



Westinghouse Park Update

Westinghouse Park Advance Planning Project



A large, leafy tree in a park setting with a playground in the background.

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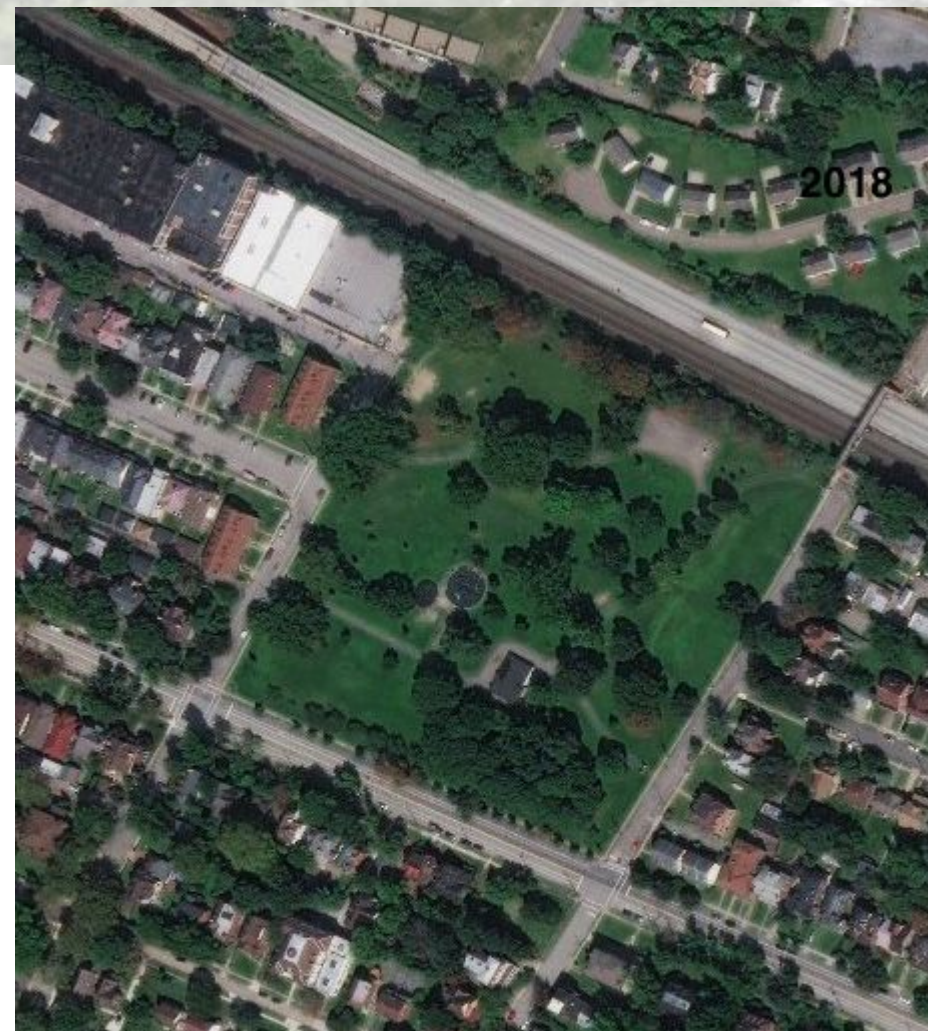
Please note that tonight's meeting is being recorded for the purpose of ensuring that all comments are included in the meeting notes.

Purpose

The purpose of the Westinghouse Park Advance Planning Project is to gather ideas and input from

- Neighbors
- Park Users
- Other Stakeholders
- The Community at Large

about the future features and uses of Westinghouse Park.



Organizers

Point Breeze North Development Corporation (PBNDC) and Westinghouse Park Second Century Coalition (WP2CC) are partnering to organize these efforts.

Funding for the project is provided by the URA's Neighborhood Initiatives Fund and by ICON Development.



Goals

Our aim is to represent community interests in creating a space that is designed for many types of users and is truly welcoming to all.

City of Pittsburgh Department of City Planning (DCP) will use the outcomes from Advance Planning to develop their Request for Proposals (RFP) to create a Master Plan for the renewal of Westinghouse Park.

Public input will be gathered throughout the process.

Objectives for August 3

This meeting is intended to:

- Provide information about activities already underway.
- Answer questions about the project and current activities.
- Gather new ideas and perspectives.

Analyzing and comparing ideas for the Park is not on the agenda tonight.

- As of now, no ideas are off the table, no matter how preposterous.
- Analysis of how ideas may or may not fit together will be the topic of a future meeting.

Meeting Courtesies

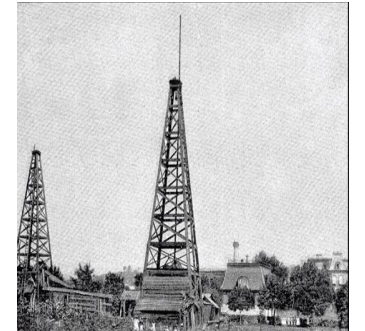
- The first time you offer an idea, please introduce yourself and tell us what brings you to this meeting.
- Please stay on topic.
- Brevity will earn appreciation and respect.
- Please keep mics muted when you are not speaking to reduce background distractions.
- Moderators will strive to keep the agenda moving forward and to conclude the meeting within an hour.

