



Workshop Report

“Visualizing the Issues”

The Garver Building and the North Platte

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Workshop Agenda Overview





Workshop Results: Overarching Themes

Theme #1. Walking Experiences and Educational Programs

1.A. Wilderness Landscape Experience

1.B. Cultural Landscape Experience

Theme #2. Ecological Considerations

Theme #3. East Side Connections

& Access from Neighborhoods and Greenspaces

Wilderness Landscape Experience



Cultural Landscape Experience



Theme #2. Ecological Considerations



Theme #3. East Side Connections & Access from Neighborhoods and Greenspaces





A photograph of a marshy landscape. In the foreground, there are tall, green reeds and grasses. In the middle ground, a small body of water reflects the sky. In the background, there are bare trees and a clear blue sky. A single cattail plant is visible on the right side of the image.

Compendium of Photos and Value Statements

GROUP 1

PHOTOS & VALUE STATEMENTS

RR Tracks behind Kessenichs

- Like the geometry
- History of rail use on N. plat
- Walking tours memorialize industrial uses
- Incorporate RR tracks into design

Open Meadow View

- Surrounded by trees
- Can't see City
- Lots of nature
- Wildness of the meadow
- Pathways have wild feel













GROUP 2

PHOTOS & VALUE STATEMENTS

Maintaining existing

- Habitat/environment
- NW area and NE areas – separate
- Prairie – restoration of what's already there
- Maintain existing
- If access needed – keep as is (gravel)
- Functional as trail as is
- Natural wooded (visual and habitat) landscape buffers
- Historical recognition of building worth salvage?
 - Cost
 - Environmental issues
- Ducks, beaver, song birds, deer trails
- Functional aspects of natural trail

Also see notes inserted in each photo



Value: Historical recognition of building.

Concern: Is the historical relevance of the building worth salvaging
(i.e. financial & environmental cost, purpose)



Value: Maintaining habitat/environment.

A photograph of a man standing in a grassy field. The man is wearing a dark blue and white jacket, olive green pants, a colorful beanie, and sunglasses. He is standing on a path that leads into the distance. The field is covered in green grass and some fallen leaves. In the background, there is a line of trees with some autumn-colored foliage. The sky is overcast.

Value: Restoration of natural environment (i.e.prairie)



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Value: Existing natural buffers & habitats.



Value: Maintain functional aspects of trail.



Value: Maintain existing landscape.

GROUP 3

PHOTOS & VALUE STATEMENTS

Urban dev – connections – this site and city

Tree line – along bike path, hides new dev. And allows it to unfold

Small tree stand – blocks view of ugly expanse

Fair Oaks – edge urban to wild

RR tracts – History of site industrial use

Medium density housing along edge (sieve type of boundary)

Mulch piles – need thoughtful landscaping

Wild portions – keep or dev. as wild

Urban areas need wild contrast to built up area – not suburban

















GROUP 4

PHOTOS & VALUE STATEMENTS

Big Building Photo

- Lots of space for many uses – rare
- Farmer's market, etc., for income stream
- Beautiful building – agri./indus/ past
- Good access
- Madison's present status in regional food production. Garver could be location for conference facility/education/rental non-prof's/food processing training.

Exterior around building

- CSA/heirloom gardens
- Compost demo area
- Gardening training

Grounds

- Are beautiful
- Lots of space for everyone to I.D. uses

















GROUP 5

PHOTOS & VALUE STATEMENTS

Hawk photo

- Diversity is valuable
- Space for wildlife
- Do no further harm to creek

Path Photo

- Proximity to homes/bus
- Nature trail – education opportunity

Creek

- Corridor must be preserved. We walk it every day.
- Landscape management of fire
- Remove, plant nat'l species
- Must be maintained long term
- Gradual replacement
- Is it wetland or prairie
- Next step will look at feasibility
- There were nat'l spring cattails, clean water, big trees











GROUP 6

PHOTOS & VALUE STATEMENTS

Hawk/falcon – habitat for wildlife – rewilding

Community garden is valued

Native vegetation vs. exotics.

