



Pier 58 Playground

Concept Design Feedback Summary





Executive Summary

In January 2021, the Office of the Waterfront and Civic Projects hosted a virtual open house to encourage feedback on a new playground that will be located on Pier 58.

Attendance

- 1,137 unique users visited the online open house between January 13 and January 31, 2021
 - Visitors to multi-lingual sites:
 - Simplified Chinese: 48
 - Somali: 133
 - Spanish: 143
- 186 responses to the playground survey (two in Chinese, one in Spanish, the rest in English)

Key feedback

- Out of the three concepts, respondents had the most positive feedback for *Sea Dreams* and *Above and Below*
- Many respondents suggested combining elements from the three concepts
- Respondents want a variety of play for all ages and abilities, including providing accessible ramps to get up higher up in the structures
- The respondent's favorite play elements are the climbing features, covered slides and swings
- Many respondents want an iconic playground that is not only fun to play on, but also sculptural, unique and beautiful to look at. Respondents appreciate the curvy and soft edges of the playground, and the use of natural elements.
- Parents and guardians continue to request transparency throughout the playground for safety precautions
- Respondents stressed the importance of creating a space and using materials that can easily be maintained and cleaned
- Respondents feels that the area around or near the playground should incorporate elements such as seating, shelter from the rain and restrooms



Introduction

The City of Seattle’s Office of the Waterfront & Civic Projects is designing a new Pier 58 that will include a children’s playground.

Due to the pandemic, all outreach was conducted virtually, including an online open house that was open between November 13 and December 6, 2020 and included a pier design overview and opportunities for input on all aspects of the pier. Another online open house was open January 13 through January 31, 2021 and focused on three playground concepts designed according to the feedback received in late 2020. All materials were available in English, Spanish, Simplified Chinese and Somali. The 2020 online open house received 1,174 visitors with 148 responses to the playground survey, and the 2021 online open house received 1,137 visitors with 186 responses to the playground survey.

Outreach and notifications tools

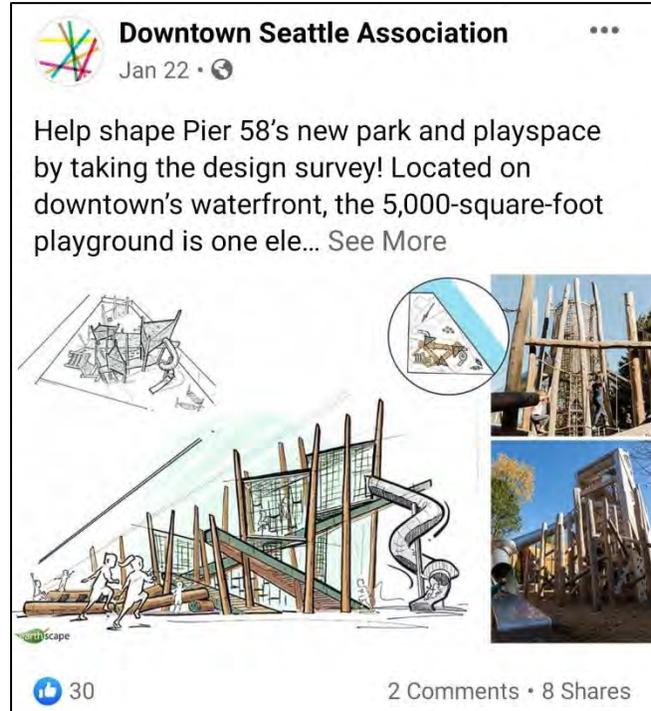
This engagement opportunity was promoted via the following notification methods:

- **Online display ads** in local media publications including South Seattle Emerald, The Seattle Times, International Examiner, Parentmap, Seattle’s Child, Seattle Magazine – Parenting page, and translated ads in Runta News, LaRazaNW, El Mundo, and Seattle Chinese Times.
- **E-newsletter sent to 12,501 subscribers** of the Waterfront Seattle program email list.
- **Social media blurbs** were posted on the Waterfront Seattle social media accounts, including Instagram and Facebook. Also worked with a local social media influencer to get the word out further.
- **Flyers** in all four languages (simplified Chinese, Spanish and Somali) for project partners to share with their communities.
- **Emails** sent to targeted audiences to help spread awareness about this feedback opportunity, including downtown families and children, people with accessibility needs, families of color and people seeking inexpensive recreation.



Translated flyers were shared with project partners and their communities

- **Blog post** was posted on [the Parkways blog](#) about the playground engagement opportunity.
- A variety of **local media** including ethnic media outlets received notifications.
- **Coordinated briefings** for community groups and stakeholders including the Downtown Seattle Association and Parents for Greater Downtown Seattle, Seattle Historic Waterfront Association and El Centro de la Raza / José Martí Child Development Center.
- **Coordinated and collaborated with local organizations and agency partners**, including the Downtown Seattle Association, Seattle Aquarium and Seattle Parks Department.
- Seattle Parks Department **shared flyers with childcare centers** located within Seattle community centers.



Community partners helped to promote this engagement opportunity on their social media platforms



Playground survey results

The playground survey encouraged feedback on three design concepts that were developed with the comments received from the first round of engagement, in November and December 2020. The proposed 5,000-square-foot playground (about the size of a basketball court) will be located on Pier 58 between the Seattle Aquarium and Miner's Landing.

