



MEMORANDUM

PHONE:

DATE: August 9, 2007

TO: Meydenbauer Bay Steering Committee

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

SUBJECT: August 16, 2007 **Agenda Item #** – Outreach Update

Seeking public comment and ideas to inform the project planning process is ongoing. During the last month Project Staff and/or consultants facilitated a number of outreach activities. The table below describes the event or activity, dates, and materials for each included in this packet

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| July 10, 2007 | Public Workshop South Bellevue Community Center | X.A Workshop Summary |
| July 10, 2007 | Park Board meeting Opportunities & Constraints discussion | X.B Draft meeting notes |
| July 11, 2007 | QFC Picture the Park Grocery Bag Coloring Activity begins | X.C Activity description |
| July 23, 2007 | Youth Leadership Academy Opportunities & Constraints discussion | X.D Meeting Summary |
| July 23, 2007 | Project overview and webpage address mailed with utility bills 35,000 over 8 weeks | X.E Insert |
| July 31, 2007 | Public Open House and Concepts Workshop Crossroads Community Center | X.F Meeting Summary |

Also enclosed in your packet is an email that requests distribution to all Steering Committee members. In addition, we continue to plan activities for August and September to reach Bellevue community members and encourage their participation in project planning.

**PUBLIC WORKSHOP
JULY 10, 2007**

Overview

To gather feedback on opportunities and challenges related to the Meydenbauer Bay Park and Land Use Plan, the City of Bellevue hosted a public workshop on Tuesday, July 10, 2007 at the South Bellevue Community Center. This workshop followed an introductory project open house on May 15, 2007 and is the second of four planned public events. Approximately 35 people participated in the workshop, including several members of the project's citizen oversight board (Steering Committee). The workshop was structured to provide an overview of project developments and to create the opportunity for discussions between the project team and community members about key considerations and priorities that will inform the future park program and land use alternatives.

Following an introductory presentation, participants were encouraged to rotate through six workshop stations focused on specific park and land use planning issues: Park Character and Use; Upland Character and Use; Access + Mobility; Marina; Environmental Quality; and Historical. Each station included a base map of the park and surrounding uplands, inspiration images, key questions and a summary of Steering Committee comments about each issue. Two project staff and consultants were appointed to each station to encourage public input and answer questions. Staff recorded input by annotating base maps or taking notes on a flip chart. In addition, participants could provide feedback by filling out a comment form. At the close of the workshop sessions, staff leads from each station presented the key themes of the public feedback to the entire group.

In order to encourage a diverse range of community participation and feedback, the City of Bellevue distributed meeting notification announcements in several forms. The city issued postcards to 1,500 parties of interest and surrounding neighbors to the community center, distributed e-mail invitations, issued a display ad in the *Bellevue Reporter*, posted notices at various community centers and locations, and announced the meeting on the city Web page.

The following highlights the workshop format, outreach efforts and feedback received. Verbatim public comment follows as received by individuals.

Agenda

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| 5:30 p.m. | Registration & open house |
| 5:50 p.m. | Welcome & project background |
| 6:05 p.m. | Issues & opportunities overview |
| 6:30 p.m. | Workshop overview |
| 6:35 p.m. | Working sessions |
| 8:05 p.m. | Report-out presentations |
| 8:25 p.m. | Closing observations & next steps |
| 8:30 p.m. | Adjourn |

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Public Information and Announcements

Approximately two weeks prior to the open house, the City of Bellevue mailed 1,500 postcard announcements to residents living within a mile radius of the South Bellevue Community Center as well as interested parties of record, property owners within 500 feet of the park properties, and property owners along the south bay shoreline. In addition, the city issued meeting announcements and invitations to members of the Parks Board, Steering Committee, City Council, Human Services Commission, Planning Commission, Transportation Commission, and Arts Commission.

The event was also advertised in the Bellevue Reporter on June 30th, and July 4th, and on the City Web page. In addition, meeting announcements were posted at the following locations:

- Bellevue libraries
- Various local Starbucks
- All community centers
- Main Street shops (6 to 8 shops)
- Park kiosks
- Meydenbauer Bay Marina
- Bellevue Square information booth
- City Hall lobby

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Poster/Postcard Announcement



South Bellevue Community Center
Multi Purpose Room
14509 SE Newport Way, Bellevue



Help us refine the vision! Learn about opportunities and challenges at the site and project developments. Identify the project's key considerations and priorities that will inform future park and land use alternatives.

