



Waterfront
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PIER 58

Concept Design Feedback Summary

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Executive Summary

In November and December 2020, the Office of the Waterfront and Civic Projects hosted a virtual open house to share the proposed concept design for Pier 58 with the public and to encourage feedback on the playground, restroom and future special events.

Attendance

- 1,174 unique users visited the online open house between November 13 and December 6, 2020
 - Among these visitors, 24, 23 and 18 visited the Simplified Chinese, Somali and Spanish sites respectfully
- 191 views of the [guided presentation video](#)
- 148 responses to the playground survey (two in Chinese, the rest in English)
- 80 responses to the restroom survey (all in English)
- 82 responses to the special events survey (all in English)
- 42 open-ended responses were left on the virtual sticky wall, including 36 suggestions and six appreciations (all in English)

Key feedback

- Respondents want this to be a space that is welcoming for all ages, all mobilities and all other communities
- Overall, respondents were very excited for this new park, playground, and restroom, and encouraged the use of natural materials and additional greenery
- Providing shade, cover from the rain and versatile seating were also important to many respondents
- Respondents have concerns about safety and people currently experiencing homelessness using this space
- *Playground-specific*
 - 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 the view of Elliott Bay from the promenade
 - Many respondents were drawn to climbing features and a rope bridge
 - Respondents 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 in terms of safety
 - The structures should be of play-interest for all ages, including adults
- *Restroom-specific*
 - Many respondents emphasized the importance of cleaning restrooms frequently
 - Respondents want the restroom to be available to everyone who needs it



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- Respondents would like to always see a restroom attendant present when it is open
 - *Special events-specific*
 - There is a lot of energy around the possible activities that could take place. Some would prefer this be more park-oriented than event-oriented
 - Respondents contributed a wide variety of ideas to make this space versatile and multi-functional by hosting live concerts, outdoor activities, cultural events, movie screenings, food markets and so on



Introduction

The City of Seattle’s Office of the Waterfront & Civic Projects is designing a new Pier 58, also known as Waterfront Park, to create a public park, and improve access, safety and flexibility to the pier while offering expansive views of Elliott Bay and the Olympic Mountains. The new pier park is designed especially with families and young children in mind, with a new public plaza, a new children’s playground and a large lawn and trees to provide shade. The pier is also designed to improve the salmon habitat and migration corridor, supporting the sustainability features of the seawall.

Due to the pandemic, all outreach was conducted virtually, including an online open house that was open November 13 through December 6, 2020. It was available in English, Spanish, Simplified Chinese and Somali. Visitors were offered the opportunity to watch [a six-minute video](#) providing an overview of the concept design and to fill out four separate surveys, depending on interest. Each survey focused on a different element including the playground, the restroom and special events. There was also a public virtual sticky wall where visitors could provide open-ended feedback. The online open house received 1,174 visitors.

Outreach and notifications tools

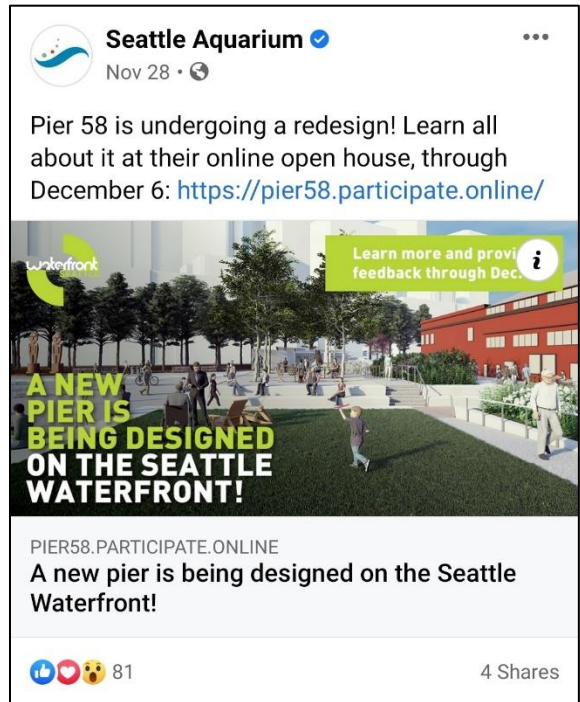
This engagement opportunity was promoted via the following notification methods:

- **Online display ads** in local media publications including South Seattle Emerald, The Stranger, The Daily Journal of Commerce, La Raza NW, Northwest Asian Weekly, International Examiner, ParentMap and Seattle’s Child and translated ads in Runta News and Seattle Chinese Times
- **Corrugated boards** promoting the playground survey were posted at parks around Seattle, including at Green Lake, Magnusson, Gas Works, Seward, Jefferson and Donnie Chin International Children’s Park. The Seattle Aquarium also received a board to place inside the aquarium
- **E-newsletter sent to 12,658 subscribers** of the Waterfront Seattle program email list
- **Social media blurbs** were posted on the Waterfront Seattle social media accounts, including Instagram and Facebook



Boards were placed at various parks around Seattle to promote the playground survey

- **Flyers**, in all four languages, for project partners to share with their communities
- **Emails** sent to target 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
- **Blog post** was posted on [the Parkways blog](#) about the playground engagement opportunity
- A variety of **local media** including ethnic media outlets received notifications about this engagement opportunity
- **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 to promote this feedback opportunity
- 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 themes that visitors would like to see and types of play equipment that visitors were drawn to. We heard from 148 individuals when the survey closed on December 6, 2020. Below is the key feedback that was shared.

Themes

There was no theme that respondents overwhelmingly preferred over another. The shoreline theme was the least favorite, in part because other nearby playgrounds seemed better suited for this theme.



Three themes were presented as options and other themes were shared by online open house visitors

Pier Piles

What people liked and/or additional suggestions:



- This theme fit this location well as it relates to its immediate surroundings and provides some historical context
- The idea of reusing elements from nature was very appealing
- Many appreciated the vertical elements and were really drawn to the climbing aspect that this theme provided
- Respondents liked the transparency that the vertical elements provide and that they do not impact the view to Elliott Bay
- Combining this theme and the marine theme was suggested a couple of times

Some raised concerns:

- There were concerns about this theme only focusing on climbing elements and the desire to have other types of play equipment as well
- Ensure that the ground is soft in case anyone falls
- Glorifies damage caused by white colonists to the original natural shores
- Concerns that netting will make for comfortable sleeping spaces

Shoreline

What people liked and/or additional suggestions:

- The “idea of recycling something from nature” and generally incorporating natural elements/ connecting to the natural environment
 - The natural feel also provides a space for contemplation and relaxation and a good contrast to the manmade environment
- Tying it back to what was in that location before it got built up
- Fostering “active creative play”
- Provides an opportunity to educate about the local ecosystems
- “Since I am a kid I like the aspect but maybe you could actually use logs from actual beaches like in this photograph. And maybe you could put a little creative fake fishing spot for kids of all ages connected by magnets. And with this theme you could probably have a sand box to represent the beach.”

Some raised concerns:

- The use of enclosed spaces that can’t easily be seen could lead to hazardous materials being discarded there
- Structures with low elevation creates some difficulty for those with limited mobility
- A handful of people feel like this theme would be more appropriate at other parks along the waterfront (Myrtle Edwards)
- This theme didn’t feel like it would encourage active play

Washington Waters



What people liked and/or additional suggestions:

- Fits in well since it will be located next to the Aquarium and can provide a free attraction to build on sea life education. On the flip side,
- Like the idea of building on a sea life theme
 - “There could be fun and creative designs related to marine life (kelp-forest-inspired climbing structures; barnacle feather sun/rain shades; depth with clam-inspired structures; etc.), but the theme needs more clarity for comment. Worth more thought and information.”
 - “Ride a killer whale. Climb on an octopus. Shark slide.”
- Could layer this theme with the pier pile theme, such as “bubbles of air and jelly fish rising between the piles. Bring the two together into a multi-layered idea rather than one idea.”
- Use native marine life, such as an octopus
- “It is fun for my kids and I when the play area has some imaginative structures that we don't typically see at play areas. A great example of this are the bird/boat/nest structure inside the Tacoma Children's Museum. Another place that has a lot of cool, imaginative play structures is the Hands on Children's Museum in Olympia.”
- Would like to incorporate educational materials (such as interpretive signs). This theme lends itself well to emphasize conservation and environmental protection
- “Because animals live underwater and I love animals.”
- “I like it because we know more about the land than the sea. And there's way more things to explore in the sea.”

Some raised concerns:

- There are concerns that this theme would make it feel a part of the Aquarium and therefore a pay-to-access environment
- Seems redundant to other playgrounds
- Doesn't blend in as well as the pier piles theme
- “I would bring natural elements onto the pier rather than mimic the forms of natural creatures”
- Doesn't provide enough variety in exercise options
- “I'm wary of anything that might come across as superficial or inorganic”

Other Themes to Explore

- Innovative history of the state - airplanes, technology, medical research, cultural diversity
- Indigenous history and culture
 - “Using native art/design or at least a sign honoring the original inhabitants. Would be a great educational opportunity for kids. Even a timeline of what that particular stretch of land was used for over time.”
 - “artwork, traditional tools (e.g., fishtraps, canoes, etc.)”



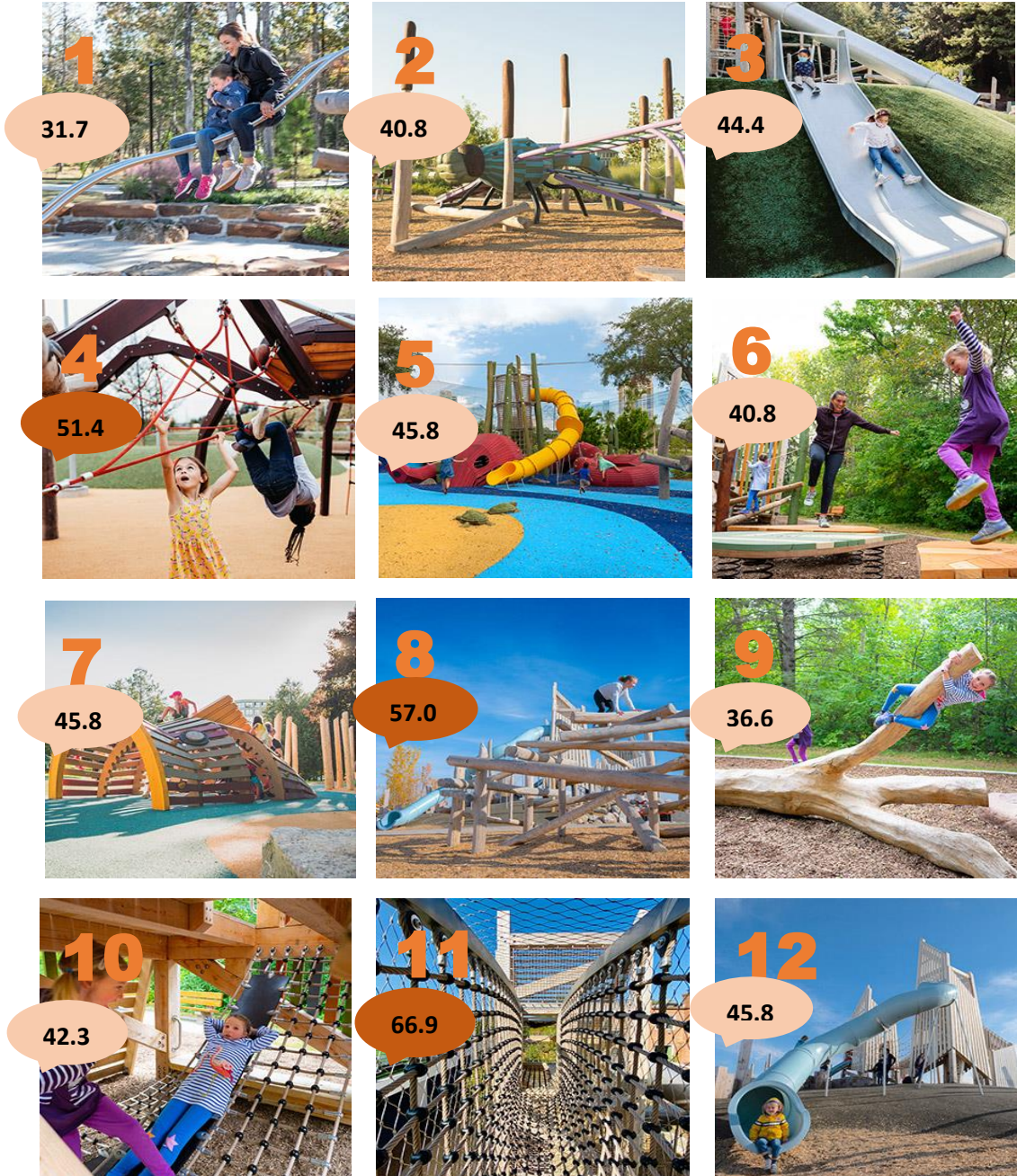
- Stewardship. “Being responsible for what we put in the water and ground, with sustainability and responsibility concepts.”
- “A clearing in a forest” or other way to make this not only a playground but a haven away from the city
- Animals, ranging from bugs to sea life

