

Snohomish County

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this meeting was to finalize the program and begin reviewing preliminary alternatives.

DISCUSSION

Kevin introduced Stacy to the committee and each person then introduced themselves and the organizations that they represent. Derrick then asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. There were no corrections. He then reviewed the overall project schedule.

RECAP OF PUBLIC MEETING

Derrick noted items from the public meeting that might affect the program or design criteria. The following was discussed:

Fencing

- After some discussion, it was agreed that it is not practical to fence the entire site
 - The range areas should be fenced using a substantial fencing material.
 - Putting signs and a wire fence around the perimeter of the site would be the most practical.
 - It was indicated that trails leaving the site can lead to Lake Bronson. Care should be taken to remove those trails connections or demarcate the range boundary
- Baffles and berms at the perimeter of the range areas would be clear indications of the danger.
- It was agreed that any trails leading into the site should be closed/fenced and should have signage indicating the presence of the shooting range.
- If any fencing is around the perimeter, it should be simple (e.g. three wire, barbed wire, etc.) with signs.

Traffic

- Derrick noted that any traffic study may be conducted based upon the final plan: no traffic study will be conducted at this point.

Covered Shooting Range

- it was indicated that a simple roof structure is all that would be needed: an indoor, covered indoor range is not necessary.
 - the cover could be removable

1,000 Yard Rifle Range

- There was consensus that a 1,000 yard range is not currently practical and, therefore, should not be considered.

Archery

- There was consensus that crossbows should be allowed only on the field range, not the 3D range.

Relocate Archery to Another Site

- While the current size of the field range is not adequate for a national tournament, there was consensus that it should remain as a part of the site program.

Facility Operation

- Operation of the facility will be defined in the final master plan report.

Education

- There was consensus that environmental interpretation, especially along the 3D range, would be valuable to provide information to the public about animals and vegetation that exist on-site and the compatibility of the use with the natural environment.

Zip Line

- The committee was unanimous that a zip line should not be considered in the program.

Park Name

- After considerable discussion, there was consensus that the committee agreed to change the working title of the park to Sky Valley Shooting Park for reasons of exclusion and name confusion expressed at the public meeting.

Environmental Impact Status (EIS)

- a member requested a PDF copy of the previous EIS.
- BDA will look into permit requirements with Snohomish County to determine what if any environmental studies are required to update the original EIS, if an update is required.

Roadway Location

- Kevin reported that the contact at DNR indicated as long as there is through access, the county can make changes to the roadway alignment.
- Any costs associated with changes to the road would be borne by the county.

Size of Firearms to be Allowed

- There was consensus that the size of firearms allowed on site would be based on the ability to contain rounds.
 - Firearms for which the rounds cannot be contained on site would not be allowed.
 - This will ultimately be enforced through operations planning.

Mounted Shooting

- a member asked whether or not mounted shooting should be allowed on site.
 - There appeared to be consensus that 4H already conducts such an event and, therefore, it should not be considered.

Power

- Derrick noted that with the refinement of the plan, investigating utility options to power the program elements will begin.
 - a member mentioned that a diesel generator has already been set aside to run the facility initially if line power is not provided.

REVIEW OF THE PROGRAM AND DESIGN CRITERIA

Each program element was reviewed. The following are the committee's comments:

Archery

- Both bow and 3D archers will use the flat range.
 - It would be good to cover the flat range shooting line; therefore, a cover should be included in the program.
- Since archery has a potential for generating more revenue for the facility, it should not be reduced at the expense of shotgun.
- No changes to the FITA regulation archery range.

- 3D archery range:
 - The broadhead/pit should remain in the program
 - 30 targets are a minimum
- The amount of targets shown in the program for competition archery may not be sufficient
 - BDA will review a suggested archery layout from Michael that had been provided previously.

Shooting Ranges

- shooting bay pistol range: no changes
- paper target pistol range: 20~35 targets is ideal
- rifle range: no change
- shotgun skeet range: no change
- shotgun trap range: no change
- black powder range: no change
- A BB gun range should be considered. This could occur on one of the existing ranges, and be worked into the operation planning.

Safety Course Facility

- a member would like to see a classroom with space around the building for use as a part of hunter safety course.
 - The classroom could be a part of a clubhouse/restroom/concession building

Restroom Structure

- Could be combined with a pro shop.

Pro Shop

- Could be combined with the restroom and classroom.

Caretaker Residence

- There was consensus that a full-time, on-site caretaker is needed.
 - Ideally, this person would have a law enforcement background.
- It was decided that a recordable camera system for surveillance should be included in the program

Parking

- no changes

Range PA System

- no changes

ALTERNATIVE LAYOUTS

Derrick presented four alternative layouts:

Option 1

- maximizes shotgun for a total of 9 positions, 1 of which will be skeet shoot
- no pistol or rifle

Option 2

- focuses on rifle and pistol
 - 40 pistol positions
 - three 100 yd rifle positions
 - one 50m bay
- no shotgun range

Option 3

- combined pistol and rifle range extending beyond park property into DNR property
- includes target archery and 3D archery range

Option 4

- includes a combination of shotgun, pistol, and rifle
 - five shotgun trap positions
 - three pistol positions
 - twenty 100 yard rifle positions
- variation showing additional shotgun positions extending beyond the property
- includes an FITA archery range and a 30 target archery range in the wetland area
- estimated 190 stall parking lot
- pro shop
- realigned roadway to accommodate pistol and rifle positions

The following are comments on the alternative layouts:

- There was consensus that Option 4 best meets the needs of all users by including all user groups.
 - a member also provided a layout that was similar to Option 4, although his oriented firing toward the northwest.
 - After some discussion, it was agreed that the orientation should be directly to the north or northeast, as shown in Option 4.