SAVE THE DATE: Join us for a follow up workshop on July 31 to discuss draft alternatives.
More details to come.

FOR MORE INFORMATION...

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Display Ad

Meydenbauer Bay
Park and Land Use Plan

Public Workshop July 10, 2007

Help us refine the vision for the new waterfront park at Meydenbauer Bay and connections to surrounding neighborhoods. Identify the key project considerations to inform future park and land use alternatives.

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Check the web for details.

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5:30 PM to 8:30 PM

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Feedback Highlights

The following are common themes of public feedback as presented during the report-out presentations at the workshop.

Station #1: Park Character & Use

- People love the park for what it is today
- Carefully think about uses, especially how to create activities for older kids and the impact of specific types of uses to traffic
- Attract local businesses
- Many ideas on how to use the water and park, while making it flexible
- Create a good mix of activities
- Use and reflect the unique character of the area
- Reach a variety of groups of people, from young children to seniors

Station #2: Upland Character & Use

- Security is a priority issue and concern
- Need appropriate oversight to monitor any concerns
- Create a range of parking opportunities, with nearby parking dedicated to families and seniors and others parking off-site
- Extend Main Street
- Keep heights low, with 3-4 stories at maximum
- Uses may include restaurants and cafes, but not too much
- Don't create too much or low-end development—i.e. Coney Island effect
- Strong interest in retaining marina
- Limit commercial near the water
- Difficult to achieve views without some type of viewing tower

Station #3: Access + Mobility

- Information shared about current walking routes forms a basis for addressing pedestrian mobility
- Strong emphasis on accommodating pedestrians rather than a vehicle focus
- Streets should have a more pedestrian focus toward the water
- Preserve on-street parking for residents
- Consider constructing pedestrian skybridges that utilize the topography
- Little interest in parking, but look at possibility of siting some parking underground
- Integrate more paths and trails

Station #4: Marina

- General agreement about enforcement of no-wake zone
- Previously a long-term contract for boat policing
- Continue existing private moorage
- Support for some amount of transient use, but not necessarily subtracting from private moorage
- Minimal interest in allowing public access to docks
- Look at a type of "car top" launch for boats

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- Implement any plans incrementally to allow flexibility in responding to what works and what doesn't work

Station #5: Environmental Quality

- A lot of information shared about existing wildlife in the area
- Sustain and maintain any sensitive areas
- Improve on current environmental conditions
- Concern about milfoil and need for dredging, since navigating the bay has significantly degraded
- Look at ways to respect and enjoy natural systems
- Identify and implement low-impact development techniques that mimic natural systems
- Create interpretive and educational environmental elements

Station #6: Historical

- Most felt it was important to share and reflect the area's history
- Indicate in some way, perhaps by markings on piers, the former higher shoreline level of the bay (10-15 ft higher)
- Majority wanted to preserve the Whaling Building, with a diversity of opinions on uses. Ideas included using adapting and using the site for functions, a restaurant, or museum.
- Create educational opportunities through use of historical photos or displays, perhaps at points along a waterfront promenade
- Look at an opportunity for boat tours or a ferry/water taxi, perhaps even a tour with a historical focus
- Ensure that any historical monument is authentic, not contrived-keep it simple
- Reflect the area's agricultural history through plantings or a Japanese garden

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Workshop Participants

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APPENDIX: Flip Chart & Map Transcriptions

#1 Park Character Flip Chart

- Nothing for 10-year-olds and how about a “float?” (something for older kids)
- Need to look at a range of uses/character – “green to urban”
- Building more parking at Meydenbauer Beach Park may “destroy” the park (lots of residents will walk)
- Chesterfield Park picnic shelter and fireplace – something for all seasons
- Limit commercial to one or two tasteful low key restaurants (alt – load it up with locally owned cafes). Balance residential character with more park and minimal or no commercial. No Coney Island stuff.
- Connect to Downtown Park
- Be able to walk around it with varied interests
- Include both passive and active by making it flexible
- If you provide parking and figure out how to keep it for park use
- Use existing dock area(s) to create walk way
- Are dogs allowed? Walking/bicycling – limit riding within park
- How about putting in a skateboard park at Downtown Park (4th and Bellevue Way)
- Accommodate bike parking
- Dock for swimming
- Shoreline promenade/trail
- Amphitheater
- Public access at shoreline
- Noise
- Traffic/parking protection for residents
- No fuel dock
- Access – water and pedestrian
- “Why design vehicular/parking that will choke existing infrastructure?”
- Green, quiet, pastoral (Gas Works Park)
- Nothing that is commercial
- Tear down existing homes/structures under city ownership
- Cut down on trips (shuttles connect with downtown)
- View/access tower – link to waterfront
- Encourage local businesses to locate within park (the businesses)
- Raised stage area – for concerts
- Interactive water feature, water spurts up at different times and heights. Could be with music
- Open space at water is the value and need. Other uses exist elsewhere. Boats, swimming, water views. Keep it simple.
- Opportunities for rowing