What we heard in late 2020

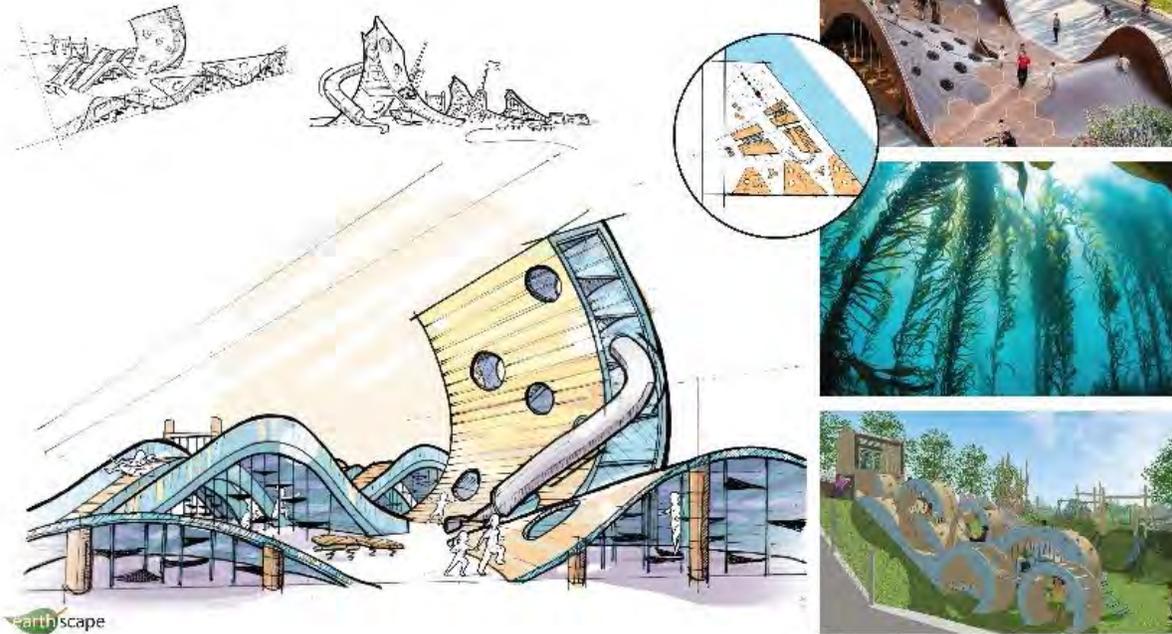
Pier Piles, Shoreline and Washington Waters were the three themes that were initially presented. There was no overwhelmingly preferred theme, but many appreciated the use of vertical structures to provide a balance with the flatness of the pier and some transparency to highlight the view of Elliott Bay from the promenade and to enhance safety and supervision of the play space.

- Participants liked the climbing features and rope elements
- They also appreciated elements that could provide an educational opportunity as well as variety in the type of play
- Parents and guardians want to easily be able to visually inspect the entire playground to ensure safety of children playing on the structure
- The structures should be of play-interest for all ages, including adults

[The full summary](#) is available on the Waterfront Seattle website.

Above and Below – What do you like about this picture?

CONCEPT ABOVE AND BELOW



What people liked and/or additional suggestions:

- Respondents like that there are elements to entertain all ages and a variety of play
 - “I like the suggestion that folks with mobility challenges could access a lot of the play without ladders or stairs (even if some slopes are steep).”
 - Several participants mentioned the windows as a fun element
 - “I like the rock climbing wall in the small picture at the bottom right.”
 - “I love the separate above and below, inside and outside, or interior and exterior, sections to investigate and explore.”
 - “My 8-year-old daughter likes how you can go under spaces, she likes how it looks like seaweed, swings or other balance elements underneath look fun, slides look cool, and the round windows looking out look fun.”
 - “Very dynamic and seems like it will encourage movement.”
- Respondents appreciate the concept’s unique shape and that the curves and organic edges offset the flatness of the pier
- Respondents felt that the proximity to Elliott Bay and the Aquarium makes a marine theme logical for this playground



- Respondents appreciate the kelp forest and wave provide room for education. They also suggest partnering with the Aquarium to create educational programming.
- Respondents like that there are spaces to stay dry and play

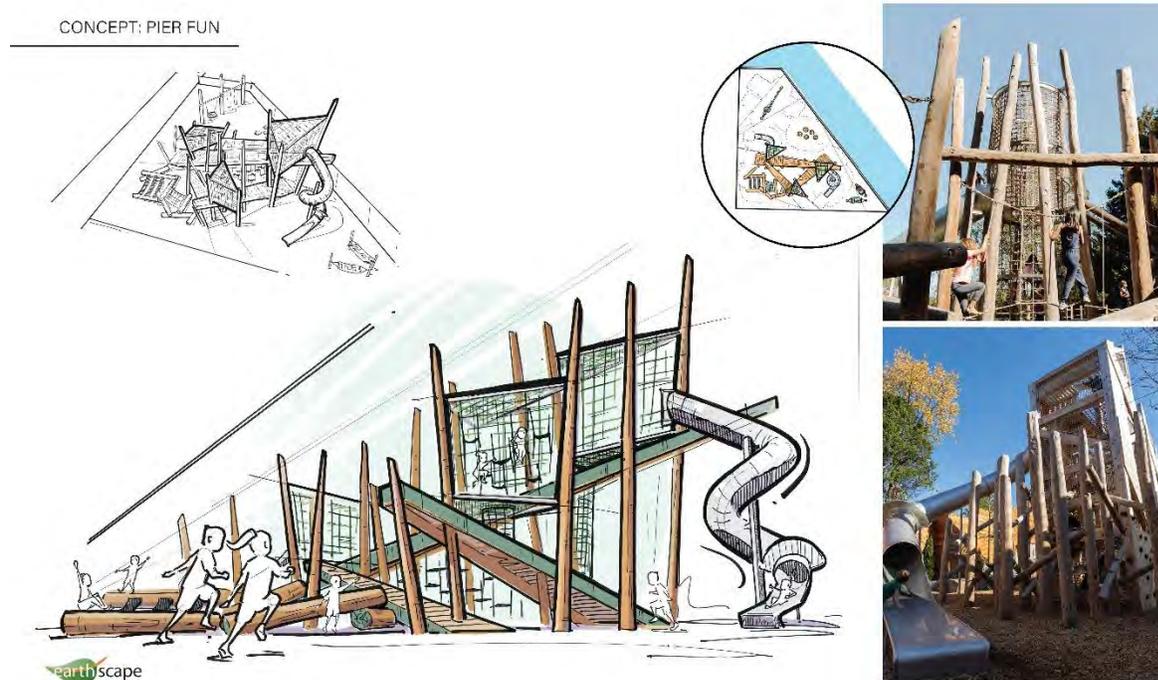
Some raised concerns:

- Respondents have concerns about the enclosed spaces and poor visibility for parents or guardians watching kids play
- Some respondents feels that the play elements are oriented for older children
- Respondents have concerns about others using this space, such as skateboarders, bikers and those currently experiencing homelessness
- Respondents feel the slide may be too tall if a child gets scared and needs help getting down
 - Other participants shared a differing perspective and liked that the slide was tall and created a sense of adventure
- "I'm concerned with the tower/wave being narrow and constricted."
- Several participants noted that holes in the structure are reminiscent of cheese and that they should be carefully thought out.

