

**WELLINGTON HILLS COUNTY PARK
Ad Hoc Committee Meeting #10
August 10, 2012**

**Bruce Dees & Associates
Job No. 10-21-01**

PRESENT (P)

Ad Hoc Committee

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| () Alan MacDonald, Northshore Youth Lacrosse | (P) Tom Teigen Snohomish County Parks |
| (P) Dave Shipway, Northshore Youth Soccer | (P) James Yap, Snohomish County Parks |
| () Joey Wyrick, Northshore Youth Soccer | () Russ Bosanko, Snohomish County Parks |
| (P) Tom Campbell, NYSA / FC Alliance | () Hal Gausman, Snohomish County Parks |
| () Rich Leahy, City of Woodinville | (P) Dianne Bailey, Snohomish County Parks |
| () Mike Surber, Neighbor | (P) Steve Dickson, Snohomish County Public Works |
| () Lori Belanger, Neighbor | () Tammy Dunn, Snohomish County Sports Commission |
| () Mike Bailey, Neighbor | |
| (P) Mike Hoiland, Neighbor | |
| () Corey Walker, Neighbor | |
| () Sean Curran, NW Indoor MTB Parks | |
| () Paula Townsell, Brent Planning Solutions (Consultant for Northshore School District) | |

Others

- (P) Geoff Thomas, County Council
- (P) Rich Huebner, Sno. County Sports Commission
- () Bob Leonard, Snohomish County Maintenance
- () Tom Pearce, Running Interest
- () John Briney, Snohomish County Parks Advisory Board
- (P) Heidi Ondrasik, Neighbors to Save Wellington (NTSW)
- (P) Ted Pankowski, NTSW
- (P) Bill Stankus, NTSW
- (P) Sherry Stoll, NTSW
- (P) Dwight Jensen, Neighbor

Consultants

- (P) Bruce Dees, Bruce Dees & Associates
- () Brian Patnode, Bruce Dees & Associates
- (P) Derrick Eberle, Bruce Dees & Associates
- () Edward Koltonowski, Gibson Traffic Consultants

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

To review changes to the plan presented to the ad hoc committee on June 22, 2012 and gather feedback.

DISCUSSION

Bruce reviewed the changes to the previous plan, notably the acquisition of the property to the east, elimination of dedicated softball fields, removal of two athletic fields north of 240th, reconfiguration of the synthetic turf soccer fields and addition of a synthetic turf soccer field, and the adjusted buffer resulting from the change. Bruce then asked for feedback from the present committee members, followed by the present neighbors.

ADDITIONAL NEEDS & CONCERNS

General

- Dwight Jensen expressed concern over the new plan, notably the reorientation of the fields and what he believed would be their new elevation. When it was explained that the fields will be set into the existing slope, and not set at the higher elevation, he retracted his concern.
- There were several comments from NTSW pertaining to the suitability of this particular site for fields. FC Alliance expressed that it is beneficial (and rare) to find a site/facility adjacent to an urban growth area, in the case that Wellington is.

Lighting/Noise

- There continue to be concerns that lighting will negatively affect neighboring residences.
- Shrouded lighting is very effective at focusing lighting and reducing light pollution.

- New lighting design is primarily directed away from all neighboring residences.
- Grade changes/berms can make a significant difference for visual/noise impact.

Traffic

- There are concerns that reducing traffic speed will promote backups along 240th.
- There are concerns that people will ignore "no parking" signs on 71st.
- Currently motorists drive up and/or turnaround on private drives along 71st. There are concerns that increased traffic resulting from the park will increase this occurrence.
- Steve explained that the road project will comply to the county land use code regarding safety, road capacity, etc.
- Public Works is currently studying traffic information for Woodinville.
- Public Works is looking at connecting sidewalks to and possibly along 75th
- Public Works is investigating traffic calming elements along 240th St. to both the west and the east of 71st
- There is enough width in the current 240th ROW by "the wall" to fit a 2nd lane for traffic.

Athletic Fields / Indoor Sports

- The plan has been redesigned to reduce the sports facility footprint.
- The indoor sports facility is intended to be more community oriented than originally planned.
 - Potential spaces for community activities/events within the structure

Access Issues

- To avoid promoting drop-offs from 240th, the emergency/event access gate should be set flush with the proposed fence along the road.
- All active use/paved areas are ADA accessible.
- Direct emergency access to all fields is provided.

Needs Assessment

- NTSW requests justification for the athletic facilities (needs assessment).
- NYSA explained that according to a 1994 study, only half of the field facility needs were satisfied (demand was not being met). Since that study, no new fields have been constructed, and NYSA, as well as other groups such as lacrosse, has grown exponentially.
- The fields currently proposed at Wellington Hills County Park will still not fulfill all needs of NYSA (demand will still exceed capacity even after construction).
- NYSA has 5,000-6,000 participants annually.

Alternate Site

- NTSW's Fundamental Question: Is this the best site?
- NTSW proposed the area by Maltby Café.
 - Response: Site was not feasible.
 - Transmission lines, price, pocket wetlands, road realignment etc. were all negative factors.
- The county underwent a thorough search before purchasing the Wellington property.
- Alternative use for the site would likely be development.
 - There is a potential to change zoning to urban if sold.
- Past studies have shown that parks such as the one proposed increase property values for neighboring homes.

Parking

- Include provision for overflow parking potential on the grass north of 240th.

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