

BELLEVUE BOTANICAL GARDEN

MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Public Meeting Comment Summary October 25, 2007

There were 27 attendees and two dogs present, not including City staff and Consultant team members. The meeting ended at 8:45pm.

Written Comments:

- Option A-Prefers this one. Likes the terrace spilling out; likes the site on Main Street.
- Option B-Dislikes losing the Rock Garden.
- Option C-Likes the terrace thing; likes the remote classroom, but more as a romantic notion-not really practical.

Oral Comments:

- Some concern for great distance from proposed maintenance area to garden areas. Wants to commend the team for a great first image and statement.
- Proposed garden rooms have great opportunities.
- Wants the BBG to remain a garden. The Visitor Center should be small, 100 people maximum. Garden programs should include homeowner's education partnerships with other organizations. Would like to see a garden railroad partnership. No jogging through the garden areas; no smoking; no distractions.
- Worried there is an over emphasis on greater parking. Existing parking can be found north of Main Street. When parking areas are full-then so sorry!
- Would like to see bus service to the BBG. Currently none is available.
- What is JGM's vision for the garden? Still gathering input...build on Garden's success.
- How about a parking structure? Cost is the drawback.
- How about people movers installed that you could get on like carts or trolleys?
- BBG Budget-How much of the funding comes from the city and how much is from private donations?
- Do the proposed garden rooms have flexibility for expansion?
- Wants a separate trail access into the garden from the eastside neighborhood so she doesn't have to walk all the way along the Lake-to-Lake Trail up to the parking area entry.
- What will be the architectural look of the proposed structures?
- Visitor Center meeting room size still undecided.
- Have there been wildlife studies completed for the Master Plan Update process? Do other city departments have any studies on wildlife and protection? Concerned about personal safety on certain trails in BBG. Hidden areas a problem.

END OF SUMMARY