Frequently used words in survey responses



Pier fun – What do you like about this picture?



What people liked and/or additional suggestions:

- Respondents appreciate the use of natural materials, looks like driftwood that would find on nearby beaches and reminiscent of pier piles. Fits the location well.
- “If intended to be pier pilings, why not add additional aquatic elements or themes?”
- Parents and guardians feel that there is good visibility throughout the playground for them to easily be able to watch kids play. They would appreciate multiple access points to the different play elements
- Participants like that there are ramps that provide a way for those with mobility issues to get up high as well
- Participants like the climbing features and the various levels that will be fun for a variety of ages and abilities
- Participants like the slide, climbing wall and that the play elements encourage movement. Some wish there were also swings and a smaller slide.
 - “From 6 yr old : the ramp! From 3yr old: the slide”
 - “I like to climb & it is a good place to climb👍”
- “Perhaps add some shorter upright logs in incremental height stepping up to about 4 feet. spacing them here and there for hopping from one to another.”



- A respondent suggested using a type of flooring that is easy for the Parks Department to maintain and keep clean (not woodchips)

Some raised concerns:

- Participants do not find the playground very attractive as a standalone feature or sculpturally interesting. Several participants found this concept to be outdated, too similar to other playgrounds, and not as unique as the other two concepts.
- “I like the verticality, but this looks more like a dead forest than pier pilings. If intended to be pier pilings, why not add additional aquatic elements or themes?”
- Some participants find the play elements too oriented for younger children. Some disagreed and shared the opposite viewpoint.
- Participants have concerns around the durability of the wood, the potential for it to get slippery and easily vandalized
- A participant noted that the structure looks large but doesn’t seem like it could accommodate many people on it at one time

Frequently used words in survey responses



Sea Dreams – What do you like about this picture?

CONCEPT: SEA DREAMS

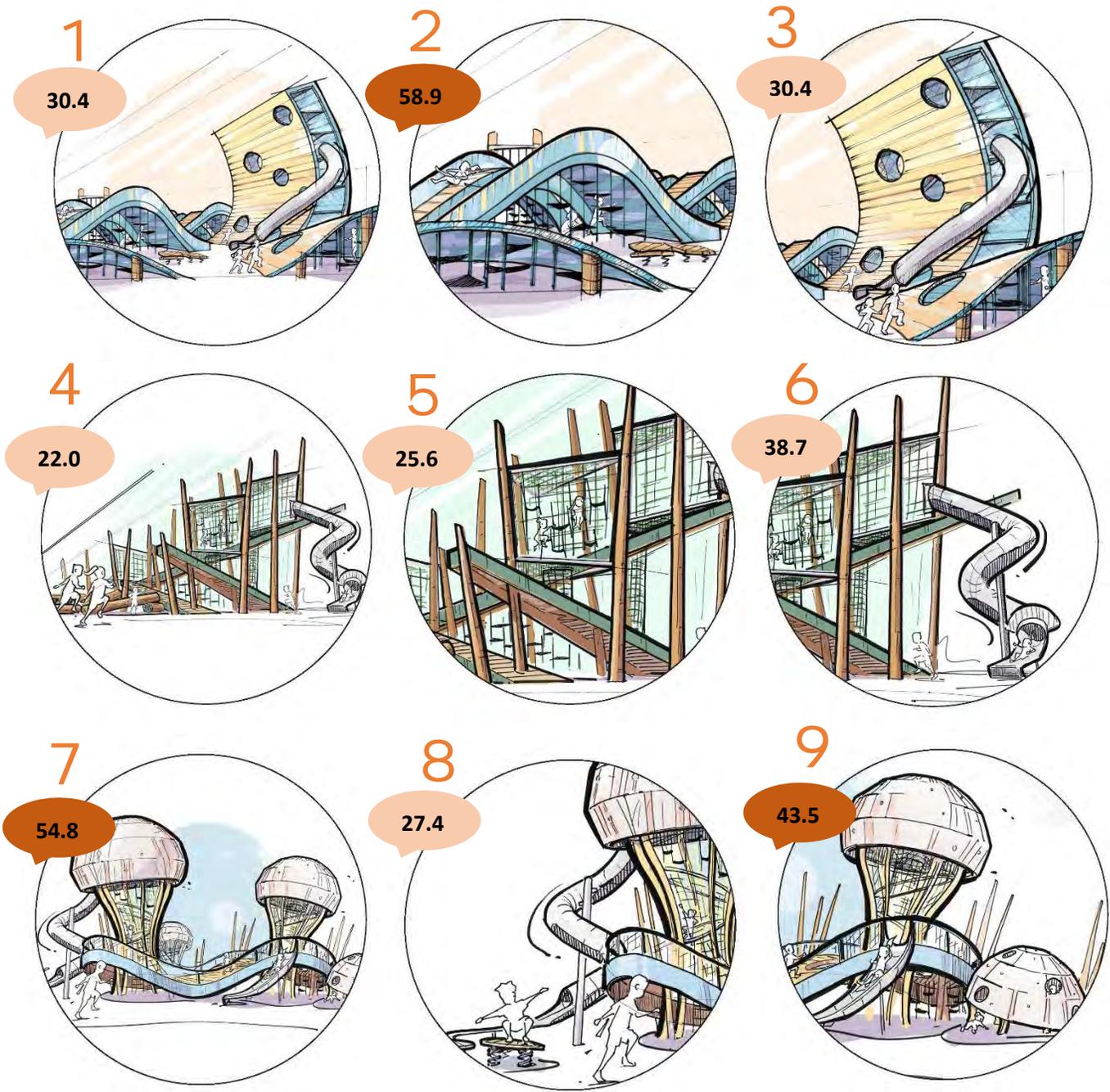


What people liked and/or additional suggestions:

- Participants appreciate that this concept is interesting, sculptural and unique, and fits in well with the location
 - “Space jellies! Fun, unusual, vaguely space-needley”
 - “This looks like the natural environment and the animals that might live near the pier. It is different from other play spaces in Seattle, it’s unique and would be a destination.”
 - “It’s under the sea themed but in a way I haven’t seen done before.”
 - “Idea is good: sea theme aligns with aquarium, is sculpturally interesting for non-playground users.” Participants also appreciate that the structure is more modern and is not trying to create a literal replica of a jellyfish.
 - “It would be nice if the play area looked more sculptural like the photos, something inviting even if you aren’t a kid and visually appealing even if there isn’t anyone playing on the “structures”.”
- “I love the rolling forms, imagining them being accessible to folks in wheelchairs. It would be great if the rolling platform could get up a bit higher, even if not technically “accessible” at least lots of kids in chairs could still get up high (...) Please be sure to provide a wide range of physical experiences, considering the needs and preferences for ALL people.”
- Participants like that there are more play elements lower to the ground for younger children

Play equipment – What images inspire you the most?

Participants were able to click up to four photos shown in the grid according to what images they were drawn to. Below, the dark orange bubbles – photos 2, 7 and 9 – were the three images clicked on the most.





General playground shares:

- “It's also important to have benches and multi-age areas for play, space for sitting, lunching, toilets and of course parking (kids come with strollers and diaper bags etc. galore!) The areas you have depicted that provide reprieve from rain and sun are a great idea!”
- “Please make sure there are plenty of accessibility features available, like bucket swings.”
- “We live in a place that is cold, wet and rainy for much of the year. Your playground idea works for just a tiny fraction of the year. You should consider designing an innovative space the shelters people from the rain and allows for magnificent views.”



Appendix: Full survey results



Ads were placed in various media outlets and social media platforms to promote survey engagement.

Above and Below

What do you like about this picture?

I like the unstructured lines. The design of the slide and the ramp is fun

The undulating waves look fun. But I don't like the giant hunk of "Swiss cheese" that's so prominent...

Sponge Bob Water Cheese! I wanna get on this!

It looks very fun and awesome. Also a lot to do for kids of different ages. Really big and winding.

It's unusual sculptural shape and a feeling of being underwater. It's also looks like its designed for people of all ages to hang out on and enjoy the views.

Variety of elevations, unique equipment

Much too closed in

Looks like an exciting place to explore

It adds variety to the site. A relief from all the hard edges on the rest of the pier.

Appreciate the water connection and alternative shape.

I like the underground cave spaces and the big slide

Wave decks, unique curved architecture in tower, lots of play features scattered throughout.

I appreciate the warped forms and the variety of spaces created, though I wonder if there is adequate visibility throughout. Also, these images feel almost dystopian, or like earthquake ruins which may be the wrong vibe. I like the suggestion that folks with mobility challenges could access a lot of the play without ladders or stairs (even if some slopes are steep).

The elements of nature incorporated into the structure

Wave structure, slide

Waves and water themes but still active

She doesn't like this one. (5 year old girl)

The movement and size of the waves.

The variety of heights and play surfaces. Seems more modern and sea-like.

It's fun, it's quirky. Kids will enjoy climbing features.

I love the curved wave shapes and the over/under water concept. I am concerned about enclosed spaces and poor visibility for parents watching kids play.

I like the undulating waves. I especially like the small black and white sketch at the top with the masts poking out from beneath the waves.

I like that it has a wave theme and feel in the play structures.

The off centerness is fun. The circular parts are appealing too.

Very whimsical and looks like interesting play structures to interact with

Everything! Levels, fluidity, surprise, beauty. First choice

It is the most dramatic interpretation of a playground I have ever seen. It seems european.

Looks like a lot of fun for big kids. Would love to see something for the under 5 year old crowd!

It reminds me of mountains and waves, big slide!

That I don't see any homeless people!

Nothing. Caregivers cannot see children 100% of time. Very bad design.

Love the organic slide climb area lower right picture and the kelp inspiration. As a retired early childhood teacher/director and grandparent; I think the really tall enclosed slide on left sketch looks too high and too hard to help a child who might get in there and scared to go down! It's also important to have benches and multi-age areas for play, space for sitting, lunching, toilets and of course parking (kids come with strollers and diaper bags etc galore!) The areas you have depicted that provide reprieve from rain and sun are a great idea!