General shares:

- The themes don’t matter as much as the play elements themselves
- Parents want to easily be able to visually inspect the entire playground in terms of safety (including hazardous materials and where kids could get stuck)
- “Be sure that the structures are of play-interest for all ages (1-90). Everyone wants to play, we just have limited spaces for some ages. Also consider the ability for play to occur in any weather, and how the weather can creatively enhance the play.”
- Some would like to see the space above the open water used
- Some would like to see indigenous design woven in
- “We prefer a colorful playground,” and “I like the natural appearing ones-none with gaudy plastic colors please” (more people were drawn to the natural elements)
- “An underwater playground”
- “Think about how weather can creatively enhance the play”
- Make sure the play equipment is accessible to those with disabilities

Play types – What images inspire you the most?

Visitors were able to click on as many of the photos shown in the grid (which showed up in a different order for each person) according to what photos they were drawn to. Below, the dark orange bubbles- photos 4, 8 and 11 were the three images that were clicked on the most.



Restroom survey results

We heard from 80 individuals when the restroom survey closed on December 6, 2020. A majority of the respondents shared that they have not had good experiences with public restrooms. Respondents shared that the restroom is an imperative need on the waterfront.

What has your experience with public restrooms been like? What would improve that experience?

What respondents said would improve their experiences:

- Cleanliness, with daily/frequent cleaning and disinfecting
- A heated space with a soap dispenser, paper towels and toilet paper. No air dryer.
- Full-time restroom attendant who can monitor the space
- “Improving access for women and non-binary folks (i.e., women's restrooms are equal size, but not equal access; having non-gender specific restrooms allows for more equity)”

What people liked and/or additional suggestions:

- More changing tables in the men’s restrooms
- Providing specific restrooms for families, including changing facilities for young children
- “If the restrooms are well attended then these will be wonderful. Having all touchless sinks, toilets, and dryers would be great.”
- Enough space so it is accessible for all
- “Use of warm and natural materials such as exposed wood, stone elements, clean lines and glass and thoughtful warm lighting (as well as heating!)”
- “The best feature are stalls that have a seat in which a smaller child can sit”
- Ensure restroom is well-lit
- Portland-style restrooms, single standalone stalls
- Restrooms “need ADA wide doorways and walkways”



The restroom will be located on the promenade across from Pier 58



- “A gender-neutral restroom where there is literally some huge signage saying trans people are welcome there, and that lists out a policy to remove people complaining about trans and gender nonconforming people and making them unsafe, instead of the other way around.”

Some raised concerns:

- A mix of concerns and acknowledgement of those currently experiencing homelessness using the restroom
- Concerns about drug use and sex workers
- Not having enough soap, paper towel, toilet paper and toilet seat covers

Whose needs should we consider as we begin to develop the concept for this restroom?

The top five needs mentioned in this response were:

1. Families
2. People with accessibility needs
3. People who are currently experiencing homelessness
4. Older adults
5. Tourists and locals

What people liked and/or additional suggestions:

- “Restrooms should be accessible and all gender”
- “Large batch of gender-neutral stalls with shared sinks”



Special events survey results

Between the 60% and 90% design, the pier design will be refined to include furniture, electrical outlets, event tie-downs and other details. [Friends of Waterfront Seattle](#) will program the pier once it is open. We heard from 82 individuals when the survey closed on December 6, 2020.

Events that people would like to see take place:

Several common themes stood out among all the responses regarding what activities people would like to see take place on Pier 58, including:

- Live music/Concerts
- Art
- Cultural festivals
- Dance
- Street food and farmers markets
- Movie nights
- Kid-friendly events
- Workout activities, such as Tai Chi and yoga

Additional suggestions:

- Several participants expressed their interest in buskers (with magicians, music or dancers) and advocated that the musicians from the Pioneer Square neighborhood should have a permanent busking location
- Some participants suggested having more events taking place at night such as movie screenings, outdoor theater and nighttime sea creature viewing
- Free, educational and public events were encouraged
- Many of the responses expressed their passion for cultural and indigenous events, ethnic festivals and Duwamish celebrations. "More events focused on Native culture - we have such a uniquely rich Indigenous heritage in Seattle and I'd love to see that as education/events."
- Several respondents said fishing activities were important, such as hosting the Salmon Homecoming and providing space for squid-jigging
- Other suggested ideas included poem readings, photographs/art display, puppet shows, speaker series about the local history and environment and charity or other outreach events

Some raised concerns:

- A respondent shared their preference to have this pier serve solely as a park instead of having a dedicated event space like the plaza area. Another participant noted that Pier 62 was available for larger events, and they'd rather have Pier 58 available as a quiet space. "There are many other event spaces along with the waterfront redevelopment and at the market that serve this function. I would rather this function as a park instead of a plaza that only gets used for large events 5% of the time."
- One person raised the concern of having those currently experiencing homelessness using this space



Fixtures that people would like to include in the space:

There was an array of suggested fixtures that were shared; below are some of the most common suggestions:

- Comfortable seating areas
- Picnic tables
- Water fountain or water bottle filling station
- Bike racks
- Lighting at night
- Additional vegetation
- A space for dogs to run and play

Additional suggestions:

- Many respondents encouraged versatile seating with shade and cover to protect from the rain. “The bistro sets in Occidental park are incredible and versatile. I'd love to see more flexible furniture like that.”
- Several comments suggested adding natural materials and minimizing the amount of exposed concrete as it can make a space feel cold and unwelcoming
- Strategically placing light sources to make the space feel warmer
- One person suggested adding USB charging stations
- Another respondent suggested a designated smoking area with a covered place to sit

There were also general concerns regarding crime and people currently experiencing homelessness.

Activities and services that make people feel more welcome:

Overall, having an active space full of people, adequate lighting and food or other things to encourage people to visit, made people feel welcome. Several words were used repeatedly throughout the comments, including:

- People
- Space
- Safety
- Tourists
- Food
- Lighting
- Programming
- Encouragement

Additional suggestions:

- Comfortable and shaded seating for older adults
- Keeping the space clean and safe
- Lighting to keep space easily visible when it is dark
- Music and other programming would encourage people to go to the pier
- Prioritizing the space for people, cyclists and connections to public transit
- Providing signage in different languages (such as tourist information, wayfinding, local culture or indigenous culture) would bring a sense of inclusiveness
- Hand sanitizer stations for public hygiene



- Many respondents encouraged having food vendors in the space. One of the comments was about the combination of food choices, “Integrate food. Only in the US does everything have to be so separated.”
- Encouraging people to recycle and compost
- Making this space an educational place
- Having security or ambassadors would help mitigate safety concerns

Some raised concerns:

- General concerns around safety
- One comment stressed that the design and the elements of the pier should be driven by who spends the most time in the area. Not just visitors, but the residents, restaurant workers, joggers and kids.
- One comment expressed concerns about people camping in this space



Sticky wall (general pier) comments summary

There was a total of 42 notes posted to the public sticky wall available for open-ended feedback about the pier in general, including 36 suggestions and six appreciations. Many people expressed their excitement and support for this project. In addition, many provided suggestions on ways to make the pier livelier, more family-friendly and welcoming, including adding more native greenery and ensuring all spaces are accessible to all. Some also raised concerns around safety and the amount of exposed concrete. Below is a more detailed summary.

Suggestions:

- Movable seating would be in addition to the fixed seating. Include more varied seating options that include using natural elements such as stones and boulders, and that include arm rests on some and no arm rests on others. Another suggestion was to have seating that could face inward, facing someone, or outward, facing away from people
- Additional greenery, especially native plants, and a versatile landscape were appreciated
- Adding covered space would make the space more welcoming
- One comment suggested creating a “welcoming entrance path that leads to a space set apart from the waterfront sidewalk, maybe delineated by a gateway or wide path with plantings that set the space apart from the rest of the sidewalk and feel more sheltered and organic to fit the native character of the environment.”
- Everything in the park should be accessible to wheelchair users
- All activities and events taking place at the pier should be free
- Several comments suggested adding a workout area. “The only one nearby is in Myrtle Edwards Parks. It is old and worn but still gets so much use year-round.”
- A handful commented that the space should be continuously activated instead of only hosting pop-up events. One person suggested “a mini-Pike Place row of stalls/Seine-like bookseller booths!”
- “Would love to see a setup for squid fisherman and salmon fisherman”

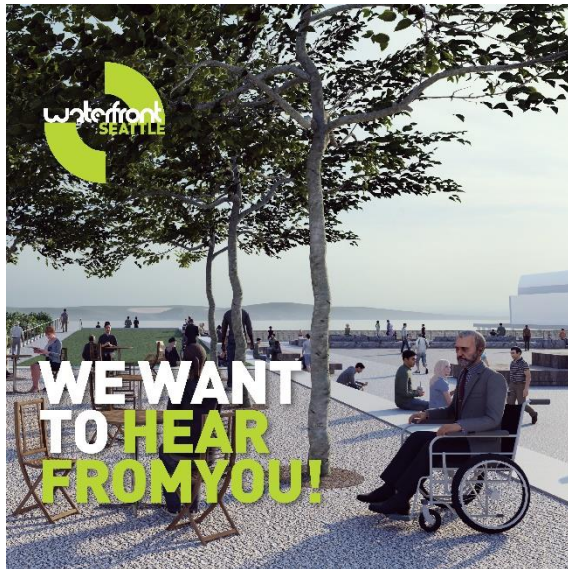
Some raised concerns:

- There were a couple of concerns about adding a playground to the pier, in terms of safety for children, and some comments that celebrated the addition of a playground
- There were some concerns about the amount of concrete being used and suggestions for adding more curves, color and natural textures
- General concerns about safety



Appendices

Full survey results (playground, restroom, special events, general pier feedback)



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



In-language flyers in English, simplified Chinese, Somali, and Spanish, were distributed to community partners and childcare centers at community centers.

Playground Survey Results

What do you like about the pier piles theme?

Pier piles is a classic and was one of my favorite sorts of playgrounds when I was younger!

Fits the area.

Seems cool and different. It would (sorry had to) be neat to reuse some of the original pier post.

This is an awesome way to maintain the theme of this being a pier playground while making it around climbing.

I like that it involves climbing; kids love to climb! And I love that multiple kids can be climbing on this structure at the same time...and it looks like the lower levels also swing? That is a great idea; double use!!

Natural outdoorsy look and feel, fits and blends well with environment. Good for structure and for climbing.

Love it! Very different from other playgrounds around.

Rope bridges

Great idea! Good way to activate the pier for children who will be visiting the aquarium and waterfront.

Good opportunities for vertical uses of the space. The vertical element can allow for unique views around the space and down into the water (cutting the glare). This theme should allow for structures and activities that would appeal to all ages for play (including adults). Good opportunity for natural materials and blending with the local environment.

