



**EDMONDS CIVIC CENTER
PLAYFIELD MASTER PLAN
APPENDIX**

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Open House Summaries

Edmonds City Field Project Open House: June 23, 2016 Summary



CITY OF EDMONDS Civic Field Project

Overview

In the Fall of 2015, after leasing the property for 40 years, Civic Center Playfield was acquired by the City of Edmonds from the Edmonds School District. Purchased with the assistance of grants from the Washington State Recreation Conservation Office and the Snohomish Conservation Futures Program, the City's Recreation & Open Space Plan stipulates that the site will remain accessible to the community as a key asset, providing both passive and active recreation.

The design team is working with the community to explore desired outcomes for redeveloping Civic Center Playfield. Three online and three in-person public open houses will be held. At the first of these, held on June 23 and accompanied by an online open house open from June 24 through July 7, attendees were given an array of possible activities and themes that could be included in the completed park and asked to provide their priorities, thoughts and desired outcomes.

The in-person open house had 141 attendees and the design team gained meaningful feedback on desired outcomes. 230 individuals visited the online open house.

The following pages summarize the in-person and online open houses, including their purpose, format and feedback received. The summary is followed by several appendices including meeting materials and verbatim comments.

In-Person Open House

Purpose

The open house provided an opportunity for the design team to engage and educate the public about the project. Attendees were able to:

- Learn more about the Civic Field Project
- Share feedback on early project design concepts
- Meet the design team and ask questions
- Provide feedback on existing and possible activities, as well as general written comments about the project

Open house date, time and location

- Thursday, June 23, 2016, 5:30 – 7:30 PM
- Edmonds Library, Plaza Room (650 Main St, Edmonds, WA 98020)

Staff

- Carrie Hite, City of Edmonds
- Lara Rose, Walker Macy
- Chris Jones, Walker Macy
- Ann Marie Schneider, Walker Macy
- Ara Swanson, EnviroIssues
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Attendance

- 135 people signed in

- Estimated 141 total attendees

Meeting format

The meeting consisted of opening remarks by Mayor Dave Earling, an introductory presentation, a Q&A session and an interactive open house to allow attendees to:

- View informational boards and maps about the project and early design
- Provide feedback and priorities using a push-pin activity on several boards
- Ask questions and talk with project staff
- Lay out possible park elements on an aerial view of the park

Feedback received

Attendees provided feedback to project staff through conversations at the open house and a push-pin board activity to indicate preference for various design elements.

(See Appendix A for the push-pin activity results and Appendix B for in-person comments.)

Questions to the design team during the Q&A session included:

- Does this plan assume the Taste of Edmonds continues?
- What was the rationale behind the financing plan given the use restrictions?
- What are the restrictions on the property?
- How will the operations budget for maintenance requirements impact the park's design?
- Is the Boys and Girls Club structurally sound? If so, could it be used for community events during evenings and weekends?
- What will be done with the large tree on the southeast corner of the property?
- Since the skate park extends beyond the unrestricted two-acres in the northwest corner, would it need to be removed?
- Are there plans to resolve the drainage issues in the park?
- Will additional parking be a part of the new park?
- Park-users currently use the Edmonds Bible Church parking lot. Will anything be done to encourage parking elsewhere?

Online Open House

Purpose

The online open house provided an opportunity for the public to learn about and engage with the project without attending the in-person open house. Participants navigated through eight stations which presented the same information as the in-person open house boards. Along the way, participants had the opportunity to take notes, provide feedback on design elements and priorities, and write open-response comments.

Web address and duration

- <https://edmondscivicfield.participate.online/>
- June 24 – July 7

Website analytics (June 24 – July 7)

- 212 unique visitors
- 243 sessions
- 1,395 total page views
- 5.74 pages viewed per session (average)
- Average session duration: 00:05:00

Feedback received

The online open house surveys received 180 responses.

(See Appendix C for feedback and comments received online.)

Appendices

Appendix A: Results of push-pin activity

Appendix B: In-person comments

Appendix C: Results of online open house surveys

Appendix A: Results of push-pin activities

- Activities

Existing v. New	Activity	Votes	Category
Current Activities	petanque	43	active
Possibilities	jogging/walking path	43	active
Possibilities	restrooms	41	active
Current Activities	soccer	35	active
Possibilities	shade trees	29	passive
Possibilities	strolling paths	28	passive
Current Activities	skate park	25	active
Current Activities	tennis	24	active
Current Activities	playground	21	active
Possibilities	horticultural gardens	18	passive
Possibilities	multi-use lawn	17	passive
Current Activities	B&G Club	16	arch
Current Activities	Grand Stands	16	arch
Possibilities	seasonal games	16	active
Current Activities	formal track	15	active

Possibilities	creative play	15	active
Current Activities	baseball	14	active
Current Activities	basketball	13	active
Possibilities	café	13	civic
Possibilities	stormwater gardens	13	passive
Current Activities	large festivals	12	events
Possibilities	plaza	12	civic
Possibilities	performance space	12	civic
Possibilities	picnic areas	12	passive
Possibilities	water feature	10	civic
Possibilities	permanent art	10	civic
Possibilities	performances	10	events
Possibilities	clubhouse	10	active
Possibilities	promenade	9	civic
Possibilities	berms	8	passive
Possibilities	shade pavilion	8	passive
Current Activities	sports events	6	events
Current Activities	football	5	active
Possibilities	market	5	civic
Possibilities	art installations	4	events
Possibilities	on-site parking	4	active
Current Activities	lacrosse	2	active
Possibilities	culinary events	2	events
Possibilities	fun-runs	2	events
Possibilities	concessions	2	active
Possibilities	bleachers	1	active

○ Other suggestions and concerns

- Underground parking
- Handball courts
- Disk golf
- Pickleball
- Leave as is with upgraded fields
- Sustainability/LID features demonstration areas
- “natural jungle gym for youth and adults
- Ethno-botanic gardens
- Community Garden (P-patch)
- Benches, picnic tables
- Lighting
- Fencing
- Permanent Covered Market

- Rain Protection
- 4th Ave Corridor Connection

- Themes

Theme	Votes
Civic	20
Passive	50
Active	53

Appendix B: In-person comments

Appendix C: Online open house feedback

Welcome Page: 61 total responses

- What is your relationship to the park?
 - I live near the park: 39
 - I live and/or work near the park: 18
 - I do not live and/or work in Edmonds: 5
 - I work near the park: 4
- How often do you use the park?
 - I visit the park frequently: 32
 - I visit the park occasionally: 14
 - I visit the park rarely: 11
 - I have never been to the park: 2
- Did you attend the open house?
 - No: 35
 - Yes: 23

Possibilities Page: 43 total responses

- What activities do you think should continue in the park?
 - Petanque: 33
 - Soccer: 32
 - Boys and Girls Club / Field House: 32
 - Children’s playground: 29
 - Skate park: 25
 - Tennis: 25
 - Running track: 25
 - Lacrosse: 21
 - Baseball: 20
 - Basketball: 18
 - Bleachers: 14
 - Grandstands: 14

- Football: 12
- What new activities would you like to see in the park?
 - Exercise path (informal track): 28
 - Creative play (informal playground, nature play, etc.): 13
 - Seasonal games (shuffle board, ping pong, etc.): 10
 - Classes (yoga, tai chi, etc.): 10
 - Activities clubhouse: 9
 - Concessions: 6
- Other ideas:

1	1. General thoughts. The public comments to date, the PROS plan, and the grant conditions which have been imposed on the future development of Civic Field all emphasize open space and passive use, not athletic fields or facilities. Everyone I have talked to seems to want it to be more "parklike." 2. The Grand Stand, football field, track and lights should be removed. --The Grand Stand is used fewer than 10 days per year for events, and is rarely used otherwise. --The Grand Stand is huge, unsightly and in poor condition. --If left in place, the Grand Stand will be an unwanted, dominant focal point of any new design. --The field and lights are rarely used. I have seen soccer played on the field a few times, but never football. --The track is used by walkers and runners. As a runner who uses it, I would prefer a perimeter track or meandering trails through the park with quarter mile distance posts. --Temporary bleachers could be used for big even
2	As a runner since youth, I require a public track of standard length and shape (as you now have) to do timed runs. This is different from an "exercise path" because on a track people are running (often quite fast) in a fixed direction with understood etiquette and no one is hurt. Anyone preparing for a measured competitive run (marathon, etc.) needs such a practice track and the one you have is an important resource for those past high school age . Thank you .
3	Community garden plots
4	Hi, I am not sure if this is where to add this input but I live on the Daley Alley across from the field. Please do not add bushes along the alley, the alley is not wide, and it is already a dangerous place to walk because of through traffic. Also, the ends of the alley are blind and I have seen several near accidents with drivers emerging from the alley and runners/walkers/ not seeing the car and nearly getting hit. I am seriously concerned about the safety.
5	Horseshoe pit.
6	I strongly feel that physical exercise in the fresh air should be fostered by this space. Historically this was important to the builders of the historical space because it was the school field. We have no regulation track available to the bowl of Edmonds public. It is currently used daily by young and old, including persons with walkers! Maintaining the track (and improving the soupier spots) also allows the other activities such as the arts fair use, taste of Edmonds and outdoor spectacles to continue...and we have no other likely place for them. An informal perimeter walk could be added (such as the perimeter path at the wastewater park in Sequim, which is highly used, but for runners and competitive walkers only a track will do and only clay is easy on the joints (as well as being pervious as your funding requires). I am trying, without the necessary skills, to convey the collonnade idea I pasted to the board. Manressa Castle in PT Townsend used the concept and is a good e
7	I would like to see the park be used and enjoyed by ALL AGES with focus on appreciating open, undeveloped space, the view and benefits of social connection while exercising: walking path, soccer for young players, tennis, basketball, bocce ball. Respectfully sharing the space and environment for the well being of the community and it's people.
8	I would love to see the Field House rehabilitated and saved as the historic and community gem that it is. It is a unique Edmonds building that has served the youth of Edmonds since the 1930s and still has lots of life left. It could be used as rentable event space (weddings, conferences, etc), updated and maintained as a standing building that will continue to serve Edmonds youth, or updated as a historic bar :) It is unique and historically linked to our community and should be incorporated into the future.
9	New children's play area - something different than the normal climbing structure

10	Not clear what an "informal playground" is compared to a "children's playground" but don't see why need both -- can't there be a fusion with elements of both so children can choose, or age may dictate which is most appropriate for each child. I see the current Running Track in use not only by walkers who like to be away from car noise/fumes and know how far they have gone, but also by children in organized events such as summer day-camp field days or others. I like the idea of a soft-surface exercise path but doubt that would satisfy the same use for such things as relay races, etc. (which I have seen occurring). The informal "track" would have to meander in a way that did not impede use of the designated areas when they are in use (soccer or football fields, petanque courts, etc.) and people would have to understand that if they want to walk amongst the flowers, they should take a walk around Edmonds, not expect the PLAYFIELD to be a botanic garden experience.
11	Obstacle course
12	Referring to "Active" choices, it is unclear to me the difference between bleachers and grandstand. Top of all wishes for me is an informal exercise path. The only safe flat surface for elderly to walk in this town.
13	The baseball field is mostly unused throughout the year and I very rarely see a game being played. Soccer teams use the field extensively in the fall and spring along with youth sports camps in the summer, but in small(er)spaces, The new configuration of the park needs to accommodate youth soccer. Furthermore, the dirt football field is never used for a full size soccer match or anything else, for that matter, except as parking for the Art Festival and concessions for the Taste of Edmonds. I would like to see the equivalent area of the football field used for something else. Please raze the grandstand! It is ugly and rarely used, except for the Wenatchee Youth Circus and for the fireworks display in the 4th of July. It seems to me that the grandstand space could be better used for something else during the other 360+ days of the year. The "semi pro" football team that practices once a week is loud and obnoxious! Nearby residents do not appreciate the foul language!
14	I would really like to see a well kept soccer field and running track. It is a wonderful area and we use it a lot! This park is the heart for Spring and Fall/Winter Sports. It host Summer camps too. This amazing place helps to keep our kids active and enjoy the outdoor Sports. No other park in Edmonds offers the space and location to gather and play sports.
15	MUST maintain / accommodate elsewhere all existing activities. DO NOT add major events beyond what is there already. Consider whether Community Center could be accommodated here. Can impervious space in NW 2 acres be moved or split to multiple locations?
16	Move older homes to western edge of park instead of tearing them down. A few years ago citizens wanted to save the Pink House at 6th and Main Street but could find no site in town. Now that the city owns civic field it could be a place that could accept significant historic homes. It would create a nice edge to the park and could be the location of beautiful gardens and house a variety of public uses.
17	New children's play area - something different than the normal climbing structure
18	Pickleball courts. Pickleball is becoming so popular & outdoor courts at Civic Field would be an outstanding asset & be very popular.
19	Pickleball. It's the fastest growing sport in America. At the current rate of growth there will be more pickleball players in the US than there are tennis players. Pls put in dedicated p'ball courts at the park.
20	Please add Pickleball courts. There is no place to play on dedicated courts around here. (Edmonds/Lynnwood/MLT/Shoreline) I'm sure the cost is minimal as the existing pad is in place.
21	Referring to "Active" choices, it is unclear to me the difference between bleachers and grandstand. Top of all wishes for me is an informal exercise path. The only safe flat surface for elderly to walk in this town
22	Resurfacing the 2 Tennis Courts and creating up to 8 dedicated pickleball courts.
23	multiple dedicated pickleball courts. Not just tennis courts with pickleball lines.

- What passive features would you like to see in the park?
 - Shade trees: 27
 - Multi-use lawn: 25
 - Strolling paths: 19
 - Horticultural gardens: 17

- Picnic areas: 15
- Stormwater gardens: 13
- Shade pavilion: 13
- Berms: 12

- Other ideas:

1	At the Open House on June 23 it seemed some people were indicating they want to turn the PLAYFIELD into a typical nature-botanic park without thinking through what that means, maintenance-wise--not to mention how it does not fit with the concept of the Civic PLAYFIELD being a PLAYFIELD sort of park. I love walking in natural areas but I would go to one of the many areas/parks that are already available in Edmonds (or walk around the lovely town/neighborhoods themselves!), not expect to change the use-profile of an existing, much-used-and-needed sports-activity-based playfield park like Civic Field. I hope this is kept in mind during the planning process. Berms - Prudently placed, could be used in place of bleachers for observers of ongoing events and those wanting exercise could walk up and over them back and forth...however, are not repositionable like bleachers are, in keeping with having the Playfield remain a very versatile open space for the city.
2	Definitely a fountain as a focal point for the park, perhaps in the center. The skateboard park would have to move either along the west edge or to another park. It is in the way of everything from a design standpoint. Gardens should be on the north and south edges of the park to shield residential areas from activities right near the current fence lines.
3	Ensure intermittent benches are in place throughout the park.
4	I think the park is working just fine as it is. The fence might be updated. But I am against anything that causes construction there. I am really quite afraid you are going to mess up a good thing.
5	I would like berms - including plants and trees - built on the north, east, and south sides of the skatepark to "disguise" the ugly concrete structure and to alleviate the noise. Even better, relocate the skatepark to the west end of the current civic field. In addition, I would like to see the unsightly cyclone fence removed and not replaced with another fence, but replaced with 20 - 40 feet of planting, landscaping, with "gentle rolling hills" on the north, east and south sides of the new park.
6	Including movable picnic benches would encourage families to participate and watch their children. Providing shade with arbors above the petanque courts would be practical and add charm. Keep the field open for events, it's a great draw for all age groups. There is no other space in Edmonds that can host such a large crowd (i.e. 4th of July, Taste, & sporting events).
7	Parking is a tough topic. The Open Bible Church has been generous and maybe the city should be off setting their damage/use costs or the church should have a pay box? Yes we need more but to cover even a small amt. of this stunning park space with a cement parking seems a shame. Perhaps a pull off on 6th and 7th with limited parking (6 spots) on the 7th side?
8	Removable picnic benches, so people can watch players and they can be moved with larger events.
9	Remove bleachers Remove lights/light poles Remove fence around park Keep trees under 20-25 ft mature height to preserve views
10	Sure. To me, a park is treed. But this one cannot be and function as it does. Toy trees have no place, we've got a bunch on the 7th ave rim already. Shade trees would interrupt most functions envisioned thus far and would be a continuous fight to maintain because they interfere with view in an area that's already got it. The shade pavillion is best expressed by a perimeter collonnade as expressed above. Some great city parks of the Weest indeed have wildflowers...enough that any citizen can have a bouquet and welcome, but I don't know if that squares with the point of a sports park. It might fit if berms and meanders prevail.
11	This is an excellent opportunity to build sustainability demonstration features into a public space that would complement resources available in the City's newly created Green Resource Room. Elements could include motion-sensitive solar powered lights, LID features such as rain gardens, rain barrels, pervious pavements, etc; landscape water conservation features such as drip irrigation, soil care (e.g. compost, mulch), native plant options, etc. These features could be called out in interpretive signage, a kiosk, or map.
12	The Grandstands aren't used as much so that area can be improved or replaced with a more useful type.

	Everything else could be upgraded/improved allowing the use of the park for sports and other family activities.
13	I think we should not have anything in the center of the civic field. Any berms pavilions or shade trees should be along the street and alley edges.
14	Please allow leashed, well-behaved dogs in the park, on the running track, etc. Well-exercised, well-socialized dogs make better neighbors for everyone! :)

- What civic feature would you like to see in the park?

- Restrooms: 36
- Performance space: 17
- Permanent art: 16
- Water feature: 15
- Temporary art: 14
- Promenade: 10
- Plaza: 6
- Cafe: 4
- Covered market space: 4
- Museum display: 2

- Other ideas

1	By water feature I mean fountain or pond When I checked performance space I do NOT mean on the scale of three bands playing at once during the Bite
2	I do not think we need any of these items. We have a performance hall on Daley. The entire downtown is filled with cafes. I do not think any of this adds value.
3	I like the idea of the public market, but not if it would mean parking vendor vans in the park. For me, vendor event parking should be 100% prohibited. Allowing this use, interferes with permanent design possibilities. I would like to see an expanded children's playground.
4	It is the Civic Playfield, but the emphasis for this particular space should be on the PLAYFIELD aspect. If "museum display" means a SMALL permanent display with a few pictures and plaque describing the playfield's role in Edmonds history, that would be appropriate (sort of like those near the ferry dock about the waterfront's history). E.g., such a display could be on the outside of the Field House. Please no special building for a museum -- Edmonds already has a dandy museum. It would be a MUCH better use of available resources to cover several (if not half of the ultimate number) of the permanent Petanque Courts, which do get YEAR-ROUND USE, than making a covered area for the summer street market. Regarding EVENTS, below, which did not provide adequate space or choices of questions: There are large events which are deleterious to the playfield surfaces and require considerable manpower/dollar outlay by the Parks Dept. to mitigate afterward.
5	Lease/sell the grandstand land to developer for multi-story condos with ground floor cafes and retail space -- so they help pay for bathrooms and maintenance. Plus, that will keep the area used at night and safe. Have the developed space surround a public piazza, like in Madrid and Venice, but with more horticulture/naturescape.
6	Local residents and merchants find "The Taste" a most DISTASTFUL event which apparently is a revenue stream for the chamber to allow for the hosting of civic events such as the tree lighting and fireworks. This is excellent and necessary time to re-evaluate revenue value for this completely NOT Edmonds event. The revenue lost by our merchants and the cost to residence who must vacate for 3 days may outweigh the net revenue. Many locals would rather NOT have the fireworks and tree lighting if it means killing the Taste. The Beer Garden, crappy music and cigarette butts and garbage in my yard is NOT "An Edmonds kind of a Day".
7	Move the Taste of Edmonds to another location! The whole event is crass, unbearably loud, and does not reflect our community values and its commitment to our parks, recreation, entertainment and the arts. Do

	not let the Chamber of Commerce "dictate" what our new park can become because of the 5 days of the year that the "Taste" takes over. Please seriously consider the other 360 days of the year for everyone.
8	We have enough other places that can accommodate the above activities.
9	lawn amphitheater type seating for performance/music/fireworks events
10	Restrooms, but the port-a-potty is just rine
11	the porta-potties are well used including by passing workmen who know where they can park, pee, and go. By far, porta-potties are the best ecologically and if distributed discretely throughout the site, professionally screened(like the petanque one), and made subject of a pro/con media blitz could work. On the flip side is a concrete smelly nightmare which requires daily maintenance forevermore, flushes millions of gallons to our treatment plant annually with nary a cent of reimbursement to the city. There exist biological toilets (the Mass Pike has one rest area that has them) They are cutting edge environmental, much cleaner , smell clean and use no water for flushing.
12	A place for food trucks to gather along sixth avenue
13	It would be nice to have rotating art.
14	It is nice to enjoy the Taste of Edmonds, the space and location is perfect. It is important to us to keep the park's essence as a place for sports for our kids and families.
15	Re performance space - perhaps a berm focused on a small (mobile) stage, could incorporate outdoor movies in summer, control hours, noise levels. Restrooms both east and west - permanent, not portable.
16	If you do choose to allow dogs in the park, please also allow dogs to go into the restrooms with their owners -- it's too hot in summer to leave dogs in the car while using the restroom. Maybe you could have a special restroom (one single room with sink inside, separate from main restroom) for this purpose if having dogs in the main restroom would upset people. This special restroom could also be a bit larger to also serve as a handicapped restroom for those needing wheelchair/walker access.

- Parking: There is currently no parking provided at Civic Center Playfield. Should parking be provided in the future park?
 - No: 26
 - Yes: 8
 - No opinion: 5
- What is your opinion of hosting large events in the park?
 - Large events bring vitality and income to the city: 16
 - I would prefer not to have large events in the park: 15
 - I enjoy all or some of these events: 9
- How frequently should large events be scheduled for the park?
 - 1-2 times per year: 14
 - 3-6 times per year: 13
 - I don't think there should be large events in the park: 10
 - 7-10 times per year: 4
- Which small-scale, local events would you like to see in the park?
 - Music: 29
 - Markets: 29
 - Theater performances: 18
 - Fun-runs: 17
 - Art installations: 14
 - Culinary events: 11
 - I would prefer not to have more events in the park: 6

- How frequently should small-scale, local events be scheduled?
 - 1-2 times per month: 14
 - 2-4 times per year: 11
 - 3-5 times per month: 7
 - Other:

You need a comment box similar to the previous topics here! the choices above were inadequate for this important topic!! Have put my thoughts under CIVIC #7 Other Ideas?
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As often as possible
As often as possible, as long as they don't interfere with the playfield events.
only during the dry season
Respect the neighborhood in terms of both hours and quality of music (no loud rock), theatre, movies. Use berm theater and let folks bring their own chairs.
NONE

Park Themes Page: 38 total responses

- Which park theme or themes do you feel should best characterize the new Edmonds downtown park? (Please assign a priority of 1,2 or 3 for each theme, 1=highest)
 - Civic
 - 1: 3
 - 2: 11
 - 3: 17
 - Passive
 - 1: 12
 - 2: 9
 - 3: 13
 - Active: Highest priority
 - 1: 21
 - 2: 10
 - 3: 6
 - Other themes:

1	A mixed theme that includes gardens, a fountain and sports programs that are essential and cannot be held elsewhere in the city. Please! Do not let onsite parking for any reason and the Taste of Edmonds dictate park themes or design.
2	Artists ought to be consulted. Water feature (a calming influence) should be included near any benches or restful areas which might be included between sports fields. Even maintaining mostly flat field an item like Chicago's bean could attract visitors endlessly.
3	Blend of all 3
4	Exercise, health, shared respect for the land and beauty for ALL ages. Social/active space for a parent and child to practice catching and hitting a baseball, teens to throw a Frisbee, a person with a walker or the mother's with strollers to enjoy a walking path and even a dog owner to walk with leash and poop bags.
5	Healthy activities/lifestyle oriented
6	I am excited to have a park that encourages health and activity. A informal path for jogging and walking among trees and greenery is a great addition to the activities that are currently available
7	It's a great opportunity top combine games for young and old. It's a fantastic space for young teenagers and adults to actively participate in sports and outdoor activities. By having old and young people

	combined you create an automatic safety feature. The youth will be more responsible for the area and the old will enjoy the youth.
8	Keep the park the way it is, fix the bleachers, fix the drainage problem, Civic Field is not in downtown, the park is surrounded on three sides with homeowners. The park serves the community, very well. Boys & Girls club, the skate park, etc are wonderful assets for the community. I walk by as well as through the park, enjoy the open feeling the airiness, the quality of light.
9	New playground please!!!
10	Please no crumb rubber! I will not allow my child to play on crumb rubber. My heart sank as we walked onto a crumb rubber field this spring for a ballgame and my child's team had to play without him. Disappointing for all.
11	Sports is a priority for our family.
12	No new large events.
13	Pea patch for growing healthy food

Tell Us More About You Page: 38 total responses

- Please tell us more about you:

1	Our condo is located directly on the park. We like to watch children's activities but we surely don't like looking at the grandstand. I hope it comes down. I have a master's degree in cultural anthropology so I understand the historical aspect of preserving properties. I really wonder if the grandstand--ugly that it is--really meets the criteria necessary for being worthy of preservation.
2	31yr resident of Edmonds. I run at the civic field track and am very grateful for it spite of the goose poop!
3	Descendant of pioneer family, involved in Historic Preservation, Museum and downtown activities
4	Homeowner, 31 year Edmonds resident, owning a retail business in downtown Edmonds(20 years), involved in the community
5	I am a senior woman living in a condo @ 7th & Main. The only activity presently at the Civic Field that is a problem is the Taste of Edmonds but only because of the music. Knowing how important this venue is for the City I do not complain; just leave town that weekend! The noise from multiple bands playing is overwhelming. Wish this event were elsewhere.
6	I am retired and like having events so close to home.
7	I have lived in Edmonds all my life, work in the downtown corridor. I also live on Daley Street. I love to hear the sounds of kids and activities on the field, it shows liveliness and growth in our community. Gone are the days of "Deadmonds" young families want to raise their children here. I'm in my late 20s and love that people want to live and raise kids in such a vibrant community. The nightlife is booming in Edmonds and the city seems alive and bustling! Let's keep the ball rolling and continue to prosper as a desirable community to live in!
8	I live in a condo bordering the park on the north. My living room looks out onto Civic Field
9	I live in a condo overlooking the Civic Field and am very interested in what the new configuration will become.
10	I live on the NE corner of the Park and work from home 2 days/week so I see it all. I like to see the Park enjoyed and cared for by all ages. I've lived in Edmonds for 25 years and raised my boys playing soccer on these fields.
11	I live on the NE corner of the park (on the Church Parking lot). I like here because I love the Edmonds Community and raised my kids playing sports of this Park. I work from home 2 days a week and enjoy seeing the park used and cared for.
12	Live in the bowl but am still working so don't have to much time to spend in downtown Edmonds. Have always enjoyed the 4th of July in Edmonds and the fireworks.
13	Married mother of 2 children, professional and involved in volunteerism in the community.
14	Retired Live in single family house across the street from Civic Field
15	Retired, adjacent neighbor
16	Retired, close neighbor to Civic Field
17	We are a family of four and we use the park regularly. The kids play soccer (and I coach) there and we play

	at the playground. This park is part of the reason we picked our house, which is nearby. Please keep Civic green with grass for playing.
18	resident of Edmonds, lives across street from Civic Field. Three kids grew up playing at the field.
19	Married, 2 kids ages 10 and 12, live in Maplewood neighborhood of Edmonds
20	resident of Edmonds, lives across street from Civic Field. Three kids grew up playing at the field.
21	Live in the bowl but am still working so don't have to much time to spend in downtown Edmonds. Have always enjoyed the 4th of July in Edmonds and the fireworks.
22	Retired Aerospace/Computer Engineer
23	I live and work in Edmonds. I've used Civic field since I was a small child and now frequent the park for my son's sports 4 or 5 times a week when soccer is in season. I have lived in Edmonds most of my life and would love to see this park reinvigorated. I have amazing memories here and now want my son to also experience this. (currently he calls Civic Field "Goose Poop Field", which is not flattering!
24	I'm a local resident who enjoys the parks and would like to have some of my interests represented. The Petanque courts are a huge success built on a local following and I'm sure Pickleball, with even a larger community would flourish here with support.

- Do you participate in Parks & Receptions' programs? If so, which ones?

1	All kids attended camps..etc.. festivals...
2	Concert in the park (city park, Hazel Miller) Low intensity exercise
3	Fireworks because I'm here. Arts Festival in June Flowers of Edmonds- They brighter my day and are beautifully cared for. I would like to be a citizen volunteer involved with some aspect of the planning and development of Civic Center Playfield. I have trust in the Parks and Kerri Hite's leadership and ability to collaborate with all stateholders and I have also heard that Walker Macy is an excellent firm. All very exciting and positive for our town!
4	Fireworks because they are outside my living-room/bedroom windows. The Art Festival in June. The flowers of Edmonds- I appreciate them everyday
5	I am an author and I go to the annual Write on the Sound conferences at Francis Anderson Center.
6	I play tennis on the tennis court weekly. I also love the Hazel Miller Plaza where concerts are in the park. I attend every festival in Edmonds.
7	I rented a garden plot before the city lost its lease on the property
8	I used to - coached youth soccer for Sno-King. And my children participated in Parks and Recreation programs.
9	I would like to participate in more of the programs. It is just lack on my own that I don't investigate which ones are available.
10	No, but take the grandkids to play on the playground equipment.
11	Not sure what programs you are referring to, so I will say "no".
12	Since there is not other fitting field am putting my comments here: It is a great opportunity, as well as responsibility, to shape the future of this piece of land near the center of Edmonds. I believe the Civic playfield should remain mostly a big, grassy area, so it can be dedicated to multiple uses and events such as the 4th of July fireworks, the taste of Edmonds, the Youth Circus, track, baseball field, and parking for vendors during the Art festival, etc. It is a great benefit to a city to have so much open space near the center of town that can be used for multiple functions. The perimeters of the field can be dedicated to games, such as the Petanque, shuffle boards, skate area, and other games to attract different age groups and keep the area safe and occupied. The Petanque areas and other area could be beautified with pergolas to provide shade and protection and a few picnic benches (moveable to accommodate events) should be added.
13	Yes, Sno-King: fall soccer, flag football and spring soccer
14	Yes, with grandchildren; but the summer is now cancelled so moving on to other activities. Looking for a Track sports camp in Edmonds for grandchildren. Involved with various other activites at the Parks and Rec. Music in the park, Family night out, Movie night, etc.
15	Yes. My kids use the summer camps and events through the Frances Anderson Center.

16	No
17	Petanque
18	Yes, selectively
19	Walks
20	Yes! Soccer, Spring, Fall/Winter. Soccer camps. Also, volunteer as coach.
21	Yes, I play in Todd Cort's Pickleball league through Edmonds Park and Rec.
22	Yes, Pickleball. It's the fastest growing sport in the nation and trending in Edmonds so much so that there has become social media sites, morning/night pickleball group meet-ups and local tournaments and leagues. (that have become so popular there are wait-lists!) Many municipalities our size have converted tennis courts to pickleball courts to boost tourism and engage the local active retirement community. There is a lack of dedicated court space (meaning no tennis lines) for the size of the pickleball community thus flushing out residents to neighboring cities, which is what we don't want. Recent statistics even show that nationally, 100 pickleball matches are played for every 1 actual tennis match. With tennis courts already at Seaview Park and Yost Park (along with other local courts such as Lynndale Park and Scriber Lake HS) to satisfy the tennis community this overall low cost option to rejuvenate Civic Field should be seriously looked into. Please consider this opportunity to do something special for the hundreds of local pickleballers in Edmonds. Thank you. Please email me if you have further questions.
23	No

- Age
 - Over 60: 20
 - 45-59: 6
 - 30-44: 7
 - 18-29: 2
 - Prefer Not to Answer: 1
- Gender
 - Male: 17
 - Female: 17
 - Prefer Not to Answer: 2
- Are you a resident of Edmonds?
 - Yes: 36
 - No: 0
- If yes, how long have you lived in Edmonds?
 - Over 10 years: 22
 - 1-5 years: 7
 - 6-10 years: 6
 - Less than a year: 1
- I identify as:
 - White/Caucasian: 30
 - Prefer not to answer: 4
 - Other: 2

Edmonds City Field Project Open House: August 24, 2016 Summary



CITY OF EDMONDS Civic Field Project

Overview

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The design team is working with the community to explore desired outcomes for redeveloping Civic Center Playfield. Three online and three in-person public open houses will be held. At the second of these, held on August 24, and accompanied by an online open house open from August 24 through September 9, attendees were provided with two possible design options to guide discussions about the park.

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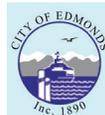
- Learn more about the Civic Field Project
- Share feedback on potential design options
- Discuss the design options in small groups
- Report back to the group on roundtable discussion results
- Provide feedback the potential design options, as well as written comments about the project

Open house date, time and location

- Wednesday, August 24, 2016, 6 – 7:30 PM
- Edmonds Library, Plaza Room (650 Main St, Edmonds, WA 98020)

Staff

- Carrie Hite, City of Edmonds
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Attendance

- 143 signed in
- Estimated 160 participants

Meeting format

The meeting consisted of opening remarks by Mayor Dave Earling, a presentation by the design team, a brief Q&A session and roundtable discussion period during which attendees were able to:

- Discuss the two design options and design elements with other members of the community
- Provide feedback on design options in groups of 8-12
- Ask questions and talk with project staff and PAC members
- Report back to the group and learn what came out of other tables' discussions

Questions to the design team during the Q&A session included:

- Is there a defined area for special events for each design option?
- What impact will the added facilities have on parking and traffic in the area?
- Is there a difference in construction duration between the two options?
- Will existing fencing remain? Or will it be expanded?
- What material will the pathways be? Concrete or gravel?
- Will work done to the Boys and Girls Club consist of renovations or a complete rebuild?
- Will there be playgrounds for youth?
- Why did the track move to the north? Could it remain in its current location?
- If the grand stand is removed, could there be additional impervious surfaces?
- Has there been any analysis of future maintenance costs for either option?
- How would the Taste of Edmonds fit into both plans?

Feedback received

Attendees provided feedback to project staff through verbal and written reporting after the roundtable discussions and via individual written comments. Groups were given the following instructions and asked to respond to several questions:

1. Discuss the following list of questions at your table and record what you hear
2. Ensure that all individuals have an opportunity to speak
3. Choose 3 ideas or comments that your group would like to report back

How many participants are at your table? _____

1. Please share your thoughts about Option 1. What do you like or dislike about this option?
2. Please share your thoughts about Option 2. What do you like or dislike about this option?
3. Are there park elements not shown in either option that you would like to see?
4. Which plan is preferred (show of hands for option 1 or 2)?

Additional Notes / Comments:



High level results on preferred schemes are as follows.

Group Votes for Favored Plan (by majority at table, 8-10 participants per table):

- Option 1 preferred: 8 (50%)
- Option 2 preferred: 4 (25%)
- Split: 2 (12.5%)
- Unclear: 2 (12.5%)

Individual Comment Cards (see scans for comment details):

- Option 1 preferred: 5
- Option 2 preferred: 3
- Undecided / Unclear: 3

The most common comments included:

- Option 1 is more attractive
- Option 2 provides more activity
- Skatepark should be included in final plan
- Prefer the expanded facility for the Boys & Girls Club
- Petanque should be included but should not take priority over other activities

Full comments and responses are available in the attached document:

“160824 In-Person Open House 2 Compiled Feedback.pdf”



Online Open House

Purpose

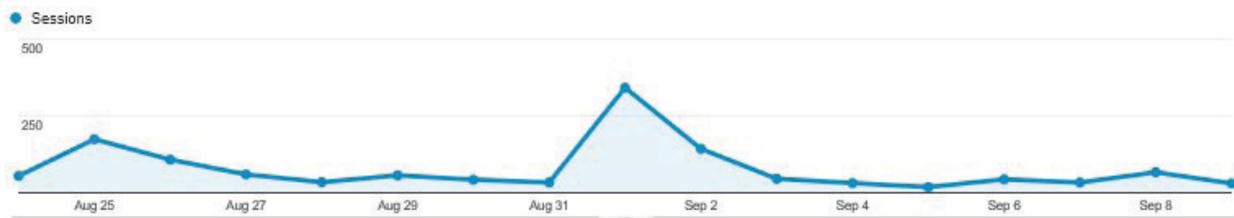
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Web address and duration

- <https://edmondscivicfield.participate.online/>
- August 24, 2016 – September 9, 2016

Website analytics (August 24 – September 9)

- 1,057 unique visitors
- 1,323 sessions
- 7,094 total page views
- 5.36 pages viewed per session (average)
- Average session duration: 00:05:49



Feedback received (August 24 – September 9)

Welcome Page Survey

- What is your relationship to the park?
 - I live near the park: 391 (68.2%)
 - I live and/or work near the park: 102 (17.9%)
 - I do not live and/or work in Edmonds: 50 (8.7%)
 - I work near the park: 30 (5.2%)
- How often do you visit the park?
 - I visit the park frequently: 268 (46.4%)
 - I visit the park occasionally: 239 (41.3%)
 - I visit the park rarely: 59 (10.2%)
 - I have never been to the park: 12 (2.1%)
- Did you attend the first open house on Thursday, June 23?



- No: 510 (88.1%)
- Yes: 69 (11.9%)
- Did you attend the second open house on Wednesday, August 24?
 - No: 515 (89.1%)
 - Yes: 63 (10.9%)

Plan Options Survey

The online open house design option survey has received 379 responses to-date

- Prefer Option 1: 88 (23.9%)
- Prefer Option 2: 280 (76.1%)
- Common reasons respondents preferred option 1 included:
 - Free-flowing structure, layout and path
 - Large open plaza and water feature
 - Open green spaces and lawn
 - Reduced number of petanque courts
- Common reasons respondents disliked option 1 included:
 - Purpose, need and safety of water feature
 - Lack of space for recreation
 - Could eliminate space for existing activities and clubs
 - Similar amenities as Edmonds City Park
 - Lack of a skatepark
- Common reasons respondents preferred option 2 included:
 - Long walking and running paths
 - Track
 - Focus on fields and athletic facilities
 - Expanded boys and girls club
 - Skate park
 - View terraces
 - Potential for large events
 - More spaces for families and children
- Common reasons respondents disliked option 2 included:
 - Too much space dedicated to athletic fields
 - Practicality of the terrace steps
 - Possible increase in noise for surrounding residents
 - Shorter walking/walking path
 - Usability of a 200-meter track
- Common elements not shown that respondents would like to see included:
 - 400-meter track
 - Additional restrooms
 - Benches and/or seating areas



- Lighting
- Additional covered athletic facility and market space
- Water fountains
- Stage
- ADA accessibility

(See attached excel spreadsheet for verbatim comments received online.)

Demographic Information

- Age
 - Over 70: 38 (17.7%)
 - 45-69: 81 (37.7%)
 - 30-44: 80 (37.2%)
 - 18-29: 7 (3.3%)
 - Under 18: 5 (2.3%)
 - Prefer not to answer: 4 (1.9%)
- Gender
 - Female: 123 (56.9%)
 - Male: 85 (39.4%)
 - Prefer not to answer: 8 (3.7%)
- Are you a resident of Edmonds?
 - Yes: 192 (89.7%)
 - No: 22 (10.3%)
- If yes, how long have you lived in Edmonds?
 - Over 10 years: 128 (64.3%)
 - 1-5 years: 37 (18.6%)
 - 6-10 years: 29 (14.6%)
 - Less than a year: 5 (2.5%)
- I identify as:
 - White/Caucasian: 177 (81%)
 - Prefer not to answer: 16 (7%)
 - Asian American: 10 (5%)
 - Other: 11 (5%)
 - Latino(a): 1 (1%)
 - African-American/Black: 1 (1%)
 - American Indian: 2 (1%)

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High Level Estimate of Design Option Votes Combined:

[Note, in person numbers are based on percentages of table majorities and the two split tables were divided between the two options].

Option 1: 178 (35%)

In-person – 90 (64%)

Online – 88 (24%)

Option 2: 330 (65%)

In-person – 50 (36%)

Online – 280 (77%)

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- Ask questions about the hybrid design
- Discuss the hybrid design with peers and project staff
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Attendance

- 101 individuals signed in

Meeting format

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- Discuss the hybrid design and design elements with other members of the community
- Provide feedback on the hybrid design to the project staff
- Ask questions and talk with project staff and PAC members
- Submit written comments about the hybrid design

Questions to the design team during the Q&A session included:

- Are there lights on the field and, if so, would they be the only lights?
- The lights on the field seem to interrupt the flow of the field. Could the lights be moved or consolidated?
- How did the city use public feedback to arrive at the hybrid option?
- Would there be a fence on the northern edge of the park?
 - What are the reasons for not including a fence around the park?
- Having the skate park near the edge of the park places it close to residents? Could it be moved to mitigate noise levels?
 - How many feet from the edge of the park is the skate park currently?
- How much car/truck traffic would the proposed 6th Ave have?
 - Would the sidewalk area be incorporated into the park?
- How will the city deal with increased visitors given the current lack of parking near the park?

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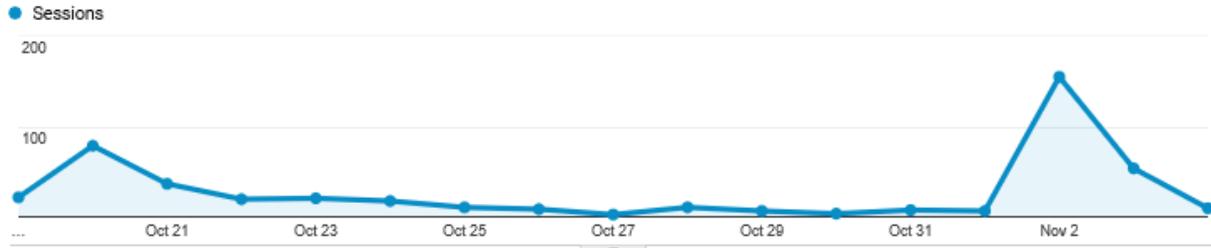
Web address and duration

- <https://edmondscivicfield.participate.online/>
- October 19, 2016 – November 4, 2016

Website analytics (October 19 – November 4)

- 347 unique visitors

- 156 responses on Hybrid Plan
- 476 sessions
- 2,896 total page views
- 6.08 pages viewed per session (average)
- Average session duration: 00:07:07



Feedback received (October 19 – November 4)

Welcome Page Survey

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 - I work near the park: 25 (11.6%)
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- Did you attend the first open house on Thursday, June 23?
 - No: 171 (78.4%)
 - Yes: 47 (21.6%)
- Did you attend the second open house on Wednesday, August 24?
 - No: 174 (79.5%)
 - Yes: 45 (20.5%)
- Did you attend the third open house on Wednesday, October 19?
 - No: 185 (84.5%)
 - Yes: 34 (15.5%)

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 - Over 70: 6 (7.4%)
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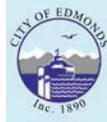


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 - Under 18: 2 (2.5%)
 - Prefer not to answer: 1 (1.2%)
- Gender
 - Female: 41 (53.2%)
 - Male: 36 (46.8%)
 - Prefer not to answer: 0 (0%)
- Are you a resident of Edmonds?
 - Yes: 68 (86.1%)
 - No: 11 (13.9%)
- If yes, how long have you lived in Edmonds?
 - Over 10 years: 44 (61.1%)
 - 6-10 years: 15 (20.8%)
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 - White/Caucasian: 64 (84.2%)
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Comments / Feedback

The range of comments on the hybrid plan was similar to feedback from prior open houses. Common sentiments include:

- Like the integrated activities
- Like the curves, paths and passive areas
- Northern skatepark location is an issue for residents
- Beautiful signature park plan; well done
- We should leave the park as is
- Good compromise; thoughtful incorporation of community feedback
- Not enough sports/playfields and too much passive area
- Not enough passive area and too much sports/playfields
- Petanque grove is nice but would like larger tournament area
- Formal track should be included



- Like the 1/3 mile walking/jogging path
- 6th Avenue market promenade and plaza will be a great asset
- Concerns about buffers, noise, dogs, lighting and other design details

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Time: 1:30

Topic: Scoping & Kickoff

Meeting Date: 4/19/2016

Location: Frances Anderson Center

Project: Edmonds Civic Field Master Plan

Project #: P3282

Attendees:

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Renee McRae, City of Edmonds

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Site Info / Background:

Arts Festival use of Civic Field is parking in dirt area for vendors (trucks and campers). Will need discussion around other options and whether this will continue to be accommodated in CF.

1.87 acres of site from former street ROW parcels were consolidated into a new contiguous parcel around the B&G club and tennis courts.

Remaining 6 acres fall under Conservation Easement restrictions:

1. No parking
2. Active and passive recreation, open space
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Attachments:

Funding sources are RCO (WA Recreation and Conservation Office) deed of right and Snohomish County. Carrie will send conservation easement and RCO Deed of Right to Walker Macy. It will be important for Walker Macy to review and be considered in the design process.

Program:

Additional park events and program:

- Holy Rosary Field Day
- Wenatchee Youth Circus (July – this could be the last year of the event)
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Architecture:

Structural review of the Grandstand is underway (by Thom Sullivan of Public Works), it was built in the 1950's. The structure provides significant storage for a number of organizations (Chamber, Library, Police Downtown Association, etc.) Parks is not necessarily planning to accommodate this in the future.

Several years ago, B&G Club had expressed interest in a long-term land lease to rebuild on site. Will have to determine their current interest at stakeholder meeting and discuss adaptive reuse thereafter.

- B&G club used by Taste of Edmonds operations during festival.

There may be an oil tank associated with the building. Carrie to send the Phase 1 Environmental Assessment to Walker Macy. It will be important for Walker Macy to review and be considered in the design process.

Project Action Committee Members:

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Pat Woodell
Bob Rinehart
John McGibbon
Diana White
Emily Scott
Dick Van Hollebeke
Mike Echelbarger

Meetings & Schedule:

City Council has requested a kickoff meeting to express ideas. C.H. would like this to focus more on process and be at a very high level only. In a subsequent conversation with Chris Jones, it might be helpful to present some of the information from your interview.

- May 3rd, 5:30 – 6:45 pm, City Hall – Council Kickoff
- May 12th, 10-11:30 – PAC meeting and site visit, Frances Anderson Center, Room 302
- May 17th – City agencies and Stakeholder meetings
- May 23rd – Stakeholder meetings continued
- June 23rd – Open House #1, 6:00 – 7:30 pm-(Library Plaza Room)
- July 7th, 10-11:30 PAC meeting, Frances Anderson Center, Room 302
- July 27th - Planning Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
 - (meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, requires two week stagger from Council meeting)
- August 9th - Council Meeting, 7:00 pm
- August 24th, 6-7:30 pm – open house #2, Library Plaza room, or onsite
 - Student Conservation Employment Program student group engagement
 - Parks Department staff
- September 1, 10-11:30 - PAC meeting, Frances Anderson Center, Room 302
- September 14th – Planning Board
- September 27th - City Council
- October 12th – Open House #3
- October 14th – PAC meeting
- November 9th – Planning Board
- November 22nd – City Council

SEPA prep and submission December
January 17th Final plan to City Council for Adoption

Outreach:

- 3 Open Houses
- Some email (listserv by City staff) or flyering – RM to look at park resource availability, WM would produce content.
- Content cards or fliers to hand out in park or at Wenatchee Youth Circus
- Walker Macy to generate ideas for unmonitored kiosk or site-specific installation with value-added component

Stakeholders:

- Police, Fire (adjacent) & Engineering (internal services)
- Farmers Market - museum sponsored
- Center for the Arts
- Boys & Girls Club
- Edmonds Petanque Club

- Chamber of Commerce (4th of July and Taste of Edmonds)
- City Council
- Churches – Holy Rosary, Open Bible Church
- Sno-King Youth Club
- LaCrosse Club
- Arts Commission & Arts Festival Foundation
- Arts Festival
- Economic Development Commission
- Planning Board
- Mayor
- Downtown Association

- Stakeholders that fall under general public and won't warrant stakeholder meeting:
 - Neighbors
 - Skate Park

- Walker Macy to determine whether providing questions in advance is helpful.

Concurrent Planning and Adjacent Street Considerations

- Corridors outlined in WM diagram are proposed circuit (6th, Daley, 4th)
- Plaza expansion on 5th
- Pocket park proposed at Sprague and Edmonds

Operations and Maintenance & Construction

- Would like proposal for phased approach and estimates for each phase
- High level operations and maintenance budget requested
- Assume project continuation through DD in scope of work
- 2017-18 fund raising / grants
- 2019-2020 construction
- Construction budget approach similar to Marina Beach – somewhat drilled down for fund raising

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Location: Frances Anderson Center

Project: Edmonds Civic Field Master Plan

Project #: P3282

10am: Boys and Girls Club

Attendees: Bill Tsoukalas (Director of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Snohomish County)

* Brandie Lovelace	* Renee McRae
* Bob Wilcox	* Carrie Hite
* Diana Clay	* Chris Jones
* Jim Marino	* Ann Marie Schneider

- Interest is to remain on the property
- Options? Current lease to 2021
- Previous conversations seeking perpetuity with Mayor and Council
- Have been on property since '62, want to stay in downtown Edmonds and remodel / expand
- 18 – 25,000 sf typical foot print for Boys and Girls Clubs Vision to build new community center, but perceived as conflict with new Senior Center / Community Center on near waterfront
- Would like better facility (i.e. build / rebuild) and portion of property allocated to use
- Current capacity 150 kids, existing building is at capacity
- No formal long-range plan at this time. No capital campaign at this time.
- May be possible to initiate planning process in parallel to Civic Field planning
- [Carrie] Should get through first phase of public meetings and determine whether the B&G Club will remain and have a footprint, then adjust plan from there
- Geese feces is an issue
- Kingston Community Center and Alderwood; Snohomish are good precedents
- New facility could serve as Boys and Girls Club, and community center or shared space

Priority Program

- Kids play structure close to the building
- Black top area with fence – e.g. basketball court – small kid's use (chalk, 4- square, etc).
- Track and field used often (center is mucky clay)
- Grassy area highly sought after
- Baseball field is rarely used
- Parking is difficult particularly on 6th Avenue during the Farmer's Market
- Boys and Girls Club has 2 vans that need parking

10:30 am: Mayor Earling

- Prefer a people friendly, passive landscape without a lot of athletic fields
- Precedent: Boston Commons – lots of open space
- Activity areas probably should stay activity areas in support of Boys & Girls Club for at least some portion. B&G club should remain on site if possible.
- New Senior Center / Community Center on waterfront has some challenges
- Wants the Boys & Girls Club in current location
- Community generally supportive of Taste of Edmonds, not really another location for it
- Small town atmosphere is a draw
- Would like more events for the evolving demographics
- No adjacent / concurrent projects currently in planning
- Believe we should remove the track, but leave some kind of walking path around the park
- Emergency services (Police & Fire) likely need to remain due to downtown proximity

11:00 am: Holy Rosary

Attendees: Cheri Orsi, Holy Rosary School Office Manager

- PE Teachers, Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) use Civic Field
- Extended care director has been using Edmonds Elementary for outdoor program, not sure why not using civic field
- Track used for practice right now (400m competitive). Primary and elementary meets in different locations, (Everett, St. Mary Magdeleine and somewhere north)
- Only large area of church property is in front, which has water issues due to Shell Creek
- CYO soccer, 3rd-8th grade, 10 teams (max) average 6 teams practice 1-2 times per week after school
- Softball throw, javelin, (current field events)
- Would like a long jump pit
- Get rid of geese
- Would like better track surface (injuries and all weather; would like 8 lanes (currently 7 lanes); and improved conditions in center of track
- Restroom facilities needed
- Upgrade bleachers – more inviting and safe
- Keep or update play structure
- Not currently used for park for church festivals
- Not currently used for after-dark activities
- Cheri lives adjacent to play area (front yard)
- Hate to give up park space for parking – central location allows people to walk
- More thoughtful access, entry / exit points

11:30 am: City Council, Dave Teitzel

- Design should be for community, with Taste of Edmonds needs as secondary
- Softer edges with active elements more central
- Residents enjoy watching soccer games from decks – don't block views
- Walking path, meandering, perimeter
- Mixed view of Taste
- More events ok, but not large/noisy
- Group discussion about criterion/threshold for new events
- Saturday Market could be relocated to park
- Water feature would be nice
- Rarely see people running on bleacher stairs
- Bleachers / grandstand should probably be removed
- Consider changing the name of park [Carrie] We have a naming process and plan to undergo renaming after master plan is complete
- If the fence stays, needs to be more attractive
- Boys & Girls Club building is charming
- Adjunct museum possible for police and fire
- Off-leash area? Edmonds not dog friendly
- Skate park well used – some noise issues

11:50 am: City Council, Diane Buckshnis

- Charlotte, NC precedent, near stadium, open space
- Only issue is parking
- Prefer family and sports oriented, trails to walk, there are a huge number of passive parks already
- Geese are a problem
- Grandstands should go. Tenants will need to find other storage
- Sports tourism – half marathon? Fast-pitch? We don't have hotels downtown. Does city want this?
- Art pieces should be considered
- Small pavilion possible
- Put skate park in a corner
- Support kids – keeping them healthy
- Community gardens can be beneficial
- Look at surrounding parks and don't duplicate (music already at Hazel Miller and City Park)

1:00pm: Planning Board

Attendees: Phil Lovell (Chair)

Dan Robles (Board Member)

- Relationship to city is “awkward”
- Five stations and municipal buildings
- Don’t care what happens in the park. City will have “hands full” ameliorating a park in the middle of the city
- Needs to be screened with trees, etc. from residents North & East, not just gardens
- No strong feelings about park program
- Should be a draw
- [Dan] Likes events at the park
- Adjacent municipal services keep park safe, paramedics close by
- Park should augment adjacent amenities
- Tie into downtown core, arts center, Holy Rosary, etc.
- Parking is a big issue city-wide. No formal study being done.
 - No Parking on site. Or site could be all parking, or parking underground
 - Parking also needs shuttle
- Bikes – (Phil) not enough riders, no interest in more bike infrastructure – (Dan)“electrification” of bikes and cars should be considered
- Tech sector needs should be considered – engineers and architects (in response to current restrictions on types of businesses allowed downtown)
- Create space in the park for cell phone conversations or business use
- Saturday Market is good event for city, could spill into park or move to park
- Full-size soccer field is an issue (should not be in downtown park). It should be dealt with by the school district; not a universal enough appeal
- Priority should be downtown, public use, walking, consuming, kite flying
- Will there be inter-local agreements? for sport field relocation?

