

## City of Shoreline Master Plan and Comprehensive Plan Update

### Summary of Open House Public Comments Parks, Recreation, and Open Space

On September 24 and 25, 2003, two open houses were held in the City of Shoreline to gather public input on the issues to be addressed in the City's update of the comprehensive plan and preparation of transportation, surface water, and parks/recreation/open space master plans. The following is a summary of public comments received at those open houses on parks, recreation and open space.

#### Hamlin Park:

- Add new growth, including trees and native planting.
- Add swings to play areas.
- Provide pedestrian access to 150<sup>th</sup>.
- Provide marked trails with map boards.
- Designate park areas with planted medians in select areas, such as 15<sup>th</sup>. This would add to the park feel and lower speeds more along 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Do not add sports fields on the perimeter. It is very beautiful as is.

#### James Keough Park:

- Convert it to a park and ride lot.
- Provide noise buffering, additional trees, and soccer and baseball fields.
- Add shade near fields and playgrounds

#### Ronald Bog Park:

- Create an art walk at north end of park.
- Hold concerts at park in evening and daytime.
- Provide more trails and other amenities.
- Provide a similar environment to Snake Lake in Tacoma. It is a lake in a natural, native plant habitat.
- Remove the hybrid geese.
- Add a dog park. Too many people let their dogs go off leash in parks, which is hard on the vegetation and dangerous to small children, small dogs and wild life.
- Implement the plan to stock the water at Ronald Bog with fish.

#### Northcrest Park:

- Maintain this terrific park.
- Provide more greenbelts in the City similar to Northcrest Park. Apply this concept on a smaller scale to make more integrated community of neighbors.

#### Ridgecrest Park:

- Provide a vegetated freeway buffer.

#### Innis Arden Reserve:



- Provide trails, hiking, parking, signage, and increased access.
- Provide beach access from 14<sup>th</sup> NW near 175<sup>th</sup> –57<sup>th</sup>. Suggest other ways to access the reserve.

#### Boeing Creek:

- Enforce the leash law. Too many users release their dog deep into the park; scaring off wildlife, children, and other dogs.
- Keep the wooded parks, which are wonderful.
- Add a dog park.

#### Richmond Beach Park:

- Install showers to wash off sand and saltwater.
- Provide a volunteer-driven cleanup program of Richmond Beach in concert with an increase in City maintenance of the beachfront. There is a significant amount of debris that washes up on shore and an equally significant amount that is left by users of Richmond Beach.
- Use the south end as a dog beach. Provide volunteers for a dog park.

#### Paramount Park Natural Area:

- Remove lower trail section in Paramount Park Natural Area.
- Change name of park “open space” to “natural area.”
- Reinforce the trail system, designed to be an in and out trail, not a loop, maximizes the habitat potential. The purposes of the restoration were to provide wildlife habitat, storm water storage and slow release, and passive recreation. The loop encourages joggers and is detrimental to the habitat value. Dogs should also be prohibited in the area for the same reasons.
- Improve accessibility to park so there is not a “secluded” feel.
- Keep the skateboard park, which is wonderful.
- Enjoy seeing the park so well used.
- Provide trees and swings in play area.

#### Twin Ponds:

- Provide more seating at soccer field.
- Maintain major horticultural plantings at this park.
- Provide trails and other amenities.
- Do not add more trails, which are adequate now.
- Provide sidewalks, concrete walkway or paths as needed throughout park.
- Use crushed rock or gravel for all walkways and paths.

#### Echo Lake:

- Enhance potential of this park, which is uninviting presently.
- Provide more amenities, such as a fishing dock, playground equipment, benches/tables, a picnic shelter, and barbeques.
- Work with residents to improve park atmosphere.
- Clean up goose by-products.

Level of Service – General:

- Maintain walking paths and sidewalks, which get heavy use.
- Maintain parks that appear tired and neglected.
- Place trash dispensers for dog owners, including a sign at park entrance with an explanation about picking up after your dog.
- Provide additional hiking paths, walking trails, and swings.
- Provide picnic tables and barbeques at all parks.
- Create soft surface walking trails with elevation gain and loss.
- Create more shade around playfields to provide shelter from sun.
- Provide more lighted soccer fields.
- Keep parks maintained naturally rather than with a manicured appearance.
- Make all parks more inviting and attractive.
- Maintain sport fields for the youth with safety as a top priority.
- Ensure adequate parking.
- Add nets on basketball hoops.

