLETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH MANUFACTURER’S SPECIFICATIONS.
3. ALL DIMENSIONS ARE CONSIDERED TRUE AND REFLECT MANUFACTURER’S SPECIFICATIONS.

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- Poured-in-place bonded rubber mulch

*color may not reflect actual installed color
Animal Footprint and Fossil Concrete Stamp Precedent Images
Timber Bridge details and precedent image
SOUTH SIDE PARK – STEPPED STORMWATER GARDEN OVERLOOK
SOUTH SIDE PARK
BOARDWALK AND OVERLOOK

ALTERNATE #1
• Weathering steel framing with timber decking

ALTERNATE #2
• Galvanized steel framing with fiberglass decking
SOUTH SIDE PARK
BOARDWALK AND OVERLOOK

Precedent image from Wightman Park

Lumber and mesh railing details
SOUTH SIDE PARK
STANDARD SIGNAGE
SOUTH SIDE PARK
DISCOVER GARDEN SIGNAGE

LETTERS PAINTED
NATURAL WHITE
MP42262

\( \frac{3}{8} \)" ALUMINUM SIGN PANEL PAINTED NUTELLA MP8137 ALL SIDES

1"x1" ALUMINUM POST (NON-PAINTED)

\( \frac{3}{8} \)" ROUNDED EDGE

2"x2" ALUMINUM POST (NON-PAINTED)

BIRD'S NEST

PARK SIGN FOOTING

DISCOVERY GARDEN SIGNS - BIRDS NEST

SCALE: 1 1/2" = 1'-0"
SOUTH SIDE PARK
DISCOVER GARDEN SIGNAGE

DISCOVERY GARDEN SIGNS - SOUND GARDEN
SCALE: 1 1/2" = 1'-0"
SOUTH SIDE PARK
DISCOVER GARDEN SIGNAGE

LETTERS PAINTED
NATURAL WHITE
MP42202

1'-6"

3/8"
ALUMINUM SIGN PANEL PAINTED
DARK SLATE
MP10269 ALL SIDES

STANCHION SIGN FOOTER

ROCK COVE

South Side Park
Rock Cove
We unsed around a partially exposed and weathered rock, with a sign on each side. Each side was then designed individually.

ROCK COVE

DISCOVERY GARDEN SIGNS -
ROCK COVE

SCALE: 1/2" = 1'-0"

CDIB
Railing interpretive sign precedent images (from Wightman Park) and details
PRE-PARK DEVELOPMENT: 1838-1948

View in 1939 looking south from the corner of the Mission Street Pumping Station.

COAL
Coal was first mined under the Hills of South Side Park in 1838. This led to an extensive railroad system called “Coal Road” connecting mines all the way to Carrick.

SANKEY BROS BRICK YARD
Pioneered automated production of brick using local shale instead of clay.

CALIG STEEL BARREL CO.
Built by the Keeling Coal Company, the building was taken over by the Calig Steel Barrel Company in 1923 to make steel barrels for holding chemicals, oils, solvents, and other materials.

MISSION STREET BRIDGE

21ST STREET
A stream was piped and buried under the street in the 1970s and 1980s to make way for development.
South Side Park: 1948-2020

View from on top of the Mission Street Bridge looking south. This area of the Park was officially established in 1948 by City Planning Commission.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS STORAGE YARD
This area is now a parking lot with underground storage for stormwater.

OLD FOUNDATIONS
Old building foundations from before Park establishment are still visible at the edges of the steep slopes.

NEVILLE ICE ARENA SITE
Built in the late 1960’s to enclose an outdoor ice rink, the building fell into disrepair and was torn down in 2010. The new festival green now occupies part of the site.

PARKING LOTS
Stepped Stormwater Gardens have taken the place of former parking lots that served the Ice Arena.
**SOUTH SIDE PARK**

**RAILING INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE**

**Plants**
Native plant mix provides habitat and food for wildlife.

**Soil Mix**
Engineered soils consist of sand, topsoil, and compost in order to store stormwater during rain storms.

**Existing Combined Sewer**
Built in the late 1800s, this sewer buried a former stream. During rain events, sewage mixes with stormwater and overflows directly into rivers, causing pollution and flooding.

**Overflow Inlet**
Used as an added safety measure, water will only overflow into this inlet during a large storm.

**Overflow Water Line**
The Stepped Stormwater Garden can hold up to 10" of rainwater runoff before it overflows into an inlet.

**Stepped Stormwater Gardens**
Looking north from this overlook are a series of Stepped Stormwater Gardens that took the place of parking lots. The gardens not only slow, soak, and clean stormwater runoff, they also provide habitat for wildlife and a new amenity for the public to enjoy.

