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MEETING SUMMARY NO. 4
CORDATA PARK MASTER PLAN
PUBLIC MEETINGS/STEERING COMMITTEE

DATE OF MTG.: June 12, 2008, 7:00PM
DATE ISSUED: June 20, 2008
MTG. LOCATION: 400 Meadow Brook Court, Birchwood Presbyterian Church, Chapel Room
BY: Gina T. Gobo, P.E. - City of Bellingham Park Project Engineer

PRESENT (indicated by an 'X'):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Adrienne Lederer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 33. Julie Guy, MNAC Neighborhood Rep |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2. Andy Mitton, Landscape Design Consultant | <input type="checkbox"/> 34. K. Elaine Kooistra |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Bernie Prosser | <input type="checkbox"/> 35. Karen Lyon |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4. Beverly Curtis | <input type="checkbox"/> 36. Keely Lewis |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5. Beverly Jacobs | <input type="checkbox"/> 37. Kristine Duncan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Billie Prosser | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 38. Leslie Bryson, Parks Design & Dev. Manager |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Bob Sanders | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 39. Linda Langey |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 8. Bob Sherwin | <input type="checkbox"/> 40. Lucy DeGrace |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9. Carol Taylor | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 41. Mark Peterson, Trillium |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10. Caroline N. Yaude | <input type="checkbox"/> 42. Marvin Harris, Park Operation Mgr. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11. Cheryl Stewart, Cordata Neighborhood | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 43. Mary Beth Hughes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 12. Chris Benner, Trillium Corporation | <input type="checkbox"/> 44. Mary H. Jones |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13. Chris Carlson | <input type="checkbox"/> 45. Mary Lu Breece |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 14. Cyndy Anderson | <input type="checkbox"/> 46. Mickey McDiarmid |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 15. Dave Curtis | <input type="checkbox"/> 47. Mike Langey |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 16. Delphia Merta | <input type="checkbox"/> 48. Michael Lilliquist |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 17. Diane Lehman | <input type="checkbox"/> 49. Moshe Quinn, City of Bellingham Planning |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18. Dick Lyon | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 50. Nick Mele |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 19. Dorothy Smith | <input type="checkbox"/> 51. Nicole Pridachuk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 20. Doug Simpson | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 52. Norbert Petsel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 21. Duane McEwen | <input type="checkbox"/> 53. Pamela Sorensen |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 22. Frank Lehman | <input type="checkbox"/> 54. Pat Adams |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 23. Fred Haskins | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 55. Pat Carman, City of Bellingham Planning |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 24. George Markich | <input type="checkbox"/> 56. Paul Sorensen |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 25. Gina T. Gobo, Parks Project Engineer | <input type="checkbox"/> 57. Paul Lewis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 26. Gloria Smith | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 58. Priscilla Wood |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 27. Harold Scott | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 59. Ralph Wenning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 28. Jason Rosas | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 60. Richard Wood |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 29. Jeanne Sherwin | <input type="checkbox"/> 61. Robert and Jeanne Sherwin |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30. Jim Zander | <input type="checkbox"/> 62. Ron Cowan, Bellingham Public Schools |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 31. Jonathan Morely, Landscape Design Consultant | <input type="checkbox"/> 63. William Zersen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 32. Judy VanWoudenberg | |

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I. GENERAL

- a. This meeting is the fourth meeting of a series of public meetings to obtain input on the design of the master plan of "Cordata Park".
- b. Citizens that wish to be included in this public process/steering committee were asked to provide their contact information on the sign-in sheet provided at the meeting.
- c. Gina Gobo discussed the annexation process and distributed a handout about annexation.
 - i. Pat Carman and Moshe Quinn of the City of Bellingham Planning Department explained the annexation process in detail.
 - ii. Cordata Park Properties will be presented to City Council for annexation on July 21, 2008.
- d. Gina Gobo provided handout for the Park Naming Policy and asked that those interested to write down their suggestions on notepads provided at the meeting and return them to her for Park Board's consideration. The neighborhood association will also be soliciting for park name suggestions at their neighborhood meeting later in June.
- e. Gina provided an update regarding negotiations with the Birchwood Church for a joint use parking agreement. A meeting with the Elders and the Park Director will soon be scheduled.
- f. Gina provided information on the schedule and budget for phase 1 construction, primary trails.
- g. Gina and Leslie provided information regarding the City of Bellingham's critical areas ordinance and request for listing proposed parks facilities in the exempt essential facilities list.
- h. Jonathan Morely and Andy Mitton presented a PowerPoint presentation that included information on the following.
 - i. Project Timeline
 - ii. Review and Accept Refined Site Plan
 - iii. Obtain Feedback
 - iv. Discuss Final Steps in the Process
- i. A copy of the presentation is available for view at:
<http://www.cob.org/government/departments/parks/projects/cordata-area-park.aspx>
- j. From a quick head-count, approximately 27 people attended the meeting.