I like that it mimics gentle waves of the ocean.

curves and materials

I like the versatile climbing structure.
I don't - It doesn't fit with the beautiful nature environment and views from the waterfront. It appears to be a modern design concept that doesn't fit the beautiful, natural aspects of the waterfront. I was hoping there would be an actual beach here, similar to the short beach just west of the West Seattle walk-on ferry dock. A concern I have about this entire layout, especially the lawn, is how do you keep the bums away? I envision it becoming unfriendly just as the small lawn north of the Public market is.
I like the brown structure with hexagons. I also like the circular, organic edges. And I always love kelp!
I think you are spending too much time designing a place as if it we lived in San Diego. We don't live in San Diego. We live in a place that is cold, wet and rainy for much of the year. Your playground idea works for just a tiny fraction of the the year. You should consider designing an innovative space the shelters people from the rain and allows for magnificent views.
It looks like an amusement park, like something kids would like. (A.W. - 8 years)
It's unique and something my son would be excited to check out.
lots of place for our kids to run and also to play hide and seek. it appears there is an enclosed tunnel slide which would be great!
The Slide & Kelp viewing window.
Bottom right structure (light blue and tan)
my 8 year old daughter likes how you can go under spaces, she likes how it looks like seaweed, swings or other balance elements underneath look fun, slides look cool, and the round windows looking out look fun
least favorite, but the concept is very fun!
Please make sure there are plenty of accessibility features available, like bucket swings. Thanks! I like the picture because it reminds me of EMP
Fluid shapes mirror water theme
Climbing structure and "holes you can pop in and out of".
I like the organic shapes. I also like the areas where you can jump from platform to platform. The windows are also a fun aspect.
We like the twisty style and different heights, this has an artistic flair, lots of interest This concept is our favorite
Honestly, all of them look unsafe for a downtown environment. I would only go there with a much older kid. I mean they are beautiful, and I'm hardly a helicopter parent, but above you talk about how parents said they need to be able to see the whole playground, and these pictures to not show that.
The kelp forest.
The underwater view, the waves
Looks like lots of climbing which is good!
The multilayer, the wave/water inspiration.
Motion, dynamic
I like the openness and form of smaller waves. I'm concerned with the tower/wave being narrow and
Lots of good space for the homeless...
I like the amount of things to climb on and the openings in the bottom right picture. I dislike that I cannot see the whole play structure (top right picture) and worry bad actors might be hiding / using the covered spaces in a way that makes this space not kid friendly
Love the beehive! And the multilayered play surfaces for climbing!
I like this because it is very fun! The light wood/white/blue will blend in nicely to the water. I like the variety of play surfaces. This one is my favorite. My only concern is about sight-lines. Parents usually like to be able to see their kids at all times when they are running around, and the tall structure and solid forms look like they will obstruct views. Rating: 9.5/10

I like the organic forms. The proximity of play space to Elliot Bay make it logical to adopt an aquatic theme. The multidimensional space looks fun to explore. There is a great opportunity to work with the Aquarium next door to create educational opportunities and programming.

explore the unstructured area. Different textures, not a standard playground. Feels like an urban jungle

I love that this mimics waves. Am concerned about this encouraging skate boarders - who need their own space.

you can see so many cool things under the water

I like this one because it seems so wavy and seems like you can climb on it so much fun!

I like the bottom picture

The cheese  thingy...

the slides.

I like the first picture

I like this design because it looks so wavy and it looks like you can climb on it a lot

Rounded shapes, plenty of plants/greenery, looks more natural.

Kelp and curves

Out of the box thinking. Abstract, but still elements of local water environment design that is perfect for the pier. I like this one a lot.

No sane parent is going to allow their child to play on the Waterfront - too dangerous. This project is underfunded for building and maintenance. The city cannot afford to squander money on this.

I love the seawall "wall" that shows the kids what is under the pier! That is really cool! Play aspects that I like as a parent: I like the wavy ramp that kids could run up and down on in the pencil drawing (the big one)- I like how it can be used as a slide or also a running area; I also like the smaller toys in the middle of it - maybe some sort of spinners would be good for that spot? Kids love those! I also like the little hidden areas underneath where kids could sit and "hide" but still be seen easily by parents. I also like the rock climbing wall in the small picture at the bottom right.

This one is very unique! I like the design and the look of this one

The waves seem like a nice element. But looks like Swiss cheese

Places to hide

I love the climbing wall and round slide, as well as the colors.

It looks like a water park! Very dynamic and seems like it will encourage movement.

This design is my favorite. I like the virtual walls to run up, the coverings to hide under and the windows by the slide to pier out of. The wall/slide also like similar to the inside wall of a ship so it has both a under the sea, reef feeling and above sailing feeling. Would likely also attract skateboarders and bikers given the walls would be perfect to ride a board up - consider if you would also want to attract those users later in the evening when there are less children around.

Like the unique playscape and curves

Beautiful and many dry areas to play

From 6 yr old: the wave on the left to run on. (This is his favorite) From 3yr old: the slide

Like that it has a bending tower.

Unique design with climb, slide, hide all built in.

The playground

The water/kelp and the undulating sculptures that follow the shape and grade of the hillside.

The first picture

Looks like a tall climbing structure that would also appeal to older kids. The waves seem to mimic the ocean and look artsy.

It mimics the natural environmental, the water. The structures look accessible for children of all ages.

all

the slide

I like the waves in the picture
the BIG thing that looks like cheese with a slide on it👍
kelp forest is good.
I don't really like it.
it is nice because it has a lot of activities for kids will be doing all the activities so they get more exercise
I like how you can climb.
the Circle things that look pretty fun to play on and one of the things looks like a big piece of cheese
the slide
I like that under some of the play structures there is climbing.
Playground
Because I like climbing
it looks so fun!
I like the holes on the curvy wall and the slide. Also like the climbing ropes under the waves.
The wooden waves.
I like the tower because it has a slide.
I like that there are so many climbing places.
the honeycomb thing
big slide with monkey bars under it
The big building that is curved with the circles and the slide that is coming out!
I like the part of it that slides and the swiss cheese look.
The design looks good. It seems like a fun activity and I know I would have fun there.
The big tower has all the holes and it looks like a giant piece of cheese. With one hand. I like the slides.
I like that you can look out and there's a slide
Not sure. It is hard to see what it is and how I can interact with it. It feels overwhelming though.
I don't like this option at all. The vertical structures are too solid, will block the views. Feels more like a theme park. Areas underneath the structure seem like good places for encampments and hiding spots, less safe for families.
Wave like ocean images are perfect for waterfront and for being adjacent to aquarium as well as look like fun. Don't care for "Sponge Bob Square Pants" structure in the large image.
Nothing
If integrating the kelp into it then that. Otherwise this looks too much like a dr Seuss playground
I like the plants that are underwater.
I like the image in the upper right walking on the hexagon walkway. The main illustration though looks like a slice of cheese. Sponsored by Beechers?
very dynamic feeling and open ended and self directed play. wavy forms fit well in the pier context.
I like the round structures picture in the bottom right handcorner. This is my least favorite design.
We like how it relates to water. The undulating surfaces. Potential to have visibility to the water below. My daughter wants to bring her swimming suit :)
I love the ocean waves/water themed structures! I also love the separate above and below, inside and outside, or interior and exterior, sections to investigate and explore.
We like the natural waves and the kelp wall. Reminds us of the Sound.
The climbing structure is thr most appealing to my 6 year old
Looks interesting, not very inclusive for all kids!
The air holes look cool I like the climbing area
I like that consent
Pier Fun

What do you like about this picture?

