



Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

Concept Plan for a New Park at 17th & Yukon

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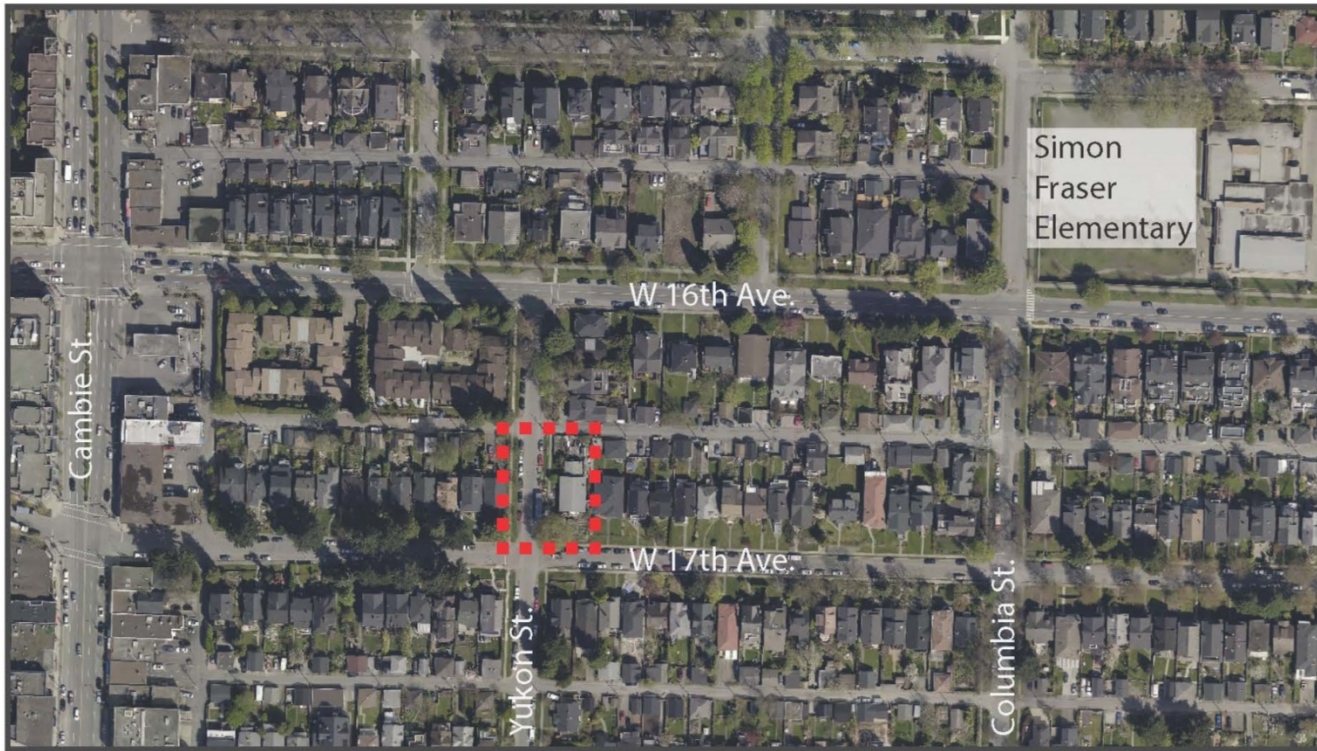


Recommendation

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- Corner lot in the Mt. Pleasant / Riley Park
- On the Yukon Bikeway
- Simon Fraser Elementary School proximate to NE
- Cambie St. retail to the W
- 0.15 ha (including 0.08 ha portion of Yukon St. ROW)

