



Westinghouse Park Update

Westinghouse Park Advance Planning Project

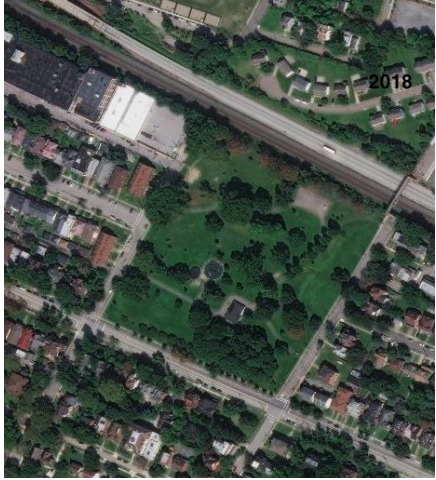
August 16, 2020

A large, leafy green tree dominates the upper half of the frame. The background shows a grassy park area with other trees and a building in the distance under a cloudy sky. A white rectangular box is centered over the tree, containing the word "Welcome!" in blue text.

Welcome!

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

Purpose & Partners



The purpose of the Westinghouse Park Advance Planning Project is to gather ideas and input from neighbors, Park users, other stakeholders, and the community at large about the future features and uses of Westinghouse Park.

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.

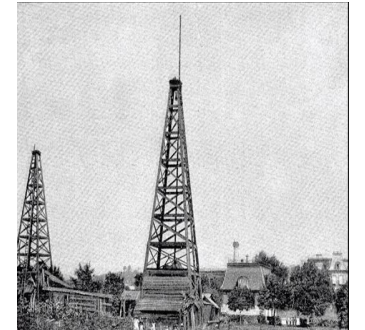
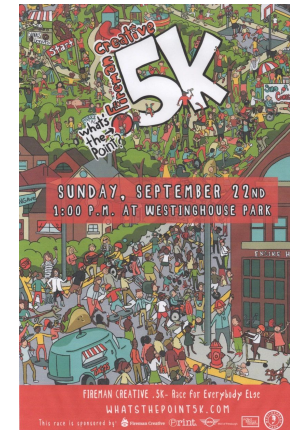
Focus Areas

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.

Today's Update will focus on Recreation and coordinating with Homewood Field, with a brief update on trees.



Objectives for August 16

This meeting is intended to:

- Provide a brief update on **Arboretum** designation for the Park.
- Learn more about a suggestion for a **Skateboard** path.
- View concept drawings of **Homewood Field**.
- Gather agenda suggestions for upcoming Update meetings.

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 one hour.

Focus Area: Environmental Stewardship

Project organizers discussed the possibility of designating **Westinghouse Park as an arboretum** with a group of tree experts. We learned:

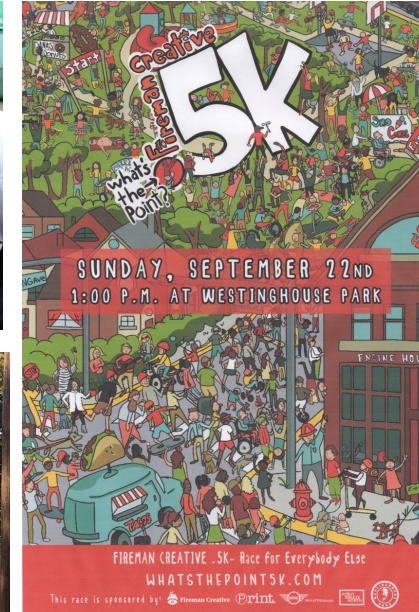
- The City of Pittsburgh is developing specific criteria for Arboretum designation of City parks.
- Tree Pittsburgh is experimenting with planting trees that may be more suitable for our region as climate continues to change.
- For trees to help mitigate stormwater and flooding, big trees are far more effective than smaller ones.
- Trees are more effective for Stormwater mitigation than other green infrastructure strategies such as rain gardens, which also require more maintenance..



Focus Area: Recreation

This evening's Update will focus on two Recreation ideas that were suggested at previous meetings:

- Kerry Weber will share more details about the idea for a Skateboard Path
- Derrick Tillman and Mubarik Ismaeli will share concept drawings of the recreational facilities being developed 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!

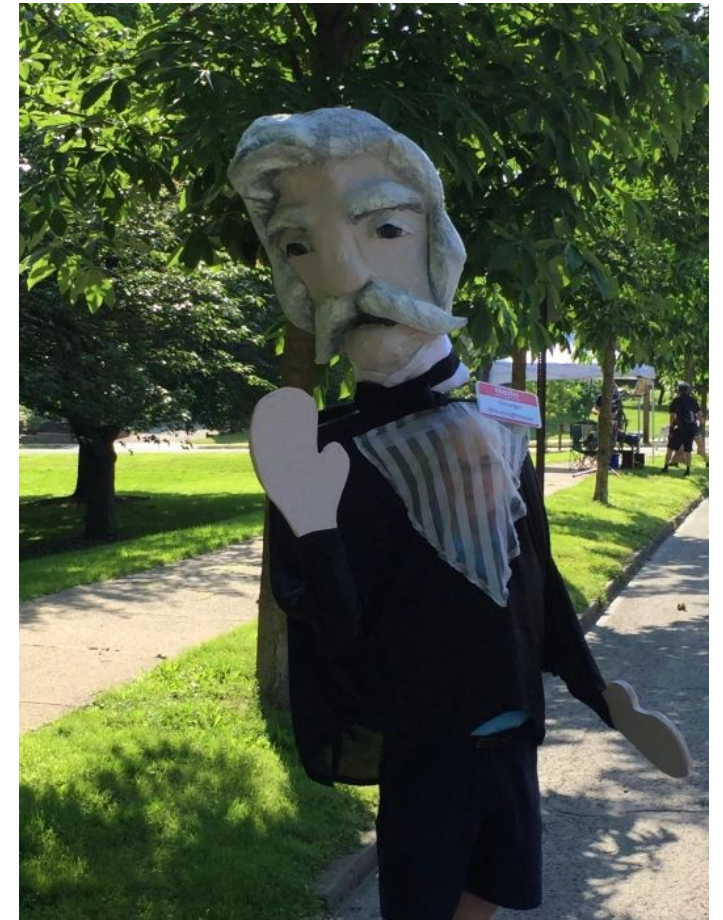
See you next time!

Save the Date! On Tuesday, October 6, 2020, we will celebrate George Westinghouse's 174th Birthday. To join the planning team for this event please contact us at info@pointbreezenorth.com

Update zoom meetings are scheduled on these dates:

- Tuesday, September 1 at 7pm
- Tuesday, September 15 at 7pm
- Tuesday, September 29 at 7pm
- Monday, October 12 at 7pm

To suggest an agenda item, please contact us at least one week in advance of a scheduled meeting. Thanks!



Keep in Touch!

Contact us at info@pointbreezenorth.com.

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