I like the imagery of forts. This feels very Swiss family Robinson

Not much. A rustic, wooden look isn't right for the new waterfront, and all those vertical pieces remind me of a stockage where people would be publicly shamed in a central square in the days of yore.

Dystopian Pier. A little creepy. Doesn't say "fun" as much as it says "we had these leftover warf parts and we're gd pirates so suck it"

It ok but not that into this design.

I like that this one feels like a drift wood for that might be built along any one of our beach front parks.

It's okay -looks like fun for little kids. Like 1st option better

Like its openness and multi-level idea, but the design needs lots of work. It doesn't look particularly attractive to use by adults, but kids would love it. The photos are better than the sketch.

Less compelling and less unique than option 1. But does express the pier

A weathered, waterfront feel.

Too similar to so many other playgrounds

Great visibility for parents to see what's happening. Looks like a lot of fun!

Like the rustic feel and ode to the old pier

The scale is impressive, but the forms don't feel particularly special, or waterfront specific. I presume this would be the least expensive of the options?

The ramps for those that can't use stairs

Slide

Lots of climbing structures

She also doesn't like this one.

The Pier Piles are VERY cool. I love the expression of them up above ground.

The use of wood. But feels like a wrecked boat vs an inviting play area

I love the idea of imitating the structure to look like driftwood.

This structure looks fun to climb, the big slide is awesome! As a parent I appreciate the excellent visibility through the play space. I also like the "naturally occurring" look of parts of the play area like the driftwood which allow kids to be imaginative in their play.

Although this one is not my favorite, I like the different levels.

I don't like this one.

Looks fun but not tough or resilient enough for heavy use and not high profile for this location. Wood piers may get vandalized or beaten up and will look poor.

I can see my kids playing on this. It is visible and you can see where your kids are at all times.

The ramps look fun and great for all abilities. Wish that there were swings!!

Big slide!

That I don't see any homeless people!

Nice! Visually open. Evocative of piers along the waterfront and fishing industry (wood poles and nets). Natural materials and colors (better than plastics and bright colors commonly used by generic playgrounds). Visually unobtrusive to non-playground users, although not sculpturally interesting (looks like a pile of building

Hide and seek and climbing logs! Perhaps add some shorter upright logs in incremental height stepping up to about 4 feet. spacing them here and there for hopping from one to another. Real wood logs do get slippery when wet. Slide looks fun for older kids, but again problematic if a kid gets stuck in there - can't see them or get to them. Adding a small slide for timid kids gives choice.

I like the organic material used.

nothing

I love that it challenging enough for older kids to enjoy and shares some elements with the playground at Seattle Center.

You can do better
I like the rustic driftwood elements, the slide, and the multiple tiers of the structure.
Open sight lines.
The cool slide, the fun rope looking things. (A.W. - 8 years)
It's a cool playground but doesn't look as unique.
The timber theme is great with the tall poles. Again the enclosed slide is great.
The slide
Open spaces
My 8 year old daughter doesn't like this one. She says it looks like other places and looks pokey and not that much fun.
very architectural, seems fitting along the pier
Nets look fun for older kids
"It looks like a shipwreck"
The multidimensionality with the multiple levels and various angles. It also doesn't seem to be as tall as the first option which is nice for visibility. Also this slide looks fun.
We like the wood elements
I like this one a lot. It's easy to keep track of the kids while being imaginative.
Lots of climbing elements
I don't like the netting so much, it looks like it would be more fun than it actually is.
like the timber piers and nature inspiration
Place to run, burn energy
I like the "pier" connection. The big slide looks amazing.
Might be a little less comfortable for the homeless
I like the natural look of the beams and the variety of things to climb on and ways to interact with this I dislike the ability to see / track my kid in the netting and would want multiple exit approaches for kids
Love the slides
This would be a great option if the trees and all materials are recycled/reused elements. The images on the right look a little "dirty" and almost run down, so there would need to be a balance of rustic to cleaner lines. Rating: 7.5/10
I like the verticality, but this looks more like a dead forest than pier pilings. If intended to be pier pilings, why not add additional aquatic elements or themes?
Fun but like any othe playground. Feels a bit run down with teh wood pillars.
Encourages all kinds of balancing. Will use lots of hand eye coordination. May be too advanced for the younger kids.
it is so big and I think 20 people can get on it
I like this one because it looks SO adventurous and fun! And it looks fun because you have to balance on some of the obstacles
I like the top picture
the slide...
the nets.
I like the second pichre
I like this one because it looks adventurous and there are so many slides.
Nothing, it looks like a giant pile of sticks.
Reminds of a forest
Boring. Sort of lackadaisical design. I don't quite get it, and I think kids won't like it as much as the other designs.
Great for syringes, garbage etc to roll down!

