

EXHIBIT A

Meeting Notes:

Public Meetings #1-5

Agency Meeting

City Of Kirkland
Parks and Community Services
Juanita Beach Park Master Plan

Public Meeting #1 Minutes

December 9, 2004

Attendees:

Prepared by:

J.A. Brennan Associates, PLLC – Landscape Architects & Planners

In association with J.T. Atkins & Company

The first public meeting was held on December 9, 2004 to gather input from the community, receive feedback on the appropriate levels of park development, and generate ideas for park character and programming.

I. Introductions

Jennifer and Michael introduced the design team, outlined the project's scope and schedule, and stressed the importance of the public involvement process. The City communicated its openness to all ideas.

II. Site Inventory and Analysis (30 minutes) Jim

An overview of Juanita Park, including site context was given. The consultant led a discussion where the following issues and opportunities, some relating to existing conditions, were brought up by attendees:

- Consider setting aside specific areas within the park for cultural activities.
- Invasive plants are located in the wetland and should be managed.
- One attendee asked what the causes of water pollution are. It was noted that water pollution is primarily coming from the stream and from waterfowl in the lake and along the shore. Failed septic systems may be contributing to the problem in the Juanita Creek Drainage, and high numbers of geese along the shoreline also adds to the bacteria problem which causes health risks to swimmers. The walking pier also has an impact on water quality by limiting mixing, reducing waves and sediment disturbance, and by keeping polluted stream flows out of the swimming area. The effects of the walking pier will need to be studied in more detail to look at how it is beneficial and how it potentially adds to the pollution problem
- The impacts of removing the waterwalk need to be studied before removal is considered.
- Wind/wave fetch, lake dynamics all impact the shore and need to be considered in redevelopment plans.
- The waterwalk is more accessible in summer; it is difficult to access from the parking lot in winter.
- A lack of lighting is apparent on the site. It was noted that part of the walking pier (west side) is lighted.
- View issues need to be considered. The view of the lake is important and should be maintained, particularly the view from Juanita Drive and the ballfields.
- Groundwater flows/depth and drainage patterns should be carefully studied for impacts to new park elements.

- Should the beach be maintained for swimming? The cost of maintaining it needs to be considered. It was noted that if enough resources are committed to improving water quality the beach could be safe for swimming.
- Storm drainage has been diverted to run away from the creek. Could water be redirected into creek to improve water quality?
- The amount, location and surface treatment of parking should be considered.
- How many structures are within setbacks and have grandfathered use? (SF credit – Purpose to be near water) It was noted that several of the structures are located within the stream buffer, shoreline setbacks, and wetland buffers. Consideration will be given to using the removal of these structures for mitigation of buffer impacts.
- What can be done about the milfoil problem? It was noted that design team members have expertise in milfoil control, but that control can be maintenance intensive.

III. Vision and Goals

The consultants facilitated a preliminary discussion about vision and goals for the Park. The consultants provided the following draft vision concepts for the park that had been suggested by the Citizen Advisory Team (CAT) at an earlier meeting:

Juanita Beach Park: Restoration of a dynamic vibrant natural preserve in the middle of the City that provides active and passive leisure activities.

The recreation room of Juanita, with family recreation opportunities, links for walking and connecting to the neighborhood and commercial district.

A place of timeless aesthetic beauty, that celebrates Juanita Beach's water sports history
Environmental Vision: Clean up of stream and creating educational opportunities.

Previously the CAT met and developed the following vision statement:

Juanita Beach Park: Serving as a center of social activity for the community, creating areas for play, gathering, spontaneous events, and informal fun.

At the public meeting, the consultants asked the public to consider, “What will the experience of this site be like in 20 years?” Goals solicited from the public included:

Goals:

- Enhance Juanita Creek to create a healthy stream environment. This could include the reach within the park and up-stream reaches.
- Limit commercial activities in the park to those that serve the needs of park users and avoid over-development of the park.
- Limit the number of buildings on the site.
- Light the park's perimeter.
- Develop rowing club and facility at the park
- Create a revenue source by providing day moorage for boaters. This will allow access to the commercial district.
- Create recreation opportunities that generate revenue.
- Consider the cost / benefits of dredging the swimming area

Goals developed by the CAT (at the CAT meeting) included

- Balance active and passive recreation activities.
- Restore park to a dynamic vibrant natural preserve.
- The park should serve the greater community.

Vision:

- A revitalized Juanita Beach Park should be a quiet place to enjoy nature
- Juanita Beach Park serves as both a neighborhood park and a City park.
- Develop water recreation opportunities while protecting the environment.
- Develop park amenities that are not out of scale with neighborhood while protecting the environment.
- The beach should be family-friendly, oriented for children with playground and picnic facilities.
- The park should reflect the neighborhood (younger demographics).
- The park should be family-friendly for multi-generational use.

IV. Recreation, Restoration and Other Uses

Various banners were posted to the wall in order to facilitate responses for programming opportunities. The lists below document public response to each “banner” category of programming.

Passive Recreation

Comments included:

- Areas of the park are great for picnicking, tables, spreading blankets.
- Group picnic areas are very popular: develop group picnic area for rental use, on North side of park as well as South side.
- Consider tent camping for scouting activities.
- Consider Frisbee golf.
- Consider off-leash dog area.

