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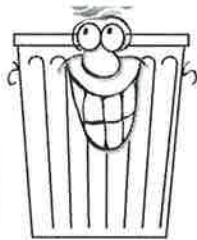
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Discuss the future of Point Wells at July 27 public forum

Shoreline citizens will soon have the opportunity to take a closer look at how the future uses of Point Wells may affect our community at a public forum, **Tuesday, July 27, 1999, 7:00 p.m.** at the Shorewood High School cafeteria.

Point Wells became a focus for Shoreline citizens when the King County Council began considering the Regional Wastewater Services Plan (RWSP) designed to guide the development of wastewater services in the region for the next 40 years. A key element of the RWSP is expected to be the construction of a new wastewater treatment plant, conveyance pipeline and outfall in the North King-South Snohomish county area. This has led to growing speculation regarding the suitability of the Point Wells area as a site for these facilities. King County could begin the formal siting process for these facilities as early as this fall.

King County used Point Wells — which has been identified by the City of Shoreline's Comprehensive Plan as a potential annexation area — as a study site to prepare the preliminary cost estimates for the new wastewater treatment facility included in the RWSP. The

Town of Woodway has advocated the construction of these facilities at Point Wells.

Since the site borders and is currently accessed through Shoreline, the City has been researching the potential impacts of these facilities on Shoreline and wants to foster a community-wide discussion regarding these potential

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Shoreline welcomes Area A-2 residents

Shoreline welcomes residents from Annexation Area A-2 who recently voted to become part of our City.

The City of Shoreline will officially begin providing services August 1, 1999.

Before official annexation can take place, the City of Shoreline is required to conduct a census of the newly annexed area. During the last two weeks of July, residents of Area A-2 will see census takers in their neighborhood going door to door asking the names of all who reside on a regular basis at each address. All information is strictly confidential. The population count is used to allocate state revenues to Shoreline.

Residents with questions about City services can call the Shoreline Customer Response Team at (206) 546-1700.

Shoreline works for Sound Transit service

In November 1996, voters in the urbanized areas of Pierce, King and Snohomish Counties approved local funding of Sound Move — The 10-Year Regional Transit System Plan.

In the face of a Sound Move plan that has largely ignored all northern King County communities, City of Shoreline Councilmembers, staff and citizens have been lobbying hard to obtain results for Shoreline residents' tax dollars.

"Since the Shoreline taxpayers will have invested approximately \$30 million over the course of the 10-year plan, it is important that their interests be represented and that the transportation plan serve our community," says Shoreline Deputy Mayor Linda Montgomery.

None of the north end cities has a representative on the Sound Transit Board, the body that oversees the plan. Shoreline officials are concerned that this lack of representation will jeopardize the plan's service to Shoreline citizens. Other cities on the north shore of Lake Washington that are also not

represented on the board share this concern.

The Seashore Transportation Forum, a group of north shore cities that meets monthly to work on transportation issues, has urged the Sound Transit Board to fill the first vacancy with someone who will represent these north end cities. Deputy Mayor Montgomery is Shoreline's representative on the Seashore Forum.

Sound Move has three components: commuter rail, light rail and regional express bus service.

Using the existing Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad alignment, the **Souder** commuter rail will provide two-way, peak hour service between Everett and Tacoma. The closest funded station to Shoreline is in Edmonds. A provisional station is listed for Richmond Beach, but is not yet funded. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the commuter rail was released the end of June and comments are now being accepted. A public hearing in Shoreline is scheduled for Thursday, July

15, 5 to 8 p.m. at Richmond Beach Congregational Church, Lena Voreis Room, 1512 NW 195th St. The DEIS analyzes three potential station locations in the Richmond Beach area.

Current plans call for the first phase of construction for the **Link** light rail to connect the University District to just south of Sea Tac. The section between the University District and Northgate — promoted in the original plan — was recently dropped from the first phase of the light rail. The current plan is still significantly over budget and requires more fine tuning.

