

## MEETING MINUTES

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PRESENT: Bruce Powers, Ryan Lentz, Jeff Munro, Megan Bigjohn – City of Lake Oswego  
Rob Amsberry, Ed Brockman, Heidi Schrimsher, Kirsten Giacomini – PAC  
Brad Theurer, Steven Tuttle – Mackenzie

**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes #03 (June 07, 2017, 2:00 PM)**

### ACTION ITEMS

- 3.1 Mackenzie and City of Lake Oswego, Parks and Recreation to develop a preferred master plan to be presented to Planning Commission and City Council that draws elements from the three design alternatives presented on May 22, 2017 at the second public outreach design charrette meeting.

### UNRESOLVED ITEMS

- 3.2 *None at this time.*

### RESOLVED ITEMS

- 1.1 City (Ivan Anderholm and Bruce Powers) to provide a clear integration and direction of the deed restriction to Mackenzie and PAC by 3/15/17. This is needed to provide clear direction on what is and what is not allowed to take place related to design of Woodmont Park prior to our first Public Outreach meeting on March 20, 2017. **05/17/17 (Bruce Powers) Provided Mackenzie with Arborist Report identifying Native and Non-Native Trees South of Atwater Tributary and During PAC meeting #03 the City confirmed that they will provide direction on all design related items as they relate to the Deed moving forward.**
- 1.2 City (Bruce Powers) reached out to a City-approved Arborist prior to the PAC meeting for assistance in identifying the conditions of the existing tree on site. Mackenzie has requested that this information be provided to them by 3/15/17, allowing the design team to have a better understanding of the site prior to the first Public Outreach meeting. 04/12/17: City (Bruce Powers) informed the PAC at today's meeting that a City Approved Arborist is contracted to visit the site in a couple weeks once the trees have leafed out. Arborist Tree Survey will occur at southern edge of Atwater Tributary and head south. Trees to the North will not be surveyed due to steep slope conditions. **05/17/17: (Bruce Powers) Provided ESA Woodmont Park Tree Survey which identified a variety of tree types south of Atwater Tributary including (Malus sp. / Apple Species; Corylus cornuta / Beaked Hazelnut; Acer macrophyllum / Big-Leaf Maple; Rhamnus purshiana / Cascara; Syringa vulgaris / Common Lilac; Pseudotsuga menziesii / Douglas Fir; Crataegus**

**monogyna / English Hawthorn; Ilex aquifolium / English Holly; Prunus laurocerasus / English Laurel; Aesculus sp. / Horsechestnut; Acer sp. / Japanese Maple; Populus nigra var. Italica/Lombardy Poplar; Acer platanoides/Norway Maple; Fraxinus latifolia / Oregon Ash; Cornus sp. / Ornamental Dogwood; Pyrus sp. / Pear Species; Prunus sp./Plum Species; Juglans sp. / Walnut Species; Malus fusca / Western Crabapple; Thuja plicata / Western Red Cedar).**

- 1.5 City (Bruce Powers) to provide 'Clicker' Information to Mackenzie. **05/16/17: (Bruce Powers) Provided to Mackenzie prior to Public Outreach meeting #2. After further discussions, it was determined to not use 'Clickers' since the public outreach methods being utilized in the second meeting warranted other methods of public input.**

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. City (Bruce Powers) Welcomed all and introduced new PAC member Kirsten Giacomini.
2. Mackenzie (Brad Theurer) reviewed the charge of the PAC and their role in the planning process.
  - A. Review background documents & contributing information.
  - B. Advise and offer feedback to the City of Lake Oswego Parks Staff and Mackenzie.
  - C. Contribute to the vision, principles, and programming elements as appropriate.
  - D. Represent your networks and constituencies, even when they may hold opinions other than your own.
  - E. Help communicate to the broader community about the ongoing planning process.
  - F. Attend PAC workshops.
  - G. Assist in public meetings by promoting positive involvement.
3. Mackenzie (Brad Theurer) provided a brief overview of the previous events, attendance, and information shared at the first and second public outreach design charrette meetings.
4. Mackenzie (Steven Tuttle) provided a review of the three (3) design alternatives presented at the second public outreach design charrette meeting held Monday May 22, 2017 and posted as part of the online survey that followed.

Alternative A: This alternative is characterized by two large, grassy open areas, which are separated and bounded by trees and forested area. The northwestern portion of the site includes boardwalks and an overlook designed to look out over the future restoration of Atwater Tributary and wetland. Above this area is a group of trees that could be fruit or nut trees that enable casual foraging from park users. The southwest area of the site is forested and shows a small, fenced, dog park and an interactive natural area where younger users can engage their senses to create, collect, build or climb on natural elements such as boulders, logs or sticks. In the forested northeast portion of the site, the existing trail system is enhanced and expanded upon. Bisecting the northeast and southeast segments of the site is a boardwalk that would engage the forested area and provide overlooks into the forest. South of the boardwalk is an outcropping of boulders, which would allow the area to the south to be leveled out to create a more useable space, while also creating areas of visual interest and use for children. Directly south is a natural open space consisting of tall, bird nesting habitat. Lastly, a restroom is located near the southeast corner of the site close to the parking area, which is accessed off of Atwater Road.

Alternative B: This alternative is characterized by a long, open view corridor diagonally across the site. At a high point to the northwest, an overlook takes advantage of views across the site looking southeast. The western half of the site is largely dedicated to the habitat and natural character of the wetland, while the southeastern portion is given to more usable open space where one can go off the path and have a picnic or throw a frisbee. The site is bounded by new trees, and the trails in the existing forested area are enhanced and expanded. Wider paths provide primary circulation around the site, while smaller paths provide secondary connection and movement throughout the enhanced wetland area. Interactive natural areas along the forest edge create a sequence of experiences for hands-on learning and engagement that are influenced by forested and wetland ecologies. Stormwater, or runoff, is celebrated in this concept and would flow towards the wetland. There is no designated dog park area in this concept. The restroom is shown on the east side of the site and parallel parking is delineated along Atwater Road.