1:30pm: Edmonds Art Festival Foundation

Attendees: Terry Vehrs (President)

Ann Wood (Board Member)

Susan Loreen (Board Member)

- 50% of grandstand storage is park use – Edmonds Christmas decorations
- Horticulture Program at Edmonds Community College are possible partners
- Peter Kirk Park has great lighting – Lighting brings people and should be considered
- Possible temporary art installations
- Can Boys & Girls Club be incorporated into Senior Center?
- What do we need to provide, as it relates to Boys & Girls Club and rec. facility?
- Chateau St. Michelle wine event, entertainment, arts festival; all possible uses for repurposed facility. Alcohol can be allowed with special permit
- Bellevue Downtown Park is nice - ice skating, etc.
- What do you do for teens and other segments?
- What about parking?
- Bicycle racks – (see Bend, OR.)
- Currently engage teens in the arts through scholarships, grants and student/youth section at Arts Festival
- Possible to use current art program for art on fences during construction
- How do we plan for homeless use? [Carrie] Government just ruled that people can sleep in the parks. Edmonds is reviewing the implications of this for the city
- Edmonds has 1% for Art program
- Interested in discussing permanent art or art pieces

2:00pm: Planning Board

Attendees: Carreen Rubenkönig (Vice Chair)

- Walking element to continue
- Grandstands not necessarily needed
- Strong supporter of skate park
- See park as active more than passive
- Wish more people would come watch, more spectators currently encouraged, no seating
- No issues with current activity. Love Boys & Girls Club
- No dog park
- More events at one time; safety in numbers; for evening events, busier is better
- There should be a fence to keep kids from wandering
- No ADA parking currently, minimally should have 1-2 spaces
- There are currently no buses on 6th or 7th
- Drop-offs should be on both 6th and 7th
- Permanent restroom facilities needed
- Sees as "open" primarily for sports fields
- Semi-pro football team practices there in dirt area, they are looking for other sites to play
- Interested in football being played there

2:30pm: Economic Development Commission

Attendees: Patrick Doherty (Community Services and Economic Development Director)

Mike Schindler – (Former Chair – Commissioner at present), Darrel Haug

- Park should become downtown signature park – seen as extension of downtown center (Similar to downtown Bellevue Park)
- Downtown movie night events
- Would probably change the name
- How do you passively program the park? Fountain, square, would love to see an attraction
- Would like walking paths and fields too; multi-use area
- Spontaneous activity should be encouraged – movable tables and chairs, life-size chess, etc.
- Possibly a p-patch or demonstration garden
- Kid attractions - fountain, lights, music, toy boat pond
- Environmental education, stormwater gardens
- Outdoor stage
- Tension with downtown business and events / festivals some benefit, some don't
- Connectivity not just wayfinding – park should programmatically feel like an extension of downtown. Genteel and sophisticated enough for after-dinner strolling
- Parking tough, make sports program less appealing
- Concession area, café and hardscape would be nice. May take time to get tenant
- Glass roof pavilion – Directions Park – is great, nice to have some rain come.

3:00pm: City Staff

Attendees: Phil Williams, Public Works Director

Kernen Lien, Senior Planner

Mike DeLilla, Utilities Engineer

Shane Hope, Development Services Director

John Dowling, Acting Deputy Fire Marshal

Karl Roth, Police Special Ops (reviews all special event applications)

Rich Lindsay, Parks Maintenance Manager

Rob English, City Engineer

Jennifer Lambert, Engineering Technician

- Park should be a vital part of downtown, not just for particular functions [Shane]
- Drainage issues – 6" below site is a lot of peat. Believe it was cedar mill shaving dump-site. SE corner is the worst; generally poor drainage; 3' down when digging skate park was gushing with water; believe there may be clay layer below
- Restrooms should be considered
- Track is heavily used; should be something similar; possibly a walking path around perimeter
- Community gardens or lower intensity uses around residences
- Is it possible to have a multi-use portion of the Boys & Girls Club if they rebuild?
- Residents will not like using streets for festivals
- Would be nice to have games, non-traditional, like in Occidental Park
- Visibility, views for residents will be an issue
- Utilities to remain? City wants to put sanitary sewer line through park, ideal corridor aligned with old right-of-way, off of Edmonds (Edmonds & 7th to west and connect to police and fire) 70-80ft from existing stormwater line
- Noise ordinances? Special use for larger events
- There is very little crime in general; few security concerns
- Security fence to remain? Open for discussion. Protection for children needed – 7th Avenue traffic, etc. Fence keeps the balls in
- See (PRO) Parks and Recreation Open Space Plan for other park program and reviews – surveyed every six years
- Dogs allowed? On leash probably best
- Mid-block crossing on 7th? Don't want to put one at Bell Street; maybe Sprague. New lit crosswalk just put in at new Spray Park
- Issue with people cutting between fire and police buildings to access park. People walk out in front of cars in parking lot. Not much room for a more formal connection. May be best to close off this cut through to force people past 9-11 memorial or other routes. All existing parking is needed. Need access from 2 directions for police and fire.
- How much grading can happen? Option for hilly features? Yes.
- Difficult to bike to and from site due to steep hills in some directions
- Can HWA or someone do core drilling to test soils?

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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 Reoff, 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 bizarres, 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 – 21/2" 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

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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 Art: 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~~
CANCELED

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

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May 26, 2016, 11:30 AM Floretum Garden Club

Attendees: Sally Wassall, Marilyn Lindberg, Barbara Chase, Tia Scarce

- It is currently very stark, ugly fences
- Would like softer landscape, berms, nice landscaping
- Meandering pathways
- Parking; should we consider?
- Urban type park with gardens, i.e. butterfly garden
- Trees: but not too tall
- Noise buffers toward the residential area
- Tree: possibly the Puget Sound Juniper?
- Educational and attractive
- Stormwater LID, i.e. raingardens

May 27, 2016, 8:30 AM Councilmember Tom Mesaros

- Inventory other parks, close amenities and complement these areas
- Focus on youth
- No track, but put in meandering pathway
- Gathering place
- Concessions: accommodate with limited menu
- Yakima: Franklin Park; Scottsdale, Arizona, Thompson Park; good example
- Picnic shelters
- Would like to see the BG Club stay onsite
- No fence
- No parking needed
- No amphitheater, we have that at City Park
- Traffic study on 7th?

MEETING MINUTES

Time: 10:00 AM

Topic: Art Opportunities at Civic Center Playfield

Meeting Date: 9/23/2016

Location: Conference Call

Project: Edmonds Civic Field Master Plan

Project #: P3282

Attendees:

Carrie Hite, City of Edmonds

Chris Jones, Walker Macy

Ann Marie Schneider, Walker Macy

Samantha Saether, Arts Commission

Marni Muir, Arts Commission

Terry Vehrs, Edmonds Arts Festival Foundation

Darlene McLellan, Edmonds Arts Festival Foundation

Attachments:

- Arts opportunities and planning are very high level at this stage, more integration will happen in Design Development
- Incorporated/integrated opportunities may include view terraces, field house building façade(s), and a 'gateway' concept at the 6th Avenue edge and/or Sprague entry.
- The community has expressed interest in siting several plinths that could host rotating 3-D sculptures (as part of potential program that utilizes both public and private space)
- Historic references (e.g. playfield/high school/grand stand) can provide art or design opportunities
- Art should be considered as part of a larger civic vision and integrated where possible
- Opportunities for performance space in the design options (e.g. view terraces) could be enhanced, though the design team recommends not building a permanent stage structure given it's lack of flexible use.
- A protected pavilion could accommodate rotating 2-D artwork
- Interactive sculpture that offers opportunity to touch, walk through and/or played on, should be considered and makes sense with the vision of an active civic park.
- Accessibility of art and sculpture should be considered (e.g. touchable, braille, etc.)
- Former landscape of creek and/or marsh could be an interesting design driver for the water feature
- There will be a waterfall style water feature at the new Veterans Park
- Floretum group could be asset, this has been raised in other meetings as well
- A "friends of" group for art or planting may not have enough participation in Edmonds to serve the park but is a consideration
- The cost of a more permanent art installation varies greatly. A significant work by a more prominent artist is roughly 100-300,000 and above in cost.
- Open air museum in Hakone, Japan offers interesting precedents for interactive sculpture.
- A meeting will be held at the end of October to further discuss outdoor sculpture in Edmonds

MEETING MINUTES

Time: 10:00 AM**Topic: Soccer Layouts at Civic Center
Playfield****Meeting Date: 9/23/2016****Location: Conference Call****Project: Edmonds Civic Field Master Plan****Project #: P3282**

Attendees:Carrie Hite, City of
EdmondsChris Jones, Walker
MacyAnn Marie
Schneider, Walker
MacyAdam Quiantance,
SnoKingTodd Cort, City of
Edmonds

- Sno-king intend to use Civic primarily for ages 4-10
 - By mid-October 25-30 teams relocated to Civic for lighting
 - A full-size (U13) field with lighting could be divided as needed and would meet organizations needs
 - Some concern expressed for wear at the goal areas
 - Small storage for foldable goals and first aid would be helpful
 - Concessions and gym access would be helpful
 - East-west orientation of field/goals is preferred to prevent balls from entering alleys/neighbors
 - The two smaller fields shown in Meadow Loop could provide sufficient play space
 - Currently use two full-size goals that generally remain for the season. Would like to be able to store them on-site for remainder of year.
- Attachments:**
- Drainage of fields is currently an issue and will be part of the re-design effort
 - Geese are also an issue. Dog access could alleviate this. Fertilizers or other deterrents could also be researched.

MEETING MINUTES

Time: 10:00-11:00

Topic: Project Introduction & Kickoff

Meeting Date: 5/12/2016

Location: Frances Anderson Center

Project: Edmonds Civic Field Master Plan

Project #: P3282.01

Attendees:

Carrie Hite, City of Edmonds

Renee McRae, City of Edmonds

Rich Lindsay, City of Edmonds

Frances Chapin, City of Edmonds

Chris Jones, Walker Macy

Lara Rose, Walker Macy

Ann Marie Schneider, Walker Macy

Rob Chave

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Steve Shelton

Lesly Kaplan

Joe McIalwain

Alex Witenberg

Kyla Blair

Pat Woodell

Bob Rinehart

John McGibbon

Diana White

Emily Scott

Not in Attendance:

Dave Teitzel

Dick Van Hollebeke

Introductions of team and attendees

Project Overview and Presentation (Carrie Hite and Walker Macy)

Questions and Discussion:

- The grandstand is undergoing structural review.
- Historical analysis was added to the scope; Walker Macy has added Bola Architects to their team specifically for this.
- The park grant funding has restrictions on approximately 6 of the 8 acres that prohibits certain things such as impervious cover (only 10% allowed, excluding pathways)
- The council is in the process of reviewing vacation of the public rights-of-way from the former streets and alleys that transected the property
- The project team will be in conversation with the Boys and Girls Club to determine their interests
- Park users currently use the church parking lot to the north for parking. Parking will be considered in the list of possible park programs. The project team will need to know daily use requirements for design consideration.
- Are there city ordinance and/or curfew limitations on park hours and evening uses? Currently yes, there may need to be some review depending on desired uses.
- What is the process for capturing public input? It may be useful to start at a higher level and suggest themes such as Health & Wellness before getting specific on program.
- Discussion around the public process: Public Open Houses generally include a short presentation and small group interaction. We will also be employing graphics and models to elicit information and ideas. At the second Open House, three schemes will be shown that demonstrate possible designs that incorporate ideas and priorities from the community. The final Open House will present a single scheme that has been distilled from the prior three as priorities and desires are refined.
- There will be a kiosk on site for park users to provide feedback.

- A parkour trail and Tai Chi are other program considerations. LaCrosse is also currently very popular.
- PAC would like Walker Macy to also share examples of things that didn't work on prior park projects such as Pioneer Courthouse Square. A lesson learned discussion will be considered for our next PAC meeting.
- What kind of park access hours will there be and will the fence remain? This is open for discussion.
- If PAC members have additional comments or theme suggestions for Open House #1 they can send them to Carrie to be shared with the project team.
- The next PAC meeting is scheduled for July 7. We will be reviewing input from stakeholder interviews and Open House 1 to determine program priorities.

Site Visit

- The Boys & Girls Club (BGC) has a bi-annual track meet. This is the only formal event that uses the track. Residents and workers regularly use the track for exercise.
- Many residents walk through the park to get to downtown / work.
- There are problems with geese. Any design interventions to reduce geese should be considered.
- Skate park noise is a challenge; currently there are mats along the fence to reduce noise.
- The baseball field is rarely used (only by the 12 and under children) for baseball. It's more frequently used for soccer and lacrosse.
- Views are precious, trees should be low.
- The grandstand is "historic" (which means greater than 50 years old) but this does not necessarily make it "significant."
- Parks maintenance staff is limited and sometimes utilizes volunteers. A "friends of" group for the park should be considered. The Edmonds Community College Horticultural program may also be a good resource for support.
- Adjacent streets should be considered in the park design. During the Taste festival, buses drop off along 7th and vendors park on the baseball field. On-street parking and re-striping should be considered for parking solutions. There is interest in a mid-block crossing, particularly across 7th, for better/safer pedestrian access to the park. There is not a recent parking study for the City.
- A park restroom, shade structure, or even a year-round pavilion are all open for discussion and will be dependent on the intent for the existing BGC and grandstand condition report. Retrofit of some portion of the existing grand-stand could also be considered.
- There are standing water issues on the southeast portion of the site.

- Emergency vehicle access during events is challenging.

Action Items:

Item	Description	Action by	Due date
1	Post presentation, including existing list of park uses	WM & EPR	05/13/2016
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MEETING MINUTES

Time: 10:00-11:30

Topic: Open House 1 Review and Guidance

Meeting Date: 7/7/2016

Location: Frances Anderson Center

Project: Edmonds Civic Center Playfield Master Plan

Project #: P3282.01

Attendees:

Carrie Hite, City of Edmonds

Renee McRae, City of Edmonds

Rich Lindsay, City of Edmonds

Frances Chapin, City of Edmonds

Chris Jones, Walker Macy

Ann Marie Schneider, Walker Macy

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Bob Rinehart

John McGibbon

Diana White

Emily Scott

Christiana Johnson

Dave Teitzel

Mike Echelbarger

Citizen:

Attachments:

Open House Results / Presentation

Introductions of team and attendees.

In attendance: Carrie Hite, Renee McRae, Frances Chapin, Todd Cort, Chris Jones, Ann Marie Schneider, Rob Chave, Valerie Stewart, Barbara Chase, Steve Shelton, Alex Witenberg, Kyla Blair, Mike Echelbarger, Bob Rinehart, John McGibbon, Diana White, Emily Scott, Kristiana Johnson, Dave Teitzel, Linda Malan for Pat Woodell

Absent: Lesly Kaplan, Rich Lindsay, Joe McIalwain, Doug Sheldon, Dick Van Hollebeke
One citizen, Roger Hertrich was also in attendance.

Open House Recap and Input Review

Questions and Discussion:

- Role of the PAC is to provide guidance to consulting team on feedback received from community. Recommendations will then be shared with the Planning Board, whose role is intermediary.
- Almost half of the PAC was present at the in-person open house.
- Carrie provided updates on deed restrictions, the State allows for facilities that support outdoor recreation such as restrooms, parking, shade structures, etc. No definitive answers yet from Snohomish County whose funds are generally more restrictive.
- A copy of the presentation power point will be posted online the day after the meeting.
- Draft meeting minutes will be posted and PAC members will be allowed to comment within a brief time-frame following the meeting.
- Request was made to receive presentation materials in advance (current meetings materials went out the day before). Project team will try to publish them earlier going forward, however they are often compiling data from the Open House until a day or two before the meeting.

Public Engagement

- There was high turnout at the in-person open house and to-date for the online open house (which doesn't close until EOD the 7th), with some overlap in participants.

Questions/concerns were raised about individuals participating in both and double-voting. There is no way to prevent participants from multiple votes and this is taken into consideration to the degree possible. Suggestions were made to remind participants that they may only vote once.

- Discussion ensued about the challenges in capturing public input, which is an “imperfect process” by nature. Surveys are a good place to start but offer limited utility. There was general agreement that we need to develop realistic parameters to start honing in on.
- Suggestion was made to put the online survey link on the District website.
- Concerns were raised about young adult outreach and the fact that the project public input process does not coincide with school terms. This is a challenge given the project schedule, there are plans to engage a group of Parks Dept. summer youth interns.
- Also discussed assistance from Kyla for facilitating social media coverage (e.g. Twitter and Facebook sharing).
- The issue was raised that the public open house (in-person) better accommodates the elderly (which is why the online open house is also offered). It was suggested that PAC members also share the online open house links with others, particularly those with children.
- Question was raised to group on whether the list of priority programs that came out of the open houses was in-line with their expectations; a significant majority agreed that the list seemed to be a reasonable representation of community sentiment.

Structures

- What is the Boys & Girls Club envisioning for their building? Team updated the PAC on the stakeholder meeting discussion, that the Club would like an 18-25,000 SF facility and a long-term lease. There is generally strong support from the City Council and conversations with the City and with the ECA about options for expansion or relocation are ongoing. The direction of these conversations will have a significant impact on the park design.
- Importance of having the Boys and Girls Club in the city was expressed.
- Grand Stands have a significant impact on park design and a decision is needed soon for design consideration. There are structural and safety concerns, and the structure is not ADA compliant.
- The HPC offered no recommendation on the Grand Stands.
- After consultation with the State, the Development Services Department has concluded that removal of the structure, with proper documentation before it is removed, is appropriate.
- Most agreed that removal of the stadium, if it doesn't have historic significance, is desirable. One member suggested keeping the steps, possibly creating a lookout area.
- Most agreed that some historic acknowledgement/marker should be considered for the site.

- Some have historic and emotional attachment to the bleachers and would like to consider that portions of it remain. Others stated it should only remain unless it is important and integral to the new park design.
- It is possible to use some of the grant funding for demo of the Grand Stands, this would have to be determined soon.
- Large event seating could be provided by other options, i.e. portable bleachers.
- Carrie will talk to the state RCO office about completing a Cultural Resources report for the Grand Stand, and possibly the Field House. The PAC agreed that if the report results show that the Grand Stand is not of historical significance its removal is appropriate. The scope of the report was removed from the Civic Center Playfield contract and will be a separate but related initiative.
- Approximately 50% of Grand Stand storage is used by the City. The City is seeking a replacement/new facility to consolidate their storage. Other stakeholders have been briefed on the situation and options are being discussed.

Events

- Sentiment to not design for festivals was raised, and has been heard repeatedly via community and stakeholder input. The design team needs guidance however, on what level of footprint to consider in the design process. The PAC agreed that some reorganizing and possible consolidating of the Taste of Edmonds footprint should be explored and considered. Particularly there are large areas used for vendor parking.
- Middle-scale events should be considered and weren't well represented in the questionnaire (e.g. a summer market with option for some street closures). Relocation of the current market to the park edge along 6th should also be considered.

Program

- Some felt strongly that the park should be active, others felt that purely active program only serves a segment of the community and that passive program is equally important.
- The importance of beauty and the significance of a downtown signature park should be considered.
- Having some shade trees is important, but need to consider the height and views
- Options for some program to be accommodated in other parks should be considered such that Civic Playfield can be special.
- Options to consider multi use spaces was discussed, i.e. Petanque.
- Questions were raised about the 2-acre unrestricted area and whether there should be consideration for development, in addition to Boys and Girls Club expansion, for example low income or senior housing. It is believed that there are not funding restrictions to keep

this area as part of the park but that the intent of the purchase, and the funding, was to keep it as part of the park. Most felt that private redevelopment would not be an appropriate use.

- Program should include a mix of active, passive and civic. Many uses are not mutually exclusive.
- The project team is experienced in developing flexible use space (space that accommodates multiple programs), which will be a key component in the park design.

MEETING MINUTES

Time: 10:00-11:30

Topic: Civic Center Playfield Planning

Meeting Date: 9/1/2016

Location: Frances Anderson Center

Project: Edmonds Civic Field Master Plan

Project #: P3282

Attendees:

Carrie Hite, City of Edmonds

Renee McRae, City of Edmonds

Rich Lindsay, City of Edmonds

Frances Chapin, City of Edmonds

Chris Jones, Walker Macy

Ann Marie Schneider, Walker Macy

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Dick Van Hollebeke

Jennifer Lambert

Open House #2 Presentation Review given by Walker Macy

1. Open House #1 Final Results & Additional Outreach
2. Updates on Boys & Girls Club, Restrictions and Grand Stand
3. Design Options
4. In-Person Open House Results
5. Online Open House Preliminary Results

Discussion

- Track takes up too much space
- Would like walking/jogging paths to be marked or measured
- Consider parkour stations
- Existing track use is Boys & Girls Club (2-3 events/yr where they invite kids from other areas) and Holy Rosary Field Day
- Petanque would like tournament space
- There are no other programmatic requests that require/request dirt
- Residents do not like the dirt field as it causes dust problems
- Youth representation is important
- Consider use of spaces in 20+ years, i.e. if petanque becomes less popular in the long-term what will the space be used for? Not sure petanque use warrants over 1/5th of the park area. Want to make sure the spaces are truly flexible.
- The PAC felt like 6 petanque courts seem like a reasonable compromise
- Park is in a signature location and should be designed for everyone
- The park's flatness is unique and conducive to activity
- Young families and youth are least represented in feedback due to schedule constraints
- Goal should be to bring all ages together
- What schools have track and field? Woodway is one.
- Would like petanque court borders to be designed such that the space can host other uses
- Recent national survey shows that ages 35 and younger feel discriminated against
- Creative play and convertible spaces are exciting trends to consider
- Beach volleyball should be at the beach
- Skatepark is highly used by youth and young families and should be incorporated into the hybrid scheme.
- Versatility and diversity of features are sought after

- The cost of bringing in material for berms is a concern – the design team will be providing high level / order-of-magnitude estimates for both options
- Pervious pavement should be considered
- Groundwater table is very high
- Any parking should be ADA access or van storage for B&G Club
- B&G Club interested in ~18,000 SF facility with full-size gym – which is what is shown in option 2
- Moving tennis courts could be expensive. Carrie mentioned they need to be renovated regardless.
- Should be a load/unload zone in front of B&G Club
- Ballard Commons has a good example of a skatepark and water feature
- Smart phones and other devices can now be used to measure runs in lieu of measured paths
- Angled parking should be explored on 6th Ave. Walker Macy added that this generally makes a pedestrian edge that is not pedestrian friendly.
- Can there be parking in the alleys since they are public? Can they be widened or made one-way?
- Residents feel they are too narrow (17') as is
- Alternative transportation – bike, bus – should be encouraged
- Design and construction considerations should be made for event vehicles/trucks, especially given the cost to redevelop the park. It is a goal that the Taste of Edmonds parking will be moved off-site.
- Emergency access to site will be a requirement
- Terraces could be wrapped around south edge; though this could be costly given the grade
- Public art opportunities will be looked at once the design has advanced and hybridized. Funding for art is limited so one approach is to integrate functional art into the design and construction of the park.
- Safety is a concern on the alley edges (north/south) and buffering should be included (fence, berm, planting, etc).
- The predominant pedestrian traffic coming through the park is east to west.
- It was determined we would remove a formal track from the preferred scheme

MEETING MINUTES

Time: 10:00-11:30

Topic: Public Input Review of Hybrid Plan

Meeting Date: 10/21/2016

Location: Frances Anderson Center

Project: Edmonds Civic Field Master Plan

Project #: P3282

Attendees:

Carrie Hite, City of Edmonds

Renee McRae, City of Edmonds

Rich Lindsay, City of Edmonds

Frances Chapin, City of Edmonds

Chris Jones, Walker Macy

Ann Marie Schneider, Walker Macy

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Jennifer Lambert

Discussion:

- 100+ attendees at Open House #3, most common questions raised were about
 - buffering along alleys
 - skatepark location
 - petanque (amount of play area)
- Fencing along alleys, for safety purposes, was discussed as a consideration. Walker Macy will review and respond.
- There will be fencing around the tennis courts
- Questions raised about adding a park entry near the north east corner church lot; design team advises against this due to safety concerns and the fact that it is private property and could be redeveloped in the future.
- Residents along north would like to see more detail and information on the buffer to mitigate safety concerns
- Question asked about adding a 4th soccer field if Sprague Street connection is removed. Design team clarified that what is being provided in the new park design allows for more soccer field than what Sno-King Youth Club has requested. The large field shown (U12) will fit the two fields SKYC uses today and there is additional field space to the north for another field or training use. The Sprague pathway is intended to provide direct connection for residents to the park, downtown and the 4th Ave Corridor.
- Options for alternative skatepark location discussed
 - Question raised about moving it to another park. Based on the amount of consistent and strong community feedback received to keep the skatepark at Civic the design team feels it should remain.
 - Residents in higher buildings to the north are concerned about upward travel of sound.
 - Some residents added that the skatepark currently is only a bother after hours; kids shine car headlights on it to use it after dark.
 - Current skatepark location, in center of park, was chosen for proximity to police station for monitoring and distance from residences.
 - Design team will revisit location options and expressed that the integration of the new skatepark into the park and landscape design is also advised.
- Lighting in middle of Great Lawn for soccer field is a concern. Design team believes two

Attachments:

Item	Description	Action by	Due date
	poles per side may be possible. This, or an alternative, will be worked out in design development and the Master Plan will show field lighting as is for now.		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several members commended the hybrid design and the incorporation of so much of the public input. • South side residents may be affected by more noise once grandstand is removed. • Petanque <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ currently often uses more than 4 courts ○ Could Sprague Street promenade be gravel and used for Petanque? Currently shown as 12' wide so this would not provide enough width. Also inhibits pedestrian connection. ○ Tournaments use 15,000 SF, which is the size of the tennis courts that some feel are not used much. Could tennis or multi-use courts be given back to Petanque? ○ One member sited a Paris park precedent where Petanque is regularly played and provides a "delightful" spectator, as well as player, experience. ○ Could lawn strip between plaza and lawn be decomposed granite for more petanque? Design team feels that the connection between the multi-use playfield lawn and the plaza is important. Gravel along the track edge and plaza paving also presents maintenance challenges. ○ PAC Committee supported the layout as illustrated in the hybrid design. • The small Boys & Girls Club expansion is the preferred option to show for the Master Plan. • Angled parking on 7th was discussed and design team advises against this due to the thick vehicular edge and poor visibility this creates. • Planning Board meeting is scheduled for 11/9. Design team will be showing a revised plan with a relocated skatepark. 		

MEETING MINUTES

Time: 11:30-12:30**Topic:** Civic Center Playfield Planning**Meeting Date:** 9/1/2016**Location:** Brackett Room, City Hall**Project:** Edmonds Civic Field Master Plan**Project #:** P3282

Attendees:

Carrie Hite, City of Edmonds

Chris Jones, Walker Macy

Ann Marie Schneider, Walker Macy

Rob Chave, City of Edmonds

Phil Williams, City of Edmonds

Lien Kernen, City of Edmonds

Robert English, City of Edmonds

Rich Lindsay, City of Edmonds

Jennifer Lambert, City of Edmonds

Bertrand Hauss, City of Edmonds

Introductions**Project Overview****Discussion**

- New stormwater code will be published January 2017
- Gravel (for petanque, etc) is usually considered hardscape/ impervious by State
- Lawn may also not be considered truly impervious and may trigger stormwater mitigation
- Angle parking on 6th could be considered
- The city is not currently undergoing a parking study. There is speculation that there's a management issue with existing parking rather than a supply shortage.
- A parking study is recommended if activity is expected to increase with park redevelopment.
- Code section 17-100 addresses parking for parks and is nuanced based on the parks classification, e.g. "school park" (current Civic Center Playfield designation), "community park," "regional park," etc.
- A special use permit could be required for development depending on park classification
- 7th is undergoing a reclassification to a "collector" street (40-44' curb to curb)
- 6th is a "local" street
- Bike racks should be included in park redesign
- City will advise Walker Macy as to extents of redevelopment along 6th and 7th.
- Park construction goal is 2019, would like to align with sewer replacement
- New sewer line would cross east to west between Sprague and Edmonds, there is flexibility on location in that zone depending on park design. Final sewer alignment will respond to and coordinate with the final park plan.
- Franchise utilities not allowed in deed restricted 6 acres
- If curb is bumped out it could trigger pole replacements, which may provide opportunity to underground overhead power at a reduced cost (Jennifer will email PUD to inquire about existing poles)
- Zoned for public (Code section 16.8)
 - 20' setback from streets;
 - 25' setback for structures (from residential property), includes light poles;
 - 20' setback for structures (from public/civic edge property), e.g. B&G Club
 - 35% max lot coverage for structure
- There's a stairwell on Daley that connects to 9th Avenue, allows access down to park

Item	Description	Action by	Due date
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Streets classification was provided by Bertrand• Jennifer confirmed that the Edmonds GIS does not include curb locations, curb-to-curb distance will have to be measured on –site• The city is open to the design team exploring the 6th and 7th streetscapes to align with the park master plan		

EDMONDS CITY COUNCIL APPROVED MINUTES
Special Meeting
May 3, 2016

The Edmonds City Council meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Earling in the Brackett Meeting Room, City Hall, 121 5th Ave N, Edmonds.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

Dave Earling, Mayor
Kristiana Johnson, Council President (arrived 5:34 p.m.)
Michael Nelson, Councilmember (arrived 5:37 p.m.)
Adrienne Fraley-Monillas, Councilmember
(arrived 5:33 p.m.)
Diane Buckshnis, Councilmember
Dave Teitzel, Councilmember
Thomas Mesaros, Councilmember
Neil Tibbott, Councilmember

STAFF PRESENT

Carrie Hite, Parks, Rec. & Cult. Serv. Dir.
Patrick Doherty, Econ. Dev & Comm. Serv. Dir.
Frances Chapin, Arts & Culture Program Mgr.
Kernen Lien, Senior Planner
Renee McRae, Recreation Manager
Jeff Taraday, City Attorney
Scott Passey, City Clerk
Jeannie Dines, Recorder

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ROLL CALL**

City Clerk Scott Passey called the roll. All elected officials were present with the exception of Council President Johnson and Councilmembers Fraley-Monillas and Nelson.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

COUNCILMEMBER BUCKSHNIS MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TEITZEL, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA IN CONTENT AND ORDER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (Council President Johnson and Councilmembers Fraley-Monillas and Nelson were not present for the vote.)

4. **STUDY ITEM**

1. **CIVIC CENTER FIELD MASTER PLANNING KICK OFF**

Parks & Recreation Director Carrie Hite commented tonight's meeting is to celebrate the City closing on the eight-acre Civic Center Playfield, and the beginning a master planning process with the community. She described the process to date including the formation of a Project Advisory Committee (PAC) to assist with guiding the process and publication of an RFQ for a firm to assisting with the master planning process. The City received eight submittals and three firms were interviewed by staff, members of the PAC and Councilmember Teitzel. The interviews included a 30-minute presentation and 15-minute Q&A. In their presentations, the firms were added to address their approach, their public process, their creative and/or innovative ideas for this blank slate, experience, and other master planning processes they have done on a project of this scale. The interview committee unanimously selected Walker | Macy to work with the community on the master planning process.

Ms. Hite explained the scope of work has not been finalized; the intent was to have this kickoff meeting in the event Council wanted to add to the scope of work. She recalled when she and Council President Johnson discussed the master planning process, it was agreed to have this meeting to review the approach with the Council, PAC and community as well as celebrate the kickoff of the master planning process. The Council packet contains Walker | Macy's proposal and scope of work. Although Walker | Macy's proposal contains schematics, she assured the process is starting with a blank slate for Civic Field. The schematics are only ideas Walker | Macy present to illustrate their creativity/innovation. The City wanted a firm that could be creative/innovative but could also integrate the community's input into a plan. She recognized the members of the PAC:

- Alex Witenberg
- Barbara Chasee
- Bob Rinehart
- Frances Chapin
- Rob Chave
- Dave Teitzel
- Diana White
- Dick Van Hollebeke
- Doug Sheldon
- Emily Scott
- Joe McIalwain
- John McGibbon
- Kyla Blair
- Leslie Caplin
- Rich Lindsay
- Renee McRae
- Mike Echelbarger
- Steve Shelton
- Valerie Stewart

Ms. Hite explained the CAP will be meeting more frequently than the Planning Board, City Council or the public open houses and will assist the consultant and staff synthesize the public comment and guide the plans that will be presented to the Planning Board and City Council. There will be three public open house as well as virtual online open houses. She thanked Walker | Macy for their dynamic proposal.

Chris Jones, Principal and Landscape Architect, Walker | Macy, introduced **Ann Marie Schneider, Project Manager, Walker | Macy.** He explained he worked with Ms. Hite and the team on the recently adopted Marina Beach Master Plan. Master planning projects are as much a community building process as they are a design process; they are a conduit for the community to relay what they want for a downtown park. They have no preconceived notion about what the park should or shouldn't be; they have experience with other parks, how operations and maintenance work, park program ideas, but their role is to work with the community on what the park should be. He found a kickoff meeting extremely valuable, noting many municipalities do not have a kickoff. The success of the park is based on building champions; they can develop a good design but for this to be a truly successful park, it needs to be championed, preserved and managed by the community. This meeting is a good place to start.

Mr. Jones introduced the members of the team and described their backgrounds and experience:

- Owen Richards Architects
 - Walker | Macy worked with him on redevelopment of Volunteer Park
 - Recently completed the new Chihuly Museum

- Arts programmer for Olympic Sculpture Park
- EnviroIssues
 - Public involvement facilitator
 - Manage open houses and community feedback
 - Walker | Macy worked with them on Marina Beach Master Plan
- KPFF
 - Civil and structural engineer
 - Advising on sustainable stormwater and infrastructure strategies
- Jon Bayles
 - Cost estimator

Mr. Jones described Walker | Macy, explaining they have been in the northwest for over 40 years. Doug Macy, the founding partner, is still actively involved in every project in Portland and Seattle; the Seattle office opened in 2014. The success of the firm in designing downtown parks is based on designing parks that are flexible, programmable and durable. Programmable means activating a public open space with programmed events. They have found the most successful downtown parks are successful because they are programmed, active and safe. He described Walker |Macy's downtown park legacy and displayed photographs of several projects:

- Pioneer Courthouse Square in Portland
 - Completed in 1983
 - Largest number of programmed events per year in the United States, over 300 events/year
 - Managed by a 5013c
- Victor Steinbrueck Park in Pike Place Market
- Parks and gateways in Pioneer Square neighborhood

He relayed their project understanding:

- Edmonds has a very vibrant downtown
- Edmonds has a great deal of civic pride
- Location is close to downtown, adjacency to downtown
- Great collection of parks in system, many very natural and soft parks, not heavily programmed
- Parks serve Edmonds community, not a regional draw
- Civic Field can support what already exists in the park system but provide different space for more significant cultural events
- Consider whether Civic Field should make Edmonds more of a regional draw
- Civic Field will continue to support current passive and active recreation as well as festivals such as the Taste and 4th of July

Mr. Jones described public engagement:

- Most successful projects rooted in public involvement process
- Build on energy of Marina Beach and what they learned about what works in the Edmonds community and bring that energy to this project
- Established two goals at Marina Beach effort that will continue in this project:
 1. Balance needs of all park users which is challenging
 2. Make it a fun effort
 - Accomplished with Marina Beach, very fun, community building effort
- Robust public outreach process that proceeds every City Council meeting and Planning Board meeting
 - Worked well in Marina Beach process
 - Self-moderating process in community, see importance of others views
 - Public open houses

- One-on-one stakeholder interviews over two-day period
- Kiosk in Civic Field that allows for feedback during design effort

He reviewed the public open house schedule:

- 1st open house - mid-June
 - Focus on park programming
 - Brainstorming charrette to gather ideas from everyone
- 2nd open house - mid-August
 - Present alternatives for Civic Field Master Plan with design concepts using public's input
 - Take public input on alternatives
- 3rd open house - October
 - Present preferred alternative.

Mr. Jones described public outreach:

- Online open house
 - Very successful in Marina Beach effort
 - Managed by EnviroIssues
 - Feedback presented at open houses
- My Edmonds News
- Facebook
- Other social media
- Two days of stakeholder interviews
 - Twenty in-person one-on-one interviews

Ms. Schneider displayed an aerial photograph describing the site context:

- Habitat spaces surrounding Edmonds that are also destinations
- City Park and Civic Field respond to urban context and less habitat
- Important role of green spaces in the urban context for stormwater opportunities and canopy
- Civic Field serves different purpose than parks on exterior
- Successful urban parks respond to and are in dialogue with their edges
 - Single family on the east up the hill
 - Multifamily on the north and south
 - Active civic edge on the west side
 - Municipal buildings
 - Farmers Market
 - Arts Corridor
- Connections and how circulation work with and around park
 - Key connections at 5th and Bell
 - Great opportunity on 6th Avenue edge to connect to Edmonds Center for the Arts
 - 4th Avenue Arts Corridor
 - How residential users walk through park to reach activities
 - How park interact with surroundings
- Views
 - Spectacular views from back edge of park
 - Awareness park is foreground of view for residential neighbors above
 - Opportunities to frame views within park nor currently utilized

Mr. Jones described park programming and how to approach that from a design perspective. He displayed a map of the Taste of Edmonds, commenting that event will drive how the park is designed. It makes sense to have the Taste on the Civic Field site as it is a very flexible, blank slate. He suggested considering how the space could be better utilized such as moving or consolidating activities. The

challenge with the way the space currently operates is when activities such as the Taste are gone, there is nothing that defines the community. Walker | Macy brings an understanding of making a park flexible to accommodate large events so that the space is exciting and engaging and reflects the community character. He displayed a photograph of a recently completed project, Ankeny Plaza along the Portland waterfront, site of the Portland Saturday Market. This is a very effective space, flexible for the market, accommodates play, as well as other activities and events. The space is very nice when it is full on festival days but still a very elegant space when empty, it functions well adjacent to the waterfront and allows circulation of people biking and running along the waterfront.

He displayed a photograph of the 12-acre Discovery Green in downtown Houston, noting Civic Field is 8 acres and Pioneer Courthouse Square is just shy of 1 acre. Civic Field has a lot of land which can be good and bad; with a lot of land, the space is expansive, providing no areas for respite. In planning Civic Field, they are looking for ways to break down the scale of the space to provide areas of respite, outdoor rooms, integrating the petanque courts into garden areas and/or other site elements, space for festivals and other functions. The goal is also to design for all ages so that the park provides spaces everyone can relate to.

Mr. Jones provided potential park program elements that were developed in response to interview questions and intended to generate conversation:

- Large festivals
- Multi-use plazas
- Small markets/fairs
- Performance areas
- Horticultural gardens
- Community gardens
- Stormwater features
- Public art
- Water feature
- Unique lighting
- Soccer
- Tennis
- Skate park
- Basketball
- Baseball
- Jogging track/trail
- Grandstand
- Play area
- Boys & Girls Club
- Restrooms/park storage
- Picnic pavilion
- Parking

Mr. Jones displayed two diagrams siting potential park program elements, explaining during the interview they considered uses on the edges, buffering the residential uses and integrating quieter elements such as petanque or tennis within the buffer areas, siting louder elements in the center, and more active uses on the civic edge with the center remaining active recreation space that is flexible for festivals. One of the diagrams included the grandstands and one did not.

Ms. Schneider referred to a model with program pieces for Taste elements as well as park program elements to allow the community to explore and understand the scale and amount of space required to host certain programs. At the conclusion of the presentation and Q&A, she invited the public to interact

with the model. Mr. Jones envisioned having the public engage with different configurations would be a useful tool at the open house. Mr. Jones concluded they want to craft something that is reflective of the community. Having the Council feedback and a significant, robust public outreach process will make this a very successful effort.

Council President Johnson thanked Ms. Hite for organizing this kick-off meeting. She recalled a discussion she had with Ms. Hite regarding the importance of getting the Council involved with the design of Civic Field and not waiting until the end of the process. She remarked the Civic Field master planning process is a tremendous opportunity for the City; there has never been anything quite like this and she wanted to ensure the City was giving it the best effort. The idea of the kickoff meeting is to get the Council on the same page, understand the schedule and where the Council fits in the process.

Councilmember Mesaros commented one of the programmatic things happening at Civic Field today is the Boys & Girls Club, envisioned that was an opportunity that could unfold. He referred to Thompson Peak Park in the north Scottsdale area that has a beautiful Boys & Girls Club in the park that utilizes all the activities the park offers as well as opportunity for programmatic activities within the building. Ms. Hite said the Boys & Girls Club is represented on the PAC via Mike Echelbarger; the Boys & Girls Club will also be one of the stakeholder interview.

Councilmember Fraley-Monillas asked whether any consideration had been given to moving the Taste of Edmonds to another location, noting there seemed to be a lot effort to accommodate that event. Ms. Hite said during their interview, Walker | Macy mentioned several large events are currently hosted at Civic Field and there is not another site in Edmonds that could host such an event without a huge impact. She was impressed by Walker | Macy's ability to program Civic Field for the 300 days/year for 40,000 residents as well as being able host larger events like the Taste of Edmonds, the Wenatchee Youth Circus, 4th of July, etc. She acknowledged that will be part of the community conversation, whether to continue hosting the Taste of Edmonds and other large events at Civic Field since there is not another location for those events. Councilmember Fraley-Monillas asked whether City Park or Frances Anderson Center Field had been considered, acknowledging there would be parking issues wherever those events are held.

Councilmember Teitzel asked if there was any sense of the order of magnitude of the project cost. Ms. Hite answered it will depend. She has talked with Walker | Macy about developing cost estimates and a phasing plan as the process gets further toward a preferred plan. If the price tag is \$10-12 million, it will need to be phased so that the community can afford it and begin to bring activities online at the site. She acknowledged the cost of developing an eight-acre site could be significant depending on programming. If the community wants complete open space, that will not be as expensive; but if the desire is for berms, paths, program components, petanque, tennis and basketball courts, fields, etc. those costs add up.

Mr. Jones said from other park projects they have done, a low-ball estimate is \$1 million/acre which is for soft spaces such as lawn and simple landscaping. A more realistic estimate for this type of space is \$1.5 million/acre and the sky is the limit. Ms. Schneider commented they will also look for mutually beneficial infrastructure opportunities that could align with this project such as stormwater on adjacent streets that may also have a park benefit.

Mr. Jones commented eight acres is a lot of space for a festival; the more space available, the more will be filled. There may be ways to consolidate Taste programming such as spilling onto the street rather than entirely within the park.

Councilmember Buckshnis emphasized not to be daunted by the cost, she was always told that about the Edmonds Marsh. She referred to Pioneer Courthouse Square in downtown Portland, commenting it is very vibrant. She suggested looking at the urban downtown park in Charlotte, North Carolina. She cited

the importance of talking to stakeholders and was glad the PAC included residents of the neighborhood. She recalled when volunteering at events at Civic Field, there were always noise complaints.

Councilmember Tibbott was excited about the plan moving forward, recognizing the historic opportunity in the development of the park. He recognized parking will be one of the issue. He suggested redevelopment of the walkway systems around the park be considered to assist pedestrians in reaching the site as well as transit. He envisioned having more program elements at the site will require a better way to reach it. He summarized very few cities are fortunate enough to have a civic park like this in the center of the city surrounding by all these elements. Ms. Hite asked his vision for the sense of history. Council President Johnson offered to respond.

Councilmember Teitzel relayed his understanding the grandstands were in poor condition and need to either be rehabbed or torn down. One of the schematics shows the grandstands; he asked if a completely new structure was envisioned. Ms. Hite agreed the grandstands are in very poor shape; the City is in the process of a structural analysis. She was concerned with the grandstands being onsite much longer without some work being done or removing them. There are restrictions on the site related to the grant funds used for the purchase; the area where the grandstands currently exist is restricted and do not allow construction of a structure. The existing grandstands can be grandfathered, but if they are removed, other seating for large event will need to be determined. She relayed a comment that the grandstands are the only stairs downtown and people run them for fitness. The grandstands also host storage for many community organizations. If a structural analysis determines the grandstands need to be removed, a determination will need to be made in the master planning process how to accommodate the need. She noted renting bleachers/grandstands is an option for larger events.

With regard to Ms. Hite's question to Councilmember Tibbott regarding what he envisioned with regard to the history of Civic Field, Council President Johnson said Civic Field was used in the past by the high school for football, baseball and track which is why there are no trees on the site. The current Boys & Girls Club was originally the fieldhouse, used to store equipment. During discussions with Ms. Hite, she suggested the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) may be interested in participating which is the reason Emily Scott was invited to participated on the PAC; Councilmember Teitzel is also on the HPC. She suggested gathering further information regarding the historic value of Civic Field buildings such as whether the materials are original, and even the track which has been in continuous use for over 100 years. She looked forward to having that information before reaching the end of the process.

Councilmember Buckshnis recalled former Councilmember Yamamoto's interest in hosting tournaments like Hoop It Up. She asked whether Civic Field was too small for tournaments. Ms. Hite answered those tournaments are brought in; for example, for Spokane's Hoopfest, portable courts are set up in the streets. She could envision something like that on the active edge of Civic Field but did not see incorporating a lot of courts in Civic Field. She supported considering what other events in addition to the Taste and July of 4th could be brought in and how to accommodate them. Councilmember Buckshnis said Civic Field should not be designed just for the Taste, everyone needs to think outside box. She noted Edmonton is known as the festival city of Canada, Edmonds could be the festival city of Washington. She wanted the Chamber to be able to continue having the Taste at Civic Field and possibly the Rotary would move the Waterfront Festival there.

Mayor Earling expressed interest in allowing the audience and Council an opportunity to engage with the program elements on the model at the conclusion of this meeting.

Councilmember Nelson relayed his understanding that this park needs to be flexible and adaptable. There are many potentials and opportunities and the City needs to find the balance between a park that is used by citizens for 300 days and by the larger community for the remaining days. Ms. Hite said moving the

program pieces within the site is a visual exercise that illustrates the scale and how events can be sited in a programmable park. Ms. Schneider described the exercise and the purpose of moving the program pieces around on an aerial map.

With regard to the process, Ms. Hite explained briefings will be to the PAC first, followed by the Planning Board and then to the City Council. A detailed schedule is included in the packet. The public outreach process will be similar to Marina Beach but will include installation of a kiosk with an interactive way for park users to get a short bio about the project and opportunity to provide feedback for the duration of the master planning process. The team will also be handing out cards with information about the public open house and virtual open house at larger events. PAC member Val Stewart is also committed to helping connect with students. A meeting will also be held with the 10-12 Edmonds-Woodway and Meadowdale High School students working in the City's Summer Youth Employment Program.

Council President Johnson asked Ms. Hite to comment on the restricted/unrestricted nature of the project. Ms. Hite explained the City received funds from the State as well as Snohomish County Conservation Futures; both restrict use of the land as protected open space. Active recreation is restricted to the current uses such as soccer, baseball, petanque, etc.; synthetic turf is not allowed in those areas. Spaces must be less than 10% impervious surface. Two acres concentrated in the northwest portion of the property are not restricted which allows impervious surface, structures, etc. Current uses in that area include the Boys & Girls Club and basketball and tennis courts. Due to those restrictions, the State and County will need to weigh in on the master planning process as well.

5. ADJOURN

With no further business, the Special Council meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

DAVID O. EARLING, MAYOR

SCOTT PASSEY, CITY CLERK

EDMONDS CITY COUNCIL APPROVED MINUTES

August 9, 2016

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

Dave Earling, Mayor
Kristiana Johnson, Council President
Michael Nelson, Councilmember
Diane Buckshnis, Councilmember
Adrienne Fraley-Monillas, Councilmember
Dave Teitzel, Councilmember
Thomas Mesaros, Councilmember
Neil Tibbott, Councilmember

STAFF PRESENT

N. Haughian, Police Officer
Carrie Hite, Parks, Rec. & Cult. Serv. Dir.
Shane Hope, Development Services Director
Rob Chave, Planning Manager
Jeff Taraday, City Attorney
Scott Passey, City Clerk
Andrew Pierce, Legislative/Council Assistant
Jerrie Bevington, Camera Operator
Jeannie Dines, Recorder

Mayor Earling spoke about a former Edmonds Mayor Harve Harrison who passed away last week at the age of 96, a fine person known by many. Mr. Harrison was the mayor from 1967 to 1983, the longest continuous time anyone has been mayor in Edmonds' history. He was a very effective leader who served quietly with great dignity and got things accomplished for the community. Mayor Earling commented it was a thrill to have Mr. Harrison attend the City's 125th anniversary celebration last year. Although he had to be coaxed into it, he did an interview, attended lunch with other past mayors and participated in the ceremony. Mr. Harrison was a man of dignity and had a fabulous sense of humor. A service for him will be held Saturday from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. at Beck's Funeral Home.

1. CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE

The Edmonds City Council meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Earling in the Council Chambers, 250 5th Avenue North, Edmonds. At his request, tonight's meeting was dedicated to Harve Harrison. The meeting was opened with the flag salute.

2. ROLL CALL

City Clerk Scott Passey called the roll. All elected officials were present.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

COUNCILMEMBER TEITZEL MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MESAROS, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA IN CONTENT AND ORDER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

COUNCILMEMBER BUCKSHNIS MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TIBBOTT, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The agenda item approved is as follows:

1. **APPROVAL OF CLAIM, PAYROLL AND BENEFIT DIRECT DEPOSIT, CHECKS AND WIRE PAYMENTS**

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5. **PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS**

1. **PRESENTATION OF RECENT ACTIONS & ACTIVITIES OF THE EDMONDS CLIMATE PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

Cynthia Pruitt, Co-Chair, Mayor's Climate Protection Committee (CPC), referred to a 2015 & 2016 Activity Report that lists the committee's accomplishments. She assumed the Council had some familiarity with the committee and their work supporting staff and the City in reducing heat-trapping gases in this community and elsewhere.

Committee members were appointed by either Mayor Earling or previous mayors. Committee members include Josh Thompson, Larry Pierce, Sandra Distelhorst, Hank Landau, Tony Marzano, Gary Ocher, Barbara Tipton and Janis Freeman. The CPC was formed in 2006 as the result of then-Mayor Haakenson signing the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement. The commission's mission is outlined in the Activity Report. In 2009, the committee published the Climate Protection Plan. She identified the chapters in the plan and provided key strategies:

- Transportation and Land Use
 - Strategy 3: Encourage a mix of land uses designed to increase accessibility to service, recreation, jobs and housing
- Lifestyles
 - Strategy 1: Reduce material consumption, waste generation and resource depletion
- Buildings
 - Strategy 2: Improve the energy efficiency of and within buildings
- Environment
 - Strategy 1: Enhance our urban forest and landscapes
 - Strategy 2: Adopt solar access and tree policies
- Economy
 - Strategy 1: Support environmentally beneficial businesses and job creation
- Community Outreach and Empowerment
 - Strategy: Increase community education and commitment towards sustainability efforts

The plan is available on the City's website. She reviewed CPC activities related to the plan:

- Supported solarize South County effort.
- Worked with staff on a Zero Waste Resolution
- Reviewed and commented on the Comprehensive Plan
- Provide support related to zero waste at events
- Cheered staff on as they designed and installed green resource room
- Had conversations with the Tree Board; Tree Board members have attended committee meetings, recognizing the nexus between the Climate Protection Committee and the Tree Board
- Clearing house for community events
- Completed four sustainable heroes interviews regarding their successes with reducing heat trapping gases.
- Invited businesses to take the Sustainable Business Pledge. Business that have taken the pledge are posted on the City's website

She recognized Co-Chair Steve Fisher for creating the Activity Report and memo to Council.

Councilmember Buckshnis commented this is a very fun, informative committee. She suggested publishing articles in the local media so citizens understand the importance of the CPC. Ms. Pruitt agreed. She recalled one of the sustainable heroes interviews was a retired engineer whose goal was to become

completely carbon neutral and found that was possible in a 1970s house via insulation and weather stripping and further enhanced by solar panels.