It reflects the history and current presence of piers and piles in the area. It provided active and athletic type activities for kids. There are other calming and ecological experiences along the waterfront. This space for high activity makes sense. Allow for climbing to a height to get a view or glimpse of the city and water for kids. No reason this can not be as high as the play area at Seattle Center. Great Concept!!!

I really like the netting.

Ages 4 - I like the swing.

It's cool

good activity areas with good visibility and lots of room for imagination

Fits in with the surrounding area. Looks super fun for a wide age range of kids, and is attractive for those without kids (doesn't impede the view).

They will be littered with hypodermic needles from all the drug users who will take over this and any other public space. Why do we spend money on NEW public spaces, when we are letting drug users and criminals destroy the public spaces we have? This is INSANITY.

Super cool concept, fits our landscape/place, but enables creative active play

Love the creative net climbers/swings that are unique.

What I like is that the nets are pretty safe and closer together so you can stand on them.

The climbing nets and swing would be nice.

Built a fishing boat with open rooms and masts with climbing features.

i like it; fits the environment; include marine elements, sculptures

relates to immediate surroundings

I like it! I think it fits in with the historical aspect of the waterfront and does not feel gimmicky, with the possibility of seeming dated in years to come.
I like that there are little rope structures, in between the piles, that kids can play on. I also think that the piles in the water that give the playground a cool look. The piles in the water also mean that kids can swim and hold on to them so they don't drown.
this looks most in keeping with the natural geography of the location
Love this.
I like that this theme integrates well with the waterfront. The rope swings and the bridges would be fun for so many ages.
Elevated large mesh is such a good way for to climb and enjoy. So I really like the pier piles concept.
I appreciate the use of wood, especially with the loss of so much wood and increase in seas of concrete with the new pier replacements. The vertical orientation is also very much appreciated as a counter to the uninviting feeling created by the unbounded open space of the larger piers when not full of people – they can sometimes sprawl, and anything to keep that from getting worse now that they're no longer variegated natural wood in texture is greatly appreciated
I like the idea of pier piles as it connects directly to what will be keeping the new pier standing and the wooden piers have historical context.
maybe you could carve the piles so that they had fish carved in them since its next to the aquarium. And I like the climbing aspects but I think if your going to use this theme it needs other pieces of playground equipment besides climbing such as swings, and a slide.
What exactly are you asking for feedback on? Sure I like the picture of climbing equipment and piers.
My 10 year old likes this one best
No
It is a pier, after all, so it makes sense.
Rope climbs. Great for balancing and sensory inputs
The possibilities of play, as shown in the picture. There can be multiple possibilities for art/sculptures and ways for people to engage with the piers.
Provides contextual connectivity to the history of the pier and surrounding sights.
I don't, it glorifies damaged caused by white colonists to these beautiful shores.
Link to history
I like this one because it is like I ninja course
I like that you can hop on the baskets
connection to the areas history, strong and striking geometry
The hammocks I liked best
the activities.
It's my favorite!!!
I like it. That it has a bunch of climbing areas
It looks so cool the monkey bars
I like all the ropes that you can climb on.
Climbing seems fun and I like the hammock.
Summer
I really like this one! I love the use of rope and wood.
I like that it's place-based.

I love the rope course feel of it. Disneyland California Adventure has something like this called Redwood adventure and kids have a blast running up, down and around it. When you pair it with bridges and other obstacles, it makes for a great game of tag.

I like to climb

Example image: Netting is fun but might turn into a place people try to sleep a night.

It's a well crafted design and seems challenging for kids, which is why they'll like it.

This one is great. Piers on a pier. Reminds me of the climbing you see at the park next to the MoPop and Armory. My kids like that park.

This one is my favorite one!!!

Nautical, adventurous

Fits well with the waterfront, looks like a ton of fun for a lot of different age groups.

It has a lot of ropes to climb on

builds on existing structures and a chance to educate kids / visitors about how piers work and what is done with them (the labor, transit, etc. other than recreation)

I like it because it has safety but it also is active for children to play on. I believe that the nets provide training to children to balance and walk. But if they fall, they will get hurt. So please make the ground out of something soft like sand. Maybe even a trampoline! Please make sure there is a doorway to get in and out of the structure.

What do you like about the shoreline theme?

I like that this theme also plays with the idea of recycling something from nature. This idea seems more accessibility friendly too.

Lots to explore

Not sure how this will work on a pier

Similar as above.

Although I think kids would love crawling inside of a tree, I think this is a bad idea for downtown; there are WAY too many small spaces in there that parents wouldn't easily be able to check for safety. We all know downtown parks have problems with needles, human feces, pet feces, etc....ground areas needs to be easily visible for parents to ensure safety. The inside of a tree trunk (like the picture shows) could have needles, feces, and other dangerous garbage inside these tree trunk structures. Please don't use this idea downtown.

Natural outdoorsy look and feel, fits and blends well with environment. Good for varied terrain and climbing. Could also be calming.

It's authentic to the cliffside beach that was there before.

Not sure how it would be different from Myrtle Edwards?

Bring as much nature as possible onto the pier - boulders, natural logs, sandy beach area?

Love this!

Unless the playground is touching the actual shore, it feels out of place to have a 'shoreline' theme. The low elevation of the structures also seems harder to create play opportunities for all ages and heights. Larger/taller people cannot fit into spaces as easily; being low is not as easy for people with limited mobility.

Other areas more appropriate for this theme. Myrtle Edwards provides this and is a much more fitting location. Having a fully contained 'shore line' between piers makes not sense at all given the richness of Myrtle Edwards and the new Expedia ecology recently opened. Weak Concept.

I don't really like this.

I don't like it. (not sure if she understands the 'theme' part.
Nature
good tactile area shown in photo, better for exploration than exercise though..
I think this should be the focus. There is almost no natural waterfront in downtown. Reminding visitors what the shoreline should look like is important.
I appreciate the natural aesthetic, but it seems like a place for criminal or other unwanted activity to hide out of site.
This will be littered with feces, hypodermic needles, and filth, like all of our other public spaces. Why subject the sea creatures to this as well? do not spend one more dime of taxpayers' money on any public space until you learn to take care of the spaces we already have, that have become destroyed by drug users and criminals - aided, abetted, and coddled by the city council and the mayor.
Nature-oriented, ties to the natural landscape. Love that it fosters active creative play
Love incorporating natural elements into play.
What I like about this is that it would be fun to be inside and it's like a tunnel to go through. And you can get from place to place across the playground in a fun spot.
not for the playground, doesn't fit
Relates to pre-Colonization environment, good contrast to manmade environment
I also like this one as it fits in with the environmental aspects of the Puget Sound. I do feel like there is an opportunity to actually explore the shoreline though close by at the beach area on the Elliott Bay trail. Might be good to have the pier park be something a bit different from things that are close by that families might explore.
I like that there are big logs that kids can play in and on. Also, I like that there is a beautiful view of the ocean that gives me goosebumps. I love that there are logs on the beach that you can jump over making sure that you get energy out.
Love this too.
This theme is also a nice aesthetic regarding the beach and waterfront. Kids love tunnels and logs!
Use of natural wood and stone and connection to nature have the potential to create a very Pacific Northwest contemplative space for relaxation, and to feel comfortable and welcoming with natural forms in the hot sun and rain, with visual interest in textures and nonlinear and elegant complexity of form. Anything to help fight against seas of concrete and open space
Same as above. I want the play area to share themes that the children can see directly from the play area itself.
I like the idea that you can have many things to crawl in. Also since I am a kid I like the aspect but maybe you could actually use logs from actual beaches like in this photograph. And maybe you could put a little creative fake fishing spot for kids of all ages connected by magnets. And with this theme you could probably have a sand box to represent the beach.
Yes, I can imagine my kids play on these
It's on a shoreline that was natural at one time, but it won't look very natural when this is built because it's an urban shoreline.
Reservation with enclosed space like the tunnel pictured. Inside the tunnel will not be "rained on" hence as time goes by it could become yucky (animal dropping, vandalism, blow out diapers, you get the idea) and kids and adults do not want to climb inside

I really like this concept since Seattle doesn't have a lot of shorelines/beaches. If there is a way to allow the public to engage with the sound and allow for the seasonal changes.
Opportunities to include biophilic design.
Reflects pre-colonial environment, opportunities for incorporating Indigenous design elements, culture, and history.
natural elements
I like this theme.
That one!
I like nothing about this one
The Seattle area has so many shorelines that should be explored and celebrated! This has one has many possibilities of ways to educate the public on names of flora, fauna, and the importance of nonliving things (like driftwood and rocks) for our local ecosystems.
educational aspect, playground blends into the landscape
The log
I like this
I like this one
the beach.
Not my favorite but I still like it.
I like that it's supposed to be like a beach
I like these
I like nature this seems fun
I do not like this theme.
good
I like this one because it is next to the aquarium.
Also like that this is place-based, with some opportunity for learning through play. There may be opportunities to collaborate with the Aquarium for early childhood learning programming that complements the space.
Looks like some hiding spaces, I worry a bit about cleanliness and if people might sleep in these nooks at night.
I like the trees to hide in just like animals do
Seems out of place on a dock not a beach?
Not enough gross motor action. Children need space to run and climb.
I like it but it is not my favorite.
Local, peaceful
Sounds like it could be more "natural" and exploration- based. Also I like the focus on nature.
I like that it's natural
Organic and emphasis on the biology of the area, could be used to educate visitors and kids about ecology and environment, as well as native peoples
I like it because it is soft, sunny and relaxing. Maybe add some areas for playing like logs for balancing and hollow tree trunks for tunnels. Also any small caves or trees to make a camp.
What do you like about the Washington waters theme?
Focusing on what we don't see from the surface.
Not sure

It's been done over and over seems redundant.
This would go along with nearby aquarium
I'm not really sure what I'm looking at. Is that a pod?
I like the fact that they have a climbing element, and also a tree fort type of enclosure. However, I don't think they look like they'd blend in with the environment as much as the first picture (with the pier piles).
Not sure what this would be like. But building on the idea of sea life is good.
Waterfalls, dancing waters.
This could be a cool connection to the aquarium
Don't even understand
This seems more out of place than the shoreline theme. I would bring natural elements onto the pier rather than mimic the forms of natural creatures.
Provides local education and awareness.
Unclear what this would even be in physical form. Is the theme jellyfish, or anything inspired by marine life in the Puget Sound? There could be fun and creative designs related to marine life (kelp-forest-inspired climbing structures; barnacle feather sun/rain shades; depth with clam-inspired structures; etc), but the theme needs more clarity for comment. Worth more thought and information.
Interesting idea and could be combined with the pier/pile concepts. "bubbles of air and jelly fish rising between the piles. Bring the two together into a multi-layered idea rather than one idea. Layers of experience with the two ideas together.
Don't really like this much.
Hard to see what it is. I like it if it's a tree house.
Connection
esthetically pleasing but could use more exercise options (a slide?) and to be larger.
It fits in with the environment. Would encourage you to model marine life that is native to the locale or highlighted at the Seattle Aquarium for a nice tie in (like an octopus).
Marine and shoreline animals most interesting.
Maybe they will be safer than the land spaces we have, which have been taken over by drug users and criminals.
Beautiful, looks like fun!
Love the shape of that climber!
I like how you can get so high to get a nice view of everything, the way a cat likes to do.
close to the Aquarium, fits in
Educational opportunity, aquarium proximity makes this make a lot of sense.
I am not totally understanding the concept of this one but I like whatever that egg shaped wood structure is! It is fun for my kids and I when the play area has some imaginative structures that we don't typically see at play areas. A great example of this are the bird/boat/nest structure inside the Tacoma Children's Museum. Another place that has a lot of cool, imaginative play structures is the Hands on Children's Museum in Olympia. The boat the just constructed is AMAZING and they also have a cool slide/nest structure.
What I like about the Washington waters theme is that you are connected to the water, I like the water and the creatures in it.
I don't see the water theme.
I don't really understand this one from the photo.....