The **Regional Express** bus service calls for a fleet of 190 buses, 95 of which are already on order. The buses feature passenger comfort amenities such as high-back, reclining seats, air conditioning and overhead storage racks. As proposed, three routes travel through Shoreline: Route A goes from Everett to Northgate on I-5 during peak hours; Route B, from Everett to Seattle, will operate all day, but only stopping in off-peak hours and direction; Route E, from Woodinville to Northgate via Lake City Way, will not be in service for at least two years. Shoreline is asking that this route utilize 145th to I-5 in order to provide more service to Shoreline residents.

Citizens who would like more information about Sound Move, can visit Sound Transit online at www.soundtransit.org. There is information about the three components of the plan, as well as a section to submit comments via email.



NRF crews keep Shoreline looking good

One way the City of Shoreline stretches maintenance dollars is through a contract with the North Rehabilitation Facility (NRF) work program. NRF crews will again be in force this summer trimming planting areas along the City rights-of-way and sidewalks and in the parks. These crews cost the City only a fraction of what private contractors charge for similar services.

Aurora Pre-Design Study nears preferred concept

A clearer picture of Aurora's roadway design possibilities is being brought into focus by Shoreline citizens, staff and consultants as they near the end of the Aurora Pre-Design Study.

At the June 7 City Council meeting, Shoreline staff presented a preliminary preferred alternative for Aurora. The concept will be refined and discussed further at City Council meetings before a final plan is presented for Council action in August.

The preferred concept focuses on safety and the movement of people. The plan includes adding a business access/transit lane in each direction and a landscaped median island with left and u-turn pockets. The business access transit lane is available for buses and general right turns. Landscaping between sidewalks and the street would act as a buffer. Other ideas staff and consultants are exploring for the final plan include gateway designs at either end of the project



This computerized view of Aurora from 170th looking north shows business access/transit lanes, a combined sidewalk/landscape strip and landscaped medians. The medians have left turn and u-turn pockets every 800 to 1,000 feet and offer a safety zone for pedestrians to cross.

Yard Cleanup & Chipping Event

The City of Shoreline is offering free chipping of woody debris Saturday, Aug. 14, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Hamilin Park, 16006 15th Ave. NE. Bring woody debris only — branches, small trees and other chippable material three inches or less in diameter. To receive chips after the event, call (206) 546-5041

and new pedestrian safety features such as additional crossings.

Two other alternatives were examined. One concentrated on local access to businesses and properties along the corridor and the other emphasized regional through traffic. Elements of these two plans may be incorporated into the final concept for Aurora.

The preliminary plan is the result of months of work by City staff, consultants, the Citizens Advisory Task Force (CATF) and Interagency Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC). Shoreline residents and business owners were invited to open houses to review alternatives and provide suggestions and ideas. The preferred alternative was recommended by the CATF and ITAC, and received the most

citizen support at the last open house. The committees, staff and consultants will refine the preliminary alternative to address committee recommendations and citizen concerns.

One of the goals of the Aurora Pre-Design Study was to seek grant funding for the improvements. To date, over \$13 million in grants has been secured for the project. Although construction will be in phases, an estimated \$50 million will be needed to complete improvements to the three-miles of Aurora that run through Shoreline. Construction on the first phase could begin as early as the summer of 2001.

Planning Academy reaches half-way mark

While phase one of the citizens Planning Academy is complete, there is still much work to be done before the City of Shoreline has new development regulations to implement the Comprehensive Plan.

Using the information gained from the first four sessions of the Academy, staff will draft revisions to existing procedures and reformat the standards into a draft of the permanent development code. The Planning Commission will hold public hearings on the first phase of the proposed code July 22 and 29. The City Council will review the Commission's recommendations in August and take action in September.

In January, the Shoreline City

Council appointed 37 citizens to the Planning Academy. To make the process more manageable, the Council split the code writing and adoption into two phases. During the first phase, two groups of code provisions were addressed: procedural issues of the code and uncontroversial development standards. The second phase will focus on the "substantive" changes to the development regulations.