II. PUBLIC INPUT

- a. Many comments and questions were stated by different citizens in the audience. See attached table.
- b. At the end of the meeting, Leslie Bryson asked if the refined plan looks acceptable for moving forward as the final plan. The general consensus was that the plan looked good and that we should move forward in developing the final plans for approval.

III. ACTION ITEMS/NEXT STEPS

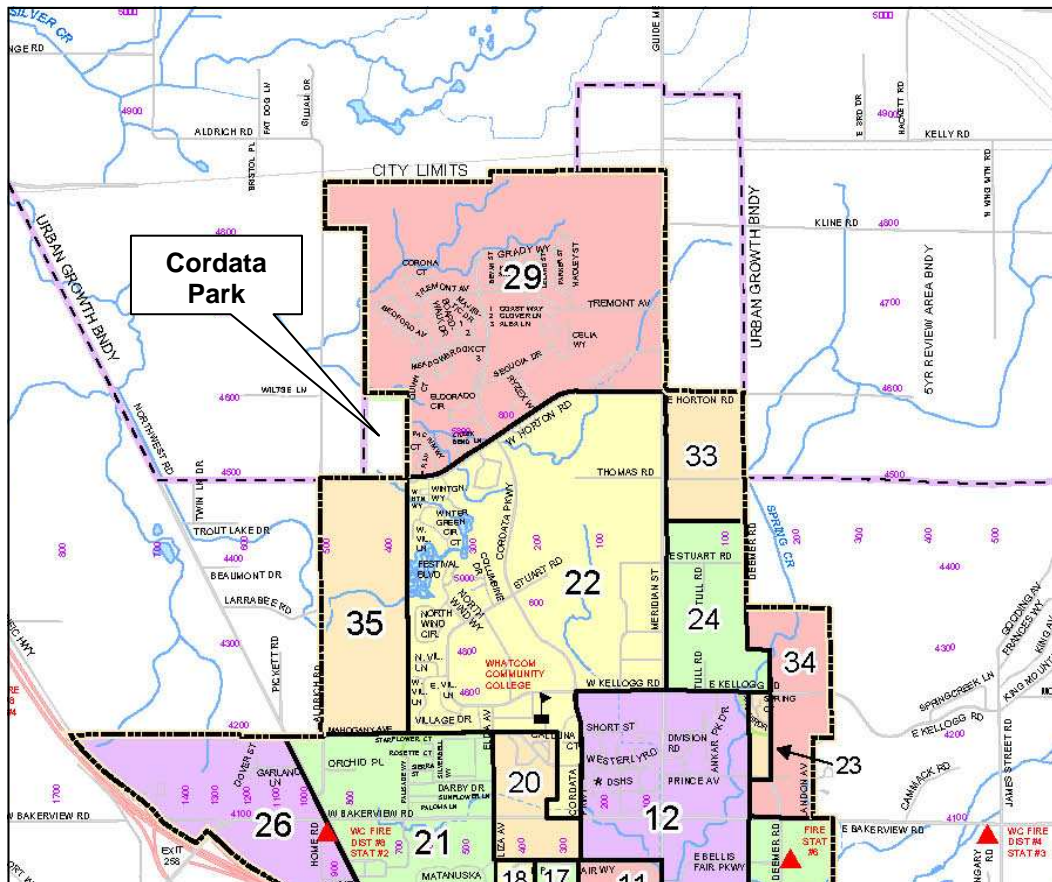
- a. The Parks Director will meet with Elders of the Church regarding a joint use parking agreement. Gina has already requested a meeting and is waiting for the Elders to set a time and date for the meeting.
- b. The Berger Partnership will finalize the master plan and present the plan and summary to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on July 9, 2008.

- c. The next public steering committee meeting scheduled on July 10, 2008 will include a brief update on comments received from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board July meeting. Final suggestions for Park naming will also be discussed at the July steering committee meeting.
- d. A final meeting for accepting the master plan will be conducted on August 14, 2008 at the regularly scheduled public steering committee meeting. A preliminary cost estimate will also be available for review.
- e. The final master plan will be presented to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on September 10, 2008 for approval.
- f. The final master plan will be submitted to the Bellingham City Council on September 29, 2008 for final approval.
- g. Design for Phase 1 construction will commence during the winter of 2008 with a goal for construction summer of 2009.