#1 Park Character Base Map

- Few notations of “McCaw”
- Map marked “condos”
- Public access piers/marina
- Sandra Condos marked

#2 Upland Character Flip Chart

- Security issues
- Need range of parking opportunities
 - Families/seniors – need proximity
 - Others park off-site – shuttle
- Extend Main St, 100th to water – ped-friendly
- 3-4 stories max – low heights between downtown and waterfront parks
- Restaurants, cafes integrated, small-scale retail
- Don't over-built, avoid "Coney Island"
- Local ownership/unique
- Heavy dependence on local neighborhood
- Widen sidewalks where possible
- Marina uses – intrinsic to waterfront
- Slow traffic on Main St
- Vertical mixed-use with parking under Main St.
- Limit commercial near water
- Viewing towers?

#2 Upland Character Base Map

- City owned parking structure?
- Extend walking/Main Street character
- Discourage circling for parking on Meydenbauer Way SE
- Wildwood Park: parking here? Yes/no Underground?
- Incorporate park into upland, not vice versa
- Key parking node at corner of Main and 100th Ave NE – would serve Main St. Pay station at park? Vertical mixed use
- Cut-through [pedestrian] pathways by Downtown Park
- Residential area on Meydenbauer Way – acquire marginal uses?
- Security issues at Downtown Park
- Widen sidewalk on 100th Ave between NE 1st and Main streets
- Users need services (food, etc.) – some opposition noted
- Intrinsic!
- Car-free zone
- Expand right-of-way at end of 100th by waterfront
- Slow the traffic on Lake Washington Blvd by park
- Keep heights low, 3 stories
- Traffic calming at intersection with Main and 100th
- Remove greenery – marked on NE 1st between 98th and 99th streets
- Overflow parking pressures near Boys and Girls Club
- Maintain residential or remove to view – 2 may not be ok

#3 Access & Mobility Flip Chart

- Connectivity of all 3 parks: Wildwood, Downtown and Meydenbauer Beach Park
- Extend pedestrian access along waterfront, south of marina
- Maximize underground parking
- Alternative modes of transit
- Preserve on-street parking for residences
- Emergency access for marina/waterfront
- Create opportunities for short-term on-street parking
- Multiple modes to move pedestrians to waterfront
- Nice access to waterfront along Meydenbauer Way
- Pedestrian sky bridges – also a concern that they could affect views
- Minimize vehicular-pedestrian conflicts along Main St

- Focus on pedestrians – 20 year vision may have different use of cars
- Promote more bike, pedestrian and boat access
- Integrate more off-street paths/trails

#3 Access & Mobility Base Map

- Make streets (Meydenbauer Pl, 100th, 99th) pedestrian oriented (close to <illegible>)
- More lighting in Downtown Park at night
- Make pedestrians safe at night
- Include in park: sculptures, exercise, picnic tables
- Park should be oriented to marine activity
- 20 years from now – parking will be less needed
- Focus on pedestrians
- Issue of out-through traffic on 100th; consider cul-de-sac
- Walking route noted on map
- Add parking to Wildwood Park
- Build over water board walk to street end near yacht club – see map
- Need ground floor retail
- Consider pedestrian opportunity if property redevelops (at curve in road on Meydenbauer Way SE)
- Build pedestrian bridges over streets (like Harbor Steps), separated crossings
- Need street furniture: benches, umbrellas, garbage receptacles
- Shuttle bus could provide ADA access to waterfront
- NE 4th St most direct connection between Downtown and Meydenbauer Beach Parks – make pedestrian focused or close to auto traffic
- Underground parking
- Interest in temporary tie-up for boat at pier