During phase one, the Planning Academy met four times in April and May. During the first two Academy sessions, speakers explained the regulatory requirements specified in four state laws and discussed what works and does not work in general for devel-

opment codes. Academy members also looked at the permitting process in other jurisdictions.

During the third session, the Academy members discussed the procedures for administrative, quasi-judicial and legislative decision-making. The Academy reached a consensus on five major recommendations for code process improvements: establish a neighborhood notification process; use the same process for road variances as for zoning variances; use a Hearing Examiner for quasi-judicial matters, rather than the Planning Commission; develop clear design standards; and establish mandatory pre-application meetings with neighbors.

The fourth session provided Academy members an opportunity to review and identify their "values" for single-family houses.

Phase two of the Planning Academy and code writing will begin during the adoption process of the first phase. When phase two is complete, the draft development code will be submitted to the regulatory body, the State Department of Trade and Economic Development, for comments. The Planning Commission will then hold a public hearing on the second phase of the proposed code in October. The City Council will review the Commission's recommendations and take action in late 1999 or early 2000.

Development codes will be reviewed annually and ongoing amendments to regulations will reflect changing community values, judicial decisions, regional, state and federal laws and regulations.

For more information, contact Joanne Dillon at (206) 546-0789.

Celebrate Shoreline's fourth birthday

"Celebrate Shoreline" once again promises family entertainment with a few new twists. This year's theme, "Our Benefits are Endless..." celebrates the benefits of working, living and playing in the City of Shoreline.

The parade begins at 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, down Aurora Avenue N. beginning at 160th. Residents and businesses may enter the parade in six categories: vehicles, marching group, band, specialty/novelty, equestrian or float. First place and runner-up awards will be given in each category plus an overall "Best of Parade." The deadline for entries is Friday, July 23. Not-for-profit entries are free, business/commercial entries \$25 and political candidates \$50.

This year, the street dance has been expanded into a festival at the Shorewood High School soccer field and grounds beginning at 6 p.m. The festival will offer a variety of musical performances and food booths, as well as kids' entertainment such as face painting, bubble bounce and trackless train. Business, commercial and neighborhood information booths will also be available for \$25. The festival will also include the Classic Car Show. The show will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Shorewood High School right behind the Shoreline Historical Museum.

Since this is a family event, no alcoholic beverages will be permitted at the parade and festival.

For more information or to receive an entry form, please call the City of Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department at (206) 546-5041.

Make a Clean Sweep this summer

The spirit of community beautification will once again be sweeping through the streets of the City this summer during Shoreline's Clean Sweep '99.

Clean Sweep Day

The City will host Shoreline Clean Sweep Day on Saturday, July 17, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Three locations will be set up to accept large bulky items that don't normally fit in your curbside waste container. This event is open to Shoreline residents only.

Examples of items accepted include: furniture, mattresses, large plastics, patio accessories, old carpet and rugs. Items that cannot be accepted include hazardous waste, recyclable items, liquids, large appliances, construction debris, yard wastes or commercial/business wastes. Please limit the length of debris to six feet or less. Residents can also bring household items in good working order for donation to a local charity.

The three sites will be setup at Ridgecrest Elementary School, Richmond Highlands Community Center and the Shoreline Conference Center. **Residents will need the coupon inserted in this newsletter and a valid photo ID with address to participate.** Due to the volume of material, only one trip will be

allowed per household.

Residents interested in volunteering for this event can call (206) 546-0147 to volunteer.

Saltwater Park Clean Up

Bring your shovel, gloves, pruning shears and help to clean up the beach. On Saturday, July 24 from 8 a.m. to noon, residents are invited to help remove vegetation at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park. Efforts will focus on the area surrounding the parking lot bathroom where nonnative plants are choking out native dune grass. Kids are welcome but power tools cannot be used due to safety concerns.

Beautification Awards

Nominations are now being solicited for the second annual Beautification Awards. These awards recognize projects that residents feel have enhanced the quality of life in the City of Shoreline. To qualify, projects must have been completed between July 1,

1998, and June 30, 1999, and lawfully constructed.

