

**PRESENT (P)**

**Ad Hoc Committee**

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| (P) Alan MacDonald, Northshore Youth Lacrosse  | ( ) Tom Teigen Snohomish County Parks              |
| ( ) Dave Shipway, Northshore Youth Soccer      | (P) James Yap, Snohomish County Parks              |
| (P) Joey Wyrick, Northshore Youth Soccer       | (P) Russ Bosanko, Snohomish County Parks           |
| (P) Tom Campbell, NYSA / FC Alliance           | (P) Hal Gausman, Snohomish County Parks            |
| (P) Paula Townsell, Northshore School District | (P) Steve Dickson, Snohomish County Public Works   |
| ( ) Rich Leahy, City of Woodinville            | (P) Tammy Dunn, Snohomish County Sports Commission |

**Consultants**

- (P) Bruce Dees, Bruce Dees & Associates
- (P) Brian Patnode, Bruce Dees & Associates
- (P) Derrick Eberle, Bruce Dees & Associates

**PURPOSE OF THE MEETING**

The meeting was held to gather any additional needs & concerns and to review and define the preliminary program.

**DISCUSSION**

Bruce reviewed the project process and schedule. Each committee member was invited to share comments on the previous meeting minutes.

**COMMENTS ON PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

- Paula Townsell
  - CHANGE: *Partnering is good.* CHANGE TO: *Northshore School District encourages Strategic Partnerships.*
  - ADD: *Encourage environmental learning opportunities at the park.*
- Tom Teigen
  - CHANGE: *County needs 16 fields within 20 minutes of each other in order to hold regional and national tournaments.* CHANGE TO: *16 fields are needed within a 20 minute radius in order to hold regional and national tournaments.*
- Steve Dickson
  - CHANGE: *Existing road is deficient.* CHANGE TO: *Existing road is sub-standard.*
  - CHANGE: *How quickly road improvements will be able to be designed and built may be a limiting factor (in terms of project schedule).* CHANGE TO: *How quickly Right-of-Way could be acquired maybe be a limiting factor.*
  - NOTE: *LID and educational opportunities will be present and interpretive signage should be present* was a part of the discussion but was not mentioned initially/specifically by Steve.
- Tammy Dunn
  - CHANGE: *Orienteering opportunity. Would be a 2nd location* CHANGE TO: *Orienteering opportunity. Could be a 2nd location.*
  - DELETE: Comment regarding *Cascade Orienting Club's* involvement which may infer that is the only club, as others may be involved as well.
- Tom Campbell
  - CHANGE: *NYSA is more interested in occupying/renting a facility that is geared toward their needs.* CHANGE TO: *NYSA is interested in occupying/renting a facility that is geared toward their needs.*
- NOTE: For the comment from Rich Leahy that Woodinville's synthetic fields are *under-utilized*, it is understood to mean that they are *under-scheduled*.

## **ADDITIONAL NEEDS & CONCERNS**

Each member was invited to share any additional needs & concerns. Comments are arranged by subject.

### **Design Message**

- Mitigation funding package is termed "community mitigation"
- Need a clear message that explains the purpose of this project. Tom Teigen's explanation of "satisfying the agreement" that was made for the Brightwater is a good example.
- Settlement agreement between King County and Snohomish County states active recreation, and it needs to be emphasized that this project is to serve the community, not just as a space to bring in tournaments and people from elsewhere.
- It should be mentioned that this project is a specific implementation of the agreement
- Community is going to get a multiuse facility that will bring financial benefits
- The majority of time the facility will be benefitting local teams and community
- The facility will be available as a practice and game facility for league play
- County is going green – integrate sustainability and green building into the design

### **Scheduling of events**

- Ability to serve the community is vital
- Priority for facility should be community use
- This will be available as a practice and game facility for league play
- Attempt to keep other features open while tournaments occur
- 8 tournaments are required to make the facility self sufficient. The remainder of time should be geared toward community.
- Target of around 10 tournaments a year for financial viability, but not tournaments every weekend.
- Potentially a few weeklong tournaments (lacrosse or fast pitch in July and August)
- Local clubs would like to host tournaments
- Since many tournaments are bid on, some may not even occur, also some are recurring and other happen every 5 years or so.
- Potential sharing of site could be 80% public time, 20% tournament time of facility.
- Ways to guarantee constant public access to the site:
  - Dog Park
  - Playground
  - Trails
  - Mountain Bike Facility

### **Access**

- Public Works is coordinating with the railroad regarding the railroad crossing and the road intersection
- Pedestrian access from the east must be addressed.

## **PROGRAM**

Bruce presented a preliminary program and design criteria developed from the previous meeting input. The following are comments.

### **Fields**

- Consider dedicated mod fields in addition to eight full size soccer fields (Fields 9 & 10 at Starfire for example), however full-size soccer fields should be the priority over mod-size fields
- Fields should accommodate soccer, lacrosse, baseball/softball, ultimate frisbee
- Baseball/softball should be part of the primary program
  - Baseball age group is 10-12 yr old.
  - Ballfields should be marked for 60, 65, and 70 foot base paths
  - At least 2 softball fields would accommodate community
  - At least 4 softball fields would accommodate tournaments
- Consider portable bleachers for spectator seating

- Consider a "featured" or "signature" field
- Adequate space for warm up is needed.
- Include at least one grass field for practice or warm-up facility but the rest should be synthetic if possible.
- Consider storage for goals and other field equipment

### Facility Structures

#### INDOOR SPORTS FACILITY

- 50,000 square feet needed for indoor sports facility
  - Restrooms, concessions, storage, lockers, etc
  - Accommodations for meetings, referees/officials, teams, etc.
- Need a separate space for players away from events and public

#### MOUNTAIN BIKE FACILITY

- 100' x 600' covered facility (clearspan) for mountain bike

#### PARK OFFICE

- A park office is needed on-site

#### MAINTENANCE FACILITY

- Indoor/outdoor material and equipment storage

### Trails

- Use trails as a tool to inform visitors of environmental aspects of site
  - Environmental amenities/attributes present
  - Interactions between developed and natural site
- Develop trails for experiential qualities
- Develop different trails for different purposes
  - Paved ADA trails around athletic facility
  - Soft surface trails for hiking
  - Trails for Mountain Biking
- Trails should be wide enough for access for service vehicles around the fields.
- Orienteering would occur on trails at the site
- Incorporate exercise stations on trails

### Nature and Education

- Environmental opportunities should be part of the primary program and include
  - Cataloging native and non-native areas
  - Removal of noxious weeds
  - Enhancement of plant communities
- Consider natural playgrounds and the experience of natural areas of the site
- Compliment, but not duplicate, nearby environmental education opportunities
- Provide site-related environmental education

### Parking and Traffic

- Parking quantity and facility scheduling should be developed jointly
  - Consider transitional time / Programming of fields
- Field trip opportunities from local schools will be present for climbing walls, nature areas, etc, therefore accommodations for buses needs to be considered
- The traffic study should be based on final program
- Consider an electric plug-in station for alternative energy vehicles

### Dog Park

- Add as a program element
- Dog park should be around 2-5 acres in size

### Disc Golf

- Add as a program element
- Incorporate disc golf course into design

### Picnic Shelters and Benches

- Add as a program element

### General Site Design

- Provide quality visual buffers for neighbors
- Create a defensible site to ensure safety, control access, etc.
- Park is to be a community oriented active and passive use park

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 11, 2012 at 10:00 AM at the Snohomish County Parks office. There will be a public meeting on Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Brightwater Facility.

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