South Side Park
Public Art Project: Cloud Well
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Pittsburgh Art Commission - Conceptual approval
Community Engagement

Attended meetings of Friends of South Side Park, South Side Slopes Neighborhood Association, South Side Community Council, Arlington Civic Council (EngagePGH link shared)

Engage PGH - link shared out by community groups in newsletters

Attended Goatfest, tabled alongside Pashek MTR

Sara Thompson, LA with Pashek MTR

Barton Kirk of Ethos Collaborative (stormwater for Phase 1)

Janice Serra, FoSSP, wrote South Side Park Stream Daylighting

City Planning project team including Andrea Ketzel, Senior Project Landscape Architect DPW

Presented at FoSSP Annual meeting on Zoom, and SSSNA, the RCO for this project
Research

Master Plan for South Side Park

Historical materials from FoSSP

Multiple site visits, photographed Phase 1 area

Low participation in EngagePGH - Master Plan process indicated interest in showcasing water

Review of construction drawings
1872 map showing historic location of stream, present location of sewer
Phase 1 renovation construction documents
Inspiration - images of stone cairns and wells, sewer, garden gazing balls
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Rough concept sketch - working title: Cloud Well

The water cycle

Brings together water in 3 locations:

Water in the sky (clouds)
Water on the surface (streams)
Water underground (sewer)
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Mirrored dome in top reflects the clouds

Location is near where the surface stream and the underground sewer converge

The circular shape and 6-foot diameter of the well is similar to the underground sewer
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Questions I’m working on:

Feasible to fabricate within budget?

Is a step or ramp necessary, or can walking deck provide higher vantage point?

Steepness of dome?

Design for drainage

Stone or brick? Or glass?
Phase 1 renovation - proposed artwork location options
• Option #1 “Lower Boardwalk” – Allows for ADA access, views from above from the nearby steps and multi-modal trail; avoids stepped pools but is nearby to surface channel (highlighted in blue). There is also a bench in this area that could be reconfigured to accommodate art piece, as needed. Reference Figure C below.
- Option #2 "Upper Boardwalk" - Allows for ADA access, views from above from the observation platform (approximately 4’ above); avoids stepped pools but is nearby to surface channel (highlighted in blue). There is also a bench in this area that could be reconfigured to accommodate art piece, as needed. Reference Figure D below.
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