

STAKEHOLDER MEETING NOTES 5/23/2016

Location: Frances Anderson Center

Project: Edmonds Civic Field Master Plan

Project #: P3282

10am: Edmonds Petanque Club**Attendees: Michelle Martin (President and Founder), Dick Van Hollebeke, David Rockwell**

- Early 20th Century. Toss steel balls close to wooden ball; teams 2-3 persons each
- Played in 94 countries, 600,000 licensed competitors
- Edmonds is FPUSA Member – regional, national, and international tournaments
- Edmonds club is fastest growing club in the U.S. Game is becoming very popular in the Pacific NW
- Club contributes to maintenance, which is low
- ADA accessible courts currently needed (access over curb)
- Fixed position is a “ring” – “fixed feet”
- 2010 first court in Edmonds along 6th, great visibility
- EPC is a non-profit 501c3, \$35/year membership, \$15 goes to federation
- Received \$4,000 Hubbard Foundation grant for 4 courts
- 5 tournaments, raised > \$18,000 in sponsorship and registration fees
- Host Edmonds Food Bank Tournament annually in August
- Received another grant for 5th court
- 6 week camp, 2 days per week, with Boys and Girls Club; also Cub Scouts, High School, etc.; Sister city in Japan also come every 2 years
- Original court remains as demonstration court during festival
- Club has been awarded “Citizens of the year”
- Other clubs - Seattle, Portland (22 courts), Port Townsend (18 courts) are larger . EPC need many courts to support larger club
- Current courts at Civic Playfield are the only courts in Edmonds
- Courts can be between within 1.5 meters of a fence
- Minimum 20 courts to host a regional tournament. Would like 8 framed permanent courts. Remainder could be temporary on dirt or hard packed area (similar to baseball – no grass, no sand)
- Ideal surface is crushed rock
- 4 - 6 tournaments (i.e. Bastille Day – 60 participants from Tacoma, Seattle, Bellevue, Kirkland, Portland, Walla Walla, etc.
- Portland (Westmoreland and Park Blocks) courts are lined out with string and chalk
- Would like clubhouse with small kitchenette, meeting space and storage for equipment
- Need one picnic table at each court
- Need 250sf of storage – canopies, hose hookups (wet down counts), scoreboards, etc.
- Courts used every day, 20+ people day
- Sat / Sun / Wed play organized games

10:30 am: Edmonds Arts Commission

Attendees: Beverly Shaw (Chair), Lesly Kaplan, Suzy Maloney

- Visual beauty is very important
- Flow between proposed 4th Ave Corridor and future park
- Concerts in City Park, 200 – 300 people
- Would like performance space, i.e. Shakespeare Festival
- Hazel Miller Park also has concerts
- Interaction feature very desirable – i.e. “on the fence” at Boys and Girls Club
- EAC does arts advocacy – with library, schools, etc.
- Largest EAC event is Write on the Sound – writer’s conference; usually centered at library and Frances Anderson, etc. First weekend in October
- “It’s a central park”
- Park design priority should not be festivals
- Grand stands are ugly
- Need to support kids. Boys & Girls Club needs updating
- Kirkland Park – Peter Kirk Park, lost small town / old fashioned look. Bellevue Park – beautiful, ice skating, tents, art (installations, sculpture)
- Interested in writing, visual arts, music and theater
- Would like flexible performance space
- Parking always an issue
- Civic Playfield topography is more accessible than many other places
- 3rd Thursday Art walk – (separate commission) would like event through park to be part of walk
- Children’s play area important. Also need to consider larger / older kids (i.e. Friday nights for teens)

11:00 am:

- 1. Sno-King Youth Club: Adam Quaintance (Executive Director), Steve Alseth(Board President)**
- 2. Edmonds Eagles Lacrosse Club (boy's youth): ~~Alan Hardwick, Jeremy Reef, Melissa Curtis, Harry Ostrander~~**
- 3. ~~Edmonds Lacrosse Club (boy's high school and girl's youth and high school): Tom Fridge or rep~~**

1.

- Sno-King runs many fields, uses from Lynwood to Shoreline
- 8,000 youth, membership is growing
- Civic Playfield, Fall 2015 - 193 soccer games
- 41 teams use Civic Field on a regular basis in fall, 75% use in spring
- Fields are rented from Parks
- T-Ball (practice), flag football, soccer (T-Ball games at Former Wood way)
- Have created a "Save Civic Field" web page, not yet launched – to share concerns
- Can private money be allocated to park? Yes, phasing plan
- Civic Field has largest soccer play space available. Need large field (few others). Concurrently use small and large fields.
 - U5 field – 40 yards (under 5 year olds)
 - U9, U10 field – close to regulation size)
- Dirt used as practice space – especially because of lighting in fall
- Like synthetic turf; would like to be able to maintain the fields themselves
- Woodway Field – currently use for T-ball, flag football, indoor gym
- Trying to move away from Hickman
- Majority of users are local to Edmonds, Edmonds School District
- Meadowdale lower football field used; don't like dirt/mud
- EPR partnering with Lynwood – synthetic fields with lights
- Stagger start times to alleviate parking; streetside parking and church lot
- Goals and equipment brought to games, no storage. Lock up items on fence
- Concessions would be nice
- Gym space would be helpful

2.