Active Recreation

Comments included:

- Add playgrounds.
- Design all weather user pay soccer and football (competition size)
- Add skate park. Provided covered teen and young adult area.
- Add dog off-leash area.
- Add beach volleyball.
- Add basketball court.
- Add workout facility (par course)
- Improve tennis courts – Lighted, pay as you go
- Improve and/or add baseball/softball fields (3 fields) for small kids

Water Related Recreation

Comments included:

- Create rowing facilities.
- Add moorage opportunities.
- Create upland water features for kids.

- Enhance swimming, life guard, lap swimming, kids water play areas.
- Take advantage of the only nice sandy beach in Juanita.
- Fishing from the waterwalk is important.

Pedestrian Bike Trails

Comments included:

- Design unpaved trail system.
- Create a pedestrian/bicycle link to shopping areas.
- Create a pedestrian/bicycle link to Juanita Bay Park.
- Use a trail system to tie the North and South segments of the park together.
- Consider a lid or tunnel to connect the two park halves together.
- Connect the two parts of the park together as well as link to Juanita Village.

Environmental Education

Comments included:

- Add interpretive signage to park.
- Consider guided nature trips, as at Mercer Slough.
- Integrate education program with a school program.

Wayfinding

No comments were made regarding wayfinding

Community Gathering Opportunities

Comments included:

- Create a smaller group shelter.
- Create an active water feature.
- Design group picnic areas on both the North and South park sides.
- Create a barbecue area.
- Add picnic tables.

Events and Entertainment Opportunities

Comments included:

- Create events area similar to Moss Bay.
- Share venue of the Farmer's Market to Juanita Beach Park.
- Design bandstand with power supply for entertainment.
- Tap into wedding and reunion market.
- Use existing structure and program.

Forbes House

Comments included the following:

- Generate income by using it for wedding events.
- Create a plaza space.
- Convert it to an interpretive Center.
- Relocate the Forbes house to another part of the park.

Parking Lots

Comments included the following:

- Screen parking from park areas.

- Create a buffer between parking and adjacent condominium without impacting condominium views.
- Add trees to park.
- Use pervious surfacing treatment.
- Shift south lot to north, existing parking creates a no man's land.
- Create a treed canopy along Juanita Drive.
- No parking by the Forbes House – there's well-defined adequate space paved.

Water Quality Facilities

No suggestions/comments were noted.

Environmental Restoration

Suggestions included:

- Sensitive areas should be restored but should be balanced with recreation needs.
- Salmon habitat should be considered.
- Park improvements should be natural in character.

Revenue Producing Elements:

Event Facility Rental

Weddings were suggested as a possibility.

Commercial Recreation

Comments included:

- Add day moorage rental.
- Add kayak and sailboat rentals.
- Add coin operated lights for sports areas.
- Add group picnic area for fee.

Food Concession

Public opinion ranged from “food concessions not needed” to the suggestion that low key concession development could bring in revenue. Comments included:

- Supplying a food cart pad.
- A desire to minimize commercialization of the park.
- Many concession opportunities are already available in Juanita Village.

V. Design Character

The consultants initiated a discussion about the design character of the renovated park. The diverse character of the site offers many opportunities for developing a range of character(s) for the park. Should the North and South segments each be unique in character or should they be linked and similar in character? The consultants pointed out that Juanita Creek, which flows through both park segments, offers an opportunity to unite the sites in a swath of green, creating a continuum of greenspace and natural areas. These natural areas will certainly



be mandated by stream and wetland buffering requirements.

Another character consideration is that the spectrum of development can range from “Wild” to “Urban.” Does the public prefer a more natural park, with habitat restoration elements, or a more built-up/urban development with plazas, public gathering spaces, and water features?

Ideas developed by the public include:

- Look at under used areas of the park and consider different uses.
- The Park should not be over programmed, passive informal space is a valuable park asset.
- Traffic impacts on adjacent areas should be considered.
- Consider the context of the site, this park is one piece of a larger community park system
- Tie the park to the community.
- Look at the neighborhood walking system.
- Consider placing a restroom on both park areas.
- Could there be commercial activities on the water side (south park segment)?
- Consider the history of the site and how it relates to futures use.
- Balance seasonal activities with four season activities.
- What type of structure(s) would be appropriate to the site.
The consultants responded that potentially the structure could be similar to the Marina Park pavilion, and serve as a multi functional structure.
- Another attendee recommended a covered space for winter month activities.

VI. Summary of Input

In summary, the next meeting will need to address the divergent opinions about the park’s future uses, character, and development level. Recurring issues include determining park character: should the character be more natural versus more urban? Initial feedback points to a preference for a more urban character for the park with the understanding that the park provides the opportunity for a range of landscape characters.

Another issue of some controversy includes determining an appropriate level of income producing activity on the site.

Decisions about the level of development will also need to be made.

VII. Next Step In Process

- Development of criteria with C.A.T.
- Next Steering Committee meeting
- Next Public meeting (Jan 27th)

**City Of Kirkland
Parks and Community Services
Juanita Beach Park Master Plan**

Public Meeting #2 Minutes

January 27, 2005

Attendees:

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The second public meeting was held on January 27, 2005 to gather input from the community, receive feedback on the appropriate levels of park development, and generate ideas for park character and programming.