Councilmember Teitzel observed one of goals of the CPC was to enhance access to solar energy. Recognizing that many residential areas have a lot of trees, he asked how that goal fit with goals of the Tree Board to protect trees in Edmonds. Ms. Pruitt referred to Strategy 1 in the Environment chapter: Enhance our urban forests and landscapes, and Strategy 2: Adopt solar access and tree policies. She explained the strategies are high level at this point and is one of reasons the CPC is having conversations with the Tree Board including the right tree in the right place. Neither the Tree Board nor the CPC have specifics now but will be happy to work on it.

Councilmember Nelson said the CPC was his first City government involvement and will always be near and dear to his heart. One of the CPC's missions is to work with the City Council to implement ideas. He suggested the City Council do a better job in the coming months and year because protecting the climate is the priority for the environment. Ms. Pruitt recognized Councilmember Buckshnis, Mayor Earling, Shane Hope, Rob Chave, Jennifer Leach and Jen Machuga for their assistance with the CPC.

Council President Johnson said she also had the pleasure of working with the CPC and Mr. Fisher including volunteering for food recycling at the Taste of Edmonds. She encouraged Councilmembers to contact Mr. Fisher and volunteer to work at the Taste. Mr. Fisher advised volunteers are still needed on Sunday.

Mayor Earling commented he has been impressed over the last 4½ years with the CPC's dogged devotion to developing small answers to big questions and the progress they have made.

6. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Tom Nuitt, MD, shared his experience with pétanque in an effort to familiarize the City Council. When he came to Edmonds in 2005, he purchased a condominium across the street. In 2010 a neighbor introduced him to pétanque, a silly game where players throw a heavy ball against small wooden ball. He got hooked and has found it the most pleasant game/sports activity he has ever done. The first year when the City only had one court, he learned how people share and invite others to play. The membership grew because it is so easy to get hooked on the game. By the second or third year, the Pétanque Club was formed and seven members went to France to play in the nationals. Pétanque is vital to the community and attracts people from all over state and the US. It is a beloved game and needs to be a large part of the City.

Mike Martin, Edmonds, former superintendent of schools for Kings Schools, displayed the gold medal that Michelle won last week in Port Townsend at the Regional Women's Triples Tournament. He recognized Dr. Nuitt who is playing a competitive sport at age 92, commenting the ability for seniors play competitively is amazing and many with serious physical handicaps are able play pétanque successfully. He recalled a suggestion at a planning meeting not to have an isolated place for seniors play. He pointed out pétanque is not limited to seniors; his 14-year old grandson is an active pétanque player. Edmonds' demographics favor seniors and people who are retired have more time to play. In his opinion, the pétanque courts are the most used facility in any of the City's parks; there are always people playing and two evening games were recently added. The Edmonds Pétanque Club has attracted tournaments to Edmonds, with as many as 80 people playing which benefits the restaurants, merchants and the Saturday Market. The Club has also donated to the food bank. He relayed a story of his 93-year old neighbor, Andy, who was forlorn after losing his wife. After inviting him to play pétanque, Andy became a successful player and relayed to him that pétanque saved his life, a story he has heard from other players.

Paul Dever, Edmonds, said a lot of people are interested in pétanque and he encouraged the City Council, as the final decision makers of where the courts are located, to keep them on 6th Avenue. He described how he got involved with pétanque; he and his wife would often walk downtown along 6th Avenue and saw people playing pétanque. His wife was interested but he preferred golf. The players invited his wife to a clinic; she began playing, encouraged him to play and they have found it to be a fabulous game. He emphasized if the courts had not been on 6th Avenue with easy access to people walking by, they would never have become involved. The Club's food bank tournament has contributed over \$18,000 to the food bank in the last 4-5 years and they are involved with the Boys & Girls Club. He encouraged the City to keep the courts as close as possible to 6th Avenue and said they do not need a buffer zone.

Marlin Phelps, Edmonds, commented on the contrast between Seattle's homeless population and Edmonds, commenting he did not recall ever seeing a homeless person's tent or a panhandler in Edmonds. Edmonds is a lot like Medina, Hunts Point or Mercer Island, except for Highway 99. He believes the reason there are no homeless in Edmonds is because the police department is a very brutal criminal organization and that Sergeant Barker who is in his 32nd year, gaining full retirement at 30 and now working for free, is keeping the lid on it. What the police department has done to him, they have done to others. He planned to submit a public record request tomorrow to determine the number of missing persons' reports filed in Edmonds for the past 32 years. In the past he has been denied information via a public records request, but the Snohomish County Sheriff's Department has been recently fined for doing what the Edmonds Police Department has done to him. People in the homeless community talk to each and are fearful. He did not disrespect wanting to have a nice community, but did not want a blind eye turned to what has gone on in the police department. To know what the police department has done to people makes the Council culpable for what they have done. He summarized Sergeant Barker is a murderer and he planned to prove it.

Yvonne Mansson, Edmonds, said she also plays pétanque. As the result of several ladies' requests, a ladies-only evening game on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. was established where 10-16 ladies often play. After playing, the ladies usually go downtown for coffee or wine and socialization. She urged the City to retain the pétanque court because it serves the community and makes Edmonds the best little city on the west coast. They are also teaching children from the Boys & Girls Club to play pétanque a couple times a week in the afternoon.

Jeanie Bly, Edmonds, said she finds the pétanque courts the most inviting place to be when feeling alone, a place to meet people and be social and she enjoys it very much. She hoped the courts would remain on 6th Avenue.

Jerry Fireman, Edmonds, a member of Edmonds Pétanque club, expressed support for including the pétanque courts and urged the City to give serious consideration to adding something in the park with an international flavor, diversity or multicultural. He has not seen that reflected in any plans.

Ferrell Fleming, Edmonds, Executive Director, Senior Center, said Harve Harrison was seen a lot in his later years before his health did not allow it. He was a great friend to the senior center; the City's ownership of the center, reconstruction of the center, etc. all happened on his watch. Mr. Harrison took office in 1967 because in those days the mayor was elected on Tuesday and took office on Wednesday. When Mr. Harrison was shown the very preliminary drawings for the new center, he found old drawings of the center in his garage. Mr. Fleming expressed the senior center's appreciation for the Council's unanimous approval of the schematic drawings for the new center, a crucial step. With regard to the request to add a year to the lease, he explained the State grant that the center applied for demands some form of site control, the option to lease and the new ground lease. The State also wanted an existing lease of at least 15 years from the time the grant was due, August 4, 2016; at that time the existing lease was 14

years 4 months. The request is to extend the existing lease 1 year so there is a 15-year lease. The grant documents have already been submitted, but the State staff knew changing the lease would take an act of Council and gave the center until early September to accomplish it.

Dave Page, Edmonds, commented he had never bought coffee from an espresso stand, finding it too expensive, but recently visited the stand on 238th twice. The ladies were very nice looking and wearing a bra and thong. At both visits, when he asked the lady if he could have “more goodies” if he gave her \$100, she acted offended. It seemed to him the Council was spending an inordinate amount of time on an ordinance related to indecent exposure when any day of the week a person could drive from here to California and find people dressed the same way these ladies were dressed. This espresso stand is hard to find; if a person wants to see a scantily dressed person and pay \$5 for coffee, that is their business, not the City Council’s or Police Department’s business unless they are offering other services. He urged the Council to leave well enough alone.

7. STUDY ITEMS

1. SENIOR CENTER LEASE AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Parks & Recreation Director Carrie Hite referred to Mr. Fleming’s comments, explaining this is a request to authorize the Mayor to sign a lease amendment to add a year to the current lease with the senior center so that they are eligible for a State grant for the rebuild of the senior center.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON MOVED, COUNCILMEMBER TEITZEL, TO MOVE THE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MAYOR TO EXTEND THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE SENIOR CENTER FOR ONE YEAR TO NEXT WEEK’S CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. CITY'S PRACTICE OF CONDUCTING QUASI-JUDICIAL LAND USE HEARINGS

Development Services Director Shane Hope explained the Council has had several discussions regarding the City Council’s role in the quasi-judicial decision making process. In June, Councilmembers expressed interest in getting away from being the quasi-judicial decision maker on a number of types of land use issues that the Council is currently charged with doing under the City code. She recalled the Council requested information from the City Attorney regarding absolute versus qualified immunity. The packet includes background materials as well as a resolution that could be placed on the next Consent Agenda that provides direction when the Development Code is updated in near future to remove that discretionary quasi-judicial process from the City Council’s responsibility.

Councilmember Buckshnis recalled the Council considered this six years ago and four years ago she voted to return rights to appeal land use decisions, overturning previous Council actions that took away citizens’ voice. She recalled whenever the City Council has reviewed a quasi-judicial matter in the past, they have worked out correctly. She did not support changing the Council’s role in quasi-judicial hearings because she believed citizens should have a right to voice their opinion to Council.

Councilmember Fraley-Monillas also did not support moving the Council out of quasi-judicial land use hearings. When the Council moved back to holding quasi-judicial hearings, the Council was not sure how that would work out; she has been involved in several quasi-judicial hearings in the past 6½ years and it has been a good use of Council time and resources and allows citizens to appeal to the Council. In most cases the Council upheld the Hearing Examiner’s decision. This provides a second step for citizens without the cost of going to court at a cost of \$500-\$5000 depending on whether an attorney is hired. She concluded this was a basic standard for citizen rights and shows the City Council is supportive of citizens.

Council President Johnson said in general the City has made progress by using a Hearing Examiner instead of a citizen board of appeals. To the greatest extent possible, she preferred to rely on the Hearing Examiner process and the Superior Court of Snohomish County to adjudicate any questions. She felt there was too much risk on the City if the Council makes a mistake. For those reasons she supported the proposal. She asked when this would be addressed in the code update. Ms. Hope answered in a few months.

Councilmember Teitzel expressed support for the proposal; he did not believe that he, as a Councilmember, had enough training in the law to make a proper legal decision. The Council's role as legislators is to establish code, listen to citizens and ensure the code is clear so it can be interpreted properly. The proper place for interpreting a legal question and appeal issues is via the court system. He agreed with Council President Johnson that the Hearing Examiner process was working, there is an appeal process in place and available to citizens and it is not the Council's role to interpret the law.

Councilmember Fraley-Monillas said there has been no risk to the City for nearly seven years and unless the Council interpreted things incorrectly, there was no risk to the City. She felt it was part of the Council's job to represent the citizens of Edmonds. Citizens should not have to appeal to court when that can be done by the Council.

Councilmember Nelson recalled his personal experience on the one and only quasi-judicial hearing he participated in, commenting he did not enjoy it. However, just because he did not like something did not mean it was not necessarily good for the City or citizens. In reviewing the decisions the Council has made in past quasi-judicial hearings, there are more incidents where the Council has provided an oversight and check system to help citizens and he felt there was a role in the process for Council. He appreciated the City Attorney's research regarding immunity, relaying it was clear the only way Councilmembers were personally liable was if they went off the well-established legal path and felt it was well worth that risk.

Council President Johnson said as legislators, the Council has many opportunities to help citizens including conversations with them, speaking on their behalf before the Hearing Examiner, discussing any inequities in the codes or law and taking a legislative action. It was not necessary for the Council to be in a quasi-judicial role. She has been very uncomfortable in the quasi-judicial role because Councilmembers are unable to communicate directly with citizens and help them with issues. She felt the risk was real and asked the City Attorney to speak to the subject of risk. City Attorney Jeff Taraday agreed it was a real risk. He distinguished between risk to the City versus risk to Councilmember personally, stating it was true Councilmembers have to go off the rails to find themselves personally liable, a high hurdle for a plaintiff to clear. The real risk is to the City. The City is a member of an insurance pool; if there were a significant plaintiff judgment against the City, while WCIA may come to the City's short term rescue, there is a long term cost to the City when WCIA considers it a risky city.

Mr. Taraday referred to a recent judgment rendered against the City of SeaTac, explaining while not quasi-judicial, it was a land use case. When land use judgments go bad, they can get into the stratosphere in terms of costs; the judgment against SeaTac was \$18 million. SeaTac is appealing the judgment but it will spawn litigation and risk for SeaTac and their insurance pool. He was aware of one other lawsuit where the reinsurer of CIAW (SeaTac's insurance pool) was essentially claiming they would not cover and defend because the actions of the City officials in that matter went off the rails, beyond what they considered a covered event. While the City can look to its insurance for coverage, there are instances that will not be covered and taxpayers are left holding the bag. In his five years as city attorney, he could think of at least one land use decision that while it did not translate into a dollar loss, he was not comfortable with the risk assessment after that decision was made. The Council did things in that case that it probably should not have done; the specifics could be discussed in executive session. In that situation there was real risk to the City and the City was fortunate to get out of it without significant cost or judgment against

the City. He summarized the Council should not think quasi-judicial land use decision making is carefree; they are playing with big dollars.

Mr. Taraday said the problem when sitting in a quasi-judicial capacity is Councilmembers will be tempted to fix their constituents' problems because the Council represents them, citizens voted for them, made campaign contributions, etc. If a Councilmember through that temptation crosses the line even a little bit, while probably not personally liable, could mean a multimillion dollar judgment against the City for reading something into the code that is not there for example.

Councilmember Buckshnis said Mr. Taraday should not be using SeaTac's \$18 million judgment as an example to scare Councilmembers because it was not quasi-judicial. In her six years on the Council, she can think of one instance where she took issue with how things progressed, but felt they progressed correctly. Issues arose as part of that because a Councilmember was part of process, a unique situation. She felt Mr. Taraday was trying to scare the Council; if the Council follows the process and the record, this process should be allowed to continue especially since situations like SeaTac have not arisen. Mr. Taraday said his point in using SeaTac as an example was to quantify the risk and to point out millions of dollars can be at stake in land use decisions. He was not telling the Council they could not retain this decision making authority; the Council has been doing it for years. He simply wanted the Council to do so with their eyes wide open about the nature of the risk.

Councilmember Teitzel commented he was elected to represent the citizens of Edmonds and did not agree moving away from this quasi-judicial role was a disservice to citizens. He reminded if the Council felt the Hearing Examiner's decision was incorrect, the Council can request the City Attorney file an appeal to Superior Court and testify on citizens' behalf. He intended to use that process if he found an error in the Hearing Examiner's decision.

Council President Johnson recalled this discussion when she was on the Planning Board many years ago. The City Attorney at that time, Scott Snyder, strongly recommended the Council not be in a quasi-judicial role. She recalled Mark Laughlin, WCIA, also strongly advised the Council not to participate in a quasi-judicial role and a person from MRSC gave the same advice. She asked Ms. Hope, Mr. Chave and Mr. Taraday for their best advice regarding the Council's involvement in quasi-judicial decision making. Ms. Hope responded because of the risks involved and the complexity of some issues, because the Council has a clear legislative role to assist and give direction on policies and if the Council is not in a quasi-judicial role, has the ability to appeal decisions and take the constituent's side, she believed moving away from the quasi-judicial role is prudent and still allows the Council to help citizens.

Mr. Chave pointed out over the years more details and specifics in have been added to the code. The key reason for that is to avoid too much indefensible discretion which the courts dislike. Regardless of the Council's decision, that trend should be recognized. He summarized the value of retaining the appeal is outweighed by the potential value the Council can add by closer involvement with citizens.

Mr. Taraday emphasized his recommendation is insignificant; he will defer to and do whatever the Council wants to do. To the Councilmembers who were interested in the status quo, his only recommendation was he believed the Council could better serve constituents by getting early notice of pending quasi-judicial actions that are coming to the Hearing Examiner, getting involved with and talking with constituents during the process, working with him to advocate for a particularly position in front of the Hearing Examiner and if necessary, direct him to appeal the Hearing Examiner's decision if the Council did not agree with it. The Council can do more to advocate on behalf of constituents via those techniques versus sitting as judge. If the Council tries to advocate for citizens while sitting as a judge, they can be sued. The Council cannot do both, be an advocate for constituents and a judge at the same time. If the goal was to represent constituents, he recommended getting involved earlier at the Hearing

Examiner level, talking to constituents, establishing a process whereby the Council is notified of items going to the Hearing Examiner, testifying at Hearing Examiner hearings, organizing people to rally for or against a project, etc.

As the longest serving Councilmember present, Councilmember Fraley-Monillas disputed some of what has been said. Neither she nor Councilmember Buckshnis have ever had a citizen approach her wanting them to do something about their case. She recognized Mr. Taraday was uncomfortable with risk, pointing out the Council incurs risk every day; every decision incurs some level of risk. Although she appreciated what Councilmember Teitzel had to say, she pointed out six months as a Councilmember did not qualify him to understand the process as well as Councilmembers who have been on the Council longer and have been involved in previous cases. She pointed out Council President Johnson has been opposed to this ever since she got on the Council and has asked this question of everyone who interviewed for an appointment to Council.

Council President Johnson raised a point of order; Roberts Rules of Order state a person is not to make arguments that are personal, are not to name people or be argumentative. She objected to Councilmember Fraley-Monillas identifying what each Councilmember has said and arguing that point. Mayor Earling ruled that Councilmember Fraley-Monillas may continue her testimony, however, she was not to bring up individuals' names.

Councilmember Fraley-Monillas said some Councilmembers are passionate about making this change. She believed citizens needed to have a voice, and not the costly voice of appealing to court. She questioned whether all Councilmembers fully understood the original reason the Council moved into the quasi-judicial role. There is passion behind allowing citizens the ability to come to Council for a decision. She did not mean to offend any Councilmembers but wanted the facts to be clear.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TEITZEL, TO MOVE RESOLUTION 1367 TO THE CONSENT AGENDA, A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL CITY OF EDMONDS EXPRESSING INTENT TO REMOVE THE CITY COUNCIL AND OTHER VOLUNTEER CITIZEN BOARDS FROM QUASI-JUDICIAL PERMIT PROCESSING TO THE EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW UPON ADOPTION OF THE REVISED EDMONDS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CODE.

Council President Johnson said this vote is just showing intent and the Council will have an opportunity to make a final decision in several months when the code is brought to the Council.

Councilmember Nelson referred to Mr. Taraday's comment about crossing the line and the risk in these decisions. He asked if Mission Springs v. City of Spokane was a good example. Mr. Taraday answered yes. Councilmember Nelson asked Mr. Taraday to describe the Mission Springs case. Mr. Taraday explained Mission Springs involved a grading permit and the City Council disregarding legal advice given to them during a public meeting, advice that should have been given in executive session. That City Attorney said publicly something to the effect that the Council needed to approve the permit and Council did not and got sued.

Councilmember Nelson read from the Supreme Court case, where a Councilmember asked "If we direct staff not to issue permits until the tunnels were improved, what would happen? The City Attorney responds, "What would happen is that would be the genesis for a cause of action by the developer against the city for unlawfully interfering with the issuance of a building permit and that is essentially the same basis that we're presently in federal court on, a civil rights violation." The City Attorney goes on to say "It's a charter violation, the Council has no administrative authority, the Council act through ordinances and sets policy and administrative staff is charged with following ordinances." The City Attorney clearly

tells the Council what they are doing is not right and the Council ignores his advice, a very clear, bright line. Mr. Taraday agreed it was a clear, bright line in that case; it is not always.

Councilmember Nelson recalled WCIA has also routinely brought up Mission Springs as an example of what can go wrong. He clarified it was not something the Spokane Council did not understand or was surprised by, it was very clear what would happen. When talking about these kinds of risks, it was important to put it in context. Mr. Taraday said he would not give advice in a public meeting; if that situation ever arose, he would take the Council into executive session, advise of the consequences and the Council would need to take a vote in public without the public's knowledge of the City Attorney's advice.

COUNCILMEMBER BUCKSHNIS MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TIBBOTT, TO AMEND THE MOTION TO TAKE A VOTE ON THIS TONIGHT. AMENDMENT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councilmember Buckshnis preferred to take a vote tonight as Councilmembers have stated their positions and it likely would be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

UPON ROLL CALL, MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED (4-3), COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND COUNCILMEMBERS MESAROS, TEITZEL AND TIBBOTT VOTING YES; AND COUNCILMEMBERS NELSON, FRALEY-MONILLAS AND BUCKSHNIS VOTING NO.

Mayor Earling declared a brief recess.

3. CIVIC CENTER MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Parks & Recreation Director Carrie Hite recalled a kick off meeting was held to launch the Master Plan process in early May. Since then there have been stakeholder interviews, an open house, a virtual open house, project advisory meetings and an update to the Planning Board two weeks ago (draft minutes are included in the packet). She introduced five members of the Project Advisory Committee (PAC) who were present including Council President Council President Johnson, Councilmember Teitzel, Pat Woodell, John McGibbon and Alex Witenberg. She recognized the PAC for their help.

Chris Jones, Principal and Landscape Architect, Walker | Macy, said this update is not to present alternatives but to report on the public involvement process to date and what they have heard so far from the community related to the park program and existing uses on the site. He used the metaphor for this project, it's like removing a temporary tree. He reviewed existing Park Program (activities)

- Events
 - Taste of Edmonds
 - 4th of July Fireworks
 - Wenatchee Youth Circus (concluding operation 2016)
 - Sports tournaments
 - Arts Festival (parking)
- Existing Structures
 - Boys & Girls Club (Field House)
 - Interested in remaining on site and expanding footprint to 18,000-25,000 square feet
 - Historic Preservation Committee pursuing listing of site and field house as historic
 - Grand Stand
- Parking
- Storage
- Active Recreation
 - Soccer
 - Tennis

- Lacrosse
- Skate park
- Basketball
- Baseball
- Football
- Track
- Playground
- Pétanque

Mr. Jones displayed an aerial photograph of the project site and identified areas where deed restrictions exist and areas with no deed restrictions (2 acres). Discussions at the open house have included three significant categories: civic, passive and active. He described potential activities in each category:

- Civic
 - Plaza
 - Cafe
 - Water feature
 - Performance space
 - Permanent art
 - Temporary art
 - Promenade
 - Covered market space
 - Museum display
 - Restrooms
- Passive
 - Multi-use lawn
 - Horticultural gardens
 - Stormwater gardens
 - Berms
 - Shade trees
 - Picnic areas
 - Strolling paths
 - Shade pavilion
- Active
 - Exercise path
 - Creative play
 - Seasonal games
 - Classes
 - Activities clubhouse
 - Concessions
- Events
 - Theater performances
 - Markets
 - Music
 - Culinary events
 - Art installations
 - Fun-runs

Mr. Jones described information provided at the in-person and online open houses:

- Informational boards
 - Background
 - Context

- Site
- Scales of similar parks
- Interactive boards
 - Which activities should continue?
 - What might you like to see?
 - What types of activities should be prioritized in the renovated park?
 - General comments
- Modeling Stations
 - Attendees placed programmatic elements on an aerial photo
 - Six models were prepared
- Open House Results
 - June 23 In Person
 - 131 signed in
 - 141 attended
 - June 24-July 7 online statistics
 - 1,350 total page views
 - 180 responses received

Themes	In-Person Votes	Online Votes	Total
Active	53	21	74
Passive	50	12	62
Civic	20	3	23

Mr. Jones thanked Mayor Earling for his comments at the open house and My Edmonds News for their article. He applauded the Council and the community for their involvement, remarking he had not seen this much community involvement in the design of a downtown park. He displayed a list of activities and in-person, online and total votes for numerous activity types and a list of stakeholder meetings. He reviewed the schedule:

- August 24: Open House 2 (Master Plan Alternatives)
- September 1: PAC Meeting
- September 14: Planning Board Briefing
- September 27: City Council Briefing

Councilmember Teitzel relayed his understanding that the Boys & Girls Club wants to remain on the site but feel the existing building is insufficient to meet their needs. He asked how many kids the Boys & Girls Club served today, how many they would like to serve and how much additional space they need. Mr. Jones answered they've heard the Boys & Girls Club is looking for a total of 18,000 – 25,000 square feet total. He did not know how many kids they serve; during his two visits, there were 12-30 kids present. The existing building is less than 10,000 square feet. Ms. Hite advised the Boys & Girls Club is much more active in the summer with day camps. In talking with the Boys & Girls Club Director today, she indicated they have about 150 kids and find it difficult to fit summer programs in the space and utilize the outside area quite a lot. During the school year, the use is more after-school type programs which also use the park.

Councilmember Tibbott found the PAC summary very helpful. His kids were very involved with using the park when they were young and he expected it to remain an active area. He liked the concept of multiuse active areas and would like to see that pursued. In reading the comments, there was a great deal of interest in removing the fence as much as possible. He was uncertain whether that could be accomplish with landscaping but would like to see a better flow through area. He asked how many music venues exist in the City and whether they could be better utilized. He recognizing there is City Frances Anderson Center which seems to be underutilized, and City Park. Mr. Jones said he had not heard much about using

Civic Field as a music venue other than the Taste of Edmonds. There have been comments about potentially preserving the grandstands for music events but not specific to music events. Ms. Hite said the City currently has concerts at City Park and the Hazel Miller Plaza and movies in the park at Frances Anderson Center. Once the bandshell at Frances Anderson Center is replaced this fall, it will have much more potential.

Councilmember Nelson agreed it was a great open house and wonderful to see the amount of input. He acknowledged the second most popular activity on the list, following restrooms, was pétanque. He hoped pétanque could be accommodated in the park. The third most popular activity was a jogging/walking path which he found encouraging and an overwhelmingly strong response. He asked whether photographs of the models that attendees at the first open house developed will be available. Mr. Jones anticipated those would be shown at the next open house as part of summarizing the feedback. The model is a great tool; there was a lot of consistency in what people included in the models which will also be summarized.

Councilmember Buckshnis encouraged the Council to think about what they wanted the future City to look like and how that is determined through this park. She suggested providing information regarding the City's existing parks and what each one offers. She pointed out there are not many fields in Edmonds. If the City wants to keep kids active, there needs to be activity centers for kids and adults. She referred to Charlotte, North Carolina, where there is an artistic passive walking park connected to a ballfield. She recognized there was not a lot of space on this site but suggested that could be accommodated on a smaller scale.

Councilmember Fraley-Monillas said the Boys & Girls Club serves over 600 kids/year in before and after school care, leagues and clubs, and day camps. She agreed they are interested in more space. With regard to the Taste of Edmonds, she said that event has evolved from a small event with mostly Edmonds restaurants with a beer garden, booths and music to an event with fair food, booths and bouncy houses. She asked what the public said about keeping the Taste of Edmonds. Mr. Jones answered the sentiment is mixed; people who live adjacent to the park do not have a lot of great things to say about the Taste and would rather take a vacation during that weekend; others, who do not live next to it, love it. The Taste is a financial financial generator for the community, eliminating the Taste is a conversation outside master planning the park. He relayed comments that a majority of the people attending the Taste do not live locally, it is a regional attraction, and the beer garden is an alumni event.

Councilmember Fraley-Monillas relayed comments from the Chamber that there is very little spill over from people at the Taste to restaurants and shopping downtown and in fact use their parking and prevent people from visiting downtown businesses. Something that cannot be quantified is people who see Edmonds while going to the Taste and return another day. Ms. Hite said they have also heard in conversations and at the open house that a majority of citizens want the Civic Field planned for the 360 days that it is not used for a festival, not to reconfigure the footprint so much to accommodate a large festival but build what people want and figure out how to fit the festival in it. She relayed the Police Department has witnessed spill over into the bars at 10 p.m. when the Taste closes. The Taste is one of busiest nights of the year for the Police Department.

Council President Johnson referred to the third most popular possibility, a jogging/walking path which got 71 votes, strolling paths which got 47 votes and a formal track which got 40 votes. The challenge is how to decide what to keep and what to expand upon. There is currently a track at Civic Field but she questioned whether it should be the main feature of a new park and whether other paths could be incorporated. Mr. Jones said they have been exploring opportunities; if the track remained, it could be a 200-meter track, half the size of the current track, and still serve SnoKing, the Boys & Girls Club, the community as a whole and jogging and walking paths could circle the site. People are interested in a more casual walking/jogging walkway rather than a formal track but many are still supportive of a formal track.

Councilmember Mesaros referred to information in the Beacon, My Edmonds News and from the Mayor. He commented on the Taste and accommodating that activity on the site. He encouraged Mr. Jones to research a Boys & Girls Club that was incorporated into Thompson Peak Park in north Scottsdale, Arizona. With regard to providing more playfields, he felt this was not the place for that. He pointed out there are number of undeveloped fields within city limits such as Edmonds Elementary, Westgate Elementary and Sherwood Elementary where there would be opportunity to develop playfields in partnership with the school district.

Council President Johnson suggested consideration be given to accommodating the Boys & Girls Club in other facilities such as the Frances Anderson Center, Edmonds Center for the Arts, etc. It may be possible to shift activities at the Frances Anderson Center to the old Public Works building.

8. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Earling reported Edmonds is entertaining students from Hekinian and he cooked hotdogs and hamburgers for them today at lunch. He thanked Council President Johnson for attending the welcome dinner last Friday. The students will be in town through this week and he was hopeful Councilmembers would have an opportunity to interact with them.

Mayor Earling reminded of the Taste of Edmonds this weekend and described its history: the first Taste was cancelled when it was realized organization occurred too late. The cancellation was announced, yet one bus loaded with people still came. The event was successful the next year; 6-7 restaurants on 5th Avenue between IGA and Girardi's. Many of the restaurateurs were worried because they had spent a lot of money; fortunately, it was a great success.

9. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Tibbott reported he attended the Police Foundation open house this week where he and others had the opportunity to learn about what the police do and their equipment. He was present when they demonstrated launching the drone; a video is posted on his Facebook page.

Councilmember Tibbott reported he had a conversation with Development Services Director Shane Hope regarding the Shoreline Master Program and clarifying an interim buffer, the appeal process and stakeholders. He found it very helpful and requested Ms. Hope provide the Council a summary of their conversation in preparation for next week's discussion. One of the takeaways from their conversation was clarity regarding Kernen Lien's comment that setting an interim buffer is really a defacto buffer. Mayor Earling said he met with Ms. Hope and she will prepare a summary by the end of this week or Monday.

Councilmember Mesaros reported Pacific Little League continues to win; they won their first game 15-1 and the second 8-2 and play Thursday at noon on ESPN. He introduced the concert in the park on Sunday; 250 people attended and it began raining halfway through the last song. He encouraged the public to attend the three remaining concerts as well as concerts on Tuesday and Thursdays at Hazel Miller Park.

Councilmember Mesaros encouraged the public to continue donating to the Veteran Plaza; they are \$400 short of raising \$500,000. He exclaimed over the wonderful response from citizens to honor veterans which will enable elements to be included that were removed due to uncertainty about fundraising.

Councilmember Teitzel said he lives very close to Civic Playfield and has received dozens of requests from people living near the playfield to do something about the noise from the beer garden. He has heard that the volume from the bands last year was the loudest ever. He contacted the Chamber President Greg Urban who said he's received those comments as well and committed to doing something about the noise

including reorienting the speakers away from the nearby residential areas, installing additional sound deadening material on the fence and being more diligent about monitoring sound levels using a dB meter to ensure the sound remains at a reasonable level. He expressed his appreciation for Mr. Urban's help and anticipated the sound would be better this year. He encouraged citizens to attend the Taste which is the biggest revenue generator for the Chamber to raise funds for the 4th of July fireworks.

Council President Johnson reported she enjoyed the Hekinan delegation's welcome dinner and advised the students prepare native Japanese foods for the farewell diner this Friday. Also on Friday, she will be scraping food scraps into the proper receptacles at the Taste of Edmonds. She challenged Councilmembers to join that effort on Sunday.

Council President Johnson reported the Council will continue its discussion regarding the Shoreline Management Program at next week's meeting with the hope of concluding that process fairly quickly. She announced a series of presentations will be made to the Council on the issue of homelessness, one of the main issues identified at the Council retreat.

Councilmember Buckshnis thanked the citizens who spoke to the Council about the pétanque courts and said she may come down on Wednesday to play with the ladies. She thanked Maria Montolvo for her article in the Beacon about Off Leash Area Edmonds. A sculptor has been selected for the K-9 statute in the Veteran's Plaza; a rendering is available on the Off Leash Facebook page. They have raised \$8,000, the amount needed. She wished Harve Harrison rest in peace.

Councilmember Fraley-Monillas reports she had the opportunity to observe the Hekinan students having a great time playing pétanque yesterday. She attended the Police Foundation open house and saw the drone, noting it was used recently on a case.

Councilmember Nelson reported he and his family attended the Police Foundation open house. He commented it was great to see the closeness the community and citizens have with the Police Department and vice versa. He was happy to meet K-9 Officer Hobbs in a relaxed setting and to chat with the men and women who serve the community.

10. CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING PENDING OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION PER RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)

This item was not needed.

11. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION. POTENTIAL ACTION AS A RESULT OF MEETING IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

This item was not needed.

12. ADJOURN

With no further business, the Council meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

EDMONDS CITY COUNCIL APPROVED MINUTES

September 27, 2016

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

Dave Earling, Mayor
Kristiana Johnson, Council President
Michael Nelson, Councilmember
Adrienne Fraley-Monillas, Councilmember
Diane Buckshnis, Councilmember
Dave Teitzel, Councilmember
Thomas Mesaros, Councilmember
Neil Tibbott, Councilmember

STAFF PRESENT

K. Ploeger, Police Officer
Phil Williams, Public Works Director
Carrie Hite, Parks, Rec. & Cult. Serv. Dir.
Shane Hope, Development Services Director
Scott James, Finance Director
Rob English, City Engineer
Kernen Lien, Senior Planner
Jeff Taraday, City Attorney
Scott Passey, City Clerk
Jerrie Bevington, Camera Operator
Jeannie Dines, Recorder

1. CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE

The Edmonds City Council meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Earling in the Council Chambers, 250 5th Avenue North, Edmonds. The meeting was opened with the flag salute.

2. ROLL CALL

City Clerk Scott Passey called the roll. All elected officials were present.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

COUNCILMEMBER TEITZEL MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MESAROS, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA IN CONTENT AND ORDER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

COUNCILMEMBER TIBBOTT MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BUCKSHNIS, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The agenda items approved are as follows:

- 1. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2016**
- 2. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2016**
- 3. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF A CLAIM FOR DAMAGES FROM HIEU VUONG (AMOUNT UNDETERMINED).**
- 4. APPROVAL OF CLAIM, PAYROLL AND BENEFIT DIRECT DEPOSIT, CHECKS AND WIRE PAYMENTS.**

5. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

1. LEADERSHIP DAY PROCLAMATION

Mayor Earling read a proclamation declaring October 14, 2016 as Leadership Day in the City of Edmonds, Washington, and join in recognizing the many contributions Leadership Snohomish County has made. Kathy Coffey accepted the proclamation and thanked Mayor Earling and the Council for the proclamation. She was excited about the opportunity to move forward in Snohomish County to celebrate this truly nonpartisan issue, bringing people together in celebration of civic and servant leadership and coordinating opportunities for mentorship with the over 60 graduates of their program from Edmonds alone.

6. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Ray White, Edmonds, said he and his wife moved to Edmonds 27 years ago largely because it offered a high quality of life especially related to natural areas such as the Edmonds Marsh. He was concerned about the possible adverse change in the shoreline buffer and setback for development near the marsh. He is associated with the citizen group present tonight but his comments are his own. An aquatic ecologist, PhD in zoology, experience as a State of Wisconsin trout stream research biologist and teaching and research in fisheries science at Michigan State and Montana State Universities, he values the marsh greatly and visits it many times a year mainly to observe and photograph birds. The Edmonds Marsh is a rare salt marsh that many waterfowl and wildlife use. If full connection to Puget Sound is restored, it will provide special habitat for salmon and other fish. He was concerned the Council's deliberations on the SMP may not be adequately science based. He referred to Mr. Taraday's September 23 memo evaluating scientific considerations of a possible changes in vegetative cover; the memo presents no science and only refers to Ecology and others' policies. The memo refers to no scientific data or primary scientific publication and does not cite or mention any scientists or plants or animal species. The memo may briefly mention some wetland characteristics, process or functions but does not describe them in the detail needed to properly consider the issues such as what will happen to key wetland species and processes under alternative buffer widths. He suggested the Council obtain recommendations based on evaluations of a team of impartial wetland scientists.

Susie Schaefer, Edmonds, relayed her support for a letter that a group of concerned citizens sent the Council on Friday asking for several things from the Council and others including that the Council take action on the SMP on a scientific basis that will offer maximum protection to the marsh and prevent further degradation which in her opinion was Mr. Taraday's Option 1. The group also asks that the Council establish a task force with the Edmonds Marsh stakeholders which include WSDOT, Chevron, Port, BNSF and concerned citizens who are very knowledgeable about wetlands and the marsh. She summarized unless everyone gets together, she was uncertain of the marsh's future; long range planning and discussion will allow progress on retaining the valued Edmonds Marsh.

Mike Shaw, Edmonds, commented it is a simple choice, either development or the marsh; further study will not change that fact. The forward-thinking City of Mukilteo recently converted a park into a wetland which he hoped would not be necessary in Edmonds and the marsh can be preserved now. The Port of Edmonds recently retained a public relations firm, Cocker Fennessy, whose clients include the Port of Seattle and BNSF, neither of whom are great friends of the environment and seem to be masters at spinning anti-environment decisions so they do not look so bad. Some Councilmembers want more study; he anticipated further study would only be more officiation and more time for development to occur. The City Council can vote tonight; Mr. Taraday outlined several options and Option 1 is what everyone hoped for. He did not want to see Edmonds to become Kirkland where the waterfront is buried under eight stories of steel, glass and concrete. He urged the Council to protect one of the last saltwater marshes on Puget Sound.

Ardith Hilton, Edmonds, on behalf of the hundreds of people who live in the bowl area who enjoy the water and mountain views said she recently visited several homebound people who were dismayed to finding trees planted years ago have grown up to obliterate their views. She urged the Council to have a code that kept trees a minimum of 25 feet so all can enjoy their view and not have it obliterated.

Bea Wilson, Edmonds, expressed support for Mr. Taraday's Option 1. She read a letter from a former resident, John Cook, a biology instructor at Edmonds High School 1959-1989, that described his study of natural wildlife populations, field trips and the study of life. As part of his curriculum his students tried to protect the marsh in the 1980s when it was being filled. They made a presentation to City Council that proved the marsh was influenced by saltwater from Puget Sound and thus was of federal interest. The barnacles growing in the marsh proved their point. Prior to the 1890s before the railroad was constructed, the Edmonds Marsh was likely open to the full tidal action of Puget Sound. Measurements of the tide at Edmonds ferry ramp indicate an average 12-foot vertical exchange of saltwater between high and low tides. Using USGS benchmarks in the harbor and surveying transit levels, a class of high students in the 1980s determined saltwater intrusion into the Edmonds Marsh would occur on an average high tide. At that time two 24" culverts fitted with check valves allowed freshwater to flow from the marsh into Puget Sound but were supposed to block saltwater from flowing into the marsh. The culvert check valves were often blocked open with debris making it possible for saltwater to pass into the marsh. His students found barnacles attached to the inner end of the culvert indicating that native plant and animal saltwater species made the brackish marsh their home even after the railroad was constructed. Willow Creek and other sources provide freshwater for marsh. Fish living in saltwater and returning to spawn can tolerate the salt-freshwater mix. He also found migrating salmon seldom go into darkness to find light; for example, if the culvert bends too much. Ms. Wilson summarized this was a tremendous opportunity to look into the treasure of the Edmonds Marsh. Of over 27 listed environmental centers in Washington, none are in Snohomish County and Edmonds could be an environmental learning center.

Bob McChesney, Executive Director, Port of Edmonds, addressed issues and concerns raised by members of the community regarding the SMP, particular buffer widths. The Port purchased the land on which Harbor Square was developed in 1978; that property was already filled and had been vacated by previous industrial users including an asphalt plant and a railcar cleaning operation. The redevelopment of the property resulted in its clean-up; the Port spent over \$3 million excavating and removing contaminated soil. The Council, Mayor and staff had heard many advocating for marsh restoration and many believe that should automatically include wider buffers which the Port does not. The Port believes the existing 25-foot buffer meets the no net loss criteria and does not not believe there is sufficient credible science to support expanding them beyond that and certainly a 100-foot buffer would be excessive which Ecology has also stated. The Port shares the goal of restoring the Edmonds Marsh but have a different strategy for achieving that goal. The Port believes restoration and redevelopment work best when the Port and City work together; these are not mutually exclusive events. The Port's concepts and plans create the best value for the entire community over the long term. The Port believes redevelopment would create solutions and additional resources for marsh restoration. If wider buffers prevail, nothing will be accomplished and the buffers will be nothing more than arbitrary lines on a planning document and no new value will be created. Consequently, the Port is against wider buffers but interested and prepared to continue this discussion with the City and Friends of the Marsh to achieve common goals.

Joe Scordino, Edmonds, retired fishery biologist, commended Mr. Taraday for the excellent job he did providing a thorough evaluation of the legal and scientific aspects the Council needs to determine the appropriate buffer for the Edmonds Marsh. Mr. Taraday's memo also provides clear legal basis for the Council's rejection of the Department of Ecology's preferred 50-foot proposal. He recalled telling the Council two weeks ago that they did not have the necessary information to make a decision and recommended an analysis of the alternatives to make a good, rational decision. Mr. Taraday has now

provided that information and his memo is very clear that the only legally defensible, scientifically-based alternative is Option 1, a 100-foot buffer. That buffer is supported by scientific literature, guidelines published by Ecology and is the best thing for the Edmonds Marsh. As Ms. Schaefer described, once this scientifically-based buffer is approved, it will provide the community a jumping board to start working with all the entities around the marsh to develop community-based solutions for enhancing the buffer and preserving the marsh for future generations.

Scott Blomenkamp, Edmonds, referred to the Council's consideration over the summer of changes in the way the Council deals with land use appeals and Hearing Examiner decisions. Apparently the City Council, Mayor and Hearing Examiner do not feel the code applies to them because for the third year in a row, the Hearing Examiner has not provided an oral and written presentation in September. Last year, it was not discovered for nine months that the Hearing Examiner did not have a contract until it was pointed out by citizens. Under ordinance, Mayor Earling is required to enforce the law. For example, ECC 5.50.020 states unless provided in the municipal code, any person convicted of violating any of the provisions of the Edmonds City Code or the Community Development Guide shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$5,000 and one year in jail. The Hearing Examiner is required by ECC 10.35.010.G to provide a written and oral presentation in September. For three years in a row the Council President has failed to schedule this although it is on the extended agenda. Some may wonder why it's important to have this presentation; ECC 10.35.010.G states the purpose is to enable the City Council and the Hearing Examiner to coordinate City land use policy and philosophy. Mr. Blomenkamp said he currently has a case in appellate court dealing with what Mr. Taraday has tried to defend as two ambiguous statutes. He suggested asking the Hearing Examiner how he determined these were ambiguous and whether they should be changed and clarified. He won at the Hearing Examiner level, at Superior Court and will also win in appellate court. The only question has been what was remanded and whether it was approved under LUPA. He suggested everyone do their jobs.

Richard Senderoff, Edmonds, formerly a member of the Edmonds Backyard Habitat Project and a member of the Economic Development Commission, referred to the letter from concerned citizens regarding the prevention of further degradation of the Edmonds Marsh and taking actions to enhance the ecology function and protect its wildlife. Many more citizens are joining this effort; over 200 signatures have been gathered in less than a week supporting a petition to protect the Edmonds Marsh wildlife sanctuary. A blank petition was previously shared with Council and he submitted the signed petitions. Both the petition and the letter request the City Council retain the most protective buffer and setback requirements according to BAS and the 2016 Department of Ecology Wetland Guidance for Critical Area Ordinance Updates. The letter also requests the formation of a task force composed of stakeholders and concerned citizens to begin actively working to address and resolve issues that may impact the ecological functions of the Edmonds Marsh, including future plans for development near the marsh. Similarly, the petition requests that buffer reduction should only be allowed if specific developer commitments commensurate with a tightened scale of development are set forth in a development plan application. Good faith efforts by the task force should lead to recommendations to these specific developer commitments to be included in a development plan application which would be followed by a public review process and additional Council vetting prior to approval. This could potentially lead to a development agreement or incentive-zoning based plan to ensure protections for the marsh are realized. If buffers are reduced without requiring specific developer commitment, Council and staff would be in a weak position to ensure marsh protections because the land would have already been given away. Linking any potential buffer reductions to specific commitments, Council would be in a position of strength to ensure the sustainability of the Edmonds Marsh wildlife sanctuary for future generations. He paraphrased the Hippocratic Oath, when it comes to marsh, first do no more harm.

Rebecca Wolfe, Edmonds, said she has a lot in common with Dr. John Cook, who taught first year and advanced biology and now the Edmonds School District has an environmental studies program. She

completed reading the letter that Ms. Wilson began above; fish that live in saltwater and come home to spawn can tolerate the salt-freshwater mix and young pacific salmon tolerate brackish water and some require it. Migrating salmon seldom go into darkness to find light. For example, if a culvert bends too much such that the fish see only darkness during the day, it serves as a significant hindrance to their migration upstream; therefore, large culverts greatly aid fish passage. Wildlife also is also important part of the shared world and it is disregarded to our detriment. Presently too little saltwater is passing into the marsh; increasing saltwater flows would greatly improve this valuable marsh.

Kathleen Sears, Edmonds, along with her mother Elizabeth Sears, said the view of the Edmonds waterfront from their homes on Wharf street is an important part of their lives. Today they sent letters to Councilmembers and Mayor Earling regarding the save our marsh plan. She echoed what another speaker said about the opportunity the marsh provides as possible resource for the Edmonds School District. Her mother, a biology teacher in the Edmonds School District, was teacher of year for Washington in 1975. Ms. Sears said she retired from 25 years as an educator at Lakeside School in Seattle. Now that ESD is embracing environment education, the marsh provides a wonderful opportunity for a partnership. It is important to have young people who are committed and involved in civic action and preserving and caring for the natural environment. She hoped the Council and Mayor would see the opportunity to save the marsh not as an obstruction to development as the Port perhaps sees it, but a real opportunity to bring young people and the City into a partnership of appreciating what makes Edmonds special. After living in many places around the world, she came home to Edmonds because it is the most beautiful place in the world. She urged the Council to act to preserve the marsh, to read the heartfelt letters that have been submitted and to do the right thing.

Roger Hertrich, Edmonds, described his three-point plan, 1) move SR-104 eastward so there is more buffer on the east side, 2) move the Port of Edmonds someplace else so there is more natural beach, and 3) bulldoze Harbor Square to provide a larger buffer on the north side. This plan would appeal to people who are very emotional about the marsh. Putting it in perspective, there has been no change for a number of years and the Port has been beneficial to the City and marsh via their cleanup of the pollution left by previous industries. The Port or Harbor Square should not be considered as something bad; Harbor Square has not moved any closer to the marsh since he has lived in Edmonds. The best and most important thing for everyone who wants to protect the marsh would be to join a group that supports keeping building heights low and restricting tall buildings on the Harbor Square side. Development of 3-4 stories of residential should be considered a bad omen for Edmonds. He concluded the biggest danger to the marsh is not the buffer but taller buildings on the north side.

7. ACTION ITEMS

1. REFUNDING 2007 LIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

Finance Director Scott James introduced **Scott Bauer, Northwest Municipal Advisors**, who described the results of RFP process that the Council discussed in July. He displayed a comparison of the outstanding 2016-2031 of LTGO 2007 and LTGO Ref 2012 bonds. The 2007 bonds are proposed to be refinanced, slightly over \$3.1 million; the earliest redemption date is December 1, 2016. He presented the Request for Financing Proposals results:

- The City solicited proposals from eight banks
- Three banks provided responses
- JPMorgan Chase provided the best response for the City
 - 1.67% interest rate
 - May be refinanced or prepaid any time on or after December 1, 2023 1.6% interest

He described the 2007 Bonds Refunding results based on the JPMorgan Chase's interest rate:

- Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds, 2007
- \$3,375,000 currently outstanding
- \$3,120,000 Callable (Maturities 2017 – 2026)
- Callable interest rates range from 3.65% to 3.95% (Average 3.87%)
- Final maturity December 1, 2026
- Call Date December 1, 2016
- Estimated Refunding
 - Par Amount of Refunding Bonds: \$3,166,686
 - All-in Interest Cost of Refunding Bonds: 1.85%
 - Cash flow Savings: \$ 367,541
 - Net Present Value Savings: \$ 337,295
 - Net Present Value Savings %: 10.8%

Mr. Bauer reviewed next steps:

- September 27 City Council Considers Adoption of Bond Ordinance
- September 28 Final Numbers Produced
- October 11 Bond Closing
Funds Deposited to Escrow
- December 1 2007 Bondholders Paid Last Payment from Escrow

COUNCILMEMBER BUCKSHNIS MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TIBBOTT, TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 4043, TO SELECT JP MORGAN CHASE, OPTION C, 1.67% CALLABLE AFTER 7 YEARS TAX-EXEMPT FIXED RATE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. REPORT ON BIDS FOR THE MADRONA WALKWAY PROJECT

City Engineer Rob English recalled he made a presentation to Council regarding the project scope and improvements on September 13, 2016 before bids were opened; bids were opened on September 15, 2016. He displayed an aerial image of the 236th Street Walkway, explaining the project includes a 5-foot sidewalk on the south side of 236th Street from SR-104 to Madrona School and entering their parking lot area. Edmonds School District plans to begin redeveloping Madrona Elementary in spring 2016; this walkway will tie into those future improvements. He provided details of the project improvements:

- 770 feet of 5-foot sidewalk
- New pedestrian curb ramps
- Stormwater system improvements
- 236th Street pavement reconstruction
- Bicycle sharrows
- Pavement striping

He provided the bid results:

Contractor Bid Results	
Welwest Construction	\$572,9225
Bids Rejected	
Taylor’s Excavators	\$542,737
RRJ	\$559,716

Mr. English explained because the City received federal funds (Safe Routes to School Grant) for this project, one of the requirements is meeting the disadvantaged business enterprise goal that the State establishes; the goal for this project was 19%. In addition to contractors meeting that goal, they must provide sufficient documentation with their bid package confirming their commitment to the goal. The

first two bids, Taylor’s Excavators and RRJ, were rejected because they failed to provide adequate documentation.

He reviewed the construction budget:

Item	Cost
Construction contract	\$572,925
Construction Management	86,665
1% art transfer	775
10% mgmt. reserve	57,295
Total	\$717,660

Mr. English reviewed construction funds:

Funding	Amount
Safe Routes to School Grant	\$363,000
Stormwater Utility Fund (422)	167,000
Pavement Preservation Program (REET)	187,660
Total Construction Funding	\$717,660

Staff recommends awarding the contract to Welwest Construction and to authorize a 10% management reserve of \$57,295.

As this is intended to provide a safe route to school, Council President Johnson questioned whether it was safe for students on bikes to share the road with cars or if there was an opportunity to provide a bike lane at least on the school side of the road. Mr. English answered the geometry in this corridor is very narrow. The minor widening being done on 236th Street required an interesting design to accommodate the travel lanes and the 5-foot sidewalk. There is not enough space to include a bike lane and a sidewalk without increasing the project cost to reconstruct the roadway. While a bike lane would be a great idea, it is not within the project budget. As bikes are not allowed on sidewalks, Council President Johnson asked if staff recommended students ride in the street or on the sidewalk to reach the school. Mr. English said there will be sharrows; infrastructure in the street system provides alternative routes for bikes to reach the school which would be the recommended route. There are not a lot of options for someone accessing the school from the other side of SR104 and there is a steep grade on 236th Street from SR-104 so students may walk their bikes up the hill. He summarized that is not a good location for a dedicated bike lane. Council President Johnson commented the sidewalk would provide a significant improvement.

COUNCILMEMBER BUCKSHNIS MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON, TO AWARD THE BID TO WELWEST CONSTRUCTION.

Councilmember Teitzel anticipated the project would be completed before construction of Madrona School begins and asked for assurance that no heavy equipment would drive over the sidewalk and damage it. Mr. English explained utility work will be done at the entrance; that work is being coordinated to avoid conflicts with the new sidewalk. At a minimum, a panel may need to be coordinated. He assured equipment would not be driving on the sidewalk along 236th.

COUNCILMEMBER MESAROS MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TIBBOTT, TO AMEND TO ADD THE 10% MANAGEMENT RESERVE. AMENDMENT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF HR DIRECTOR

Mayor Earling commented on the interview process and the Council's opportunity to interview two candidates last week. Councilmembers provided him their input and made his selection. He requested the Council confirm Mary Ann Hardie as the Human Resources Director.

COUNCILMEMBER MESAROS MOVED, COUNCILMEMBER TEITZEL, TO CONFIRM MARY ANN HARDIE AS NEW HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ms. Hardie said almost 12 years ago she could have not imaged this moment. She was truly pleased, honored and delighted by this incredible opportunity to to further serve the City in an even greater capacity in this role. She thanked Mayor Earling, Council and staff for their continued support of HR and the clear value and understanding of HR via the creation of this position. She looked forward to continuing to provide efficacy, value and quality to the City through the HR Department and programs in this position. People who have worked with her know she sometimes has an over-abundance of energy and enthusiasm for this often complicated but engaging area of work. While there are a lot of challenges ahead in HR, she looked forward to continuing to dig in and complete the critical and important work projects as well as working with the hardworking, competent and talented staff and leaders in the organization as well as citizens when the opportunity arises.

