

Jack Long Park May 2005 Update

The Jack Long Park project was initiated approximately 2 years ago. Presently the dedication of the park site, west of the Alexandra Centre building, is in the City's Naming Committee application process. We are presently working on developing a "community designed" plan for the park in order to move forward with the application, which has been approved in principle. The application is pending full approval based on the acceptance of a design plan, budget, and work plan.

GOOD NEWS!

The City of Calgary has re-stated its decision to keep the entire site as a community park site despite an application to have a portion of it used for housing. The Alexandra Centre Society has assumed the responsibility of ensuring public process in creating a plan for the site, with the help of Margot Long.

Margot Long, Jack's daughter and accomplished landscape architect flew in for the first planning session for the park. Approximately 25 people attended the "brainstorming" session, and enthusiastically contributed their ideas. Also in attendance were The City of Calgary's Community Recreation Coordinator Norm Leong, and Parks Community Liaison, Dennis LaFreniere. A good number of ideas were contributed all forming a set of core values:

- 1) The park should be multi-use, cater to a multi-age population, and be open to all who wish to use it (respectfully).
- 2) The park must be a meeting place for the community
- 3) The park must be a place for celebrations and community festivals
- 4) The park must reflect Jack Long's philosophy (basically all of the above)

... and we're right on the mark by holding this public planning process.

The group also felt strongly about engaging children in the process. The Alexandra Centre Society will be contacting area schools to set up a planning session for children with Margot.

Missed the meeting? No Problem... have your say, and look forward to further reports.

**Contact: 269-5588 or
info@alexandracentresociety.org**

Jack Long Park Comment Form

- I am a community member
- I am City staff
- I am an interested Calgary Citizen
- Other _____

Do you use the Park Area now? How?

What would you like to see in the park?

What do you think should be the most important element or feature?

Additional Comments... Your vision?

Would you like to be on the contact list?

Name _____

Address _____

Code _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____