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MEMORANDUM

To: David Ramsay, City Manager

From: Jennifer Schroder, Director of Parks and Community Services
Michael Cogle, Park Planning Manager

Date: January 23, 2008

Subject: McAuliffe Park Update and Next Steps

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council review the Park Board's recommended process and timeline for revisiting the master plan for McAuliffe Park.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

With the unfortunate loss of the barn structure due to fire last year, the master plan for McAuliffe Park will need to be reconsidered. The park master plan, completed in 2006, envisioned a remodeled and expanded barn, along with a new adjacent covered pavilion. This "Flexible Event Space" was to be used for a variety of public and private events, as well as for community recreation programs. This new amenity would respond to a need in the community for additional meeting/event space while generating revenue to partially support the operations of the park.

The Park Board has reviewed this issue and recommends that the following next steps be undertaken by the Board and staff:

- Review and reconsider the size and specific location of the "Flexible Event Space" within the park master plan, including the relative size and architectural style of any proposed replacement structure(s). Look for opportunities to maximize the use and functionality of the proposed new space while maintaining the important and unique character of McAuliffe Park.
- Consider how the City should proceed with funds derived from the insurance claim on the barn. Prepare a recommendation to the Council with options on how these funds should be utilized.

The tasks above, if directed by the Council, would be completed during the next three months. A report would be prepared for discussion at the tentatively scheduled May 20 City Council / Park Board joint study session.

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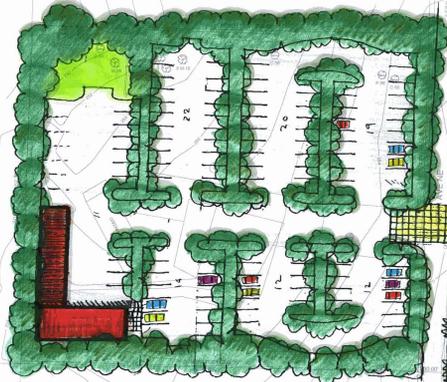
McAuliffe Park Site Plan

Native Forest

- woodland walk
- native plants interpretation
- 'Kirkland stories' integrated into interpretation
- outdoor classroom

Parking & Maintenance Area

- 100 parking spaces
- Maintenance & Operations building, approx. 3000 s.f.
- water quality treatment facility
- extensive landscaping & buffering trees for neighbors
- safe-crossing paving and signage across 108th to park



Entry Area

- pedestrian entrance from parking
- plaza with seating/informational kiosk
- restrooms
- garden cafe/coffee shop & catering kitchen
- beginning of 'Kirkland Stories' walk

Flexible Event Space

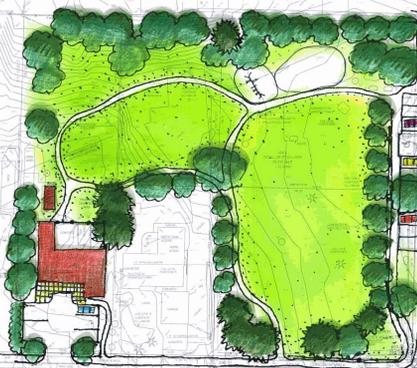
- new covered pavilion in gravel area
- great for weddings with view of farm & pasture
- indoor & outdoor rental space
- community programs, classes
- family reunions, retreats, rental facility
- equipment shed displays of tractors, heritage equipment
- noise/visual screen for neighbors to east/north

House & Gardens

- smaller weddings, indoor/outdoor meeting rentals
- new garden plaza at house entry (driveway)
- conferences, meetings, reunions
- garden walks and outdoor room improvements
- pond at low point of lawn

West Play Area

- improve buffers, trails, connections to park
- 12 parking spaces along 108th
- daycare/preschool improvements for rental house
- enhance play area with unique play elements



Working Farm

- oldest farmstead in Kirkland
- minor structural barn repairs
- organic vegetable gardens, pea patch, farmer
- chickens, "loaner" farm animals (sheep, goats, milkcow)
- berries, pumpkins, artichokes, corn
- historic orchard
- garden festivals, cider pressing, fresh produce stand
- picnicking

Johnson House & Farmstead

- restore to 1880's original character
- museum & meeting house
- rental facility
- small parking lot, convert drive into farm path

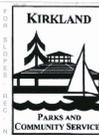
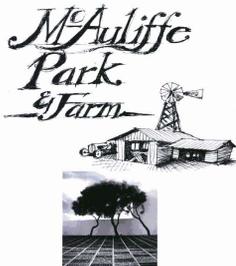
Orchard Lane

- historic orchard lane enhancements along 108th
- enhance "country lane" feeling with SEA street natural drainage
- utility improvements (water and sanitary sewer extension)
- parallel parking where possible for neighborhood park
- orchard street trees
- safe-crossing pathway and signage improvements

Arboretum

- arboreal interpretation, new plantings
- 'Kirkland Stories' integrated
- historic orchard lane enhancements along 108th
- small public restroom addition to brick house
- volunteer heritage & garden office
- park ID sign improvements

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McAuliffe Park Proposed Master Plan