Existing Site Conditions



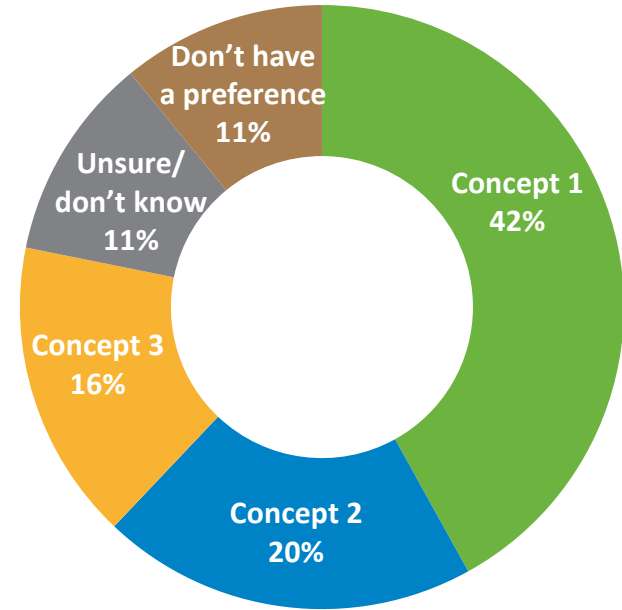
Progress to Date

- **Spring 2013:** Property purchased by the City of Vancouver
- **July 2013:** Existing house deconstructed by CoV
- **Fall 2013:** Topographic survey, research and planning
- **Winter 2014:** Design refinement (collaboration with Operations)
- **April 26th 2014:** Public Open House #1 held on site
- **December 10th 2014:** Public Open House #2 held at Simon Fraser Elementary



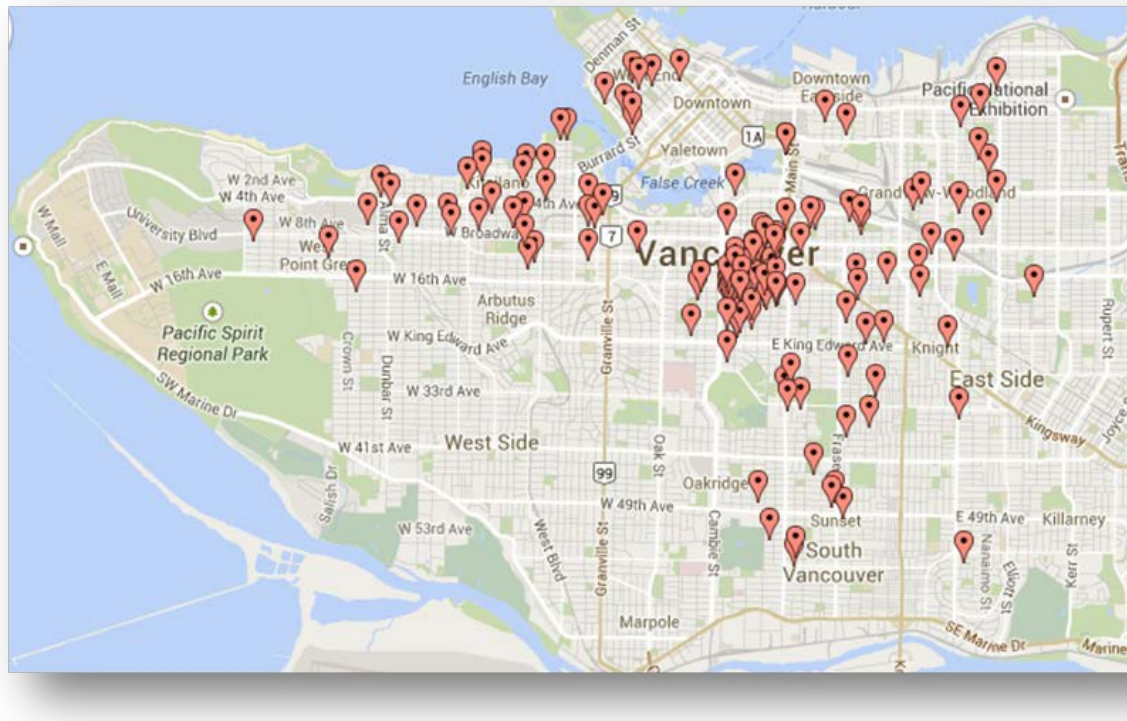
■ Public Open House #1:

- Three design concepts presented
- Online survey: April 26 – May 12
- 174 surveys completed
- Preferred park elements included grass berms, natural play features, pollinator gardens, abundant seating, a bike repair station, a trellis along the alley, passive lawns areas, walking paths, and planted curb bulges



■ Who did we hear from?