Projects can be nominated in



one of three categories: commercial or multifamily development; residential development; or open category (for projects that do not fit in the other two categories).

Make nominations electronically through the City's Web site, www.cityofshoreline.com or use a nomination form available at City Hall, the Police Neighborhood Centers and Shoreline libraries.

KC Housing Repair programs for Shoreline residents

Zero Percent Interest Loans for Homeowners

King County Housing Repair provides zero percent interest housing repair loans for Shoreline homeowners who qualify. Loans are available to low- and moderate-income homeowners, with annual incomes below 80 percent of King County median income — \$47,800 for a family of four annually. Qualified Shoreline homeowners are eligible for loans up to \$13,500. If repairs exceed \$13,500, a matching funds program is available. All loans are for necessary, non-cosmetic home repair, such as plumbing, roofing, or electrical repairs. No monthly payments are required on loans; but loans are required to be paid in full at the time the home is sold or title is transferred. For more information call King County Housing Repair Hotline (206) 296-7640.

Free Handicapped Modifications for Renters

King County Housing Repair has launched the new Handicapped Access Modification (HAM) Program for tenants. Modification is free for tenants with disabilities who qualify. Modifications include portable wheelchair ramps, grab bars and doorway widening. Landlords must give written approval of all home modifications. For more information call King County Housing Repair Hotline (206) 296-7640. Provided in cooperation with the King County Youthbuild Together Program.

Shoreline begins master plan process for parks

This summer, Shoreline citizens will have the chance to share opinions and ideas about one Shoreline park and two recreation centers as the City begins the master plan process.

A series of public forums is scheduled to discuss possibilities for Richmond Highlands Community Center, Shoreline Pool and Paramount Park. From this input, the City of Shoreline will create master

plans for the three park properties. A master plan sets out the vision for future park improvements, including community priorities and approximate costs of various options. The City can then use the master plan to determine what improvements should be made.

Following the public meetings, the Parks Advisory Committee will review alternative plans for each park or facility then forward its recommendation to the City Council.

Paramount School Park

Tuesday, July 13, 7 to 9 pm
McAlear Room, Shoreline Center

Shoreline Pool

Thursday, July 15, 7 to 9 pm
Aurora Room, Shoreline Center

Richmond Highlands Community Center

Tuesday, July 20, 7 to 9 pm
Aurora Room, Shoreline Center

For more information, contact Projects Manager Paul Cornish at (206) 546-0786 or email pcornish@ci.shoreline.wa.us.

Swingin' Summer Eve

Cromwell Park at N. 179th and Meridian Ave. is the site of the annual City-wide picnic offering the best of summertime fun. Enjoy kids and family participatory activities on Wednesday, July 28 from 6 to 9 p.m. including Sparky and the Starfires performing rock and roll and Shoreline Firefighters' barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs.

Upcoming Public Works projects

Design or construction will begin this summer on a number of Shoreline Public Works projects.

- Shoreline is developing a Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program this year. The City will work with the community to identify neighborhood traffic concerns and develop potential solutions.
- The City will look at ways to prevent flooding in the Ronald Bog Sub Basin and downstream of Ronald Bog outlet. Working with the public and other agencies, Shoreline will begin with a drainage study of the area. Then recommendations to address local flooding can be made including conceptual designs and cost estimates. This first phase will also evaluate interim measures that could be taken to reduce the extent of local flooding until the long-term solution can be put into place. Subsequent phases of the project include design of the recommended improvement, right-of-way acquisition and construction.
 - Design of traffic flow and pedestrian improvements at the intersection of Richmond Beach Road and Third Ave. NW will include the addition of a left-turn lane, signal modifications and new sidewalks with curb ramps in compliance with American Disabilities Act requirements.
 - Sidewalks on N. 175th St. one block long at both the southeast and northwest blocks of the intersection at Meridian Ave. N
 - Drainage improvements along 3rd Ave. NW
 - Repair sections of sidewalk and install curb ramps within the City
 - Final design and construction of the proposed Richmond Beach Saltwater Park Bluff Trail along the eastern boundary of Richmond Beach Saltwater Park
 - Design for construction of a traffic signal at the intersection of 15th Ave. NE and NE 165th St.
 - Urban street section improvements including widening, curb, gutter, sidewalk and planter strip for street trees along 15th Ave. NE from NE 150th to NE 165th
 - Sidewalks and landscaping strips along 25th Ave. NE between NE 150th and NE 160th Streets
 - Restripe N. 185th St. between 1st Ave. NE and Midvale Ave. N to provide two traffic lanes — one in each direction — a continuous center left-turn lane, and bicycle lanes on each side. The traffic signal at Meridian Avenue North has been modified to include a left turn lane on North 185th St.
 - Public involvement meetings will be held this summer on the master plans for Shoreline Pool, Richmond Highlands Community Center and Paramount Park. For more information call (206) 546-1700.