VIII. Open House Program Review

Presentation boards were set up for the public to view prior to the start of the presentation with possible program elements and built structures for Juanita Beach Park. In addition, a packet was handed out to attendees, which provided them a list of possible program elements for the Juanita Beach Park site. Attendees will be asked to rate and discuss these elements later in the meeting.

IX. Introductions to General Meeting

Michael introduced the city team, consultant team, steering committee members, and the project scope and schedule.

X. Review of Public Meeting #1

The consultants reviewed input from public meeting #1 which was held December 9, 2004. The review highlighted some of the comments brought up during the last meeting which are as follows:

- Input on site conditions
- Vision and goal guidance
- Preliminary suggestions for recreation and use program
- Design character input

XI. Vision and Goals Discussion

The consultants briefly introduced the draft vision statement and draft goals for Juanita Beach Park. As the meeting moves forward, there was a more involved discussion about particular program element opportunities within the park and the character of possible built structures for the Juanita Beach Park site. The draft vision statement presented at the meeting follows:

DRAFT VISION STATEMENT

Juanita Beach Park is a family friendly, multi-generational community park that fits the scale, character, and history of the park site and the surrounding neighborhood. The park provides waterfront access and a balanced mix of active and passive recreation opportunities while protecting and enhancing the natural environment.

XII. Draft Park Program Presentation

The consultants reviewed the program from meeting #1 and focused on the need to refine and prioritize the list of program elements presented at that meeting. During this discussion, a map of surrounding parks and some of the existing amenities are presented to the attendees to help facilitate the discussion. This discussion helped participants evaluate some of the trade-offs and consultants used a flip chart to record participant's comments.

Next the consultants provided a brief recap of existing site conditions and a brief review of site analysis plans. The consultants then assisted the participants in visualizing the program elements and scale by providing templates that represent the size and diagrammatic layout of many of the major proposed program elements such as the small boat rental center, skate park, and little league fields.

A draft program list was then presented and handouts were distributed to facilitate discussion of programming opportunities. The lists below document public response to each program category.

Active Recreation

Comments included:

Little League:

- Most of the little league schedule takes place From March to mid June. Limited little league also takes place summer months of July – August.
- A question was asked about plans for little league field lighting – the City responded by saying that no field lighting proposed. The tennis courts are currently lighted.
- It is noted that there was mention of eliminating little league from the Juanita Beach Park site. A question was asked about the availability of little league field at other nearby sites like Big Finn Hill Park. A little league member mentioned that there is no other fields available
- One attendee felt that little league fields with a 200' centerfield would be adequate and commented that parking was the big issue. Note that peak parking is needed for little league from May-June. This attendee noted that summer leagues were not as big a concern for parking. During May and June there is not high intensity use of the swimming area so little league is fairly compatible with the park in terms of shared parking.
- One attendee was concerned that facilities should be available for casual pick-up games over scheduled recreation.
- Another noted that organized sports should not be considered for this park.
- One attendee noted concern about scheduling conflicts or program duplication with McAuliffe Park's organized sports programs. Micheal Cogle noted that there are no scheduled organized sports at McAuliffe Park.
- Question: What is the little league use level? Answer: There are 100- 130 games April-July with no place to relocate.

- Note that one attendee felt that currently, there is no apparent conflict between baseball and other park uses.
- One attendee emphasized the need for younger little league over older leagues.

Soccer:

- Soccer field should be part of the multi-use sports field, not as a single program element.

Skate Park:

- Participant noted that Kirkland already has a skate park at Peter Kirk Park and would not like to see another one.
- Another participant noted that Peter Kirk is too small to accommodate the amount of interest in the sport in that area.
- Noted that one attendee says there are not enough skate parks on the east side and that Peter Kirk is not that accessible.
- One participant suggested refurbishing Peter Kirk instead of building a new skate park at Juanita Beach Park.
- A comment was made by one participant in favor of skateparks because they help to keep kids and teens out of trouble, i.e. drugs.
- One participant noted that the skatepark should include lights because this is a year-round sport unlike baseball. Without lights winter-time users would either have to relocate to other unsanctioned locations with lights such as local business parking lots or perhaps risk injury by attempting to ride without lights at all.
- One participant noted that the skatepark should be located near Juanita Drive to ensure visibility.
- A roof could be added to the skatepark to help with year round use.

Tennis Court:

- Participant notes that current tennis courts are in poor condition (paving & surfacing).

Multi-Use Sport Court:

- Commented that there is an existing multi-use sport court at North Kirkland Community Center and this would be duplication.
- One participant noted that this would be a useful and well-used amenity because it allows for several different uses such as inline hockey, badminton, dodge ball. These could be rotated daily.

Water Related Recreation

Comments included:

Lake Front Promenade:

- ADA , stroller, and wheelchair access would be a welcomed improvement for the pier access and beach area.
- Visibility of Lake Washington from Juanita Beach Park is very important to the Juanita community.

Day Moorage:

- Concerns about safety were raised in regards to day-moorage.
- Noise pollution from motor boats was brought up by one attendee.
- One attendee thought day-moorage was a benefit to local business district but felt that a 2-hr limit on slips would be appropriate.

- Day-moorage for non- motorized vessels only was recommended by a meeting attendee.
- Another attendee raised the question of pollution from motor boats
- Attendee noted that there are currently hand launch boat users are active at the site.
- Some boaters are docking at the water walk now and stated that it works fairly well.

