



MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 13, 2007

TO: Meydenbauer Bay Steering Committee

FROM: Mike Bergstrom, Planning & Community Development
Robin Cole, Parks & Community Services

SUBJECT: July 19, 2007 **Agenda Item # 4** – Public Comment

Public comment is received in several ways. We get oral feedback at public and Steering Committee meetings, written comment forms and emails, and telephone calls. Our goal is to record and transmit to you a meaningful and accurate record of all citizen comment we receive about the project. We have prepared a spreadsheet reflecting positive and negative comments regarding various specific and general project issues and ideas. We update the spreadsheet whenever we receive comments and after public or Steering Committee meetings. The public comment spreadsheet is included in your packet.

We respond to each public comment we receive, informing the commenter that their ideas and concerns have been added to the spreadsheet and will be used to inform you, the planning process, consultants and staff. Occasionally a commenter requests that the full text of their comments be sent to all Steering Committee members. We are including two such comments in this packet.

Please let us know of any changes to this process you would like us to implement.

	A	B	C	D
1	Meydenbauer Bay Park and Land Use Plan			Current through 7/12/07
2	Consolidated Cumulative Public Comment			
3		Includes: Public meeting input, Comment forms, and correspondence including email		
4		Note: Some comments may have been provided more than once via different venues		
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6	Concept / Issue	Positive	Negative	Additional Notes
7				
8	Controlling Use of Bay			
9	Jet skis	2	2	newer jet skis ok/jet skis are dangerous
10	Implement NO WAKE rule / post very low speed / bouy	6		
11	Transient Moorage (day use or guest dock)	17	7	Suggest moorage charge. No overnight. Reservations. Relocate transient moorage.
12	Boat dock for pick up and drop off	4		
13	Seaplane dock	3	3	
14	Boat rentals	2	3	Available at Enetai
15	Provide for kayak and canoeing	7		With tie ups
16	Provide for rowing	2		
17	Provide safe swimming area	7		
18	Boathouse / shellhouse	1		
19	Caretaker house	2		
20	Boat launch		2	
21	Gas dock		1	
22	Youth sailing classes	4		
23	Increase water flow to reduce mosquitos	1		
24	Increase boat activity in bay	2	1	Include Argosy, Christmas ships
25	Remove piers associated with COB owned residences	1		
26				
27	Potential Park Improvements			
28	Expand beach	2		
29	Swimming and diving opportunities	6		Includes swim to dock in deeper water
30	Picnic shelters / areas	9		Some covered
31	Boardwalk along water	8		Extend east of park property
32	Amphitheater	5		Includes seating for weddings, fireworks, entertainment, speeches, Shakespeare, summer
33	Waterfront restaurant	4		maritime theme, seafood potential