- Lacrosse is growing; demand for field space is high
- Players are 3rd grade to high school
- Spring sport primarily / share space with Sno-King
- Need game fields more than practice – football field size (true dims for lacrosse are slightly larger)
- 8-10 boys teams (High School); middle school 4 teams (Eagles) plus 8 teams
8-10 girl teams (High School); will probably have girls middle school teams next year

11:30 am: City Council, Kristiana Johnson

- Flatness is an asset. Has always been used as athletic fields
- Historic context
 - Junior High School track (1908 first Edmonds High School)
 - Track & field
 - B&G Club was Field house
- Semi-pro football team still plays on dirt and grass
- Rusty chain-link fence limits access; could enlist others to repair
- Skate park location in middle of a lot of "stuff"
- Huge opportunities, such as senior housing, artist live-work, mixed use / outdoor café, affordable housing (on 2 acres)
- Dahlia is city flower – display gardens would be nice
- Community builds; fixing fence for example
- Adopt-a-Park could help: Friends of Hutt Park, Friends of the Marsh – community groups
- Chamber of Commerce gets most of the money from entry fee to Taste of Edmonds
- Taste could be reorganized to make it more contemporary
 - Kiwanis and Rotary manage gates and make money
 - Parking provided at High School (few miles away) and shuttled in

11:50 am: Historic Preservation Commission:

Attendees: Emily Scott (Chair), Larry Vogel (Vice Chair)

- HPC focus is on structures. No assessment done on Civic Playfield structures to date; Grand Stands and Field House
- No HPIF's (Historic Property Inventory Forum) will be required for permitting
- Believe it was marshy lands prior to development; not sure if dumping of material was done
- Internal park staff is taking first pass at structural analysis
- Steve Waiteon HPC is good resource, historic preservation professional – commissioner
- Bola – recent report – much information was inaccurate (windshield survey 2004, 2007) Civic Field not included
- Stages of history – brass plagues – historic walk. Brochure available
- Also have Historic Walking Tour
- 1890's was dense old growth forest. Brackett clearcut downtown by 1890's. Produced lumber and shingles. Shipping to Alaska and California by late 1800's
- Last mill closed in 1951
- Make Boys and Girls Club a demonstration shingle mill
- Major route on "Mosquito Fleet"
- Field House should remain and be rehabilitated

12:10 pm: City Council, Neil Tibbott

- Children have used for soccer and skateboard park
- Surprised that ball fields are being considered, not best use for downtown park
- Large fields useful for gatherings and festivals
- Concert / event venue would be nice
- “Taste” is no longer tasteful. Some local merchants have difficulty with late night crowds. Mostly people coming from other cities. Doesn’t show –off or engage Edmonds in any great way
- Art Festival more locally attended
- Park will be significant in shaping future of Edmonds, types of gatherings
- Current site not welcoming
- Would like gardens and meandering paths
- Good place for taller, bigger trees / or smaller to preserve views
- Could be a regional draw, depending on events. Should be “friendly”
- Like Cal Anderson Park
- Bellevue Beaux-Arts, little neighborhood parks
- Grand stands in poor shape and scaled oddly / for kids
- Petanque is good use / cool
- Like that we have events there. Would like better walkways

1:00pm: Museum/Market

Attendees: Bill Lambert (Board President), Dean Averill (Vice President), Jeri, Dave

Dean in charge of the white elephant booth and the items for it stored under the grandstands.

- Plaza last year in front of museum cost was approx. \$200,000
- Farmer's market proceeds help support museum (25 years)
 - 130 vendors every Saturday – 22 weeks, May – October
 - 135 booths
 - 10,000 people on Saturday
- More than half of museum's income comes from the Market
- Year-round market not possible currently because of weather
- 2023 vision – weather protected Farmers Market and annex to Carnegie Library
- 1938 and 1925 antique fire engines housed across street in Firehouse 17. Bring out for Market and 4th of July
- Recognition of city civil servants is important
- Would like covered market and display / museum and storage (30x40)
- Rent space in Mukilteo for artifact storage
- Historic display – pioneers, artifacts, education
- Historic Edmonds is a destination
- Museum runs on volunteers, partners with the community, economic driver
- City owns museum building, rented
- Working on museum certification. Would like museum to be a focal point
- Fire Department not city owned – contracted to Fire District 1
- Edmonds Fire Foundation was 501c3, when moved to county
- UW School of Museum Studies is helping. Displays change every 3 months.
- Market space can be used for church bizzarres, etc.
- Bellingham by Boundary Bay has year-round market – dual use parking and market
- Would like fire museum across from 9-11 Memorial. New plaza slated for 5th and Bell in front of police station
- Ask Ed or DEMA about market relocation, current location good for local businesses
- Market manager (Christiana Martin)- also does lake Forest Park, formally Kirkland
- Can apply for grants with city (building owner)
- DEMA – Downtown Edmonds Merchant Association
- Barbara Chase – Floretum , 150-20 member gardening group could be potential resource