I like the use of the wooden beans and ropes; I think that would fit with the aesthetics of the pier. I like the bottom right picture the best-- it uses the wooden poles in different angles as climbing structures, which is great! I also like the climbing wall on the side of wall in that picture. However I do need to say, I really don't want wood chips at this park PLEASE! Too easy for needles and feces to hide in and unfortunately that is our current reality that we're dealing with in our downtown park areas! Please do a different type of flooring that is easy for park staff to clean so that it remains safe for the kids. I also like the slide; kids love slides! For the main big picture- I like to look of it in the black and white pencil drawing, but in the bigger color drawing, I think there need to be a few more play elements added to this design-- there are lots of ramps, but honestly the ramps look kinda boring/not much to do on them (unless the goal is to make them ADA accessible, in which case I am all for

Seems like the best option to allow visibility

Climbing and sliding

The spiral slide.

It reminds me of a forest. Looks like the most traditional playground option of the three.

I like how visible the park users would be so it is easy to keep an eye on them. This feels more like a classic park - when I think about the waterfront playground I want something that will make visitors go "wow! This almost feels like a work of art" and excite both children and adults, this one doesnt feel quiet like that.

Fun to climb if not too slippery

From 6 yr : the ramp! From 3yr old: the slide

The curving slide.

Very high slide with great views of water similar to seattle center playground.

Yyyeesss

The rough hewn posts feel like driftwood. I like that the horizontal design draws your gaze to the skyline.

This is my favorite. This feels simple enough that people visibly can see the connection of the design and the piers history.

the second picture

This is very cool too. I like the way it looks a little like a pier.

I like all the climbing and slides. Pretty standard play space though in terms of it's design.

It feels like the forest and PNW. I don't know how accessible this would be for small children (under 5).

all

the slide

it looks fun

I like to climb & it is a good place to climb👍

It's good

I like the color.

It's fun made out of materials from nature what I don't like is it is too hard and risky maybe put a huge bunk bed or net

I like the slide. Ok?

I liked the stairs and the slides

same slide

There is a twisty slide.

slide

The slid looks so fun!

I like the ramps and slide.

The swirly slide.

the tower and the slide

the giant slide

the tube thing

it has a big tube slide
The jungle gym, the slide and the big ramp. I like the whole picture.
I like the ramps
It's different than most parks I've been to. I could run to the top and slide down.
I like the loopy slide. I like the all the places to climb.
I like the swirly slide and the fun ramp
Seems playful.
I like this one better, it feels more open, wood to fit into waterfront piers and context better, like netting for same reason.
Nothing.
Nothing
Feels more nature based. Like bringing the forest to the water
I like the climbing net.
I want to rush up to slide down. It looks like something my kid would love to climb around too.
I like everything about this design and the actual play equipment for kids. I think the design blends best with the pier architecture and surrounds.
My daughter thinks this would be fun to climb. Lots of little areas to explore. Pier pillars are interesting.
I love the variety of elements here although I am cautious about the wood elements weathering or splintering (if that occurs with today's technology).
This one looks the most challenging for older kids - who often get forgotten about at play spaces. The woodland theme is very PNW.
It looks super interactive and interesting but doesn't look very inclusive to all kids...
I like the fake trees.
Sea Dreams
What do you like about this picture?
I like the design. It looks like aliens
If these are supposed to be giant jelly fish, well, that's fun!
Space jellies! Fun, unusual, vaguely space-needley
Cool looking but I am not sure how I can play on it. Like what is there to climb on?
Unusual and interesting play structures. Still like 1st option only.
It looks intriguing and has a few elements (the lower wavy platform) that might appeal for adults to use It seems fun, but may seem too phallic for some.
Jellyfish are great, this looks fun. Combine the jellyfish with the better waves of option 1.
The interesting structures and shapes.
Looks a bit like kelp
Looks like playing on another planet!
So cool, very unique, the children would love coming here. Looks like tons of fun for all ages

The concept here, evoking jellyfish is awesome! The forms are other worldly, almost alien, which is how I see the ocean bottom. I love the rolling forms, imagining them being accessible to folks in wheel chairs. It would be great if the rolling platform could get up a bit higher, even if not technically "accessible" at least lots of kids in chairs could still get up high. Would be amazing if this ramp could extend out over the water in a bridge-like feature similar to the playground at Seattle Center. I see swinging - but do not notice any spinning activities. Please be sure to provide a wide range of physical experiences, considering the needs and preferences for ALL people.

The textile differences

Love the jellyfish design, and the light up steps

Places to hide and play

This one is my five year old daughter's favorite. She says it looks the best.

Feels like jellyfish. Are they enough variable play surfaces??? Love the use of wood in modern design shapes and play ideas.

The jellyfish look almost space-age and I like the varying levels of slides. I worry about visibility in this structure like the first.

Visually, I like this one best. Feels unique and whimsical. It's under the sea themed but in a way I haven't seen done before.

I like that it uses sea images that fit with the PNW surroundings. It's unique. This one is my favorite.

I like that the jellyfish is related to the aquarium and water

The unexpected shapes are interesting. The sea creature theme could have a lot of possibilities.

Like the overall look and theme of this one

Beautiful beautiful image but hard to tell how I get in there and engage with the tops of the jellyfish features.

The slide

It's really artistic. Kids love items then can manipulate a little (steering wheels, drums, music). Again, would love to see something for toddlers!

Looks like a jellyfish

That I don't see any homeless people!

Idea is good: sea theme aligns with aquarium, is sculpturally interesting for non-playground users. Need to ensure caregivers have 100% visibility

My favorite! So creative, different from other playgrounds and provides more "low-down" spaces to play, out of weather spaces, two slides - one for little kids and all kids love jellyfish, octopus and suction cups - so they should be enchanted with it! Maze, climber and curtain of tentacles with "squirties" are wonderful!

So cool. Love the detail pictures. Will really be iconic.

I really like the organic shapes of the jelly fish. They stand in a nice (and needed) contrast to the more rectangular shapes of the seating areas and lines of the flooring on other parts of the pier. I also like the two different sized slides for children of different ages. Sea Dreams looks inviting.

whimsical elements, shapes

I don't like this picture.

The jellyfish are super cute but maybe a little top-heavy? I really like the wider bulb shape on the right, along with the curvy structures on the bottom right corner. Maybe the jellyfish could be inverted so they're sideways or upside down, with the tentacles going outwards or upwards.