#4 Marina Flip Chart

- Someone needs to remove the lilies and milfoil at inner Meydenbauer Bay (corps, WT Preston sternwheeler used to)
- Present moorage #s
- Limited added transient moorage
- Already a lot of traffic not related to marinas
- Whole/larger bay should be a no wake zone
- Like transient added away of existing – keep distance from hand launch
- Maybe put transient moorage where swimming now is – further out in Bay
- Not overnight moorage – it attracts partygoers
- Short term works
- Look at relocating moorage to another spot
- Bellevue has changed in last 5 years – this is going to be denser
- Flexibility in pier design – not locked into one use for piers
- Bellevue residents being able to go to web site – reserve a space for a day or 2
- Newer jet skies OK
- # bay shaped like an amphitheater – hear all noise
- Jet skies are dangerous around the park
- No wake zone
- Teens and triathletes swim across bay – dangerous conflict with boats
- Policing problem
- # of slips – tired to the available policing needed for
- Concern is it won't happen (police in park and on water)
- Big boats tend to respect no wake zone – small boats and jet skies don't

- Also sailboat classes in bay
- Royal Argosy, Christmas ship comes into bay
- Concern about impact of traffic (cars and pedestrians) coming down 100th to access marina (noise, shouting, etc)
- Same # of slips
- Transient – use existing house docks?
- Likes activity of boats “something to look forward to”
- Look what works at other marinas
- Transient moorage/public pier together
- Day use or overnight – look at others
- Overnight – camping/polluting, etc.
- Yacht club – would like to see some transient moorage
- Sheltered bay – good for small sailboats, kayaks, canoes, etc.
- Bellevue doesn’t contact with marine patrol (King County) – either renew contract or establish own marine patrol
- Transient moorage benefit – bring people to Main
- 6-8 easily accrued <illegible> spots
- Talk to Bellevue about having a police boat
- Police presence in park desirable
- Short term – 4 hour slips
- Hand launch – no parking available
- # already have rentals a mile away (Enetai) for kayaks, canoes, etc.)
- Maybe a different configuration – promenade where you can see boats
- Maybe other uses of slips that are empty during summer
- Look at Coulon Park as model for boat viewing – transient day use – along a walkway
- Relatively correct in terms of amount of moorage – good scale
- Could give up some of permanent moorage for transient
- Some permanent moorage – benefits from year-round use
- Remove former private docks – open up water’s edge - glean to walkway along the water
- Need a public dock – separate – workable rules for people to use
- Don’t need public on private boat docks
- Maybe a portion nearest land is public
- Moored boat that could be publicly used for events – perhaps historical

#4 Marina Base Map

- Unclear what the speed should be (Bellevue Marina area)
- Swimmers noted in bay area
- No wake limit?
- No water skiing?

#5 Environmental Quality Flip Chart

What are ways we can improve the current environmental conditions of the bay and uplands?

- Dredging lower end of the bay
- Cleaning up milfoil, lilies (maintenance is underlying cause)
- Plan should improve site environment: capture runoff, recycling]
- Keep as many large trees as possible
- Discourage geese feeding, minimize marshy areas (site design) that attract geese
- Balance interaction with wildlife to sustain, encourage

What shoreline characteristics should we maintain or change? (beaches, bulkheads)

- Keep day-use moorage (amount that doesn't create too much boat traffic), but locate outside edge of marina. –But creates conflict with swimming beach. Less access to downtown.
- Design that encourages full use of park
- Provide lots of non-auto access, walking paths
- Natural waterfront, environmentally sensitive
- Discourage large public events in waterfront area
- Beach has been made smaller over the years

Should interpretive programs be provided? What kinds?

- Children's program that focuses on environment, natural life, history
- Historical information along waterfront walkway for children, visitors
- Concern for creatures in water and bay: beaver, muskrat, otter, eagles, swallows, bats, salmon (maybe), heron, osprey, kingfishers, ducks, comeraunts
- Milfoil, water lilies, mosquitoes problems
- Also for safety of park users, swimmers, kayakers, boaters
- Cleanliness of public areas, garbage collection and disposal (rodents)
- Noise buffer areas for parking, buffers for access (users/residents) – bay shaped like amphitheater so noise carries
- Loss of Meydenbauer Creek fish spawning with apt. development south of Wildwood Park
- Restore Meydenbauer Creek
- Public pump-out station
- New docks and facilities built green, recycled materials
- Siltation from Meydenbauer Creek, needs dredging
- Siltation from storm sewer outfall