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6				
34	Retail	5	1	To keep area active evenings with room for musicians
35	Dance area	2		
36	Loop trail system	9		
37	Restrooms	2		
38	Museum of history	4		and café
39	Splash/water feature for small children	2		
40	Sky tram	1		
41	Volleyball courts	1		
42	Non programmed open space/lawn areas	6		
43	Fountains	1		
44	Expand childrens play area	1	1	
45	Benches	2		
46	Concessions - snacks/rentals	3	2	Pastry shoppe
47	Swings		1	
48	Gardens	1		
49	Woodland walks	1		
50	Bicycling	1		
51	Walking, general	3		
52	Remove residential structures on city property	2	1	
53	Moor historical boat for events	3		
54	Educational facility for interpretation and history	1		
55				
56	Marina			
57	Keep rental slips	8	1	
58	Reduce/eliminate piers	1		
59	Personal watercraft access	2		
60	Add parking near Piers	4		
61	Motor boats	3	2	
62	Eliminate rental duplex	1		
63	Small dry dock	1		
64	Public access over water using existing piers	8	2	make piers flexible for more than one use
65	Fuel dock		1	
66	Hand boat launch		1	requires parking
67	Pump out station	1		
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6	Access, Accessibility and Parking			
69	Ensure easy access by boat	3		
70	Concentrate on pedestrian access	6		majority of users from local neighborhoods
71	Minimize vehicle access	6		Includes using shuttles, drop offs
72	Provide accessible route	3		Includes for those with wheelchairs or walkers
73	Provide handrails along path to water	1		
74	Provide drop off for differently abled, seniors and families	3		and emergencies
75	Access via Bellevue Place with welcoming green	1		
76	Create nice access to water along Meydenbauer Way	5		
77	Visual access/view corridors	1		
78	Water taxi	8		provide onstreet parking in the upland and downtown areas
79	Minimize parking in park	4		100th between 1st and Main
80	Widen boulevards/sidewalks	6		
81	Area trolley/shuttle	6		Slow traffic on Main and Lk WA Blvd
82	Minimize traffic impacts	2		
83	If there is parking in park, allow only park users	2		slow traffic
84	Provide bike parking	11		
85	Make Main St, 99th, and 100th ped friendly to water	1		
86	Make 102nd one way at Main Street	1		
87	Remove vegetation on NE 1st between 98th and 99th	2		
88	Maximize underground parking	2	1	
89	Pedestrian sky bridges	1		
90	Minimize vehicle/pedestrian conflicts along Main St	1		
91	Provide street furniture-benches	1		
92	Provide parking at Wildwood Park	1		
93	Landscaped hillclimb			
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95				
96	Park Character			
97	Aesthetics	2		
98	Connected to Downtown Park, Wildwood and Clise	10		cut through block pathways
99	Safe for walking even at night	3		more light at night
100	Serene / peaceful	6		
101	Crime prevention/Lighting/police enforcement	10		

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102	History / interpretation	41		maritime, whaling, hydroplane, Bellevue early days, farming, old Main Street, coast guard, Wildwood, lowering of lake, use art		
103	Maintained, not overgrown, open space	3				
104	Residential	2				
105	Farmers Market	4				
106	Attract tourists	2	1			
107	Natural areas to enjoy views and nature	4				
108	Retain historic buildings for reuse	9	2			
109	Modern art	1	1	whale fountain		
110	Range of uses-green to urban; passive and active	3				
111	Plan for year around use	2				
112	Commercial	1	2	encourage local business		
113	Oriented to marine activity	1				
114	Landscaping reflects agricultural history	1				
115						
116	Environmental					
117	Water quality / weed control	11				
118	Noise control	8		Noise carries over water		
119	Maintain trees and plants to attract birds, etc	2				
120	Bird/wildlife protection/refuge	5				
121	Bay is small, protect	4				
122	Environmental education	8				
123	Dredge bay	3				
124	Development should improve site environment	3				
125	Natural beach	1				
126	Restore Meydenbauer Creek	1				
127	Upgrade storm system	1				
128						
129	Upland Area Land Use					
130	Restaurants with boat access	1	1			
131	Residential	3	3			
132	Restaurants / cafes	8	1			
133	Lodging		3			
134	Low rise	4				

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135	Shops/1st floor retail	5	3	small local businesses
136	Concessions for food, drink, balloons, bikes	1		
137	No change	1		
138	Parking in primary study area		2	
139	Parking in secondary study area	1		
140	Preserve Main Street character and small businesses	4		Includes extend
141	Retain Old Bellevue Chevron	1		
142	Open Space	1		
143	Underground o.h. lines @99th NE from LWBlvd-8thNE	1		
144	Vertical mixed use with parking under Main	1		
145	City owned parking structure	2		at Wildwood? At corner of Main and 100th
146	Incorporate park upland instead of vice versa	1		
147				
148	Comparison Parks			
149	Bellevue Downtown Park	1		
150	Clyde Hill Park		1	Overgrown
151	Kirkland Waterfront	3	3	
152	Kirkland Marina Park	1		
153	Renton Waterfront	2		Coulon Park
154	Seattle Harbor Steps	1		
155	Seattle Sculpture Park	1		
156	Seattle StanSayers Pit	1		
157	Ballard Locks Terraces	1		
158	Olympia Market District	1		
159	Indianapolis			terraces and promenade
160	Amsterdam	3	1	
161	Detroit	1		Promenade
162	Charleston	1		
163	Lake Erie	1		Water channelization
164	New London	1		
165	Kelowna BC promenade	1		
166	Beijing	1		Easy canoe access (?)
167	Wheeling	1		terraces
168	Barcelona 1992 Waterfront Makeover	2	1	
169	Alexandria, VA Waterfront	1		

