



MEMORANDUM

TO: Cory Roche, Project Manager (City of Lake Forest Park)

FROM: Amber Mikluscak, PLA, GISP (Facet)

DATE: 03/25/2024

RE: Lakefront Improvements Project – Presentation to City Council at Committee of the Whole

On Monday, March 25, 2024, representatives from Facet and the City of Lake Forest Park attended the Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss recommendations for preferred design of the lakefront project. The meeting occurred in Council Chambers at Lake Forest Park City Hall.

Highlights from the council members’ guidance and feedback are bulleted below:

- The Council expressed general support for the recommended concept design. Discussion of preferred design considerations included the following:
  - Documentation of community support is evident from the feedback received during the engagement process. The design appears to reflect the community’s preferences and values.
  - Restoration in the preserve should support creek health and enhance salmon habitat. A hybrid planting design that includes forested canopy, while preserving understory views, is preferred and is consistent with feedback received from the community survey.
  - Retention of structures, where appropriate, feasible, and allowed by grant funding, is encouraged. Implications of structure retention, including design, construction, and lifecycle costs, should be considered. Material reuse is encouraged.
  - Parking should be operationally limited, such as by signage and enforcement of accessible, load/unload zones, and reserved spaces.
  - Safe pedestrian access to the park is paramount. Short-term and long-term improvements should be explored in coordination with other planned improvements (i.e., BRT enhancements).
  - Recognition of Tribes through design and interpretation would be encouraged.
  - Site work, including demolition activities, should be conducted with respect for neighbors.
  - The playground facility should be robust, while being appropriate and complementary to the site conditions. Incorporation of play elements, as feasible and appropriate, throughout the park is encouraged.
- The Council commended the design team and city project manager on the outreach and work completed to date.

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