

Presentation to Seattle City Council
Transportation and Utilities Committee
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Lake City Living Memorial Triangle Project



**Police: 2 killed, 2 others injured in
Lake City shooting; suspect
detained**

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Following the shooting and a Community Meeting with the Mayor/City Council, a group of neighbors decided to create a Memorial near the location of the shooting. The first work day occurred in April 2019 with clearing of the overgrown site.



With SDOT approval and the donation of a Swamp Oak from the City Arborist, the first tree is planted on site in May 2019.



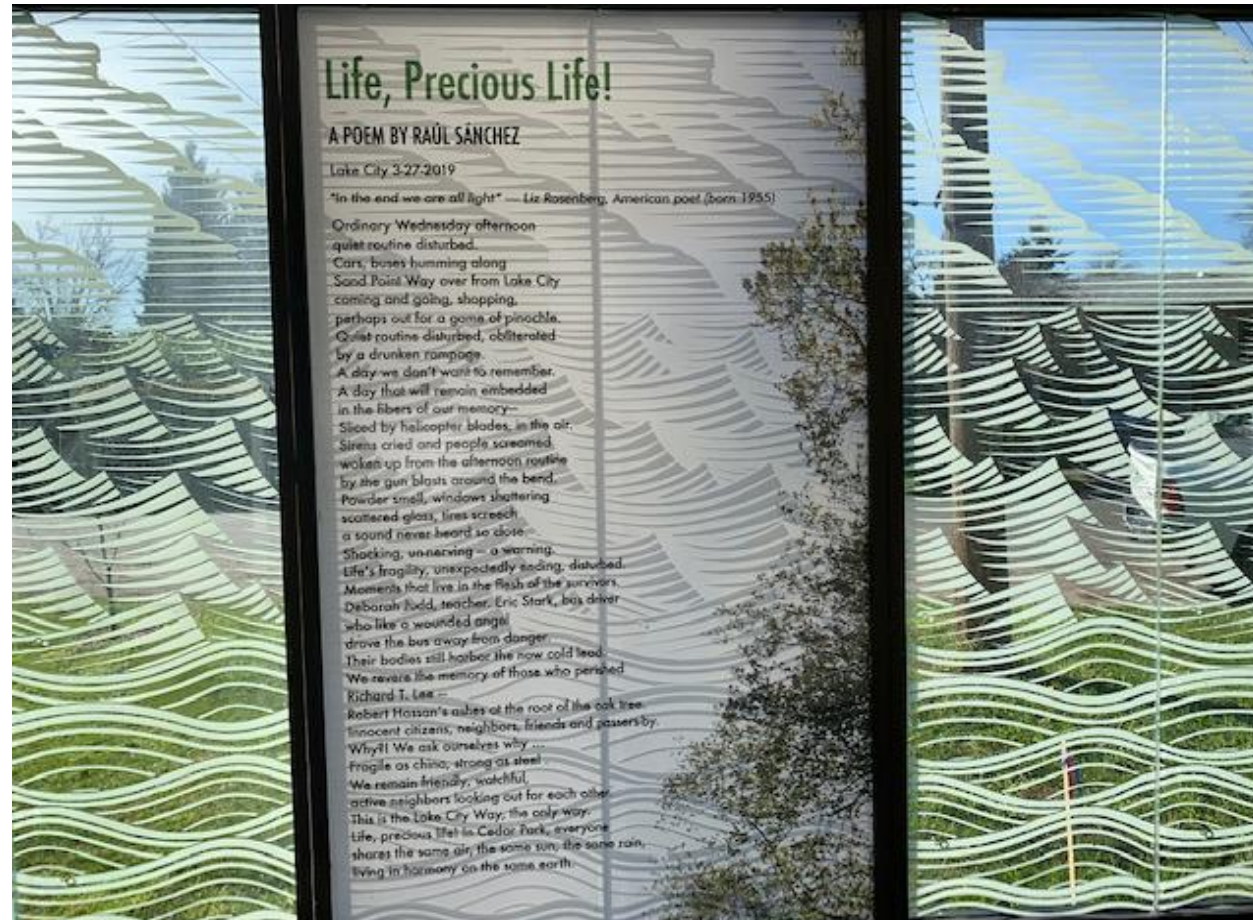
Participants in the first tree planting included neighbors and those most affected....shooting survivors and family members of those killed. Ashes from one of the victims were planted under the Swamp Oak at the site.



A LCLMT Steering Committee was formed and through sponsorship of the Lake City Neighborhood Association and fiscal support from the Seattle Parks Foundation, the volunteer group applied for a City of Seattle Small Sparks Grant to expand the Memorial. \$5000 was awarded and over 30 neighbors showed up for a work day in March 2020 which resulted in the planting of 7 new trees and a bed of Lavender.



In addition to the plantings, the group was honored to have a poem written by local Poet Laureate Raul Sanchez about the events of March 27th 2019, which is now empaneled on the Metro bus stop on site. Another local artist (Kendra Azari) was commissioned to paint the lower panels on the bus stop to be installed this summer.