IV. CORRECTION ITEMS

- a. None.

V. MAP OF CURRENT CITY LIMITS



| # | Public Comment/Questions | Response |
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| 1 | Is the property in the county now? | Yes, the Cordata Park property is in the Urban Growth Area under the jurisdiction of Whatcom County |
| 2 | Where is the City limit located now? | The City limit was described. A map will be distributed in the June meeting summary (see page 3 of meeting summary). Also, reference the City of Bellingham website http://www.cob.org/documents/gis/maps/COB_Annexations.jpg |
| 3 | What is the plan for the 7 acre County parcel to the east of the Cordata Park site? | The property could be used for passive recreation. A trail connection could be provided through the parcel. The parcel does serve as a stormwater facility and has many wet areas. |
| 4 | How will we make connection through the wet area at the southern property line and eventually to the east to Horton Road? | The goal is to locate the trail with the least amount of impact to the stream and creek buffer areas. Mitigation will be proposed for any impacts. |
| 5 | What is located in the dark green areas of the conceptual site plan? | The dark green areas represent heavily wooded areas. |
| 6 | Is the light green area of the conceptual site plan lawn? | Yes |
| 7 | Where will people park if the road is not developed on the south property line of the park? | Walking trails will be constructed for connections to the neighborhood. Parks is working on a joint use agreement with the Birchwood Church for parking and will also investigate parking along the dead end of Horton Road. |
| 8 | Can't people park in the cul-de-sac at the end of Horton? | This will be investigated further during the design phase. |
| 9 | Can we as a neighborhood get the road project included in the City's 6 year Transportation Improvement Plan? | The neighborhood is encouraged to contact Public Works and City Council regarding the development of the road. |
| 10 | Are the cleared areas shown on the proposed master plan currently wooded? | Yes. The entire property appears to have been logged in the past. The northern part of the property consists of higher quality conifers while the southern parcel consists of more deciduous trees. |
| 11 | What is the grade change contour interval shown on the survey plan? | The contours are at 5 foot intervals. |
| 12 | Conceptually, how many cars can we accommodate? Can we use permeable surfaces? | Approximately 15 parking stalls are shown on the proposed plan, which is similar, but slightly more than other neighborhood parks such as Roosevelt Park and Birchwood Park. The consultants are looking into permeable surfaces and the use of low impact development design such as full dispersion. A geotechnical investigation will be needed to investigate this further during the design stage. |
| 13 | We gave you lots of input and you really listened. You hit the nail on the head. Thank you! | |

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| 14 | How many people can you accommodate in the covered area near the restroom? | Approximately 3 to 5 picnic tables, which is similar to other neighborhood parks such as Birchwood Park and Happy Valley Park. |
| 15 | How much is this going to cost and what are we building now? | Costs will be presented at the August steering committee meeting. Phase 1 construction could include constructing the primary trail connections. |
| 16 | The suspension bridge shown in the presentation is not practical for this site and would be too expensive. I would like to see a log bridge built, which would be inexpensive. | Parks has a suggested design standard for bridges, which could include a prefabricated weathered steel structure similar to the Racine Street Bridge over Whatcom Creek off of Iowa Street (behind Nissan Dealership). This can be investigated further during the design stage. |
| 17 | Will you save on site logs for use in building the structures? | The use of the logs for structures will depend on the quality of the logs and input from Park Operations regarding maintenance. This can be further investigated during the design stage. Smaller logs can be chipped on site and used for mulch. Existing topsoil can be salvaged and reused on site. Downed logs can be used for landscaping and habitat. These practices have been used on past Parks projects such as the Interurban Trail connection located near Samish Road and Chuckanut Drive. |
| 18 | We need the bridge for access to the north, east and south. | |
| 19 | The most attractive features are the access and overlooks into the wetlands. | |
| 20 | We should place an emphasis on the trail access to Cordata through the 7 acre County property. We need to provide access to alleviate activities that are already occurring in the woods such as fires and forts. | |
| 21 | Can splash park be a part of the plan? | With all the other demands for the park, the splash pad may be a conflict. Splash parks tend to be a destination point, which would lead to issues with parking. The neighborhood has requested more park amenities. Splash park may have too big of a foot print and we may lose other higher priority options for the site. Splash parks also tend not be sustainable due to water use. |
| 22 | Thank you for the response regarding the splash park. I agree. | |
| 23 | The skate board element and basket ball court are high priorities with the teens and kids in this area. | |
| 24 | I think the plan is awesome (followed by applause from all!) | |