- Riley Park and Mt. Pleasant and smaller representation from Kitsilano, Downtown Vancouver, South Vancouver and East Vancouver
- Support from VPSN, HUB, and Our Community Bikes, Evergreen

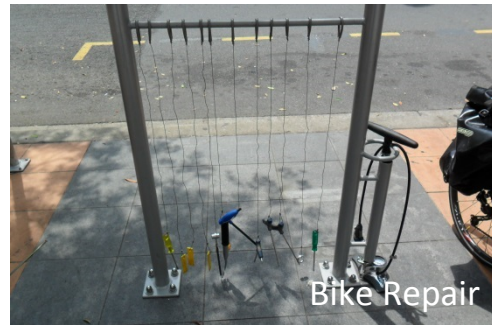
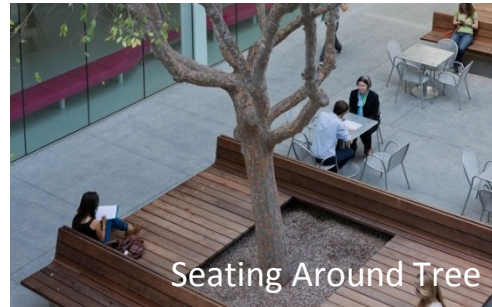


Preferred Elements From Open House One

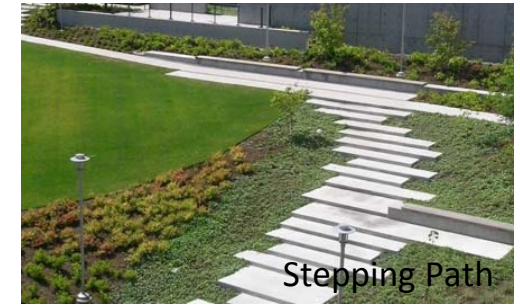
Preferred elements concept one:



Preferred elements concept two:

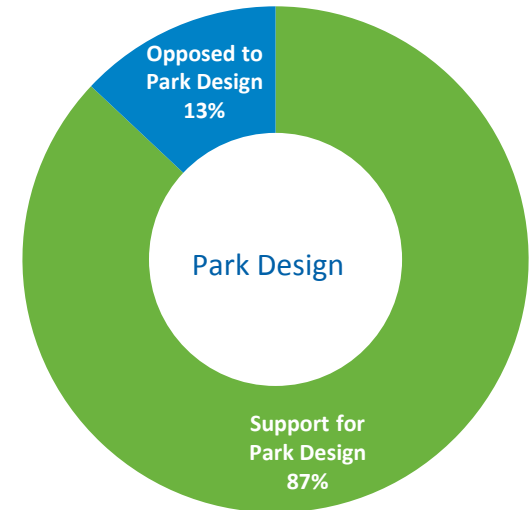


Preferred elements concept three:



