

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Council Briefing – Saltwater Park Phase 1 Projects Design Development Review
DEPARTMENT:	Public Works and Parks
PRESENTED BY:	Dick Deal, Director, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Maureen Colaizzi, Parks Planner Dave Buchan, Capital Projects Manager

This Staff Report provides Council with a preview of topics and content to be included in the May 7, 2007 review of Design Development drawings for Phase 1 projects at Saltwater Park.

BACKGROUND:

On Monday evening, February 12, 2007 Council adopted the Richmond Beach Saltwater Park Master Plan. This plan is intended to guide the development and management of Saltwater Park for many years ahead. At that same session, Council authorized the City Manager to execute a contract with Hewitt Architects to carry out Schematic and Design Development phases of design for the individual projects that make up the Phase 1 package of Saltwater Park improvements, as identified in the master plan document.

Staff indicated to Council at the February 12th session that the Design Team would return to update the Council on the parameters and design options with the Phase 1 projects when design work had progressed to a point where Council review would be most beneficial. The upcoming May 7, 2007 Council Workshop is that appropriate review time.

Preliminary design concepts for all Phase 1 projects were shared with the Park, Recreation and Cultural Services Board on Thursday evening March 22, 2007. The Board was enthusiastic in its support of these early directions and a wide ranging discussion occurred with regard to project scope of work and design choices inherent in each of the projects.

Council Review of Design Development Work for Phase 1 Projects:

On Monday evening, May 7, 2007, Council will hear from a number of planning and design professionals involved with Saltwater Park. The following outlines the sequence and discussion topics of these briefings:

1. UW Students Report on Removal of Invasives and Replanting of Natives – For a number of months UW Students majoring in Urban Ecology, led by their Professors, have been designing and implementing a program for removal of Scotch Broom, Blackberry and other invasive plant materials in Saltwater Park and then

replanting with Dune Grass and other native plant materials suitable to the sandy, dry conditions in the park. A one-acre section of the park has been replanted and both students and their professor will be on hand to share their experiences with this project. It is hoped that this UW Program will create a model for a long-term program of volunteer efforts to control vegetation in the park. This will be both a discussion and power point presentation.

2. Vegetation Management Program -

Diane Brewster is a member of the Hewitt Design Team and has broad experience in planning programs to manage and control large scale planting efforts in both urban and open space settings. Diane will discuss the elements of the Vegetation Management Plan that she is preparing for Saltwater Park. When complete, the Vegetation Management Plan will virtually be a "how-to" manual to guide volunteer efforts in the long-term vegetation management at Saltwater Park.

3. Design Development Review – Phase 1 Projects

Chris Snyder and Jeff Benesi from Hewitt Architects will present the Design Development drawings for Phase 1 projects at Saltwater Park. They will share drawings, illustrations, sections and perspective sketches to help communicate the design intent for each of the individual projects in the Phase 1 package. They are both very excited about the design opportunities inherent in these projects and are anxious to share their work. Cost estimates for each of the project elements will be shared with Council as a part of this Design Development review.

4. Interpretive Program for Saltwater Park

Chuck Lennox, the interpretive specialist with the Hewitt Team, will discuss options for Interpretive Programming at Saltwater Park. He will share photos of interpretive efforts that he has admired in other locales to share possibilities for what our interpretive efforts at Saltwater Park might be. He will share photos on the history of Saltwater Park and discuss options for interpretation at the park. The Council will be invited to share preferences for this interpretive programming.

NEXT STEPS:

If Council approves the general design direction being pursued for Saltwater Park, Staff will prepare a contract addendum to enable Hewitt Architects to carry out Construction Documents, Bidding and Contract Award services and provide Construction Observation services during construction of the Phase 1 projects. This proposed addendum will be presented to Council for review and approval on May 29, 2007.

RECOMMENDATION

No action is required.

Approved By: City Manager  City Attorney _____