

## Beaver Lake Master Plan

### Public Meeting #1 Summary

Wednesday, April 15, 2009

Public Meeting #1 was conducted in a workshop format and was attended by about 20 citizens. This meeting had been preceded by two Stakeholder Meetings at which attendees had shared their hopes, dreams and fears related to the project. The purpose of the first public meeting was to seek comments regarding people's overall vision for the property and their specific concerns by dividing them into group discussions and allowing them to participate in a design charrette. The following is a summary of the salient points raised by each of the four groups:

#### Group #1:

- Beaver Lake Park Sign at the corner of SE 24<sup>th</sup> Street and 244<sup>th</sup> Ave SE
- Small dog park on the pacific north-west pipeline (Williams) easement
- Better year-round surface at off-leash dog park (for big dogs)
- Direct entry to the park from 244<sup>th</sup> Ave SE
- Parking along 244<sup>th</sup> Ave SE
- Increase the size of the parking lot at the ballfields
- Improve parking efficiency at the lodge
- Add soccer field overlays on the ballfields
- Provide stream buffer enhancement at the north of the ballfields
- Artificial turf on all fields
- Field lighting shielded from the neighbors and creek
- Better signage at BPA easement to help connect the two halves of the park
- Make one trail accessible (ADA)
- Provide a boardwalk trail to connect to the two trails
- Locate historic display outside or in the lodge
- Create historic zone around the lodge and pavilion
- Provide a swim beach with outdoor showers and lifeguard
- Identify a location for fishing that protects the rest of the shoreline
- Restore understory and define trails more closely along the edge of the lake

#### Group #2:

- Unified edge treatment for the park along SE 24<sup>th</sup> Street and 244<sup>th</sup> Ave SE
- Entry to the park on SE 24<sup>th</sup> street from current maintenance facility
- Increase the size of both existing parking lots
- Additional parking on the BPA easement off of SE 24<sup>th</sup> street
- Additional overflow parking at the corner of SE 24<sup>th</sup> street and 244<sup>th</sup> Ave SE
- Equestrian access from the park to 248<sup>th</sup> Ave SE
- Potential trail through private property easement to 245<sup>th</sup> Place SE
- Beach access along central section of shoreline; restore the rest of the shoreline to its natural state
- Dog access to long lake
- Restrooms at the beach access
- Improve trail crossing at the creek tributary

Group #3:

- Signage at the corner of SE 24<sup>th</sup> Street and 244<sup>th</sup> Ave SE
- Some treatment to define the edge of the park up to the park entry on both streets
- Re-orient two ballfields to accommodate a soccer field between the infields
- Create a picnic area along the meadow south-west of the lodge
- Entry on SE 24<sup>th</sup> street from the maintenance facility
- Dock on the lake to separate swimming and fishing activities
- Play area at the south edge of the turf area between the lodge and lakeside pavilion
- Some picnic area along the lake

Group #4:

- Buffers for adjacent home-owners
- Pedestrian entry at the corner of SE 24<sup>th</sup> Street and 244<sup>th</sup> Ave SE
- Some treatment along both SE 24<sup>th</sup> Street and 244<sup>th</sup> Ave SE to define the edges
- Beautify the maintenance facility
- Off-leash area, enforcement and management
- Parking on SE 24<sup>th</sup> street north of the existing equestrian trail
- Additional parking along 244<sup>th</sup> Ave SE
- Re-configure access driveway on 244<sup>th</sup> Ave SE and add parking here
- Re-configure ballfields to be multi-use fields with soccer
- Keep the two trails, one rustic and the other wider and more formal
- Rustic Beach Access
- Play area in the meadow south-west of the lodge

Moving forward, the master plan consultants, the Berger Partnership will compile the input received at this public meeting and the online survey with comments received from City Council, the Parks Commission and City staff as well as their own ideas and recommendations to come up with three distinct alternatives for the Master Plan design. These design alternatives will be presented on June 3, 2009 at Public Meeting #2 to be held at the lodge at Beaver Lake Park.