

## Re-envisioning Pulaski Park

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Re: Pulaski Park public meeting #2 comments 05.22.2014

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### Site plan comments:

#### Plaza

- Keep iconic tree for holiday use and prune lower limbs
- Can dogwoods be moved to the back?
- Maintenance issue for grass in front of Memorial Hall
- More prominent place for the monument
- People will be very upset if the Spruce is removed
- Turn bus shelters into trellises for edible vines- fruit and shade
- Bollards in front of plaza
- Fumes from the bus can be bad from the bus stop (at times there are 3 buses)
- Space for coffee vendor
- Stationary furniture
- Thumbs up to plaza
- Like the plaza/ Like the bus stop
- Recycling and trashcans around plaza and play area
- Can do better than Hawthorns- Serviceberry, Grandiflora, Cornus mas
- Move bus stop west- avoid fumes from buses

#### Green

- Stone/pea stone/gravel path through the lawn- avoid people cutting across
- Add living walls to the water feature or lawn perimeter to create shade/beauty/edibles
- Tree in the Green blocks view to the stage
- Rainbow shade kites

- Kites/canopies connecting Academy to play space
- Tree in the Green blocks views to the stage

#### Water

- Fountain is too expensive
- Litter will become an issue in the swale
- Like the sound of water to mask traffic noise
- Thumbs up to bioswale

#### Woodland

- Love, Love, Love the terracing and bike path connection at the back of the park
- A slide in the nature play area
- Shady areas for sitting on hot summer days
- Edible trees and perennial plants instead of ornamental all through the park
- Bee and butterfly features
- Perennial groundcovers
- Multi -purpose stage feature that acts as a small building or screen
- Zig zag of walkway is too excessive. Less walkway= more space for terracing and water infiltration
- Ice on ramp?
- Think bigger- REALLY connect to bike trail with mini esplanade to the skate park on Pleasant.
- River theme
- Where would people actually sit for a movie/event?
- The switchback is awesome! Increases the size of the park and creates connection to the "ghost river" and bike path
- Thumbs up to hillside design
- Grade slope so it can be an outdoor amphitheater
- Mill River Greenway
- More sophisticated play structure- it's the only play area downtown

- Would like more information on the play area components
- Switchback is too tight
- Connect water feature plant system to Overlook plant system
- Make the playground more of a draw
- Play area under developed
- Play space needs more elements (see Mitch Ryerson)
- Like the way the Woodland garden appears to enlarge the park
- Move the statue to the front side of the deck
- Does the stage placement work behind the walkway?
- Love the nooks on the handicapped path and improvements of the hillside
- Like the separation of the back from the walkway from the Academy driveway
- Pulaski Parade participants too far from the stage (25' from lawn?)
- More visible memorial
- Like the idea of using the granite from the upper Roberts Meadow Reservoir Dam project

#### General:

- Needs more funding for maintenance
- Dog waste methane digester to create energy for lights, popcorn popper, etc.
- Crosswalk at South Street is very unsafe- eliminate
- Check out Bridge Street School playground being built
- Include the front of the Academy in the greening of the park
- Concerned about maintenance and staffing issues with DWP
- Concerned about Academy/South Street/ Main Intersection