This theme seems the most unique among the others, and appropriate given that it will be close to the aquarium and other marine features of the waterfront. This theme also seems like the one most likely to lend itself to emphasizing conservation/fostering the environment, as well as possible Indigenous elements

I'm less clear about what this theme will entail " I think an authentic connection to the region is crucial but I'm wary of anything that might come across as superficial or inorganic

I can't quite tell what that structure is or if it will have any fish or marine life contained in it. But in general it's a good idea with the aquarium next door.

I think that you should have some bouncy springy animal thingies which represent animals in the Washington waters like otters, seals, sea lions, and orcas. I also think that you should have a little map on a bulletin board that has the Pacific Ocean on it aka educational materials.

I don't

This could be quite attractive and educational! Protect the waters! Include play equipment and activities that reinforce the need for clean and healthy waters. The playground could have activities such as feeding the orcas, steering the ferry around the orcas, throwing the trash in the right places, etc.

Looks refreshing! Would be great if a concept where rain can clean the play sets regularly can be developed

What an awesome opportunity to bring some below the surface style experiences and playful education to children of all ages - and a perfect setting for it!

This can correspond with the aquarium and become an outdoor continuation of it.

Expansive opportunity for inspiration from colorway, to the flora and fauna.

it's ok.

natural - but easier to keep clean and safe

beauty

Because I like to swim

I like this one because it looks fun and I just like the theme

I like this one

This theme has the potential to be quite magical- while also educating the public on sealife we don't often get to see up close. (This is my favorite!)

educational opportunities, ability to build on theme to make creative playground concepts that are also pleasing to look at

I like the ladder

sea creatures.

Not my favorite but I still like it.

The idea of having a underwater theme.

I really like the ocean. I like the play structure that looks like a jellyfish

I like the waters theme because it looks interesting.

Because animals live underwater and I love animals.

I like a water theme.

sea creatures would be cool

this theme is interesting. I love jellyfish.

I think this theme could be interpreted in many fun and creative ways.

I like this one.

I love this!

Place based again, with a strong opportunity to collaborate with the Aquarium for early childhood learning programming that complements the space. Designs could/should reflect opportunities to learn through play about relationships between people and the habitats and organisms of the Salish Sea.

Fun - interesting, looks like little rain droplet tree houses.

These are good for hide and seek games

Best idea of the 3 - cool opportunity to bring a bit of learning + fun to the playground aspect

I like it because we know more about the land than the sea. And there's way more things to explore in the sea.

Could be fun, but again, we need climbing structures for kids. They love being up high and running around.

This one is also cool. Would work well with the piers. A combo would be fun.

I like it but it is not my favorite.

prefer this one

Ties to the aquarium, educational opportunities

I love the alliteration in the name, I like the idea of focusing on water as it is such an essential component of life here in Seattle. Plus kids love water.

I like that is very ocean themed

Same as shoreline - emphasis on biology and the bay, good education and ecology opportunity

I like it because it is breezy and it looks cool. Maybe it should have a diving section or a swimming section. It should also have a shop that lets people rent swimming/diving/boating equipment. They should also sell bird seed and food for fishes.

Are there any other themes you'd like us to explore?

A local art hat tip is always a safe bet. Something Kraken themed.

I would like to encourage everyone to reduce the use of hostile or defensible architecture to keep away people experiencing homelessness. Please provide benches without arms, without spikes, etc. Families aren't just healthy young parents, they are grandparents, they have disabilities. When you use hostile architecture you also make it hostile for other populations.

Themes might be a cute idea for adults, but as a parent, I will honestly say kids don't really care! They want items they can actually play on/with! I know that having an artsy vibe will be important since this park is in a very touristy area, but please remember that it's being built for kids to actually enjoy. The theme doesn't really matter to them as long as it has many elements to play on! And parents just want something safe downtown for their kids to play on, which at this current time, means that consideration needs to be taken for making sure this part does not become a homeless encampment. To me, the "Washington Waters" scheme would be an easy spot for homeless people to camp out, for example. (like in Denny park, homeless people sleep in the areas of that playground that are covered and have bench seats). Parents need to easily see the ground area of the entire playground (to inspect for needles, feces, etc) as well.

Solar system/ space. Boating

How about something that highlights the innovative history of the state - airplanes, technology, medical research, cultural warmth and embracing diversity - we rock!

Sea creatures theme. Ride a killer whale. Climb on an octopus. Shark slide.
Bring elements of indigenous peoples - artwork, traditional tools (e.g. fishtraps, canoes, etc.).
Stewardship - being responsible for what we put in the water and ground, with sustainability and responsibility concepts.
Be sure that the structures are of play-interest for all ages (1-90). Everyone wants to play, we just have limited spaces for some ages. Also consider the ability for play to occur in any weather, and how the weather can creatively enhance the play.
Make sure the park is distinctly public in its presences and perception so as to not look like it is part of the aquarium. The aquarium is wonderful but this new space is public in the fullest sense of the word and should not be perceived as an extension of a pay to access environment.
No
No
boats to climb/captain would be a big hit with kids, sails, steamships, rowboats, canoes...
Something on the pier should honor and reflect the indigenous culture that lived in the area before the city was built up. Using native art/design or at least a sign honoring the original inhabitants. Would be a great educational opportunity for kids. Even a timeline of what that particular stretch of land was used for over time.
Yes - explore not spending one more dime on any new public space, when you make the existing public spaces around OUR HOMES a THREAT to our very safety. The mayor, city council, and anyone who works on public spaces should be forced to live in tents in homeless camps, since they seem to think that they are such great ideas.
Natural play elements like logs, boulders and native plants with paths for kids to explore. Native PNW theme connected to the waterfront and native peoples
I'd love to see the space above the open water used. Perhaps netted tubes to crawl through?
Lots of active play for kids, climbing towers or fishing rope webs leading to a tower top with a slide to return to sea level. Balance planks, monkey bars that move as you cross on them. Great pictures below! Use all of those components! Not too much peripheral seating. That wastes space.
shipping/maritime
We prefer a colorful playground.
It would be interesting to see how native people's history could be woven into the park design. Not sure if that would be insensitive....
One more theme I would like is a school and pool near the playground and an underwater playground.
I like the natural appearing ones-none with gaudy plastic colors please
I would love to have an embrace of natural forms and materials and a contemplative space that draws on natural complexity and pushes back against the linearity and simplicity of a lot of newly constructed spaces within the city. The feeling of a clearing in a forest would be a wonderful theme to explore, as would an embrace of historic native art forms and technology In a way that some of the best of Vancouver BC architecture does well
Keep it natural looking, even if it's high tech. Modern-looking structures will only detract from the overall natural themes which seem to be planned.

Pirate ship.
Why is there only white kids in the pictures below?
Something that focus on renewable energy and sustainability as well as inclusiveness and social equity
Historical: being able to show what the area use to look like
Maritime history - opportunities for industrial materials.
Food such as,hamburgers or sausage or bacon or noodles Like a bacon slide or noodle bars.
animals
Merry-go-around. seesaw. Double swings.
Merry - go - around. Seesaw. Double swings.
A ball pit and a Bench
YES
Pool, Zipline, And Tall climbing structure.
bugs
water slide into a pool
black hole theme
Christmas
A play space could be a great opportunity to introduce kids and visitors to the Coast Salish cultures that lived and live along the Bay.
Consider a castle theme - St. Edwards park has some really neat structure, it is large, spacious with different activities like a zipline, swings. A pirate ship theme would be cool as well. With nooks for hiding and netting to climb and places to keep people prisoner. Another option is something like Tom Sawyers island in disneyland. There are many static structures, and almost types of tunnel mazes that keep kids small and adult entertained and running for a long time.
NA
Ocean animals of the PNW Ships + Sailing Mythical PNW (sasquatch / kraken)
Ninja themed
We don't want a playground on the waterfront! I live on the waterfront and the kids and their parents are rude, don't wear masks, leave their garbage everywhere.
Pool, and Zip-line.
I want you to explore more ziplining thingies
Please include playspaces for disabled kids - blind, mobility, etc.
Please add a food stand and a water filling station. Also a small kids traintrack with moving trains for kids to control.

Restroom Survey Results

What has your experience with public restrooms been like? What would improve that experience?

We need so many more in Seattle. We have so many homeless people on the street and we need to provide for them. Plus I know many people who have been uncomfortable while in the middle of Seattle looking for a restroom. Myself included!

restroom monitors limit number frequent cleaning

Okay but cold water, not enough soap. Need warm water to clean hands. No air dryers because they blow germs around. Restroom needs to be heated in cold weather.

The ones in the market have been okay. Clean, well lit, feeling populated is good.

Something like the SeaTac airport. Or that bathroom at the Ballard Commons

They don't stay clean

This question feels loaded. Most people will likely say that their experiences around public restrooms was poor, and that question leads folks to that end. Public restrooms are humane for ALL people, not just a place for homeless people. Sound Transit decided not to include restrooms at most of their stations partially because the public didn't want it. A story came out of a mother who called Sound Transit's customer service in tears because her kid needed to use the bathroom, but there wasn't anywhere to go. The kid ended up peeing himself. We cannot keep eliminating public resources because we don't want the homeless around. They are here. And if you don't give them a bathroom, they will do what they gotta do, just like that mom's kid.

Seattle currently has no public restrooms downtown. As a parent with kids, this has always been very problematic and we've been at the mercy of cafe owners many time begging for a bathroom. Public restrooms would be a fantastic idea, especially with a full time attendant; YES please!

Widely varied, largely based on cleaning, upkeep, and safety measures. An important service to support actively engaging in the city, especially with kids.

No druggie bums. How do we get that figured out?

All public restroom experiences have been awful, particularly in parks. I'm extremely concerned about the homeless utilizing the space to bathe and other unhygienic activities.

My experience with public restrooms is that they are frequently vandalized and destroyed. A public restroom on Pier 58 needs to be durable with elements that prevent illegal activities from occurring inside.

Concerned that it will become a magnet for homeless and drug users.

Very regular leaning service and security. This will take a commitment to budget to pay for this long-term. It may make more sense to provide restrooms in the new aquarium building and make those accessible to people without tickets but under watch of building security.

Public restrooms are imperative, and thank you so much for including them in the design. Hygiene (smell and cleanliness) are important to the design.

The ability to use relieve oneself (preferably in a toilet) is a basic human necessity. This should not have a cost, be behind a private space, or put people in a situation of needing to ask permission. Seattle has far to few public restrooms. Too often our city relies on corporations to provide the facilities, which creates complicated access issues especially when not during business hours. Those restrooms that are public are often in parks and are erratically locked. Restrooms need to be accessible 365 days a year from early morning until late evening (if not 24 hours a day). If we want people to feel comfortable going to and using a space, we must have restrooms available and accessible.

Make them clean and open. A closed public restroom is one of the most disappointing experiences one can have walking the city.