8. STUDY ITEMS

1. SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM UPDATE

Senior Planner Kernen Lien reviewed Ecology Required Change 7 – UMU IV Setback/Buffer

- Council approved SMP established a 100-foot setback with the requirement to establish a 50-foot vegetative buffer within the setback with redevelopment in the UMU IV environment
- Ecology's required change would establish a 65-foot setback with the requirement to establish a 50-foot vegetative buffer within the setback with redevelopment in the UMU IV environment
- Council preliminarily voted not to accept Ecology's required change and directed the City Attorney to draft memorandum
- City Attorney memorandum details scientific and regulatory considerations

Councilmember Buckshnis referred to an email from NOAA fisheries biologist that indicated the memo did not include a reference to the Wetland Rating System for Western Washington 2014 update, publication 1406029. She asked Mr. Taraday's opinion about not including that document in his memo. Mr. Taraday answered he did not include the wetland rating system in the memo because tonight's decision is not whether the marsh is a Category I or II wetland; that is decision for scientists to make in the future. While there is a presumption among City staff that the wetland is a Category II estuarine wetland, adopting a buffer presuming it is a Category II wetland would not preclude future wetland categorization. Councilmember Buckshnis commented Mr. Taraday is an attorney and not a wetland biologist. Mr. Taraday agreed he is not qualified to categorize the wetland.

Councilmember Teitzel read from a section entitled, Tailor buffers to local conditions (packet page 382), "Determining buffers and setbacks is a challenge. The buffers and setbacks for marine and freshwater shorelines should be tailored to local conditions including existing shoreline functions and existing and planned land use and public access." He noted the Council was required to consider BAS in its decision-making process and asked whether the Council was required, as per this statement, to consider existing local conditions in UMU IV. Mr. Taraday commented BAS is a critical area standard not an SMP standard but there is not a significant difference. Local conditions tailoring is recommended and it relates to the science; local conditions may have scientific relevance such as habitat in one Category II wetland that does not exist in another. The reason it is a suggestion rather than a requirement is the SMA would not require every local jurisdiction do a full-blown scientific analysis and habitat inventory of every

estuary and wetland or associated wetland in the shoreline jurisdiction. Taken to its logical extreme, the local conditions suggestion could become somewhat absurd if interpreted as an absolute requirement in all circumstances.

Mr. Taraday reviewed a mindmapping tool of the headings in the memo (purpose, legal standards, scientific and technical information, marsh restoration efforts, analysis of alternatives to Required Change 7 and analysis of alternatives to Required Change 8), elements of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) that are applicable to the SMP, the Wetland Guidance for CAO Updates published in June 2016 (which replaced the Wetland and CAO Updates Guidance for Small Cities which was used to update the CAO) and SMP Handbook Chapter 11.

To the comment that his memo did not contain any science, Mr. Taraday said it was not his goal to do scientific research. If the Council feels scientific research is necessary, a scientist should be hired to do so. His goal was to assemble what he believes Ecology considers to be a good summary of the science and to briefly highlight seemingly relevant portions from them.

Mr. Taraday reviewed four options summarized in his memo related to Ecology Required Change 7:

- Option 1: 110-foot buffer / 125-foot setback
 - Consistent with the most recent guidance from Ecology
 - Scientifically defensible but question is how get from adopted buffer to an actual planted, vegetated buffer. Recommend City have a strategy for making that happen
- Option 2: 75-foot buffer / 90-foot setback
 - Would have been a great option before new guidance was issues.
 - Consistent with CAO buffers but COA buffers can be updated to be consistent with most recent science
- Option 3: 50-foot buffer / 65-foot setback but only after confirming through site specific scientific study that a 50-foot buffer is appropriate for the UMU IV
 - Requires additional study to determine whether Required Change 7 can be scientifically supported
- Option 4: 50-foot buffer / 65-foot setback without awaiting any further study
 - Agrees with Ecology's Required Change 7

With regard to Required Change 8, Mr. Taraday explained under the Comprehensive Plan, the entire Harbor Square property is intended to be redeveloped via a master planning process which provides a triggering mechanism for establishing the buffer.

Councilmember Fraley-Monillas referred to Options 1-4 and asked if any one of them could be supported via further study. Mr. Taraday answered yes, further study may take on different emphases based on which one is selected. For example, Option 1 does not require further study to scientifically justify it from an appeals standpoint due to recent guidance from Ecology that 110 feet is the appropriate buffer for a Category II estuarine wetland; the study would be a real world strategy for realizing that 100-foot buffer. With any of the option, additional study may determine the option is not as feasible as once thought. Because Options 2 and 3 do not appear to be consistent with the most recent wetland guidance, he would recommend they be supported by additional study. For example, if a thorough habitat evaluation of Edmonds Marsh determined no creature living in the Edmonds Marsh needs more than a 50-foot buffer from fairly intense development next door, then a 50-foot buffer could be supported. In the absence of that work, it is safer to adopt Ecology's guidance.

Councilmember Buckshnis referred to Required Change 8, pointing the CG2 zoning in the Chevron/Unocal area that requires a Master Plan. Mr. Lien answered both have the same Comprehensive Plan designation; Harbor Square is zoned CG2 and the Unocal site is zoned MP2.

Councilmember Buckshnis expressed interest in triggering a development agreement with incentives for redevelopment. She asked whether mitigation and incentives in could be addressed in a development agreement. Mr. Taraday answered development agreements are a useful tool for implementing various improvements over a period of time. For example, in the future there is a master plan for Harbor Square and redevelopment efforts but it is recognized they will occur over time. As part of that process, the City and the Port or a developer that contracts with the Port could enter into a development agreement whereby they agree on certain time horizons for establishing the buffer, etc. Councilmember Buckshnis asked whether that is done now or then. Mr. Taraday said it would not be done now. He clarified development agreements do not create exceptions from the zoning code; development agreements must be consistent with the zoning code. To the extent the City creates incentives, they need to be in the zoning code, not in a development agreement. A development agreement is simply the contract and vehicle for establishing a timeline. The City can have incentive zoning without a development agreement.

Councilmember Teitzel recalled Mr. Taraday said if the City were to enact a 100-foot buffer, an actual buffer increase may not be realized. The Port stated tonight they would not be able to redevelop under those conditions so in effect it would be reaching a stalemate. The existing contract rezone has a 25-foot open space; if the Port does not redevelop, the 25-foot buffer would remain for the foreseeable future. Mr. Taraday said there are different ways buffers can come into existence but one way or another, the Port has to be involved either via redevelopment or through a cooperative effort to begin replanting a buffer with public funds. It is the Port's property so there will need to be cooperation from the Port or creation of conditions whereby the market makes it happen.

Councilmember Teitzel reiterated requiring a 110-foot buffer plus a 15-foot setback may be the end result on paper but it may not be the result in actual practice in UMU IV. Mr. Taraday agreed it was a possibility but he did not want to presume one way or another because there are many different levers that can affect the developability of property; this is just one of many. He referred to an aerial of what that buffer looks like on the Harbor Square property (packet page 153). In his opinion, the buffer alone will not decide the fate of redevelopment of Harbor Square; it is an influencing factor but the availability of uses on the site, density bonuses, etc. and other tools the City has to encourage redevelopment. Councilmember Teitzel commented both the Council and citizens want the marsh preserved and restored. His concern was a buffer that was scientifically supportable on paper but may not be implementable and may delay restoration of the marsh. He was interested in a way to break that stalemate.

Councilmember Mesaros echoed Councilmember Teitzel's concerns, commenting he could easily vote for Option 1 if there was no existing development within the current buffer. The problem with passing the 110-foot buffer and 15-foot setback was the impact on the existing buildings; 30 years from now, those buildings will still be within that buffer which restricts opportunity for restoration on the north boundary because it will be cost prohibitive for the Port due to the existing building. He preferred to develop a plan that takes into consider the existing development and then provide incentives so restoration occurs and creates a vegetative buffer.

Council President Johnson acknowledged staff, the Department of Ecology, 3 Port Commissioners and the Executive Director, and approximately 30 citizens actively involved in the issue. Everyone agrees with protecting the marsh; there is disagreement in how to accomplish it. She did not think promoting the economic development interests of the Port was inconsistent with protecting the marsh; they are not mutually exclusive. How it is accomplished will require creative thinking and planning in the future. Tonight the Council has choices to make on how to move forward. The Council wants an alternative approach that provides better resource protection and the first priority is to reserve appropriate areas for protecting and restoring ecological functions; Option 1 accomplishes those goals. The Port has stated their

belief that the 25-foot buffer meets the no net loss requirements; however, the City Attorney stated according to the SMP Handbook Chapter 11, 25- feet does not meet the no net loss standard.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BUCKSHNIS, TO DIRECT THE ATTORNEY TO PREPARE A LETTER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY FOR ACTION NEXT WEEK THAT REPRESENTS THE 110-FOOT BUFFER AND 15-FOOT SETBACK AS OUTLINED IN OPTION 1.

Councilmember Tibbott did not support the motion. He appreciated the sentiment of the citizens who spoke tonight related to the education and habitat value of the marsh and future restoration of the saltwater flows. However, similar to Councilmember Teitzel, he was concerned about the reality of putting that into effect. When Ecology presented their recommendation for 65-feet, they were asked if it was based on science and their best understanding of how to apply the standards and they answered in the affirmative. He did not support the motion and preferred to consider either Option 3 or 4.

Councilmember Nelson suggested putting this in context, commenting the Council has heard a lot about the marsh and its neighbors but the reason Ecology is here is because of the SMP and a shoreline of the state. He read from the purpose of the SMP, "Shorelines of state are among the most valuable and fragile of its natural resources and there is great concern around the state relating to the utilization, protection, restoration and preservation. In addition, it finds that ever increasing pressures of additional use are being placed on the shorelines, necessitating increased coordination in the management and development of the shorelines of the state." He said Edmonds is not solely in control, Ecology requires the City to update its SMP. Edmonds has always fostered development and 96% of the City is developed. The City's past history has been riddled with negative development around marsh which has unintentionally hurt the marsh's function as well as significantly reduced the size of the marsh. According to the City Attorney, the most recent science indicates Category II estuary wetlands should have a 110-foot buffer and a 15-foot setback; adoption of Option 1 is appropriate and defensible in light of this recent guidance. The Council has also heard from both Ecology and the City Attorney that Harbor Square is not likely to redevelop in the near future regardless of what buffer is established. Therefore, the Council should adopt the 110-foot buffer and 15-foot setback for purposes of this SMP and continue to develop and strategize how to make this buffer a reality.

Mr. Lien explained this is only one of the required changes, Council feedback is needed on incorporating the 2016 Wetland Guidance into the SMP and there is another required change that has not yet been considered. Mr. Taraday said the City eventually needs to send Ecology a new set of code, not just a letter, which may take time for he and Mr. Lien to develop. He was uncertain that could be prepared in time for the next Council packet. Mr. Lien agreed, advising the remaining items could be addressed next week.

Councilmember Fraley-Monillas commented the Council has heard discussion on both sides; it is the same people on both sides of the issue and nobody has any new information.

COUNCILMEMBER FRALEY-MONILLAS CALLED FOR THE QUESTION. UPON ROLL CALL, CALL FOR THE QUESTION FAILED (4-3) FOR LACK OF A SUPER MAJORITY; COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND COUNCILMEMBERS NELSON, FRALEY-MONILLAS AND BUCKSHNIS VOTING YES; AND COUNCILMEMBERS MESAROS, TEITZEL AND TIBBOTT VOTING NO.

Councilmember Teitzel commented he preferred to move this forward and end up with a larger buffer than exists today and begin improving the health of the marsh.

COUNCILMEMBER TEITZEL MOVED TO AMEND TO DIRECT STAFF TO REVISE ECOLOGY’S CHANGE 7 FOR UMU IV TO REFLECT A 90-FOOT SETBACK AND A 75-FOOT BUFFER FROM THE ORDINARY HIGH WATER MARK.

Councilmember Fraley-Monillas raised a point of order. City Clerk Scott Passey said this was a substitute motion not an amendment.

MAYOR EARLING RULED THE AMENDMENT OUT OF ORDER.

COUNCILMEMBER BUCKSHNIS MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION FOR THE COUNCIL TO VOTE ON REQUIRED CHANGE 7. MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BUCKSHNIS, TO AMEND THE MOTION IN RECOGNITION OF COMMENTS MADE BY STAFF AND THE CITY ATTORNEY, NOT TO PUT A TIME LIMIT ON WHEN TO GET INFORMATION BACK TO COUNCIL. AMENDMENT CARRIED (6-1), COUNCILMEMBER TEITZEL VOTING NO.

UPON ROLL CALL, MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED (4-3), COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND COUNCILMEMBERS NELSON, FRALEY-MONILLAS AND BUCKSHNIS VOTING YES; AND COUNCILMEMBERS MESAROS, TEITZEL AND TIBBOTT VOTING NO.

Mr. Taraday suggested allowing Ecology to speak. **David Pater, Department of Ecology**, introduced **Joe Burcar, Department of Ecology**. Mr. Pater said the City’s reply to the Ecology Director must address all the required changes. The reply can be just a letter; it does not have to include all the code changes. As a different alternative has been selected for Required Change 7, the City needs to provide supportive documentation for that option so the director has all the information she needs to make a decision. Mr.

Burcar said they would also like to have an opportunity to talk with the City Attorney and staff to clarify the memo.

Mayor Earling suggest the Council continue discussion next week. He declared a brief recess.

2. CIVIC MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Parks & Recreation Director Carrie Hite explained two open houses and two virtual open houses have been held and many stakeholder meetings including recent meetings with the Student Conservation Association, Art Commission, and SnoKing Youth Club. The effort is leaning toward a hybrid option, combining elements of both options. A presentation was made to the Planning Board two weeks ago. The goal tonight is to review the two options, describe the public input to date as well as the input from the Planning Board and ask for Council guidance so Walter | Macy can begin to shape a final plan.

Chris Jones, Walker Macy, reviewed Open House #1 Responses:

- Themes/Priorities
 - Active: 74
 - Passive: 62
 - Civic: 23

He identified the top 13 program elements from the first open house, advising 13 elements fit comfortably within the park:

Activity/Feature	Votes
Restrooms	77
Petanque	76

Jogging/walking paths	71
Soccer	67
Shade trees	56
Skate park	50
Playground	50
Tennis	49
Boys & girls club	48
Multi-use lawn	42
Formal track	40
Small performance space	39
Gardens	35

He highlighted comments from the open house that include interest in:

- Ethno-botanic gardens
- Pickleball
- Lighting
- Underground parking
- Market
- Volleyball
- Museum display
- Covered market
- Disc golf
- Horticultural gardens
- All ages jungle gym
- Sustainability
- Leave as-is
- And more...

He commented on plans for additional community engagement:

- Student Conservation Association
- Stakeholder Interviews
- Parks Maintenance
- My Edmonds News

He identified available Facilities (parks and schools) in Edmonds area and at Civic Center Playfield:

Facility	Total	At Civic Center Playfield
Soccer fields (adult & youth)	10	2
Tennis courts	7	2
Petanque	4	4
Basketball courts	10	2
Baseball/softball fields (adult & youth)	11	1
Skate Park	2	1
Pickleball	10	2

Mr. Jones highlighted site restrictions:

- Project site: 18 acres
- 2 acres exempt from deed restrictions
- Deed restrictions (6 acres)
- Not more than 10% impervious surface (excluding pathways)

- Pervious surface parking only
- Must be preserved as open space
- No synthetic turf
- No buildings (restrooms allowed but apply to impervious calculations)
- Shade structures are permitted
- Multi-use open grass areas are allowed
- Temporary festival use can be accommodated

He reviewed Design Options presented at the second open house:

- Option 1 – Meadow Loop
 - Areas in park
 - Civic Edge
 - Multi-use lawn/playfields
 - Landscape buffer
 - Pedestrian circulation
 - Multi-use courts
 - Water feature/plaza
 - Pétanque
 - Playgrounds
 - Walking/jogging paths
 - Berms
 - Obstacle course or exercise station
 - Existing trees
 - Meadows and gardens
 - Stormwater gardens
 - Activity zones – high, medium and low
 - Connections
 - Community hubs - Field House (Boys & Girls Club or café)
 - Shade pavilion & restroom
 - Meadow loop precedents
 - Meadows and gardens
 - Promenade / flexible use
 - Creative, integrated play
 - Shade pavilion and plaza and petanque
 - Multi-use lawn
 - Passive landscape gardens
 - Flexible use event space
- Option 2 – Activity Central
 - Areas in park
 - Landscape buffer
 - Neighborhood connection
 - Active recreation
 - Parking
 - Tennis
 - Basketball
 - Plaza
 - Skate park
 - Pétanque
 - Garden groves
 - Exercise stations
 - Playgrounds

- 200-meter track
- Sand volleyball
- Multi-use lawn/playfields
- Walking/jogging circuit
- Existing trees
- View terraces
- Activity zones – high, medium and low
- Connections
- Community hubs - expanded Field House for Boys & Girls Club and/or café, restroom
- Picnic terrace
- Activity Central precedents
- Shade pavilion and picnic area
- Landscape integrated play
- Lawn terraces for spectating and views
- All ages recreation
- Small plaza with interactive water feature
- Game courts within garden groves
- Flexible use event space

He provided a comparison of the options:

Plan Option 1 – Meadow Loop	Plan Option 2 – Activity Center
2 smaller or 1 large soccer field	1 large + 1 small soccer field
4 petanque courts	8 petanque courts
1.5 courts	4 courts
Playgrounds	200m track
Walking jogging paths	Skate park
Multi-use lawn	Sand volleyball
Existing Field House / B&G Club	Parking
Shade pavilion and restroom	Playgrounds
	Walking jogging paths
	Multi-use lawn
	Expanded Field House for B&G Club / Cafe / restroom
	Picnic pavilion

He identified the project schedule:

- Open House #3 (Preferred Master Plan): October 19
- Online Open House #3: October 19 - November 4
 - <http://edmondscivicfield.participate.online/>
- Planning Board: November 9
- City Council: November 22
- Final Plan: January 17

Mr. Jones reviewed the small group discussion & report back:

- ~160 attendees
- 16 discussion tables
- Preferred Plan (by majority at table):
 - Option 1 preferred: 8
 - Option 2 preferred: 4
 - Split: 2
 - Unclear: 2

- Individual Comment Cards:
 - Option 1 preferred: 5
 - Option 2 preferred: 3
 - Undecided / Unclear: 3

He relayed the most consistent comments from the in-person open house:

- Like the lawn terraces
- Skatepark should remain in the park
- Option 1 curves are nice but want more active program like in Option 2

He reviewed results of the online open house available August 24th to September 7th

- 1,057 visitors
- 379 responses
 - 88 Prefer Option 1 (23.9%)
 - 280 Prefer Option 2 (76.1%)
- Age
 - Over 70: 38 (17.7%)
 - 45-69: 81 (37.7%)
 - 30-44: 80 (37.2%)
 - 18-29: 7 (3.3%)
 - Under 18: 5 (2.3%)
- Common reasons respondents preferred option 1:
 - Free-flowing structure, layout
 - Walking paths
 - Water feature and plaza
 - Open green spaces and lawn
 - Reduced number of pétanque courts
 - No track
- Common reasons respondents preferred option 2:
 - View terraces
 - Long walking and running paths
 - Focus on fields and athletic facilities
 - Expanded boys and girls club
 - Skate park
 - Potential for large events
 - More spaces for families and children
 - Track
- Common elements not shown that respondents would like to see included:
 - Additional restrooms
 - Benches and/or seating areas
 - Lighting
 - Additional covered athletic facility and market space
 - Stage
 - ADA accessibility
 - 400-meter track

Mr. Jones presented the combined open house (in-person and online) results:

- High level estimate of design option votes combined:
 - Option 1: 178 (35%)
 - In-person – 90 (64%)
 - Online – 88 (24%)

- Option 2: 330 (65%)
 - In-person – 50 (36%)
 - Online – 280 (77%)

He reviewed Planning Board comments:

- Track
 - Majority of community supports the idea that the hybrid would not include a 400-meter track
 - Loop trail could accommodate mileage markers
- Infrastructure
 - There is infrastructure available to support most if not all of proposed elements
- Change in maintenance and cost
 - New civic field will have higher maintenance costs; systems will require more maintenance than landscaping
 - Will explore LID strategies
- Concern with a water feature
 - Water features are a regional draw
- Parking
- Sustainability
 - Pervious pavement
 - Rain gardens
- Surfaces
- Skate park
 - Reusing existing skate park elements
 - Not in great shape, heavily used
 - May be opportunity for cast-in-place concrete instead of modular units
- Trees
 - Define space
 - Be cognizant of view

Mr. Jones said they are moving forward with a hybrid plan that supports the 13 ideas the community has identified with the exception of the track; soccer, pétanque, skate park, walking and jogging paths, playgrounds, view terraces, basketball, tennis, multiuse courts, plaza space, promenade and Boys & Girls Club.

Councilmember Fraley-Monillas said she liked the idea of another water feature, noting it did not need to be to the extent of City Park. She agreed it was a regional draw and trusted the the consultant and staff would ensure it was not too overreaching. She supported buffers on the north and the south as there are homes on both sides. She recommended everything be ADA accessible and questioned whether the lawn terrace could be ADA accessible. Mr. Jones said every element in the park should be accessible.

Councilmember Buckshnis liked the idea of a hybrid of Options 1 and 2. She liked the meadow loop and the buffers on edges. She was concerned Option 2 was predicated on expanding the Boys & Girls Club and a café which may take years. She liked the idea of a smaller water feature but not as big as City Park. She summarized there needed to be buffers on all edges other than the side facing the Public Safety Building.

Councilmember Tibbott concurred with Councilmember Fraley-Monillas and Councilmember Buckshnis' comments. He was puzzled why another water feature was needed but could see that it could be an attraction. This park would be an opportunity to incorporate displays of public art with the landscaping.

Councilmember Nelson commented the all ages recreation was very forward thinking, would be unique to this park and the City and could be tailored to residents. If the track is not included, he recommended the loop trail be a specific increment. He was not crazy about the idea of a water feature; a father of young kids, it would be difficult to bring towels to two parks and the waterfront and he questioned what would be done with the water feature in the winter. He asked whether in Mr. Jones' experience, the results of the online open house were the opposite of the in-person open house. Mr. Jones answered no, this was unique.

Councilmember Teitzel asked whether the online results could be skewed by respondents who took the survey multiple times. Mr. Jones answered that was considered after people voted several times at the first online open house and but they did not find many repeat respondents in the second online open house. He anticipated there were a few but not enough to sway things any more than a 2% error margin.

Councilmember Teitzel asked whether the existing tall light poles around the grandstands would be retained, noting they are used fairly often for evening activities. He noted Option 2 includes a full sized soccer field. Mr. Jones answered yes, the lights would be replaced. Ms. Hite said there was a lot of support for retaining the lights for evening activities. LED lights downcast to the field will not have light spillage into the neighborhood.

Councilmember Mesaros expressed support for a water feature, commenting it would relieve pressure at City Park. He has heard from a number of people his age whose grandkids love come to Edmonds because of the water feature. He liked the hybrid approach and the list of activities and was anxious to see the plans. He liked the idea of public art, noting the structures in some of the examples were artistic and appealing. He suggested developing a new name to avoid confusion between City Park and Civic Center Playfield. Ms. Hite said engaging the community in a naming contest is on the list of things to do after the design is complete.

Council President Johnson commented Edmonds' population is approximately 40,000, yet the top 13 elements are based on votes from residents ranging in age from 77 to 35 which she hoped was representative of the entire community. She noted the scores from the in-person open house (178) and online open house (330) is a very small percentage and the park needs to represent the entire community. She looked forward to the cost estimates, anticipating earth moving for the meadow loop would be very expensive. One of the main environmental features of this site is that it is flat; that needs to be enhanced rather than redesigning the site's topography. As it may be possible to develop the park in phases, she was interested in a minimum build cost with regard to maintenance and construction in the short and long term. Personally, she recommended the area north of the fieldhouse be kept as unrestricted as possible to provide potential for that area in the future.

Ms. Hite recognized two members of the Project Advisory Committee in the audience, John McGibbon and Pat Waddell as well as Councilmember Teitzel and Council President Johnson. She highlighted a change to the schedule; the open house was originally scheduled on October 12. It was moved to October 19 to give Walker | Macy an additional week to thoughtfully consider the final design. She realized after-the-fact that that is the third presidential debate. She encouraged citizens to record the debate and attend the open house to help mold and shape Civic Field. The next time the project is presented to the Planning Board and City Council, it will be scheduled as a public hearing.

3. FRANCES ANDERSON CENTER BANDSHELL AWARD OF BID

Parks & Recreation Director Carrie Hite said this project has been in Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan as well as the Capital Improvement Plan for several years. She displayed a photograph of the existing bandshell, explaining it is deteriorating and the wall is separating from the roof. Staff has spent money and time keeping it together for the past several years and it is now time to replace it. The project

was out to bid to several vendors for the bandshell itself which can be purchased already built; those bids ranged from \$45,000 to \$75,000. The low bid of \$45,000 was selected and the design taken to the Arts Commission and the Historic Preservation Committee (HPC). The Frances Anderson Center is on the City's historic register, and staff wanted to ensure the design was appropriate for the site. The HPC issued a certificate of appropriateness of the bandshell that was selected. She displayed a photograph of the roofline that was recommended. The City engaged Barker Landscape to design the stage; there is a significant amount of deterioration around the stage and it will be demolished and re-poured and the roof added.

The engineer's construction estimate for this project, not including the actual bandshell roof, was \$130,600. The bid was published on August 5, 2016 for the small works roster. At the close of bid, no bids were received. After consultation with the Engineering Division, and their previous guidance from the City Attorney's office, it was determined that if no bid was received on the call, the Council may enter into a contract without any further call or may purchase the supplies, material or equipment and perform the work or improvement by day labor. She called three contractors to determine their interest in providing a construction quote on this project. One declined and two contractor's submitted construction bids:

- Engineer's estimate: \$130,600.00
- KA General Construction: \$141,420.32
- Spirit Ridge: \$188,174.50

She reviewed the project budget:

Item	Amount
Base Bid (KA Construction)	\$128,798.11
Management Reserve	12,889.00
Permit Fees	\$1,437.00
Bandshell (by owner)	41,260.00
Bandshell engineering	4,470.00
A & E	16,385.00
Geotech/survey	6,600.00
Subtotal	\$211,830.11
Tax at 9%	16,666.20
Total	\$228,496.31
Authorized in 2016	\$191,870
Additional Authority Needed	\$36,626

The Dayton Street Plaza was completed under bid by \$45,000 - \$50,000; she suggested the additional authority in REET in 2016 be used to make up the difference for this project. She relayed staff's recommendation:

- Award bid to KA Construction for a total of \$141,420
- Approve management reserve of \$12,880
- Approve additional budget expenditure of \$36,626 (includes management reserve)

Councilmember Mesaros asked when the original bandshell was built. Ms. Hite answered she did not know but it used to be a covered play area. Councilmember Teitzel commented it was built well after the Frances Anderson Center building and the HPC determined the bandshell did not have any historic significance.

COUNCILMEMBER MESAROS MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BUCKSHNIS, TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION AS PRESENTED BY MS. HITE.

Councilmember Tibbott assumed the bid included demolition Ms. Hite said it did. Councilmember Tibbott asked whether there was electricity. Ms. Hite answered the bid includes some electricity; the Arts Festival Foundation is interested in upgrading the electricity for their needs. Councilmember Tibbott asked whether the bandshell itself had capability for sound. Ms. Hite answered it had capability for sound and lights. The bandshell is an out of the box structure but some changes were engineered. Councilmember Tibbott asked whether there was any ability to have a green room or back stage. Ms. Hite answered there was not enough space on the site. Councilmember Tibbott suggested two sets of stairs. Ms. Hite answered it will be ADA accessible with ramps and stairs. Performers often use the Frances Anderson Center for staging. Councilmember Tibbott said he would support the project based on those clarifications.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. PRESENTATION ON THE TRAFFIC IMPACT FEE ANNUAL REPORT

City Engineer Rob English presented the 2015 Traffic Impact Fee Annual Report

- Adopted in 2004
 - Rate study: \$764/trip
\$841 per single family unit
- Revised in 2010
 - Rate study: \$1,049 per trip
\$1,196 per single family unit
- Updated calculations (proposed)
 - Rate study: \$5,530 per trip
\$6,249 per single family unit

He provided the 2015 Report:

Beginning Balance	\$520,731
Impact Fees	66,344
Expenditures (220 th , 5 Corners and 76 th /212 th intersection)	370,467
Ending balance	\$216,608

He provided a comparison of 2004-2015 Impact Fees:

Year	Impact Fees
2004	\$5,641
2005	\$165,024
2006	\$106,842
2007	\$160,429
2008	\$62,686
2009	\$54,150
2010	\$3,873
2011	\$307,678
2012	\$29,966
2013	\$156,652
2014	\$202,295
2015	\$66,334
Total	\$1,352,570

Councilmember Mesaros asked if the intent was still to phase the traffic impact fee increase over three years. Mr. Williams answered yes, explaining the traffic impact fee was not adjusted based on the need

for money, it was based on growth. The additional revenues from the traffic impact fee based on growth offset the need for the General Fund to provide match for transportation projects. For example, the Five Corners roundabout was funded without General Funds due to the availability of traffic impact fees.

Councilmember Mesaros referred to the debt payments for the 220th project and asked when that will be repaid. Mr. English answered it was 20-year payback and he anticipated it would be repaid in 10 more years.

Councilmember Buckshnis asked why 2015 collection were so low. Mr. Williams answered collections go up and down; in 2014 the hospital paid a great deal in traffic impact fees. The biggest project in 2015 was \$12,000 from a medical clinic; the remainder was from single family residential at about \$1200 each. The number of permits and revenue collected do not necessarily coincide.

Councilmember Buckshnis asked how projects are prioritized using that revenue source. Mr. Williams answered traffic impact fees can only be used on growth projects. Most of the transportation projects on the CIP are not eligible for traffic impact fees. Councilmember Buckshnis asked for example if \$100,000 was paid by Swedish, it was not used only for projects at Swedish, it could be used for all growth-related projects. Mr. Williams agreed.

5. **PRESENTATION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MIG FOR THE ADA TRANSITION PLAN**

City Engineer Rob English explained this is a professional services contract for an ADA Transition Plan for the City's rights-of-way. This is a requirement for projects that receive federal funds. The last ADA Transition Plan was completed in the mid-1990s. More guidance has been provided by WSDOT with regard to what the plans should contain. The Plan will inventory all the City's facilities and identify a schedule for upgrading and funding. City standards and codes will be considered as well as developing a procedure for responding to complaints. MIG was selected via a consultant selection process. The 2016 budget includes \$110,000 for this project. That amount does not require Council approval but staff wanted to present it to Council for review and approval as there is potential for amendment in the future.

(Councilmember Fraley-Monillas left meeting at 9:55 p.m.)

Councilmember Tibbott relayed his understanding the focus was ADA compliance but there would be a survey of all walkways and cracks and changes in elevation that hinder use. Mr. Williams said staff walks the sidewalks every two years to look for and repair panel displacement. This plan is looking at other features, particularly ramps to ensure they are in compliance and to prioritize those that are the furthest out of compliance or identify areas without ramps.

Mr. Williams said when Parks was first approached to determine if they wanted to add an inventory of the parks system to the scope, Parks staff did not believe it was necessary. Parks now may be interested in adding the parks system to the inventory. If Parks can identify a funding source, staff may return to Council to add that to the scope.

It was the consensus of the Council to schedule this on a future agenda.

COUNCILMEMBER TEITZEL MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MESAROS, TO EXTEND 15 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (Councilmember Fraley-Monillas was not present for the vote.)

6. **PRESENTATION OF A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH HERRERA ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS FOR THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT CODE UPDATE**

City Engineer Rob English explained in May 2015 the City executed a contract with Herrera to start the code development update process to comply with the NDPES Phase II permit. Another component of the scope of work was to prepare an addendum to help staff administer the code for private development. Those, along with training were the 3 tasks in the 2015 contract. This supplement will focus on preparing the LID standard detail to provide to the development community and citizens who want to develop or make changes on their property and to inform them how to build the stormwater facilities according to the new guidelines adopted for the stormwater code. A great deal of the supplement is allocated for the development of those details. There is also a task for developing checklist and handouts, tools the City uses to assist its customers. There is a need for additional training internally as well as an additional meeting with the private development community due to the complexity of the stormwater code. The project includes a \$11,000 management reserve; the total fee for the supplemental agreement is \$123,236. A budget amendment for \$46,500 from the stormwater utility ending fund balance will be presented with the third quarter amendment. The work will begin this fall and continue into spring 2017.

Councilmember Buckshnis observed Herrera wrote the entire code and the City paid them \$232,000. She observed the amount was \$100,000 in May so it did not require Council approval; the additional \$123,236 is for more standards and checklists. She was flabbergasted at the amount and although Herrera's stormwater presentation illustrated they knew a lot, she was concern with the amount of money that had been expended. She asked whether the City could have hired someone to do the work or was it too complex. Mr. Williams answered it was not necessarily a matter of complexity, if the City hired someone, once this task was completed, that employee would no longer be needed. This project gets the City in compliance with the NDPES permit. He acknowledged this has been more complex than originally thought. Staff is very busy delivering capital work and reviewing private development and does not have the capacity.

Councilmember Buckshnis was concerned if Herrera did everything, how would staff assimilate it, recalling the Herrera representative did most of the presentation to Council. She wanted to ensure staff was familiar with the new code and what needed to be done. Mr. Williams assured staff is following it very closely; a meeting was held today with eight staff members to discuss the handouts, the addendum, and the LID code integration process. Mr. English said staff needs the details, checklists and handouts as well as the necessary training when this roll out January 1, 2017.

It was the consensus for the Council to schedule approval on next week's Consent Agenda.

7. **AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT WITH JAMES G. MURPHY TO SELL SURPLUS CITY VEHICLES AND SURPLUS CITY EQUIPMENT**

Public Works Director Phil Williams advised the City will contract with Murphy Auction to sell surplus vehicles and equipment; three 17-year old work trucks, a 5-year old Police Crown Vic that was replaced with a Ford Explorer, and the old generator from Fire Station 20.

It was the consensus for the Council to schedule approval on next week's Consent Agenda.

8. **AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT WITH PICK-N-PULL TO SCRAP TOTALED CITY VEHICLES**

Public Works Director Phil Williams said these 2007 and 2008 wrecked patrol vehicles were used for parts and are now scrap metal.

It was the consensus for the Council to schedule approval on next week's Consent Agenda.

9. REPORTS ON OUTSIDE BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

This item was delayed to a future meeting.

10. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Earling reported:

- ECA gala last weekend was truly spectacular and raised a record amount of approximately \$370,000
- On Saturday Mayor Smith and he will announce the 5k run sponsored by Edmonds School District
- Development Services Department is developing a new fee schedule that will be presented for Council approval during the budget process.
- The AWC Regional Conference will be held at Scotts Bar & Grill in Edmonds on October 28th. Governor Inslee plans to attend. Electeds from Seattle to the border have been invited. Seating is available for 100.

11. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council President Johnson reported she is unable to attend the Snohomish County Tomorrow annual meeting tomorrow. Mayor Earling advised he planned to attend.

Councilmember Teitzel applauded and agreed with Councilmember Nelson's column regarding responsible gun ownership. He recommended focusing on that issue in light of recent events.

Councilmember Mesaros reported he as well as Council President Johnson also attended the ECA auction. Edmonds is privileged to have such a wonderful place for performing arts. Brue Hornsby will perform at opening night this Thursday.

Councilmember Tibbott reported he attended curriculum night at the high school and was very impressed with the faculty at Meadowdale High School and was aware of excellent faculty at other schools. The students of Edmonds are in good hands; he was thankful for the investment that teachers and administrators are making in the lives of students.

12. CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING PENDING OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION PER RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)

This item was not needed.

13. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION. POTENTIAL ACTION AS A RESULT OF MEETING IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

This item was not needed.

14. ADJOURN

With no further business, the Council meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

EDMONDS CITY COUNCIL APPROVED MINUTES

January 17, 2017

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

Dave Earling, Mayor
Thomas Mesaros, Council President
Michael Nelson, Councilmember
Adrienne Fraley-Monillas, Councilmember
Diane Buckshnis, Councilmember
Dave Teitzel, Councilmember
Neil Tibbott, Councilmember

STAFF PRESENT

Carrie Hite, Parks, Rec. & Cult. Serv. Dir.
Shane Hope, Development Services Director
Rob English, City Engineer
Renee McRae, Recreation Manager
Jeff Taraday, City Attorney
Scott Passey, City Clerk
Jerrie Bevington, Camera Operator
Jeannie Dines, Recorder

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT

Kristiana Johnson, Councilmember

1. CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE

The Edmonds City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Earling in the Council Chambers, 250 5th Avenue North, Edmonds. The meeting was opened with the flag salute.

2. ROLL CALL

City Clerk Scott Passey called the roll. All elected officials were present with the exception of Councilmember Johnson.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

COUNCILMEMBER TEITZEL MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TIBBOTT, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA IN CONTENT AND ORDER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

COUNCILMEMBER BUCKSHNIS MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TIBBOTT, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The agenda items approved are as follows:

1. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 10, 2017
2. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 10, 2017
3. CLAIM FOR DAMAGES FROM ELANA SHIPPEN (AMOUNT UNDETERMINED)
4. APPROVAL OF CLAIM CHECKS AND WIRE PAYMENT
5. CONFIRMATION OF HAROLD WILLIAMS II APPOINTMENT TO THE SISTER CITY COMMISSION

6. BUDGET CARRYFORWARD INFORMATION MEMO

5. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Dianna Maish, Edmonds, member of Save Our Marsh, thanked the Mayor and the City Council for the informative presentation by Western Washington University students last Friday at City Hall. She was pleased to see community discussions regarding improving the health of the Edmonds Marsh such as reducing Harbor Square runoff, more effective stormwater management techniques in the buffer area, strategies for enhancing biodiversity, minimizing invasive plant species in the marsh and the possibility of enhancing wildlife habitat. The Edmonds Marsh is the only remaining salt marsh between Tacoma and Everett and can provide more ecosystem service than it currently does. Save Our Marsh is eager to hear the City's plans for following up on the students' well formulated recommendations. Since most of the work will involve Port property, they are interested in how the Port will participate in implementing the results. Save Our Marsh wants to help, perhaps with planning, grants, field work or organizing community volunteers. She relayed their appreciation for the Council's decision which allowed Edmonds to be the first city in the state to receive such a quality assessment.

Rich Demeroutis, Edmonds, reported tripping on a raised piece of pavement about a year and a half ago when walking along 5th in early evening darkness. Fortunately, he was able to stop his fall with his hands but suffered tendinitis for several months following the fall. He discovered a faint line of florescent paint on the raised piece of pavement and during subsequent walks, saw faded lines painted in several areas on pavement along 5th Avenue. Those have been re-marked but have not been ground down in the past six months. He reported the raised pavement to the street department and was told they are marked and ground down by a contractor. He encouraged the City to give more attention to raised pavement pieces. He has also reported missing caps in the street, and once it took 4-5 months for it to be replaced. When reporting overgrown vegetation on sidewalks on Edmonds Way, the City said it was the State's responsibility and the State said it was the City's responsibility. When he called recently about ivy covering half the sidewalk near Madrona School, it was trimmed within a week.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. CIVIC CENTER MASTER PLAN PUBLIC HEARING

Parks & Recreation Director Carrie Hite explained this is a hybrid draft of the Civic Park Master Plan. There has been a very robust community conversations about the park; the Master Plan reflects the interests expressed by the community. This presentation was previously scheduled in November 2016 but was rescheduled due to full agendas at the end of 2016. She sought Council direction on any changes to the final draft plan; staff's intent is to return the Master Plan to Council in the next 1-2 months for final adoption.

Chris Jones, Principal and Landscape Architect, Walker Macy, explained Walker Macy has been working with Ms. Hite, the Project Advisory Committee (PAC) and the community to develop a Master Plan that re-envision the Civic Center Playfield. This is a great site for a downtown park and Walker Macy was excited to be a part of the process. The hybrid plan is the culmination of a nine-month planning and community engagement process that included three public open houses and three on-line open houses.

He explained Open House #3 began with review of Open House #2 to update members of the public who had not been part of the entire process. Open House #1 identified programs the community wanted to see at Civic Playfield which included over 100 ideas. He reviewed results from Open House #2

- Ideas from Open House #1 were developed into two illustrative plans:

Option 1 – Meadow Loop

2 smaller or 1 large soccer field
4 pétanque courts
1.5 courts
Playgrounds
Walking jogging paths
Multi-use lawn
Existing Field House / B&G Club
Shade pavilion and restroom

Option 2 – Activity Center

1 large + 1 small soccer field
8 pétanque courts
4 courts
200m track
Skate park
Sand volleyball
Parking
Playgrounds
Walking jogging paths
Multi-use lawn
Expanded Field House for B&G Club / Cafe / restroom
Picnic pavilion

- In-person discussion & report back:
 - ~160 attendees
 - 16 discussion tables
 - Preferred Plan (by majority at table):
 - Option 1: 8
 - Option 2: 4
 - Split: 2
 - Unclear: 2
 - Individual Comment Cards:
 - Option 1: 5
 - Option 2: 3
 - Undecided / Unclear: 3
- Results of the online open house (August 24th to September 7th)
 - 1,057 visitors
 - 379 responses
 - Preferred Plan
 - Option 1: 88 (23.9%)
 - Option 2: 280 (76.1%)
 - Age Range
 - Over 70: 38 (17.7%)
 - 45-69: 81 (37.7%)
 - 30-44: 80 (37.2%)
 - 18-29: 7 (3.3%)
 - Under 18: 5 (2.3%)
 - Common reasons respondents preferred option 1:
 - Free-flowing structure, layout
 - Walking paths
 - Water feature and plaza
 - Open green spaces and lawn
 - Reduced number of pétanque courts
 - No track
 - Common reasons respondents preferred option 2:
 - View terraces
 - Long walking and running paths
 - Focus on fields and athletic facilities
 - Expanded boys and girls club
 - Skate park
 - Potential for large events

- More spaces for families and children
 - Track
- Combined open houses (in-person and online) results:
 - Option 1: 178 (35%)
 - In-person: 90 (64%)
 - Online: 88 (24%)
 - Option 2: 330 (65%)
 - In-person: 50 (36%)
 - Online: 280 (77%)
- Most consistent comments:
 - Like the lawn terraces
 - Skate park should remain
 - Option 1 curves nice but want more active programs like Option 2
- Additional feedback:
 - Common elements not shown that respondents would like to see included:
 - Additional restrooms
 - Benches and/or seating areas
 - Lighting
 - Additional covered athletic facility and market space
 - Stage
 - ADA accessibility
 - 400-meter track

Mr. Jones reviewed the Hybrid Plan:

- How we responded to what we heard:

Top 10 activities (from Open House #1)	Votes	Included in Hybrid Plan
1. Restrooms	77	✓
2. Pétanque	76	✓
3. Jogging/walking paths	71	✓
4. Soccer	67	✓
5. Shade trees	56	✓
6. Skate park	50	✓
7. Playground	50	✓
8. Tennis	49	✓
9. Boys & Girls Club	48	✓
10. Multi-use lawn	42	✓

- From total list of 40 activities, 36 are accommodated in the hybrid plan
- Themes/priorities
 - 1st: Active
 - 2nd: Passive
 - 3rd: Civic
- Framework diagram
 - Civic Edge (West)
 - Landscape buffer (North, South and East)
 - Multi-use Lawn
- Pedestrian and vehicular connections through park
 - Sidewalk on 6th
 - Sprague Avenue right-of-way connection through park providing cross park connection to downtown

- Sinuous paths on north and east side
- ¼ mile soft surface loop with 2 lanes

Mr. Jones described the hybrid plan (starting on west side and proceeding counterclockwise):

- Market promenade along 6th Avenue
 - Pedestrian friendly, at-grade streetscape street grade
 - Not included in park plan but recommended as City strategy to activate park and make park safer
- Tennis courts
 - Replace existing courts
 - Moved 10 feet south and added planting buffer
 - Moved 38-feet off the property line
- Multiuse court
- Mound with constructed stairs
- Topographic change on south side of mound provides opportunity for small climbing wall
- Locations along track for park course
- Skate park
 - Cast in place
 - Below grade
- Playground
- Terraces
- Track follows property boundary
- Pathway with seating on south side of multiuse lawn area
- 4 Pétanque courts, garden spaces and seating areas
 - Front door to park
 - Needs to be beautiful, high horticultural value, gateway, shade, seating areas
- Restroom, shade structure and potentially concession space
- Small water feature
- Potential location for signature art piece
- Boys & Girls Club in current condition with no expansion
- Multi-use ball court
- Community Hubs
 - Potential 12,000 square foot Boys & Girls Club expansion
 - Potential 20,000 square foot Boys & Girls Club alternative
 - Do not recommend, comments indicate this footprint does not fit neighborhood

Mr. Jones reviewed:

- Photographs of what the spaces could look like:
 - Great lawn
 - Market Promenade
 - The Meadows
- Aerial looking at the northwest corner illustrating:
 - Dominant space is multiuse playfield
 - Light fixtures shown could be relocated
 - Skate park
 - Playground
 - Boys & Girls Club (existing and potential expansion)
 - Water feature/art element
 - Restrooms, shade structure and concessions
 - Pétanque courts

- Hybrid Plan event overlays
 - Small to medium size events within the park
 - Diagram illustrating how could accommodate small performances, wine garden, market, small-medium performances
 - Large events
 - Taste of Edmonds
 - 4th of July
 - Market & Festivals
 - Hybrid plan includes same amount of flexible space in the park as exists today
 - Will require efficiencies by the Chamber

Mr. Jones reviewed the results of Online Open House #3 (October 19th to November 4th)

- 347 visitors
 - Majority nearby residents
 - Most had not attended any of the in-person open houses
 - Age Range
 - Over 70: 7%
 - 45-69: 48%
 - 30-44: 41%
 - 18-29: 0%
 - Under 18: 2%
- 156 comments on plan
 - Range of comments similar to prior feedback:
 - Like the curves, paths and passive areas
 - Like the integrated activities
 - Skate park location is an issue for residents
 - Beautiful plan, good compromise
 - Not enough sports/ playfields and too much passive area
 - Not enough passive area and too much sport activity
 - Pétanque grove is nice but would like larger tournament area
 - Appreciate the thoughtful incorporation of community feedback
 - Formal track should be included
 - Like the 6th Avenue market promenade and plaza
 - We should leave the park as is
 - Concerns about buffers, noise, dogs, lighting and other design details

Mr. Jones reviewed updates to the Hybrid Plan based on community concern since Open House #3:

- Most controversial siting was skate park due to noise and adjacently to neighborhood
 - Proposed change – move skate park away from north edge of park and swap it with a picnic space which is a more passive, quieter use. Returns skate park generally to its current location
- Add two pétanque courts on southwest side for a total of six courts
 - Integrate planting and seating
- If Boys & Girls Club expands, change basketball court to multiuse court

He reviewed a schematic of the typical planted buffer along the alleyway on the north side:

- Public expressed concern with children running into the alley on the north side to and from the park and safety concerns that creates
 - Some suggested a fence on park boundary
 - A fence does not create a welcoming sense to park
 - Planting bed creates a more welcoming entry

- Diagram: Planted berm, 8-foot jogging/walking path, 14-foot minimum planted buffer, 17-foot alley
- Could be schematic design feature.
- Another possible solution is a sidewalk on north side

Mr. Jones displayed a diagram illustrating potential phasing:

- Phase A: West side, hardscape
- Phase B: Softscape
- Phase C: Market Promenade on 6th Avenue

Mr. Jones explained another issue is the tennis court fencing on the northwest corner

- Tennis courts currently abut alley on the north side and 6th Avenue
- Propose moving two tennis courts east 38 feet with a buffer on the north side to mitigate and provide noise attenuation between the park and residents.
- Relocation created some concern regarding fencing. Options include:
 - more transparent netting
 - Netting is only raised when courts are being used
 - Constructed fencing can be more appealing than existing fencing
- Will continue to engage the community regarding this issue

Council President Mesaros asked about the height of a standard tennis fence. Mr. Jones answered 12-15 feet. Council President Mesaros asked how many tracks exist in city limits. Ms. Hite answered there are tracks at Edmonds-Woodway High School, former Woodway High School, Madrona School and College Place. She summarized middle school and high schools typically have tracks but elementary schools do not. Council President Mesaros supported the recommendations for 6th Avenue and the opportunity that provides. He observed 6th Avenue will not be completely closed to traffic but the design features will indicate that it is primarily a pedestrian way. Mr. Jones explained the proposal is for the grade to be flush from curb to curb with no east-west grade transition and a different type of pavement. There are some challenges on the west side due to the topographic change to the fire station but they are not insurmountable.

Councilmember Buckshnis commented the packet was very thorough. She recalled parking is an issue in Edmonds and asked how making 6th Avenue a pedestrian promenade would affect parking. Ms. Hite said parking was raised during the process; there was a strong sentiment in the community not to have parking in the park. The proposed street improvements on 6th and 7th could accommodate more parking than exists today.

Councilmember Buckshnis pointed out the potential conflict between the promenade and access for the fire station. Mr. Jones acknowledged that was not addressed; the concept of a promenade is in its infancy and there are many things to be worked out. The illustration of a market setup and programming are not accurate based on that need for circulation and would need to accommodate emergency access.

Councilmember Buckshnis asked whether the alley would be open to cars. Mr. Jones answered yes. Councilmember Buckshnis asked if Sprague Street would be open for cars. Mr. Jones answered it would not be open for cars through the park; it was intended as a walkway only. Ms. Hite said there are two alleyways, one to the north and one to the south that act as driveways for condos on the north and south sides of the park. The promenade through the park is part of the park now; it was vacated because the site was already developed as a park.

Councilmember Teitzel expressed his appreciation for the public involvement in the development of the plan. He observed the existing Boys & Girls Club was an older structure but an assessment found it did

not rise to the level of historic significance. He was aware the building needed a lot of work and asked whether it was savable. Ms. Hite answered it would have to be completely renovated in order to meet the needs of the Boys & Girls Club. In conversations with the Boys & Girls Club, they are interested in demolishing the structure and build a new building. Councilmember Teitzel observed the building needs structural work and asked the cost to bring it up to current standard. Mr. Jones said the budget may include a line item associated with renovations to the Boys & Girls Club. He agreed a substantial investment in the structure would be necessary to make it functional such as mechanical, electrical, plumbing, ADA accessibility, etc. The setup of the existing space makes it difficult to accommodate that use.

Councilmember Teitzel observed the tennis courts, the potential multiuse court and the skate park, all hard surface noise generating activities, are clustered in the northwest corner. He asked about moving the tennis courts where the grandstands current exist and aligning them end to end to spread out the noise generating activities more evenly around the park. Mr. Jones answered that could be explored. Nobody wants a skate park next to their residence and few want tennis courts next to their residence. Putting those in the center would destroy the park and moving features would likely result in different groups expressing concern. He agreed there were a lot of hard surfaces in the northwest. He suggested considering whether there was a way to reduce the hard surfaces such as a cinder tennis court that would reduce the noise as well as the view of the colored surface. However, that would be challenging because the courts are also used for pickleball. He summarized moving the tennis courts would require relocating a lot of features. Ms. Hite pointed out the skate park was moved from the north edge to the center and replaced with a picnic area which is a quieter activity. The multiuse court is optional in the hybrid plan and would likely be omitted to keep the cost of development down unless the Boys & Girls Club rebuilt on the other multi-use court. With the picnic area, the stairs, the track, the climbing wall and the tennis courts are the only hardscape on that edge.

Councilmember Teitzel recalled concern about noise from the skate park and asked whether the surface on the jogging/walking path could be a cinder-type surface that could not be skateboarded on. Mr. Jones answered the sinuous paths are envisioned as a hard, ADA accessible material but could be a soft paving system. The Sprague access will likely designed for fire truck, pedestrian, and bicycle use which could be skateboarded on. He acknowledged mitigating hard surfaces to reduce noise was a valid concern. They could look at other ways to attenuate noise such as maximizing the buffers on the north side and shifting the tennis courts south closer to the Sprague Avenue right-of-way to provide more buffer on the north side as well as provide more significant plant material.

Councilmember Fraley-Monillas asked whether moving features around the outside perimeter of the park would eliminate the ability for the Chamber to have 4th of July, Taste, etc. in the park. The plans currently include a big open space that will accommodate a scaled back version. Mr. Jones answered rotating uses could be explored. A wild idea would be to flip the uses from the north to the south but the challenge with that is the design team would essentially need to start over. Moving program spaces around would be difficulty and would bring up new challenges associated with adjacencies. He acknowledged there is never a perfect solution; it is a puzzle. Councilmember Fraley-Monillas anticipated the same concerns would be expressed from residents on the south side of the park. Ms. Hite reminded where the hard surfaces are located on the west edge is unrestricted land; there are limits on the amount of impervious surface in the center portion from the east edge to the multi-use field.

