Welcome to the Public Information Session – Warehouse Campus Neighbourhood Central Park

Warehouse Campus Neighbourhood Central Park will be an urban oasis; an inclusive, multi-use green space featuring large, open areas that invite citizens and visitors to reflect and explore.

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Context

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Goals

A Green, Open Space

The Warehouse Campus Park’s main features will be a large, flexible, green open space and a significant increase to the downtown tree canopy. The park will provide many informal recreation and leisure opportunities suitable for individuals and families, while also occasionally hosting community-scale events and gatherings. City-wide, large-scale celebration events should be located in other parts of the Downtown such as in key areas, like the Legislature and Churchill Square.

A Year Round Space

Winter is a core part of Edmonton’s identity, and needs to be fully considered as our city grows. The design of Warehouse Campus Neighborhood Central Park needs to fully consider the winter context, making the most of opportunities to capture the sun’s warmth, provide protection from the wind, and provide winter programming options that make the park more accessible, safe and enjoyable year-round.

A Sustainable Space

Warehouse Campus Park will need to include features or facilities designed to manage storm water on site and other sustainable features. Abundant green space and tree canopy should be significant considerations, as well as sustainable and maintainable landscaping elements.

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A Connected / Integrated Space

Laneways and adjacent connections to the park need to be designed so that they attract multi-modal traffic to the park. The park will be designed in such a way that integrates it with Edmonton’s existing green network and the Beaver Hills House Park, Alex Decoteau Park, and the River Valley. The park also needs to be designed in such a way that connects and integrates it with the existing Downtown bike network and the pedestrian priority streets, 104th and 108th streets, Jasper Avenue, and additional green corridors.

A Pedestrian Focused Space

The Warehouse Campus Neighborhood Central Park design must encourage and support pedestrian movement and activity throughout the park and along its adjacent laneways. The park should be designed in such a way that supports active building frontages, encouraging pedestrian movement around the park’s edges. Design elements should be human scaled, and strong considerations should be made for the pedestrian experience.

A Timeless Space

The Warehouse Campus Neighborhood Central Park design needs to remain resilient and relevant through Edmonton’s economic and demographic lifecycles. Strong consideration for timeless design, that favours placemaking and vitality over experimentation, should be made.

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Required design elements

**Universal Design**

The Park must be designed in coordination with Edmonton’s Access Design Guide and incorporate a barrier free, universal design approach that ensures users of all ages and abilities will be able to enjoy the park and the amenities it provides.

**Active Frontages**

Warehouse Campus Neighborhood Central Park must be designed in such a way that integrates and encourages adjacent property owners to prioritize active frontages and ground floor entries facing the park. The design should provide for patio and activity space that interacts with adjacent properties, and design spaces for people to “spill out” of buildings onto the park.

**Winter City Design**

The park must be designed in coordination with Edmonton’s Winter City Design Guidelines, in such a way that: - Incorporates design strategies to block wind, particularly prevailing winds and downdrafts; - Maximizes exposure to sunshine through orientation and design; - Uses colour to enliven the winterscape; - Creates visual interest with light, while being mindful of intensity, spread, contract and colour, and; - Provides infrastructure that supports desired winter life and improves comfort and access in cold weather.

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Incorporation of 107th Street

Park design and programming should take an integrated approach that creates a single, contiguous park. There is potential for LRT to come down 107th street in the future, and infrastructure will need to be considered to potentially accommodate this in the future. The park design needs to consider all parcels of land as one, single, contiguous park.

Public Art Integration

Park design must support, incorporate, and program for the integration of public art. The design must work in coordination with Edmonton's Percent for Public Art Policy and the Edmonton Arts Council to design space that showcases and integrates public art into the park.

Laneway Integration

The design of the park must take into account adjacent laneways and integrate them into the park’s design. Adjacent laneways should be pedestrian priority spaces, with select laneways acting as “gateways” into the park. The design should create clear pedestrian connections to Beaver Hills House Park, Alex Decoteau Park, Jasper Avenue, 103 Avenue, and the Corona LRT Station. Any community event infrastructure should be located along the Park’s edges to provide opportunity for street closure events.

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Washroom Facility
The Park design must incorporate a family-friendly, barrier free public washroom facility either within the park, or within the vicinity of adjacent buildings to support proposed programming (including a children’s play area).

Open Lawn Space
Park design must incorporate significant tree canopy coverage and (a) large multi-purpose green area(s) that supports the vision of an “urban oasis”.

Play Features
Park design must include child-friendly play components, fostering the City of Edmonton’s goals of creating a child friendly city.

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