Everything! It looks incredible. (A.W. - 8 years)

Very unique. Love the sea theme.

like the jellyfish look. The covered slide is great too.

Slide and climbing structure

My 8 year old daughter likes this picture. She likes that it looks like jelly fish and the idea of the ribbed structures looks fun to run through, and the LED discs look really fun to step on.

so unique and fun!!! I want to be here right now!

Feels organic

This is my favorite. Reminiscent of jellyfish and some echoes of an art museum in Japan

"It looks fun!"

This one also has a fun slide.

This is cool, but again, this does not allow parents to be able to keep track of the kids in a downtown environment.

Sculptural shape to play elements, that do not try to look too much like fake "jellyfish" or "driftwood". More modern in appearance.

Not so much

Looks like more limited surfaces to explore and play on and all would end up congregating at the things that look like jellyfish.

feels like another world

Iconic, beautiful, fun

I like the driftwood look of the upper right photo.

Looks like too much money to spend for outdoor homeless encampments

I like the teeter / totter in the bottom left picture. I don't really all the covered / enclosed spaces here

Everything! But how easy are those going to be cleaned!

I don't like this one, they look too much like mushrooms and I don't understand how the images relate to the concept. Rating: 3/10

I like the fanciful nature of this design, with the larger than life sea jellies as the central element. Nice to feature invertebrate animals and the presentation will encourage imaginative play. Opportunities again to work with the Aquarium next door to create educational elements and programming.

Different Unexplored textures Confusing in a fun way
The whimsy.
it is just amazing it is so like the sea
I like this one
I like this one because it has the SO big Jellyfish and all the slides. And I like it because in the top right corner you see Little circles that you can jump on.
I like the top picture
What I like about this picture is those big things that look like mushrooms.
Both those towers...
the slides.
I like the picture
I like this design because I like the jellyfish and the little circles that you can jump on
Rounded, sloping design. The colors are calming.
curves look like jellyfish
Really makes use of the whole space for playtime for kids. I think it really gets into the mind of a child and their ability to be creative and want of exploration.
Great structures for homeless to camp out in.
I love the huge jellyfish, but the other pictures on the side I don't like at all- the play elements just don't look very engaging for kids and the top right one will break quickly and then be useless. It's hard to see what is going on inside the jellyfish-- if it is something kids can climb up, and sit in the top (please make the jellyfish top translucent if that's the case so parents can see in there!), and then slide down, I think that would be awesome!
Very attractive and seems like a fun play place!
Lots of elements that look like they hide kids from view. But looks very artistic which is very nice.
It's like a fort
The concept is really cute and unique.
Reminds me of jellyfish. This is the one I would choose to play on first. It's the most fun looking and whimsical.
This one is also great! I like how you feel a sense of diminished scale when you imagine yourself in this playground. The jelly fish seem so large and you so small - that is really fun. I like how the jelly fish are both elements to play in, recognizable, looks like art, and you're able to hide in them. If you could do a combination of this and the first that may be really cool
Really cool top domes. Curves
Whimsical
From 6 yr old: the wave on the left to run on. From 3yr old: the slides (this is her favorite)
Like that it is balloon shaped and the space ship-like structure.
Connecting bridge.
My favorite. The natural elements and organic shapes feel whimsical and earthy at the same time. I like that the sculpture has movement, visually.

This is interesting also.
the first picture
Seems very whimsical. Curious what the round structures will be made of.
The structures look like jelly fish; I LOVE the figurative link to the sea. It becomes for only a great play space but a learning opportunity. This is by far my favorite.
This looks like the natural environment and the animals that might live near the pier. It is different from other play spaces in Seattle, it's unique and would be a destination.
all
the jellyfish climbing
I like the jellyfish because they are cool
it looks fun because it has a lot of different shaped stuff
I probably like this one the best because it is so BIG 👍
This is my favorite
I like the shape.
It looks like a skyscraper and hot air balloons
everything
I like the slides and the tiles that light glow in the dark and the maze
sameeee
Jellyfish
I like that there is a huge bunch of slides.
building
I like slides
It looks like a place of fun (because it is)
I like the jellyfish shapes. I like the slide and curvy boardwalk.
The jelly fish.
it looks fun.
it looks like a disco ball
the bouncy thing
Wobbly thing
That it's like the sea under water. The walkway looks like an eel and the domes look like jellyfish. The picture on the right side middle looks like a venus fly trap.
I like the part that looks like the top of R2D2 and that other parts look like jellyfish.
I like the domes with the slides and also the climbing ropes.
It looks climbable and I like the slides. It looks twisty and fun.
I like the slide and wavy ramp
As a nonparent, I love this one visually. The reference to jellyfish is perfect. The pathway/walkway flows between them, and it appears to be at a height that could be accessed by those who cannot climb ladders or are not willing to go higher.
playfulness.

Don't like this one at all, but mostly due to the rendering - it looks too kitschy, too theme park or disneyland. The photos represent a very different picture with more transparency, wood, etc. while still be playful. It would be nice if the play area looked more sculptural like the photos, something inviting even if you aren't a kid and visually appealing even if there isn't anyone playing on the "structures".

Basket like structures reminiscent of crab pots in the middle photo are creative. Not really sure how the jellyfish - like structures are supposed to function

Nothing

Has a concept of future and science to it. Which could "could" be interesting pending on other features integrated, hard to tell from photo.

I like the purple light.

It looks like jellyfish and a fun play on the aquatic aspect of the area

the jellyfish are cool especially if more abstract and glass or see through resin. if to literal will feel like disney land in context of piers and ferris wheel

The bulb slides look very fun and have a unique design that is super futureistic looking.

My daughter thinks this would be "spinny". Love how it looks like a jellyfish

Love this because it is really different from most current structures. Appears as if there is a lot you could (as designers) do with this idea.

The slatted climbing structure looks really fun.

The spheres are cool

It looks like alot of fun