Car-Top Launch:

- Attendee noted the issue of human intrusion at the Juanita Bay Park from small boaters. Juanita Bay Park is a natural area, which currently feels like a wildlife sanctuary.

Boat Center:

- Noted that a boat center would be a good attribute and would be used by kids and families.
- Concern was raised about safety due to close proximity of motorized water recreation and skiers on Lake Washington.
- One attendee noted they would like to see the boat rental facility be located near current maintenance building with a rooftop deck accessible from Juanita Drive.

Passive Recreation

Comments included:

- Overall, there is a lot of public approval for picnic tables and similar gathering spaces.

Pedestrian Bike Trails

- An attendee noted that neighboring Juanita Bay Park has a lot of interpretive trails but they are limited near the stream.
- One attendee notes they would like to see the focus at Juanita Beach Park remain on cultural elements.
- One attendee noted that they would like to see a loop path provided for rollerbladers and bikers.
- One participant raised the question of possible foot passenger ferry service to this location. There is some discussion of foot passenger fleet on lake Washington. This issue will be researched by the team.
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Environmental Education

- Attendee raised the interest of school participation.
- Could Juanita Bay Park docents use both parks for education?
- Juanita Bay Park, Juanita Beach Park, and Forbes Valley serve educational needs of Lake Washington Schools.

Wayfinding

- No comments were made regarding wayfinding

Community Gathering Opportunities

- Amphitheater suggestion was well received and one attendee noted they really liked the example presented at the meeting. This slide depicted grass with stone seating walls and scattered deciduous trees.

Events and Entertainment Opportunities

- Comments were made about an existing Juanita Farmer's Market in the same location and that attendance is good there.

Forbes House

Comments included the following:

- Attendee noted that the Marymoore Clise Mansion is a great example of potential uses for the Forbes House.
- Question: Will this location become a city office? Response: There are no plans for that to occur at this time.
- Attendee suggests a connection between the German Retirement Home and the Forbes House, which shares the north property line of the park. This could include a gate and possibly a sidewalk connection.

Parking Lots

Comments included the following: No suggestions/comments were noted

Environmental Restoration

- Suggestions included: No suggestions or comments were noted.

Revenue Producing Elements

Event Facility Rental

- There were no comments made at this meeting.

Food Concession

Comments included:

- Public opinion ranged from "food concessions not needed" to the suggestion that low key concession development could bring in revenue.
- One attendee noted that they would not like to see any restaurants within the park.
- Another comment mentions that snack concessions that focus on small ticket items such as ice cream and hot dogs would be good.

- One member of the public felt that concessions would not be needed but that they would like to see a link provided that would lead you to surrounding businesses and food vendors.
- Small, scale concessions that were opened on a seasonal basis would be adequate.

Design Character

The consultants initiated a discussion about the design character of the built structures within the park. The diverse character of this site offers many opportunities for developing a range of character. During the slideshow, consultants proposed that each participating member think about some of the built characteristics they are exposed to during this presentation. They offer participants the chance to view examples of several landscape and architectural styles. The styles presented at this meeting were northwest contemporary, rustic, and traditional. Landscape character presented included wild, naturalistic, and urban. Photographic examples for each style were presented by the consultants for community input.

Ideas developed by the public include:

- Look at historical images for inspiration.
- A need for cover and sheltered facilities should be considered.
- Participants commented on the need to consider the function of proposed structures in order to choose a style.
- Due to the proximity of Juanita Bay Park, which has a more rustic character, consider the relationship of those structures with proposed structures for Juanita Beach Park.
- An attendee felt that they would like to see a more rustic character to Juanita Beach Park when compared to downtown Kirkland.
- One participant would like a beach house feel to the structures proposed for the site.
- There was discussion of the relationship to the Juanita Village Style. Would the park be a juxtapositions or contrast to the village look, or would it mimic the urban village feel. Another suggestion discussed was the ideas of transitioning from urban to rustic as the visitor moves deeper into the park, with some consistent and unifying elements to tie the park together.

XIII. Public Preference Selection

Consultants asked the meeting participants to use green sticky dots to identify their 5 most important program elements. The participants were given 2 red dots as well and were asked to use those to represent program elements they would not like to see in the park (if any). This should not be considered as voting, but a visual representation of trade offs and preferences.

XIV. Next Step In Process

- Next Steering Committee Meeting
- Park Board Meeting
- City Council Meeting
- Public Meeting #3 – Presentation of two alternatives (May12)
- Public Meeting#4- Presentation of draft master plan (June 16)

November 2, 2005



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JUANITA BEACH PARK MASTER PLAN

Presentation of Alternatives

Public Meeting No. 3

7:00 pm City of Kirkland City Hall, Peter Kirk Room

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Meeting Notes:

Review of Program Elements / Update of Design Program Status

Michael Cogle presented a PowerPoint show that summarized programming elements (see below). The purpose of this meeting is to get feedback on alternatives; Michael reiterated that we are not asking for attendees to pick one alternative over the other, but are looking for features from each. There will be no voting.

Michael introduced Park Board Members, representatives from the Citizen Advisory Team (CAT), and the Directory of Parks, Jenny Schroder.

Michael explained the design program; that the alternatives are based on:

- The approved program elements, as discussed at the previous two meetings
- Looking at information the public has provided in public meetings and to the CAT.
- City Council's approval of the programming elements.