**Accessible Boardwalk**

**Roots**
Plant roots absorb and clean polluted stormwater during rain storms.

**Stormwater Channel**
The stone-lined channel directs water runoff from lawns and paved surfaces within the park into the Stepped Stormwater Garden. During rain storms, the water will flow over the channel and into the planting areas.

**Clay Liner**
This liner prevents water from infiltrating into the existing sewer.

**Perforated Underdrain**
This underdrain takes excess water into the existing storm sewer to prevent oversaturation of soils.
CITY OF PITTSBURGH

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

TO: Sarah Minnaert, Public Art and Civic Design Manager  DEPT: City Planning
FROM: Michael Gable, GPRB, Director  DEPT: Public Works
DATE: December 22, 2020
RE: Letter of Support – South Side Park-Phase 1

This memo serves to support the application submitted by my staff (Andrea Ketzel, Senior Project Landscape Architect) for the South Side Park – Phase 1 project. The master plan for South Side Park received previous approval from the Art Commission and now it is time to begin acting on that master plan. This application addresses the construction documents for Phase 1 implementation. Your favorable support and that of the Commission members is greatly appreciated.

MG/CM/cb

C: Anthony Cavilline, Arts, Culture and History Specialist/City Planning
   Andrea Ketzel
January 5, 2021

Re: Letter of Support
South Side Park Improvements Project - Phase 1

Dear Commissioners,

The Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (PWSA) supports the Department of Public Works (DPW) application to the Pittsburgh Art Commission for the South Side Park Improvement Project - Phase 1. PWSA has worked in partnership with the DPW to provide the stormwater management component for the project.

The vision for the redesign of South Side Park has been nearly a decade in the making. Project designers have committed to efficiently capturing stormwater overflows and seamlessly integrating stormwater into the park redesign. PWSA is proud to partner with the City of Pittsburgh in realizing this vision for South Side Park and has committed technical design, construction capital, and long-term maintenance responsibilities for the stormwater elements of the project.

The project will provide stormwater management systems to reduce combined sewer overflows, improve the aesthetics and usability of the park, and provide educational materials for the public on stormwater management and park history.

PWSA is excited to support this project and believes that it will provide numerous benefits for visitors to the park and the surrounding community.

If you have any questions about the South Side Park Improvement project, please contact Meghan Simek, Project Manager at msimek@pgh2o.com.

Sincerely,

Barry King, PE, PMP
Director of Engineering and Construction
Friends of South Side Park
c/o 122 South 17th Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15203

December 24, 2020

Andrew Moss, Acting Chair/President
City of Pittsburgh Art Commission
200 Ross Street, 4th Floor
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Dear Mr. Moss,

Friends of South Side Park (FOSSP) submits our plea that you approve the Master Plan Phase One improvements for South Side Park. We have been working closely with the city and Pashek+MTR throughout the planning and design process and are wholly in support of the requested improvements.

Thank you for your review of the South Side Park information. We look forward to your approval.

Sincerely,

Kitty Vegley, on behalf of all FOSSP Board Members

Friends of South Side Park
Funding assistance has been provided by the Bureau of Recreation and Conservation of the Bureau of Recreation and Conservation and the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

PITTSBURGH, PA

Performing or rallying
Permits are required for:
Rummaging through trash bins
Panhandling or solicitation
Littering or dumping debris

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Park hours are
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Neighborhood Park.

Be responsible
Be respectful
Be safe

Please report any accidents or damage.
Help keep your park clean.
Include others and take turns
Hot surfaces can burn
Be careful when equipment is wet
Use equipment as intended
while staying in the play area
Wander, wonder, and explore,

This play area is for everyone to enjoy, however there is an element of risk in all play. Parents and caregivers are required to supervise their children appropriately.
Gather your friends to help build a bird’s nest! Look for twigs and sticks on the ground and weave them between the posts to create your very own nest.

Repeat and enjoy!

Sound Garden

How many different sounds do you hear in the park? Do you hear the wind through the trees, people laughing, birds singing? Use the instruments to complement the sounds around you or make your own music!

The following is prohibited:
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- Using illegal drugs or alcohol
- Consuming alcohol
- Commercial activity or concessions
- Amplifying sound
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South Side Park

The Stormwater boardwalk is an accessible path through a series of stormwater gardens that slow, cleanse, and infiltrate runoff from the property. The park is patrolled by Pittsburgh Police. To report an emergency, call 911.

Welcome to your Neighborhood Park.

This park is a shared public open space provided for your enjoyment and recreation.

Be courteous and respectful to others, and please keep the park clean.

Have a fun and safe time.

Sunrise to Sunset

Performing or rallying

Consuming alcohol

Commercial activity or concessions

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