It's not clean

<p>the are cold, damp and dingy, usually smell and have vandalism. I am grateful they are there though... An enclosed heated space with an attendant to keep it clean would be great. better lighting (more peasant and well laid out) Music or something to soften the acoustics, a waiting area with benches and mirrors.</p>
<p>Make sure soap/TP/paper towels are always stocked. Clean up graffiti/tagging. Do not allow intravenous drug use or prostitution.</p>
<p>Portland toilets seem to work well</p>
<p>Restrooms in the market are used constantly and are often crowded. Make sure these are appropriately sized.</p>
<p>Typically public restrooms are cramped and smelly. So in addition to the cleaning and an attendant you already have planned, please consider air filtration and enough space for accessibility by all. Also hand washing or sanitizing stations outside can help reduce long wait times during crowded events.</p>
<p>Most public restrooms are filthy. Regular daily cleaning and disinfectanting scheduled is a must</p>
<p>Not having to touch the flushers, faucets, and doors would be nice. I've seen foot handles on doors (where you can step on a cantilevered step attached to the door and pull with your foot) and foot pedals that activate sinks. For disabled people, this foot pedal could be a wide ramp a wheel chair can roll onto and an abled person can stand on. I'm also fond of the unisex, independent stalls with shared wash area idea.</p>
<p>Locking them all up and removing them all. They are places where criminals and drug users ply their trade, including the sex trade to pay for the drugs they buy and sell there.</p>
<p>they'll need regular maintenance but are a much-needed feature of downtown</p>
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<p>If it's clean and well-designed it will be a huge asset.</p>
<p>Hmm, tricky question. They're necessary but can also attract unsavory types and activities. But, if they are monitored and cleaned that sounds great!</p>
<p>If they were kept clean almost always</p>
<p>Doesnt feel like we have any</p>
<p>I avoid public restrooms and usually stop in for a refreshment or snack at one of the many businesses if I really need it. No business has ever turned me away from taking a grandchild in for an emergency stop. I've lived downtown for 15 years and have seen many options come and go and am not sure how you will ever solve the abuse that takes place in them. Maybe when there are many more people around, there won't be so much nefarious activity. More cleaning attention would probably help.</p>
<p>Very little amenities is usually the case. Most public restrooms have the basics like hand soap, hand dryer and toilet paper. Some may not have toilet seats or covers. And, usually it's a standard adult height sinks and toilets.</p>
<p>as long as they are managed and kept clean it is a great idea and definitely needed</p>
<p>If there was an attendant I would be fine with it. I have vivid memories of the Pike Place bathroom as a kid and it was always an eye opening experience.</p>
<p>I like the restroom idea.</p>
<p>We need more changing tables in the men's bathroom!</p>
<p>If the restrooms are well attended then these will be wonderful. Having all touchless sinks, toilets, and dryers would be great.</p>
<p>Cleanliness is key</p>
<p>Public restrooms are mostly fine, particularly if they're in higher tourism areas that seem to get more resources for cleaning/maintenance. Having changing facilities for young children is really helpful, as is improving access for women and non-binary folks (i.e., women's restrooms are equal size, but not equal access; having non-gender specific restrooms allows for more equity)</p>

In the downtown area they have been frequently uncomfortable even when clean. The design language is typically clearly designed with response to drug use and homelessness as design priorities, and response to other users such as visitors and tourists subordinate (cracks in stalls, low doors, unwelcoming and sterile cold materials). Use of warm and natural materials such as exposed wood, stone elements, clean lines and glass and thoughtful warm lighting (as well as heating!) would go a long way towards making these public spaces feel safe, welcoming and designed for their inhabitants

secured and closed when attendant is not there on site.

I've never been to a clean public restroom so hearing about a full time service to ensure clean bathrooms is intriguing and leaves me a little skeptical but very hopeful.

I think everyone's experience with public restrooms has been less than optimal. The need for a full-time attendant is a MUST and the restroom must be kept spotless. The attendant MUST have the authority to remove undesirables from the restroom. Otherwise families will avoid it and before you know it, the pier will become an undesirable location which families will steer clear of. Which is the last thing we need.

Clean facilities that get regularly cleaned

Many public restrooms are used for drugs and prostitution, so they are not welcoming for the public. Many public restrooms in Seattle are closed to the public. For example, the downtown Target store is three stories high and purportedly welcomes shoppers to spend more than 10 minutes, but the restrooms are closed to the public. Downtown Seattle has very few public restrooms and the available restrooms are not clean or bright.

Bigger stalls A care giver often has to bring my two children into the restrooms, and small stalls make it very difficult to safely bring two kids in but in public places I can't let one child stand outside the stall. Lower toilet seats or urinal for little boys Steps for little kids to wash hands OR little sinks for little kids

If we could keep them clean.....maybe a public / private restroom w a small fee for use and cleaning in between uses - similar fee structure to a bus ticket

Restrooms aren't always open when I want them (evenings, winter). Having the full time attendant should help with cleanliness as long as the city has the funding for a 12 or 16 hour day.

YES PUBLIC RESTROOMS. There are so few places to use a restroom currently--what do we expect people to do? Not everyone can hold it.

Cold, dirty

Most public restrooms that don't have attendants seem to be dirty and sometimes vandalized. Of course, that is probably because the Parks Department has not been adequately funded for replacing older restrooms or providing attendants. The full-time attendant is a very good idea.

There is a horrific lack of public restrooms in seattle. A restroom with many stalls would be best. Specific restrooms for families would be helpful. Ideally they'd have a separate entrance and lock at night.

This restroom will be the hit of the waterfront! And as a nearby vendor, I thank you for helping keep our tourists comfortable and our individual business restrooms manageable by only needing to serve our customers. If numbers I hear of 20.5 million tourist per year by 2025 are accurate, this restroom must be sized appropriately. And as people enjoy the waterfront longer once the pier is open, restroom use will be increased even more. Please help keep the area clean and safe and ensure adequate restrooms for everyone.

Absolutely need them, Office of the Waterfront knows what it'll take. Have separate places for parents with kids.

I have little experience - except I remember the "self-cleaning" bathrooms and remember hearing that someone got stuck in there once - so I mostly avoided them. I feel that having public restrooms are important - yet it's challenging to keep them safe and clean.

trouble finding them! We need more of them. MAke them well lit and clean

sometimes dirty

Not good. Need frequent cleaning.

Too dirty, I would like them to be more clean.

I like the Portland-style restrooms that are single-stall

Dark, dirty and unsafe. Regular maintenance and monitoring can address. Natural light.
The downtown ones are always sketchy especially at Pike Place market. No touch soap, and motion paper towels and automatic flushing and maybe even doorways would be nice like they have in Japan.
Very dirty, smelly and uncomfortable. Having an always-on attendant would be a bit change in how public restrooms are operated. Stocked TP + seat covers is really big. Smell and floor cleanliness is really important.
I think you should not do porta potties because porta-potties are not really good
I love the idea of public restrooms! They need to have child sized toilets, urinals, sinks, and water fountains. I imagine a lot of field trips with elementary and preschool age children will visit this area since it's so close to the Aquarium.
I am ok using the restrooms at pike place market, though they are a bit older in design and narrower, they're mostly clean. Modern bathrooms need ADA wide doorways and walkways. And still be clean!
Too dirty! Clean it up!
Warm water. Kid height sinks
I think it's essential we have restrooms for the kids. The best feature are stalls that have a seat in which a smaller child can sit (and ideally be buckled in while a parent uses the restroom and/or while a parent changes the diaper of a younger child. This is such a nice safety feature and definitely improves the life of a parent juggling young kids.
Mostly I have OK experiences with public restrooms. I don't like it when homeless people are unwelcome in them and I would like to see a space where people can use it however they need such as showering, a sharps disposal container, etc. Also we need facilities that accommodate child care / baby changing or multiple people in a stall, including dads with kids. A gender neutral restroom where there is literally some huge signage saying trans people are welcome there, and that lists out a policy to remove people complaining about trans and gender nonconforming people and making them unsafe, instead of the other way around. Make sure there is enough staff to keep them clean/maintained, and the staff all get enough PPE.
Not very good. Please improve by adding automatic plastic cover on toilet seat(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OFIJrAHE7Xk). Please clean bathroom every 4 hours. Have taps at lower level to wash hand and feet of little people.
Whose needs should we consider as we begin to develop the concept for this restroom?
Gender neutral bathrooms with a shared hand washing space. Individual roos for privacy would be nice but I'm unaware of the negative side effects that come with that.
family sized units- separate from single access ; larger than typical ADA stalls to allow a helper
Families, elderly, limited mobility,
Elderly, disabled, people with young children
Homeless and drug use
Make sure to have facilities for handicaps and more individual stalls
Seniors, people with disabilities, parents with small kids/infants, people experiencing homelessness. Any human who has to use the bathroom. Why would we consider some bathroom needs over other bathroom needs?
Considering physically disabled would be essential of course, but considering kids would be great as well by having a lower sink/soap area for kids to be able to reach. Other than that, I think prioritizing safety and minimal mess would be ideal.
Consider a way to safely incorporate homeless restroom/ shower services. Parents with young children. Disabled Elderly.
Handicapped access is #1!
The tourists and taxpayers; not the homeless!!
my suggestion would be to design bathrooms to be as durable as possible and include elements that keep it from being too private, so that illegal activities do not occur inside bathrooms.
Security and accessibility.

ADA accessible, transgendered safe, kid-friendly (low urinals), changing tables for babies, water-free, hand blowers vs towels.
Families and ADA-accessible. Clean stations for on the way IN and OUT. Signs explaining why hygiene - washing hands - is so important for public health. And pride in keeping the restrooms clean, safe and OPeN.
Full access, no barriers, for everyone.
Residents, street vendors and bike taxi workers, walkers. Anyone that needs a restroom regardless of income. The restrooms at Seattle Center NW of the fountain are a great example if too big for this site. Clean, approachable, and open.
Families
Families with children who need to pit stop with a large group, exercisers who may need to wash their faces/sweat off, homeless who may be worried about their possessions while they use the facility.
People who are using the park bathroom by choice and not by necessity. Too much of our infrastructure caters to people in crisis/who have no other option and that leads to the deterioration of public facilities. We can provide sanitation facilities to unsheltered people elsewhere, please let the new waterfront park serve the taxpayers who are funding this project as well as our visitors.
General public and tourists
Gender neutral if space allows
Wheelchair access, safe for those who are older/use walkers or canes, enough space for a larger person.
Families with young children and those with disabilities
Trans communities, disabled, people with small children
Do not build it.
homeless, families
homeless, families
People with disabilities, families
Families with babies and children and tourists from other countries.
People with strollers and wheelchairs.
Those who need it. I hate begging restaurants to use their bathroom.
Children and adults. Hand bars parallel to toilet seat so kids don't have to touch toilet seat. Hot water as well as cold. Plenty of soap. Avoid air dryers- too noisy when placed at hand level. Studies show this level of decibels damage kids hearing. Actual painful for them.
1) Toddlers; 2) parents with young children and often have their hands very full with bags, jackets, strollers and or carriers to carry with them. Please consider to install: 1) one low sink 2) one changing table 3) one low toilet for toddlers 4) hooks on the wall to hang bags and jackets are super helpful. 5) Wider stalls for moms and dads to assist potty-trained toddlers in the stalls.
opening hours need to coincide with hours of businesses; must be kept clean and free of charge; must have controlled access and monitored
Families and tourists.
Everyone.
Parents with young children. They have strollers, diapers bags and want clean, safe, and accessible restrooms to help their little ones go potty.
special needs adults and kids; low changing tables; regular changing tables; our homeless population-maybe there could be a shower with some supplies always stocked
Unsheltered folks in Seattle need spaces to use the restroom and dispose of trash/needles in a safe way Disabled visitors and young families need a way to enter/exit the building easily Non-gender confirming folks need to feel comfortable using the restroom without feeling "othered"

Please consider the needs of locals who live in other neighborhoods and would like to stroll along the waterfront without dreading using a cold or uncomfortable and non-private restroom. Perhaps if an attendant is present the restrooms can be a bit more private, but at least use of warm and artistically considerate materials would go a long way to creating this sense of safety and place. Please also be considerate of tourists who are far from home and whose experience with the design of these public amenities can be a memorable reflection of our local values and who are in need of a comfortable place to use the restroom. Additionally, a way to allow use by the homeless while keeping the environment safe and comfortable for others would be helpful. Design elements that foster a sense of comfort and belonging would be greatly appreciated to help make the space inviting and comforting for everyone who uses it.

The youth and elderly, as long as it's accessible for all ages and has a place to change diapers it'll be super beneficial.

Simple. Male and female areas. You use the one which is your assigned sex at birth.

All users

The public at large, as well as visitors.

Make it airy and spacious, welcoming to families and the elderly. If stalls don't go all the way down to the ground, that might prevent people from sleeping in the stalls. If the stalls are covered in translucent glass, that would alert others that more than one person is in the stall. The State Parks have moved from single sex group restrooms toward individual stalls, but I can see that as problematic.