The next step: In two weeks the alternatives will be shared with City Council. They will give feedback for developing the preferred alternative.

In the fall, the preferred plan will be presented at open house. In October, the plan will be presented to City council for approval.

The PowerPoint show outlined:

- Vision Statement:
- Project Goals:
- Park integration goals
- Recreation Goals
- Environmental Stewardship
- Community-Building Goals
- Aesthetic goals
- Historical resources goals
- Revenue goals
- Maintenance goals
- Programming Goals
 - Active Recreation
 - Incorporate Little league fields
 - Removable outfield fencing
 - Natural grass
 - Unlit sports fields
 - Sport Court multi use court
 - Basketball
 - Tennis courts, want to keep only lighted courts in Juanita, coin operated lights, adding a court?
 - Courts are in stream buffer now, could be relocated
 - Skate Park

Looking at incorporating in North side of Juanita Drive, designing to reduce noise impacts, good design is key to success.

Water and beach

Swimming beach

Water quality problems, feel that water quality and depth can be improved, want to maintain beach, will need new bathhouse.

Swim beach drives parking needs.

Hand – carry boat launch. Improve access for non-motorized boats only, need for vehicle access for load/unload

Boat Rental Facility

Boat storage, water and land boathouse facility, canoes, kayaks, sail, rowing, class and tours. Concerns expressed include capital cost, operating costs, private vs. public. Safety concerns. Habitat impacts to Juanita Bay park from increasing boat / people access.

- Day Use Boat Moorage
 - Would provide nominal number of rental slips/ day use only. Historically boaters have used docks illegally to pick up / drop off passengers.
- Group gathering and events, entry or events plaza, linear plaza, tie two slides of park, farmer’s market, art shows. 30 acre property well equipped for this kind of event.
- Amphitheater, bandstand on south side, consider multi-use facility.
- Picnic shelter - Want to keep the group picnic shelter in park

- Passive recreation, in addition to group picnic, individual picnic areas
- Forbes House Garden - Near German Retirement Village, strolling garden, historically appropriate to garden
- Interpretive trails along creek,
- Lakefront promenade, parallels shoreline, connecting to pier with evening lighting, could host events.
- The Pier, definitely want to keep it, make it look nicer, though it contributes to water quality problem, removing baffles could improve water circulation
- Forbes House, the only existing building that City plans on keeping, possible uses, meeting space, office space, leased space, house is in good shape.
- Pedestrian systems, no pedestrian routes within park, want to improve accessibility, connections to park, neighborhood connections.
- Parking improvements, just a really big lot south side, want to make improvements. Interested in getting public feedback on parking.

Programming Questions & Answers

At the conclusion of the PowerPoint Show, Michael took questions:

Q: Question
 A: Answer
 C: Comment
 R: Response

Skate Park

Q: How would a skate park at Juanita Beach Park be different than the skate park at Peter Kirk Park?

A: The skate park at Peter Kirk Park was designed for the "novice skater." It's smaller than the proposed skate park at Juanita Beach Park. The City of Kirkland has a deficit in skate parks and Juanita Beach Park's location, central to Juanita, in an area where people already congregate, makes it ideal for developing a larger, attractive park feature.

Q: How would the proposed skate park compare with size of skate park at Seattle Center?

A: The skate park at Seattle Center is approximately 6,000 sq. ft.; the skate park at Juanita Beach Park would be approximately 10,000 sq ft.

Q: Have you considered developing a skate park at another park/community center?

A: The City (Michael Cogle) responded that that site is smaller and would put the skate park closer to housing, whereas at Juanita Beach Park, the skate park (in Option 2) would be closer to a commercial district and away from housing.

C: Believes putting a skate park at Juanita Beach Park is appropriate and where a skate park should be located, as this is already where teenagers gather.

C: Concerned about view corridors and the number of boats in bay, and that the size of the proposed boat rental facility might obstruct views.

Promenade

Q: Where would the promenade be located? Would it be at the water's edge?

A: The City responded that in this case, the promenade would be designed to separate the beach area from the lawn area. In any case, there will be a sandy beach.

Off-Leash Dog Area

Q: What happened to the concept of an off-leash dog area?

A: The City responded that the off-leash dog area has been taken out of consideration because there is not enough space available at Juanita Beach Park for a dedicated, fenced in off-leash dog area.

Traffic Concerns

Q: Due to the heavy traffic of Juanita Drive, would it be possible to develop an overpass?

A: An overpass would be very costly and perhaps not too attractive. The City shares concerns about the crossing, but believes it would cost at least a \$1,000,000, be prohibitively large and require long ramps to provide ADA access.

Q: What about a tunnel option for crossing Juanita Drive?

A: A tunnel is not practical due to the sewer/force main under Juanita Drive. Recently traffic calming improvements have been made to Juanita Drive which has made crossing Juanita Drive easier and safer.

Q: Would it be possible to add pedestrian activated crossing lights?

A: It's a possibility. Confirm they already exist?

Beach and Swimming Area

Q: Will the beach stay as deep as it is now? It's really good for volleyball now.

A: The beach is an important amenity and its size should not be impacted.

Q: What is the approximate depth of the swimming area now?

A: The City responded that it is very shallow now. Historically the swimming area has always been shallow, due to sediment from upstream. The project team will work with City surface engineers to control sediment from upstream. The City received \$500,000 to tackle this problem.