Councilmember Fraley-Monillas asked if the Boys & Girls Club has expressed any intent to leave the area. Ms. Hite answered no, during the latest conversation she and Mayor Earling had with the Boys & Girls Club 2-3 months ago, they indicated their intent to stay at Civic and would like rebuild a new club. Councilmember Fraley-Monillas commented the Boys & Girls Club currently serves 150 kids in that small space. Mayor Earling said there was a clear indication from the Boys & Girls Club that they are

very active and want to pursue a new building on the site but do not have any immediate plans. They understand the value of a Boys & Girls Club in the downtown area.

Councilmember Fraley-Monillas asked for additional information regarding 6th Avenue, asking if the intent was still a two-lane road with sidewalks on both sides. Mr. Jones answered yes. He clarified when the City Council approves the Master Plan, it will not include 6th Avenue as part of the proposal. They see a great opportunity to redevelop the street; in this concept it would remain two lanes with parking on both sides. Their suggestion is for it to be an at-grade promenade with different paving material, tree lined, etc. in the future. Councilmember Fraley-Monillas observed 6th Avenue could still be closed for events. Mr. Jones answered yes. Councilmember Fraley-Monillas relayed her understanding that the Civic Park Plan would not affect traffic on 6th Avenue. Mr. Jones agreed.

Councilmember Nelson echoed Councilmember Buckshnis' concern with fire station access if 6th Avenue is converted to a market promenade, noting the trucks could use the doors on the opposite side. With regard to the skate park, he understood the desire to move it to a quieter location but was not crazy about the new location. He asked if there were other materials that absorb sound better than the current skate park. Mr. Jones there are not a lot for the skating surface. There is another material used for performance stages but he has not seen it used for a skate park and was uncertain if it would be quieter. Councilmember Nelson inquired about natural buffers around the skate park. Mr. Jones said berms only do so much; distance provides the most attenuation.

Councilmember Nelson asked whether the location of skate park impacts the lawn. Mr. Jones answered no, it integrates well and could be shifted slightly. An early concept included a depressed skate park further west with the walkway over the top. That was cool idea but very expensive. Councilmember Nelson asked how that would affect the sound. Mr. Jones answered there will be echo from the concrete regardless of whether it is depressed; the more depressed it is, the less noisy it is. Ms. Hite said the skate park in the original schematic and in the current proposal is more of a bowl in the ground rather than above ground. The existing skate park is above ground which echoes more than an in-ground bowl will.

Councilmember Tibbott appreciated the amount of public engagement in the process. He asked if the track material was envisioned to be a rubber surface. Mr. Jones envisioned the track would be a typical material as recycled rubber that is easy on joints, similar to other professional tracks. Councilmember Tibbott asked if that track would primarily be used for walking/jogging. Mr. Jones said it would not be a skating surface. Councilmember Tibbott asked about the material for the emergency vehicle access path. Mr. Jones answered concrete or pavers although pavers are likely cost prohibitive. It could be a scored concrete walkway or exposed aggregate, colored concrete, etc.; there are many ways do concrete in a nice way.

Councilmember Tibbott asked whether asked whether some of the hardscape activities in Civic Park could be reduced by placing them in other parks such as Maplewood Park which has no amenities other than some camp sites. Ms. Hite said that was considered during this process. The tennis courts at this site are the only tennis courts downtown. Maplewood is not located downtown, City Park cannot accommodate any other activities, and the Frances Anderson Center field is used a lot and has no space for tennis courts. The Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan speaks to a compliment of recreation components in all parks. This signature downtown park has a lot of activities but is one of the only spaces downtown besides City Park whose key feature is the spray pad and the playground and Frances Anderson Center whose key feature is the soccer field and bandshell. Mr. Jones said if the Boys & Girls Club redevelops on the site, that could include an indoor tennis court.

For Councilmember Tibbott, Ms. Hite said in addition to the two tennis courts at Civic Field, there are also courts at Yost and Seaview. Councilmember Tibbott pointed out there are walking paths at some elementary schools such as Edmonds Elementary.

Mayor Earling opened the public participation portion of the hearing.

Carl Zapora, Edmonds, congratulated and thanked Mayor Earling and the City Council for the open process and for holding a public hearing to gather public input. He attended one of the three open houses and felt it was very well done. He was frankly blown away by the hybrid proposal and how it accommodated so many competing priorities. He loved the hybrid plan, a beautiful design, with a lot of thought into it. He appreciated Mayor Earling and the Council's openness to the flexibility of the field space, good for park space, recreation space and healthy activities as well as for festivals which add to the flavor of Edmonds, making it an attractive community for all citizens. He thanked the City and the consultant for the genuine opportunity for input and the great job on the hybrid plan.

Darleen Attik, Edmonds, speaking on behalf **Pat Woodell, Edmonds**, referred to discussion about revising the design and moving the skate park to 7th Avenue or other location. She expressed support for the City Council approving a plan that leaves the skate park where it is in the most recent design, close to the Boys & Girls Club. This location is realistically spaced away from condominiums and single family residences that border Civic Field. Neighbors to Civic Field have had 11 years of experience with the skate park in its current location, making it a known quantity. In 2005 when the City Council approved the skate park, it was specific about where it should be sited. The Council's approval came after a long and careful process that included noise studies, research by the Skate Park Work Group, several Planning Board and City Council meetings and at least three public hearing and pages of testimony and reports documenting opinions for and against siting a skate park in Civic Field. References to the core documents that summarize this public and often controversial history were included in her written comments. If the current design that proposes to move the skate park near a residential border of Civic Field is changed, she requested the neighbors of Civic Field be given notice of the proposal and an opportunity to comment. She urged the City Council to honor the hard work done 11 years ago and leave the skate park where it is in the current design.

Linda Malan, Edmonds, said living on Daley Street allows them to walk downtown and provides a front row seat to activities in the park. That ideal setting can also become unlivable; for example, in August they must leave home during the Taste of Edmonds. Upon learning of the plans to create a signature park on Civic Field, residents on its border have expressed their concerns and ideas. In April 2016, before the open house and before plans were developed, a detailed summary of comments from residents on the north and south sides of the field were submitted to Ms. Hite. They have also attended the public meetings and written letters. Even with all that input, the final hybrid design placed the skate park beneath the windows of their living area. They are grateful to Ms. Hite and Walker Macy that the skate park hopefully will no longer be placed there. That was such an unexpected radical change from the two earlier plans, that their confidence in having input on the final in plan has been shaken. The skate park is the busiest of all the park features, used year-round by all ages with activity beginning at daylight and continuing after dark. Placing the skate park near any residences would make those homes less desirable. The best, carefully determined location for the skate park is for it to remain where is now. She assumed most downtown city parks were surrounded by full size streets; the condos on the north side are only 17 feet from the park's northern edge with only a narrow, busy alleyway separating them. If the edges of the park are filled with as many activities as citizens wish to use occasionally and overlooks the borders that contain full-time homes, it will seriously affect the desirability of living in this downtown area.

Bill Wood, Edmonds, highlighted the need for a fence to separate the field from the alley on the north that connects 6th and 7th. He did not support moving the tennis courts or the skate park any closer to

residences bordering the north alley than they currently are. There is currently a fence around the entire perimeter of the field with only one opening on the north side between 6th and 7th, making it easy for drivers to know where children may be running to/from the park. This fence was deemed necessary to prevent children from being hit by cars. The current design calls for landscaping instead of a fence. It was stated at the Planning Board that bushes will minimize the chance of children being hit by cars; he argued the goal should be to prevent children from being hit by cars, not minimize the chance. To say a fence is inconsistent from a design element standpoint is regrettable. If the design does not include a fence, the first child hit by a car will be a preventable tragedy. The fence need not be tall, a 3-4 feet fence would be enough. A fence on the north alley would also protect elderly, vulnerable residents from opportunistic vandals, purse snatchers, etc. from leaping out of the bushes. He also did not want the noisy athletic uses to get any closer to existing residents; there are no Edmonds residents more greatly affected on a daily basis by any redevelopment of the field than the several dozen families who live adjacent to it. He requested the Council protect the children on the field as well as the safety of nearby residents by requiring a fence.

Jack McHenry, Edmonds, described his background in education. After retiring three years ago, he became a member of the Pétanque Club. He was initially curious about the enthusiastic group of people he watched playing pétanque when walking home from downtown. He was invited to try and found the game fun, challenging and addictive. He also learned the Edmonds Pétanque Club exists for more than the game played on these courts; when it was founded five years ago, the founders envisioned a civic group that would work for the community, educate and engage young people, serve as an economic stimulus for the City, raise money for good causes and benefit Edmonds. As fun as the game of pétanque is, it is a means for a project that was created to enrich the community. The club is excited and appreciative that the new Civic Playfield includes a welcoming, attractive pétanque grove near the entrance of the park. The Pétanque Club currently has 77 members and continues to grow; two years ago it was the fastest pétanque club in the county and this month it was featured in the National Pétanque Club Magazine for its community service. The new playfield design will allow the club to broaden the ways it serves Edmonds by contributing to the Edmond Food Bank, involving students and young people in the sport, and hosting tournaments that attract visitors. On behalf of the Pétanque Club, he thanked the Parks & Recreation Department and Planning Board for the care they have given to the project and the space allocated to pétanque in the new park. The club looks forward to the next phase so members can continue to play pétanque in the park and can continue their contributions to the community.

Michelle Martin, Edmonds, said she was born in France, is now a citizen of the United States, and is the founder of the Edmonds Pétanque Club. She thanked the Parks & Recreation Department especially Ms. Hite for supporting and helping pétanque flourish. Pétanque is growing across the world and is being considered for the 2024 Olympics. As Mr. McHenry stated, the mission of the club is to reach out to the community. Since its inception, the club has worked to benefit Edmonds by hosting large scale tournaments that attract players from throughout the region. They also raise money for good causes; for example, over the years the club has donated \$24,500 to the Edmonds Food Bank, worked with young people and hosted a Sister Cities Student program. The club is excited about the six courts in the pétanque grove and was gratified at the November 9 Planning Board meeting to see the Board's understanding of the club's desire to create the pétanque grove as a flexible community space that will allow additional temporary courts to be created on the crushed granite surface. The ability to format the pétanque grove will allow the club's community events to continue. The club hopes to provide a pleasing space for other community events such as the 4th of July and the Taste of Edmonds' wine garden.

Danene Warnock, Edmonds, described her background in design and marketing production as well as urban design and landscape architecture. She was appreciative and excited about the six pétanque courts planned for Civic Park. For the reasons mentioned by Ms. Martin and Mr. McKay, she looked forward to the design of the pétanque grove, envisioning it as an attractive area at the entrance to the park, and

inviting open space. It will be a pleasant place with seating and tables that will complement the other spaces being contemplated such as the gardens, paths, lawns and other sport-specific areas. The club believes the grove can be attractive and inviting while maximizing its available footprint and hence its versatility and ability to support the club's outreach activities. It would be most beneficial if the pétanque grove has the flexibility to host larger format activities and events; such activities contribute economically to Edmonds as well as contribute to the food bank and broader social outreach. In the same way that Edmonds skateboarders lend their expertise to the layout and design of the skate board park, pétanque players look forward to the opportunity to assist with the design of the pétanque grove, resulting in an area of the park that will allow larger pétanque and community events and benefit the Edmonds community in many ways.

Greg Urban, President & CEO, Edmonds Chamber of Commerce, thanked City staff, City Council and the consultant for the work done on the hybrid plan. The Chamber has been open to changing the space and working the Chambers' events into the space allowed. The hybrid plan allows the Taste and 4th of July to continue in different a configuration, removing some onsite parking. The space is an economic driver in the community; the Pétanque Club uses it to raise funds via tournaments, the Chambers' events at Civic Field generate approximately \$24,000/year that they give back to non-profits and service clubs. He believed swapping the skate park and the playground to be a better solution; the proposed location in the revised hybrid plan does not allow for a natural buffer to absorb sound. The location of the proposed playground with tall berms on both sides could absorb more sound as well as not encroach on the great lawn and multiuse space. He referred to the east-west corridor, the Sprague Avenue vacation, pointing out police/fire access is typically required to be 16-feet wide; the proposed path appears to be much narrower. Expanding the width of the east-west corridor and using a non-hard surface that would not accommodate skateboards, bikes or roller blades such as a hard pack granite would also allow the market to happen inside the park and it could be used by the Pétanque Club for expanded courts during large tournaments.

Chris Ziobro, Edmonds, an advocate for skate park, a skater, and a dad with two kids envisioned Civic Park as a multigenerational venue where families can gather. If properly designed, it can be a hub of activity for everyone, not just skaters. There is a noticeable difference between a skate park and a basketball or tennis court where non-participants are excluded. He was not a huge fan of moving the skate park away from the playground, pointing out that spreading uses apart and possibly isolating skaters who can be self-policed when integrated with the larger group. He preferred the skate park be located adjacent to other family-friendly activity areas. With regard to the speculation about sound, he suggested having a noise study done to verify that a skate park is louder than two basketball courts; he suspected the skate park would not be noticeably louder. Modern skate parks are below ground and are quieter than the current design. The berms will also help lessen the sound unless a person lives directly above the skate park. He emphasized this is a community park; those living adjacent have an opinion but choosing to live adjacent to a public space, they could reasonably assume there would be sounds from the public space.

Brian Brookhart, Edmonds, a father of two and a resident on 6th across from Pine Street Park, said the process has been incredible. He was impressed by each stage and aspired to represent himself as previous speakers. He joined the planning effort to support the interest and activities of his family but found it a great way to plug into the community. He has made friends and has been recruited by the Pétanque Club. This design provides an incentive to go to the park. He was generally pleased with the design, accommodating all his family's interest, particular skateboarding. His family typically travels outside Edmonds to enjoy one of the better designed parks in the area, a park that serves varying interests and supports every level. Skate parks can be aesthetically pleasing; the worst skate park is an unused park that becomes a hangout spot and gives him and his family and others who love the sport a bad name. He was okay with any location for the skate park but agreed with the recent move. As a generalist, Walker Macy has done an excellent job but he urged the Council to contract with a professional designer and builder for

the skate park. As skateboarder who is passionate about skateboarding and has traveled the globe to skate, he wanted something great in Edmonds, something aesthetic pleasing, that pleases the community and reduces sound volume, needs a good skate park designer and builder would address.

Rich Demeroutis, Edmonds, commented he lived near City Hall when he was a child and recalled playing on the dirt Civic Field until dark. When he was in junior high, he participated in football, track and baseball at Civic Field. The field has great sentimental value to him and many others, serving as the high school football field in the early 1900s. He wanted the design to include the 220 track so he and others did not have to drive to Edmonds Woodway High School to use the track. He noted few people play pétanque this time of year; a synthetic track could be used even in rainy months. He also suggested including soccer fields. He suggested building a feature with the 1% or a climbing wall to buffer sound. If the Boys & Girls Club expands, he suggested it be a joint use facility with a community center to draw youth and seniors, a health club, a gathering place in off hours.

Jeff Peterson, Edmonds, said he liked Option B better than Option A and was glad to see a hybrid plan developed. He had hoped there would be a bigger, permanent field for soccer. A father with two children, he said it was important to have a good park nearby and he looked forward to bringing his children to play at Civic Park. He supported the idea of a fence on the north side to keep kids from chasing balls outside the park. He questioned whether the pétanque courts would be sited north-south or east-west.

Iyam Winterfelt, Edmonds, said 2½ months ago she drove 1700 miles from Minnesota to Edmonds to retire and to play to pétanque. In July 2014, she visited Edmonds and delighted in the murals on buildings, the kindness of the people at the Visitors Center who provided her a packet of materials. She visited the murals, the sculpture walk, historic buildings, Driftwood Players, Edmonds Center for the Arts, and took a yoga class. After reading an article in the Beacon inviting people to play pétanque, several ladies offered to teach her to play. That weekend was the Bastille Day tournament and after three hours of experience, she played in the tournament and had the time of her life. At the end of that week, with all the other wonderful things in the community, it was the people in the Pétanque Club that made her decide to retire in Edmonds. She thanked the Council and staff for the work they do to preserve such a precious oasis. She commented the Pétanque Club will be playing in Barcelona Spain representing Edmonds.

Lorna Moffett, Edmonds, thanked the group working on this great plan for considering the tennis courts. She recalled 17 years ago she was able to move into a condo in the Edmonds Bowl where she can walk to stores and look out on the tennis court, kids playing, open grass, etc. When she heard the City planned to purchase the School District property, she thought it would be wonderful. Then she heard that the tennis courts would be moved east, leaving her a view of the fence and the hard surface instead of green grass. She said 90% of the time during the months when people play tennis, only one court is used. She suggested eliminating the east tennis courts and making it a grass field which would also be useful during the Taste.

Tom Schappacher, Edmonds, said he works for the UW in real estate; one of the things his boss asks about when he presents a plan is the as-is plan. With this opportunity to consider designing the playfield, consideration should be given to its history and what it was used for in the past, rigorous sports. He would have liked to have seen the process consider a self-sustaining model with rigorous use and paying customers. The Pétanque Club is a passionate group who mobilized and was well represented in the process. However, athletic teams and sports have not been well represented. Where hundreds play pétanque, thousands play and watch sports. He envisioned high school soccer or football in downtown Edmonds a couple times a season, the number of people that would attract to downtown to visit businesses and the field use fees it would generate. He recognized rigorous sports and lights for sporting events would understandably concern neighbors but he was concerned that had not been considered

especially when that use would pay for itself. He requested the City consider that and reopen discussion of an as-is plan. Sports on the fields could bring thousands to use the fields day and night 365 days/year versus the proposed uses that likely will only occur on sunny days.

Val Stewart, Edmonds, thanked Ms. Hite and Walker Macy for their excellent work, months of a very robust public process. As a member of PAC, she looked at all the public input and research as well as the expertise that Walker Macy brought to the planning process. She expressed support for the proposed changes to the hybrid plan. A lot of thought has gone into the concerns the public expressed, locating the skate park based on research done 11 years ago. With regard to the fence, she was confident Walker Macy would develop a landscape buffer that would prevent children from running back and forth and putting themselves at risk. This will be a well-designed park that will hold the interest of kids and the right landscaping can avoid balls and other objects going into the alleyway. With regard to represented interest groups, she assured there have been online and physical open houses and the majority of interests are represented in this minimal space. With a background in sports and physical activity, she recognized that physical activity fads come and go; the park spaces need to be transitional, flexible and endure into the future. This is a park for all residents, all abilities, and all mobilities, and it was important that the young, the old and families have a places to play, be at peace, be active and to watch. She concluded this is a great plan and the process has been excellent.

Hearing no further comment, Mayor Earling closed the public participation portion of the hearing. He recalled Ms. Hite's interest in direction from the Council but questioned how that would be possible with the variations that have introduced by Walker Macy and by the public as well as the questions that have been asked. Although many of the ideas are fabulous, he was concerned with the element of cost associated with further manipulation. Ms. Hite said the plan Walker Macy presented is the hybrid design with a few changes based on public comment at the Planning Board public hearing and the open house. She would like to give Walker Macy direction to develop the final Master Plan for Council adoption. With the comments the Council has heard tonight and their own opinions, she asked whether the Council was supportive of the hybrid plan with the changes or if there were any major changes the Council agreed upon. If there are no major changes, Walker Macy will polish the Master Plan and bring it back for adoption. Major changes could include moving the skate park, moving or having more pétanque courts, moving the tennis courts, etc.

Council President Mesaros commented on the popularity and growth of pétanque. He supported the changes made to the hybrid plan based on community comments, recognizing regardless of the plan or location, there will always be concerns from the residents living on the borders. He supported having Walker Macy polish the hybrid plan, mitigate factors as best they can and return with a recommendation.

Councilmember Fraley-Monillas liked the location of the skate board park in the middle, close to Boys & Girls Club, envisioning that location would offend the least amount of people. Her concern with swapping the skate park and playground was the sound of children screaming on the playground carries much more than the skate park noise. She also preferred a natural barrier on the north and south sides instead of a fence and did not anticipate it would create a danger for children. She envisioned thick vegetation to keep kids from running through. She thanked staff and Walker Macy for the great job they did and for the great public process.

Councilmember Tibbott agreed with Council President Mesaros and Councilmember Fraley-Monillas regarding the changes to the hybrid plan. He suggested having one tennis court and one multiuse court and giving consideration to adding courts in other parks. He did not favor a fence, observing it could be added later if it was necessary for safety purposes. He looked forward to seeing how the buffer material worked and the openness it provided. He also supported using crushed granite on the east-west pathway

which would provide opportunity for additional courts. He asked the width of the east-west path. Mr. Jones responded it was 12 feet wide.

Councilmember Nelson agreed with the previous Council comments regarding the changes to the hybrid plans. He pointed out the distance of the track will be 1/3 mile. If the City was going to have a skate park, he supported having it designed by someone who designs skate parks.

Councilmember Buckshnis supported the hybrid plan with the proposed changes. She referred to Ms. Moffett's comments about tennis, pointing out tennis was huge in the 70's; most of the players at the Harbor Square Tennis Court are baby boomers. Not many younger people play tennis; most prefer big field sports. She supported the idea of having only one tennis court as that may be all that is needed. She rarely sees either of the tennis courts being used even in the summer. With regard to the fence, she preferred a natural barrier such as trees, noting there is not much activity in that area.

Councilmember Teitzel said he generally likes the plan and thanked staff and Walker Macy for their great work. He agreed with exploring a reduction in the tennis courts from two to one. He lives very near and observes the tennis courts daily; it is the exception that both are in use even in nice weather. He supported the revised skate park location and suggested planting a thorny row of bushes along the north alley that discouraged people from walking through it would serve the need instead of a fence. He was concerned about children running into the alley and agreed that edge needed careful consideration.

Councilmember Fraley-Monillas said she visits the Boys & Girls Club at least once a week and has seen both tennis courts in use during the summer. She asked whether the City had any data on use of the tennis courts. Ms. Hite said drop-in use is not tracked; data is available on instruction the City provides on the courts. The City uses both courts for tennis lessons in the summer. The courts at the former Woodway High School are not used as much as they could and Yost Park has two courts. By department policy, whenever tennis courts are resurfaced, pickleball lines are painted and portable nets are available for checkout. Pickleball is more of a trend than tennis; there is a large pickleball club in Edmonds. Reducing the two tennis courts to one would accommodate four pickleball courts rather than eight with two tennis courts. Yost Park has eight pickleball courts available on the two tennis courts. Councilmember Fraley-Monillas said she received comments about the pickleball courts and whether pickleball would continue on those courts. She expressed interest in more concrete data regarding use of the tennis courts. Ms. Hite offered to provide the Council numbers from the City's programs.

Councilmember Teitzel commented the Boys & Girls Club likely will want to expand either in their current location or where the tennis courts are located. If that happens, there would be a multiuse court on the north border which could be used for pickleball in addition to the single tennis court.

Ms. Hite advised work will continue on SEPA, a community naming contest, costing options, fund development packages and design development of the Master Plan. She will return to Council for final adoption soon.

Mayor Earling thanked Ms. Hite and Mr. Jones for the work they have done and looked forward to the final product.

Mayor Earling declared a brief recess.

2. PUBLIC HEARING OF THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

City Engineer Rob English recalled Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management made a presentation to Council last week and several questions were raised. Staff researched the questions and emailed responses to the Council. The City submitted a grant to secure funding for the Dayton Street

Pump project. If the City is successful in obtaining the grant, this plan needs to be approved before the funds can be secured. Staff recommends forwarding approval of the plan to next week's Consent Agenda.

Councilmember Buckshnis asked if approval should include directing the Mayor to bring back the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan prepared in 2009 for an update. She recalled staff indicating there was no record that it had been adopted. Mr. English said Police Chief Compaan is working with Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management to update that plan and will bring it to the Council in the future.

Mayor Earling opened the public participation portion of the public hearing. There was no one present to provide comment and Mayor Earling closed the public participation portion of the hearing.

COUNCILMEMBER FRALEY-MONILLAS MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT MESAROS, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 1382, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EDMONDS ADOPTING THE UPDATED AND REVISED SNOHOMISH COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. **STUDY ITEMS**

1. **DISCUSSION REGARDING COUNCIL RETREAT AGENDA**

Council President Mesaros expressed appreciate to Councilmembers and Directors for their input which he is using to formulate an agenda. The goal of the retreat is setting the Council's calendar for 2017, getting a sense of the timing and ensuring the Council is addressing topics that affect citizens and resolving issues that have been unresolved for a number of years. The retreat will be 12 to 5:30 p.m. on Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday in the Edmonds Library Plaza Room.

Councilmember Fraley-Monillas requested Councilmembers receive the agenda in advance. Council President Mesaros anticipated the agenda would be complete by the end of business tomorrow and available Thursday morning.

8. **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Earling said he was thrilled to attend a Martin Luther King breakfast on Monday in downtown Seattle, attended by 500-600 people. The breakfast is a good reminder of the principles under which a very powerful movement began and continues. Councilmember Teitzel also attended the breakfast.

Mayor Earling reported he spent today in Olympia in eight meetings starting at 8:30 a.m. and ending with a 2 hour and 10-minute drive back to Edmonds in a rainstorm. He assured a lot of work was done; the specific intent was to ensure key legislators in the district as well as transportation leaders in the House and Senate were informed of the waterfront access project. There was a very positive response including from Representative Clibborn who said when the \$500,000 was allocated, she did not think there was a chance that something would be put together. She is excited about the project.

9. **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Teitzel said he enjoyed the Martin Luther King, Junior breakfast yesterday, a wonderful, moving presentation and great music. He reported on the Sustainable Cities Partnership presentation by Western Washington University (WWU) students who presented three concepts for consideration, 1) removing invasive species from the marsh and replacing with native species, 2) extending the boardwalk and adding observation platforms, and 3) a concept for stormwater management at Harbor Square. The students did a great job, providing a good start on concepts that can be explored and expanded.

Councilmember Teitzel reported he and his wife recently saw “Hidden Figures” at the Edmonds Theater, a timely movie in view of yesterday’s holiday. He found it very powerful and moving, even tearing up at times and highly recommended the movie.

Councilmember Fraley-Monillas reported on the march in downtown Seattle on Martin Luther King Day that brought together people from many places. Everyone in the march was marching for peace, getting along and love.

Councilmember Nelson looked forward to the retreat and was excited about the Civic Field Park.

Councilmember Buckshnis reported she attended the WWU students’ presentation. All their reports (4th Avenue Cultural Corridor, Edmonds Marsh Restoration, Zero Waste/Food Waste, Mobile App, Wastewater Treatment Plant Education, Stella’s Landing, Playful City, Edmonds Cemetery Mapping, Sea Level Rise, Green Business Program, and Walkability Assessment) are available on the City’s website under Sustainable Cities Partnership.

10. CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING PENDING OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION PER RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)

This item was not needed.

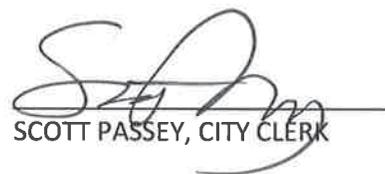
11. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION. POTENTIAL ACTION AS A RESULT OF MEETING IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

This item was not needed.

12. ADJOURN

With no further business, the Council meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.


DAVID O. EARLING, MAYOR


SCOTT PASSEY, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AUGUST 10TH

**CITY OF EDMONDS
PLANNING BOARD MINUTES**

July 27, 2016

Chair Lovell called the meeting of the Edmonds Planning Board to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Public Safety Complex, 250 – 5th Avenue North.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Philip Lovell, Chair
Matthew Cheung
Todd Cloutier
Nathan Monroe
Daniel Robles
Valerie Stewart

STAFF PRESENT

Rob Chave, Planning Division Manager
Carrie Hite, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director
Jerry Bevington, Video Recorder

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Carreen Rubenkonig, Vice Chair (excused)
Alicia Crank (excused)

READING/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

BOARD MEMBER STEWART MOVED THAT THE MINUTES OF JUNE 22, 2016 BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. BOARD MEMBER MONROE SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as presented.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Dick Van Hollebeke, Edmonds, said he is a member of the community planning group for the Civic Center Master Plan. He is very much in favor of the process, which is a golden opportunity to design a park in the middle of the town. His interest is in creating a plan that is best for the community and results in the best overall use of the nearly eight acres of parkland. He participates on the planning group to specifically represent the viewpoint of the Edmonds Petanque Club, but not at the exclusion of other viewpoints. The Petanque Club was voted Citizen of the Year for Edmonds for all of the public outreach it has done. The Club is the largest user of the Civic Center Field as it is presently configured, and the courts draw a large number of people of all ages. The overall size of the park is 348,000 square feet, and the the Petanque Club is hoping that the master plan will accommodate eight permanent courts, each about 750 square feet, for a total area of roughly 6,600. This would be less than .5% of the overall park space. In addition, the club is hoping that the final design will include open space (perhaps 150' x 150') that can be used for many different activities, including Petanque tournaments. Rather than grass, this could be a dirt surface that is suitable for a multitude of uses. He concluded that the consultant's presentation to the Board will amaze them as to the potential possibilities, and it is important that all viewpoints are represented.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR REPORT TO PLANNING BOARD

Chair Lovell referred the Board to the written report that was provided by the Development Services Director dated July 8, 2016.

Board Member Stewart reported that she attended the grand opening for the Green Resource Center. She recalled that the concept was first discussed by the Planning Board in 2010 as a place where green materials could be accessible to the public and developers. Former City Council Member Strom Peterson pursued and obtained funding for the project, which is now a reality. She thanked all who were involved in the project, which the City can be proud of showcasing to the surrounding communities.

Chair Lovell asked if any action was taken by the City Council relative to the sign code. Mr. Chave said the City Council is considering a couple of amendments, and the code should be presented to the Council for final adoption on August 2nd.

RECOGNITION OF PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

Ms. Hite announced that July has been named Parks and Recreation Month by the National Recreation Association, which gives an opportunity for cities to recognize the importance and value of parks and recreation in communities. Open space, park land and park activities increase the quality of life for citizens and communities. She invited the Edmonds community to participate in the City's wide array of programs that are scheduled throughout the summer, and she commended the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services staff for all of their effort.

Chair Lovell referred to the City's proclamation, designating July as Park and Recreation Month. On behalf of the Board and as a private citizen, he thanked the Parks staff for their continuous effort with respect to parks and recreation opportunities. A lot has happened in recent years, and more is underway. Irrespective of the economic conditions that existed in previous years, by and large the citizenry of the towns and cities greatly supported their parks and recreation programs, including authorization for additional funds via park levies to supplement and add to parks programs and/or physical plans. Everyone in Edmonds, young and old, places a very high value on parks and the work that staff does.

UPDATE ON CIVIC CENTER MASTER PLAN

Ms. Hite said the topic of tonight's discussion is the Civic Center Master Plan. The consultant has prepared a great presentation, and the staff and consultant are seeking guidance and additional ideas from the Planning Board as the process moves forward. She reviewed that the City closed on the purchase of the property from the Edmonds School District in February of 2016, and immediately sent out a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a consultant team to assist the community in developing a master plan for the 8-acre site in the downtown. Walker/Macy was selected as the consultant.

Ms. Hite announced that a kick-off meeting to launch the master plan was held at the May 3rd City Council Meeting and was well attended. Since that time, a Project Advisory Committee (PAC) was formed to listen to public comments, help the staff and consulting team decipher the information and provide guidance to the Planning Board and City Council as they decide what is going to be best for the community. Two PAC meetings have been held since the kick-off meeting, along with an in-person open house and virtual open house that were well attended. The staff and consulting team met with stakeholder groups over a period of three days (Boys and Girls Club, Petanque Club, Sno-King Youth Club, etc.) to solicit their thoughts. The PAC has reviewed all of the preliminary input that is now being presented to the Planning/Park Board for additional guidance. A presentation to the City Council is scheduled on August 9th. The input provided by the Planning Board and City Council will be used by the consulting team to prepare alternative designs to present at the next open house. She said she anticipates that the master plan will be a robust conversation in the community for the next six months. There are both conflicting and collaborative interests, and the community must be very thoughtful as decisions are made.

Chris Jones, Principal and Landscape Architect, Walker/Macy, said he has been pleasantly surprised at the amount of interest and involvement in the Civic Center Master Plan, which has been a very democratic process from his perspective. City staff has done a great job of shepherding a difficult public project through. He provided an aerial photograph of the site to illustrate the significance of place and scale of the park. He emphasized that there are no plans and/or concepts on the table, and there are not any preconceived notions of what should and should not be in the park. It is his job to see that the

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master plan is done through a democratic process that responds to community sentiment. He reviewed some of the activities that currently occur on the site:

- The Taste of Edmonds generally takes over the majority of the site once each year. He and Ms. Hite have met with the Chamber to explore options for consolidating the event's footprint so that the park can be successful 365 days per year.
- Active recreation uses include Petanque, skate park, and youth sports activities.
- There are two existing structures on site: the field house and grandstands. The Historic Preservation Commission recently recommended that the entire Civic Center site be listed on the Edmonds Register of Historic Properties. They further recommended that the fieldhouse be listed as a historic structure. While the grandstands were not included in the action, the Commission recommended that the master plan recognize the significance of place and what the grandstands reflect of the community. The grandstands are currently undergoing structural review.

Mr. Jones said that as they consider potential park programs, it is important to keep in mind that there are site and/or deed restrictions on six of the eight acres. He provided a graphic to illustrate the two acres that have no restrictions, as well as the six acres where deed restrictions apply. The restrictions include prohibiting parking and minimizing impervious surfaces. Also, large structures would be prohibited, but small structures would be allowed. No artificial turf fields would be allowed within the deed-restricted areas, either.

Mr. Jones advised that the potential park themes have been organized around the following components:

- **Civic Uses** could include a plaza, café, water feature, performance space, art, promenade, covered market space, museum display and restrooms.
- **Passive Uses** could include multi-use lawn areas, horticulture or stormwater gardens, berms, shade trees, picnic areas, strolling path and shade pavilion.
- **Active Uses** could include an exercise path, creative play, seasonal games, classes, clubhouse and concessions.
- **Event Uses** could include theater performances, markets, music, culinary events, art installations and fun runs.

Using the information collected to date and discussions by the PAC, Mr. Jones advised that nine boards were developed for the open house. The four informational boards provided contextual information on the site, the surrounding conditions and adjacencies that should be considered, the deed restrictions, and scales of similar-sized parks that people may be aware of in the Northwest. The five interactive boards revolved around the active/passive recreational elements of the site. The five boards were put up around the room and participants were asked to vote on what activities they would like to continue, what other program elements they would like to see, what active recreation activities they would like to see (including restrooms, bleachers, etc.), other ideas they have that should be captured as part of the master planning process, and where Civic Center currently falls relative to passive and active uses.

Mr. Jones said that model stations were also set up at the open house. An aerial photo of the civic site was provided, with the deed restricted area clearly identified. Puzzle pieces of different scaled program elements (i.e. soccer fields, basketball courts, parking, promenades, water features, bleachers, etc.) that could fit within the park were provided, and participants were invited to place the pieces on the site map. There were over 130 attendees at the open house, where Mayor Earling gave a brief introduction and reiterated the significance of the project to the community. The staff and consultant provided a brief presentation, and the remainder of the time was used for the community to interact with the boards and place the pins to identify the program elements they wanted to see at the park. The feedback was amazing, and the design team is very thankful for the amount of involvement the community has had. He reviewed that active uses were clearly the most important elements for the park, with passive being second and civic third. Most participants indicated a desire for existing activities to remain within the Civic Center, with a smattering of additional program elements (jogging/walking path, restrooms, horticultural gardens, etc.) The results from the on-line open house closely resembled the in-person open house. Three days of stakeholder meetings were also held and the general sentiment reflected the feedback from both the in-person and on-line open houses. However, the stakeholder meetings focused on a much higher level of conversation than the on-line and in-person open houses.

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Mr. Jones advised that after the City Council briefing on August 9th, the consulting team and staff will develop alternative plans to present at the August 24th in-person and on-line open houses. He anticipates that the next open house will include a review of the information received so far, as well as a presentation of the alternatives that reflect community sentiment. Additional discussion and information will be presented to the Planning Board on September 14th.

Chair Lovell noted that the survey results can be found on line and asked if the master plan process would be similar to the approach used for the Marina Beach Park Master Plan. Mr. Jones answered affirmatively and explained that the consultant, staff and PAC will work to prepare two or three alternatives for the public to respond to. As the process moves forward, favorable elements of each of the alternatives will be combined to create a preferred alternative.

Board Member Robles noted that some elements of the park, such as parking, are necessary, but may not be desirable. He asked if civic activities ranked lower because they draw a larger crowd and parking issues result. He also asked the consultant to share his ideas about parking. Mr. Jones agreed that people shy away from the civic uses primarily because of potential impacts such as noise and parking. From experience, there is a perception that once the civic uses are developed to attract larger crowds, the park will no longer be desirable for the citizens to use. He acknowledged that parking is always a significant concern. Because there is such limited open space in the downtown, it is difficult for him to advocate for parking to take up a large portion of the park area.

Board Member Cloutier reminded the Board that, currently, the community is in a very active discussion about the renovation and/or replacement of the South County Senior Center. Should an alternative site be required for the new facility, he asked if there is room on the Civic Center property to accommodate the Senior Center facility. Mr. Jones answered that a 20,000 square foot building would likely fit on the two acres of property that are not restricted by deed. However, there has been some discussion about the Boys and Girls Club remaining on the site and potentially expanding. Board Member Cloutier said that although the fieldhouse is a historic building, it does not really fit the needs of the Boys and Girls Club. He suggested that some thought be given to creating a new facility that could serve as the Boys and Girls Club/Senior Center. He also asked if a restroom structure would be considered a minor structure or would it have to be placed within the two, unrestricted acres.

Ms. Hite said the restrictions placed on the 2-acre portion of the property by the state are very open and allow for restrooms, parking lots, and other amenities that will serve the City's needs as a park. However, the County's restrictions on the remaining 6-acre portion are more limiting. The biggest factor is that it cannot be developed with more than 10% impervious surface, or about 26,000 feet, and trails would be exempt. The impervious surface can include parking lots, picnic shelters, restrooms, etc., but it cannot be more than 10%.

Ms. Hite reminded the Planning Board that the City Council entered into a long-term land lease with the current non-profit Senior Center. That doesn't mean the community cannot have a conversation and reconsider the location of the Senior Center, but a robust group is already campaigning for funding with control of the land as it currently sits.

Mr. Chave clarified that the Historic Preservation Commission voted to look into the historic quality of the fieldhouse and site, but they felt the grandstand did not meet the characteristics necessary for inclusion on the register. They have not actually finished their assessment of the site, in general, or the Boys and Girls Club, specifically. While they have agreed there is some historic character present, they have not determined that it is eligible for the Historic Register.

Board Member Stewart asked if there have been one or two on-line surveys. Mr. Jones answered one. Board Member Stewart asked for an estimate on the number of people who responded to the on-line open houses. Mr. Jones clarified that there were 200 visitors and 135 responses. Not all the visitors responded. Board Member Stewart said it would be helpful to have a breakdown on the ages of the 135 respondents. Ms. Hite said information relative to age is not available, since only 31 of the respondents answered the demographic questions. Board Member Stewart noted that about 2/3 of the 31 people who provided demographic information were in the "over 45" category. She recalled that the PAC had a discussion about the difficulty of reaching out to the younger population, particularly in the summer. However, a young student has agreed to assist the City's effort via social media. Although the older residents have more time to attend meetings and become involved in the process, input from the younger citizens is also important to the process. She suggested they hold out for more response from the younger people during the next open house. Ms. Hite said that the past on-line open house was

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launched the day after the in-person open house, and the length of time was expanded to three weeks. The same timeline will likely be used for the next series of open houses. Board Member Stewart suggested that the on-line open house should be available for a longer period of time. Mr. Jones agreed that would be possible. He explained that the purpose behind the 3-week window is that they eventually start to see the same patterns arise over time. Responses drop off significantly if the City is not actively advertising the opportunity.

Board Member Stewart said she appreciates that Petanque is a very popular activity right now, and she has walked by the courts to observe how the game is played. She emphasized that the master plan should be inclusive and provide ways to overlay activities on the same space so that one activity does not have a total monopoly. She asked if different types of surfaces could be used for Petanque and if something could be rolled out over the surface to accommodate another type of activity.

Mr. Van Hollenbeke answered that the courts are framed by white, 4' x 12' pressure treated timbers that are partially sunk into the ground. The current court size of 15' x 50' (750 square feet) is slightly larger than regulation size to accommodate boundaries. He acknowledged that people in other countries play Petanque in pathways, but their parks are not typically as structured as those in the United States. Grass does not work, but they have used dirt soccer fields for tournaments. The Petanque Club's concept is a multi-purpose surface of about 150' x 150' for tournaments. This would be slightly larger than the infield of a baseball field, which is 110' x 110' and could be used for a number of activities. They are also asking for 8 courts with crushed rock that would occupy 6,600 square feet in a park that is 348,000 square feet in size.

Board Member Stewart noted that Bocce is a similar sport. She asked Mr. Van Hollenbeke to share his experience with Bocce. She also asked how many of those who participate in Petanque are younger than 30 years old. Mr. Van Hollenbeke said he has played Bocce and it is very enjoyable. Petanque is another activity entirely. It is fun and simple to learn, and it intrigues a lot of people. He acknowledged that the sport appeals more to senior members of the community, but there are numerous stories about how the game (and club) has changed people's lives. They teach citizens of all ages how to play the game, including youth from the Boys and Girls Club.

Board Member Stewart voiced concern that eight might be too many Petanque courts. She suggested that it could be reduced by half. Mr. Van Hollenbeke said the club started with a handful of members and worked with the City to establish one court. Within months, the sport became very popular, and the Petanque Club raised funding for the materials and the City performed the installation of two more courts. In order to more readily include the Boys and Girls Club, the club received a grant to construct a fourth court. Normally, four to six people can play on a court. The club has over 100 members, and hundreds of other people play, as well. He emphasized that the community is predominantly seniors, and the proposed eight courts would only occupy .5% of the total park square footage.

Board Member Stewart said her background extends to 10 years working with the older adult population, and she was schooled at the University of Washington in Aging Exercise Studies. She appreciates the need for activities that are more suitable to an aging body, and Petanque works well in that regard. However, unlike Bocce, Petanque seems to appeal more to older-aged citizens. She would hate to see something exclusively set aside for just the older adult age group. She would hope there could be versatility on that same space.

Board Member Stewart noted that the potential park elements do not include an open space grass area where Frisbee and other activities could take place. She appreciates that fitness trails were mentioned as an option since they can be designed to appeal to any age.

Board Member Stewart expressed her belief that the grandstands should be removed, but she suggested that a portion could be retained as a potential lookout, pavilion or place to see the gorgeous view. She also voiced support for Board Member Cloutier's earlier recommendation that the Civic Center would be a great location for a senior center, particularly in conjunction with the Petanque courts. A combination Boys and Girls Club/Community Center/Senior Center would make sense on that site to provide a variety of activities for everyone to enjoy. Ms. Hite said one element that was very popular in the public comments was a grass, multi-use lawn area for drop in soccer, ultimate Frisbee, etc.

Board Member Cheung asked what other uses could occur on a Petanque surface. Mr. Jones said the challenge is that uses that go on top of the courts need to be moveable. He said the design team has done similar Petanque courts in parks, and

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decomposed granite is a common material. They have had a lot of success putting the use within a bosque of trees and providing moveable tables and chairs under the trees can result in an elegant and nice environment. They have also designed Petanque and Bocce courts that do not have a barrier around them, and the club appears to be amenable to areas that are not completely enclosed. Whatever the secondary use, it must be moveable.

Board Member Monroe asked if a play structure would be incorporated into the site, and Mr. Jones answered affirmatively. Board Member Monroe noted that a large number of people who live near the park are older. He voiced concern that this may skew the input that comes in. Mr. Jones acknowledged that, typically, downtown parks are surrounded by denser, mixed-use development. In those instances, noise is not such a concern. The Civic Center has unique adjacency with single-family and multi-family residential development surrounding it. He said he is not going to recommend changes to the City's park program unless directed by the City and community. The community has voiced their input relative to priorities, but the PAC has recognized that some of the input may be skewed. The design team will work with staff, the City Council and the Planning Board to vet the input carefully. Board Member Monroe asked if Mr. Jones believes that the community input thus far has been 100% representative of community sentiment. Mr. Jones said it is not 100%, but the PAC had a lengthy discussion about the results and felt they were generally representative of the community desires.

Mr. Jones summarized that there are a lot of athletic fields, open space and playgrounds in Edmonds. The big question is whether the downtown park should be athletic fields or an active civic site. That is the question they tried to get answered via the survey.

Ms. Hite commented that in the next iteration, as the design team puts the components on paper and analyzes the alternatives, the intent is to reach out to more people and make sure the results are equitable. They will also consider options for limiting the number of votes to prevent potential skewing and to gain a better understanding of the demographics of respondents. She commented that a youth member participates on the PAC and will help the City reach out to the younger citizens. Mr. Jones added that the number one goal for the success of the park should be to make the plan as flexible as possible. They can't assume what the community needs will be in the future, so whatever is developed needs to be flexible.

Chair Lovell recalled that the athletic fields were originally developed to serve the adjacent high school use, which is no longer present. He expressed his belief that there are plenty of other athletic facilities in Edmonds, particularly of the nature that requires large areas. He suggested the design team be very careful about overusing the site for large-scale athletic activities. He also expressed his belief that the grandstands should be eliminated. They are very unsightly, unusable and unsafe, and they take up valuable land. Furthermore, the historic investigation left the grandstands off the list of candidates for the historic register. As to the fieldhouse, it is clear that the building is not appropriate for its current Boys and Girls Club use. The Boys and Girls Club activities are important to the City, and they have indicated a desire for a new structure of between 18,000 and 25,000 square feet. Given the deed restrictions on the site, it is difficult to consider a building of this size for any use.

Chair Lovell referred to the process that was used for the Marina Beach Park Master Plan, which included a number of parameters that dictated some direction as to what the park facilities, accommodations and infrastructure should consist of. He supports Board Member Monroe's concern that the adjacent property owners may be skewing the public comments to date. Given the park's location, he suggested there is potential for a mix of elements that can serve both the neighborhood and the general citizenry. A number of people have indicated that Petanque courts are a high priority, and this should be reflected in the design. Trees and walking paths are also high priorities that should be integrated into multiple layouts. He likes the idea of being able to use the Petanque courts for something other than the activity, itself. He said he is very sensitive to parking issues, which have also been a concern relative to the railroad crossing and the waterfront community center. The City has a parking problem already, and sooner or later it will have to be addressed.

Chair Lovell reminded the Board that there are restrictions relative to the use of the site. He suggested that a feasibility rationale or grading system should be applied to each potential element that emerges as part of the alternatives to determine the best use for the portion of property that has fewer restrictions. It is important to understand what can and cannot be done and what improvements would provide the most benefit for the valuable square footage.

Ms. Hite advised that the City is currently conducting a structural analysis of the grandstands. While the City owns the land, there are deed restrictions that require the City to follow the state process, which includes a structural analysis before the

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grandstands can be removed. She also advised that the Boys and Girls Club have been involved throughout the process as a stakeholder. A member of the club also participates on the PAC. They have reflected to the City that they are very interested in staying at the Civic Center, but they are also considering other alternatives in the downtown. They have acknowledged that the current building does not serve their needs well. While they have not said they would like to build an 18,000 to 25,000 square foot building at Civic Center, they have indicated that is the model that is successful for similar clubs.

Chair Lovell commented that the master plan process is very exciting, and he is glad that there is a lot of community interest. The PAC is well engaged in the process, providing good input and raising thoughtful questions. The park is a valuable piece of property in the heart of the City, and this should be reflected in its use and programming.

Chair Lovell reviewed that the consultant and staff will present additional information to the Board on at least two more occasions before they are asked to conduct a public hearing and forward a recommendation to the City Council relative to a preferred alternative for the Civic Center Master Plan.

REVIEW OF EXTENDED AGENDA

Chair Lovell asked for an update on the City Council's direction to the Board relative to the Five Corners Subarea Plan. Mr. Chave answered that the City Council indicated a desire to start the process before the end of 2016, beginning with a presentation to bring the new Board members up-to-date on the work that was done previously by a consulting team from the University of Washington.

Chair Lovell advised that the next briefing on the Civic Center Master Plan is scheduled for September 14th.

PLANNING BOARD CHAIR COMMENTS

Chair Lovell did not provide any additional comments.

PLANNING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board Member Monroe reported on his attendance at the Citizens Economic Development Commission meeting, where they established priorities for the year and divided into subcommittees. Actual products for the Council's consideration should start to emerge in the next three to four months.

Board Member Stewart asked when the Stormwater Code Update would come before the Board for consideration. Mr. Chave answered that the Stormwater Code Update will go straight to the City Council and will not be reviewed by the Planning Board. He encouraged her to contact the Engineering Division for more information about the process.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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**CITY OF EDMONDS
PLANNING BOARD MINUTES**

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Vice Chair Rubenkonig called the meeting of the Edmonds Planning Board to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Public Safety Complex, 250 – 5th Avenue North.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Carreen Rubenkonig, Vice Chair
Alicia Crank
Nathan Monroe
Daniel Robles
Valerie Stewart

STAFF PRESENT

Rob Chave, Planning Division Manager
Carrie Hite, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director
Jerry Bevington, Video Recorder
Karin Noyes, Recorder

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Philip Lovell, Chair (excused)
Matthew Cheung (excused)
Todd Cloutier (excused)

READING/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

BOARD MEMBER ROBLES MOVED THAT THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 24, 2016 BE APPROVED AS CORRECTED. BOARD MEMBER MONROE SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as presented.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

No one in the audience indicated a desire to comment during this portion of the meeting.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR REPORT TO PLANNING BOARD

Vice Chair Rubenkonig referred the Board to the written report that was provided by the Development Services Director. There was no discussion relative to the report.

CIVIC FIELD MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Ms. Hite reviewed the Civic Center Playfield Master Plan process to date, which started with a kick off meeting before the City Council in May. Since that time there have been two public open houses, each accompanied by a two-week online open house. The staff and consultant also held numerous stakeholder meetings, with recent engagements including teen groups and parks maintenance staff. She reminded the Board that the consultant was previously before the Board and City Council to present the results of the 1st open house and solicit feedback. This feedback, along with feedback from the community and stakeholder meetings was used to prepare two options, which were presented at the 2nd open house. Over the next three months, the design team will be working with the community to refine the two alternatives to one preferred hybrid plan. The

consultant will also host another online and in-person public open house and provided continued briefings to the City Council, Planning Board, staff, and the Project Advisory Committee (PAC). She advised that Chris Jones from Walker Macy was present to present the alternatives to the Planning Board and solicit feedback prior to presenting to the City Council on September 27th. She advised that Board Member Stewart participates on the PAC, and several of other PAC members were present in the audience, as well.

Chris Jones, Walker Macy, said he is the landscape architectural consultant for the Civic Center Playfield Master Plan and was also the consultant for the recently completed Marina Beach Master Plan. He advised that his presentation would be a summary version of the two alternatives that were presented at the 2nd open house, which started by repeating back to the community what they heard from the 1st open house. At the 1st open house, participants were asked to comment on whether they favored an active, passive or civic design for the park, and most indicated they would prefer either an active or passive design. The participants were also provided a list of potential activities/features for the park and asked to identify those that they desired most. The top 13 activities/features included restrooms, petanque courts, jogging/walking paths, soccer, shade trees, skate park, playground, tennis, Boys and Girls Club, multi-use lawn, formal track, small performance space, and gardens. In addition to ranking the listed features, participants were also invited to identify additional features/activities they would like the City to consider. He summarized that the design team has received a lot of feedback from the community, including the City Council, Planning Board, PAC, Student Conservation Association, stakeholders, and parks maintenance staff.

Mr. Jones advised that, throughout the process, numerous people have questioned where they could go for a particular type of activity if it is eliminated from the Civic Center Playfield. To answer these questions, he provided a map that identifies the location of a number of fields and courts that can be found throughout the City's park system. With the exception of petanque, there are other places to get the recreation that is currently available at the Civic Center Playfield.

