

PUBLIC STREET PROJECT

WORKSHOP 03 REPORT

01.12.23 - Washington Park Library

Visioning Meetings

On January 10, 2023, the Providence Sustainability Department and CIVIC were invited to speak at the Washington Park Neighborhood Association Meeting which took place at the Washington Park Library - 1316 Broad Street Providence, RI. The goal of this meeting was to gather input from the community members to transform the Public Street Waterfront area into a safe and accessible space for the neighborhood residents.

Agenda

01 Welcome

Introduction (Project + Team Members)

02 Project and Site Context

Overview of Site Analysis
Design Concepts

03 Community Discussion

Priorities for Public Street

04 Debrief and Wrap Up



Public Street WPNA/PPA Engagement

Participants

City of Providence

Elder González Trejo - Sustainability Department
Kevin Proft - Sustainability Department

Design Team

Manuel Cordero Alvarado, RA, ALEP - CIVIC
Valeria Portillo - CIVIC

Community Representatives

Linda Perri - Washington Park Neighborhood
Association

Other Guest Speakers

Christopher Gaynor - Climate Justice Specialist at DEM
NE Regional Organizer with the climate reality project working with
community members on various environmental actions

Lieutenant Sical - Providence District 3

Crime report and Q/A

Representative - Solar Panels

Conversation regarding Community Solar in South Providence to
benefit local residents

*The Public Street Community Workshop included a diverse audience with a
broad cross section of individuals : names were not recorded*

Goals for Public Street

Project Goals :



The project should have a complete message with a statement of its intention. The design may be simple but useful.

While being aesthetically beautiful and functional, there should be continuity among the entire composition.

Looking into the future, with surplus money statewide, this project can be the one of the first of a continuation of waterfront projects/additions.

Access :



Family-oriented while also being more accessible to pedestrians.

In the future, the possibility of connectivity to existing Collier Point Park.

Addition of station spaces for scooters and bikes

Safety :



View corridors and low vegetation - everything should be open + visible.

Better/ more lighting to safely access the site at dusk and dawn.

Top Priorities for Public Street

The **Priorities Activity** aimed to encourage participants to choose a specific design or element from a variety of concept and imagery options. Throughout the three concept designs, the images below were identified as the preferred design elements.



Water's Edge



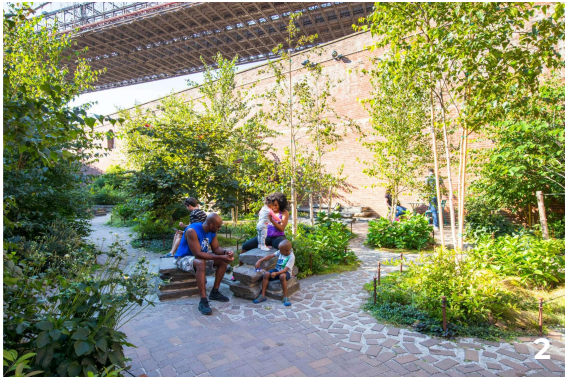
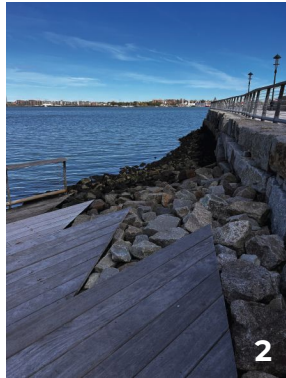
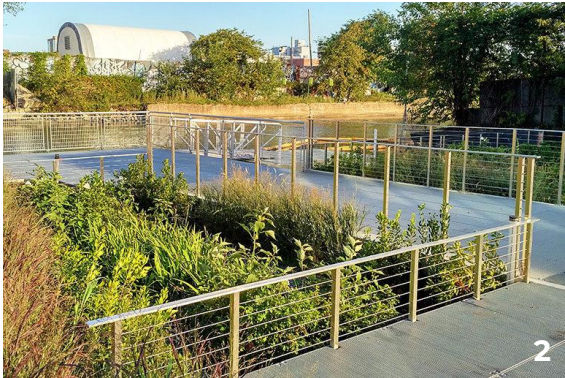
Features / Place



Water's Edge

4 or 3 VOTES EACH

Secondary Priorities for Public Street



Challenges for Public Street

Operational : Questions / Concerns

- Will Public Street be open all day?
- Currently overseeing Collier Point Park for illicit activity, how will this space be monitored?
- How will safety and security precautions be applied? Could lighting or other elements be an alternative to security cameras?

Project Concerns : Health + Comfort

- The materials used within the design should be comfortable throughout the year (metal is not ideal during hot temperatures).
- The community should be advocating for the elimination of the large corporations that are polluting the environment and the waterfront.
- Main health concerns include :

Air Quality

Soil Contamination

Pollution

Opportunities for Public Street

Design Elements

[Qualities]

- Decorative Arch - lighting with the name of the street
- Sign at the entrance with a visual preview of what happens at the site
- Benches and seating
- Seating at the water's edge
- Functional pier, not only for aesthetic purposes

Recreational Use

[Learning]

- Similar space like steelyard - offer courses for gardening
- Focus on educational aspects

[Activities]

- Artistic element - murals or performances
- Water feature with statue - fountains
- Splash park with seating and shade
- Large recreational structure
- Structure (rubber) for mobility and exercise

Environmental Aspects

[Connectivity]

- Focus on stormwater management -
- What will make this project important is the positive effects it will have on the environment



THANK YOU !