Programming

C: Believes Alternative Concepts might include too many activities in a small space (Juanita Beach Park site), values open green space. Sees an immense undertaking here and wonders if it is too much development for the space.

Q What is the project budget.

A: Plenty of funds for design, none yet for implementation.

Michael ended the discussion of programming elements and turned the presentation over to Jim Brennan (J.A. Brennan Associates) for an introduction of the alternatives.

Introduction of Alternatives

Jim noted that the alternatives consider a range of activities; the goal is to develop a draft master plan after hearing the comments at this meeting and receiving feedback from the City Council.

When viewing the two alternatives, consider the landscape character of the renovated park. Should the character be wild, or formal, or naturalistic, with open or bands of vegetation that create spatial definition?

Things to think consider when thinking about the alternatives:

- The architectural character of the buildings, signage picnic shelters, bathhouse, Forbes house.
- What style of architecture is appropriate for the site?
- Both of these alternatives meet the approved park program.
- Boat rental concession is not a certain item.
- Experiential qualities?
- Looking to get feed back from the public about preferences

Jim presented ideas that are common to both alternatives. Both designs:

- Address water quality issues. Deal with bacteria problem comes from two areas:
 1. Bacteria coming down stream, during summer storm events, especially in July and August
 2. Coming off lawns from geese, dogs, etc.
- Address water circulation impediments from dock.
- Include water filtration under parking lot for storm events.
- Capture lawn runoff in swales and treat the water before it goes into water.
- Include plantings on the shore side of the lawn, to dissuade geese from entering.
- Include stream and lake buffer enhancement
- Include loop paths and other passive recreation elements such as places to sit and meet people.
- Include the Forbes
- Maintain view corridors
- Retain the beach environment.
- Show 375 stalls for parking. This number is based on national parking standards for the activities that are included in the alternatives. The parking can be developed in phases as needed. Parking should be adequate to minimize parking impacts on the neighborhood.

Discussion of Alternatives

Tom Atkins (J.T. Atkins & Co.) introduced the alternatives and the programming elements table. The following issues were discussed:

Parking and Traffic

North Side Parking:

Described where parking is

Option 1 east side accessed off 97th and along Juanita Drive

Option 2: north and east parking accessed off 97th

South Side Parking:

Option 1: parking pushed down in crescent shape, to save trees

Option 2: parking is parallel to Juanita drive, closer to the drive, while not encroaching on park space closer to water, but does not preserve trees as much.

C: Likes the parking design on the north side of Option 2, but the south parking design on Option 1. There was a general consensus in the audience that this would be the preferred parking design.

C: Prefers parking near Forbes house, (N. side of the site) easier for event access.

Q: Will there be a sidewalk across from the German Retirement Village?

A: Yes.

Vegetation

Q: What does dark green on plan denote?

A: Dark green tree signifies tree canopy with lawn or understory vegetation below, light green, low grasses.

Q: How will greenery on shore impact water safety? How can parents see kids swimming? The City noted that the lifeguards are closer to the water and would not be behind the greenery. The City also noted that parental responsibility plays a role in swimming safety. The sandy beach area is wide, with plenty of room for parents to be close to the water to observe swimming activities.

Q: Do the alternatives offer opportunities to save trees?

A: The health of trees on north side of the park is a concern. Some trees will be retained; others will need removal.

Q: What is the current condition of the trees? Mike Mateer parks supervisor, says north side trees are ending their natural life spans. South side trees such as young willows are in good condition. Silver maples are brittle, with dead tops.

Q: Does the City use natural lawn care and avoid the use of pesticides?

A: Yes. The City avoids the use pesticides, and uses organic fertilizers whenever possible.

Entry Plazas

Q: What would the entry plaza look like? Concerned that Option 2 includes the skate park at the park entry, whereas Option 1 shows skate park adjacent to tennis courts.

Q: What is a plaza?

A: A plaza is space in the park, perhaps at the edge of traffic with benches, kiosks, and planted areas, where one can rest or get away from traffic.

Skate Park

Discussion followed, with general consensus, that having the skate park at the entry (Option 2) would be preferred because it will be nearer to the commercial district, away from sensitive habitat areas. The skate park would also be adjacent to the children's play area, a desired location for parents with multi-aged children.

Q: The Skate park looks bigger on Option 1.

A: Both are similar in size, Option 2 meets the minimum size standard.

C: Would like to see lights added to skate park. Perhaps coin operated.

C: Wants to ensure that there will be a power supply at the skate park area for contest events, bands, etc.

Other Active Recreation

Q: Where is G, the multi sport court located? Does the City have a sports court at any of its facilities?

A: The City does not have one in its park system but would like to try it. There would be management issues, such as controlling access and changing use.

Q: Multiuse sport court lighted?

A: City response: No

Q: Not advocating more buildings; but where would moveable fences, goals, etc. be stored?

A: Potentially under Forbes House in cellar or in storage building.

C: Prefer the volleyball area down by the sand, as shown on Option 2.

Community Events Area

C: Option 1: L, community events area, is by the parking on North side leading to the possibility of using the parking lot and ball fields for events too.

Concessions

Q: What kind of concessions

A: Not yet determined.

C: Thinks small concession carts would be okay on promenade.

Q: On Option 1: What is X?

A: Boat rental; the diving dock area is used for boat rental.

Q: Where would boat storage go?