#5 Environmental Base Map

- Access improve on 99th Ave NE and NE 1st Street
- Silt, water lilies – restore Meydenbauer Bay near yacht
- Vibrant wildlife
- Great blue herons, osprey, eagles and 2 illegible bird species named
- Landscaped hillclimb
- Avoid paved features
- Day use moorage
- Out/alls near Wildwood Park

#6 Historical

- History includes park and Bellevue Square
- Are there protections/classifications for historic buildings?
- Protect history through presentation of buildings
- Noting of lake levels on pier piles (locks)
- Japanese garden to reflect agricultural history
- Ferries and whaling station – could be a museum
- Interpreting history
- City functions/farmers market/weddings
- Farmers market helps preserve history
- Educational facility for historical interpretation
- Used as coast guard station
- Promenade along Lake Washington Blvd connecting to DTP
- Boat docked at marina that could help preserve and interpret history (could also be used for events).

- Café that acts like a museum
- Connect other historical events/stories (ie trestle, Mercer Slough)
- Incorporate history into art
- Storytelling (whaling fleet, ferry dock, etc)
- Historical photos
- Water “gateway” to Bellevue
- History tours
- Place for artifacts to be stored/displayed
- Interpretative displays
- Old ships docked for special events
- Education opportunities for maritime studies and ecology
- Historical preservation not important just tear it down and put something nice up
- Preserve character of old main and tie into Meydenbauer
- Historical displays/exhibits
- Wildwood Park used to be accessed by boat (very old park), connect messages about
- Ferry landing to Wildwood
- Passenger ferry (aerial) used to go to Burrows Landing
- Create museum out of marina building
- Use buildings for Enterprise activities (public rentals for functions, meetings, etc
- Recreate a ferry stop/water taxi
- Landscaping that might reflect agricultural history
- Concession stand use of old whaling buildings
- Was there a way to bring the big boats in when the locks were down?
- Amusement park at Clyde Beach.

#6 History Aerial

- Clyde Beach Park – amusement park
- Keep it simple!
- 99th Ave NE – high traffic corridor
- Transition from <illegible> to residential to business
- Way finding
- Tie history of Wildwood and Meydenbauer Bay
- QFC has a lot of historical photos – Leschi/Lincoln display in museum
- Waterfront section between Clyde Beach Park and Meydenbauer Beach Park: area under water in 1917
- 3D model progresses from Bellevue history to current day
- Kiosk in Long Beach (good example)
- Whale fountain?
- Acknowledge of lowering of lake
- Waterfront: show history in multiple spots/plaques with questions for kids. Tie it into promenade.
- Whaling used as coast guard station
- Most important to be functional
- Launch historical boat tour
- [Pedestrian] bridge over NE 1st St where park is
- Construct a new pier? Ex. Barcelona
- Consider environmental issues with using whaling as theme
- Have Kirkland ferry stop here
- Planting to reflect agricultural history
- Ensure monuments are authentic
- Consider impacts
- Whaling is unique

- Whaling buildings: rent buildings for functions
- Use whaling building as museum and for functions or farmers markets (more active space)
- Use large decorations for display/historical center
- Study height limitations/terracing down hills
- Pedestrian connection from Downtown Park to Meydenbauer Beach Park
- Whaling building: boat used as museum, community use/museum
- Restaurant? (casual, not Kirkland)
- Remove/replace whaling building with something nice/better views of waterfront
- Steep access into Meydenbauer Beach Park on Lake Washington Blvd
- Preserve current structures, but [make them] nicer looking
- Pier 3: former ferry landing?
- Keep whaling building as history Capt. Meydenbauer
- Loft sidewalk at Lake Washington Blvd and 100th Ave NE
- Connect corner of NE 1st St and 100th Ave NE with waterfront by Pier 3
- Wildwood Park: access by boat/ferry, reflect history
- Preserve history of Main St.
- Chance 102nd Ave SE to one-way street at Main St.