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170				
171	Planning Process			
172	Display at Library	1		
173	Notify all homeowners about project	1		
174	Listen	1		
175	Many meetings for public comment	1		
176	Stop development in target areas	1		
177	Protect adjacent neighborhoods	3		
178	Test accessibility measures w/ handicapped person	1		
179	List all historical uses on display boards	1		
180	Plan for proactive police enforcement	1		

July 9, 2007

MEMO TO: MEYDENBAUER BAY MARINA PARK STEERING COMMITTEE

FROM: SANDRA BOYD, RESIDENT AT TEN THOUSAND MEYDENBAUER
CONDOS

SUBJECT: CONCERNS REGARDING PARK DEVELOPMENT

OVERALL PARK CHARACTER

Meydenbauer Bay Marina Park will be an anchor between Meydenbauer Beach Park and the Downtown Park. It will transist from being privately leased to having some (to be determined) moorage available for transient boats. The visiting boaters will most probably be docking because they want to go to Main Street for provisions or a restaurant; or perhaps there will be an event at the Downtown Park or the annual Arts & Crafts Fair at Bellevue Square.

The connecting land between the Marina and the Beach Park is inviting from a walkers/sitters point of view to enjoy being close to the water. Benches for relaxing and taking in the scenery should be provided; a PARS Course would be appropriate (various stations to do a variety of exercises); some public art/sculptures would enhance the area and lastly, there should be space available for picnics, perhaps a covered barbeque for cookouts and picnic tables and benches.

MOORAGE

The privately leased marinas have earned income to pay off the bonds that enabled the City to buy them in the first place. It makes sense to continue to lease the majority of the slips to maintain the facilities and to preserve as much as possible the quietness that is precious to those of us who reside in the neighborhood. It is equally as important to minimize the number of transient boats because of the smallness of the Bay in the marina area. We are keenly aware that there is no existing marine patrol on the water. In times of an emergency, reliance is solely on the local land police and fire departments for response.

UPLAND CHARACTER & ACCESS AND MOBILITY

Those of us who live at the Ten Thousand Meydenbauer condominiums are particularly concerned about additional traffic, both pedestrian and vehicular. Enclosed is a

schematic design of Meydenbauer Way with a cul de sac located at the bottom of 100th SE/Bellevue Place. The design includes a walkway for pedestrians on Meydenbauer Way where a gentle slope meets 101st Avenue SE on the way to Main Street. Presently, many cars and trucks use Meydenbauer Way as a short cut. The cul de sac concept would alleviate this situation, allowing only local traffic. Likewise, 100th Avenue SE/Bellevue Place would continue to serve local traffic as well as be better able to accommodate additional visitors coming by automobile.

ENVIRONMENTAL

The combination of controlled access and mobility as well as limited public moorage will foster an environmentally sensitive approach to the management of the new Meydenbauer Bay Marina park.