A: Bathhouse building and on float

Architecture

Q: What is the proposed architectural style for the bathhouse?

A: Potentially relate to the Forbes House roofline or use rustic look to tie buildings throughout the park together. Or potentially use Northwest style. 4,800 sq. feet is the size of current building. The new bathhouse structure will be smaller.

C: Re: architecture. Likes Northwest style, the look of fresh natural wood. Modern yet still rustic, feels that this would fit into neighborhood better.

Q: Describe bathhouse.

A: The bathhouse includes women's and men's rooms with shower, changing rooms, small concession and storage corridor down the middle. The design includes 320 ft for concession.

Restrooms

C: Restrooms should be open year round.

R: The City says keeping restrooms open is an issue of providing heat and having the funds to keep it clean. The vision of the park in future is that it should be open year round.

Playgrounds

Q: Are the playgrounds the same size as the existing ones?

A: Yes, in both options.

Amphitheater

C: Wants to ensure that the amphitheater will have room for a portable a bandstand and include electrical access. Be sure to make it a multi-purpose facility.

Lighting

C: Wants to ensure that lights will not be on after the park closes.

R: Coin operated lights don't work past park closure times.

Boat Access

C: Believes that the whole dock is really about providing restroom access for boaters.

R: The City responded that there are people who would tie up and eat lunch at Spuds or pick-up and drop-off passengers.

C: Doesn't believe in providing day use for motorized boats, thinks that hand-carry boat access should also be included. Please provide access for both or none. Would like paddle boat, rowboat rental

C: Believes motorized and non-motorized boats can coexist, in a no-wake zone.

Fishing Access

C: Likes to fish on dock, but boats come up and cut lines, particularly intoxicated boaters.

R: Could incorporate a designated load/unload area.

Miscellaneous

Q: What year will project be completed?

A: Unknown, but working towards implementation.

Summary

In closing Michael Cogle noted that:

- The City appreciates the public's involvement in this process.
- The next step is going to the City Council (will be webcast and on TV) for approval.
- Blending of the two alternatives based on public and Council feedback.
- There will be an open house at the Forbes House on Saturday, June 11, 10-2.

October 19, 2005

JUANITA BEACH PARK MASTER PLAN

Open House Presentation of Draft master plan

Public Meeting No. 4

October 13, 2005, 5:00 – 7:00 pm Forbes House

Prepared by:

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In Association with:

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MAKERS Architecture + Urban Design

TetraTech Inc.

Douglass Consulting

Landau Associates

Meeting Notes:

The consultants and City staff posted the draft master plan, detail area plans, and sections for public review and comment. J.A. Brennan noted the comments of attendees are documented below.

comments of Attendees:

- An attendee suggested considering naming rights, perhaps selling engraved paving stones, benches, or tables. Potentially this could be organized through the Heritage Society. Naming rights for the ballfield could also be considered to increase park funding.
- Someone asked whether the outfield fence could be a moveable one.
- Another person asked what funding is available for implementation. The City responded that improvements are included in the City's Six Year Plan. There is also a bond issue that could bring additional funding.
- One person likes the trees, but would like designers and the city to consider views when selecting the size and type of trees. This person suggested that vine maples would be good for the park, as well as shrubby trees.
- Someone else thinks bringing music into the park is a good idea. Festivities on July 4th would make for a great event.

- Someone commented that picnic shelters look good and requested that more square, durable tables be added, as well as barbeques and some moveable tables.
- One person prefers low level lighting for the water walk and for paths through the park.
- A condominium owner requested a path to a locked gate at the Bayview condominium for condo owners to access the park.
- Another person requested that the park supply lots of pet waste bags.
- Someone else shared that he/she liked the Community Commons design and that the landforms add interest to the park and make it look larger.
- Someone suggested that interpretive signage could focus on water quality issues and the natural history of the area, including the salmon story.
- An attendee thought that bringing concessions to the park was a good idea.
- Someone else requested that the City and the designers consider CPTED issues when finalizing the design.
- One person commented that lighting at the skate park and tennis court would be fine, but would prefer no lighting in the rest of the park.
- An attendee suggested that the designers should consider raising the landforms higher so that there would be more height at the edge of the Commons.
- Someone else said they felt the berm/landforms were good; that they create an interesting dynamic to the site, as well as create drier areas of the park.
- Another person noted that the landforms offer a sense of surprise.
- Someone felt that having a sense of discovery would be nice, as defined by landforms and plantings. Perhaps a garden room and raingarden outlet, creating a hidden/revealed sequence.
- An attendee thought that boat storage inside the bathhouse was a good idea.
- One attendee suggested that picking up on the forms for historical structures, such as resorts would be a good idea for the structures on the site.
- Someone noted that he/she could provide pictures of resorts that may be a good inspiration for the architectural elements of the park.
- Someone noted that he/she likes the picnic shelters, Community Commons, and stream/wetland habitat areas.
- One person noted an interest in trees at the beach over-hanging the water.
- Someone else loves the promenade and loop path design.