Mr. Jones explained that the project site is 8 acres in size, but the City must abide by a deed restriction that applies to six acres. The deed restriction limits the design to no more than 10% impervious surface and surface parking must be pervious. In addition, the site must be preserved as open space and no synthetic turf or buildings are allowed. Both of the design alternatives accommodate the deed restrictions. He reviewed each of the design options as follows:

- **Design Option 1 (Meadow Loop).** Option 1 introduces more passive landscape features into the park perimeter, including meadows, berms, and stormwater gardens that frame a central multi-use lawn. The option features a jogging trail with exercise stations and multiple walking paths, as well as a large, central play area. The lawn would be large enough to accommodate the same level of soccer usage that occurs now. A wide promenade-style sidewalk along 6th Avenue would allow for strolling or markets and could include a plaza, restroom and shade pavilion. It could also accommodate food concessions, movable tables and chairs, and a small water feature. The option also includes a small amount of the recreational programs, such as multi-use courts and petanque. Option 1 would also maintain the current Field House for the Boys and Girls Club, with no expansion. The highest activity and noise level would be located towards the center of the site, and the north, east and south sides of the park would be a much quieter, more passive space. There would be pedestrian connections and circulation throughout the park. The proposed walking paths would provide east/west connections, as well as a connection from the north side of the park to downtown. The Field House, plaza, and shade pavilion/restroom would provide a community hub along the western boundary of the park. He provided pictures to illustrate some of the concepts proposed in Option 1 such as the meadows and gardens, flexible use promenade that could accommodate a farmer's market and/or festival booths, creative and integrated play areas, shade pavilion and plaza, passive landscape gardens and multi-use lawn. He noted that the flexible-use event space would occupy about 65% of the total park space.
- **Design Option 2 (Activity Central).** Option 2 maximizes recreational activities and facilitates spectatorship. It includes a 200-meter track, multi-use lawn for soccer and other sports, and viewing terraces that overlook the playfields. It also includes petanque courts, skate park and four multi-use courts around an expanded Field House that could potentially house the Boys and girls Club or a café and restroom. The north portion of the park is more landscaped in character, and includes a picnic or performance pavilion and multi-generational play and exercise areas. A main path runs through park at Sprague Street and offers a clear connection from the residential neighborhood to the 4th Avenue Arts Corridor. The path also offers potential for bringing markets and other events into the park. The majority of the site would be dedicated to active recreational uses and would have more of a sports feel. The higher uses would be located

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in the central and southeast corners of the site, and the lower uses would be along the northern edge. There would be average activity along the west side of the park (6th Avenue). In addition to the main pathway that provides an east/west connection for Sprague Street, there would be other meandering walkways through the park. The community hubs in Option 2 would be the expanded Field House for the Boys and Girls Club and/or café and restrooms. He provided pictures to illustrate some of the concepts proposed in Option 2 such as the shade pavilion and picnic area, landscaped integrated play areas within the walkways and topographic features, lawn terraces for spectating and views to replace the popular grandstands, all-ages recreation, small plaza with an interactive water feature, and game courts within garden groves so the use can be more flexible. In Option 2, about 90% of the site would be available for flexible-use event space.

Mr. Jones reported that there were about 140 in attendance at the 1st in-person open house, and about 160 at the 2nd. The 2nd open house started with a brief presentation, followed by a question and answer period. The participants were then divided into 16 groups to review the two alternatives, using a side-by-side comparison, and provide feedback on their preferred alternative, as well as the elements they liked best in each of the alternatives. Eight groups indicated a preference for Option 1, four for Option 2, and four were split or unclear. Individual comment cards indicated a preference for Option 1 over Option 2. The most consistent comments at the in-person open house indicated support for the lawn terraces and skateboard park. While the curves are nice in Option 1, most wanted a more active program like in Option 2.

In addition to the in-person open house, Mr. Jones advised that a two-week online open house was also offered. About 360 people visited the site and 132 responses were received. Forty-two respondents indicated a preference for Option 1 and 87 for Option 2. The common reasons that respondents preferred Option 1 included the free-flowing structure, layout and path, water feature and plaza, open green spaces and lawn, and a reduced number of petanque courts. Common reasons for preferring Option 2 included the long walking and running paths, track, focus on fields and athletic facilities, expanded Boys and Girls Club, skate park, view terraces, potential for large events, and more spaces for families and children. Common elements not shown that respondents would like to see included additional restrooms, benches and/or seating areas, lighting, additional covered athletic facility and market place, water fountains, stage, ADA accessibility and a 400-meter track. He noted that restrooms were included in each option, but may not have been explicit. However, the design is not at the level of addressing items such as benches, lighting, etc.

Mr. Jones summarized that the next step is to present the two options to the City Council on September 27th, along with a summary of the open house events and feedback from the Board. The design team will present a hybrid design scheme that reflects the input that has been provided to date at a 3rd open house on October 12th.

Board Member Crank said she was unable to attend the in-person open houses, but she did participate in the on-line open house. She referred to Option 2 and asked if the school district or adjacent property owners have commented about the need for a track. Ms. Hite answered that a few people specifically requested that a track be included in the design. The PAC had an in-depth discussion about this element, and it appears that people are more interested in having a way to measure their mileage. Perhaps it would be possible to provide this opportunity on the walkway that goes around the perimeter of the park rather than providing an actual track. In her experience, tracks are not usually located at public parks. They are typically found on school properties.

Board Member Crank asked if there is infrastructure in place to accommodate the water features that are proposed in both options. Mr. Jones answered that there is water and power service available at the park site, but nothing has been stubbed out to serve this need in a particular location. Board Member Robles noted that water features can utilize a lot of water. He asked if the features would be susceptible to significant water restrictions. Ms. Hite referred to the spray pad at City Park, which does use quite a lot of water. However, rather than a direct-to-drain resource, the water actually goes into a catch system where it is treated and reused on the pad. While this option is costly, it could be implemented at Civic Center Playfield, too.

Board Member Robles asked if one option would be costlier to maintain than the other. Mr. Jones answered that Option 1 would probably require more maintenance from staff. However, they met with parks maintenance staff to discuss the maintenance needs of both options, and no concern was raised about the City's ability to accommodate the maintenance needs associated with either option. Ms. Hite added that staff can work with the consultant to incorporate elements of design that require less maintenance such as drought tolerant plants, lower maintenance gardens, and low-impact development (LID)

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improvements such as rain gardens. She explained that the maintenance staff already maintains the 8-acre site. While the maintenance needs would likely increase, the change would not be significant.

Board Member Robles asked if the plan includes an on-site maintenance facility to store equipment that is used for the site. Mr. Jones said that has not been considered, but it could be built in. Ms. Hite advised that none of the City's parks have on-site maintenance facilities. The equipment is moved from park to park on a flatbed truck. Staff members go from park to park, doing the same task.

Board Member Robles asked how many different surfaces are identified in the proposed plan. Mr. Jones answered that potential surfaces include the track surface, sand volleyball court, asphalt trails, promenade of concrete or unit pavers, crushed granite petanque courts, natural turf, planted areas, and asphalt basketball courts. Ms. Hite reminded the Board that the current deed restrictions limit impervious surface to no more than 10% of the 6-acre portion of the site.

Board Member Robles commented that performance-based social gatherings are huge community-building activities. In addition to opportunities for sporting events, he would like the area to be open to the arts and social activities via the plaza, multi-use terracing, grass fields, etc. Mr. Jones said they have discussed that the southwest corner in both schemes could have moveable tables and chairs to support a variety of community uses.

Board Member Robles asked if the current skate park would be relocated or if the features would change. Ms. Hite said the current park has a cement surface, but the features are moveable. However, they are old and require frequent repairs. A better discussion would be the idea of creating a new skate park with new equipment. Board Member Robles pointed out that the current skate park is heavily used.

Board Member Monroe asked if there is a significant upfront cost difference between the two options. Mr. Jones answered that they will be exploring the rough magnitude costs of each option over the next few weeks. Option 1 would likely have a higher cost as it would require more manipulation of land forms and a more significant water feature. He commented that, from his experience, downtown parks similar to this typically cost between \$1 million and \$1.5 million per acre to develop. Therefore, \$12 million would be a ballpark cost figure based on history. Assuming the City will not foot the bill for expansion of the Boys and Girls Club, Option 1 would likely cost more to implement than Option 2. Ms. Hite emphasized that it is likely that the hybrid design will be a combination of both Option 1 and Option 2. Once the preferred hybrid option has been identified, the consultant will be asked to provide cost estimates.

Mr. Jones said that, based on feedback received to date, the hybrid alternative will likely include active park space, restroom, athletic fields, a small number of petanque courts, terraced viewing area, water feature, expanded Boys and Girls Club, basketball courts and a playground. The majority of people at the 2nd open house voiced support for the aesthetics of Option 1, as well.

Vice Chair Rubenkonig noted that only Option 2 details on-site parking for the park. Mr. Jones said the intent was to give the community two options so they can decide whether or not they want to include on-site parking as part of the park. Generally speaking, the community has indicated they do not want the 8-acre park to be taken up by parking. However, there are ways to make parking more efficient on 6th and 7th Avenues. If the Boys and Girls Club remains on the site, there will be some need for van parking and ADA parking. Vice Chair Rubenkonig noted that the ADA parking that is provided near the Boys and Girls Club could also serve the park.

Vice Chair Rubenkonig asked how tall the proposed trees would be. She noted that there have been issues in the past when trees grow tall and block views from neighboring properties. It appears that both options will have the same number of trees, but in different locations. She asked if the City has a requirement as to how many trees must be planted on the site. Mr. Jones responded that there is no City requirement as to the number of trees. The proposed trees were part of the design strategy to provide shade and divide spaces. People have expressed concern about blocking view, and the trees along 6th Avenue will likely be a low-growing species to protect the views from adjacent residential properties. Some people have actually indicated that, although they love their view of the mountains, they also love the trees that have been proposed. He noted that there was not a lot of feedback relative to trees at the 2nd open house. Vice Chair Rubenkonig asked if the City would require that the landscaping be native vegetation. Mr. Jones said that the project design has not reached a high level of specificity yet, but the intent is to use climate-adaptive plantings on the site.

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Vice Chair Rubenkonig asked Mr. Jones to describe how the Sprague Street right-of-way link came about. She noted that another path would also bisect the park. Mr. Jones said the intent was to present two different options. Option 1 has a promenade and civic edge on 6th Avenue. However, if the community does not want an active civic edge, the Sprague Street right-of-way would be a great way to move people through the park and segregate the playground from the active recreational uses. Vice Chair Rubenkonig asked if the bisecting pathway between the two playfields could be eliminated from Option 2. Mr. Jones agreed it could be eliminated, but then the promenade would be the only east/west connection through the park.

Vice Chair Rubenkonig asked Ms. Hite to provide more context about the deed restrictions. Ms. Hite explained that the deed restrictions apply to 6 acres on the 8-acre site, and they are connected to the \$1 million the City received from the state and the \$520,000 it received from Snohomish County. The State's deed restriction is intended to protect open space parkland so it cannot be used for anything other than a park. With the exception of a restroom or shade structure, no other structures would be allowed within the 6-acre area. The deed restriction associated with the Snohomish County Conservation Futures Grant is more restrictive in that it limits impervious surface to no more than 10%. The County is willing to work with the City to provide structures such as a restroom and shade shelter, but they would count as part of the allowable impervious surface. Vice Chair Rubenkonig suggested that the deed restrictions should be more clearly pointed out at the next open house and explained in the master plan.

Vice Chair Rubenkonig asked if it is likely the track would be eliminated from the hybrid design. Mr. Jones answered affirmatively. Vice Chair Rubenkonig asked what purpose the track would serve. Mr. Jones said the community would like the ability to track how far they are walking or running. It would not be used for organized sporting events. In his opinion, it would be a very inflexible use of space.

Board Member Stewart said she appreciates the opportunity to participate on the PAC where there has been a lot of interesting discussion and many different perspectives. Many different ideas were considered, and she appreciates the design team's effort to reach out to the community, particularly the youth. She asked if there is another skate park in the City of Edmonds. Ms. Hite answered no, but added that the City provides support to the City of Lynnwood's skate park at Lindale Park.

Board Member Stewart said she is very interested in sustainable development. Anytime they design, they should consider the most sustainable way to not only build, but make sure it remains long term, is easy to maintain, and uses resources wisely. She said she does not recall a PAC discussion about the water feature. It would be attractive to have a water feature at the Civic Center Playfield, and still water or a fountain would be appropriate. However, she worries about the high cost of adding a spray pad. Providing a system to recirculate water would be costly and there is already a spray pad at City Park. Mr. Jones agreed that water features, particularly spray pads, are costly to maintain. Most sustainable water features have a cistern to recycle the water, and a system of this type would definitely be included as part of any water feature proposed for the site.

Board Member Stewart asked if the walking path identified in Option 1 would be pavement. She said she is hoping that at least one side of the pathway could have a forgiving surface for people with joint issues. Ms. Hite pointed out that pavement is easier to make with impervious surface that drains well. Board Member Stewart asked if rollerblades would be allowed on the walking path. She also asked if bicyclists would have a way to get through the park and if bike racks would be provided. If no parking is provided, it will be very important to make sure people can get to, from and through the park via walking, jogging, biking, and buses.

Board Member Stewart commented that Edmonds has a very active petanque group that consists primarily of older citizens. While she supports some courts for this use, she would like them to be designed to accommodate a variety of other uses, as well. She said she supports eliminating the sand volleyball court, since it would be better placed at a beach park. She hopes the sports fields will be available for drop-in play rather than used only for organized sporting events. She asked to what degree the fields would be scheduled. Ms. Hite answered that they would probably be scheduled some but will also be available for drop-in play. The SnoKing Youth Club uses the existing fields a lot, but they are transitioning more towards the new fields at Woodway. The Boys and Girls Club also uses the fields for open play. Board Member Stewart stressed the need to always ensure there is space for unprogrammed play for both children and adults. She hopes the need for regulation fields does not usurp the creative, versatile play space that is needed to serve all ages.

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Board Member Stewart asked how long the path around the perimeter of the park in Option 1 would be. Mr. Jones answered that it would be about 1,600 meters or perhaps a little less. Board Member Stewart commented that the more continuous the pathway the better. The path should also be interesting, as well, and exercise stations would be a wonderful idea. She said she likes the idea of trees and felt the consultant could work with species to keep the heights where they should be.

Board Member Stewart said she loves the grandstands, but recognizes that they need to be removed. At the PAC meetings, she raised the idea of providing a viewpoint where people could climb up to have a view over the top of the trees and out to the mountains. Ms. Hite said this idea makes her think about the conservatory building at Volunteer Park in Seattle where you can climb up stairs to have a view across the park to the water. Mr. Jones pointed out that there would be a bit of a view from the south side of the park to the mountains.

Board Member Monroe asked if a covered basketball court was purposefully excluded from the options. Most of the park features can only be enjoyed during good weather, and it would be great to have a covered basketball court to accommodate winter play.

Vice Chair Rubenkonig asked if the two options would satisfy the needs of the parks and recreation programs the City sponsors. Ms. Hite answered that lacrosse and soccer are trending right now, and ultimate Frisbee, as well. All three of these uses could be accommodated on the fields identified in the two options. While Pacific Little League originally voiced a desire for more baseball fields, no other comments in support of the fields were received. She summarized that the open, grass space that can accommodate many different kinds of sports and activities will be very helpful to the City's programming needs.

Board Member Robles asked if there would be any restricted activities at the park. For example, would people be allowed to fly drones over the park or drive their remote control cars. Ms. Hite answered that there has been a lot of discussion at the national level about drones in public places and privacy rights. However, the City's current park regulations do not prohibit drones and people are allowed to recreate as they want. Board Member Robles asked if dogs would be allowed at the park. Ms. Hite said that has yet to be determined. She explained that the City has specific rules for regulating dogs in parks. She noted that the City receives comments on a daily basis, about half of which support allowing dogs in parks and the other half are opposed. Tackling the issue will involve a huge community effort, and she has not opened the conversation up.

Board Member Robles asked what other unique ideas came forward during the public open houses. Mr. Jones said the list included a zip line, heated seats, fire museum, parking below the park, and doing nothing and leaving the park as is.

Board Member Stewart referred to an email the Board received from a citizen, expressing concern that the civic edges that are proposed in both options could be monopolized by events. Ms. Hite recalled that after receiving less than favorable support for civic space at the 1st open house, she talked with the consultant about the idea of having the civic spaces be more community-oriented gathering areas with a patio, promenade, seating areas, and connections to the downtown. She expressed her belief that this type of space would be desirable in the hybrid option, as well. She reviewed that in his email, the gentleman challenged the community and the consultant to design something that would become a signature downtown park rather than designing for a particular type of community event. She said her discussions with the consultant have been consistent with this approach, and she requested the consultant provide a drawing to illustrate how each of the options would be flexible enough to accommodate desired community events. She asked Mr. Jones to answer the question of whether the designs are reflective of what the community wants or designed to accommodate large community events.

Mr. Jones said it appears that the email is suggesting that the master plan be done without community input. The community has spoken and identified the elements they want the park to include. Downtown parks are always designed by the community in which they serve, and the outgrowth of options came from the public input. To accommodate all of the activities identified as desirable would require a 20-acre parcel. While the concept put forth in the email is an interesting idea, they cannot overlook the fact that they have gone through a successful, community-led process. Special interest groups have put forward ideas and his job is to work with staff to balance the ideas. At the last open house, it appeared that people were excited about the options and there was no outcry that the design options were inconsistent with the public comments. Both options were interesting to the community, and the process was set up so that everyone had a voice. He emphasized that the Civic Center Playfield is definitely a signature downtown park. Rarely do you find eight acres of parkland in a

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downtown area. The design will be a hybrid of the two schemes, but he does not anticipate changing the approach based on the email. On the contrary, you could question whether the community wants a scheme that does not include any active recreational opportunities, and this directive could change the course of how the park is designed.

Board Member Stewart asked if benches have been considered as part of the park design. Mr. Jones answered that benches will be addressed in the next layer of design along with furnishings, lighting, etc. A lot of design work is still needed.

Vice Chair Rubenkonig noted that the fence that currently exists around the field would be removed so that people can access the park from the alley, 6th Avenue and 7th Avenue. That means the park will be much more open than what people are accustomed to. Mr. Jones said that improved access to the park was brought up on a number of occasions, and it is clear that the park needs to be porous on all sides. However, it is anticipated that landscaping would be used to prevent access to the park from some locations. Landscaping would also be used near the playground to prevent children from running out into the alley.

The Board Members were invited to share their thoughts on which element they liked the best and why.

Board Member Crank: She likes Option 1, which is an open concept with clean lines. She likes the very defined civic area, as well as the idea of incorporating walking paths rather than a physical track which would lend itself more to school athletic situations that might not be appropriate for the park. She pointed out that the demographics of the audience that participated in the online open house was different than those who participated in the in-person open house, and that may be why there was a difference in the preferred option. People who live in the area and already use the park were more interested in preserving what already exists, and those who participated in the online open house were looking at what elements would attract them to the park. It is important to create a master plan that preserves what is already good about the park, as well as features that attract new people. She likes that the park would still feel like a signature downtown park, but also serve as a neighborhood park.

Board Member Monroe: He likes Option 1, as well, but he would like the water park to be eliminated since there is already a spray pad at City Park. He supports the skate park as shown in Option 1, but he would also like to include a covered basketball court that could be used during inclement weather. Option 2 seems to be more of a large playfield, which is not what a signature park should look like in his mind. He felt the design was off to a good start, and modifying Option 1 would be acceptable to him.

Board Member Robles: He felt that Option 2 is very ambitious and includes a number of great features. He envisions the hybrid being Option 2, but with a softer edge. He particularly likes the centering of the Boys and Girls Club, which is a treasure for the community that includes playfields, basketball courts, skate park, playground and a complex for artist events. The forested edge seems like a great idea for not only the visual privacy of the park, but also for noise abatement and shade. It may be possible to take 10 feet away from the perimeter of the park to provide parking space to accommodate better utilization of the park. He also likes the idea of an elevated tower with stairs for access that would provide both a view and an opportunity for additional exercise. In addition to providing more curve to the walking paths, the terraced area could also be curved to accommodate a sense of focus. He said he could support elimination of the track, and he agreed that four petanque courts would be more appropriate than eight. The water park should be eliminated, as well. He said he does not prefer one option over the other, and he is relying on the consultant to provide some good, solid thinking around the hybrid affect.

Board Member Stewart: She likes the feel of Option 1 with the softness of the edges, particularly the southwest edge. It is important to her that there be a section that offers peace and tranquility, with trees and nature and perhaps a water feature. However, she does not believe a spray pad is needed. Two smaller fields would work for the community needs and the track is not essential. However, a meandering loop that is marked for distance, with stations along the way for exercise and integrated natural elements, would be great. A few tennis courts that could double as basketball courts are standard in most parks, as are playgrounds. She supports a skate park and accommodating the Boys and Girls Club, and she would love to see a tower that allows visitors to look out. She agreed that the tower could also provide an element of exercise. She likes the idea of a terraced area with tiered seating. She believes that fewer than eight petanque courts would be appropriate. She summarized that she likes the feel of Option 1 and hopes the hybrid can maintain at least a portion of the serene feeling.

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Vice Chair Rubenkonig: She prefers Option 1 because of the design makes more sense to her. She likes the softer edges, particularly the civic edge, which serves to green up the space along 6th Avenue, and relates the park to the Public Safety Building. The civic edge also better defines the entire area as a public center and lends to more future possibilities. For the opposite reason, the promenade in Option 2 does not provide the same affect that the Civic Edge in Option 1 can provide. She said she likes the softer edges shown in Option 1, and the design of the southwest corner appears to be more of a protected area that is more conducive to children’s play. She said she also believes that a covered basketball court is essential because of the weather. It is time for Edmonds to provide this opportunity, not only for the community at large, but for the Boys and Girls Club to use year round, as well. She said she appreciates the “all ages” recreational challenge course that is proposed along the walking path, and she agrees that a step terrace is essential to the design and will open up opportunities for the future use of the park. Electrical outlets are needed, as well. She said she welcomes the idea of a hybrid design, but she leans towards the clean design of Option 1, particularly as it allows people to go across the park from 6th Avenue to 7th Avenue without feeling like they are going through the middle of some activity.

Ms. Hite thanked the Board Members for their ideas and clear direction, which will be reflected in the presentation before the City Council on September 27th. The Board’s minutes will be included in the Council packet. The consultant will come before the Board again on November 9th to provide an update on the plan, and Board Members are invited to attend the open house on October 12th, where the hybrid option will be presented to the public for the first time.

REVIEW OF EXTENDED AGENDA

Vice Chair Rubenkonig reviewed that the Board’s October 12th agenda will include a public hearing on the Capital Facilities and Capital Improvement Plans, as well as a discussion on Comprehensive Plan amendments. The October 26th agenda will include a presentation on the University of Washington/Forterra Plan for Five Corners, an update on the land use procedures code, and an update on the Highway 99 Subarea Plan.

PLANNING BOARD CHAIR COMMENTS

Vice Chair Rubenkonig announced that the City Council will be hosting a volunteer dinner on September 16th at the Senior Center from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Vice Chair Rubenkonig referred to the summary provided in the Director’s Report relative to the joint City Council/Planning Board meeting that took place on September 6th. The report states that the general conclusion was that the Board’s role relative to the issue of housing is not so much to figure out exactly how to address a specific number of housing units projected for Edmonds, but to consider the range of housing issues as local planning and code updates move forward. The Planning Board will be involved in recommending a draft housing strategy to the City Council. In the meantime, ongoing code update work may also address emerging housing needs. Board Member Crank said she particularly enjoyed the joint meeting because the City Council was able to clarify what they want the Board to do. It was good to get away from specific numbers and focus more on housing types. Board Member Robles said he spoke to a City Council Member following the meeting and learned that the Council was very pleased with the target of “aging in place,” as a problem that needs to be addressed. There are so many problems related to housing, and this is a path forward that everyone agreed on.

PLANNING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board Member Crank reported that the Taste of Edmonds was more successful overall than last year due to better weather. She will receive a full report at the morning meeting of the Chamber on September 15th. Board Member Monroe observed that there were no complaints from neighboring property owners relative to noise this year.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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**CITY OF EDMONDS
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
SUMMARY MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING**

June 29, 2016

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Scott called the meeting of the Edmonds Historic Preservation Commission to order at 5:30 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Conference Room of City Hall, 121 – 5th Avenue North.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Emily Scott, Chair
Larry Vogel, Vice Chair (arrived at 5:35 p.m.)
Sandra Allbery
Chris Deiner-Karr
Eric Livingston
Tim Raetzloff
Dave Teitzel, City Council Member

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Steve Waite (excused)

STAFF PRESENT

Rob Chave, Planning Manager
Kernen Lien, Senior Planner
Diane Cunningham, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT

Barry Ehrlich
Bruce Witenberg
Alex Witenberg
Kristiana Johnson
Pat Woodell

REQUESTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Barry Ehrlich, Edmonds, said he lives across the street from the Civic Field, and he believes the grandstands are unsightly. Rather than designating the structure as historic, he would like it to be removed and the space could be used for a better purpose.

City Council Member Johnson said she was present because she is very interested in the master planning process for Civic Field, and she wants to make sure there is a thorough evaluation of the historical attributes of the property. The property has significance to people of her age who grew up in Edmonds.

Pat Woodell, Edmonds, observed that the grandstand structure is quite old. She questioned what impact the renovations that were done in 1983 would have on the Commission's review of the property as historic.

NEW BUSINESS: CIVIC FIELD (field house and Grandstands)

Mr. Lien presented the Staff Report, reviewing that the City recently purchased Civic Field from the Edmonds School District and has begun the process of developing a master plan. He explained that the master plan will require State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) evaluation, and one of the questions on the checklist is whether any structures on the site are eligible for the national, state or local preservation registers. The purpose of the special meeting is for the Commission to evaluate and make a recommendation as to whether the field house (Boys and Girls Club) or grandstands qualify for listing on the local register. The Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) has issued detailed guidelines for historic mitigation and documentation standards, which were attached to the Staff Report. If the DAHP determines that a more detailed Level II Historic Mitigation Report is desired, staff recommends that the work be done by a professional in the historic preservation field.

Council Member Teitzel asked if any evaluation was done regarding the site's historic significance when it was initially developed. Chair Scott answered that no regulations were in place at the time of initial construction, and no subsurface investigation has occurred to date. It was noted that the site's significance to Native American history is outside of the Commission's purview.

Mr. Lien advised that the City is conducting a structural analysis of the grandstands, and the preliminary report is that they have one to two years of life remaining before significant funding would be needed for restoration. Chair Scott explained that, regardless of the Commission's recommendation relative to the two structures, the DAHP will automatically require an updated inventory for each one because they are more than 50 years old. The field house inventory was updated in 2004, but the grandstands have never been inventoried on DAHP's database. While the Commission can help in the process, professional assistance will likely be required as part of the mitigation process.

Ms. Cunningham reminded the Commission that an application for inclusion on the Register has already been prepared for the field house structure, but the Edmonds School District declined to pursue the application.

There was a lot of discussion about whether or not the changes that have occurred to the field house structure over the years would disqualify it for the Register. It was noted that some of the changes could be considered significant. While some commented that community sentiment should not play a role in the Commission's recommendation relative to the structure's eligibility on the Register, others felt the Commission's recommendation should consider the building's importance to the community. It was part of the school at one time and has served a variety of other uses, and people who grew up in Edmonds spent a lot of time there. Concern was expressed about what would be developed on the property if the grandstands and field house were removed.

The Commissioners agreed that additional photographs are needed to determine the significance of the changes made to the field house over time, particularly the windows and porch. Commissioner Deiner-Karr agreed to take on this task and report back to the Commission. They discussed that regardless of whether the building meets the eligibility requirements for the local Register, the Commission could make a recommendation that the building be retained because it represents the history of the area. Mr. Chave agreed and added that whether or not the building is eligible for the Register is a different question than whether or not it is valuable to the history of the community.

The Commission had a discussion about whether or not changes that were made more than 50 years ago would render the building ineligible for the Register. Mr. Lien recalled Commissioner Waite's guidance that each change that has occurred over time must stand on its own.

The majority of the Commissioners voiced support for retaining the field house structure due to its significance to the community and because it echoes what Edmonds used to look like in the 1920s and 1930s. However, a number of changes have occurred to the grandstands and a significant investment would be required to bring them up to code and make them ADA compliant. Also, the grandstand structure does not have the same architectural merit as the field house. They agreed that the park is hugely important to Edmonds and it has always been so. Retaining some of the historic awareness and flavor is important for the community as the master plan moves forward. Even if the field house does not qualify for the local, state or national registers, the entire site has historic interest and there would be value in rehabilitating the structure for future use as a preservation of how Edmonds looked in the 1930s.

Chair Scott recommended that a full assessment of the field house should be done to determine its condition and pinpoint the changes that have occurred over time. Perhaps the City can obtain grant funding to rehabilitate the building and make it eligible for the Register. The property is a cornerstone in downtown Edmonds. It should be maintained as a historic playfield for the community, and the building should remain integral to the space.

CHAIR SCOTT MOVED THAT THE COMMISSION PURSUE AN ASSESSMENT RELATIVE TO THE POTENTIAL OF LISTING THE ENTIRE CIVIC FIELD AS A HISTORIC SITE AND THE FIELD HOUSE AS A HISTORIC STRUCTURE ON THE EDMONDS REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES. SHE FURTHER MOVED THAT THE COMMISSION ENCOURAGE THE CITY TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND ENSURE THAT THE

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HISTORY OF THE SITE IS PROMINENT IN THE MASTER PLAN. VICE CHAIR VOGEL SECONDED THE MOTION.

Although the Commission has done so in the past, Mr. Chave cautioned against designating sites on the Register. It is basically designating a historic fact rather than a structure. While it may be appropriate to place a plaque on the site to recognize the historic location, it should not be placed on the Register. This type of site acknowledgement is better suited to the Museum, and the Commission's role is more related to designating structures for inclusion on the Register.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (Chair Scott was not present in the room when the motion was approved).

The Commission discussed that the master plan could include a display showing what the site looked like in the 1930's. Another idea was to repurpose materials from the grand stand structure into the new restroom facility. They agreed to continue their discussion at the next meeting. Commissioner Deiner-Karr was tasked with finding more photographs and information, as well.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION CHAIR COMMENTS

Chair Scott did not have any additional comments.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Vice Chair Vogel announced that a video recording of the recent public meeting on the Civic Field Master Plan is available on line at www.myedmondsnews.com.

Commissioner Raetzloff recalled that he was asked to write an article about the history of Civic Field, and he invited Commissioners to forward useful information to him.

Council Member Johnson requested that Mr. Lien and Chair Scott meet with her and Council Member Teitzel after the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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EMAILS & LETTERS

Subject:

FW: Civic

From: Dave Teitzel

Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2016 11:04 AM

To: Hite, Carrie

Cc: Johnson, Kristiana; Williams, Phil

Subject: Civic

Carrie,

Just a follow up note to say once again how much I appreciate the work you, Chris and the team have put into the Civic Field planning effort. I'm fully confident the end product will be stunning! Don't feel discouraged by the concerns expressed lately--they all relate to fine tuning of the plan, and the overall plan is great. Here are a few follow up thoughts, some of which were expressed to me by neighbors before and after last evening's Planning Board meeting:

* It is seeming that nearly all the noise-generating activities related to hard surfaces (skate park, pickle ball, basketball, tennis, likely relocating the beer garden for the Taste over to the tennis courts if/when the B&G remodel/expansion happens) are being concentrated in the northwest corner. While the residents are ok with absorbing some of it, it seems inequitable we should absorb all of it. I know the typical reaction to change is for folks to say "not in my back yard," but it does seem that spreading the noise related to hard surfaces around is fair to all. In the last advisory committee meeting, there was a lot of discussion about moving the skate park to where the baseball infield now sits (and most of the attendees--including Pat Woodell--said that location was far better than what was initially in the hybrid design with the skate park right next to the north fence line). That seems to be a fair concept still, as that location is no closer to the north fence line than the current skate park so the noise should be relatively the same as it is now for the condos on the north side. And that location is downhill and a fair distance from the homes on the east side of 7th, so it would seem noise shouldn't be a substantial issue there (especially with the sound-absorbing berms being discussed in the design). Is this location off the table? If not, the neighbors here would certainly like to see it discussed some more in the interest of equity for all neighbors of the park.

* The issue of moving the tennis courts east by 30' or so is causing heartburn, as you heard last evening. The group isn't crazy about the idea of having fish netting such as is installed around golf driving ranges around the tennis court. If Chris could come up with some examples of attractive see-through fencing that has been used around tennis courts elsewhere, that may ease the concerns. Also, I'm not sure the current height of the fencing around the tennis courts is necessary. A combination of a lower fence height and an attractive non-opaque screening may do the trick.

* The group living along the northwest corner of the park is not convinced two tennis courts are needed--especially if the third multi-use court is added along the north fence (which will be used for pickle ball). I'm home most of the time, and as a resident living 40 feet from the courts I can tell you it is rare both tennis courts are now used at the same time. It does happen, certainly on sunny days, but it isn't the norm. I'm wondering if Parks could do some sort of usage study of the court to quantify the need for two courts. Otherwise, this will continue to be a case of "she said, he said" as you heard last evening.

* What sort of fencing is planned around the new multi-use court along the north fence? No one has mentioned that, as it is a design detail yet to be worked out. But if a tall fence is planned around that court, it will likely cause complaints.

* I'm not sure the neighbors on the borders of the park understand yet what surfaces are planned for the curved walking path. I believe I heard Chris say last evening it will be a hard surface. If that's the case, there will certainly be a lot of skateboarders using it (as well as the east/west Sprague St. connector--which will be a hard surface) to get to and from the skate park, and that path runs very near the north and south fence lines. I foresee tons of complaints when the neighbors start hearing that skateboard noise as I don't think they have even considered this issue yet. Is there any way to plan to use a surface for both the walking and jogging paths that is pervious and something that skateboard wheels won't roll on easily?

* The neighbors I spoke with after last evening's meeting are nervous about the notion of a new 20,000' B&G club structure where the tennis courts now sit. As I understood the discussion in the last advisory committee meeting (and the last public meeting), the first choice would be to remodel the existing B&G structure and build an accessory structure that would wrap around the east and north sides of the current building. That notion was reinforced by a strong sentiment I heard in advisory committee meetings about the major role that structure has played in Edmonds' history as the field house for the old high school (even though the structure doesn't qualify for formal historic status). I heard some comments last night about potentially tearing down the current building, but I don't think that plan would be supported

by the majority. I strongly suspect the existing structure will require a major (and expensive) remodel, but I and the neighbors think we should certainly try to keep it. We want to be good neighbors to the B&G club, but don't think the B&G club should be exerting an undue influence on the ultimate design of Civic.

* Just a preview of a personal concern I have from the Council perspective: I'm uneasy about the potential cost of a water feature--both initial costs and ongoing expense. I like the idea of having one, but will be very interested in hearing the range of options that may work there. Certain options, such as a standard fountain which is lit in the evening and creates a pleasant falling water sound, may be a less costly option we could consider (both to install and to maintain). I know this detail won't be worked out before this comes to Council later this month, but it would be good if you could have a few cost estimates ready regarding costs associated with two or three options--from low to high.

That's it. Again, nice work and have a great weekend!

Dave

(p.s., by the way, when Council takes a vote on the design, I'll likely abstain as I don't want to create the appearance of a conflict of interest since the improvements in the park may be perceived as creating a benefit to me as an immediate neighbor to the park)

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August 15, 2016

Carrie Hite
Director of Parks and Recreation
City of Edmonds
700 Main Street
Edmonds, WA 98020

Dear Carrie:

The members of the Edmonds Petanque Club look forward to next Wednesday's presentation of the city's plan for the new Edmonds Civic Playfield. We are excited to appreciate the work of Walker-Macy and Associates.

I would like to reiterate, in bullet form, the wishes of the petanque club for the new park. To this end, I have attached a prioritized list and a rough schematic of the club's thoughts for the park design. I hope you will be to share this list with the professionals from Walker-Macy.

On behalf of the club, I also want to acknowledge the time and energy you have given to understanding the club's aspirations for the new park. Thank you for your energy and patience as the members of the club have worked to express our thinking about the design.

We look forward to Wednesday's presentation.

Sincerely,

Michelle Martin, President
Edmonds Petanque Club

Edmonds Petanque Club

Club's Priority List for Civic Center Playfield Design

The Six Factors Essential to the Club's Ongoing Viability

- The size, shape and composition of the courts. Each court must measure 50 x 20 feet. The Club will provide the advisory committee with the specifications for all of the other factors.

Rationale: The courts are required to be of a certain dimension to qualify for use in regional and national tournaments. Their composition should include a specified composite surface and subsurface that permits typical play. On the 8 dedicate courts described below, that surface will not generally be compatible with other uses.

- The number of courts. The Club is requesting 8 dedicated courts for its exclusive use, plus the right to occasional, exclusive access to another area that is otherwise shared in common with other uses when necessary to accommodate its special events and tournaments. The common area should be sufficient to hold 14 to 16 additional courts.

Rationale: The Club has grown from 5 to over 80 members since being founded in 2010 and desires and expects to continue to add members in the foreseeable future. Eight dedicated courts are needed to enable all who wish to participate during its typical schedule of play to do so. (Note that the Portland petanque club comprised of 110 members has 22 courts; the club in Port Townsend comprised of 30 members has 16.) About 22 to 24 courts are needed when the Club hosts tournaments and similar events. This is the only time when the common area that is otherwise to be shared with other users would be utilized for petanque.

- The configuration of the 8 devoted courts. The Club has requested that the 8 devoted courts be separate from one another and have wood surrounds, as is the case with those currently used at the Playfield.

Rationale: Although petanque courts in some other locations are contiguous and separated only by lines of string, that type of arrangement results in balls from one court intruding into others, the lack of space for the players to stand along the courts as is typically expected by the game's etiquette, and, because the steel balls used in petanque are often thrown with force or in a high arc, a safety hazard to the players on the adjoining court. Having each court constructed individually with its own surrounds avoids these issues; permits seating, trees and landscaping to be installed among all of the courts; facilitates providing for handicapped access; and promotes a greater degree of social interaction since all of the players will be within a short distance of spectators.

- The location of the courts. The Club has asked to retain most of its current location in the southwest corner of the Playfield. Specifically, two courts would run adjacent and parallel to 6th Avenue North, three would run adjacent and parallel to the east boundary of the Playfield from its southwest corner, and three would be located to the interior of those five. A rough schematic containing an approximation of this concept accompanies this memorandum.

Rationale: To a very significant degree the Club has grown as a result of the interest of passersby on 6th Avenue North. That location is critical to its ongoing viability. No other boundary provides that opportunity for this important interaction with persons who see and thereby acquire an interest in the game. This area also affords ready access to the restrooms at the courthouse and adjacent handicapped parking. The Club's proposal is to vacate the area along 6th which is now occupied by its northern-most court so paths, trails and other uses may also be adjacent to that side of the Playfield. Any tracks and paths in the southwest corner should be located to the interior of the court grouping.

- Seating adjacent to the courts. Each court should be accompanied by an adjacent picnic bench.

Rationale: There is a picnic bench along each existing court at the Playfield. It has become obvious that seating next to the courts is a prerequisite for elderly players or those with certain disabilities or stamina issues. The maturation of the trees and landscaping will also enable this area to become a popular spot for picnics.

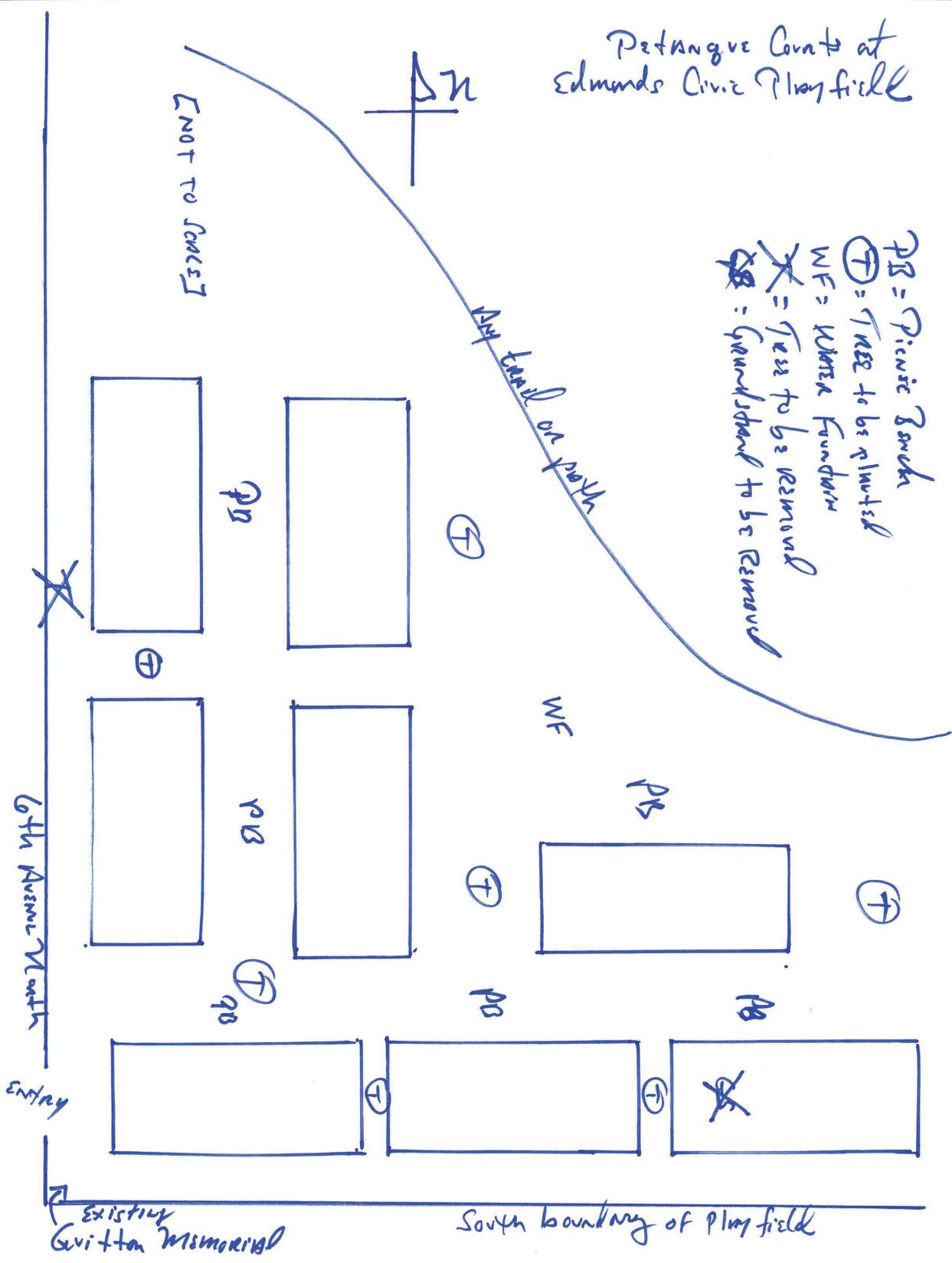
- A storage area supporting play on the courts. An adequate storage area should be provided for the Club's property and equipment in the immediate vicinity of the courts.

Rationale: The Club owns and maintains canopies, tables, chairs, signage, rakes, circles and boules for play, bottled water and other items that would be very impractical to retain and constantly have to remove without a storage area. This will need to be addressed should the storage now in the grandstands be eliminated.

Additional Important Considerations

- The Club should be given access to an on-site community center in common with other users. That may or may not involve the retention and redesign of the existing Boys' and Girls' Club, but for this Club, it should include restrooms, a small kitchen, a storage space for coats and other personal effects, a television and a lockable trophy case.
- Each court should have ready access to a water hookup so it may be wet down when necessary.
- Scoreboards should be installed for each court.
- The existing memorial to Chris Guitton, a founder of the Club, in the southwest corner of the Playfield should be retained.
- Lighting should be provided to at least two of the 8 devoted courts to enable play at night.
- A common area that can be reserved for tournament administration should be located near the 8 devoted courts.
- Access to electrical outlets from the administration area should be provided.
- Trees and landscaping should be included among the 8 devoted courts.
- Ready access by the Club members and guests to vehicular parking, restrooms, drinking fountains and trash receptacles should be included.

Petungue Courts at Edmonds Civic Playfield



From: Michelle Martin [<mailto:4franceamerique@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, October 21, 2016 5:57 PM
To: Hite, Carrie
Subject: Civic Playfield

Hi Carrie,

I regret that some zealous members in our club came on too strong Wednesday night.

I appreciate you and the work that Walker/Macy has done.

Thank you for accommodating petanque in the petanque grove, it will be a great improvement of the area we have now.

You know we have tournaments that benefit the businesses in town and also the Edmonds Food Bank. I am excited to work with you to make Edmonds a better place.

Since we started the Edmonds Petanque Club we always had a great relationship that has permitted us to become one of the best petanque club in America and I want to keep it that way.

Thank you

Michelle

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Subject: FW: A few thoughts on Civic Field

From: Barbara Chase [<mailto:bfchase@gmail.com>]

Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2016 1:36 PM

To: Hite, Carrie

Subject: A few thoughts on Civic Field

Carrie,

A couple of things to add to our Civic Field discussion:

1. If people want to see a flat walk in a local park they should visit Hickman Park. They have a flat walking path along the edge which is easily accessible to someone using a walker (like my husband). It is nicely situated with the path partly shaded by a wooded area.

Of course I saw skate boarders using the path, but they seemed to be aware of their surroundings and did not bother us.

2. Floretum Garden Club celebrates their 95th anniversary in 2017 and they are looking for some kind of an appropriate place to have a remembrance of this milestone. I will mention Civic Field to President Sally 'Wassall at our board meeting. I know they were not too enamored of the idea of adding beauty to the new restroom next to City Hall.

Sorry to see you in a leg brace. What happened? Hope you will be rid of it soon.

Barbara Chase

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Subject: FW: Alternate parking sites for festivals

From: Barbara Chase [<mailto:bfchase@gmail.com>]

Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2016 3:44 PM

To: Hite, Carrie

Subject: Alternate parking sites for festivals

Carrie,

I noticed the mentioning of parking and the need for it through out our discussion today. It is a real concern.

One thought came to mind is using the Artworks parking lot and closing off the street between Artworks and the Wastewater Treatment Center for more parking. It is not too far from the venues and occasionally losing the street would not inconvenience too many people.

Just a thought!

Parking is always a concern in these types of festivals. The Waterfront Festival has similar concerns. Luckily there are some open lots near the port at the moment.

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Subject: FW: Civic Center track: used daily by 1000s of Edmonds residents

From: Hite, Carrie
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2016 12:43 PM
To: 'CJ Colón'
Cc: jim.stevens@edmondswa.gov; McRae, Renee
Subject: RE: Civic Center track: used daily by 1000s of Edmonds residents

Hello CJ:

Thanks so much for your email. We are sorry to have missed you at the open house last night. Here is the link for you to comment on the plan via the online open house: <http://edmondscivicfield.participate.online/>.

I appreciate you taking time to send the email and your thoughts about the plan. We are in the process of gathering input on the hybrid plan, which incorporates a 1/3 mile walking track/path around the perimeter of the park. When you go online you can see the design.

We did consider all the current uses of the park, including walkers, petanque players, Sno King youth club, the Boys and Girls club, skateboarders, etc. We have some usage numbers for the planned activities, and the park maintenance team, and also did some random visits to determine current uses. This data, along with a lot of public input, was used to draft a final hybrid plan. The community can again give feedback on the final hybrid plan and give us more feedback. The consultant team will then mold and shape the plan a bit more, to be reflective of what the community would like and desire for this signature downtown park.

I agree with you that there are a lot of walkers that use the track at Civic. In the public comments that we received, the input included wanted some type of walking track or path around the park so that people could still have this activity and be able to measure their mileage. It made sense in the design to incorporate this program element with a 1/3 mile track/path around the perimeter. It allowed for use to fit other program components on the property, that would help to accommodate the varied interests.

Please go online and look at the plan and give us your feedback. And, if you have other questions once you see it online, please feel free to reach back out to me.

Thanks so much, and I hope you like the design.

Best,

Carrie

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From: CJ Colón [<mailto:cj@digitalambition.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2016 4:51 PM
To: Hite, Carrie
Cc: jim.stevens@edmondswa.gov
Subject: Civic Center track: used daily by 1000s of Edmonds residents

Hello there - I had hoped to attend tonight's Civic Field Master Plan open house, but unfortunately I work in the evenings and was unable to reschedule tonight. So I'm writing instead because I was **appalled** to see the following in the Sep 1 Civic Center Playfield Planning meeting minutes:

"It was determined we would remove a formal track from the preferred scheme"

Has anybody involved in any of these discussions actually bothered to study **how the park is actually used** on a day-to-day basis? I'm not just talking about the rare, infrequent, and unrepresentative formal events that exist on the city's calendar -- I mean the hundreds of Edmonds residents who use the track week in and week out.

I'm lucky enough to live on Daley St with windows overlooking the park, so I know for a fact that anybody who bothered to actually observe the facilities would quickly come to an obvious and overwhelming conclusion: the track is the single most-utilized feature of Civic Field. Every single day, starting before dawn and lasting deep into the night, a regular flow of Edmonds residents use the track to serve a set of needs that is obviously not able to be met by other forms of walking or jogging. They represent an astonishing demographic diversity: male and female, young and old, alone and in groups; students training, retirees keeping in shape, parents pushing strollers... the list goes on and on.

These are the actual human beings who are using and benefiting from the park as it currently exists, right now, every single day of the year -- not in some theoretical future. For a variety of obvious reasons, this constituency of residents has been dramatically unrepresented by the current process, but it beggars belief to think that nobody involved seems bothered to ask the fundamentally obvious question that everyone probably should started with in the first place: **how is the park currently being used, every day, by actual people?**

It will quickly become clear that they're using the track; overwhelmingly so, to the point where the track should probably be at the top of any future preferred scheme for Civic Center Field. But you don't need to take my word for it - just send someone with eyeballs across the street! :)

Thanks for your time,

CJ

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From: Chapin, Frances <Frances.Chapin@edmondswa.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 21, 2016 11:35 AM
To: Ann Marie Schneider; Chris Jones
Cc: Hite, Carrie
Subject: Civic comment from resident

A resident called me and asked me to pass on the following comment re Civic:

It would be wonderful to bring an artist in residence to Edmonds on a regular basis. Is there any way the Boys and Girls Club expansion could include a studio apartment for an artist? They could work with the kids and other residents on temporary or maybe permanent installations – some at the park and some in other parts of downtown Edmonds. Maybe ECA would have temporary installations on their site.

Great examples of this kind of program at:

www.resartis.org

Frances White Chapin

Arts & Culture Manager

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www.edmondsartscommission.org

www.writeonthesound.com

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Subject: FW: Civic Field - Save the Taste
Attachments: image005.jpg; image006.png

From: "Hartfelder, Wendy" <Wendy_Hartfelder@keybank.com>
Date: August 22, 2016 at 11:38:08 AM PDT
To: "council@edmondswa.gov" <council@edmondswa.gov>
Cc: "Hartfelder, Wendy" <Wendy_Hartfelder@keybank.com>, "ddoster@live.com" <ddoster@live.com>
Subject: Civic Field - Save the Taste

To Whom It May Concern:

It is rare that I am moved to write a letter to city government, however, I feel compelled to state my feelings on the Civic Field and Taste of Edmonds issue. While it is a good idea to update and upgrade Civic Field, it saddens me that Edmonds city council would consider any plans that would take away the possibility for any large public events like the Taste.

To give full disclosure, I am a chamber member and active volunteer. But, even before I moved to Edmonds, I would come up to visit A Taste of Edmonds. I have been coming consistently for over 20 years. My brother and his family drive up from Puyallup and stay the entire weekend of the Taste, so they can attend.

Also, I live two blocks away from the field, across from the ECA. And while parking can be a little inconvenient during these events, it feels very much worthwhile for the community building and fun atmosphere the Taste of Edmonds brings.

I love my little town of Edmonds and the wonderful people here. I love the events we put on. It is a shame that something like improving a park brings with it the potential end of a 34 year annual fun experience and money maker for not only the chamber, but many different community and student clubs.

It would be a mistake to create a situation where there is no possibility of having any fun music festivals or large community-building events in our downtown area.

Sincerely,

Wendy Hartfelder
Personal Banker
Edmonds Branch
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Subject: FW: Civic Field

From: <RichBB1946@aol.com>

Date: August 22, 2016 at 3:26:13 PM PDT

To: <council@edmondswa.gov>

Subject: Civic Field

I am writing to cast a vote for not doing too much to change the existing Civic Field. I have only been a resident of Edmonds for 14 years, but have always loved the area and availed myself of enjoying the activities that Edmonds offered before and since moving here.

Now, with talk of revamping the field and possibly making it incompatible with the Taste of Edmonds I feel I must pass on my opinion. I do know that there has been complaints about the noise and traffic that comes with events like the Taste, but the benefits outweigh the cons. I also am afraid that any major changes would endanger other events. Would there be enough open space for the 4th of July fireworks? How would it affect the Arts Festival? Even though the field isn't used for the Arts Festival, it is used for parking for the vendors. Of course there are many sport teams that use the field on a regular basis.

Please keep all uses in mind when debating any changes.

Thank you,

Richard Burgunder
610 Glen Street, Unit 1

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Subject: FW: Civic Field considerations

From: Lorna [<mailto:lorna@lornam.com>]
Sent: Friday, November 04, 2016 1:41 PM
To: Hite, Carrie
Subject: Civic Field considerations

Dear Ms. Hite,

To begin, it is exciting to see all of the creative planning being done to make our Civic Field a wonderful park for all to enjoy. Having heard that you have had lots of people concerned about 'this and that' feature, I hesitate to write this! I live in the condos right across the alley from the tennis courts. After filling out the last survey about the new park, I became more concerned about the NW corner having so much of the park's hard surfaces and now I have a better idea! Knowing that citizens were asked to respond only once to the survey, it was recommended to me that I write to you.