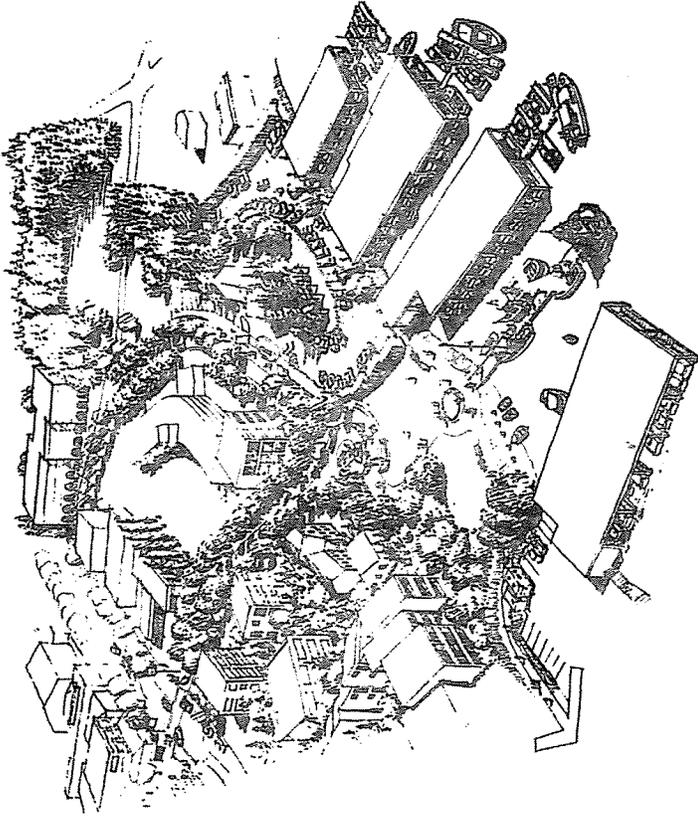
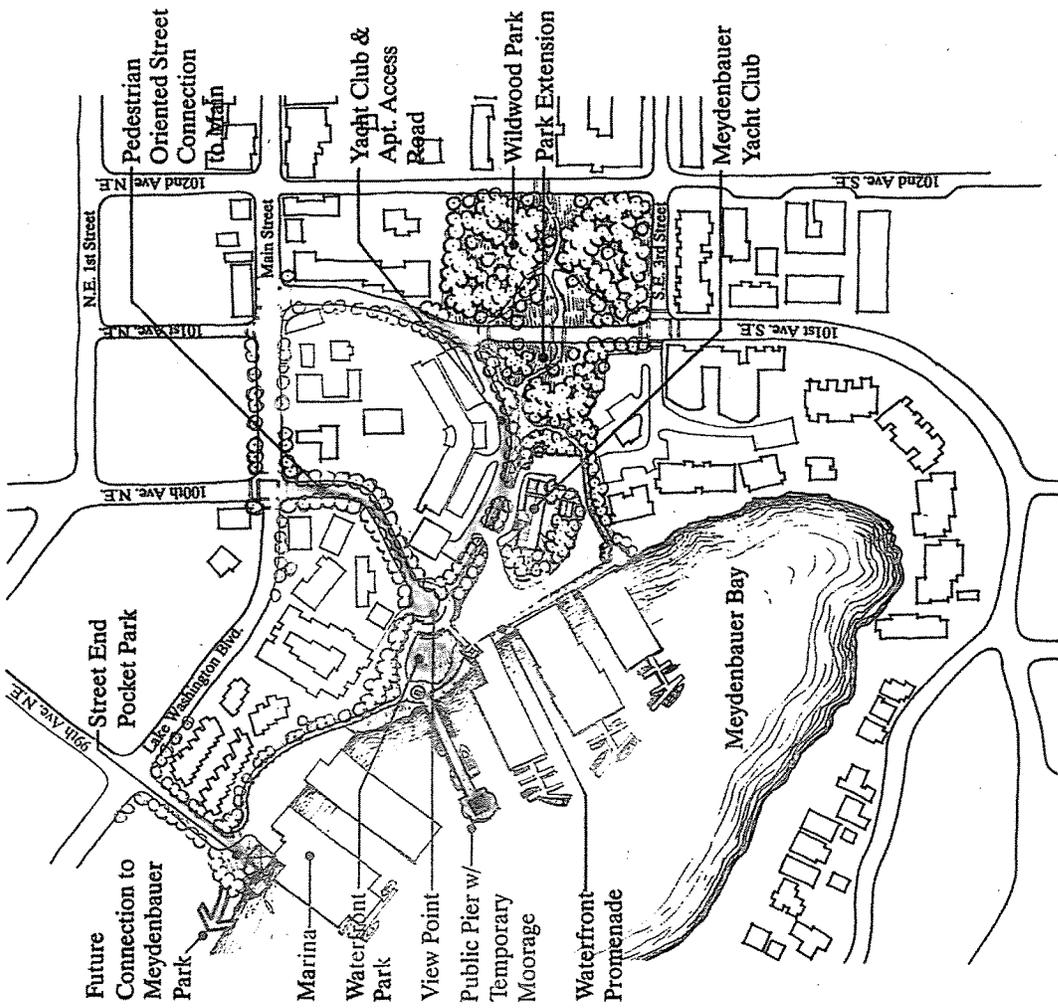
The Bellevue Parks Department has done an excellent job in the past with landscaping appropriately and we anticipate the same high quality approach with the new park; softening the parking lots and buffering other hard surfaces to complement and enhance the residential components of the neighborhood.