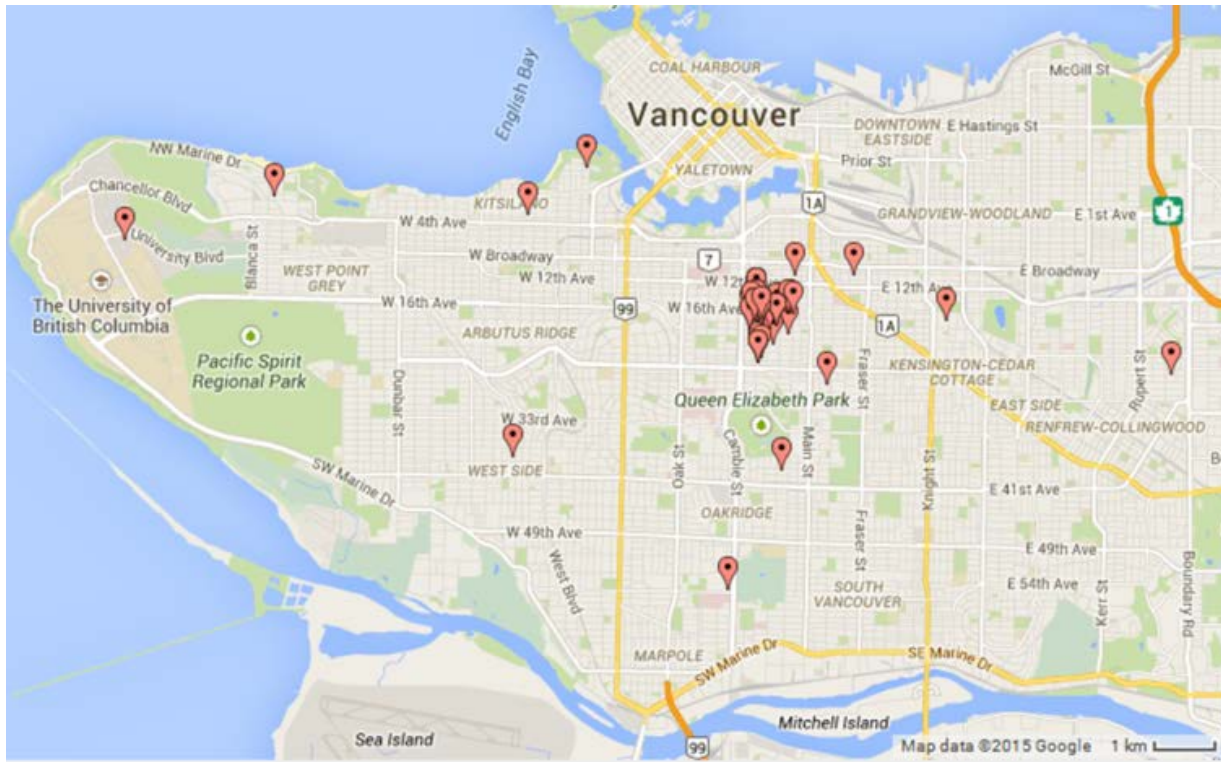
■ Public Open House #2:

- Final design concept presented
- 90% approval of street closure
- 87% approval of design
- Online survey: December 10 - January 5
- 51 surveys completed
- Final design includes preferred elements from open house 1
- Street closure doubles the size of park space and provides traffic calming
- Letters of support received from VPSN, HUB and Evergreen (Project Green Bloc)



