

M E E T I N G R E C O R D

Project	Saint Helens Riverwalk	Meeting Type	Meeting Notes
Date	5.19.21	Time	6pm
Subject	Community Event		
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THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF MEETING DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS. PROVIDE CORRECTIONS OR CLARIFICATIONS WITHIN 2 DAYS.

As part of the public outreach for the St. Helens Riverwalk project, a virtual community meeting was held on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, which attracted over 40 attendees. During the presentation, a series of questions were posed to the audience, which people responded to verbally and over chat in both Zoom and Facebook. Below is a summary of the comments heard at the meeting. The number listed after the comment indicates how many times that topic was raised.

How do you use the riverfront today?

- Walks/Runs Along River (10)
 - Nob Hill, Columbia View Park, The Marina, Grey Cliff
 - Rainy Days
 - Windy Walks
- Wildlife Sightings/River Activity (2)
 - Bird Watching
 - Fishing
- Listening to Music (1)
- Seeing Fireworks (1)
- Christmas Ships (1)
- To-Go Food (1)
- Picnics (1)
- Exercise (1)
- Rock Throwing (1)
- Puddle Jumping (1)
- Occupying/Entertaining Littles (1)

Which **riverfront activities** are most important to you?

- Pathway (10)
 - Considerations for Roller Skating
 - ADA
 - Sidewalks on Plymouth
 - Dog Walking
 - Boardwalk
 - Proximity to River
 - Split Path Specificity (Fast/Slow Lanes)
 - Avoiding Conflicts

- Curving/Winding
- Safe Routes for Children
- Connections to Local Businesses
- Scattered Areas of Interest
- Lighting, shielded lights for bird migration
- Water Activities (9)
 - Kayak Launch Sites
 - Non-Motorized Access
 - Floating Dock/Walkway
 - Fishing
- Wildlife Viewing Opportunities (5)
 - Osprey, Purple Martin Nesting Opportunities
 - Birding
 - Seals, Sea Lions, Otters, etc.
- Historic Markers (3)
- Boat Ramp (3)
- Ferry Ports (2)
- Public Beach (2)
- Placemaking (2)
 - Sculptures/Art
- Trail skating (1)
- Yoga (1)

What **feelings or experiences** do you want to have on the Riverwalk?

- Being in Nature (4)
- Emphasizing Views (3)
 - Minimizing Visual Barriers
 - Long distance views, especially in center of site
 - Natural Views/Surroundings
 - Connections to Sauvie and Sand Island
- Park-like Settings (2)
 - Shade Trees
 - Kalama River Walk Precedent
 - Adding Foliage
- Feeling/Experience (1)
 - Home
 - Comfort

Which **themes** are important for visitors to understand?

- Learning of Indigenous People Inhabiting Land (6)
 - Highlighting Artifacts
 - Sculpture/Memorial
- Remnants of Industrial Site (1)
- Natural Resource Preservation Practices (4)
 - Wildlife Preservation

Which types of **access** are important?

- Parking Opportunities (3)
 - Underground Parking
 - Street Parking Improvements
- Trailhead and Water Overlook Access (1)
- Vehicular Visitor Views (1)
- Extensions to Nob Hill Nature Park (1)

What should the character of the new **amphitheater stage** be?

- Minimal (4)
 - Allow Natural Views
 - Quiet Spaces
 - Cable Rails
 - Enhancing Views
- Accessible (3)
 - Scattered Activity During Large Gatherings
 - ADA access
- Visible From All Angles (2)
 - Lighting
 - Handrails That Do not Obstruct ADA Visibility
- Historic (2)
 - Celebrates Location Along Columbia River
- Familiar (2)
 - Courthouse Design
- Visible from Amphitheatre Only (1)
- Softscape (1)
- Rustic (1)
- Paving (1)
- Friendly (1)
- Grass (1)
 - Durable/Comfortable
 - Alternative to Uncomfortable/Hot Concrete
- Unique (1)
 - Less is more
 - Natural Access

What activities should be included in **Riverwalk Phase 1**?

- Swimming/Wading (2)
- Community Gathering (2)
- Kayaking (2)
- Kite Boarding (1)
- Picnicking (1)
- All and More (1)

Other comments/questions:

- Condominium/Residential Development (2)
- Consideration for Previous Efforts/Ideas from Community Members (1)
- Environmental Studies Affecting Future Construction (1)
- Status of Lagoon Affecting Construction (1)
- Consideration for Pull In/Back Up Space To Boat Ramp (1)
- Considerations for Wildlife/Bird Migration Affected by Light Pollution (1)

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