

Iron Mountain Park Conceptual Plan

Planning Advisory Committee Meeting #4 Summary

September 28, 2016 | 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Santiam Room, Palisades Building, 1500 Greentree Road, City of Lake Oswego, OR

Lake Oswego's Parks and Recreation Department held a fourth PAC meeting on September 28th to present the Iron Mountain Park "Preferred Master Plan Concept" Plan. The objective of this event was to elicit feedback from the community for how the plan has evolved through the process to the current design. These comments will be incorporated into the draft concept plan in the following months.

Around 12 community members participated in this event facilitated by Mike O'Brien of ESA. A list of attendees is included at the end of this memo. This memo provides an overview of the various discussions that occurred during the outreach event organized into the following sections:

- PAC Meeting Overview
 - Stream Restoration Update
 - Specific comments and concerns indicated on the preferred master plan concept design.
- Next Steps
- List of Attendees

Some of the key points brought up during the discussion are summarized below:

Stream Restoration: Ivan Anderholm from Lake Oswego Parks and Recreation gave a brief summary of the restoration design process. In short, the design process is moving forward.

Traffic Safety: There is a strong desire from PAC members for the design team to incorporate a summary of traffic safety issues that have been brought up in the PAC meetings in the narrative of the Master Plan. The main issue is vehicle speeds on Iron Mountain Boulevard. The primary mitigation strategies discussed were to provide additional speed bumps and to lobby the City to reduce the speed to 25 where it runs along the park. A PAC member requested that the design team coordinate with Amanda Owens (LO Traffic Engineer) prior to the next submittal.

Fire Hydrant: The Fire Marshall will require the fire hydrant supply line to be up-sized from 2" to 6"-8", and move closer to the footbridge. A PAC member asked if it could be connected (daisy-chained) to the hydrant on the Hunt Club property. Staff said that this would likely not

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be allowed under code requirements, unless it was supplied by its own main line. Either way, it seemed that the consensus would be to locate the hydrant close to the footbridge.

Small Animals: There was some discussion about how to save the small amphibians (XXX Salamanders, primarily) that currently reside in the ditch and near the old foundation. Some thought that a catch and release program to the pond area might be a good alternative. Others felt that once the over story and shrub layer was removed that they would find their way to more suitable environs. More study by the stream restoration designers was desired.

Site Interpretation: The PAC requested that interpretive panels or similar be spread throughout to tell the story of the iron industry that was a major part of Lake Oswego's history. It could be designed with existing Iron Heritage trail system. There were others that felt it important to include Native American history as well. More discussion later in the meeting suggested that placing an interpretive panel at the site entry near the parking lot should be the first location considered due to the fact that most of the park users would pass through that area and that would allow maximum visibility for the story to be seen.

Trail Location: PAC members expressed the desire to see the trail connection heading west from the footbridge to push high enough on the slope to get as much distance and screening from plant material to make sure that horses will not be spooked by trail users and their pets. Later in the meeting there was discussion about how to achieve the screening and prevent dogs from bolting off the trail towards the horses. A combination low fence and dense plantings was thought to be a good solution. The design team was advised to make sure that the Master Plan narrative include this information.

Parking Lot Paving: There is a desire to have permeable parking in the parking lot if feasible. Mike O'Brien suggested that the drive aisle should be standard asphalt, and the parking bays would be where to use permeable paving. It could be precast pavers or permeable asphalt or concrete.

Parking Lot Exit: A PAC member asked if the exit out of the parking lot should be "right out only". The discussion in the group did not reach consensus on whether this would be something for the design team to pursue.

Fine Lawn Area: There was a discussion around the appropriateness and size of the manicured lawn area in the park. There was concern over the presence of lawn in the plan and questions about whether it was an appropriate element in the park. Others felt that lawn would be useful for children and families that use the park. Mike O'Brien suggested that providing a relatively

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small area of lawn would concentrate activity in that area and lessen the impact to the surrounding, more naturalized environments.

Drinking Fountain: PAC members thought there should be more than one drinking fountain in the park. There seemed to be consensus on having one at/near the restroom, and another at the trailhead. It was also suggested that the trailhead fountain also include a bottle filler.

Dogs: There were questions about Dogs on the boardwalk and the possibility of them jumping into the pond/wetland to chase other small animals. Staff said that technically dogs are required to be leashed, but that there is no real way to enforce that rule. The group discussed ways to mitigate this issue and some of the ideas included signage, more enforcement, or a low barrier on the boardwalk. LOPR staff and the design team will develop a plan for dealing with this issue.

Restroom Location: There was nearly universal agreement about moving the restroom further into the site to lessen the possibility of it becoming a de facto “rest area” for people travelling on Iron Mountain Boulevard.

Next steps

The project team will incorporate comments into the draft final Concept Plan and solicit public feedback via an internet survey, as had been previously done. Following that the design team will be presenting what we heard from the public and to present the final Concept Plan to the PAC to receive final feedback.

List of attendees (PAC #3 Meeting)

1. Lisa Addato
2. Megan Big John
3. Janet Buck
4. Mike Buck
5. Babs Hamachek
6. Susanna Kuo
7. John LaMotte
8. Anthony Mauck
9. Doug McKean
10. Jeff Munro
11. Joy Prideaux
12. Bill Ward
13. Janice Weis
14. Julia Wood
15. Ivan A. Anderholm, LOPR
16. Mike O'Brien, ESA

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Figure 1: Preferred Master Plan Concept



Figure 2: Boardwalk Sketch

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Figure 3: Nature Play Sketch



Figure 4: Picnic Shelter Sketch