Parents with children

Thank you for including public restrooms!

I like a large batch of gender-neutral stalls with shared sinks.

kids. elderly. adults with children. individuals with unique access needs. BIPOC communities. artists.

families visiting the park and un-housed neighbors - how can they both be safe and comfortable?

No steps. Accessible to all. Separate male and female restrooms with another separate room for families and gender confused people.

It's vital to support all people (tourists, homeless, families, locals) and needs to be accessible and free.

Besides the obvious (all genders, all abilities) please consider tourists with bags and things they need to put down temporarily, and please consider the dozens of businesses nearby that will be required to take the overflow (literally) if these bathrooms are not sized sufficiently.

Kids, Kids, Kids. Elders, Elders, Elders, Women, Women, Women.

The elderly and people with disabilities- who often avoid venturing out unless they have easy access to restrooms. In the last years of my mom's life, I was only able to convince her to take a trip to the beach or a park if I could identify where the bathroom was - that didn't involve many steps away from the parking lot or the our houseless neighbors, people with disabilities, should be usable for people traveling along the

family sized stall

We need to think about people with disabilities.

Consider that lots of types of people will be sharing space in this downtown area, including homeless/mentally ill, so keep it very open and free-flowing so nobody feels cornered/barricaded in by physical barriers.

Whose needs shouldn't you consider? Restrooms should be accessible and all gender.

The people who live in the area.

Families. Places to park strollers inside the restroom. Changing stations in the men's bathroom. If there are mens and women's bathrooms offer a non-gender bathroom for anyone as well. Places for women to breastfeed that are clean and away from toilets. Accessible sinks + mirrors + hand drying equipment.

Find people so we need something what has something what would get something what will make blind people know the restrooms over there

Children's needs and gender neutral bathrooms. As a male teacher, I can't comfortably supervise my preschool children who are girls when they go into the women's bathroom and I don't want them in the men's only bathroom. Gender neutral bathrooms is the best in my opinion.

Always ADA accessible. Super important for my family. AND with that in mind, a stall large enough, or better yet a family restroom, for changing my older 'disabled' child who wears adult diapers. We would love to preserve his dignity when using a public restroom. Also thank you for asking this question!

KIDS!!!

Baby change space, not women-only

I think the key pieces are those you already have in place - staffing to ensure the restrooms are not used for dealing drugs, and cleaning throughout the day. I do think it would be nice to offer both general public restrooms (especially important for people who are homeless, so they could count on having facilities available during the day) and also family restrooms - ideally the kind with a single room, so a parent could take multiple children in at once, and have plenty of space for a stroller.

Parents, homeless, trans/gender nonconforming, disabled and chronic illness, people who get their periods, senior citizens

Please consider needs of moms because: 1. Moms have to sit on the toilet to pee. So it should be clean 2. Mostly moms bring children to playgrounds

Special Events Survey Results

What type of special events would you most like to see take place?

Cultural events! Tours! Live entertainment and performances!

not farmers market- please don't compete with the market. music plays dancing active events- like temp skate boards, bikes, wheel chair competitions art science fairs

Buskers, dance, music, big games

Drum circles, native carving, music, dance, volleyball

Street fairs movie nights outdoor theater

Concerts, dancing, anything!

Musicians from the Pioneer Square neighborhood having a permanent busking location.

CONCERTS!

Summer movies, street fair, Farmer's market, House Music DJ's, night time sea creature watching,

Festivals, markets, Pride events, cultural presentations.

Music and craft festivals

Live Music!! Speakers and authors/book signings.

Movie screenings, pop-up markets, acoustic concerts, events tied to aquarium.

Free, non-commercial activities. Hands on arts and crafts. Environmental education. Concerts. Diverse cultural events, especially curated around juxtaposing shared influences and intersectional styles.

Annual squid fishing events. Tugboat Racing celebration center. Orca Birth Celebrations Salmon Return Celebrations. Civic events and gathering that respond to activities that are already here and are important this place that should occur at the waters edge of Elliot Bay and Salish Sea.

Concerts kids activities

Concerts, art and dance! Seasonal events and ceremonies. Exercise classes!

Concerts programmed by KEXP Dance from PNB Think programming along the lines of Summer at SAM We have a wealth of performing arts and creative/cultural talent here -- let us book cutting edge local art/music/culture and push the envelope. Employ our most daring and bold curators. Do not be conservative in our aesthetic

I don't think this space makes sense as an events venue. There are many other event spaces along the waterfront redevelopment and at the market that serve this function. I would rather this function as a park instead of a plaza that only gets used for large events 5% of the time.

Outdoor entertainment (movies, music, theater). A regular food truck meet-up for lunch options (for the local office workers), or an occasional evening happy hour/dinner event with food trucks. A Native/Indigenous

Like you said in the video, concerts, farmers markets, also art shows and other entertainers.

I would like for the city to play documentary films of European and Asian countries who know how to deal with criminals and the mentally ill, so that we can all become aware that we live in a third world country. Maybe we would develop a healthy sense of shame and start to believe that we deserve better.

Family friendly concerts, special events, puppet shows, theater, dance, Duwamish celebrations, ethnic festivals

Performers

Bring back summer concerts! Even if they're small and local. Lunchtime and evenings. Boat and kayak tours.

Parades! Indigenous events - dances, talks. Special speakers about the history, what's in the water - animals and

Musical events, poem readings, climate talks, other meet ups

just buskers would be fun with music or magicians or dancers. You have the whole other pier for a larger venue

Music of all kinds.

Street food market

concerts, but would have to end at reasonable time due to residents living in the area; art displays, i.e.,

Salmon Homecoming, craft fair, winter fair

Concerts would be awesome!

Food festivals.
concerts :) ya know once COVID is over.....also charity events, fundraisers, community gatherings
More events focused on Native culture - we have such a uniquely rich Indigenous heritage in Seattle and I'd love to see that as education/events
concerts
Not particularly excited about special events. Apart from events centered on music and food, would love to see events though that bring together the community in unusual and meaningful ways, such as opportunities for mixers and to meet strangers from different jobs and walks of life " like a community showcase or speed-interaction, public discussions and book readings, talks and discussions by members of the community,
Allowing local artists to play their music chess/ board games set up
Since I like simple, natural spaces, I am not too keen on loud concerts. The city is loud enough. I prefer a quiet park. If Pier 61 was built strong enough to hold concerts, they should be there. As I think I understand it, Pier 61 is a spare space with no attractions. It is not necessarily a space to relax in. Concerts and other noisy events can
Ice cream stands, food trucks, yoga classes, concerts, kids art program.
Concerts
Music
I could see the pier used for pow-wows, festivals, charity races and outreach events. If the space is not used by the general public, it will turn into a homeless encampment. The City should have safe encampments for the homeless monitored by social workers, with trash and bathroom facilities, but that is not the plan for this space,
Music Art Natural classes about our environment
Concerts / farmers markets / art markets
Music, vendors, food trucks, and live events (Sounders, Seahawks, Mariner events)
Medium sized concerts, pop-up markets.
focus on BIPOC events. live music. cultural events. food.
Family concerts, like the KEXP father's day dance party
Theater, teachings about the local salmon or land, music!
Public theatre, busking musicians/magicians/entertainers, live music, public exercise classes, and seasonal activations such as Sea Fair events, parade starting grounds, holiday vendor bazaars, and town hall type
Smaller, music and theater events "artists' series produced by Vera Project, School of Rock etc. "Beach Blanket Seattle Aquarium". MOPop-ups. SAM/SAAM (I Am) pop-ups. Sculpture Park-let.
Family dance parties! Montreal does a festival every year for the winter solstice. It's a beautiful, creative event. Well worth emulating.
climbing wall
Free concerts! Free Storytelling and theater for families! Free Dance Classes!
live music, art installations
Halloween festival and Christmas festival and Easter egg hunt
Concert!
Christmas lights, outdoor concerts, flower market
Maritime themed events, concerts,
Interpretive programs that facilitate exploration and learning. The Sound and the mountains are beautiful, but they are also critical life support systems that require our care and action to preserve. Live music and cultural performances. Art installations. Yoga and other early morning activities. Community markets.
Cultural food/performance festivals. Like every weekend, highlight a new food and have local community organizations cook, do performances, share culture. And offer them opportunities to collect donations for shows and/or charge for food so they can continue to invest in their communities. Jamaican doubles - yum, Swedish food, Indian, Mexican, Guatemalan, south african, irish, so good!

<p>Concerts + Entertainment Small-scale carnival type booths Beer gardens Public photoshoot days where props and more are brought in for people to come down and take pictures at Food stands for BIPOC businesses to promote their menus Kid's educational days by the Seattle aquarium or other orgs that teach about PNW in a fun</p>
<p>Dance nights on the pier as well as farmer markets and theater.</p>
<p>Owl city concerts!</p>
<p>Lots of space in the play area and seating</p>
<p>Concerts and kid-friendly entertainment, educational opportunities (to learn more about the history and ecology of the waterfront.) Maybe things done in conjunction with the aquarium, children's theater, etc.</p>
<p>Pop up shops, concerts, dance competitions, spike ball, art showcases, festivals celebrating city history/diversity, beer/wine festivals, pre-game Sounders/Seahawks/Mariners rallies. Setup the space with flexible electrical/water hookups to allow creative minds to come up with events that can take advantage of the great waterfront scenery. Underwater cameras or a remote submersible vehicle would be a really cool way for people to learn about the seawall and how it interacts with the local environment.</p>
<p>Concerts, performance art, dance, ethnic/traditional, drag queens, LGBTQ Pride, festivals, farmers market, art/craft markets, ethnic markets (like specializing in ethiopian, vietnamese, native american, scandinavian, etc. stuff) interactive events like story telling or childrens story hour. Just want it to be a variety where people in the community can propose their own ideas for FREE events.</p>
<p>4th of July party, Halloween party and Christmas party</p>
<p>What fixtures could we include (such as picnic tables, benches, etc.) to make you feel at home in this space?</p>
<p>The bistro sets in Occidental park are incredible and versatile. I'd love to see more flexible furniture like that.</p>
<p>a mix - with backs and arms- varying height leaning rails casual bench swings</p>
<p>Not sure</p>
<p>Seating, water fountain, weather shelter/shading. Keep quiet spots available.</p>
<p>Comfortable chairs don't use such white concrete. Pier 68 is an awful bland color pleat don't repeat this</p>
<p>Benches, a little dog park area</p>
<p>chairs/small tables.</p>
<p>A stage with attendant lighting and power for local musicians to perform.</p>
<p>Varied seating, tables, as well as good spaces and accompanying items to enjoy the waterfront (W Seattle beaches have some great combo art/ education - could be about sea life, history, diverse relevant people, etc).</p>
<p>Some thing to lounge on (hammock, chaise lounges...) yes, I know you're afraid homeless people will use them, but so will everyone else. Fun things for adults to play on</p>
<p>Keep the homeless out. Lots of lighting for evening visits. Frequent cleaning of sitting surfaces.</p>
<p>Picnic tables, benches are wonderful to have in a park. They should be made of hearty, durable materials that are less likely to be destroyed by vandals. Park should not have private secluded areas where the unhomed can camp and congregate and take over park.</p>
<p>Would love placards that explains what I'm looking at and give a little history and context</p>
<p>Couches</p>
<p>Benches, small picnic tables, chairs.</p>
<p>seating and tables; covered areas to enjoy the space in all seasons; seating under the covered areas; opportunities for people to sell wares and food in the near vicinity (closer than Pike Place) without having to secure an expensive brick-and-mortar space; electrical outlets</p>
<p>Ample sitting areas.</p>
<p>Seating and shade</p>
<p>more awnings/covered areas to get out of the rain while viewing the sound. Really good secure Bike parking!!!!</p>
<p>Seating and vegetation. Scenic views. The Beach at Expedia is a great model.</p>
<p>Picnic tables would be great.</p>

More landscape. The plaza concept does not serve the needs of most everyday users. The plaza will not be useful/pleasant most of the time. The pier should function as a park first. Pier 62 serves the plaza function. To that end, more trees, more seating/lounging space.