SOUND TEST

It was agreed that an informal sound test should be conducted.

- It should include multiple rifles and pistols fired from the location of the proposed range.
- During the test, there should be a group of neighbors and representatives from the shooting groups at both the range and a neighbor's property.
- Kevin will attempt to obtain permission to conduct the test.
- The test has yet to be scheduled.

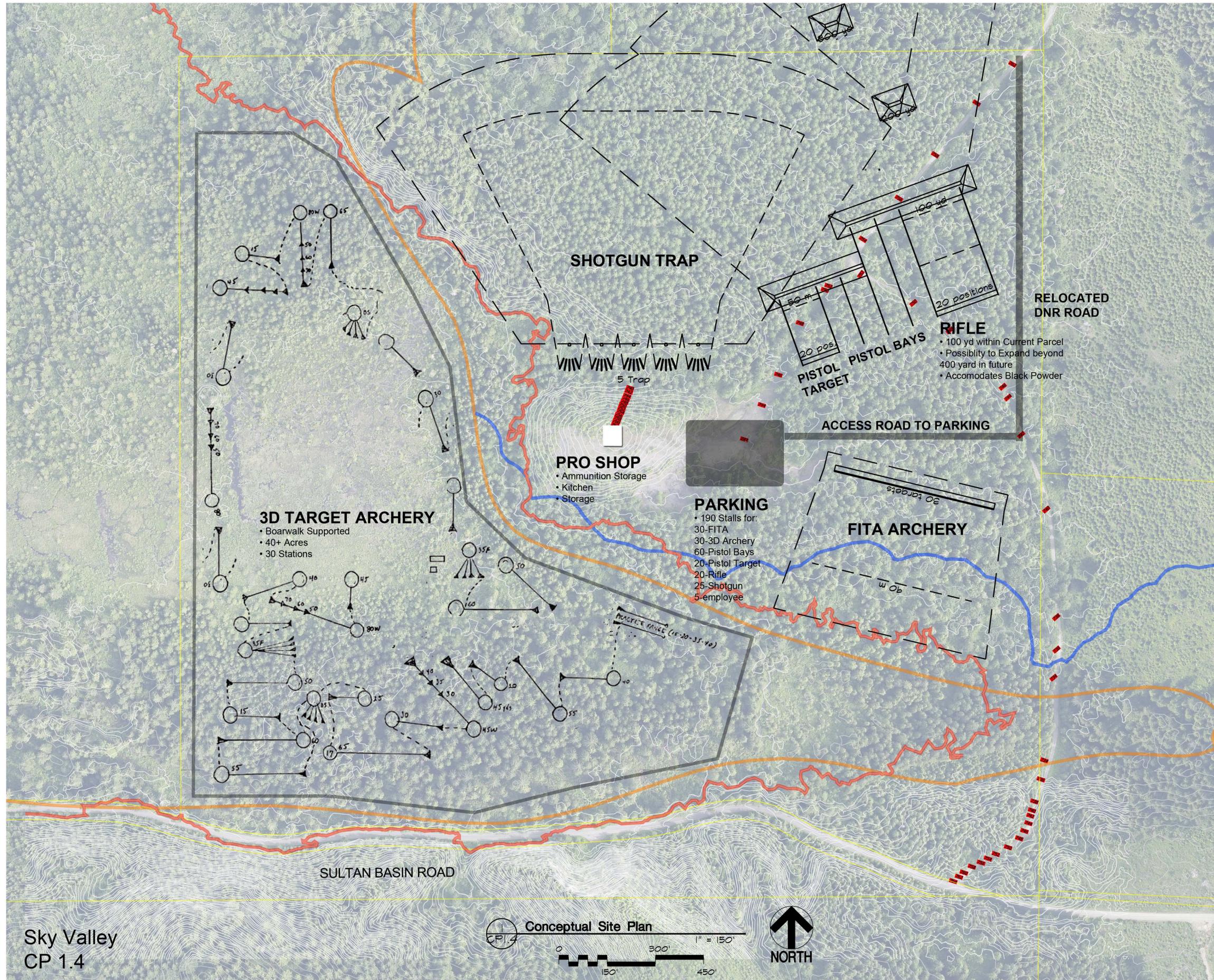
CLOSING

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16, 2014 from 3:30~5:30pm in the city council chambers at Sultan City Hall. The purpose will be to review the refined alternative.

These are the minutes, as we understand them. If there are any additions or corrections, contact Bruce Dees & Associates immediately.

Snohomish County
Sky Valley Sportsman's Park
Ad Hoc Committee #4 Agenda
August 19, 2014

1. Additions/Corrections to Minutes
2. Review Process Schedule
3. Review Public Meeting Minutes
4. Review Program Elements & Design Criteria
 - a. Consider input from Public Meeting
5. Review Alternative Layouts
6. Discuss Sound Test
7. Next Meeting – September 16



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