



Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

A Public Outdoor Space
to Commemorate Jim Green

May 12, 2014

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Recommendation

THAT the Board approve the development of a public outdoor space to commemorate Jim Green in the Trillium North park site, with all details to the satisfaction of the General Manager.



Background

In February of 2012, the Park Board directed staff to:

“Work with Jim Green and his family to develop an outdoor space that recognizes and tells the story of Mr. Green’s tremendous contribution to the City.”



Photo John Lehmann, Globe and Mail

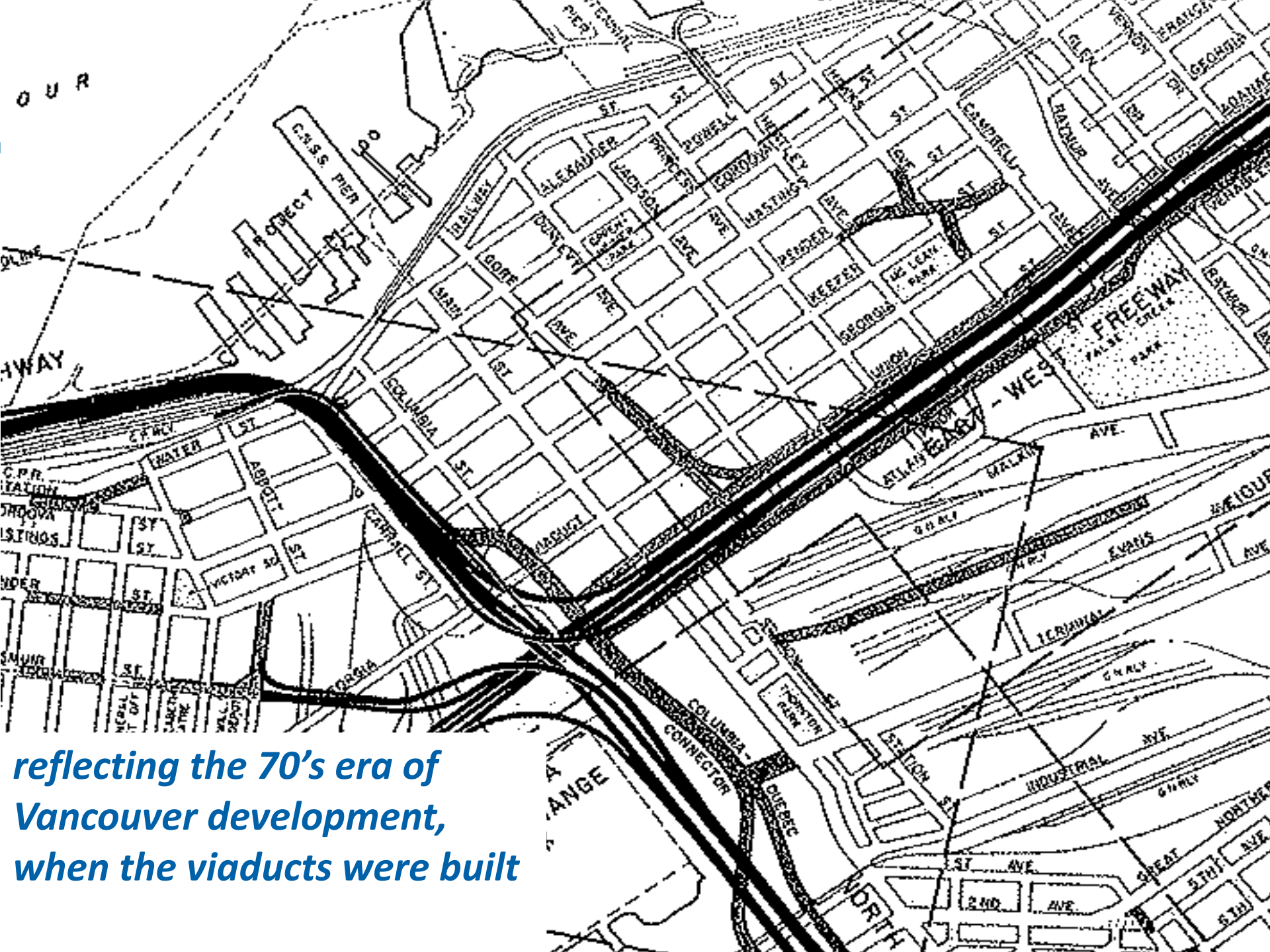


Background

- A first meeting with the family in April 2012, introduced the Trillium Park site as a possible location;
- The park was in the design stage providing ready opportunities for creative integration;
- Dialogue at this meeting generated initial ideas such as...



*Planting
Jim Green's
favourite trees
(cherry and
southern
magnolia)*



reflecting the 70's era of Vancouver development, when the viaducts were built



poetry, performance and art

Photo: <http://pushfestival.ca/2014/01/curatorial-statement-heather-redfern-of-the-cultch-on-one/>

recognizing union workers and longshoremen





railway yards and Strathcona's Chinese heritage

Hayne Wai photo Strathcona School circa '73



First Nations art



Pride of Vancouver



Cherry and southern magnolia trees, spaces for art, event power, and a carver's shed exist in the park (these features were also requested by the Park Working Group)











Outdoor Space Proposal

The ideas for the open space evolved over several meetings and dialogue with the family.

Two features are now proposed:

1. Up to 3 interpretive panels to commemorate Jim Green's life; and
2. An 'Activation Station'

Open Space Proposal



The 'Activation Station' is an existing gazebo with these words affixed in bold colour metal lettering. This is a place where people can come together to listen, to learn, and to dialogue about local issues, as Jim Green did with his contemporaries.



MALKIN AVENUE

**Proposed
Location**



Engagement

- The park Working Group (Strathcona and City Gate residents, More Sports, and local artists) support a commemoration for Jim Green in this park
- An information sign will be placed in the park to provide information about the project prior to installation



Subject to Board Approval, staff will continue work with Jim Green's family to detail the panels and gazebo text, for summer 2014 installation



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