Parks & Community Services Board
Draft¹ Notes from Meydenbauer Discussion
July 10, 2007

Park Character & Use

- Serene
- As much green as possible.
- Active features too, such as volleyball upland, swimming,
- Sense of history
- Maybe a museum, but definitely interpretive/historical markers on a promenade
- Amphitheater
- Provide a mix of active and passive elements – picnicking, volleyball, swimming
- Fairly active elements, allow and encourage a variety of activities
- Segment it by use –
 - Leave the beach passive
 - In the middle section, buy a whaling ship and put it there
 - On the right-hand section there might be a fight between uses – maybe provide slip rentals but let other people in with non-motorized uses (kayaks and canoes)
 - Terrace the park for various uses and access
 - Separate the uses so picnicking families who want active play won't disturb older people. Provide havens for each group of users.
- Consider future demography – Bellevue residents will be older and possibly not as enthusiastic about some features
- Swimming – expand the beach
- Replicate current park along the waterfront

Upland

- Condos should have cafes
- On the downside of Old Main, make more of a tie-in to street (UNLIKE the Downtown Park and strip mall along Bellevue Way)
- Put underground parking below (beneath) Downtown Park
- Festive retail to attract people
- Kirkland's Marina Park isn't the best design, but even so, cafes are always busy
- Markers should lead people to park – way-finding for pedestrians
- Open up views - Give developers height in exchange for views

¹ The Parks & Community Services Board does not meet in August. These notes are draft until approved at the Board's September meeting. They are provided to the Steering Committee at this time to inform the development of conceptual alternatives.

Accessibility

- Parking should be under Downtown Park
- Have 5-10 minute drop-off spots on Old Main
- Provide more access points and make access points more obvious
- Could be cameras at drop-off points so people don't just park there (self-policing, used an airport as an example)
- Other opportunities for underground parking?
- Don't take up too much space with roadways and parking
- Should be link from Meydenbauer to Wildwood to Downtown Park – loop connections
- Get rid of parking
- Have tram or transit loop that goes through regularly
- Remember that it's the end of the Lake-to-Lake Trail
- Escalators? (UW parking lot as an example)
- Trolley that would take people all the way down

Marina

- Wants public docking – rent little boats so people can go along our beach parks all the way up to Kirkland
- People should be able to arrive in boats - use cafes to attract them (such as Ivar's boating access)
- Limit the size of the boats
- Likes Carillon Point
- Having use of the Bay and non-motorized use is more important than covered vs non-covered moorage
- Transient moorage at Carillon Pt isn't usually full on weekdays
- Don't get rid of existing docks – gives us water access
- Revenue stream from moorage helps to pay for the acquisitions – can't get rid of it
- Small docks for non-motorized boats
- Topography and size doesn't encourage motorized launching (can't turn trailer around)
- Should be balance of motorized and more passive uses
- Keep small passive dock
- Possibly allow/promote fishing
- Add day piers and opportunities for kayaking
- Seaplanes?
- Boat rentals

Environment

- Try to be 100% sustainable
- Make the whole park into an environmental demonstration. Use signage to teach.
- Still allow people to have a good time.
- Wants water features throughout, done in an environmentally-sensitive way
- Have an outpost of Pacific Science Center there. Tie in with Slough.

History

- Honor Bill Lagen's history and legacy
- Keep Bill's cannon
- Have a nautical/whaling theme throughout park and in cafes and museums
- Research history – e.g., boats from Madison Park used to come here, whaling ships came here.



MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 26, 2007
TO: Meydenbauer Bay Park and Land Use Plan File
FROM: Mike Bergstrom, Planning & Community Development
SUBJECT: July 23, 2007 Youth Leadership Academy Summary

On Monday, July 23, 2007 the City sponsored a Youth Leadership Academy attended by students from a variety of Bellevue high schools. For one of the academy sessions, Mike Bergstrom (PCD) and Robin Cole (Parks) led a one hour workshop focused on the Meydenbauer Bay Park and Land Use Plan.

The workshop was a condensed version of the public workshop held on July 10, 2007 at the South Bellevue Community Center. Students were given an overview of the project and were then divided into small workgroups to discuss six issue areas:

1. Park character and use
2. Upland character and use
3. Access & mobility
4. Marina
5. Environmental quality
6. History

Due to the small size of the class and the limited time available, one group focused on both issue #1 and #2, and another group focused on both issue #5 and #6.

At the end of the workgroup session, a spokesperson for each workgroup reported to the group as a whole, sharing their thoughts on the particular issue or issues they were assigned. The other attendees were then invited to offer their own input on the issue, so that by the end of the session everybody had a chance to comment on all six issues.

Comments received from the students will be added to other comments from the public, and will be used to help inform the planning process. The student comments are contained on the attached sheet.