1:30pm: Edmonds Chamber of Commerce

Attendees: Greg Urban (President and CEO of Edmonds Chamber of Commerce)

- Taste is ½ of annual Chamber profit. \$100,000 net on a good year
- 28-30,000 people, \$4/pp. Beer and wine garden primary profit- markers
- Currently require diesel generators for power. Power capabilities could be profitable for city
- Redmond picnic shelter / market
- Weather protected shelter would be helpful
- No plans to expand the footprint of the Taste
- Shuttle buses on 7th Avenue
- Fireworks – 2 1/2” shells – 200’ radius
- Only portion of Taste of Edmonds that could relocate / reduce is vendor parking in North edge (full length)
- 35-40 food vendors (10x10 or 10x20) half of track area
- Water pulled on-site
- Booth fees - \$350 per booth
- Flow of people from all 3 gates is comparable
- Fence for controlled access
- \$15,000 for portable restrooms (60-80)
- 4th of July 10-12,000 – 6th closed from Bell to upward
- Year round Farmers Market would be good for City
- Questions about viability for concessions / vendors – foot traffic, kids, neighbors, year-round is uncertain
- Waterfront Festival may be relocating. Port tiring of it
- 20,000 people/yr. come to dive at Brackett’s Landing Preserve

2:00pm: Edmonds Arts Commission

Attendees: Samantha Saether, Lois Rathvon (commissioners)

- No show-

2:30pm: Edmonds Center for the Arts

Attendees: Joe McIalwain (Executive Director), Bob Rinehart (Past President and PFD board), Steve Shelton (Board Member)

- 4th and Bell – Steve Shelton House, wife's dance studio on Bell
- Gymnasium next to ECA on 6th. Conversation with B&G Club to rehab gymnasium on ECA campus. Mike (regional director) came to look at facility last week; open to partnering with other non-profits; importance of downtown presence not clear
- Gymnasium is a community asset. Currently lease it out. Needs upgrade and management; built in 1939, has historic value; NBA regulation size with bleachers; old men's locker room under southern edge; 20 ft deep end to end
- Edmonds Public Facilities Agency (taxing district) – owns whole campus/block
- B&G Club needs indoor space
- Long term vision for ECA campus – music building and office building removed (gym and theater remain);
 - potential partners; B&G Club and Edmonds Community College
 - Offices, green room, dressing room, etc in new office building
 - New B&G Club building attached to gym and theater; new construction could include café, expanded lobby, donor room, etc.
- 60,000 people use ECA, 700 seats
- North edge could become 2-level parking garage with event room on top; opportunity for community college students to engage in business
- 4th Ave edge of ECA could be pocket park, sculpture park, or other connector to 4th Ave Arts corridor
- Safe, well-lit corridor on 6th would be needed for B&G Club
- ECA could book concerts for an outdoor venue at the park

3:00pm: Edmonds Arts Festival

Attendees: Diane Cutts (President) and 3 others (Janet Jensen, Sharon, ?)

- Arts Festival is on Father's Day Weekend, Fri-Sun
- Diane's first year as Festival President; Sharon and Janet are artist booth directors
- Artists park on Civic Field, starting Wednesday night, through Monday
- Can easily shuttle people to Frances Anderson Ctr
- Sponsors and directors also park at Civic
- Other schools not an option as they are often still in session
- 240 artists / 50,000+ attendees (some years 80,000+); 400+ volunteers
- 4-5 day permit from Parks
- 59th year of festival
- Parking in dirt field, camp on North, directors park on SW corner
- Roughly 250 vehicles
- No sports or other activities on site during event – consumes all of Civic Field
- Some parking at Old Woodway High School and Port Parking with shuttle runs (Sherwood Forest)
- Artist booth fee includes parking, many have large works
- Some older artists have mobility issues, need proximity
- Festival dates are well-known and coordinate with other Northwest festivals
- Possibility to re-think festival relationship to park – food trucks, tents
- Could possibly use some of Community College parking and Port's North lot
- Outdoor amphitheater key to festival; music performances
- Need some indoor gallery space
- Currently close 8th Ave and have food vendors there
- 30 board members
- Festival nets 60-200k; flat fee based; no commissions; all profits go to Festival Foundation

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~~3:30pm: City Council, Tom Mesaros~~

3:50pm: City Council, Mike Nelson

- No strong vision for the park
- Occasionally use track; son plays soccer; prefer some replacement for track facility in city
- No opinion on grand stands
- Think activation should be on 6th Ave edge, not bifurcating space
- Space is currently run down
- If we try to please everyone/all park will not be anything
- Are there things we could have here that we don't have at our other parks?
- PRO's plan inventory list has snapshot of available sports fields