



City of Bellevue

Meydenbauer Bay Park and Land Use Plan

Steering Committee Meeting #15

MEETING SUMMARY

DATE: March 14, 2009 – Special Meeting

TIME: 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

LOCATION: Site Walk – 2 – 99th Avenue NE (Whaling Building at the Bellevue Marina at Meydenbauer Bay)

ATTENDEES:

Steering Committee

Doug Leigh
Iris Tocher
David Schooler
Bob MacMillan
Stefanie Beighle
Betina Finley
Hal Ferris
Tom Tanaka
Merle Keeney

City Staff

Robin Cole, City of Bellevue
Mike Bergstrom, City of Bellevue
Patrick Foran, City of Bellevue
Glenn Kost, City of Bellevue
Nancy LaCombe, City of Bellevue

SUMMARY:

1. Welcome and purpose of the meeting

The meeting was convened in the Whaling Building at the Bellevue Marina at Meydenbauer Bay. Robin Cole and Mike Bergstrom explained that the purpose of the meeting was to conduct a walking tour of the study area, in response to a request by the Steering Committee at their October 30, 2008 meeting. Because this was a public meeting, notice of the meeting was distributed in advance, and several members of the general public joined the tour. The primary purpose of the walking tour was to allow the Steering Committee members a chance to envision and better understand the various elements represented in the alternatives currently under review, as well as some of the site challenges and opportunities. The purpose of the walk was not to debate the merits of any of the elements or narrow the alternatives, as such discussion will occur after preparation of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Workbooks were distributed to members of the Steering Committee allowing them to compare the alternatives with existing on-site conditions, as well as take notes for their own benefit. In addition, a representative of the Meydenbauer Bay Neighbors Association provided Steering Committee members with a document titled "Points of Impact", depicting and describing issues identified by that Association.

2. Site walk

After a brief introduction of the walk, the Steering Committee was divided into two groups and commenced the walking tour. One group was led by Robin Cole with the assistance of Glenn Kost, and the other by Mike Bergstrom with the assistance of Nancy LaCombe. Each group visited five different areas, viewing and discussing each one for roughly 15 to 20 minutes. The areas were identified as:

- Area 1: Marina
- Area 2: Grand Entry/South of Main
- Area 3: Upper Block
- Area 4: Park Core
- Area 5: Ravine

While most of the walk was conducted outdoors, the visit to Area 4 included a view of the park property and the bay from inside one of the City-owned houses along Lake Washington Boulevard (the "Cich property"). Members of both the Steering Committee and the attending public offered insights and asked questions throughout the tour.

3. Reconvene

The groups returned to the Bellevue Marina shortly before noon.

4. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at noon. The Steering Committee and the public were reminded that there would be a regular Steering Committee on March 19, 2009, at which time participants could comment on their observations gained from the site walk.