Places to sit (benches or fake pier pilings to sit on). A space for dogs. A Seattle-centric photo op spot, like a sculpture to stand near, climb or sit on regardless of accessibility issues. Also, PLEASE have a designated smoking area with a covered place to sit, and a place to dispose of cigarette butts. It will happen anyway, so if you plan

Definitely picnic tables; parasols or pavilions for shade: looks like a lot of open area in the middle for hot summer days and windy/rainy months in the spring and fall. Maybe a small ice cream/coffee/tea stand...

Nothing would make me feel at home. I would only be sitting wondering: "when will this public space be taken over by drug dealers and criminals and completely destroyed?"

Unique outdoor furniture, cool art, great lighting, creative pathways

Benches

Picnic tables and benches are great. Bar type seating would be cool where you could sit and face out toward the water. It would be cool if there were a walkway or two that were glass that you could walk out over the water

More grass! Even if it's high quality astroturf.

picnic tables, benches, squares, OPEN spaces

Picnic tables, benches, astroturf for picnicking

picnic tables, benches, need more shade other than what is shown in renderings

cafe tables, native and well maintained plantings, trash and recycling

Places to sit and relax and eat would be nice. It just seems like these type of structures inevitably attract more transient crowds - which I would be fine with - but the amount of drugs I have seen openly exchanged downtown, at the Pike Place park, at the water front, would make me wary to just hang out in the open space

BBQ.

Fishing pier

tables and chairs; benches of some kind (could look like rocks?) trees; areas that have some coverings for when

Benches

I hate to say it, but USB charging stations would really be nice when you phone go dead.

Picnic tables would be great to allow folks to enjoy the views while enjoying treats from nearby spots like Pike Place that don't have great dedicated eating areas.

cleaning stations, plugs and lights near the areas that you can fish at, lights for night as well as a couple shining down into the water would be nice.

Picnic tables would be lovely (with plenty of nearby plantings and shelter please! Other areas of the waterfront get uncomfortably hot in the summer especially with concrete and without greenery, and of course stay wet all winter long). Benches with nearby greenery would be excellent as well. In general places to sit with somebody else and contemplate and take in the views and perhaps eat or read with a sense of shelter and separation from the broader space. Number one request would be spaces that have sufficient greenery to be comfortable on hot days and attractive on rainy ones, and with some element of shelter to feel safe and secluded (not so secluded as to feel unsafe to some, but at least protected and not so open as to feel uncomfortable, which some of the newer additions in the area have not managed to achieve). Something to do would also be great so that people have a reason to enter the area "whether food carts, informational plaques along the water (info about nature and native history would be great), as exist at some other parks. Some sort of lighting or shelter to make the space feel modern and designed for human comfort would also go a long way towards making the space feel safe and inviting. A lot of open concrete spaces can quickly feel neglected and unsafe and any use of light/technology or stone pavers or wooden touches to help the space feel invested in would make the space feel much warmer and more home-like, especially in the scorching sun when cool shade and greenery is at a premium and in the cool, drab winter months when warm tones and lighting can make a space welcoming. A

benches and tables, perhaps an area with covering like an awning

A few benches and picnic tables are nice, but not to be overdone. It looks like there can be seating on the tops of some of the walls and on the stairs.
Picnic tables and benches and lounge chairs.
Tables and seating. The elderly often cannot sit in the ground.
Picnic tables and benches would be great. Also, it would be nice to have shade from trees, umbrellas or design
Long seats around the playground (like gasworks park) Some shades around the seats A drinkable water fountain with clean water (perhaps some sign to show water is regularly tested) and a faucet to let kids wash hands (could be one that you press to let water out)
Yes to the above! Wandering pathways, greenscapes- shaded/covered areas
Cover
Picnic tables or other tables that are good for dining. Adirondack or other lounge seating facing the water.
art from a diversity of BIPOC cultures and communities. Symbols of hospitality from many cultures. Features that are means to make people stay and enjoy, not deter them. No bench spikes, no skateboard deterrent.
I like the flexible tiered seating that will be around the elevated lawn
Shade, trees
Bike racks for the larger type of ebikes now on the streets, numerous water fountains, ride hailing car pull-overs (a must!) and mounted binoculars for viewing the water and mountains beyond.
The sitting wall need to be reconfigured so that they create places where you can face inward with a group, or outward and people watch. Long lines of sitting walls are too sterile.
I would love some covered space (i.e. covered picnic tables / benches). The Bellevue Inspiration Playground is a great example of this. Perhaps consider heat lamps, too?
mini dock
benches and picnic tables water bottle filling station? (if possible to do safely)
benches, I particularly like small tables where one or two people can sit, need to break up the large plaza into smaller areas so it doesn't feel so exposed
Sprinklers
picnic tables, water fountains, splash park
Soccer field!
picnic tables, benches, bike racks, umbrellas or other coverings for rain and sun, dog areas.
that fake grass to spread out blankets??
Bright colors, inspirational sayings by inspirational people from all walks of life.
Benches Picnic tables Grass areas where we can lay out blankets / etc compost bins in addition to trash + recycle
Picnic tables need to be near the playground. I need a space to place my things when I take my class to playgrounds and a place to set up table activities for children.
Soccer field!
Definitely both tables and benches - as long as there was enough staff on site to ensure they aren't used by people selling drugs or camping. Also, some bottle-filling type drinking fountains would be nice. And if there is sand involved in the playground, some feet-washing faucets.
Bike tools/pump station and an area for pet relief/refreshment would round out the design of this space.
Picnic tables and benches. I like a combination of built in and also moveable furniture. Please get artists and young local designers to create furniture instead of just buying them from a corporation supplier (the tables and chairs in Occidental and Westlake are butt-ugly, I'm sorry.)
Maybe a box with umbrellas, some wooden tables under a shed, benches
Are there activities or services we could offer that would help you feel more welcome?
tourists may want more wayfinding signage and such.
keep it clean
Not sure

See above and consider making the railing glass.
A dog park area on the pier would be nice
Having staff there to make sure the area is SAFE; much like what is done at Westlake Park.
Lots and lots of comfortable, shaded seating, especially for senior citizens.
Keep the pier and promenades clean and don't permit homeless encampments.
Designing a park that is open at street level so the police can easily drive by and see if illegal activities are taking place. The old waterfront Park had lots of nooks where people did illegal things and vandalized the park. I hope the new park can be designed in a way to minimize this effect.
Would love to hear more music from the Pier. (And not just the really annoying bongo guy with his dang drums) Classical music would be really nice; something timed to the fountain, like at the Seattle Center.
Giant tv to host Seahawks and Sounders watch parties or summer movies. Waterfall
Good lighting and people flow when it is dark. Activities to activate the park, encourage people to eat lunch during day, keep area clean.
Fish cards - coloring pages about Washington waters. Adopt a salmon (or other Aquarium animal). Music, please. Can Pike Place Market buskers have a spot (or two) here??? (Use the Market system for assigning proximate bike parking and bus stop access.
Effecting lighting so still approachable in fall/winter months when sun sets early but still out and about in my
Food and restrooms
Yoga, dance classes, games meetups, lunch place popups, docent walks about the shipping and the amenities
Park concierge as much as possible to deter/prevent encampments and anti-social behavior. We cannot allow our brand new investment in public space to suffer the same fate as Bell St. Park, Denny Park, Ballard Commons, etc. -- we must draw the line and also allow public spaces to be used by the majority of Seattleites and not only
Adult workout area
It would feel more welcoming is it wasn't basically a large concrete plaza that's mostly a big void whenever there isn't some sort of event taking place.
Think about the people that spend the most time in the area, not just visitors. I work in the area and the people I see most often are local office or restaurant workers, local residents walking their dogs and joggers. Most tourists seem to be honeymooning couples or groups of adult/young adult friends. Not a whole lot of kids.
Will you be able to fish off this pier? Some outlets in seating areas to charge a cell phone. Outlets near the water's edge to support squid jiggling. Some tables could have built in chess boards
A major police station where you could report all the criminal activity in the area.
Signage in different languages, great seating and lighting so it's safe to visit at night
Parking nearby. Ice cream nearby.
See above
Less car space, more space for people. I cycle around this area a lot and its pretty scary.
Just keep camping out of the parks please
Hand sanitation stations
fairs: art fair, food fair, etc.
I don't have the answers to address the issues that the downtown area have with transient/un-homed/drug addicted individuals. This is what keeps families from spending a whole lot of time just enjoying the downtown areas open spaces. My fear of my children running into human urine/fecal matter and drug paraphernalia is
Fishing
having people who can help our homeless population here will be helpful; public health nurses etc; use this as a safe space for all and encourage people to recycle, compost, etc. have sharps boxes in the bathrooms
Tourist information: If you put in a little enclosure, I bet there are all kinds of old folk volunteers who would love to sit and talk with the tourists about their Seattle.

I'd love to see interpretive signs and public art in the space - it helps areas feel more welcome and allows visitors to feel like they're really absorbing local culture. Indigenous culture and BIPOC artists should be represented in security
Having vendors or helpful public employees on site could help the space feel more active and welcoming, but I think that the design elements above would go particularly far to that end
hand sanitizer stations for public hygiene
A farmer's market twice a month or so would be a nice amenity. Perhaps an area to purchase ice cream and snacks. But please keep it simple.
nothing really this question is sorta the same as the first one. but maybe some kids focused events.
The attended restrooms would help make it more welcoming. It is also important to have grass and a playground and badminton or basketball. I liked the way Pioneer Square brought in tables and activities to change the atmosphere at Occidental Park. For a playground, don't limit it to toddlers. Encourage tween and teen participation by having suspension bridges, zip lines or other more challenging activities.
We have been to many parks around Seattle and they are great. I have lived and traveled around the US and other countries and Seattle has some of the best playgrounds that help children develop critical play skills. I no police.
Improved access to transit, safe and comfortable walking and/or shuttles between the transit connections on Introduction to Seattle lectures on the weekend during peak months, (free of charge), for tourists to get oriented and learn of options, resources, and services.
Integrate food. Only in the US does everything have to be so separated.
art
arts and crafts oragami
Camps & sport activities.
Park ambassadors and regular trash pickup
Security or ambassadors that are visible. Equitable access to program spaces. Reduce steps and stairs. Ramps are
Free Tai Chi, yoga, art or dance classes
Partnering with local non-profits and medical services to provide free mobile dental, vaccine, medical, and elderly care for free would be really great!
Swimming and soccer!!!
Enough staff or security presence to make it feel safe. I've lived in Seattle all my life, and only in the past couple of years have I really felt unsafe downtown. My young kids saw a violent street fight last year ,and my teenagers have seen fights, been threatened themselves, and offered drugs for sale on several occasions. Covid has only exacerbated the problems of people exhibiting symptoms of mental illness, homelessness, and overt selling and using of drugs. I know these are problems for our whole city to tackle, but for me to feel safe bringing my kids to Bikes and animal services would be welcoming for people who walk their pets and ride their bikes.
Navigation and social services for homeless, multilanguage signs about the art, design, and environment so tourists can all read it, maybe an app where people can get more of the historical information
Maybe a table of games and a relaxing area

