

CHARLESTOWN HILLCLIMB LANDSCAPE DESIGN TO BE UNVEILED AT DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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The landscape architect firm Johnson + Southerland developed a final plan for the Charlestown Hillclimb using feedback from 21 participants at the September MBCC community meeting. Elements of the plan include reopening the view of the tree sculpture, planting drought-tolerant and native trees and shrubs, installing benches, and creating a community gathering space on the hilltop.

Johnson + Southerland will present the final plan at the MBCC membership meeting on Dec. 3. The Friends of Charlestown Hillclimb (FCH) will also be available to answer questions about the Hillclimb project.

The Charlestown Hillclimb is located between 37th Avenue S. and Courtland Place S. on the S. Charlestown Street right-of-way, at the northeast corner of the Rainier Plaza.

FCH expects to receive a Department of Transportation use permit by mid-Nov. 2012. The group will spend this winter seeking grants and donations for the plants and benches, and plans to implement the landscape design with volunteers over several years.

Exciting news this month is that the city approved funds to finish the stairway in summer 2013!

FCH invites your participation in the Hillclimb project. Your donations of cash, in-kind items and labor are crucial for com-

pleting this project. For more information about the Hillclimb see www.CharlestownHillclimb.org or email info@charlestownhillclimb.org to be added to the email list.



This vignette of a possible planting design for the Charlestown Hillclimb gives an idea of what it will look like when the plants have matured. Image courtesy of Johnson + Southerland

SCENES FROM HARVEST THE ARTS



Harvest the Arts featured Simple Measures, which invited audience participation on stage. Photo: Rebecca Laszlo



Harvest the Arts event volunteers: Sara Intriligator, Rebecca Laszlo, Diane Schachter, Jane Leavitt.



Young fan enjoying the music with his dad at Harvest the Arts. Photo: Rebecca Laszlo