- One attendee preferred the more intense use of the park.
- An attendee noted he/she liked the hand-carry boat launch area.
- Someone suggested that the plaza next to the skate park include seating walls constructed of hard materials, such as granite, so that skateboarders could use the seating area when it is not used for sitting.
- Someone suggested that the skateboard area be lighted until 10pm.
- An attendee loved the proposed design of the park structures and suggested that subtle roof colors blend in to the landscape. Perhaps consider using dark green or gray colors.
- One person recommended that views from the condominiums be maintained from the east to an access point to the catwalk.
- Someone commented that he/she liked the skate park and day use boat moorage area.
- One person likes the basketball concept.
- Someone requested that art and sculpture be considered for focal points on the dock and park to add interest and attract attention.
- One person recommended a graffiti wall near the Skate Park.
- An attendee requested that the City consider adding climbing walls, boulders, and a tower recreation elements.
- A young attendee requested climbing bars in the play area.
- Someone else requested that historical/interpretive signs be developed.
- An attendee suggested that the lighting at the Skate park be similar to the tennis court lighting.
- Someone else noted that he/she likes the flowing paths and trees, seating walls, and landforms as proposed.

JUANITA BEACH PARK MASTER PLAN

Public Meeting No. 5

Park Board Public Meeting

October 19, 2005

Public Comments:

Don Tressell – 11844 108th Ave NE

Mr. Tressell inquired into what the ongoing maintenance costs for the park will be.

Merrily Dicks – 10635 NE 116th street

Ms. Dicks expressed concern about trees near the beach blocking the ability for parents to watch their children. She also suggested that the promenade wall would do the same.

Ms. Dicks expressed concern at the number of sport activities being offered and inquired as to whether or not this may become a financial burden for maintenance of the park. Ms. Dicks encouraged the Parks Dept. to make sure that the Forbes House historic garden area is a significant feature and that the orchard and garden areas are left intact from a historical perspective. She noted that she was unclear as to why the additional playground near the historic property was desired. She noted that she is happy to see the water improvement issues being addressed in the plan, and believes that soft-surface walkways and interpretive areas are important.

Patricia Dorackson – 9717 NE Juanita Drive #303

Ms. Dorackson commended Park staff and planners involved on the park plan. She commented that the public process has been a wonderful experience. Ms. Dorackson noted that the residents of Bayview Condos adjacent to the park would be happy to work with the planners in tree placement. These residents are in the second building from the water and want to ensure they retain their water view. She expressed concern about the proposed placement of trees in the turnaround area, at the end of the fence near the water, believing that they may pose a safety and security problem. Ms. Dorackson noted that the Bayview residents would also like to see a path to their existing gate made available to condominium residents. She noted that she is happy to see opportunities for wheelchair accessibility, and wants to make sure the paths are not too soft, as to limit mobility for people with walkers. Ms Dorackson requested that Juanita Beach Park be closed at dusk, and would like to see some lighting at the end of the dock to help denote where the dock ends for boaters.

Laura Pendergrass – 9601 NE 128th Street.

Ms. Pendergrass offered commendations for the master plan public process. She noted that she was not initially in favor of the skate park, but she is accepting of it at this point, particularly the location. She expressed concern about the proposed size of the skate park and questioned whether or not the proposed size had grown from previous alternatives.

Jim Halred – 11101 109th Pl. NE

Mr. Halred noted he is from the “Goat Hill” area and has been involved in many regional planning ventures related to increasing citizen access to Lake Washington. He noted that providing access for motorized boats will help keep the lake clean as boater would have access to public restrooms. He would

like to see a boat launch added to allow small fishing boats launched in this area Mr. Halred encouraged the City to remove existing Cottonwood trees in the park and replace with a more suitable species.

Dan Hughes – 2139 NE 20th Street Renton

Mr. Hughes expressed a desire to see lights at the skate park to make the park more accessible to skaters in the winter months, and encouraged the City to make the skate park as large as possible.

Pat Kasey 9617 NE 131st Pl.

Ms. Kasey asked for a clarification of the size of the skate park, and wondered if the size of the skate park pushed the playfields into the creek buffer area.



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DATE: February 1, 2005

**TO: Michael Cogle, City of Lynnwood Parks
Jim Brennan, JA Brennan
Harry Gibbons, Tetra Tech, Inc.**

SUBJECT: Agenda for Agency Meeting for Juanita Beach Park Master Plan

DATE: February 14, 2005

TIME: 10:00 am to 1:30 pm

PLACE: Forbes House, Juanita Beach Park, Kirkland, Washington

Introductions

City of Kirkland Parks and Recreation Department, USACE, Muckleshoot Tribe, WA DNR, WDFW, WRIA 8, City of Kirkland Planning and Surface Water Mgmt., Consultant Team (JA Brennan, Douglass Consulting, Tetra Tech, Inc.)

10:00 to 10:30 Overview of Juanita Beach Park Master Plan Process

10:30 to 11:30 Tour of Juanita Beach Park

We will look at Lake Washington shoreline, Juanita Creek, wetlands, riparian habitats, and trail system. Review attached Suitability Analysis Map.

11:30 - 12:00 Discussion of Current Conditions at Park

Focus on water quality, shoreline, riparian, and creek conditions.

12:00 – 12:30 Park Vision and Suitability for Development

Enhancing riparian area and shoreline area for habitat.

Strategies for water quality improvement program.

Redesign of park buildings, parking lot, and landscaping

12:30 - 1:00 Permitting Considerations/Granting Opportunities

Goals and strategies for restoring Juanita Beach and Juanita Creek and enhancing fish habitat.

Permitting considerations.

Grant opportunities.

1:00 – 1:30 Next Steps and Wrap-Up