Open-Ended Feedback	
Type of comment	Comment
Something I Like	I really like the open and additional seating between Pier 58 and Pier 57!
Ideas and Suggestions	DO ANY OF YOU 'DESIGNERS' ACTUALLY LIVE HERE? DO YOU REALLY HAVE ANYTHING OTHER THAN A PIE IN THE SKY OUTLOOK ON THE WATERFRONT??? OR DO YOU STAND TO MAKE BIG BUCKS FROM ALL THIS AT THE EXPENSE OF THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE? YOU OBVIOUSLY HAVE NO CONCEPT OR IDEA OF WHAT THIS ENTIRE WATERFRONT NEIGHBORHOOD IS ALL ABOUT, WHO LIVES HERE OR THE WEATHER AND 'CLIMATE' AT THE WATERFRONT WITH EACH WEATHER CONDITION AND THE REPERCUSSIONS FROM THE BAD DECISIONS YOU ARE MAKING. THIS IS NOT CALIFORNIA.
Ideas and Suggestions	ELLIOT BAY IS A WORKING DEEP COLD WATER PORT THAT IS POLLUTED AND STANDS TO BECOME MORE SO FROM CRUISE TRAFFIC AND AS MORE PEOPLE ARE THINKING IT'S LIKE A LAKE. EVEN AS OTHERS STRUGGLE TO TRY AND SAVE IT AND THE MARINE LIFE WITHIN IT. GRANDPARENTS AND PARENTS TEACH THEIR CHILDREN 'SAFETY FIRST' AND NUMBER ONE ON THE LIST IS DO NOT RUN AND PLAY ON THE PIER AND DOCK. NO MATTER WHERE IT IS. IT'S NOT SAFE. PUTTING A PLAYGROUND ON A PIER IS IRRESPONSIBLE. YOU UNDERMINE PARENTS AND SAFETY.
Ideas and Suggestions	THE WATERFRONT HAS HAD OPEN SPACE ON THE PIERS FOR THE POWWOWS, FESTIVALS, CELEBRATIONS/CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS AND FUND RAISERS TRADITIONALLY AND NEWLY GIVEN THERE. YOU ARE TAKING ALL THAT AWAY FROM THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE AND WHO COME HERE FOR THEM. YOU ARE DESIGNING LIKE THIS IS SOME OTHER PLACE, CITY AND CLIMATE. THIS IS --SEATTLE-- NOT GENERICA. TAKE IT BACK TO BEING SEATTLE. YOU ARE DESTROYING THE ENTIRE IDENTITY OF THE WATERFRONT AND MAKING IT INTO SOMETHING ELSE.
Something I Like	I am SO glad that the new pier will be at the same level as the pedestrian path!
Something I Like	I like the playground idea especially if it can be made in an "adventure" style e.g with the ropes, logs and climbing activities, not just the conventional swings and short slides. Looking at playgrounds in different parks here and elsewhere children don't use those conventional playgrounds. I like the open area for events or just for seating. The bathroom will be much appreciated
Ideas and Suggestions	By far the best waterfront park in the region is in Bremerton by the ferry terminal in my mind. Borrowing some ideas from that park would be a great starting point.
Ideas and Suggestions	Swings, slides, monkey bars, climbing nets...I can't wait to take my kids! I love that pier 58 will have a playground and grass. Downtown desperately needs both.
Ideas and Suggestions	An adult workout area would be a nice addition. Then everyone can play!

Ideas and Suggestions	We need more landscape and recreation space downtown. Between the Market and Pier 62 I feel the "open plaza" concept is adequately covered. The current design is a big, angular space with no clear visual anchor to lure in passing pedestrians and little sense of enclosure. The area east of the "Plaza and event space" does not have a clear design intent is basically a waste as shown. Please reconsider the purpose of that space, add more native landscape, and soften the overall feel.
Ideas and Suggestions	Make the park's elements unique so that it doesn't feel like "just any park." Cool, unusual play elements that make it a signature Seattle playground. Great intersection of function and art with lighting, seating and pathways taken into consideration. This park has the potential to be world famous if it's designed with out of the box thinking.
Ideas and Suggestions	Really need some soft grassy areas. Imagine a summer day in June where after walking all over downtown or the pier you can relax and bask in the sun. A spot where you can lay and chill preferably with a view of the water
Ideas and Suggestions	Green space, even if it's just high quality astroturf, would be a game changer for the livability of the surrounding neighborhoods during non-event days. The area between the playground and the raised vegetation to the south is large enough to toss a frisbee. This would also allow for different types of events than pier 62, which is already designed large concerts. For example, bring your own picnic blanket outdoor movie nights!
Ideas and Suggestions	A glass walkway to see the water underneath the pier would be super fun!!
Ideas and Suggestions	It is a lot of concrete. Cold and gray in winter. Exposed thermal mass in the summer, and hot. I recommend more green space with trees and plantings. Trees make people happier. Grass not necessary, just more plantings. Native shore plants perhaps to help lower maintenance needs. Also, it is angular and extremely linear. There too few rounded edges to soften the hard lines of the concrete. Include some other color stone work besides gray. Seattle is already very gray with all the clouds.
Ideas and Suggestions	Would love to see a setup for squid fisherman and salmon fisherman.
Ideas and Suggestions	would love to see more greenery throughout the design please; would love swings of some kind! This will be so amazing-please consider making this a safe and clean space for all. Consider sharps boxes in the bathroom and around the trash/recycle bins. consider having some hygiene products on hand in the bathrooms or with the attendants for our homeless population. will the play area be enclosed? I love the idea of areas where you can look through the Pier into the water down below!
Ideas and Suggestions	Please add a outdoor workout area! The only one nearby is in Myrtle Edwards Park. It is old and worn out but still gets so much use year round. Living downtown often means living in small spaces with no place to stretch, do pullups, sit ups and the like. Making the waterfront inviting to all members of the community should mean including those that live nearby. Those of us that live near the waterfront are paying pretty hefty LID tax for a waterfront for all, please include us in the plans!

Ideas and Suggestions	<p>Would really love to see more greenery and native plantings and more curvature to break up the open linearity. Would agree with the previous comment that grass is not necessary but green plantings, shade, and generally less exposed concrete would make the space much more inviting. The sharp linearity of the concrete would also feel much more inviting with more curvature and contrast. In the summer, such an open space seems scorchingly hot and uncomfortable to inhabit, and uncomfortably exposed</p>
Ideas and Suggestions	<p>Please consider more greenery throughout! If the space must be flat, at least more color, clean texture, and curvature to the concrete would be much more inviting. Wood, glass, lights, or some sort of piece that evokes safety and shelter would make the space much more comfortable to inhabit as well — a covering, more trees, elevated boulders or tall grass that feels safer and more sheltered. In general the concrete feels uninviting and exposed to the elements in a way that could be more pleasing</p>
Ideas and Suggestions	<p>The waterfront in general has little delineation between the sidewalk and start of the piers. It would be great to see inspiration from the Olmsted designs of some of the city's most inspiring park spaces, with a welcoming entrance path that leads to a space set apart from the waterfront sidewalk, maybe delineated by a gateway or wide path with plantings that set the space apart from the rest of the sidewalk and feel more sheltered and organic to fit the native character of the environment</p>
Ideas and Suggestions	<p>Please consider integrating features that establish a Pacific Northwest sense of place — native plantings, culturally sensitive integration of native art forms (beautifully embraced in some BC architecture and important to recognize), clean forms that fit the natural and historical nature of the area as well as high-tech character of local industry, curves and embrace of natural forms and intricacies that make the area's parks and older parts of the marketplace stand out</p>
Ideas and Suggestions	<p>Please consider features that draw in passers by and create an environment that allows for comfortable connection with the waterfront environment — open seating overlooking the water, a pathway (gravel, pavers) with native plants and secluded by elements such as wood or large stones (like those by the convention center downtown) and perhaps historical or changing digital information displays could all help create a sense of purpose and bring the space into a comfortable and welcoming human scale</p>
Ideas and Suggestions	<p>The space as-is feels quite open to the point at which it seems that everything can be seen without stepping into the park — in a sense it feels like a long sidewalk leading to the water, without additional purpose. It would be lovely to have more internal structure and partially obscured sight-lines to create a sense of place. Driftwood, rockery and wooden pier pilings would be a nice way to create a sense of enclosure while keeping a sense of openness, and could double as seating for events</p>

Ideas and Suggestions	If homelessness makes benches a concern, the idea below about swings could be an interesting way to allow adults to sit and enjoy the water view. Stone, logs, or other ways to sit and enjoy would be fantastic additions in that waterfront-facing area to make the space feel more comfortable and functional. Perhaps a space for vendors could activate the space. A sheltered pathway would also be very inviting in the hot summer sun and winter rain when paved open spaces are very uninviting
Ideas and Suggestions	Since the Fitzgerald fountain sunk into the bay when the collapse occurred a few months ago, will the fountain be lifted out and restored at the north east corner of pier 58? If not, what will replace this element? an outdoor workout area as someone had suggested earlier sounds like a good one and a perfect location.
Ideas and Suggestions	The design calls for accessible ramps, but there are steps at the end of the slope. This is NOT accessible both ways as it creates a dead end going westward. Please rethink this before promoting it as a fully accessible ramp because it is not.
Ideas and Suggestions	We need security security security !!!! Needles are everywhere and without constant security, putting in playgrounds, more green spaces sound like a bad combination. we should learn from how park all over Seattle are currently being used.
Ideas and Suggestions	More covered space please! Seattle is rainy half of the year, this space will be pretty miserable during fall/winter months.
Something I Like	I really like the idea of a green lawn (but PLEASE, no astroturf!) and especially the tree grove. There is so little greenery on the waterfront. I know more is planned along the promenade. We all need more shade to protect us from the hot summer sun. If there is a serious attempt to create a shady area on Pier 58, I could see myself spending a lot of time in the park. Absent that, not much.
Ideas and Suggestions	Ensure Indigenous culture is reflected in the design. More covered space to enjoy when raining. Create many outdoor rooms/places for specific uses (fishing, playing, viewing, kids area, interactive art, chess, etc.), not just flexible space everywhere. Some active places, some passive places. Make it a space that is welcoming to everyone, not meant to deter anyone-infuse the space with art from many cultures.
Ideas and Suggestions	Everything should be accessible to someone in a wheelchair. The video showed the connection between the adjacent piers having two steps. This is not acceptable. Get rid of the steps. The raised lawn also needs to have a ramp so that people in wheelchairs can get to the top and enjoy the views.
Ideas and Suggestions	The seating walls encourage people to site in lines, facing outward, & away from each other. Add seating where people can chose to face "inward" to a group, or outward if they are alone and/or want to people watch. Zigzag designs or curved sitting walls achieve this. So do seats with backrests that flip. This will reduce the sterile feel. Movable seating is good, but in addition to the fixed seating.

Something I Like	I agree with the commenter questioning the need for an open/pop-up space at this location. It would be a nice venue for events, but rarely used, and I believe there are already spaces like that. To incorporate all folks, including our unhoused neighbors and locals and tourists, I'm wondering how the space can be more "activated" on a continuous basis to ensure safety - like a mini-Pike Place row of stalls/Seine-like book seller booths! I would welcome more native greenery as many have stated.
Ideas and Suggestions	Covered space and more green are good ideas expressed in other notes. Not having a strong Indigenous presence in this space feels like such a miss. Suggest a co-design process for the play space that involves Coast Salish stakeholders and children (i.e. the users of the space). I think you'll find the transformation of the park to be dramatic. It does feel a little sterile and generic right now.
Something I Like	Playground is key for all-ages waterfront!! Just look at how popular the playground by the Space Needle was before the pandemic! We need a really well designed, engaging, and challenging playground for gross motor play.
Ideas and Suggestions	Native Greenery as most have said and creating an inviting space for those that are unhomed.
Ideas and Suggestions	Please no playground! I live on the waterfront. The kids and parents who come are rude, refuse to wear masks, and leave garbage everywhere.
Something I Like	Playground and other no cost activities for families are a must. Downtown is becoming a desert for children. Having a great play space on the waterfront would attract me and my littles—don't always want to pay for the touristy things but love access to the water.
Ideas and Suggestions	<p>Would love the entire park to be accessible to wheelchair users and not just certain areas (if it's not fully accessible, it's not accessible - there's no reason for a new construction to have any non-accessible public areas.)</p> <p>Also would love more organic cover - not necessarily a lawn, as others said, but native sturdy plants that don't need a lot of maintenance. It could feel a bit more like Magnuson park, but angular? I think it's ok to make it look designed and not fake-natural.</p>
Ideas and Suggestions	A barbecue would be good to have at the Pier. Also, a water and drink dispenser for filling bottles automatically.