



# MEMORANDUM

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DATE: January 11, 2008

TO: Meydenbauer Bay Steering Committee

FROM: Mike Bergstrom, Planning & Community Development  
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SUBJECT: **January 17, 2008 Steering Committee Meeting – Agenda Item #4 –  
Upcoming Schedule/Transition to Park Plan**

Once the Steering Committee reaches consensus on a Preliminary Preferred Land Use Alternative, the focus of the project will turn to the planning of the new waterfront park. This juncture provides an opportunity to look back over the past nine months and examine our planning process, assess its strengths and weaknesses, and evaluate the most effective way to move forward.

In addition, it is important to spend some time evaluating technical aspects of Meydenbauer Bay and the park property, particularly with respect to water quality and other environmental considerations. We want to gain a better understanding of the physical and operational attributes of both the bay and the park land, including lake management issues and needs, carrying capacity of both the bay and the park land, and similar issues.

Further, we need to develop a schedule for the remainder of the project that both maximizes effective opportunities for public input and efficiently utilizes the resources and talents of the Steering Committee. Rather than meeting every month, we anticipate holding five or six committee meetings over the remainder of the year, with the goal of having the final proposed park and land use plans ready for review through the formal adoption process in the fall.

In the near term, Staff believes it is necessary to take a hiatus from the monthly meetings to allow us to concentrate on these tasks. This break would result in no committee meetings in February and March. By late February we expect to distribute a schedule to you covering the remainder of the project, to allow you to anticipate future committee activities as well as schedule your other commitments and plans.

We believe this approach is necessary to ensure the best possible outcome of this project. The transition from the land use component to the park component provides a convenient and worthwhile opportunity to shift gears and evaluate our process before going forward, and give some much needed attention to some of the important technical issues related to this project. We trust the Steering Committee will agree that this is the proper approach to take.