Point Wells public forum *continued from page 1*

changes. The City Council will use the community input to develop its position during King County's upcoming siting process.

Potential impacts of a third treatment plant at Point Wells will be explored at the public forum along with possible mitigation measures. Additionally, land use issues and interjurisdictional government policies affecting development of the Point Wells site will be discussed. Land use alternatives under existing Snohomish County regulations and potential future zoning as identified by the City's comprehensive plan will also be explored. Discussion comparing the expected impacts of a treatment facility to one or both of the described land use alternatives will be featured.

After these issues are explored, forum participants will hear from a panel of representatives from different interest groups involved in the process and have the opportunity to ask questions. Participants will be asked to complete a questionnaire to assist the City in understanding the community's interests and concerns regarding Point Wells and the proposed wastewater treatment facilities.

The public forum is the continuation of a process designed to provide information and context to assist the City Council in establishing policies concerning future use of the Point Wells property. The initial phase of this process, a report completed by the engineering firm Gray & Osborne, has provided preliminary analysis regarding the impacts of a potential wastewater treatment facility. This analysis is separated into three discrete units: the conveyance pipeline, the treat-

ment plant and the outfall.

If the treatment plant is sited elsewhere, it is still possible that treated effluent may be piped to Point Wells for discharge through an outfall into Puget Sound.

Each facility has impacts associated with construction and daily operation of the facility. The main impacts from construction of any of the facilities are heavy truck traffic, noise and dust.

Outfall

The outfall is expected to be constructed quickly, in about three months, with minimal impacts. The conveyance pipeline will likely be constructed through tunneling from each end. The tunnel is expected to be long and may require significant soil removal from the Point Wells site over an extended period, as long as 18 months.

The route this tunnel will require to reach the outfall pipe will be driven by the decision on siting of a third treatment plant. At this point, it is unclear what impact this tunnel could have in Shoreline.

Treatment Facility

The treatment facility requires the most diverse set of construction activities, from excavation and concrete work to pile driving, and would take the longest to complete, up to three years. Impacts from the construction of the plant will also be experienced with each plant expansion. The RWSP plans for an expansion of the north end plant about once every 15 years. If contaminated soils are found on the site, then additional activity related to the removal, treatment or cap-

ping of the soils will be experienced. No impacts from the operation of the conveyance pipeline are expected. The operation of an outfall may impact water quality in the area.

Facility Operation

Significant impacts from the operations of a treatment plant may include: odor, aesthetics, noise, risks from the transportation and handling of hazardous chemicals, and traffic. Of these, odor and truck traffic from the removal of digested waste solids tend to be the most difficult to mitigate. The utilization of rail, barges or the reconstruction of the previously abandoned Heberlein Road through Woodway could reduce transportation impacts on Richmond Beach Road. It should be noted that current plans for the treatment plant may not displace Chevron's asphalt plant, and impacts from that facility are expected to continue.

To hear more about the findings of the Gray & Osborne report and to provide your input regarding the future use of the Point Wells property, attend the July 27 forum.

For more information, contact Assistant to the City Manager Kristoff Bauer at (206) 546-1303.

Who, what, where in the City of Shoreline

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18560 First Ave. NE
Mt. Rainier Room

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Second and fourth Mondays
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