

**MALTBY AREA COMMUNITY PARK
Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes #2
September 27, 2016**

**Bruce Dees & Associates
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PRESENT

Ad Hoc Committee

(P) Vince Norberg, Neighbor – North Side
(P) Ian Englund, Neighbor – South Side
(P) Tom Campbell, SURF
(P) Catherine Collins, SnoCo Parks Advisory Board
(P) Steve Dickson, Snohomish County Public Works
() Tom Teigen Snohomish County Parks
(P) James Yap, Snohomish County Parks
(P) Russ Bosanko, Snohomish County Parks

(P) Michael Duncan, Northshore Youth Soccer
(P) Waněta Larios, Neighbor - Marwood
() Tammy Dunn, SnoCo Sports Commission

Consultants

(P) Bruce Dees, Bruce Dees & Associates
(P) Derrick Eberle, Bruce Dees & Associates

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

This was the second Ad Hoc Meeting. Its purpose was to review the preliminary program and design criteria developed to date and to formulate a final program and design criteria to be used in developing alternative plans.

DISCUSSION

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- James welcomed everyone and asked the two new committee members, Michael and Waněta, to introduce themselves. Then each of the other committee members introduced themselves as well.
- Each person then in turn, introduced themselves.

OVERVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- There were no comments on the previous meeting minutes.

RECAP OF THE FIRST PUBLIC MEETING

- Bruce described the first public meeting, noting that there was a good response and that one new program item, pickleball, was suggested.
- Each of the committee members received minutes from the Public Meeting.
- It was suggested that for the next Public Meeting invitations, the reference to Maltby Area Community Park should note “located at Carousel Ranch” so that people understand the connection with the Carousel Ranch site.
- The term “multi-use fields” should be used instead of “soccer” as the fields are not to be exclusively used by soccer.

ADDITIONAL NEEDS AND CONCERNS

- Each of the committee members shared additional needs and concerns:

Michael Duncan, Northshore Youth Soccer

- Michael explained that Northshore Youth Soccer Association has participants ranging in age from 5-18 years old with 5,000 youth involved, serving the area of the Northshore School District.
 - NYSA is looking to bring in a program called “Top Soccer,” which serves kids with special needs.
 - Michael indicated that he could represent Lacrosse and other field sports on the committee, not just youth soccer.
 - He reiterated the high demand for practice and game fields and the limited availability to use school sites.

- He noted that his organization can use fields as small as 55x35 yards for teams of 7 on each side.
- He noted that the maximum size used is 240'x360'.

Wanēta Larios, Neighbor - Marwood

- Consider including rain gardens.
- The plan should be responsive to the existing topography.
- Pedestrian and bicycle access from Marwood is desired.
- Include bike racks in the park.

Vince Norberg, Neighbor - North Side

- The site is a unique property; it would retain the variety of existing trees.
- Would like to see along vistas of the site that include trees.
- Fields should be multi-use to allow sports such as baseball.
- Consider re-use of existing buildings as much as practical.

Tom Campbell, SURF

- Tom noted that SURF, which serves south Snohomish County, includes 1,000 youth participants.
 - As many multi-use fields as possible are desired but not to the extent where they are negatively impacting the wetlands and requiring extensive mitigation.
 - The plan should address US Soccer new field sizes and configurations.
 - Consider vehicular access from the south via Brightwater.
 - Incorporate low-impact development (LID) techniques.
 - Any bike connection from 228th Street to the park needs to be safe.
 - A community center should accommodate indoor futsal/basketball, as well as provide space for meetings.
 - He noted that the building could be privately funded.

Steve Dickson, Snohomish County Public Works

- Vehicular access through Brightwater could be difficult because of mitigation that has already occurred in that area as a part of the Brightwater development.
- Consider an efficient bicycle connection to the future Regional Trail.
- Do not make more trails if existing trails can be used at Brightwater.
- The Brightwater Community Center is free of charge to government entities and non-profit organizations.
- Development of the Community Center building should not duplicate the resources at Brightwater.

Russ Bosanko, Snohomish County Parks

- Provide two multi-use fields side-by-side to accommodate a variety of sports.
- At least 4 of the multi-use fields need to be full-size, two could be smaller.
- One or two 300-ft outfields for softball is desired.
- Consider adding a third public meeting open house to provide more opportunity for public input.

James Yap, Snohomish County Parks

- Address the on-site mitigation by enhancing Cutthroat Creek.

Ian Englund, Neighbor - South Side

- No additional comments

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

- Bruce guided the committee through a discussion of suggested potential program elements.