Alternative C: This alternative is characterized by a large contiguous open space with a greater number of programmed elements that are separated and surrounded by a continuous loop trail. The northwest corner illustrates the introduction of a small oak savannah landscape, which is native to the Willamette Valley. An arcing boardwalk crosses the stream tributary and offers an overlook that is closer to the wetland and lower in elevation than the other two design alternatives. The center of the site is given to a flexible and usable open area. To the east of that, a large fenced dog park is shown with a mound in the middle that offers views throughout the park. South of the dog park is a grove of trees that speak to the history of the site and the numerous trees that are there now. Adjacent to this grove is a fenced community garden and a larger restroom, which would also provide storage for garden tools and shelter for rainy or hot days. The site is generally bounded by trees for buffering from adjacent properties. In this alternative, interactive natural areas are smaller and dispersed along the circulation route. A small and rugged amphitheater looks out onto the natural areas and parking comes off the Atwater Lane right of way.

5. Nancy Hamilton Consulting (Nancy Hamilton) provided a review and key take aways from the public outreach meeting design charrette process in relation to the three Alternatives A, B, and C. Twenty-two people attended the May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting and there was a robust, engaged dialogue about the park, the alternatives, and pros and cons of each.

Following the public meeting, a total of 62 participants took an online survey over the course of 10 days with the goal of getting additional feedback from folks who were unable to attend on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, and/or wanted to leave additional feedback.

There were key take-aways from the combined public meeting and survey that are outlined below. A PDF of the online survey results is also available.

- A. For Option A, key take-aways included the following:
1. Too much boardwalk.
  2. Good Path Circulation.
  3. Disliked parking.
  4. Do not want a fenced, off-leash dog park.
  5. Not excited about the interactive areas.

6. Liked the wooded natural tree canopy connection.
  7. Did not like the Bird Blind.
- B. For Option B, key take-aways included the following:
1. Too many trails but liked the perimeter loop.
  2. Excellent parking location, clear choice for majority.
  3. Restroom – mixed feelings.
  4. Liked that this option had NO dog park.
  5. Preferred the more limited approach to interactive areas.
  6. Positive response to the natural spaces, generally.
- C. For Option C, key take-aways included the following:
1. Pathways were too structured.
  2. Didn't like parking.
  3. Restroom scale too large.
  4. Didn't like dog park.
  5. Wanted fewer interactive elements.
  6. Felt this plan was too structured/planned.
  7. Majority oppose the idea of a community garden.

More generally, respondents wanted to keep Woodmont's natural feeling. Less is more. Most respondents liked the Oak Savanna, preferred no dog park, no community gardens, parallel parking on the street, smaller restroom that was designed in keeping with the natural feel of the park. Most respondents liked creating boardwalks/raised walkways in areas of the park that can get too muddy or fill with water in the winter. This way, residents can still reach those areas on foot during the wet months. Respondents liked the notion of trails/boardwalks but wanted assurances that it doesn't feel too built out. Interactive areas received mixed reviews but the final sense was that folks liked the notion of having places that you "happen upon" to explore but, again, didn't want enhancements to feel "contrived."

The combination of feedback from the public meeting, the online survey and the subsequent PAC meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup> has generated very useful, thoughtful feedback for the design team to begin to work toward a final, preferred alternative that will be presented to the Lake Oswego Planning Commission on August 14, 2017 and to City Council on September 5, 2017.

6. Question and Answers (PAC Members). PAC members took time providing feedback on items like looking at maintaining the Douglas Fir and Cedar Trees where possible since these were originally planted to mitigate the non-native English Hawthorns. Half street improvements will more than likely not be needed along Atwater Lane. Maintenance will need access to paths and proposed looking at Atwater Lane right of way. Desire to see the natural interactive areas typically preferred from Alternative Option B to blend more into their surroundings. Discussed the need to reduce the boardwalk footprint shown on Alternative Option B but supported boardwalks where appropriate for viewing and wetland crossings. Discussed looking at other Oak tree species and

appropriate understory plantings during the Construction Document phase. Rock outcropping look at reducing overall scale and/or density based on public input. Users like a direct access through the site and would like the design to maintain an access path or low accessible plantings in this area.

7. Mackenzie (Brad Theurer) Next Steps:

- A. Public Outreach Design Charrette #03 preparation to continue with City Parks and Recreation, Mackenzie and public outreach consultant, Nancy Hamilton Consulting.
- B. PAC Meeting #04 Master Plan Review is scheduled for Wednesday August 2, 2017 from 2:00 PM-4:00 PM.
- C. Planning Commission scheduled on August 25, 2017.
- D. City Council scheduled on September 5, 2017.
- E. PAC Summary and Recommendation Report scheduled September 22, 2017.
- F. Public Outreach Design Charrette #03 scheduled on October 2, 2017 (at 1500 Greentree Road, Lake Oswego, OR) from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM. Mackenzie to present the Preferred Design alternative for Woodmont Natural Park.
- G. PAC Meeting #05 Review of Final Recommendations Report October 18, 2017.
- H. Neighborhood Meeting scheduled for November 8, 2017.

Every effort has been made to accurately record this meeting. If any errors or omissions are noted, please provide written response within five days of receipt.

- c: Present  
Dina Balogh – City of Lake Oswego, Parks and Recreation