Focus Areas

Information and idea gathering will focus on 4 areas:

- Community Engagement
- Environmental Stewardship
- Historical and Cultural Significance
- Recreation

Achieving a good balance of these four interests is a primary goal of the Advance Planning Process.



Focus Area: Community Engagement

Westinghouse Park is situated in close proximity to three neighborhoods, North Point Breeze, Homewood, and Point Breeze. In recent months the Park has been the site for meetings, worship services, graduation parties, and most recently, a memorial celebration of the life of a community member.

Suggestions so far have Included:

- Replacing the Park's Community Building
- Coordinating with the Homewood Field project
- Replacing the Lang Avenue bridge
- Farmer's Market



Focus Area: Historic and Cultural Significance



From 1871 to 1918, the Park was the site of “Solitude,” the home of George Westinghouse and his family. But more than that, **history happened here!** Westinghouse and Nikola Tesla worked together in the workshop that stood under the stable building, where they discovered how to generate AC electricity.



Westinghouse drilled the first natural gas wells in Allegheny County here. A Determination of Eligibility for listing the Park on the National Register of Historic Places is being prepared.

Suggestions so far have included:

- Archaeological exploration of the site’s foundations and tunnels
- Exhibits of artifacts associated with the Park



Focus Area: Environmental Stewardship

A survey will be completed to update the 2013 survey of trees in the Park.

Suggestions so far have included:

- Tree Identification Walks
- Designation of the Park as an Arboretum
- Green Infrastructure for Stormwater mitigation, such as
 - Rain gardens
 - Bioswales



Focus Area: Recreation

Suggestions have included:

- Skateboard Path
- Dog Run Area
- Recreational Path around Park Perimeter
- Replace Basketball Court
- Coordinate with Recreational Facilities at Homewood Field



Thoughts, Questions and Comments



Share them now, or email them to
info@pointbreezenorth.com
with “**Westinghouse Park**” in the subject line.

Thank you Katie Grauer, David Bear, and Print, the East End’s community newspaper, for contributions to this slide show!

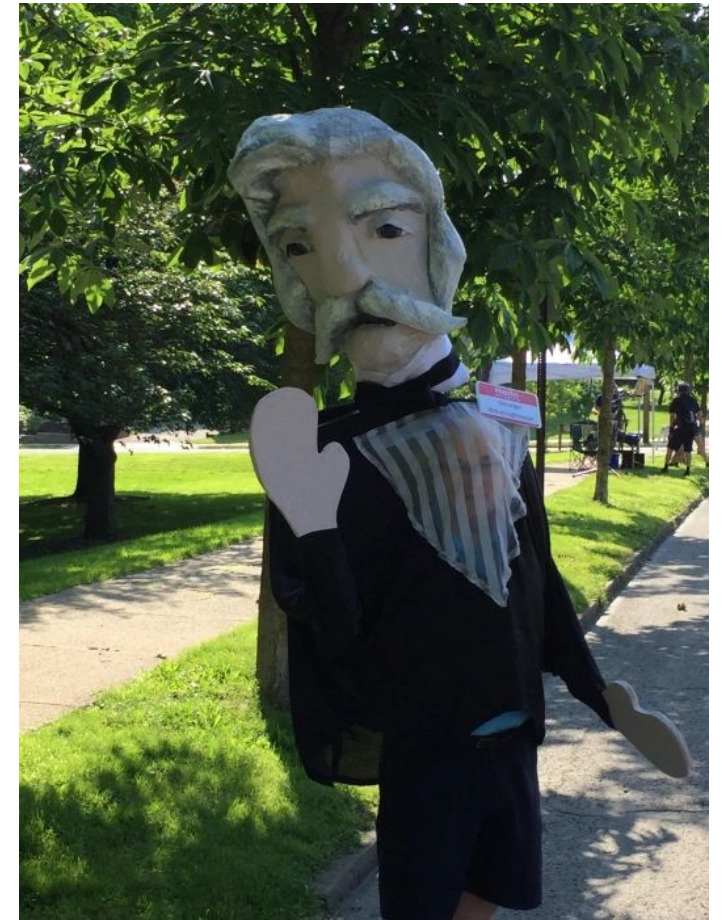
See you next time!

The next online Project Update meeting will be held on Sunday, August 16, at 5pm.

Visit us on Facebook at **Westinghouse Park** or **Point Breeze North Development Corporation**.

Visit westinghousepark.org and pointbreezenorth.com for more information about Westinghouse Park, George Westinghouse, and the Park Planning Project.

Save the Date! Tuesday, October 6, 2020, George Westinghouse's 174th Birthday. Details to follow.





New Ideas