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Memorandum

To: Port Orchard Planning Commission
From: Thomas Bonsell
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Re: McCormick Village Park Sub-Committee meeting notes from the April 14, 2010 meeting.

On Wednesday, April 14, 2010, the McCormick Village Park sub-committee met for the first time. The subcommittee has been charged by the Planning Commission to help guide the planning efforts for what will become the City of Port Orchard's newest regional park in the recently annexed McCormick Woods planning area.

The meeting was relatively well attended with approximately ten citizens either at the work table or in the audience. Although more public involvement would be helpful, staff was satisfied with the turnout.

The following is the agenda that was prepared for the meeting and how each item on the agenda was discussed.

MCCORMICK VILLAGE PARK SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA APRIL 14, 2010

PRELIMINARIES

1. Introductions and affiliations
In addition to two City Council members and one Planning Commission member, attendees were from a broad cross section of the community directly or indirectly representing sports clubs, McCormick woods annexation area and regional park interests.

2. General discussion of process
Process discussions included timelines, alternatives selections, Planning Commission recommendations culminating with City Council approval for inclusion into the 2010 Comprehensive Plan update.
3. General discussion of consultants responsibilities and product
The subcommittee was informed where we were in the Park Consultant selection process, (last Friday interviews) and in general what was contained the City's request for proposal.
4. What Planning Staff responsibilities are as Staff Liaison
Staff reinforced the subcommittee that development of the Park Plan is a collaborative effort with planning staff taking a back seat to plan development to the citizens and appointed and elected officials.
5. Consensus building
It was communicated to the subcommittee that there were a multitude of interests at play in park development and for a successful park design product, compromise will be required.
6. Schedule a site visit with City bus
The subcommittee determined that we should meet on site to walk the park property but the city bus would not be required. Each person could find their own way to the site. Those not familiar with the property met on-site Saturday at 12 A.M. The walk was a bit wet but very enlightening and useful.

PARK DEVELOPMENT

1. Discussion of active/passive uses
After discussing the differences between active and passive uses the subcommittee came to the conclusion that the park should be developed with both types of uses.
2. Limiting factors for physical development of park
The subcommittee discussed the limiting factors of park site development such as topography, wetlands, streams and associated buffers. A site visit was scheduled to further explore park potential.
3. Other Discussions-
Other subcommittee discussions involved how to pay for expected improvements to the park itself. Ideas ranged from the usual government grants to creating fixed turn key projects within the park for civic group involvement. The vision for obtaining financing once the park plan is completed could also include approaching region sports teams and mega-businesses to help with construction. But first we need a park plan.

The next subcommittee meeting will be Wednesday May 12, 2010 at 7:00 P. M. at city hall.