Attachments:

1. Student comments

Youth Leadership Academy

July 23, 2007

Meydenbauer Bay Park and Land Use Plan Input

Issue 1: Park Character and Use

Work group comments:

Types of Uses

- Swimming
- Playground
- Volleyball nets
- Walking running paths
- Kayak/canoe rentals
- Concert venue
- Snack bar
- Bike trails, bike racks
- Skate rink
- Benches
- Garden
- Open grass areas
- Tables, Barbeque
- Surround sound

Accommodation

- Handicap restroom modifications
- Disabled parking provisions
- Railings to assist with water access

Park look and feel

- Friendly
- Natural
- Casual
- Garbage cans (to prevent litter)
- Lifeguards

Large group comments:

- Play area for small children (uniquely designed for children)
- Something for teens – skateboard area, etc
- Something geared toward older adults
- Garden (flower)
- Larger grass area for Frisbee etc.
- Possible to have open water swimming?
- Wi-fi ability
- Barbeques
- Park/open areas similar to Newcastle Beach park
- Covered areas for picnics (large and small capacity)

Issue 2: Upland Character and Use

Work group comments:

Upland look and feel

- Safe
- Friendly
- Cute
- No litter
- Pretty but simple

Building forms encouraged

- Café with terrace
- Bike shop
- Market
- Shops
- Art work
- Terrace to eat and watch the sun set

Large group comments:

- Viewing areas
- Outdoor market
- Artwork, sculptures
- Chairs/benches
- Not too many trees
- Trees for shade, but don't block views
- Orchard

Issue 3: Access & Mobility

Work group comments:

Overcoming topography

- Viewing terraces
- Scenic walkways, possibly with sculptures
- Retain natural environment
- Benches throughout
- No stairs (may hinder disabled), except that stairs into water with a ramp incorporated would be good
- No trams, or shuttles (too expensive)

Parking

- 30-40 stalls located on park property
- Overflow lot located a few blocks away
- Parking is required to minimize impact on residents

Improve access

- Designate large number of stalls in park for disabled use
- Primarily asphalt paths for bikes and wheelchairs
- Separate bike lanes on paths or separate bike trails
- Create accessible bus stop on park property

Large group comments:

- Bigger parking garage
- Drop-off at park
- Shuttle bus (every 20-30 minutes)
- Dirt (soft surface) path for walking/jobbing
- Load/unload area
- Tram
- Shuttle – enough people to justify?
- Add a bus stop at the park
- Why have a shuttle?
- Emergency vehicle access

Issue 4: Marina

Work group comments:

- Maintain 2/3 of the rental slips to generate revenue
- Provide smaller section for transient moorage
- Provide pathways from downtown to public piers. Do not allow public on private moorage piers
- Make the marina as large as possible
- Retain the marina roofs

Large group comments:

- Rentals of sea-doods, etc
- Fueling station
- Gas station might not be popular with residents
- Arboretum-type rentals and use
- Public boat launce (parking might be difficult)
- Loading dock
- Reconfigure piers for swimming protection

Issues 5 & 6: Environmental and History

Work group comments:

Environment

- Clean up the water quality of the Bay
- Make sure park is litter and graffiti free
- Make the beach larger, aiming for a younger crowd

History

- Provide a token reminder of the history of the area, such as a statue or including the word Historic in the park name
- Develop a ferry and whaling museum on the site of the historic areas
- Save the trees, and develop a path from the parking lot through the trees

Large group comments:

- Use as little concrete as possible; discourage graffiti
- "Historic Meydenbauer Park" as possible name
- New buildings should be built to "green" standards
- Sewer/storm water quality is important

Meydenbauer Bay

PARK AND LAND USE PLAN

The City of Bellevue has long envisioned a public waterfront visually and physically accessible from Downtown Park and surrounding neighborhoods. The city has now acquired a significant stretch of property along Meydenbauer Bay connecting the existing Meydenbauer Beach Park with the Bellevue Marina, and has begun to plan for not only design of the new park, but also a land use plan to guide redevelopment in the adjacent upland area.

You can help shape the future public waterfront and its connections to neighborhoods and the downtown. For more information, go to the project web site at www.bellevuewa.gov/meydenbauer_project_intro.htm. You can find out dates and locations of public events and steering committee meetings, read articles and updated information, take a virtual tour and complete a short survey, send in a comment form or contact project managers.

We hope you will take advantage of these opportunities and help determine the future of the Meydenbauer Bay waterfront and surrounding upland areas.





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