

**Little Squalicum Park Master Plan
Public Meeting #3
11/12/09**

Summary

Attendees:

Sue DenAdel	Gina Gobo Austin - City of Bellingham
Judy McCarthy	Leslie Bryson - City of Bellingham
Helen Rondestvedt - Grateful Dogs	Tim Wahl - City of Bellingham
Co Co Lomas - Grateful Dogs	Chris Webb - Belt Collins
Joy Patterson Grateful Dogs, Neighbor	Bob Walsh - Belt Collins
Barb Campbell - Birchwood Neighborhood Association	Mark Longtine - Ecology & Environment Inc.
Bill Hadley - Parks Board	

Public Comments

1. Is the elevation change in the lower park going to work? It looks less steep on the drawings. The drawings reflect the proposed slopes at an actual 1:1 ratio (1 foot vertical to 1 foot horizontal).
2. Number of green dots. What is the cut off number for elements included on the Preferred Master Plan? The green dots provided a general idea of desired park elements by meeting participants. All of the desired park elements were included in the Preferred Master Plan
3. Change in off-leash policy? Could be a consideration in the future. A policy change is not included in the master plan documents.
4. ADA Trail? ADA Loop? Both upper and lower trails will be ADA accessible.
5. Existing hairpin trail on Port/BNSF property. Will remain existing until the City is required to remove it. It will not be maintained by Parks since it is not on Park's property.
6. Dog bags/trash receptacles should be provided at park entries.
7. Beach/Trails, what is off-leash.
8. How do we keep dogs/people out of the estuary? Vegetative buffers, possible interim fencing.
9. Dogs running through private property (Edens).
10. Grateful Dogs - Provide a designated off-leash area to avoid dog conflicts.

11. Need clarification of off-leash areas. More signs? Currently no enforcement.
12. Restroom locations. Like the restroom near the pier.
13. Lock the restroom at night.
14. Timing of the development. Cleanup tentatively scheduled to be completed in the Fall 2010. No funding has been allocated for park improvements.
15. Would Greenway Funds be available? Possibly
16. How do we obtain pier access? Would require acquisition/transfer from the Lehigh Cement Company. Creosote Pile hazard? Replacement of pilings is highly unlikely.
17. Is it possible to close the Mt. Baker parking lot? Lots of illicit activity is occurring here. Install lighting. Increased activity and visitation to the park will reduce illegitimate activities in the parking area.
18. Provide "Call 911" signage in the park with responding law enforcement jurisdiction.
19. Annexation of the Mt. Baker parking would require resolution of City/Port/County issues.
20. The plan looks good.