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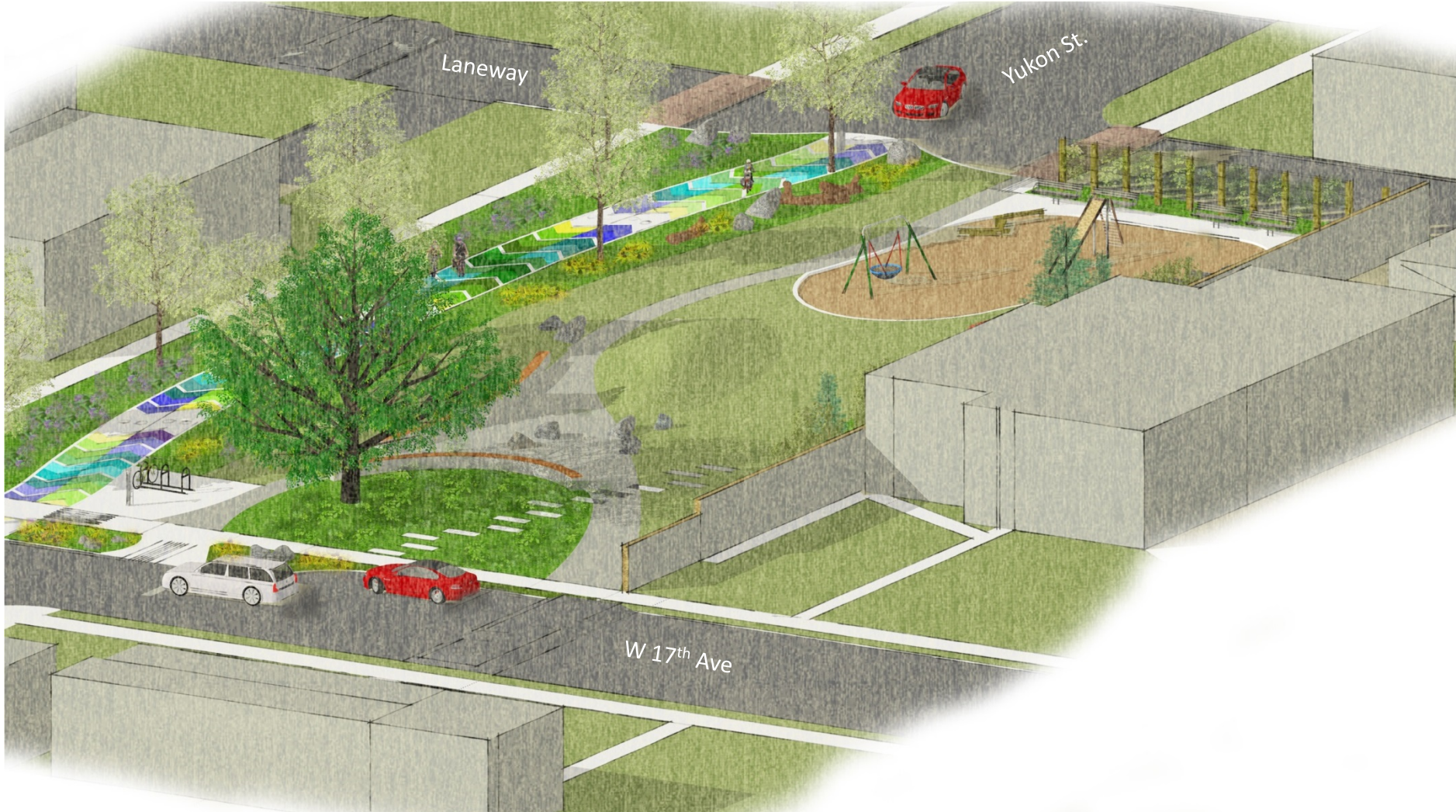
- Strongest representation was from Riley Park and Mt. Pleasant
- Support from VPSN, HUB, Our Community Bikes, Evergreen



Final Design Concept: Plan View



Final Design Concept: NW Birds Eye View



Final Design Concept: NE Birds Eye View



Final Design Concept: View North from W 17th Ave



Final Design Concept: View South from Alleyway





Park Board Strategic Framework

■ Parks and Recreation For All:

- Accessibility for all ages and abilities
- Playground with natural play features
- Active transportation
- Seating and lounging areas

■ Leader in Greening:

- 12 new trees (contribute to 150,000 target)
- Street to park conversion
- Grass/Wildflower/Shrub beds (pollinators)



Park Board Strategic Framework

■ Excellence in Resource Management:

- Retain existing trees on site
- Salvaged boulders
- Increased permeability for storm water infiltration
- High durability and low maintenance design

■ Engaging People:

- 2 community open houses
- Interdepartmental collaboration (CoV Planning/Engineering)
- HUB, Our Community Bikes,
- VPSN, Evergreen (Project Green Bloc)
- Consultation with immediate neighbours to west and east



City Wide Initiatives

Greenest City 2020 Action Plan

- **GOAL 4: Green Transportation**
 - **Target:** Make the majority (over 50%) of trips by foot, bicycle, and public transit.
 - **Target:** Reduce average Distance Driven per resident by 20% from 2007 levels.
- **GOAL 6: Access to Nature**
 - **Target:** All Vancouver residents live within a five-minute walk of a park, greenway, or other green space by 2020.
 - **Target:** Plant 150,000 new trees by 2020.
- **GOAL 9: Clean Air**
 - **Target:** Always meet or beat the most stringent air quality guidelines from Metro Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, and the World Health Organization.

CoV Transportation 2040 Goals

- **Target:** make walking and cycling routes more safe, convenient and comfortable for people of all ages and abilities.



Next Steps

- **February:** Council approval (target)
- **February - March 2015:** RFP and award for design/build contract
- **April - May 2015:** Detail design /working drawings
- **June - August 2015:** Construction
- **Fall 2015:** Park opens



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Final Design Birdseye