We love our view of the field and watching all of the healthy, fun activities that happen there. That is largely why I moved to my condo in 2000. Right now the east fence of the tennis courts end about half way in front of my/our condo. If you look at the park's master plan, the tennis courts will be moved east extending clear to the edge of our condo building, instead of half way, as it is now. That would block all of our views of the park, giving us a view of only the tennis fence and courts placed right across the alley from all of us. If we look farther east we will get to see the multi-use court, which is more hard surface and fencing. The rest of the perimeter of the park that affects neighboring property owners has little or no hard surface obstruction, but has trees, grass, view terraces, etc.

After studying the map quite a while, I realized that there are actually 3 ideas that could eliminate our condo complex totally looking at tennis fences and courts that I'm hoping you will seriously consider.

1. It would be possible to switch the tennis pickleball/tennis courts with the petanque garden groves IF some of the green space directly south of the petanque area was reduced. The tennis courts located there would not affect the view of the police building to the west or the church property and small condo to the south. This would provide more balance to where the hard surfaces are placed.
2. IF this compromise is not possible because of rules the city may have to follow with the loan that was taken out, then the 2 tennis courts could be moved back west to their present placement, giving us the more open view we now enjoy, aside from the Multi-Use court placed to the east of us. I realize that would shorten the width of the promenade on 6th to where the walk through/track on 6th and Edmonds Street to 7th Ave. would begin. Aesthetically, it effects the design, but placing the courts back to where they are now would certainly make all of us property owners pleased and grateful that what we love and enjoy seeing from our homes have been considered and respected.
3. A couple of us, who have the condos facing south, just came up with another option, which might be the WIN-WIN idea. Keep the promenade like the Master Plan shows, put only 1 tennis court next to it as shown and eliminate the 2nd tennis court there! So where could a 2nd tennis court be placed? In all of the years I have lived here, the tennis/pickleball courts are used more often than the basketball courts. SO, take away that 2nd multi-use court you have located by the alley and substitute it for the 2nd tennis/pickleball court! That would open up much of the area in front of our condos, and spread out the hard surfaces!

Again, please consider making a change to 1 of these options, or some similar idea you might have.

Also, we have heard references to the possibility of moving the Boys and Girls Club building to the northwest corner, placing it right next to us. We sincerely hope that this isn't truly an option.

Thank you in advance for considering our concerns.

With the highest respect for everything you have done for our community.

Lorna Moffett

11/4/16



Current view.



Example of view if tennis courts were moved east. :(

Subject:

FW: Civic Field Design

From: Jim Underhill [<mailto:jjunderhill1@gmail.com>]

Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2016 3:44 PM

To: Hite, Carrie

Subject: Civic Field Design

Carrie, good afternoon. Just to give my '2 cents' on this question. I favor the Activity Central as it has all that we need. From on-site parking to exercise stations, soccer and sand VB locations (and much more), this design has everything a community would want and need. I recommend this selection and just get going on it soon.

Thanks much.

Jim Underhill

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Subject:

FW: Civic Field Development

-----Original Message-----

From: linda malan [<mailto:lindajoemalan@frontier.com>]

Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2016 2:40 PM

To: Cunningham, Diane

Subject: Civic Field Development

Dear Ms. Cunningham,

We have been Edmonds residents for twenty-six years, the past seven living in the Shelbourne Condominiums at 636 Daley St. The Civic Field is now our front lawn, as our condo faces south across the narrow alleyway on the north side of the field. We enjoy living close to downtown and getting to watch many of the activities that take place in the field. Thus we have been active participants in the citizens input for the planned park construction.

We appreciate the challenge of creating a “Signature Downtown Park” that is surrounded on three sides by residences, most especially when the majority of those residents are only a narrow setback from the park borders. Unlike the first two plans presented to the public, this third Hybrid Plan seems to overlook every aspect of concerns that we have mentioned in all of our communication regarding the new park.

Most upsetting was the placement of the skateboard park immediately beneath our windows! We have always been grateful for the careful concern given to the placement of the current skateboard park, as it’s placement was equidistant from all residences. We cannot imagine how Walker-Macy could overlook the extensive planning that went into building it in 2005, and place it where it is in this Hybrid plan. Please consider leaving it in the area initially approved by all and that has worked successfully.

Living as we do next to the church parking lot on our east side, we have witnessed many near misses between young children dashing across the alleyway to soccer practice and cars traveling on our narrow alleyway. There are 23 garages that empty into this narrow space with cars coming and going all day and evening. Even the UPS driver chooses to use this alley! Placing a children’s play area along this busy border feels like a recipe for disaster. In fact, nearly all the busy, active portions of the park have been placed along this north border with nothing to protect children from traffic sharing this same narrow space.

Please give some consideration to these concerns.

Respectfully,

Linda Malan

Subject:

FW: Civic Field Ideas

From: Chris Fleck <thetaxman@mytaxgenius.com>

Date: August 24, 2016 at 10:53:26 AM PDT

To: <carrie.hite@edmondswa.gov>

Subject: Civic Field Ideas

Hi Carrie - I am unable to attend tonight's meeting so I thought I would share with you my thoughts.

I like the idea of the City developing the Park for everyday use by as many people as possible. What I do not want to happen is for the chamber to take over the discussion and succeeding in thwarting the general good to protect the taste.

I come to this from a unique position; I was on the chamber board for 14 years, 13 of those years as the treasurer. I am intimately familiar with the finances of the chamber. The taste is their single biggest fundraiser of the year. The profits from the taste (read that as the beer garden profits as the rest of it breaks even for the most part) are essentially the operating budget for the year. Dues don't go very far.

It is funny how the chamber runs this event to the detriment of their own members. Over the years, I heard from oh so many merchants downtown about how the taste weekend is a lost weekend for them, the retailers & restaurants. Yes, many thousands of people come to town to eat lousy food & drink overpriced lousy beer but they do not spend money with local merchants, just the traveling festival vendors.

I know one of the arguments from the chamber is their big donation every year to the boys & girls club. Well, that is hardly a donation. ALL of the \$\$ comes from beer & wine garden tips. Not from chamber coffers. Also, it is to compensate the Club for the use of their building for taste logistics. The chamber does spread some money to the service clubs that staff the gates to collect the admission fees.

Without the taste, the chamber would have to act more like other chambers and serve their membership with what they can raise from them.

None of my comments come from bitterness with my resignation a couple years ago from the board. They are from my 25 years of living in Edmonds and being a business owner, commercial property owner, taxpayer, community volunteer & voter.

Do we really need to repress progress for a 3 day drunken festival? If you would like to discuss any of this with me, I will be happy to talk.

--

Chris Fleck
Enrolled Agent

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Subject: FW: Civic Play Field

From: Tim [<mailto:tm.reed@comcast.net>]
Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2016 8:39 AM
To: Hite, Carrie
Subject: Civic Play Field

Carrie,

Thank you for providing the on-line open house for the subject matter.

Just a few additional points:

- The proposed plan reduces the athletic fields too much from what they are today.
- Option 2 was the best option and the grass sports fields should be a priority and have more vs. less space than shown in Option 2.
- If Option 2 won by a combined vote (online and in person) of 330 to 178, why does the Hybrid Plan look like Option 1?
- The City should consider an “Improved “As Is” option that contemplates updating the current property with modern amenities and surfaces. This would include a professional maintenance plan and a sustainable business model.
- Sno-King sports club pays for its use of the fields and the fields accommodate active use by hundreds of people at a time rain or shine, day and night (with lights) The Hybrid plan dedicates too much space to activities or landscaping that will not see active use during our rainy days and early nights

Thank you fir your time and consideration.

-Tim Reed

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Subject: FW: Civic Field

From: "Tibbott, Neil" <Neil.Tibbott@edmondswa.gov>

Date: August 15, 2016 at 7:22:44 PM PDT

To: "Hite, Carrie" <Carrie.Hite@edmondswa.gov>

Subject: Civic Field

Hi Carrie,

After reviewing the minutes from our previous meeting, I believe my comments were represented fairly. I want to further clarify that I think CM Mesaros made a comment I fully agree with... We should not prioritize athletic fields. Something of that size needs to be multi-use through re-stripping, etc.

I would prefer to see many smaller activities. One night I was there when kids were playing soccer on the grass, others were skate boarding. Families were using the track on small bikes, jogging shoes and more. It was a wonder to see.

I don't know how the PAC balances all this input, but theres my 2 cents added to my other 2 bucks.

As far as music venues are concerned, I wouldn't mind see a small stage area somewhere on the site. I do believe we have enough large venues at this point.

I'm not in favor of cafes. We have enough businesses nearby that we can and should support. However, places for a food truck or two or whatever could be nice addition for some kinds of events.

I'll try to come to the next open house to hear what others have to say.

Neil Tibbott

Council Member

City of Edmonds

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Subject:

FW: Civic Field

From: Dave Teitzel <Dave.Teitzel@edmondswa.gov>

Date: August 25, 2016 at 2:02:57 PM PDT

To: "Hite, Carrie" <Carrie.Hite@edmondswa.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Civic Field

Carrie, FYI. I agree with Linda we need to keep pedestrian safety in mind where the points of ingress and egress will be placed.

Dave

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: linda malan <lindajoemalan@frontier.com>

Date: August 25, 2016 at 1:48:09 PM PDT

To: <david.teitzel@edmondswa.gov>

Subject: Civic Field

Hi Dave,

Joe and I have come up with several concerns after last evening's meeting. These regard our safety concerns for children using the proposed new park. We have seen some close calls with kids running across the alleyway to get to the field. Right now there is only one opening, but even that has been hazardous. What will happen with no fences and the entire north side open for kids to come and go? We are especially concerned about Option #2 which places a children's play area on that north border. We can't imagine backing our cars out, with that area full of children. And with proposed parking down at the end, even more cars would be coming and going through the alley than do now. We have had problems during soccer season with folks dropping off kids, wanting to park and watch them play, or pausing there to pick up kids at the end of games and practices. We can't imagine how it would work if they were dropping off and picking up kids from the proposed play area all year round. As narrow as that alleyway is, some kind of borders/fencing, something needs to be there to keep children safely contained in the park.

We are so grateful that you are in a position to voice concerns for those of us on this northern border. And for the children using Civic Field.

Thank you!

Joe and Linda Malan

Subject: FW: Civic Master Planning meeting/ Petanque Storage Space

From: Dick Van Hollebeke [<mailto:dickvanh@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 3:10 PM
To: Hite, Carrie
Cc: michelle martin; Jerry Fireman; David and Nancy Rockwell
Subject: RE: Civic Master Planning meeting/ Petanque Storage Space

Hi Carrie,

Could you please pass this along to Chris and the Walker Macy team?

We are in the midst of a bunch of stuff for the Petanque Club right now (league and tournament) but I wanted to stay on top of the requests that Walker Macy made of us. One of them was to provide info on the storage space as it is right now.

As you know, we currently have a long narrow spot at the west end of the stadium. Since it is at the end of the stadium the ceiling is slanted and low. It ranges from 6ft 4in on the right side to 5ft 2in on the left side. It is 20ft deep and 5ft 6in wide. It's a great place for bumping ones head. (about 110 sq ft w/ low head room)

Here are the present contents:

- 6- folding canopies (10X10 to 10X20) Bagged into 12inX12inX48in storage bags.
- 6- 100ft garden hoses on hooks
- 2- Rain Bird sprinklers on tri pad stands
- 4- coolers 24inX12inX15in
- 1- large storage box 30inX18inX18in
- 1- Court lining Machine w/ one case (12 cans) lining spray paint
- 7- Banker Boxes w/ Tournament supplies
- 1- folding table 6ft X30in
- 2- Card Tables 30inX30in
- Misc. Signage and Banners (rolled up 4t long_
- 4- cases water bottles
- Asst. Boules, rings, line etc.
- 8- Plastic Lawn Chairs (stackable)
- 2- Folding Chairs
- Asst hand tools for repairs

Obviously, we need more space in order to serve a larger number of players and to be able to access these supplies without having to pull numerous things out of the area in order to get to the item/ items that we need.

Many thanks,

Dick Van H.

From: Carrie.Hite@edmondswa.gov
To: Dave.Teitzel@edmondswa.gov; mike@echelbarger.com; dickvanh@hotmail.com
CC: cjones@WalkerMacy.com; Renee.Mcrae@edmondswa.gov
Subject: Civic Master Planning meeting
Date: Fri, 13 May 2016 21:57:20 +0000

Hello Dave, Mike and Dick:

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Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks so much.

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Subject: FW: Civic Master Planning meeting

From: Hite, Carrie [<mailto:Carrie.Hite@edmondswa.gov>]
Sent: Sunday, May 15, 2016 8:23 AM
To: Dave Teitzel
Cc: Mike Echelbarger.com; Dick Van Hollebeke; Chris Jones; McRae, Renee
Subject: Re: Civic Master Planning meeting

Thanks Dave. I will enter these into the comments. I appreciate your thoroughness.

Carrie

Sent from my iPad

On May 14, 2016, at 4:28 PM, Dave Teitzel <Dave.Teitzel@edmondswa.gov> wrote:

Carrie,

In addition to the input I've already provided via the joint memo Pat and I assembled after visiting with the residents along the Daley and Bell St. alleys, here are some of my personal ideas:

- Let's ensure the park remains a magnet for active and passive recreation. Passive recreation may include things like reserving a small amount of space for gardening
- Let's consider setting aside some room for places for folks to sit and rest--either after running or just to enjoy the park
- I really like the idea of getting rid of the track and creating a walking/jogging path around the perimeter of the park
- I think we should consider renaming the park. Civic Field is pretty boring and I don't think that name will come close to capturing what this space will mean to the city after the renovation is complete.
- We should consider moving the summer market to the field. There is more space for vendors than the current location on 5th and I think the entire experience would be enhanced by the beauty of the park. However, I don't like the idea of having more events there that have loud music-- and I'm certain the great majority of nearby residents don't want that either.
- I like the idea of having the active recreation toward the center of the park and passive more toward the edges.
- I like the idea of having art installed that captures light and wind. Maybe something with glass elements that rotates in the breeze.
- let's soften the look of the skate park. Maybe build a landscaped berm around it that can be used for seating for soccer spectators.

Thanks,
Dave

Sent from my iPad

On May 13, 2016, at 2:57 PM, Hite, Carrie <Carrie.Hite@edmondswa.gov> wrote:

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Subject: FW: Civic Park Master Plan suggestion - sand volleyball courts

From: doug.coburn@frontier.com [<mailto:doug.coburn@frontier.com>]

Sent: Friday, July 08, 2016 10:05 AM

To: Hite, Carrie

Subject: Civic Park Master Plan suggestion - sand volleyball courts

Good day Carrie,

I am a long time resident of the wonderful city of Edmonds. I have a suggestion for the Civic Park Master Plan which would be a fantastic addition to help encourage outdoor activity. Volleyball and especially sand volleyball has been increasing in popularity every year. Certainly one of the expected highlights of this summer's Olympics in Rio will be the quest of an unprecedented 4th gold medal for Carrie Walsh-Jennings in women's beach volleyball.

The Edmonds Parks and Recreation Department has had a very successful grass outdoor summer co-ed volleyball league for many years at Frances Anderson play fields. My wife and I are very active in the volleyball community here in Edmonds and Washington. In Edmonds we have participated year-round in 3 different Edmonds Park and Rec leagues for many years. In addition, we play with many of our friends in volleyball tournaments around the State and the country.

We have many friends who would utilize and support sand volleyball courts if they were available in Edmonds. I sincerely believe sand courts would be a great addition to the athletic minded Edmonds community.

Warm regards,
Douglas Coburn
903 12th Place North
Edmonds, WA 98020

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Subject: FW: Civic Park Upgrade Considerations

From: Kathy Neary [<mailto:kathyneary26@gmail.com>]

Sent: Friday, November 04, 2016 2:11 PM

To: Hite, Carrie

Subject: Civic Park Upgrade Considerations

Dear Ms Hite:

I am so pleased, and excited, about the plans to rejuvenate our Civic Park! As a homeowner on the northwest corner of the park, I look forward to having such a beautiful view from my deck - as well as my living room and dining room windows.

As such, I would like to appeal to you and the planning committee to consider a slight change to the proposed layout. Currently, it is showing the tennis courts moving east, to the extent that the Edmonds Park Townhouses views of the park's new green spaces will essentially be totally obscured by tennis courts and fencing. One of the primary reasons I chose to live here was to enjoy watching all of the activity on the play field. Not being able to see the activity and new green space is extremely concerning. Please note that the Edmonds Park Townhouses decks are actually lower than those of other units facing the park, so that the tennis court fencing would definitely block most of our view.

I would like to offer a couple of alternative solutions, that I believe would allow all of the residents along the north side of the park to maintain a nice view, while still providing adequate space for the hard surface courts:

Alternative #1:

1. Remove the west tennis court; move the east side tennis court in just far enough to allow the new promenade along 6th avenue.

2. Replace what is currently planned as another basketball court along the north side with a tennis court. It has been observed that usage of the current basketball court (next to the Boy's and Girl's Club) is fairly light, so that adding a second basketball court may not actually be the best use of that space.

Alternative #2:

1. "Swap" the location of the tennis courts with the Pentanque courts. The tennis court fencing would not pose the same view blockage on the southwest corner of the park as it does on the northwest.

My only other comment would be to reiterate the importance of remodeling the Boy's and Girl's Club on it's current footprint, rather than moving the building to another location. Any other location would significantly block the adjacent townhouse views.

Please know that my primary motivation for writing is to ensure that all residents who border the field are provided with open and balanced views of this wonderful new park and its fun activity areas!

Thank you so much for all that you have accomplished in planning what is sure to be a beautiful, and well-used, space!

Sincerely,

Kathy L. Neary

610 Daley Street; Apt D

Edmonds, WA 98020

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Subject: Civic Playfield Develop Plan

From: Hite, Carrie [<mailto:Carrie.Hite@edmondswa.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2016 3:49 PM
To: Anderson, Don
Cc: Ann Marie Schneider; Chris Jones
Subject: RE: Civic Playfield Develop Plan

Don:

Thanks for the information. I will add this to our list. What size area do you currently utilize?

We are in the process of evaluating the grandstands, and it would not surprise me if the recommendation is removal. I have heard from many other groups that also use the storage, and there is no easy answer.

If we need to remove these, we will need to collectively try to solve the storage issues.

Thanks again.

Carrie

From: Anderson, Don
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2016 3:40 PM
To: Hite, Carrie
Subject: Civic Playfield Develop Plan

Hi Carrie! I have a question/concern that I'd like to bring up for some future consideration.

For 30+ years the Police Department has been fortunate enough to be able to utilize some of the storage space underneath the bleachers. This has been great for us because we really don't have a lot of storage space in our building. We keep stuff there that we have no room for such as range training equipment, driving training equipment, some disaster response stuff, etc. I'm checking in with you because you may not have been aware that this is a need for us and I just wanted to drop a bug in your ear so you could keep it in mind during your planning process for the development of the property.

Any consideration you could give us would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or need additional info please don't hesitate to call.

Thank you in advance.

Donald F. Anderson
Assistant Chief of Police, Support Services
don.anderson@edmondswa.gov
Office: (425) 771-0204

Subject: FW: Civic Playfield

From: Michelle Martin [<mailto:4franceamerique@gmail.com>]

Sent: Friday, October 21, 2016 5:57 PM

To: Hite, Carrie

Subject: Civic Playfield

Hi Carrie,

I regret that some zealous members in our club came on too strong Wednesday night.

I appreciate you and the work that Walker/Macy has done.

Thank you for accommodating petanque in the petanque grove, it will be a great improvement of the area we have now.

You know we have tournaments that benefit the businesses in town and also the Edmonds Food Bank. I am excited to work with you to make Edmonds a better place.

Since we started the Edmonds Petanque Club we always had a great relationship that has permitted us to become one of the best petanque club in America and I want to keep it that way.

Thank you

Michelle

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Subject: FW: Comments on Civic Field Online Vote
Attachments: Civic Field Online Survey.jpg; ATT00001.htm; Civic Field Online Survey.pdf; ATT00002.htm

From: Reggie Grant <mathware@ieee.org>
Date: September 3, 2016 at 2:56:04 PM PDT
To: <patwoodell@comcast.net>
Cc: City Council Member #1-Kristiana Johnson-Council President <kristiana.johnson@edmondswa.gov>, City Council Member #2-Mike Nelson <michael.nelson@edmondswa.gov>, "City Council Member #3-Adrienne Fraley-Monillas" <adrienne.monillas@edmondswa.gov>, "City Council Member #4-Diane Buckshnis" <diane.buckshnis@edmondswa.gov>, "City Council Member #5-Dave Teitzel" <dave.teitzel@edmondswa.gov>, "City Council Member #6-Thomas Mesaros-Council President Pro Tem" <thomas.mesaros@edmondswa.gov>, City Council Member #7-Neil Tibbott <neil.tibbott@edmondswa.gov>, "Dave Earling, Mayor of Edmonds" <dave.earling@edmondswa.gov>, Carrie Hite <Carrie.Hite@edmondswa.gov>, "Greg Urban, Edmonds CoC President" <greg@edmondswa.com>
Subject: Comments on Civic Field Online Vote

Hi Pat,

Your Sept. 1st e-mail entitled "Civic Field - Your Online Vote is Critical", began with,

"The purpose of this email update is to urge you to complete your online survey for Civic Center design options before the September 9 closing date. If you would like to have a say about what Civic Center will look like in the future, your vote is needed now."

Today I completed my online survey and have included my responses to questions No. 1 thru 5 below and also per the PDF attachment.

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Subject: FW: FW: Comments on Civic Field Plans & Taste of Edmonds

From: Barbara Chase [<mailto:bfchase@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2016 4:42 PM
To: Hite, Carrie
Subject: Re: FW: Comments on Civic Field Plans & Taste of Edmonds

I think the man has some good points. However, changing the event to what he has in mind will take a lot of coordination and extra work. Most people would like to stick with an event that they know works. But if he can make a survey work, more power to him. Seems a little late in the game to do this. Perhaps he could come Thursday and hand out surveys and see if he has any responses.

When someone lives so close to the Civic Field the memory of the Taste of Edmonds will be stronger than those who don't.

Barb Chase

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Carrie

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Sent: Monday, September 12, 2016 3:25 PM
To: Hite, Carrie
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Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2016 2:53 PM
To: Hite, Carrie
Subject: Re: FW: Comments on Civic Field Plans & Taste of Edmonds

Thanks Carrie,

It is not only the Taste, but also 4th of July Fire Works, and possibly other large events that could be held at Civic in the future (Concerts, Outdoor Movies, Health Days, Charity Fund Raisers). I thought the designs were excellent (personally liked the one without the track). Love the open space. We should learn from Lynnwood, when they lost Lynnwood High School, they lost a place for many to come together in one place, no more fireworks for Lynnwood.

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Subject: FW: Draft Street Tree Plan in 2016

From: Hope, Shane
Sent: Tuesday, November 08, 2016 11:29 AM
To: Williams, Phil; Hite, Carrie
Cc: McConnell, Jeanie; Shipley, Brad; Lindsay, Rich
Subject: Draft Street Tree Plan in 2016

Phil and Carrie,

I assume you recall that we need at least a DRAFT Street Tree Plan ready by next month. It can be refined a bit more and taken to the Tree Board and Planning Board for input in early 2017. Where are you on the current draft?

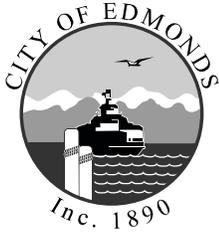
The adopted Comp Plan requires the **development of an update to the Street Tree Plan by the end of 2016**. I'm interpreting "development of an update" to mean either a draft or final.

Let me know if questions. Thanks!

Shane

Shane Hope, AICP
Development Services Director
City of Edmonds
425.771.0220 x-1216
shane.hope@edmondswa.gov

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MEMORANDUM

TO: MAYOR EARLING AND CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

FROM: JAMIE REECE, CHAIR, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

SUBJECT: CIVIC FIELD MASTER PLAN FINAL COMMENTS

DATE: NOVEMBER 17, 2016

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed final concept for Civic Field. Overall the Civic Field Master Plan hybrid concept appears to address most of the comments and suggestions the EDC offered in its official memo of September 26 to Mayor, City Council and Carrie Hite. We commend the Parks Department and the design team on their superb work to effectively incorporate such a diverse array of community feedback.

At our Commission meeting of November 16, 2016 the majority of Commissioners present offered the following final comments:

The hybrid concept presents a multi-use, multi-attraction “central square” which will be a major community asset attracting participants, spectators and passers-by in great numbers throughout the year. This is key to driving economic activity in and around nearby Downtown Edmonds.

- **Play Courts & Fields:** we encourage a final design with maximum flexibility within the assigned space to accommodate a wider range of uses and activities.
- **Basketball Courts:** we encourage exploration of courts which are covered or coverable during the wet season. This does not necessarily imply an enclosed building, which may be seen as duplicating the Boys & Girls Club’s facilities, but rather a weather-covering to significantly expand the time these facilities can be used.
- **Boys & Girls Club:** The EDC supports rebuilding the Boys & Girls Club building and siting it to the north to keep the public promenade as open as possible. In addition, we support including a food concession/café in the ground floor, facing the public areas.
- **Skateboard Park:** While there is debate about the preferred location for the skateboard park, it is a valuable attraction and should not be lost in the shuffle. If it is relocated in the final plan, we hope the new location does not adversely impact the usability and flexibility of the other athletic and play fields which are key factors in driving economic activity.

Subject: FW: Edmonds Civic Field

From: Scott Urquhart <greatscott.71@icloud.com>

Date: September 3, 2016 at 7:13:04 PM PDT

To: <carrie.hite@edmondswa.gov>

Subject: Edmonds Civic Field

Hello,

I am concerned that the final design options for the Civic Field eliminate the existing 400m track. You may know this is the only public 400m track in Edmonds, as the EHS track is locked up and accessible only by permit.

I suspect the city council may not understand the value of an accessible 400m track for the running community. A 200m track is a superficial design feature that is insubstantial from a user perspective.

Is there any chance this design feature could be reconsidered?

Scott

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Subject: FW: Edmonds Petanque Club
Attachments: 2011-07-16 Petanque Demonstrations - Photo by Bruce Coxley 07.jpg; 2012-08-05 Edmonds Tournament 005.jpg; 2013-07-14 Bastille Day in Edmonds 29.jpg; 2013-07-27 Portland Tournament - Photo by Jerry Crabb 03.jpg

From: [Michelle Martin](#)
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2016 8:43 PM
To: carrie.hite@ci.edmonds.wa.us
Cc:
Subject: Edmonds Petanque Club

Hi Carrie,

Please could you forward this email to consultant Walker Macy. At the stakeholder meeting, they asked for some pictures.

I am sending just a few pictures of playing petanque in Edmonds. Many more can be find in our website www.edmondspetanqueclub.org

Also the link below will show petanque playing in parks.

https://americanpetanque.files.wordpress.com/2013/05/petanque_in_public_parks_ferg.pdfhttps://americanpetanque.files.wordpress.com/2013/05/petanque_in_public_parks_ferg.pdf

I have no doubt that the new park will be a great addition to the City of Edmonds.

Michelle
Edmonds Petanque Club

Subject: FW: Fencing

From: patwoodell@comcast.net [<mailto:patwoodell@comcast.net>]

Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2016 1:34 PM

To: Carrie.Hite@edmondswa.gov

Cc: Chris Jones

Subject: Fencing

Hi Carrie,

If we must fence, why not something low and attractive? The first and third imbedded photos are MainVue homes in Bothell, WA and a nearby park, the middle shot is in Redmond, somewhere on the way to the town center.

Pat Woodell



If we must.....why not something low and attractive? Pat



From: Loreen [<mailto:runlolo@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 06, 2016 5:04 AM
To: Hite, Carrie
Subject: Civic field use

Hi,

I was raised in Edmonds and have lived here most of my life. I love our town and all that it has to offer.

I participate in all the volleyball leagues offered through Parks and Rec. since the inception. Yes, that's about 30 years ago!

As one of many fit and active adults, here is what I would like to see done for civic field, more fondly known to me as the old Edmonds Junior High field:

1. Build two sand volleyball courts. "Beach"/sand ball is extremely popular now, especially amongst young players - teens. There aren't enough places for playing or practicing. Adults as myself are avid sand players also and would love to see a nice court or two in Edmonds to play in.
2. Leave enough grass for grass volleyball also. Currently there are 16 teams in our outdoor league! Parks and Rec could host summer tournaments in grass and sand! There are no tournaments out in the north end and the ones that are, are sparse.

Thank you for your time,
Loreen Sako

From: Patricia Woodell [<mailto:patwoodell@msn.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 6:15 AM
To: Hite, Carrie
Cc: cjones@walkermacy.com; aschneider@walkermacy.com; Linda Malan
Subject: RE: Notes from PAC team for your review

Hi Carrie et al,

Linda Malan, who attended the July 7 meeting in my place, reviewed the minutes and said they look fine. I apologize for not being able to attend and I would like to offer a few observations based on what I read:

1. ENGAGING YOUNG ADULTS - PARENTS OF CHILDREN: although school is out, they are still gathering for summer events and activities and could be contacted for input.

- Francis Anderson Center summer programs
- Summer sports meetings and practices
- Harbor Square Athletic Club - I see many young adults and children using this facility daily. Why not reach out to the Director for access?
- Young Life and other church youth programs
- Parents of Boys & Girls Club summer program attendees

2. THE GRANDSTANDS: I attended the Historical Society meeting a few weeks ago. Purpose was to discuss grandstands and B&G Club as historical sites. It seemed to me that members were non-committal or in favor of removing the grandstand with proper commemoration. Two people spoke in favor of keeping it. One of them said she wanted to retain the grandstand because of the storage.

Historical Designation: one of the standards for determining whether a site qualifies for historical designation is its "integrity." I take this to mean that the structure has not been altered in any significant way. Plans that describe the 1983 remodel of the grandstands are available at City Hall but I haven't reviewed them. Did they use T-111 on the sides and back of the grandstand in the 1983 remodel? If so, then approximately 28% of the surface materials on the grandstand are not original and may impact the historical integrity.

3. SENTIMENT TO NOT DESIGN FOR FESTIVALS: I'm on board with this, particularly as it pertains to onsite vendor parking. After seeing the ruts caused by vendors' campers, trucks and cars during the recent Arts Festival (not even held in Civic Field!) I would favor of a zero tolerance policy for onsite vendor parking for ANY event. It is difficult to imagine designing gardens and other features around large open parking spaces that would be used a few days a year.

I recommend that our plan for Civic Field identify ALTERNATE parking sites for vendors throughout the City and quantify the number of spaces available. This practice of using Civic Field for a parking lot is the symptom of a larger issue: the City needs a parking garage to accommodate its lifestyle.

3. PARKING IN GENERAL: park or parking lot, what will our park be? Any future park activity hinges on policy decisions related to onsite parking. For example, how can we have the summer market inside the park if the vendors need to park right next to their sales booth?

4. SENIOR AND LOW-INCOME HOUSING: Please. This is a park.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Pat

Pat,

Little League used to use the baseball field for our older boys, age 13 and above, but when the skateboard park was put in Left Field, the field is no longer able to be used. It is the only baseball field in Edmonds Parks that we had a full size 90' infield that now cannot be used.

The lesson here is that when you put in a permanent type structure, it can have an effect on and limit other uses. In the configuration with the Sand Volleyball, I see the same kind of issue as it limits the size of the smaller soccer field and also would be somewhat in the middle of the open space.

Doug Sheldon
Pacific Little League

On Thu, Aug 25, 2016 at 6:18 PM, Patricia Woodell <PatWoodell@msn.com> wrote:

I live directly in front of the soccer field/baseball diamond (Shelbourne Condos). Over the past 2 years of our residence I've noticed that the baseball diamond is seldom used. Because of it's loose surface, I think the baseball diamond contributes to the blowing dust problem homeowners around the park experience. In our homeowner survey, the majority of the 54 respondents complained about the dust.

During the part of the school year that we're in town, the soccer field is heavily used for practices--rain or shine. During the summer, the numbers are smaller and soccer use seems more sporadic. I have never seen lacrosse played on the east end of the field.

I see about one to two dozen people using the track in the morning. It seems to fall off later in the day.

Pat Woodell

From: Mike Echelbarger <Mike@Echelbarger.com>

Sent: Thursday, August 25, 2016 1:10 PM

To: Hite, Carrie

Cc: Bob Rinehart; a.witenberg@gmail.com; Barbara Chase (bfchase@gmail.com); Chapin, Frances; Chave, Rob; Dave Teitzel; Diana White; Dick Van Hollebeke; Doug Sheldon (dougbsheldon@gmail.com); Emily Scott; Joe McIalwain; John McGibbon; Johnson, Kristiana; Kyla Blair (blairkyl000@hotmail.com); Lesly Kaplan; Lindsay, Rich; McRae, Renee; Pat Woodell; Steve Shelton; valerie stewart; Cort, Todd; Chris Jones; Ann Marie Schneider (aschneider@walkermacy.com)

Subject: Re: Open House tomorrow night

So.....are you saying that a newly remodeled athletic field will get more usage? Or that we should have lower expectations for athletic fields on Civic Field?

Mike

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 25, 2016, at 1:04 PM, Hite, Carrie <Carrie.Hite@edmondswa.gov> wrote:

Hi All:

Todd Cort, our Athletic Coordinator, compiled this for our use. In discussing this with Todd, he reflected that the use has definitely gone down since the opening of the two new multi-use fields at Woodway HS.

So, I think it is safe to say, that the BG club, and Sno-King are the ones who use it the most. Followed by Petanque and Holy Rosary.

Please let me know if you have questions.

Carrie

From: Bob Rinehart [<mailto:rines54@comcast.net>]

Sent: Thursday, August 25, 2016 8:58 AM

To: Hite, Carrie

Cc: a.witenberg@gmail.com; Barbara Chase (bfchase@gmail.com); Chapin, Frances; Chave, Rob; Dave Teitzel; Diana White; Dick Van Hollebeke; Doug Sheldon (dougbsheldon@gmail.com); Emily Scott; Joe McIalwain; John McGibbon; Johnson, Kristiana; Kyla Blair (blairkyl000@hotmail.com); Lesly Kaplan; Lindsay, Rich; McRae, Renee; Mike Echelbarger.com; Pat Woodell; Steve Shelton; valerie stewart

Subject: Re: Open House tomorrow night

Carrie:

Another productive open house yesterday evening - good show. A question:

Do we have any "hard data" on current usage of civic field? I heard three different versions at this recent session. A couple at our table who live adjacent to the field said they observe "minimal use" much of the time; while a second couple, who had lived nearby about three years ago, noted it is more active as they saw youth from Holy Rosary there during the day. Then, one of the final speakers maintained the field is "quite active" in support of Option 1.

It would be helpful to have a better sense of just how active it is and has been of late. Clearly, upgrades will draw more people; however, past usage would be a useful indicator.

Thank you,

Bob

On Aug 23, 2016, at 3:50 PM, Hite, Carrie <Carrie.Hite@edmondswa.gov> wrote:

Hi Everyone:

This is just a reminder that we are having a Civic Master Plan Open House tomorrow night, 6:00-7:30 pm, in the Library Plaza Room.

I hope you can make it! As part of the smaller group discussions, we would like to ask the PAC team to be our small group facilitators. As a facilitator, you would have a handout at the table that takes you through the discussion. It will be very instructional and easy to follow. Thanks for your consideration and hope to see you tomorrow night.

Carrie Hite

Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Director

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carrie.hite@edmondswa.gov

From: Carol Wood [<mailto:cdwood@msn.com>]
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2016 10:13 AM
To: Hite, Carrie
Subject: Civic Field plan

Dear Ms. Hite,

I am shocked and dismayed by the latest plan for the Civic Field that shows absolute disregard for the very real safety concerns, property value concerns and quality of life concerns for those, who like me, live at the east end of the alley on the north border of the Civic Field. The latest plan is a strong departure from previously proposed plans.

I did not purchase our condo in the Shelbourne building to risk backing out of my garage and hitting an unseen child because there is no fence to stop that child from wandering off the play field or to stop a child intentionally taking a shortcut in the dark through landscaping to the alley. If there are only plants children will find their way through them to the alley.

I did not purchase our condo to worry about getting out of my car in the dark at the alley wondering if someone or more than one person is lurking nearby in the park with hidden easy quick access to me and our building, waiting to accost me or get into my garage. This current plan is ripe for encouraging such activities. And if you listen to our police chief this sort of mischief, along with activities such as car prowls and breaking and entering, all fed by the growing drug problems in our area, is his greatest concern.

I did not purchase our condo to have it's property value adversely impacted because of the way the play field will be redeveloped. I cannot afford such foolishness.

I did not purchase it to see my quality of live depreciate because of more noise, at more hours and even after dark, because of the current proposed redevelopment plans, especially the location of the skate park and the lack of a fence along the alley. The skate park is used after hours on a regular basis.

I fail to see how any planners or decision makers can in good conscience endorse this latest plan. How can they live with themselves and with those of us who are their fellow community members should this unthinkable plan come to fruition? Why would anyone want to do this to those of us who live along the north alley? Residents should not be exposed to increased noise from a relocated skate park and neither residents nor users of the field should be subje4ed to increased safety concerns that do not currently exist.

My husband and I enjoy our vibrant downtown Edmonds community and actually like seeing the current play field utilized by many different people of varying interests and ages. It is my sincere hope that the redevelopment will (1) include an attractive fence along the northern border WITHOUT alley access and (2) incorporate the skate park away from residences. I do not think the noise from the skate park (click clacking of the board wheels and enthusiastic yelling from participants) as it is situated in this latest plan can be effectively mitigated by landscaping and/or berms so that it does not adversely affect those of us who live along the alley. We live on the north side of the Shelbourne building and can hear the skate park noise now.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Wood

From: Tom Benediktson [<mailto:tbenediktson@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Saturday, October 22, 2016 11:10 AM
To: Hite, Carrie
Subject: Skating Facility

Dear Ms. Hite,

We own a unit on the third floor of the Shelbourne, located at 636 Daley St. Our unit faces south, towards Civic Park. We enjoy the soccer and other sports which occur in the evenings and on weekends. We also enjoy 4th of July and the Children's Circus.

But we were alarmed to hear that a plan was proposed to place the skating pit in front of our unit. The facility is already loud where it is located, since the sound is directed upward. The noise would be disturbing to us if the facility were moved closer. The noise would only be compounded by birms directing the sound upwards toward our windows.

If the skating facility must be moved, we ask you to support the plan to place it at the west end of the park, near sixth street.

Thank you very much,

Tom and Caroline Benediktson
636 Daley St., Unit 8

Sent from my iPhone

From: Patricia Woodell [<mailto:PatWoodell@msn.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 01, 2016 6:00 AM
To: Hite, Carrie
Subject: Question about Relocating Skate Park

Hi Carrie,

At the end of the Project Advisory Committee meeting on October 25, it appeared that two ideas were being considered for the skate park: 1) relocating it to 7th Avenue south of Sprague Street or 2) leaving it where it is.

I would like to ask whether you and Walker-Macy have made a decision about this.

I am planning to comment at the November 9 and November 22 meetings of the Planning Board and City Council in support of leaving the skate park where it is, but rotated as shown in the Option 2 design. My support for this option is based on the careful consideration that went into its original siting during the public planning process in 2005. I will copy you in on my comments so you will have a chance to think about them before the meetings.

Thanks so much for letting me know if you've made a decision. I look forward to hearing from you.

Pat Woodell

From: Phyllis Grant <phygrant@gmail.com>
Date: October 21, 2016 at 4:16:22 PM PDT
To: <carrie.hite@edmondswa.gov>
Subject: Civic Field Renovation

Where did the change come from to have the skate park moved to the edge of the Daley Street alley? I live on the second floor overlooking that alley and the skatepark will be the view from my kitchen window and my outside deck. This is just totally unacceptable!!!!

As it is now, we are constantly bombarded with noise from soccer coaches yelling at kids (at all hours of the day and night, depending on the season) and blowing their whistles; at the noise that still manages to assail us from the present location of the skate park - including the shouts of the kids using said park; and the all day try-outs of the football groups that start around 8AM. All of these noises pale in comparison to the 5 day onslaught (starting with the setting up) of the Taste of Edmonds and the Fourth of July. When we purchased our condo we had no idea what we were letting ourselves in for (buyer beware) but we have tried to adjust accordingly. This is just adding insult to injury.

I do not believe that the skatepark should be removed entirely - I think it's a good thing for the kids, and the fact that the town is trying to accommodate everyone's wishes for the use of this area is a good thing. Please try to accommodate my wishes (along with those of my neighbors) and keep the skatepark further away from residents or at least switch it out with the position of the playground on the new configuration. That won't impact the residents on 7th Avenue nearly as much as it will impact those of us on the Daley Street alley. There, the distance will be at least four car widths (if you count a two way street with parking on both sides as well) as compared to a one-car width distance.

There is also a safety issue to be considered and kids using the skatepark, that close to the alley (not to mention the Open Bible church parking lot), is an accident waiting to happen, especially with the loss of fencing right there. I am not a great fan of fencing per se but this is looking to become a disaster.

Please give this a great deal of thought and try and see how this will change the quality of life of those of us who are presently living here. I believe we deserve some consideration as well.

Sincerely, Phyllis Grant
636 Daley Street Unit#4

From: Christine Gilles [<mailto:tgillesmail@gmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, January 15, 2017 6:19 PM
To: Hite, Carrie; Buckshnis, Diane; Tibbott, Neil
Subject: Re: Civic Center Playfield

Good evening, all

Thank you very much for your responses to my email.

The track at Civic Field is ideal for many, due to: 1.) safety (location/ fenced-off area) 2.) people of any age/fitness level can be active 3.) open space to take in beauty/view of the location (also a safety aspect when jogging and your children are playing elsewhere on the field) 4.) type of surface material on the track is low impact, environmentally friendly. 5.) wide enough so wheels/feet do not have to dodge each other 6.) you can let your mind go, while being active at the same time, without having to think about dodging traffic, personal safety or impact injuries.

I appreciate the inclusion of a walking track/path around the perimeter in the hybrid design; if a track is completely off the table, please include the following elements in the final design:

- Permeable, unpaved, yielding surface for health of feet and joints
- Wide enough to accommodate passing and traffic traveling in both directions
- Ample lighting... for a sense of safety when jogging the perimeter at night
- Wide berth of visibility on path so there are not any hiding places immediately adjacent to the path; a fence would accomplish this as well.

In summary, the track at Civic Field has been a place where I and many citizens have been able to go and be active in the fresh outdoors, feel/be safe doing so, and take in the beauty of the open space/views while exercising ... without thought to dodging traffic or impact injuries.

I thank you for the many opportunities to provide input and feedback throughout this entire process. I hope you share my thoughts and concerns for the health and safety of citizens who will utilize the Civic Center Playfield.

Kind regards,

Christine Gilles

From: Beverly Greifendorff [<mailto:bevgreif@hotmail.com>]

Sent: Sunday, January 15, 2017 1:34 PM

To: Passey, Scott

Subject: Civic Park comments for the Edmonds City Council meeting on 1/17

Hi Scott,

As homeowners living on the Bell Street alley, we've been paying close attention to the plans for the new Civic park. We've enjoyed living next to the playfield and have participated in a number of activities there over the years. Now that the hybrid plan has been proposed and decision time is drawing closer, we'd like to express a few of our concerns:

1) Skateboard park

Those of us who live on the Bell Street alley share the concern of our Daley St. alley neighbors about the sound and location of the skate park. We think the location proposed in the hybrid plan addresses the concerns of both sets of neighbors.

2) Fencing

Although the park architect has stated he does not want fences around the border of the park, we must reiterate the request for fences, a request that has been made many times by Bell Street and Daley Street alley residents. On the Bell Street alley, we feel the current fences have helped deter people from walking/running through our property as they enter or leave the playfield. We're very concerned that when the soccer field is moved toward the Bell Street alley, we will experience many of the same problems experienced by Daley Street alley residents, i.e., cars idling in the alley during soccer games, children darting through private property to get to the field (which is a safety concern), etc. We also believe the current fence adds a level of security from car prowlers and potential burglars that we will lose if fences are removed. Please note that most Bell Street alley residents park their cars in their driveways by necessity because we don't have garages. Further, we don't believe the landscaping being planned for the borders of the park will be adequate to discourage people from cutting through the plantings to get to the park.

Finally, we often see dogs running unleashed in the Civic playfield. Current fencing keeps those dogs from coming over to our properties to do their business.

3) Alley parking

The Bell Street alley has long been plagued by non-residents parking in the alley. Not only do residents often have a difficult time getting to and from our driveways, it's next to impossible for aid vehicles to get through during those times. When the new park brings more people to the area in search of parking, we hope that "no parking" signs will be clearly posted in the alleys and that the city will strictly enforce parking laws.

4) Tennis court location

At the Planning Board meeting, one Daley Street alley resident suggested moving the tennis courts to the Bell Street alley side. We don't support this option. Residents on the Daley Street alley bought their homes with the tennis courts where they're currently located. We bought our home on the Bell Street alley, because of where the petanque courts are located. Swapping the tennis and petanque court locations isn't a fair solution.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments.

Tom and Beverly Greifendorff
611 Bell Street, Unit #3

From: Tom Benediktson [tbenediktson@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 12:16 PM
To: Passey, Scott
Subject: Civic Park

Mr. Passey,

As a resident across the north alley from the park, I would like to express my gratitude to the planners and the Council for moving the skate park back to the center of Civic Park. An earlier plan placed the skate park immediately across the alley from my living room window. This would have been a hardship for us on the north side of the park. Please convey my thanks to the City Council.

Sincerely,

Tom Benediktson
HOA President
636 Daley St. Unit 8
Edmonds

Sent from my iPhone

From: Dave Teitzel
Sent: Sunday, January 15, 2017 8:35 AM
To: Hite, Carrie
Cc: Williams, Phil
Subject: Civic

Carrie,

Just a heads up: I will likely ask you a couple questions about the B&G Club building Tuesday. I'm getting the sense that structure is going to need a very major renovation to make it viable going forward (has any preliminary work been done to assess what is needed?) and it may be that level of investment won't make sense versus demolishing it and building a new structure that will better serve the kids for decades. All the concepts so far show that building remaining, but if it turns out it needs to come down, where would a replacement structure best be sited to best fit with the aesthetics of the park and meet the needs of the club? I just want to get some of this discussion out there to give the public a bit more insight into this issue, as I'm not sure there is general understanding about the level of investment that may be required to update/renovate the existing structure and wanted to alert you about my line of thinking.

Thanks,
Dave

Sent from my iPhone

From: Patricia Woodell [<mailto:patwoodell@msn.com>]
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2016 11:24 AM
To: Hite, Carrie
Cc: Chris Jones
Subject: Info on Ft. Steilacoom Playground Construction

Hi Carrie,

At the recent Project Advisory Committee meeting you mentioned that we might contact you with our ideas about Civic Field. My thoughts are about a playground.

I am excited about the idea of expanding the playground at Civic Field and I hope that my sentiment is shared by others in the community. I recently photographed two Tacoma area parks and wanted to share my photos and my discussion with the project lead for the Fort Steilacoom project. I sent the project photos to both of you via Google Drive.

FORT STEILACOOM PLAYGROUND

I like this project for its ramps and elevated bridges between playground elements. The focus of this playground is “big muscle activity,” and from the pictures it seems that the bridges, slides, and overhead rings support this. The primary playground is for older children, while there is a separate Tots area that emphasizes smaller and more basic play elements.

I spoke with John Magnuson, a former Edmonds resident and principal driver for the Fort Steilacoom playground project. John is a member of the Lakewood Rotary Club, which spearheaded a community fund raising effort to build the playground at Ft. Steilacoom in 2004. This effort included several fraternal organizations and was focused on community small-donation fund raising. Rotary also had a few large donors, including Starbucks (\$15K). In all, they were able to raise \$225,000, for a project that cost a little over \$202,000. Left over funds were used to build two picnic shelters adjacent to the playground.

I like this project for its immediate visibility to the public and its ability to cut through political barriers.

Project Management

Rotary hired Leathers Associates, a premier playground design company, to guide the “community build” process. He suggested looking at the playground photos on their website:

leathersassociates.com

He mentioned that Leathers Associates involved local elementary schools in the design effort. The community organized school meetings in the morning. Elementary students met in the center of their gyms with crayons and paper on the floor, while parents, teachers, and community organizers stayed on the sidelines to observe.

After a brief idea presentation, the children made drawings of whales, dragons, boats, etc that they would like to see incorporated in the playground. Leathers’ staff circulated among the children and helped with drawings. Children were asked to sign their drawings and hang them on the gym walls. Later that same evening, the

groups reassembled, and Leathers amazed children with preliminary designs of animals, boats, etc. that might be used in the park.

Lakewood Rotary continued with the "build" portion of the project, streaming information to families whose children had participated in the design effort. Rotary also got political support from State Representative Tammy Greene and State Senator Mike Carrell, as well as Steilacoom Mayor Ron Lucas.

Construction

In-kind support came from the 555th Engineering Department at Ft. Lewis, which was between deployments. As John tells it, the 555th sent surveyors and 75 strapping men to set Fiberforce verticals for playground elements—overnight a forest of vertical trees was erected. The project was completed in six days, with 1,000 people per day working in rotation. To culminate community involvement, students were invited for a ribbon cutting ceremony. When the ribbon came down, children populated the playground like a swarm of tiny ants, to the immense pride of onlookers involved in the project.

The project was built entirely of Trex® and recycled plastics. Construction logistics included the need for nearby covered storage for pre-construction materials and the use of heavy boring equipment and cement mixers to set the vertical posts. John mentioned that they painted the Trex® to avoid a monolithic appearance of the playground structure and had problems (not structural) with flaking paint. This was remedied through free replacement product from Trex ® and the project was repainted and seems to be doing fine. The playground floor has a base of large wood chips.

The City of Lakewood handles the ongoing O & M for the project and—according to John—the park seems to be thriving under its stewardship. If you would like to talk with John about the project, he graciously provided his contact information:

John Magnuson
Cell: 253-961-9501
Email: icpm91@msn.com

STAR CENTER

The STAR Center playground is a project of Metro Parks Tacoma. Like Civic Field, the playground is adjacent to a Boys and Girls Club. I am not familiar with the project's background, but I did take photos.

I understand that their playground surface (rubber) is not an option for us, but I liked the idea of imbedding playground features like slides into hills. If contouring an area of Civic Field is in the plans, some of the things in this park may be design options to look at.

Following the thinking of "big muscle activity" in the Fort Steilacoom project, it might be interesting to incorporate natural steps, ramps, or climbing walls into contoured landscape. This might be complimented by culverts under the hills with a system of little pathways to promote running.

I hope this information is helpful. If nothing else, it's interesting to see how others are doing it.

Regards,

Pat

From: Tim [<mailto:tm.reed@comcast.net>]
Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2016 8:39 AM
To: Hite, Carrie
Subject: Civic Play Field

Carrie,

Thank you for providing the on-line open house for the subject matter.

Just a few additional points:

- The proposed plan reduces the athletic fields too much from what they are today.
- Option 2 was the best option and the grass sports fields should be a priority and have more vs. less space than shown in Option 2.
- If Option 2 won by a combined vote (online and in person) of 330 to 178, why does the Hybrid Plan look like Option 1?
- The City should consider an “Improved “As Is” option that contemplates updating the current property with modern amenities and surfaces. This would include a professional maintenance plan and a sustainable business model.
- Sno-King sports club pays for its use of the fields and the fields accommodate active use by hundreds of people at a time rain or shine, day and night (with lights) The Hybrid plan dedicates too much space to activities or landscaping that will not see active use during our rainy days and early nights

Thank you fir your time and consideration.

-Tim Reed

"How odd it is that anyone should not see that all observation must be for or against some view if it is to be of any service."

~~6666~~ Charles Darwin

The following are some musings upon the proposed renovation of Civic Field:

We are strong proponents of the continuation of the "active" version of the park. It is the more flexible model and Edmonds already has fine "wandering" parks. An invitation for physical fitness and sport is a direction ^{in which} we might choose to look, given the health risks of obesity plaguing our future. 40% is a large number in favor of retaining the regulation track, given that it was practically a "write-in" on the survey (I know, because I was trying to select it). And regulation is what we meant ..not a hybrid. ^{the "1/2 size"} ~~the~~ has too much curve and you ~~can't~~ practice for the real world of competition on the odd thing proposed. A track with many lanes is the only way people on walkers and athletes at top speed can safely participate at the same time. A regulation track could fit better if it were angled on the site and there would be no harm in that. ^(also space may be provided by considering the following)

Now as to the very attractive idea of a grass seating ^{considering the following} area. As envisioned, it will be the devil to mow. It is also not conducive to viewing much as designed; such a wide structure needs to curve around the thing viewed (probably ^{it'll be} mainly soccer moms and grandparents, the latter who cannot sit easily on the grass). ^(in other words, not a crowd of hundreds --- a 2nd 1/2 moon could face the track, but would go unused except during fireworks or sunset viewing) If the structure were to slope on the extreme ends, it would allow a mower access as well as soften the appearance. Altho' the idea is charming, actual use is difficult to imagine.