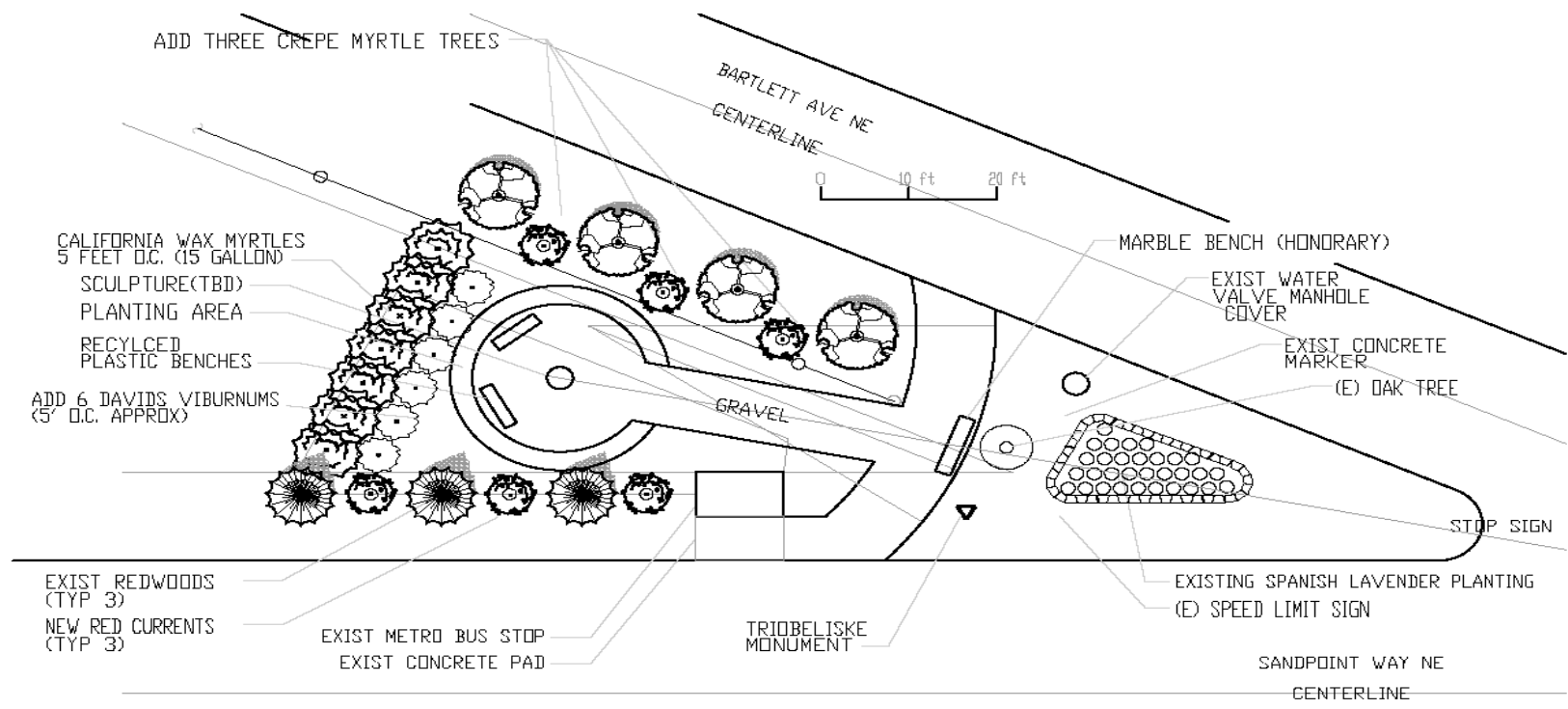


- As a result of ongoing support for this project from Councilperson Deborah Juarez and her staff, a corporate sponsor emerged in late 2020.
- An Amazon rep met with the Steering Committee and then offered a donation to expand the Memorial.
- With those funds, a small privately owned parcel of land within the site was purchased, giving the Steering Committee full control and management of the Triangle. Besides the land purchase, additional money was now available to further develop the site.



Following a professional site survey (sent to SDOT), and with the help of a professional landscape architect, a design plan was drawn up. With the support of the Seattle Parks Foundation, working with SDOT, a plan is now in place to donate the purchased land (with planned developments) to SDOT.

The neighborhood group will provide donated labor for the site development and will continue to maintain the Triangle with watering, monthly work parties and mowing.



In conclusion, we ask that the Committee accept the recommendation to transfer this property to SDOT on behalf of the Lake City Living Memorial Triangle volunteers.

To complete this presentation, we would like the Committee to hear from one of the people directly affected by the events of March 27th 2019. Ms. Debbie Judd will tell you her story and about the importance of this Memorial to her healing process and that of the community.

Following her remarks we are happy to take any questions.