Most of N. plat veg. is exotic expensive to recreate native vegetation
– live with what we have.

Wilderness feel – not manicured

Habitat as opposed to diversity. Brushy trees/grassy areas

Creek edge – preserve

Connectivity to neighborhood needs walking bridge

Permeability of site – open

Rec corridors nearby – M.G.&E. site, Dixon Greenway, OB sherry

Historical heritage of site – ‘the necessity of ruins’

Garver – adaptive to reuse – arts incubator space













GROUP 7

PHOTOS & VALUE STATEMENTS

Office Building

Cool building – great it could be saved

Meadow

Open

Peripheral shield

Path

Walking opportunity

Paths appear where people want to walk

Creek must have continuous path

Foot path must remain separate from bike path

Dog walking path – on leash, for responsible dog owners, of course













GROUP 8

PHOTOS & VALUE STATEMENTS

Rose garden view to N. plat – interconnecting nature with existing garden. View corridor into N. plat – natural or wild; Create hill on site which might be a focal point – 2-6 story spiral walking mound to expand viewing. Weave with natural elements like a Stonehenge – informal in nature. Urban living learning connecting – weaving an experimental playpen – **training for youth and elders – sustainable energy stewardship/docents – full time to revitalize areas. Bike and rail path connected – connect with trolley to downtown – crossroads hub. Performance space for grassroots groups in touch with natural world and urban.** Pedestals – remind of ancient ruins. Soundscape incorporated into spiral tower connecting urban and natural landscape. Potential for unique acoustics in natural landscape. Consideration of watershed principles and connecting trails.













GROUP 9

PHOTOS & VALUE STATEMENTS

Marsh at NE corner

Preserve in at least as good condition

W fork of Creek

Preserve

Walking Path

Important buffer

Preserve









GROUP 10

PHOTOS & VALUE STATEMENTS

Viewpoint from East Morland into N. Plat
Trees

Relationship of neighborhood to N. Plat

No way to get to N. Plat from East Moreland – while two bridges connect Olbrich to other side

Thai Pavilion Views from N. Plat

Garver building itself

Open roofed space like winter garden area – 2 story

Olin Terrace fountain stored here in Garver Building











































GROUP 11

VALUE STATEMENTS (NO PHOTOS)

Alt. Shopping space for local vendors

5th St. Market

Pike St. Market

Interior farmer's market, bakery and fish market

Eugene, or example

Performance space

Save natural, integrate into Garver space

Viroqua has one

Wedding Place

Galleries

Food/eateries

Performance

Weddings/chapel

Transcribed Written Comments about potential BUILDING USE

Co-housing/Eco-village Intergenerational • AA space – large performance space for community-based, grass roots arts projects Co-created • Possibility of window restoration? • I envision the big central door as a beautiful big main entrance to a fabulous Exploratorium/museum? A natural history? (Not knowing what the interior is like I don't know if this usage would be appropriate) • At one point, several years ago, this site was recommended as a hostel for people passing through town (by bicycle, or by any other means), especially located along trail as it is. At this point, with homelessness still rampant, one wonders if there's any means of creating even some few work-in-exchange-for-living opportunities for committed people who happen to be down on their luck. (It could happen to any of us.) • Definitely it would be grand to incorporate green/sustainable building materials, practices and builders into the process. Perhaps gutting /interior demolition rehab process will yield materials that can be re-used elsewhere on site or sold via habitat restore process for use elsewhere. Or, maybe materials sold as “mementos” or as a fundraiser • Definitely would love to see a building like this not cost an arm and leg to heat, light, and power. So, let's have some serious solar installations! Esp with grant money and local resource people this can happen! • Thanks for the opportunity to weigh in • Trade school?/restoration MATC 2nd location? Joint program w/laborers, South Central Federation of Labor? and U.W. History Dept.?