Breakout Room Agenda

1. Introductions

2. Open time for questions and feedback on Master Plan goals and design strategies (15 mins)

3. Presentation and discussion of design ideas for Grandview Park and Grandview Avenue (30 mins)
GRANDVIEW PARK
What we heard + observed

Desire for better entrance and connection to business district

Entrance prioritizes vehicular access

Need to maintain views of city skyline

Keep Bigbee Field open for multi-purpose use or formalize as a dog park

Better connections to trail

Potential entrance to trails

Need to maintain views of city skyline

Trail maintenance and landslide issues

GRANDVIEW PARK

BIGBEE FIELD

BAILEY AVENUE

BELZOOER AVENUE

MCLAIN STREET

TRAIL MAINTENANCE ISSUES

BAILEY STREET
What we heard + observed

 Desire for better entrance and connection to business district
 Desire for community garden
 Need for ADA parking
 Desire for playgrounds to be renovated
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 Entrance prioritizes vehicular access
 Entrance to trail is unclear
 Flat area used for a variety of activities, desire for it to be larger
 Public art
 Historic WPA stone stairs
 Hillside used for informal seating
 Paving deteriorating
 Entrance to trail is unclear
 Need to limn up trees to provide clear sightlines
 Desire for community garden
 Desire for better entrance and connection to business district
 Views from highest point
 Highlight historic elements
 Need for ADA parking
 Desire to renovate fountain as part of the stairs and entrance
 Desire to renovate stage with upgraded AV and lighting
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MASTER PLAN STRATEGIES | GRANDVIEW PARK
Renovate existing park amenities and introduce new park amenities

- Renovated walls and steps
- Renovated amphitheater
- Picnic area
- Gathering space
- Renovated entrance
- Narrowed vehicular entrance
- Renovated trail entrance

Grandview Park

Community garden

Renovated Playground

Court

Parking

BAILEY AVENUE

BELZHOOVER AVENUE

MCLAIN STREET

ALLEN STREET
MASTER PLAN STRATEGIES | GRANDVIEW PARK
Define park entrances, improve park edges and connections to immediate neighbors, consider parks as trail heads, improve park accessibility, prioritize pedestrian circulation, and introduce additional signage.
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Existing entrances have fallen into disrepair, prioritize vehicles, and do not create a welcoming park experience.
MASTER PLAN STRATEGIES | GRANDVIEW PARK
Define park entrances and simplify site geometries and materials

Bailey Avenue entrance

Emerald View Trail entrance

Take inspiration from original Emerald View Park material palette of stone, belgian block, brick, and asphalt.
Define park entrances and simplify site geometries and materials.

Introduce contemporary uses of traditional materials including belgian blocks, asphalt, stone, and brick.
Simplify site geometries and materials

Existing site furniture, paving, walls, and stairs have fallen into disrepair. Renovate, restore, or replace site materials.
Simplify site geometries and materials

Introduce contemporary uses of traditional materials including belgian blocks, asphalt, stone, and brick.
MASTER PLAN STRATEGIES | GRANDVIEW PARK
Renovate existing park amenities and introduce new park amenities

- Picnic area
- Bandstand
- Terraced lawn
- Community garden
- Playground + court

Existing parking
Existing program
Proposed program
MASTER PLAN STRATEGIES | GRANDVIEW PARK

Renovate existing park amenities and introduce new park amenities

Terraced lawn precedent  
Wall precedent  
Wall precedent  
Picnic precedent  
Grandview Park movie night  
Terraced lawn precedent
GRANDVIEW AVENUE
GOAL 2: Elevate the park’s identity as a regional destination

Strategies:
- Expand the Grandview Avenue visitor experience
- Promote connections to business districts
- Visualize park identity
What we heard + observed

- Great views of South Side, desire for better pedestrian access
- Desire for multi-modal amenities (bike racks, connections to inclines)
- Entrance to trail is unclear
- PJ McArdle Roadway unpleasant pedestrian experience
- Intersection is difficult for pedestrians, desire for a gateway
- Desire for streetscape improvements
- Need connections to business district
- Maintain views of city skyline
- Need connections to inclines
- Desire to light the overlooks
- Desire for streetscape improvements
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- Smithfield St Bridge
- Ft Pitt Bridge
- Monongahela River
- Ohio River
- Duquesne Incline
- PJ McArdle Roadway
- Monongahela Incline
MASTER PLAN STRATEGIES
Expand the Grandview Avenue visitor experience
Renovate the Grandview Avenue streetscape from East to West to include clear views, wider pedestrian access, renovated historic elements (overlooks, railings), gateways, and gathering spaces.
Master Plan Strategies
Expand the Grandview Avenue visitor experience

Grandview Avenue + P.J. McArdle Roadway Intersection

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Recent investment along Grandview Avenue has included new lighting, speed humps, and renovated elevated walks.

However, the sidewalks are narrow, connections to the West are unclear and uncomfortable, views are obscured due to lack of vegetation maintenance, and connections to the business districts are not obvious.
Design Idea #1

Widen sidewalk, improve connections to business districts, maintain vegetation, introduce seating and other site furniture
MASTER PLAN STRATEGIES
Expand the Grandview Avenue visitor experience

Design Idea #2

Renovate Grandview Avenue streetscape with new paving, widen sidewalk, improve connections to business districts, maintain vegetation, introduce seating and other site furniture
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Defined trail head  Seating

Point of View Statue  Overlook precedent  Trail entrance precedent  Wall precedent