PROPOSED BY PARK STAFF:

Snohomish County Parks – Maltby Area Community Park
Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes #1

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September 13, 2016

Program Elements	Committee Comments
Multi-Use Fields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 6 is desirable • 4 should be full size, 2 could be small or mod size • At least 2 should be side-by-side on the same elevation to allow use for 1 or more 300-ft outfield softball fields
Softball Fields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No need to provide a bullpen or a batting cage or formalized spectator seating • Grass slopes could suffice as informal seating for soccer and softball • Covered dugouts are unnecessary, in fact, portable benches could be used for dugout seating • Warm-up space is desirable while at the same time is desired to maintain the rolling topography of the site
Trails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide connection to Brightwater and the residential area, Marwood, at 228th Street • Walkways and trails must meet ADA requirements for access to the parking lot and major activities • Outside the major activities, should be soft surface
Off-Leash Dog Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Off-leash area need not include cover for dog owners, water service, benches, or restroom • Walking trails should be kept some distance away from the fenced area
Children's Play Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do consider a natural play area as well as traditional play area type • No specific request was for theme
Sprayground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No particular emphasis for a theme • There was mixed support for a sprayground
Restroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restroom should be central to activities
Concession	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concessions should be limited to food truck service with a 3-compartment sink available to the food truck vendor
Maintenance Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should include a small office for a park ranger • No need to provide a shop, though there should be storage for field grooming equipment • Building should include restroom, lunch room area
Maintenance Yard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No need to include a fueling station or wash station • A storage area yet to be determined
Community Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The community Center building could include indoor soccer fields • Should have some space for meeting rooms • The community center could be received via private funding • Programming for the Community Center should consider existing facilities at Brightwater to avoid duplication if public monies are used on the building

PROPOSED BY THE AD HOC COMMITTEE:

Program Elements	Committee Comments
Frisbee Golf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frisbee Golf should be considered
Bicycle Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include bicycle racks and access to and from the regional trail and to the Marwood neighborhood

PROPOSED BY THE PUBLIC:

Program Elements	Committee Comments
Pickleball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This was the only new program element suggested by the public to date <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Was deemed appropriate to consider it in the program

OTHER POTENTIAL PROGRAM ELEMENTS:

Program Elements	Committee Comments
Picnic Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Include individual picnic tables throughout the site• Include a large group picnic shelter that could double as a gathering space for team meetings or a group picnic• Consider the use of the existing arena building for that function• If structural improvements are practical
Sand Volleyball	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do not include
Outdoor movie Space	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do not include

REVIEW OF PRELIMINARY ALTERNATIVE CONCEPTS

Bruce presented two alternative concepts for consideration:

- **Option 1**
 - Shows 4 large fields and 2 small fields and parking for approximately 300 cars
 - The general approach was to avoid any of the wetlands identified in the wetlands reconnaissance.
- **Option 2**
 - Shows 5 large fields and the potential for a sixth small field or no field at all in that location.
 - The plan also included approximately 500 parking stalls, which is deemed necessary for tournament activity.
- **Comments on Option 1**
 - Impacts on wetlands and buffers is a major consideration affecting natural functions and the character of the site, and the fact that mitigation for a buffer intrusion and wetlands impacts could be expensive.
 - U 10 can be an open area for any use.
- **Comments on Option 2**
 - Providing as many large fields provides the maximum amount of flexibility for organized sports.
 - Providing up to 500 parking stalls provides flexibility for use of the site and for serving the community center and other activities that will draw people to the site.
 - Existing wetland areas may not be of high value and function due to horse use.

VARIATIONS ON THE PLANS

Bruce presented variations to various elements of the plan:

- **Park Access**
 - This plan shows park access moved to the south of the existing entry road in order to provide maximum acceleration lane distance between the exit and the creek.
 - Moving the entrance to the south will avoid having to extend the culvert and work in the creek that would be required to meet minimum acceleration lane distances.
 - Bruce explained that the team's traffic engineer has already met with the DOT and DOT has already approved the suggested relocation to the south.
 - **Comments:**
 - Ian, who would be neighbor to the south, did not have objections to moving the entrance to the south.
- **Maintenance Building Location**
 - 3 different locations were shown for the maintenance building and yard:
 - Northeast end of the site
 - South of the entrance
 - North of the entrance

- **Comments:**
 - Park staff prefers that the building should be near the entry to the park.
 - Either the north or the south side of the entry road is acceptable to staff.
- **Pickleball or Multi-Use Court Location**
 - The plan presented showed the potential for courts on the east and west side of the northern parking lot.
 - **Comments:**
 - There was no strong consensus for either location.
 - Though there is support for including the courts.
- **Off-Leash Dog Park**
 - Shown at the northeast corner of the site.
 - Potential Parking:
 - Two locations were shown for potential parking:
 - One at the existing cleared area at the extreme east end of the site.
 - The other to the west, opposite the proposed north parking area.
 - **Comments:**
 - There was concern expressed about having parking at the extreme east end of the site where it is isolated and out of view from the rest of the park.
 - Parking at the west end of the dog park area would make the parking visible by residents to the north.
 - Further discussion is needed before a final decision is made.
- **Equestrian Use**
 - One plan shows an Equestrian Use area at the far east end of the site.
 - **Comments:**
 - There are reservations by park staff about continued equestrian use on the site and that other equestrian facilities are available at Lorde's Hill and other county facilities, therefore an Equestrian facility on site will not be pursued at this point.

NEXT STEPS

- The plans will be revised to address the comments noted above for further review at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING

- The next meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2016

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