If folk bring chairs they block views of others on blankets.

With no shade or roof it'll be blistering in summer and a muddy mess most of the year. The Greeks and Romans knew how to build for an ^{outdoor} ~~out door~~ ^(over) audience.

audience: you need seating. It can be natural stone or something else, but the human being of any age needs to sit if asked to be an audience for any length of time.

Although not a petanque player myself, I applaud the foresight of adding trees to shade them. In France and Europe the choice is usually the sycamore (of which there must be a local variant) It is tall enough to do the job and its roots must not interfere much with the court. You can take the height here because the stadium will come down and it was no taller.

*Hoping to be of use,
Dawnia Lahti*

P.S. Finally, on 7th Ave side consider some form of bathroom: it is a big site and, truly, there is already a public restroom in city hall or the Boys & Girls Club, whereas 7th is a bathroom desert. As a regular runner, I see mailmen, city workers and general citizenry ducking into the porta-potty currently on site.

Also, if you go with the "active" view, please keep the water fountains - if they are to be changed consider ones that have a spigot for filling water bottles. Thanks!

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Summary of Residents' Comments for the Civic Field Master Plan
Bell and Daley Street Alleys
April 29, 2016

INTRODUCTION

Purpose. We prepared this summary to document ideas and concerns of residents whose properties border Civic Field along Bell and Daley Streets. The summary represents the views of some 54 residents who live in 13 different residential buildings on the two alleys. Two of these buildings are private homes, two are conversions of homes to multi-unit residences, and the rest are condominiums.

Limitations. Not every resident or every building among the condominiums on Bell and Daley Streets was contacted. Due to the informal nature of the survey, some residents may not have been asked or may not have responded to every item in the survey. Neither of the two churches is included in the 13 buildings cited, although one was included in the survey. None of the residences or commercial buildings on 6th and 7th Streets bordering Civic Field was contacted to participate.

Proximity to Civic Field. Residences along the Bell and Daley Street alleys share a unique situation—our property lines are separated from Civic Field by 20 feet or less. Any changes to Civic Field will have a significant impact on our lifestyles and our environment. Thus, we have elected to speak as “one voice” on matters of common concern. Our comments about the upcoming changes to Civic Field are consolidated into the following four sections:

Section I - highlights major concerns shared by all residents contributing to this report,

Section II - touches on other shared concerns,

Section III - focuses on current uses of Civic Field and its facilities, and

Section IV - discusses what survey participants would like to see as part of the future park.

SECTION I: MAJOR CONCERNS SHARED BY ALL RESIDENTS

While participating in homeowner meetings and conducting the survey, we encountered some diverse opinions, yet a surprising level of consensus among residents. Where consensus was virtually unanimous, we consolidated our comments into six major areas. Survey participants want:

- A. to remove the existing perimeter fence and install an attractive replacement fence separating the future park from the alleys,
- B. to avoid any changes to the park that would increase vehicle and pedestrian traffic or allow the public to park in the alleys,
- C. to tear down the Stadium
- D. to eliminate bare earth sections of Civic Field to reduce problems of dust blowing into homes,
- E. to improve enforcement of rules and regulations in the park, and
- F. to request that the City improve monitoring and supervision of noise, traffic and crowd impacts from the *Taste of Edmonds*.

A. REPLACEMENT FENCE

Support for replacing the existing fence in its current location was virtually unanimous. Some of the reasons cited by survey participants are as follows:

- Child and pedestrian safety. Particularly for soccer children who run from the church parking lot across the alley and into the park.
- Potential for increased foot traffic and accidents. Residents are concerned that alleys might be used as public sidewalks. The absence of a fence would increase foot traffic in the alleys. Most residents have limited visibility when backing out vehicles from garages or carports. Alley parking would limit maneuvering space and increase the potential for accidents. Increased foot traffic would put pedestrians at risk.
- Home Security. The absence of a fence would encourage easy access from the park to garages and carports of private residences.
- Soccer Balls. In the past, soccer balls kicked from Civic Field have struck residents' cars and buildings. Orientation of soccer goals to the east and west has partially mitigated this problem. One resident would like to see soccer games moved to the center of the park.

Residents participating in the survey unanimously agree that the existing fence should be removed because of its age and condition:

- The majority of residents favor a replacement fence in the same location using black or green coating to reduce visual impact.
- A few residents support fencing specific to activities where it is needed (soccer, tennis). A few residents favor a hedge or shrubs in place of a fence.

B. INCREASED VEHICLE AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC

Sixth and Seventh Street residences enjoy setbacks, sidewalks, and wide streets separating them from Civic Field. Bell and Daley Street alley property lines—on the other hand--fall directly on the edges of the alleys, leaving no separation. Residents participating in the survey expressed the following views about this situation:

- They unanimously OPPOSE public parking along the alley ways as part of any new plan for the park's use. This is because of the following reasons:
 1. Public parking would increase dust and noise levels directly under the windows of the majority of our residences.
 2. The alleys are only wide enough for one-way traffic in many places. Alleys are frequently blocked by contractors servicing private residences or by waste disposal trucks. The Bell Street alley is frequently blocked by vehicles from public organizations accessing storage lockers behind the Stadium.
 3. During soccer practice, traffic levels through the alley from the church parking lot are high. Residents adjacent to the parking lot experience problems with noise and fumes from idling vehicles entering dwellings. Additional traffic in and around the alley would be unwelcome to these residents.
 4. The Daley Street alley is sometimes used as a shortcut for drivers, who often speed through this narrow space. (Some residents have asked that the Plan include traffic control measures to slow cars down).

All residents participating in this survey oppose future activities that would increase the incidence of traffic and pedestrians in the alleys.

C. THE STADIUM

All but two residents in the survey favored tearing down the Stadium. Many thought that it should be replaced with low-profile seating scaled to planned uses in the park. Survey participants expressed the following opinions:

- The structure is old and has not been used regularly for large events for decades. (In fact, the stadium is only actively used for the Taste of Edmonds, Wenatchee Youth Circus and Fourth of July Fireworks Show—fewer than ten days per year).
- There is an insurance cost and liability risk in keeping the structure. Two Bell Street residents reported a homeless man living in the bleachers.
- Vehicles accessing storage lockers behind the Stadium in the Bell Street alley routinely block residents of at least two buildings from accessing their parking areas.
- The existing stadium lighting is high and bright, and shines into windows of buildings on Daley Street. Often these lights stay on past 9:00 p.m. The stadium lights should be realigned and/ or be replaced with lighting appropriate to the park's future uses. Lighting should be directed away from the windows of nearby residences. Field lighting should be turned off after 9:00 p.m.
- The size and condition of the stadium make it an unwelcome focal point for the park. Other parks have fountains, paths, gardens, and other aesthetically pleasing elements like sculptures. As one resident said: “we would like Civic Field to look more park-like.” Another resident “hopes that the overall plan preserves the low-key, open-space, multi-use nature of the area.”

D. BLOWING DUST

Many residents contributing to this survey mentioned problems with the high volume of grit and dust entering their homes. Many feel that high winds coupled with large, open areas of gravel and dirt in Civic Field are significant sources of the dust problem. This is more than a cleaning issue; it is a concern for those with respiratory or other health problems.

We strongly recommend that the City mitigate this problem by replacing the field's large gravel and dirt areas with ground cover to minimize blowing dirt.

E. IMPROVING ENFORCEMENT OF RULES AND REGULATIONS IN THE PARK

As residents adjacent to the park, we are in the best position to observe violations of the City's rules and regulations. Based on past experience, we ask that the Master Plan include a clear set of rules and regulations governing activities in the park. We also ask that the plan identify the government entities responsible for enforcing these rules and regulations. We recommend generous placement of signs around the park describing the rules.

This request includes (but is not limited to);

- Enforcing hours of use (including enforcement of the current restriction that the skate park is not open for use after dusk)
- Noise abatement
- Firecrackers before and after July 4
- Improper uses of the park such as flying drones, rockets and radio-controlled aircraft.
- Edmonds residents bringing dogs onto the field, despite the field's clear "no dogs" signage.

F. THE TASTE OF EDMONDS AND OTHER MAJOR EVENTS

Our report would be remiss if we did not mention the impact of major events on our residents. Because of past experiences with the *Taste of Edmonds*, an overwhelming majority of survey participants oppose any future plans for additional large, noisy events.

Some of them had this to say about major events:

- Band and Crowd Noise. Noise from bands, traffic, and crowd control at the *Taste of Edmonds* are the most important issues. Most residents on Bell and Daley Street alleys leave town during this event. Many are unable to access their driveways through the alleys during events. All residents who volunteered concerns about the *Taste of Edmonds* requested that limits be set on loudspeaker volumes and that loudspeakers be directed away from residential buildings in the alleys. It is our understanding a member of the Chamber of Commerce—the same member who books the bands for the events—checks decibel levels during performances. We would like to have a member of the Edmonds Public Works Department or the Edmonds Police Force monitor the noise levels instead of the Chamber member, and immediately direct the sound technician to reduce the volume if levels rise above permitted levels.
- Truck Noise. Noise from trucks entering and leaving Civic Field for the *Taste of Edmonds* goes on throughout the night during setup and teardown for the event. There is also night time noise from trucks parked in the field running compressors. For the general public, the *Taste* is three days long; for nearby residents, the *Taste* lasts for 5 days. If compressors must be used, we request they be enclosed with sound-absorbing material to reduce the noise level at night.
- Crowd Supervision. Many residents mentioned the need for better supervision of crowds around private residences and in the alleys during large events. Many said no public parking should be allowed in the narrow alleys during these events.

- Public Use of Alleys. One Bell Street resident commented that emergency vehicles have limited access to residential buildings because of illegal parking during major events. Another resident's fence on private property was knocked down by a vendor's car. One Bell Street resident said public urination on private property was a problem. The public sometimes occupies private driveways during public events. Alleys are sometimes blocked off during large events and crowds fill the alleys. Access to garages is restricted.
- Impact of Major Events on Park Design. Many residents in our survey felt that the future park design should be based on its year-around use--not major events like the *Taste of Edmonds*, the July 4 celebration, and the children's circus. Design of gardens and walking paths and plans for public activities should not be driven by the need to accommodate onsite vendor parking and vendor stands for events occurring only a few days a year. Some residents are concerned that grassy areas will be damaged by driving and parking heavy vehicles on grass or other vegetation after the park is completed.

SECTION II: OTHER SHARED CONCERNS

The following concerns may be relevant to some, but not all residents who participated in the survey:

- A. Drainage on Civic Field. Many survey participants noted that areas of Civic Field appear to be marshy with poor drainage. They asked that this problem be addressed in the redesign of the park.

If areas of the park are contoured or paved, some survey participants asked that steps be taken to avoid additional drainage into the Daley Street alley:

- Excess water in the roadway adds to more rapid deterioration of asphalt

- The Shelbourne Condominium on Daley Street has a sump pump due to the high water table. Shelbourne residents are uncertain about the impact of excess water on the pump's design limits.

B. Maintenance Issues Around the Perimeter of Civic Field. Maintenance around the park's perimeter is a matter of civic pride for residents participating in this survey. Along with redevelopment of Civic Field, there was strong support for improvements to adjacent alleys, sidewalks, and walls:

- Bell Street alley is a network of broken pavement, gravel and potholes. Residents have requested the City to repave, but the project has remained unfunded for several years.
- Some sidewalk areas surrounding the park have trip hazards (sidewalk in front of 658 Daley Street and the church parking lot, for example). Sidewalks that will experience increased pedestrian traffic from the park should be in good repair.
- Daley Street alley is paved to a slope near the tennis court, narrowing the roadway. The alley also slopes up to the Open Bible Church's parking lot. Heavy trucks entering Civic Field have damaged pavement by bottoming out on the slope. There is also damage to the sidewalk and two entrance driveways of the church's parking lot.
- The short wall on 6th Street next to the tennis and basketball courts has broken concrete and is tilting outward.

SECTION III: SURVEY OPINIONS ABOUT CURRENT USES OF CIVIC FIELD AND ITS' FACILITIES

A. THE TENNIS COURTS

- Most of the residents who commented on the tennis courts like them in their current location. Many feel that fencing and court surfaces need upgrading. One person suggested that a pickle ball option be added.
- Several survey participants along Daley Street spoke out about the slats in the fence along the alley next to the tennis court. They mentioned problems with reduce visibility when turning onto Sixth Street from the alley. They found the slats unsightly. Many commented that any replacement fence should not include slats.

B. THE SKATE BOARD PARK

- Noise. The jarring crack of skateboards onto concrete is a noise problem for many residents around Civic Field.
- Sound Mats. Some survey participants noted the poor condition of the sound mitigation mats on the north fence of the skateboard park. Many found them unsightly and favored a color change that blends into the environment. One resident noted that the central panel of mats that used to be on the fence is now missing. New replacement mats should cover the entire north fence. Another resident observed that the high winds in Civic Field tears at the mats, causing filling to disperse in the field. Mitigation suggestions included contouring attractive berms around the perimeter of the skateboard park to dampen noise and improve aesthetics or fronting the mats with hedges to reduce wind damage.

Overall, most residents queried about the skateboard park accept it, as long as park hours are enforced and it does not become a trouble spot for illegal activities. As part of the Civic Master Plan, we propose that the City explore alternatives to mitigate sound transmission from the skateboard park.

C. BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

The majority of the residents participating in the survey favor children's activities in the park. There is strong support for soccer, the Boys and Girls Club, and for private schools that use the park. Based on this, we recommend that the Civic Field Master Plan include continuing support for these children's activities.

Most of the residents in the survey were aware of age and condition of the Club's facility. If the Boys and Girls Club is rebuilt or remodeled, residents near 6th Avenue and Daley Street would not be in favor of any new construction or add-ons north of the present building footprint.

SECTION IV: WHAT ABOUT THE FUTURE?

As the park's neighbors, we endorse and support its use for community activities. As such, several residents participating in the survey had both group and individual comments or suggestions that would enhance the park's use:

- Public Rest Room – All residents asked about the construction of a new public restroom are in favor. There are few public facilities near Civic Field and restrooms are needed to accommodate a large number of children, as well as the general public. A few residents mentioned that construction should be limited to one-story. The majority of survey participants asked about restrooms, were in favor of removing porta-potties from the Field.
- Walking in the Park – One resident likes the current track where it is now. Other residents favor removing it and replacing it with walking paths throughout the park or around the perimeter. A few residents mentioned the need for observing park hours (walking and talking at 5:30 am when people are close to residential buildings). If new walking paths are constructed, most residents favored a surface material that is not conducive to skateboarding.

- Playground Area – A few residents mentioned the need for a larger playground area—particularly with lots of swings. Two residents thought there should be a playground section especially for younger children.
- Park Access - A few Bell Street survey participants requested better access to the park. There are no openings in the fence on the Bell Street alley.

Shelbourne Condominium residents adjacent to the Open Bible Church parking lot, favor closing the current fence opening to reduce the incidence of children running into the soccer field without checking for cars. One resident on Daley Street opposed this idea. Another suggested painting a crosswalk between the parking lot and the existing opening to improve the safety of pedestrians entering the park at that point.

- Off-Street Pick Up/ Drop Off Area – Shelbourne residents thought the park design should include an off-street inset on 7th Street for soccer parents to pick up and drop off children and equipment. This would reduce pedestrian traffic in the alley from the church parking lot. It might also serve as an off-street drop off area for handicap use and for loading and unloading buses during major events. One resident on Daley Street was opposed to this idea.
- A Park-Like Environment – Several residents commented on their desire for an environment that might include walking paths, a water feature with seating, and planned garden areas. Residents of condominiums at 645 and 653 Bell Street would like to see the large tree in front of their buildings included in the future landscaping for the park.

CONCLUSION

We are delighted that the City is undertaking the task of transforming Civic Field into a beautiful park and we support the City's efforts. We also understand and appreciate the hard work that goes into planning and executing a multi-year project of

this scope. Thus, we hope that our comments and observations about Civic Field will be taken in the spirit of constructive support rather than criticism.

Residents of Bell and Daley Streets are indeed stakeholders in the planning process. The issues of fencing, traffic, parking, enforcement of regulations and the like are very real to us. The park is literally in our front yard, so its future design, structures, and public uses will have a strong impact on our daily lives.

We look forward to working with everyone during the planning process, and we thank you for the opportunity to comment.

GRANDSTAND STRUCTURAL EVALUATION

September 21, 2016

Sent via Email

Thom Sullivan
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Edmonds, WA 98020

Re: **Structural Evaluation of the Civic Center Grandstand**
300 6th Avenue N
Edmonds, WA 98020

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

MLA Engineering (MLA) was commissioned to perform a structural review and evaluation of the grandstand located at the Civic Center Playfield. We understand that the City's objectives are to determine the extent of repairs and improvements required to extend the structure's serviceable life for approximately twenty years and the approximate construction cost for the required work. For your planning purposes, we evaluated other options which include, inspecting and repairing the existing grandstand, demolishing the grandstand, and replacing the grandstand with a new structure.

Structure Description

The grandstand is rectangular with overall dimensions of approximately 34-ft by 254-ft. The structure consists of drilled concrete pile and grade beam foundation that supports a wood-framed seating area covered by a wood-framed roof. The grandstand is completely open on the north side to allow for a full view of the athletic field (Photos 1 and 2). Figure 1 shows a satellite image of the Civic Center Playfield with the grandstand south of the track. The south side of the grandstand is a solid wood-framed wall with multiple door openings for storage space (Photo 3). The grandstand seats are framed with flat, nominal 2-inch wood members which span across wood trusses underneath (Photo 4). The wood trusses are spaced at approximately 6'-8" and are supported by concrete piles. The roof is framed with 7x22 glulam girders and 10x14 sawn lumber joists. The roof deck consists of 2x6 tongue-and-groove decking (Photo 5).

A site observation and existing repair drawings, dated November 22, 1983, provided the basis for our review. *The original* date of the grandstand construction is unknown. The existing drawings indicated that the grandstand suffered fire damage in the 1940's, in 1972, and in 1983. Portions of the grandstand were rebuilt and repaired after each fire. In addition to restoring the grandstand after the fire in 1983, the existing drawings included structural retrofits to improve the lateral resisting system. The structural retrofit added 1/2" plywood sheathing to the roof to improve the diaphragm performance. New four foot long shear walls were added at the nine interior girder lines to improve the lateral resistance in the north-south direction. Exterior plywood siding (T1-11) was added to the west, east, and south shear walls to improve the lateral resistance and to act as a weather barrier. Structural plywood sheathing was also added to the west, east, and south shear walls on the interior face.

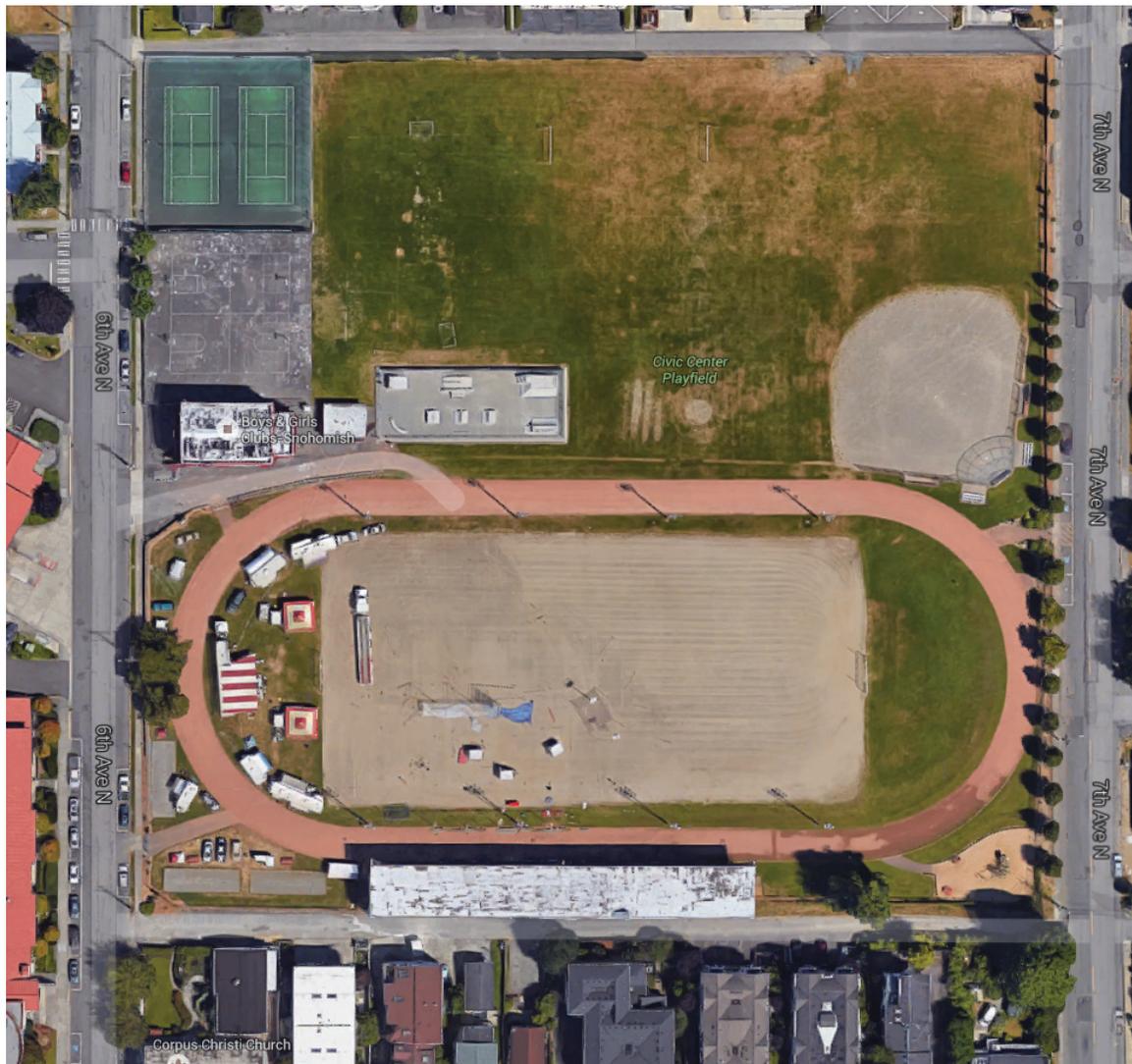


Figure 1: Satellite image of the Civic Center Playfield (Google Maps)

Structural Evaluation

The scope of work consisted of a structural evaluation performed to the standards contained in the 2012 IEBC, which requires that evaluation procedures be in accordance with ASCE 31-03 "Seismic Evaluation of Existing Buildings" published by the American Society of Civil Engineers. The grandstand is in a "High Level of Seismicity" area based on Table 2-1 of ASCE 31-03. However, we determined that the design wind forces are significantly higher than the design seismic forces at this site. Wind forces are generally larger than seismic forces in structures similar to this grandstand, where total mass is low relative to the projected wind load area. The wind and seismic response parameters used for this evaluation are attached in Exhibit B. ASCE 31-03 is required for evaluating the existing conditions of the grandstand and checking that sufficient ductility is available in the framing and connection details.

MLA evaluated the grandstand using the Tier 1 study with *Life Safety* as the performance objective based on Table 301.1.4.2 for a risk category of II. Life Safety is defined by ASCE 31 as building performance that would not result in partial or total structural collapse during a design earthquake. The Basic and Supplemental Checklist W1 for Wood Light Frames was used for the Tier 1 evaluation. Conformance with the ASCE 31 checklists will indicate that the grandstand meets the Life Safety Performance Level. Non-conformance will indicate that the grandstand does not meet the criteria but further investigation would be required to determine if there is a true life-safety risk. The results of this structural evaluation may be used by the owner to evaluate risk and potential mitigation that may reduce their risk exposure.

Findings & Recommendations

MLA noted the following deficiencies:

1. Deterioration

The grandstand does not comply with the requirement that *there shall be no signs of decay, shrinkage, splitting, fire damage, or sagging in any of the wood members and none of the metal connections hardware shall be deteriorated, broken, or loose* (See ASCE 31-03, 4.3.3.1). There are two main areas that exhibit major decay and damage: the seating and stair framing and the exterior T1-11 plywood siding.

For the seating framing, 2x10 and 2x12 members span across wood trusses spaced approximately 6' 8" (Photo 4). These members have sustained a great deal of moisture damage. The majority of these members are warped, creating unevenness in the framing and presents a tripping hazard for occupants. Furthermore, the current code-required design live load for grandstands is 100 psf. Based on a bending capacity check of the existing 2x12 members, the live load capacity of the grandstand seating area is only 75 psf.

The T1-11 siding served as structural sheathing and as an exterior weather barrier for the past 33 years (Photo 3). Because the sheathing is directly exposed, it has sustained significant moisture damage.

Recommendations:

- Replace existing seating planks with code-compliant framing.
- Replace T1-11 siding with weather-resistant exterior cladding.

2. Lateral force-resisting elements

The shear wall on the south side of the grandstand does not comply with the requirement for *Wood Structural Panel Shear Wall Fasteners* that *there shall be no more than 15% of inadequate fastening such as overdriven fasteners, omitted blocking, excessive fastening spacing, or inadequate edge distance* (See ASCE 31-03 4.3.3.2).

The following deficiencies for the T1-11 siding were found:

- The existing drawings do not indicate that blocking was provided for adequate edge nailing of the panels (Figure 2).
- Edge nailing was detailed for the top and bottom of the panels only. Nailing on the sides were called out to be 12 inches on center, indicating that the panels will not properly act together when resisting shear forces.

- The T1-11 siding is suspected to only be fastened to the aged drop siding instead of the structural framing studs. The degree of fire damage sustained by the underlying drop siding was not assessed. The age of the drop siding is estimated to be at least 40 years old. At the time of the 1983 renovation, the drop siding must have been deemed insufficient in its lateral capacity because the decision was made to add the T1-11 siding.
- Overdriven nails were also observed.

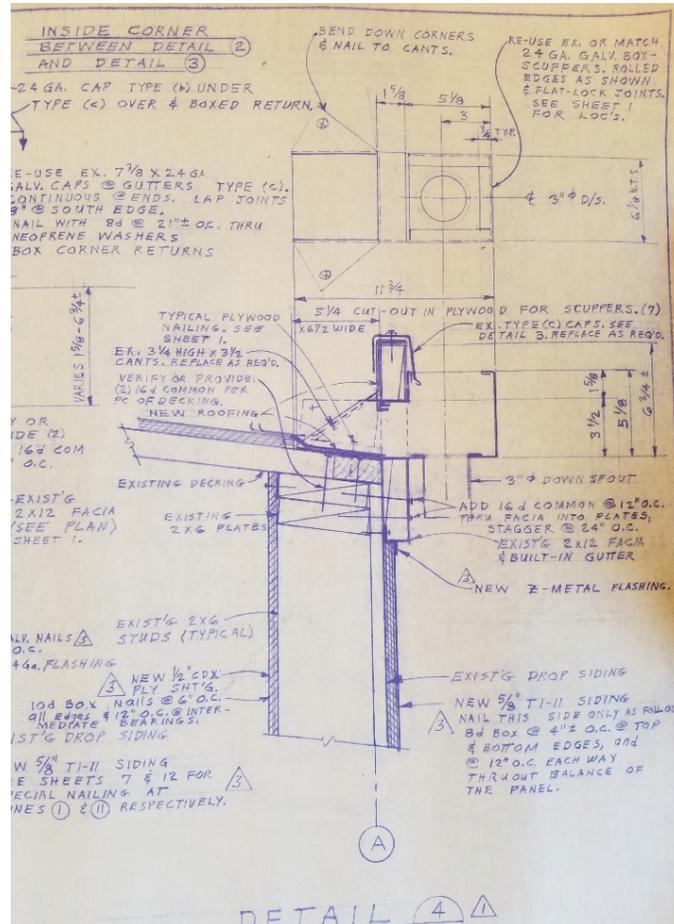


Figure 2: Detail 4 on Sheet 9 of the 1983 drawing set; south wall to roof.

Recommendations:

- Replace existing siding on the south wall with a separate exterior cladding system in order to prolong the life of the structural framing.
- Replace decaying wall framing members.

3. Redundancy

The grandstand does not comply with the requirement for *Redundancy where the number of lines of shear walls in each principal direction shall be greater than or equal to 2 for Life Safety* (See ASCE 4.4.2.1.1). This deficiency is not critical because it is understood that the grandstand structure was designed to only have walls on three

sides. If meeting this requirement is preferred, moment frames can be detailed for the north face to maintain maximum view from the grandstand.

4. Accessibility

In addition to the structural recommendations above, improvements should be made to increase accessibility and safety in conformance with ADA requirements, such as:

- Provide graspable hand rails at stairways and aisles. (This would require existing stairways to be widened in order to install a handrail at the center of the stairway.)
- Designate an area of the grandstand for wheelchair accessibility. If this area is located on the existing grandstand platform, provide an access ramp.
- If the grandstand will be in use at night, provide new lights per current building code standards.

Conclusion

The grandstand does not conform to all items on the ASCE 31 checklists and therefore requires that additional study be performed in order to demonstrate whether it meets the Life-Safety performance objective when subject to a design level seismic event. Primary structural deficiencies include the overall deterioration and design strength of the seating framing, and deterioration and deficiencies in the T1-11 sheathing nailing and construction details. Non-structural deficiencies include non-conformance with current ADA requirements, which presents a safety risk.

We have identified four options to consider. The opinion of construction costs are estimates based on limited walk-through site observations and a brief analysis:

1. Renovate the Existing Grandstand

Opinion of cost: \$462,000.

In order to extend the serviceable life of the structure for approximately another twenty years, the recommendations provided in this report should be implemented. The opinion of cost allows for remediating any decaying or damaged wood framing beneath the grandstand seats. As with most seismic improvements, the renovated structure would not meet all provisions of the current Building Code, but the structure would comply with the Existing Building Code provisions and provide a life-safety performance level under a design level seismic event.

2. Inspect and Repair the Grandstand

Opinion of cost: \$153,000, inclusive of inspection, design costs and primary repairs; exclusive of seismic study and seismic improvement costs.

Based on our brief on-site review, the grandstand is not considered a “dangerous structure” according to the Building Code definition. Deterioration does not appear to be significant enough to warrant immediate abandonment of the current structure; however, we recommend that at a minimum the following work be done within the next six months:

- comprehensive inspection of all wood framing to determine the extent of deterioration and document results on plans;
- replace or repair framing with significant deterioration.

Note that this option will not improve the seismic safety of the structure nor will it reduce the City's risk for non-seismic safety items, such as missing handrails and other items that do not conform to the current building code. Should a design-level wind or seismic event occur at this site, there is a greater risk of a partial or total collapse compared to a renovated or new code-compliant structure. Further investigation is required to determine the significance that the non-conforming construction has on life-safety. The cost of further seismic study and seismic renovation is not included in this option.

3. **Demolish and Reclaim the Land**

Opinion of cost: \$118,000.

If the grandstand were to be demolished, the existing materials can be reclaimed or recycled. We understand there is a master plan currently under development and that the existing grandstand area could be repurposed accordingly to fit the needs of the multipurpose recreational area. This option removes the City's risk related to non-conforming code items noted in Option #2.

4. **Demolish and Build a New Grandstand**

Opinion of cost: \$1,760,000.

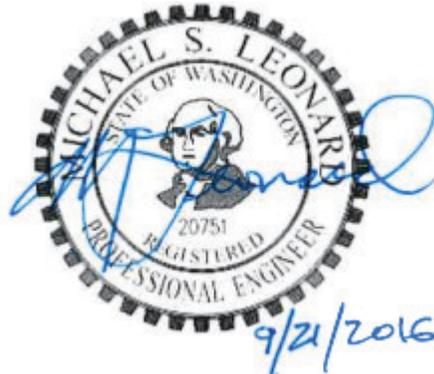
The new grandstand would be designed and constructed in conformance with current building codes. We assumed that the new grandstand would have the same footprint as the existing structure, which would allow it to use the existing pile and grade beam foundations.

We are pleased to have the opportunity to provide this structural study and are available to meet to discuss and answer questions.

Sincerely,
MLA Engineering, pllc



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- Attachments: Exhibit A: ASCE 31-03 Checklists
- ASCE W1 Checklist
 - ASCE Supplemental W1 Checklist
- Exhibit B: Wind and Seismic Parameters
Exhibit C: Photographs
Exhibit D: Opinion of Construction Cost

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ASCE 31 BASIC CHECKLIST W1: WOOD LIGHT FRAMES

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BUILDING SYSTEM

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4.3.1.1 | LOAD PATH: The structure shall contain a minimum of one complete load path for Life Safety and Immediate Occupancy for seismic force effects from any horizontal direction that serves to transfer the inertial forces from the mass to the foundation. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4.3.2.4 | VERTICAL DISCONTINUITIES: All vertical elements in the lateral-force-resisting system shall be continuous to the foundation. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4.3.3.1 | DETERIORATION OF WOOD: There shall be no signs of decay, shrinkage, splitting, fire damage, or sagging in any of the wood members and none of the metal connection hardware shall be deteriorated, broken, or loose. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4.3.3.2 | WOOD STRUCTURAL PANEL SHEAR WALL FASTENERS: There shall be no more than 15% of inadequate fastening such as overdriven fasteners, omitted blocking, excessive fastening spacing, or inadequate edge distance. This statement shall apply to the Immediate Occupancy Performance Level only. |

LATERAL-FORCE-RESISTING SYSTEM

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4.4.2.1.1 | REDUNDANCY: The number of lines of shear walls in each principal direction shall be greater than or equal to 2 for Life Safety and Immediate Occupancy. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4.4.2.7.1 | SHEAR STRESS CHECK: The shear stress in the shear walls, calculated using the Quick Check procedure of Section 3.5.3.3, shall be less than the following values for Life Safety and Immediate Occupancy:

<div style="margin-left: 40px;"> Structural panel sheathing: 1000 plf
 Diagonal sheathing: 700 plf
 Straight sheathing: 100 plf
 All other conditions: 100 plf </div> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 4.4.2.7.2 | STUCCO (EXTERIOR PLASTER) SHEAR WALLS: Multistory buildings shall not rely on exterior stucco walls as the primary lateral-force-resisting system. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 4.4.2.7.3 | GYPSUM WALLBOARD OR PLASTER SHEAR WALLS: Interior plaster or gypsum wallboard shall not be used as shear walls on buildings over one story in height with the exception of the uppermost level of a multistory building. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4.4.2.7.4 | NARROW WOOD SHEAR WALLS: Narrow wood shear walls with an aspect ratio greater than 2 to 1 for Life Safety and 1.5 to 1 for Immediate Occupancy shall not be used to resist lateral forces developed in the building in levels of moderate and high seismicity. Narrow wood shear walls with an aspect ratio greater than 2 to 1 for Immediate Occupancy shall not be used to resist lateral forces developed in the building in levels of low seismicity. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4.4.2.7.5 | WALLS CONNECTED THROUGH FLOORS: Shear walls shall have interconnection between stories to transfer overturning and shear forces through the floor. |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 4.4.2.7.6 HILLSIDE SITE: For structures that are taller on at least one side by more than half of a story due to a sloping site, all shear walls on the downhill slope shall have an aspect ratio less than 1 to 1 for Life Safety and 1 to 2 for Immediate Occupancy. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 4.4.2.7.7 CRIPPLE WALLS: Cripple walls below first floor level shear walls shall be braced to the foundation with wood structural panels. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 4.4.2.7.8 OPENINGS: Walls with openings greater than 80% of the length shall be braced with wood structural panel shear walls with aspect ratios of not more than 1.5 to 1 or shall be supported by adjacent construction through positive ties capable of transferring the lateral forces. |

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4.6.3.3 WOOD POSTS: There shall be a positive connection of wood posts to the foundation. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 4.6.3.4 WOOD SILLS: All wood sills shall be bolted to the foundation. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4.6.4.1 GIRDER/COLUMN CONNECTION: There shall be a positive connection utilizing plates, connection hardware, or straps between the girder and the column support. |

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- 4.4.2.7.9 HOLD-DOWN ANCHORS: All shear walls shall have hold-down anchors constructed per acceptable construction practices, attached to the end studs. This statement shall apply to the Immediate Occupancy Performance Level only.

DIAPHRAGMS

- 4.5.1.1 DIAPHRAGM CONTINUITY: The diaphragms shall not be composed of split-level floors and shall not have expansion joints.
- 4.5.1.3 ROOF CHORD CONTINUITY: All chord elements shall be continuous, regardless of changes in roof elevation.
- 4.5.1.7 PLAN IRREGULARITIES: There shall be tensile capacity to develop the strength of the diaphragm at re-entrant corners or other locations of plan irregularities. This statement shall apply to the Immediate Occupancy Performance Level only.
- 4.5.1.8 DIAPHRAGM REINFORCEMENT AT OPENINGS: There shall be reinforcing around all diaphragm openings larger than 50% of the building width in either major plan dimension. This statement shall apply to the Immediate Occupancy Performance Level only.
- 4.5.2.1 STRAIGHT SHEATHING: All straight sheathed diaphragms shall have aspect ratios less than 2 to 1 for Life Safety and 1 to 1 for Immediate Occupancy in the direction being considered.
- 4.5.2.2 SPANS: All wood diaphragms with spans greater than 24 ft for Life Safety and 12 ft for Immediate Occupancy shall consist of wood structural panels or diagonal sheathing.
- 4.5.2.3 UNBLOCKED DIAPHRAGMS: All diagonally sheathed and unblocked wood structural panel diaphragms shall have horizontal spans less than 40 ft for Life Safety and 30 ft for Immediate Occupancy and shall have aspect ratios less than or equal to 4 to 1 for Life Safety and 3 to 1 for Immediate Occupancy.
- 4.5.7.1 OTHER DIAPHRAGMS: The diaphragm shall not consist of a system other than wood, metal deck, concrete or horizontal bracing.

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- 4.6.3.9 WOOD SILL BOLTS: Sill bolts shall be spaced at 6 ft or less for Life Safety and 4 ft or less for Immediate Occupancy, with proper edge and end distance provided for wood and concrete.

Wind Parameters

Thursday, July 28, 2016 4:08 PM



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Wind Speed	110 mph (ultimate)
Exposure	B (per City of Edmonds)
Building	Partially Enclosed
Height	29'-1-5/8" and 24'-4"
Slope	1-5/8 : 12; 7.71 degrees
ASCE 7-10 Eq. 27.3-1	$q_h = 0.00256K_hK_{zt}K_dV^2$
V	110 mph
K _h	30 ft: 0.70; 25 ft: 0.66; 20 ft: 0.62
K _{zt}	1.0 (per City of Edmonds)
K _d	0.85
q _h (elevation 30 ft)	$0.00256 \times 0.70 \times 1.0 \times 0.85 \times 110^2 = 18.43 \text{ psf}$
q _h (elevation 25 ft)	$0.00256 \times 0.66 \times 1.0 \times 0.85 \times 110^2 = 17.38 \text{ psf}$
q _h (elevation 20 ft)	$0.00256 \times 0.62 \times 1.0 \times 0.85 \times 110^2 = 16.32 \text{ psf}$
W (ultimate level in the N-S direction)	198 lb/ft
0.6W (service level in the N-S direction)	119 lb/ft
Wind pressure used for design from 1983 existing drawings	167.5 lb/ft [controls]
Building Length	253.833 ft
Total shear at roof level	$0.1675 \times 253.833 = 42.5 \text{ kips}$

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Design Maps Summary Report

User-Specified Input

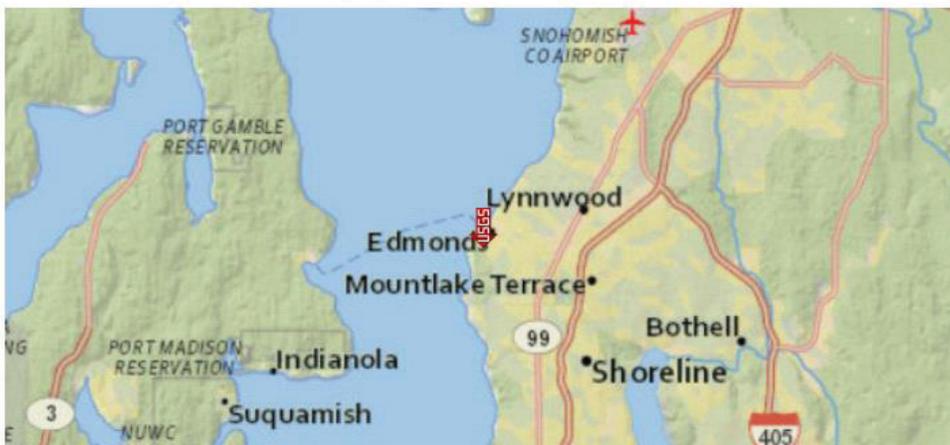
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Building Code Reference Document 2012/2015 International Building Code
 (which utilizes USGS hazard data available in 2008)

Site Coordinates 47.81249°N, 122.38294°W

Site Soil Classification Site Class D – “Stiff Soil”

Risk Category I/II/III



USGS-Provided Output

$S_S = 1.270\text{ g}$ $S_{MS} = 1.270\text{ g}$ $S_{DS} = 0.847\text{ g}$
 $S_1 = 0.498\text{ g}$ $S_{M1} = 0.748\text{ g}$ $S_{D1} = 0.499\text{ g}$

For information on how the SS and S1 values above have been calculated from probabilistic (risk-targeted) and deterministic ground motions in the direction of maximum horizontal response, please return to the application and select the “2009 NEHRP” building code reference document.

S_{DS}	0.847
S_{D1}	0.499
R	6.5
I	1.0
Total weight of roof	10 x 253.833 x 34.417 = 87,362 lb
$C_s = \frac{S_{DS}}{\left(\frac{R}{I}\right)}$	0.847 / (6.5 / 1) = 0.1303
Base Shear (ultimate level)	87.4 x 0.1303 = 11.39 kips
Base Shear (service level)	0.7 x 11.39 = 7.97 kips



Photo 1 – Civic Center Grandstand (northeast view)



Photo 2 – Civic Center Grandstand (northwest view)

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Photo 3 – Civic Center Grandstand (southwest view)



Photo 4 – Framing for grandstand seats

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Photo 5 – Roof framing; wood checks in joists observed



Photo 6 – Wood column on north end; wood check in columns observed

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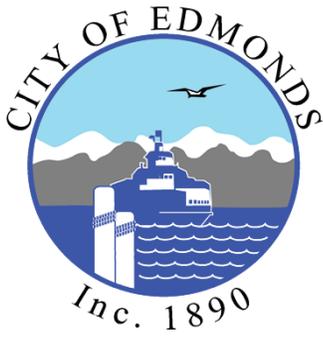


Photo 7 – Renovation from 1983 included the addition of short shear walls at each roof girder



Photo 8 – Structural plywood sheathing added during the 1983 renovation

COST ESTIMATE



City of Edmonds
CIVIC CENTER MASTER PLAN
Edmonds, Washington

PRE-DESIGN
COST ESTIMATE R4
March 1, 2017



March 1, 2017

Chris Jones
Walker | Macy
105 S Main Street
Suite 205
Seattle, Washington 98104

Re: City of Edmonds
Subject: Civic Center Master Plan
Edmonds, Washington

Dear Chris:

In accordance with your instructions, we enclose our cost estimate for the project referenced above. This cost estimate is a statement of reasonable and probable construction cost. It is not a prediction of low bid.

We would be pleased to discuss this report with you further at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Jon Bayles

JMB Consulting Group LLC 16-012

Enclosures

BASIS OF COST ESTIMATE R4

Conditions of Construction

The pricing is based on the following general conditions of construction

A start date of June 2017

A construction period of 9 months

The general contract will be hard bid

There will not be small business set aside requirements

The contractor will be required to pay prevailing wages

The project shall be constructed in one phase

EXCLUSIONS

Ground water or poor bearing capacity of soil

Direct or indirect costs associated with proposed city sewer

Owner supplied and installed furniture, fixtures and equipment

Loose furniture and equipment except as specifically identified

Furnishing of security equipment and devices

Furnishing of audio visual equipment

Hazardous material handling, disposal and abatement except as identified

Compression of schedule, premium or shift work, and restrictions on the contractor's working hours

Design, testing, inspection or construction management fees

Architectural and design fees

Scope change and post contract contingencies

Assessments, taxes, finance, legal and development charges

Environmental impact mitigation

Builder's risk, project wrap-up and other owner provided insurance program

Land and easement acquisition

Also see detail of each estimate

OVERALL SUMMARY

	Gross Site Area	\$ / SF	
Sitework	361,300 SF	28.04	10,129,365
<i>TOTAL Building & Sitework Construction</i>			<i>10,129,365</i>

Alternates

Alt 1: Market Street Promenade	45,200 SF	74.48	3,366,554
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SITWORK AREAS

Areas

	SF
Site area	
Hybrid Plan: Civic Center Playfield	361,300
Market Street Promenade	See alternates
TOTAL SITE AREA	<hr/> 361,300

SITWORK Construction Systems and Assemblies Summary

Gross Site Area 361,300 SF

		Base Bid	
		\$/SF	\$x1,000
G	Building sitework		
G10	Site preparation	3.05	1,103
G20	Site improvements	16.28	5,882
G30	Site civil/Mechanical utilities	0.89	322
G40	Site electrical utilities	1.87	676
G90	Other site construction	-	-
G	BUILDING SITWORK	22.09	7,982
Z	General		
Z10	General requirements		
Z1010	Administration (Specified GCs, General Requirements)	6.00%	1.33 479
Z1030	Temporary facilities and temporary controls (Negotiated Support Service	0.00%	- -
Z1060	Fee	6.00%	1.33 479
Z10	General requirements		2.65 958
Z20	Bidding requirements, contract forms, and condition contingencies		
Z2010	Bidding requirements design contingency (rate specified by City)	10.00%	2.47 894
Z2020	Contract forms escalation contingency (rate specified by City)	3.00%	0.82 295
Z2030	Conditions construction contingency	0.00%	- -
Z20	Bidding requirements, contract forms, and condition contingencies		3.29 1,189
Z	GENERAL	5.94	2,147
PROBABLE COST TOTAL		28.04	10,129

<i>CSI</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Total</i>
G - Building Sitework					
G10 Site preparation					
G1010	Site clearing				
	Demolition of building & structures				
	Skate park modular	7,280	sf	7.00	50,960
	Boys & Girls Club	5,060	See Site Development		
	Grandstand		By Owner		
	Site protective construction				
	Mobilize	1	ls	45,000.00	45,000
	Traffic control	1	ls	20,000.00	20,000
	Protection of existing	1	ls	20,000.00	20,000
	Erosion control				
	Construction entrances	1	ls	15,000.00	15,000
	Initial set-up	361,300	sf	0.10	36,130
	Dewatering allowance	361,300	sf	0.10	36,130
	Street cleaning	1	ls	20,000.00	20,000
	Straw wattles/sand bags/inlet protection, etc.	361,300	sf	0.40	144,520
	Site clearing and grading				
	Demolition of surface improvements				
	Remove existing vertical improvements	1	ls	25,000.00	25,000
	Sawcut allowance	1	ls	7,500.00	7,500
	Clear/grub/scarify 12"	281,300	sf	0.20	56,260
	Remove paving	80,000	sf	0.35	28,000
	Salvage items & return to Owner	1	ls	10,000.00	10,000
	Demo existing utilities	1	ls	20,000.00	20,000
	Rough grading				
	Cut/fill site, 3'H avg (assume ≈balanced site)	40,144	cy	5.00	200,722
	Import, limited	3,000	cy	40.00	120,000
	Fine grade	361,300	sf	0.20	72,260
	Overex/fill at building pads 24" + drain tile	1,200	sf	17.00	20,400
	Paving prep, concrete	102,522	sf	1.50	153,783
	Curb prep	600	lf	2.00	1,200
G20 Site improvements					
G2010	Roadways				
	Market Street Promenade		See alternates		
	Curb	600	lf	25.00	15,000

<i>CSI</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Total</i>
G2030	Pedestrian paving				
	Sidewalk/plaza, concrete	67,472	sf	5.50	371,096
	Premium for vehicular concrete	7,805	sf	2.50	19,513
	Premium for precast pavers	41,976	sf	25.00	1,049,400
	7th Ave Improvements: Create crossing and bump outs	6,300	sf	40.00	252,000
G2040	Site development				
	Fences & gates	EXCLUDED			
	Retaining walls	EXCLUDED			
	Radiused terrace/overlook CIP seat walls including footing and drain	750	lf	225.00	168,750
	Signage	By Owner			
	Site furnishings				
	Drinking Fountain	2	ea	5,000.00	10,000
	Benches, CIP	By Owner			
	Trash receptacles	16	ea	600.00	9,600
	Bike racks	By Owner			
	BBQ	EXCLUDED			
	Picnic tables	By Owner			
	Tables, 4-top incl chairs	8	ea	1,300.00	10,400
	Fountains, pools and watercourses				
	Water feature	1	ls	350,000.00	350,000
	Playground				
	Playground area	5,000	sf	2.50	12,500
	Playground equipment	1	ls	100,000.00	100,000
	Flagpoles	EXCLUDED			
	Miscellaneous structures				
	Skate park	6,000	sf	50.00	300,000
	Track, AC paving	16,600	sf	4.00	66,400
	Concrete curb	4,000	lf	25.00	100,000
	Premium for rubber surface	16,600	sf	12.00	199,200
	Exercise equipment	1	ls	25,000.00	25,000
	Sport courts, concrete	12,450	sf	5.50	68,475
	Premium for rubber surface	12,450	sf	12.00	149,400
	Sports equipment	2	ea	5,000.00	10,000
	Fencing/gates, tennis only 18'H	239	lf	145.06	34,730
	Field House				
	Renovation	EXCLUDED			

<i>CSI</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Total</i>
	Add for elevator			EXCLUDED	
	Shade pavilion	2,000	sf	260.00	520,000
	Restroom building	1,200	sf	415.00	498,000
	Climbing wall, assume 10'H	800	sf	75.00	60,000
	Petanque garden aggregate	14,600	sf	3.00	43,800
	Drainage+sand cap @ playfields	121,400	sf	2.50	303,500
	Misc play equipment	1	ls	50,000.00	50,000
	Grand stand/bleachers			EXCLUDED	
	Allow for anti-graffiti coatings	1	ls	10,000.00	10,000
G2050	Landscaping				
	Fine grade+soil prep+top soil	237,978	sf	0.65	154,686
	Seeding and sodding				
	Sod	143,900	sf	0.65	93,535
	Planting				
	Trees	105	ea	600.00	63,000
	Shrubs	94,078	sf	3.00	282,234
	Irrigation systems	237,978	sf	1.50	356,967
	Other landscape features				
	Miscellaneousroot barriers, jute, edgers, etc				
		1	ls	25,000.00	25,000
	Mulch	1	ls	20,000.00	20,000
	Mow curb, CIP			EXCLUDED	
	Maintenance	12	mo	6,666.67	80,000
G30	Site civil/Mechanical utilities				
G3010	Water supply				
	Connection	1	ea	25,000.00	25,000
G3020	Sanitary sewer				
	Sanitary sewer				
	Connection	1	ea	25,000.00	25,000
	City sewer			EXCLUDED	
G3030	Storm sewer				
	Connection	1	ea	25,000.00	25,000
	Drainage to hardscape	123,322	sf	2.00	246,644
G40	Site electrical utilities				
G4010	Electrical distribution				

<i>CSI</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Total</i>
	Connection	1	ea	25,000.00	25,000
	Convenience power	10	ea	9,500.00	95,000
G4020	Site lighting				
	Soccer field incl 60' pole + foundation + conduit & Wire	6	ea	50,000.00	300,000
	Tennis courts	6	ea	7,500.00	45,000
	Skate park	2	ea	7,500.00	15,000
	Playground	EXCLUDED			
	View terraces	15,000	sf	2.00	30,000
	Plaza + E-W	41,976	sf	1.25	52,470
	Petanque garden	14,600	sf	1.25	18,250
	Sport courts/track, limited areas	16,600	sf	1.20	20,000
G4030	Site communications and security				
	Communications ductbank, cabling by others	1	ea	15,000.00	15,000
	A/V roughin	10	ea	5,000.00	50,000
	WAP roughin, Plaza only	2	ea	5,000.00	10,000
					7,982,414

	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Total</i>
<u>Alt 1: Market Street Promenade</u>				
Protection of existing	1.00	ls	20,000.00	20,000
Erosion control	45,200.00	sf	1.00	45,200
Demolition of surface improvements	45,200.00	sf	1.50	67,800
Rough grading	45,200.00	sf	2.00	90,400
Adjust utilities to grade	45,200.00	sf	1.50	67,800
Pedestrian paving	45,200.00	sf	33.00	1,491,600
Allow for curbs including prep	1,700.00	lf	27.00	45,900
Site furnishings	1.00	ls	25,000.00	25,000
Fine grade+soil prep+top soil	1.00	ls	3,000.00	3,000
Trees	13.00	ea	450.00	5,850
Underground overhead utilites East side of 6th Ave 1	850.00	lf	600.00	510,000
				-
Mark ups	41.90%		2,372,550	994,004
				-
				3,366,554