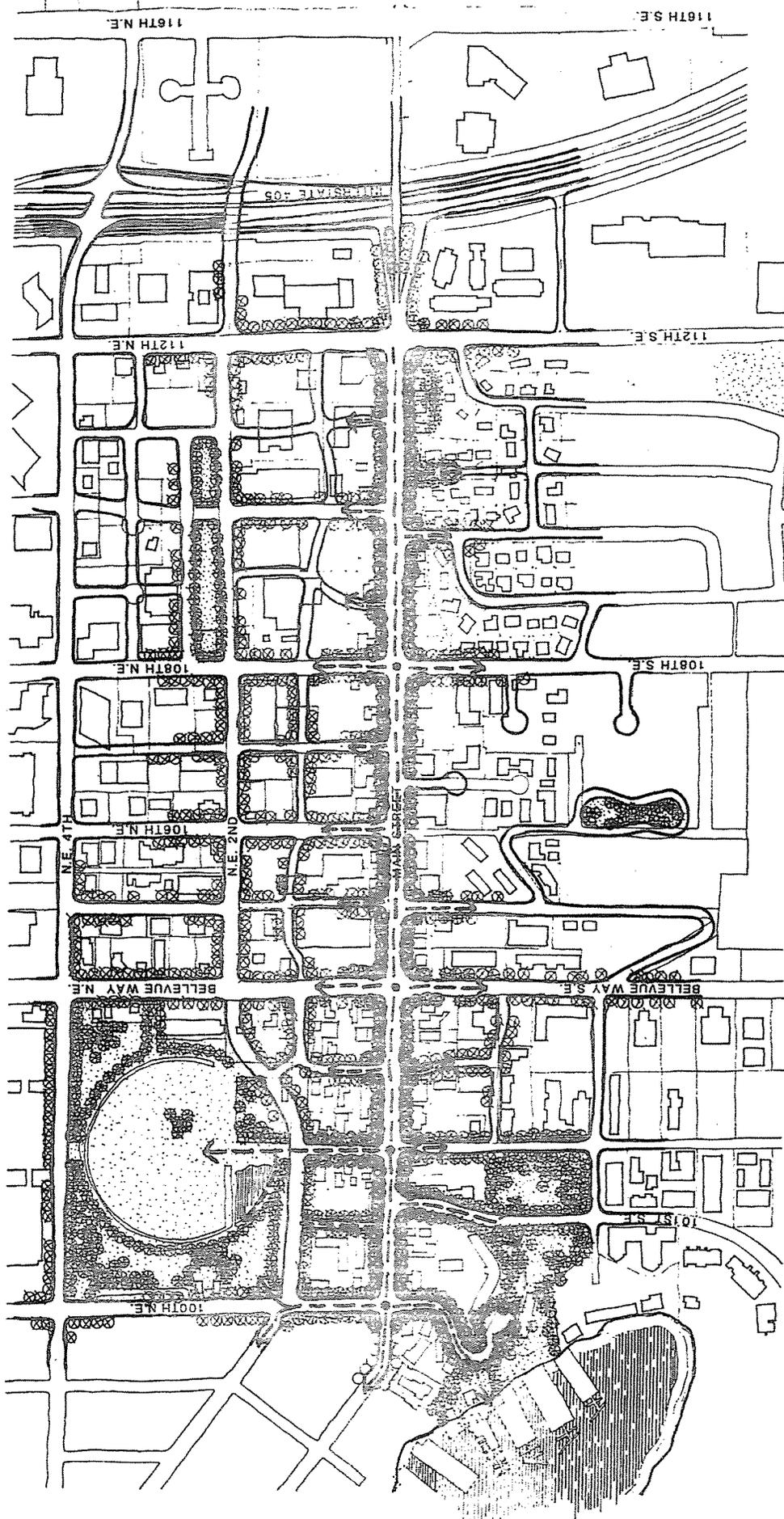
HISTORY

The old whaling buildings hopefully will remain as part of the legacy from Captain Meydenbauer. Photos from the era on display in the buildings can educate future generations of the not so distant "whaling industry." The facilities may also be used by the community for meetings or other group activities.

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From: GEOFF HOLM [g.holm@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2007 5:00 PM
To: Cole, Robin; Bergstrom, Michael
Cc: Council
Subject: The New Waterfront Park at Meydenbauer Bay

Robin, Here are my thoughts as you decide the future of Meydenbauer Bay.

1. The City of Bellevue Park Department has done an excellent job of creating and maintaining Bellevue's Parks. With the exception of the Downtown Park all are in residential neighborhoods and respect their neighbors. I am worried that the current planning ignores the fact that Meydenbauer Bay is a residential neighborhood. I understand that your plan includes transient moorage, commercial activities and destruction of the residential character of Meydenbauer Bay
2. Please keep in mind that this is not downtown Bellevue. Taxpayers actually bought personal residences that are part of a residentially zoned(R-4) neighborhood. Designing the new park should not be so difficult. There is a perfect model for it already. It is the park that is there now and is called Meydenbauer Beach Park. It is enjoyed by residents and guests every day of the year. Just make it bigger with your new space. You could produce a mirror image of the current park with grassy lawns and natural northwest landscaping and the community would erect a statue in your honor.
3. Demolish the houses as soon as possible that the City of Bellevue has purchased on Meydenbauer Bay and plant grass. The "Animal House" Fraternity Row concept that the city is subsidizing does not work in a residential neighborhood. The people living in the city houses are abusing their neighbors and ignoring city ordinances.