Other:

- Investigate loss of frogs in the small pond at foot of playfield, south of 175<sup>th</sup> and Meridian, after insect spray.
- Provide more trees along streets, such as Meridian.
- Provide smaller “pocket” parks, so neighborhoods have green space within walking distance from their homes.
- Add major horticultural planting somewhere in Shoreline.
- Ensure communication between critical areas and parks planning because the two are linked.
- Enlist neighborhood volunteers to help keep the parks clean.
- Convert Highlands to a public park.
- Excitement about the Interurban Trail.
- Keep Fircrest open because the public wants to find ways to utilize the facilities.
- Purchase land for sale to create more green space for the community.
- Appreciative of Cromwell, Hillwood and Richmond Beach Parks.
- Consider botanical gardens for open space.
- Enjoy the concerts in the park.
- Consider converting unused areas of parks in each part of the City to off-leash dog areas.
- Investigate a dog park donated by Little’s Family.
- Add more skate parks.
- Provide access to Shorecrest High School’s track.
- Plant trees around sport fields and playgrounds to provide shade from sun.
- Add neighborhood recreation meeting areas.
- Provide homeless populations with drug treatment and shelters so they do not frequent the parks/greenbelts.
- Provide another park in the area east of I-5 in Shoreline.

For each of the following services/activities that are provided in the community, participants indicated if they thought the service ranked most important, very important, somewhat important, least important/nice to have, or not sure by marking the corresponding column. Responses were tallied and are listed below.

SERVICE/ ACTIVITY	IMPORTANCE					
	Most Important	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Least Important / Nice to Have	Not Sure
<b>Preschool (5 and under)</b>						
Indoor Playground	2	4	2	1	1	
Creative Dance	1	2	2		1	
Hands-on Art	2	4			1	
Lil' Kickers Soccer	2	1			1	
<b>Youth (6 to 12 years)</b>						
Youth Dance (ballet/jazz)	1		2		1	
Youth Art (cartooning, drawing)	1	3			1	
Gymnastics		1	4	1		
Martial Arts (Karate)	1		1	1		
Sports Camps/Leagues	6			1		
Swim Lessons	9	2	3			
<b>Teen (12 to 19 years)</b>						
After-School Drop-in (Rec. & Annex)	9	1				
Late Night Program	2	4	1			
Hip Hop/Jazz Dance	1	4	3			
Teen Trips	2	3	1		1	
<b>Adult (20+)</b>						
Fitness Classes (yoga, aerobics, pilates, weight training, jazzercise)	4	5	2	1	1	
Adult Dance (Jazz, Swing, etc.)	2	2	2	1	1	
Cooking Classes	1	3	1	2	1	

SERVICE/ ACTIVITY	IMPORTANCE					
	Most Important	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Least Important / Nice to Have	Not Sure
League and Drop-in Sports	3	3	2			
Dog Obedience	2	3	3	1		
<b>Seniors (55+)</b>						
Senior Classes	2	7	1	2		
Nutrition Program	1	5	2		1	
Meals on Wheels	6	4	1		1	
Art Classes	1	5	1		1	
Trips & Tours	1	5	2		1	
<b>Specialized Recreation (all ages)</b>						
Respite Program (Choices)	1	2			1	
Trips and Tours		3			1	
Sports (Special Olympics)	2	4			1	
<b>Family Programs / Community Events</b>						
Celebrate Shoreline	8	2	2			
Swingin' Summer Eve	4	1	1			
Outdoor Concerts	8	3	2			
Hamlin Haunt	1	2	1			
<b>Facility Use</b>						
Gym drop-in use	9	2	3			
Weight Room drop-in	6	2		1		
Nature & Environmental Programs	1					
Passive Recreation		1				
Wildlife Habitat		1				