

12th Avenue Stewardship Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 12, 2010
5:30pm
Seattle University A&A building

Opportunity Fund application for James Court woonerf project

The oversight committee for the Parks Opportunity Fund is holding a public hearing on October 25th at Miller Community Center (at 19th and E Thomas Street). Sign-ups are available at 6pm and the public comment period will begin at 7pm. Bill Zosel encouraged neighborhood residents to come out and publicly support the woonerf plan.

New park site

The 12th Avenue neighborhood has parks acquisition money available. The group looked at several photos of potential new park sites. These sites were pulled from discussions that the neighborhood has had in past years and a survey of the area for under-utilized sites (like current parking lots or vacant lots). Donald Harris from the Parks Department was at the meeting and noted that Parks typically looks for sites that are at least 10,000 sq ft and have good southern light exposure. Parks also suggested the possibility of expanding a current park in lieu of a completely new site. In past meetings, the 12th Avenue neighborhood has noted that they are not interested in another park directly on 12th Avenue (instead leaving this area for retail/commercial future development).

Please see the attached document for images of potential new park sites considered. The neighborhood short-listed four sites. Parks will review these for feasibility and report back.

1. 14th and Union: Parking lot adjacent to the Helen V Apartment building owned by Capitol Hill Housing. CHH will look into whether a sale is possible. Our financing often prevents a sale of the property for a given period of time. This is a visible and highly urban site that would likely get a lot of use.
2. 14th and Spring: Parking lot adjacent to the church. This could be an easy site to acquire as the parking lot is underused by the church.
3. 12th and Remington Court: A proposed green path of land on the south side of Remington Court to connect 12th Avenue with the current Whale Fin green space. If the plans for redeveloping the Youth Detention site move forward, we would coordinate efforts with planned green space at the site.
4. 10th and E Jefferson: Parking lot is rarely used. This site could serve residents in the mid-rise apartment buildings and condos nearby.

Transit on 12th

Casey Corr, Seattle University mentioned that there will be a forum on transit service (or lack thereof) in the 12th Avenue neighborhood later in November. Stay tuned for meeting times. Council members Larry Phillips and Larry Gossett will likely be attending.

Community members should definitely come out to support future transit options on 12th Avenue.

Seattle University Youth Initiative

Casey also mentioned the Seattle University Youth Initiative, which is partnering with over 30 local organizations to provide education and family services, focused on students at Bailey Gatzert Elementary. More information can be found here:

<http://www.seattleu.edu/suyi/>