 - a. Illegal Fireworks.
 - b. Refueling watercraft at docks and on the beach.
 - c. Speeding jet skis inside of county placed speed markers.
 - d. "Party like a Rock Star", noise amplified beyond ¼ mile.
4. Somehow we got the idea that this would be the first waterfront park in Bellevue and should be designed by consultants from San Francisco. Let's consider the design and functionality of Chism Park, Clyde Beach, Chesterfield Beach, Enatai Beach, Newcastle Beach, Newport Boat Launch and Medina Beach. The addition to Meydenbauer Park does not need to solve every problem of a crowded downtown Bellevue. Since the City of Bellevue has added 5,000 new residents to downtown Bellevue recently, we probably don't need to figure out how to get visitors from Puyallup and Marysville to visit the park. There is a perfect model for your new waterfront park. It is the park that already sits next to the land we bought. Just make it bigger.
5. Transient Moorage. I understand from City employees that this has already been agreed upon by City's decision makers. Nothing will change the residential character of Meydenbauer Bay more than unlimited boating access by transients to the shoreline than this one idea. Transient moorage should be fought in the courts by all residents of Meydenbauer Bay and Meydenbauer Yacht Club. The private marina that the city bought is working, the boaters are courteous for the most part and revenues are generated to pay for the operation. Turning Meydenbauer Bay into downtown Kirkland by providing free transient moorage would be a mistake. We should look to Seward Park as a better model for how to handle boater's needs in a confined area like Meydenbauer Bay. A 3 mph speed limit line that runs north and south from Clyde Beach to the southern tip of Meydenbauer Bay(pickle Point) would provide a quiet, safe area for swimmers at two parks and recreational opportunities for all not just teens on jet skis.

Thank you for including this with the steering committee documentation.

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