

# Seahurst Park Master Plan

## APPENDIX A COMMUNITY OUTREACH EFFORTS



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## FINAL DESIGN CRITERIA

**Seahurst Park Master Plan**  
**Final Program of Elements**

July 14, 2002

**Park Boundaries**

- **Potential Acquisitions**
- Highline Senior Center and adjacent parcels North and West
- Brown Property in the South Basin including the parcel at 21<sup>st</sup> Ave SW and SW 146<sup>th</sup> St.
- Inholdings in NE Corner of Park
- Landlocked parcels

**Potential Easements**

- Steep slopes east of the NE corner of the park
- Steep slopes above the beach south of the park
- Steep and densely forested contiguous area south of the south basin.

**Site Improvements**

Access/Circulation

- Park Identification/Signage
  1. Improved directional signage leading to park outside of boundaries.
  2. Main vehicle entry
  3. Neighborhood pedestrian entries/trails
  4. Amenity signage for recreational facilities
- Vehicle Access and Parking
  1. Main Road Paved-Maintain existing level of access:
    - general public
    - school buses
    - emergency vehicles
  2. Secondary Road to Marine Tech. Lab-Reduce width/restore edges
    - Small service vehicles for Marine Lab and trail maintenance
    - Alternative emergency vehicle access (dependant on fire/police review)
  3. Service/Emergency Access on Shoreline Paths:
    - From lower parking lot to Marine Tech. Lab only.
  4. Parking:
    - a. Lower (Beach) Parking Area-Focus on:
      - General parking for cars 49 stalls(increase from current 25 stalls)
      - No School Bus Parking
      - ADA parking
    - b. Upper Parking Area:
      - School bus parking
      - General parking for cars as overflow for lower lot (82 spaces versus current size of 168)
      - Potential Reduction or removal of parking and paving
      - Circulation: existing (single entry exit), modify with one-way circulation in at west end.
      - Shuttle to turnaround/beach
    - c. Other Parking

- Senior Center Parking: Parking for park access via trail, including school buses.
- Parking along main entrance road between upper and lower lot (62 new spaces)
- Pedestrian Access
  1. Build trails to consistent standards (use Forest Service or NPS standards) for drainage, width, surface, and clearance.
  2. Trail/Pedestrian Paths from neighborhoods into park:
    - Shorewood: Shorewood Drive/SW 13<sup>th</sup>
    - Ambaum: Senior Center/SW 136<sup>th</sup> St.
    - Hurstwood South: SW 140<sup>th</sup> (sidewalk - main entrance)
    - Seahurst: 146<sup>th</sup>/21st
  3. Establish Trailheads with consistent elements at each entrance.
  4. Trail/Pedestrian Loops
    - North Basin of park
    - Shoreline (Existing/Proposed)
    - South Basin of park
    - Connect basins at east upper edge
  5. Establish Route that bicycles can use (eg. north access road, along waterfront and up main entrance road or path, 136<sup>th</sup> street access).
  6. Connections to Other Parks and Open Spaces  
Salmon Creek Ravine (north) via "Highline Trail"
  7. Disabled Accessible Route
    - a. Along Shoreline
      - North to Marine Tech Lab and Picnic Shelter (Replace Paving Units with smoother concrete or asphalt surface)
      - South to Picnic Shelter (Existing/Proposed)
    - d. Uplands
      - Limited short loop into forest from central waterfront
      - Highline Trail
  8. Beach Access Points (3)
    - Central Beach (2)
    - South Beach

### Recreation Facilities

- Community and Regional Park Facilities
  1. Gathering Space for Regional Events-Large Open Lawn Area
  2. Puget Sound Shoreline Access (including hand launchable boats)
  3. Restroom (keep existing)
  4. Picnic Shelters (2-Existing, 2 New) including barbeque facilities potential expansion/enclosure of small indoor area for special events.
  7. New Site Furnishings (replace existing benches, picnic tables, use more durable material than wood).
  8. Play Equipment: Replace and relocate. Materials-avoid wood?
  9. Lighting: Determine where if anywhere it is needed. Replace poles and fixtures where it is to remain. Avoid use of wood poles.

## ***Seahurst Park Master Plan*** **Final Design Criteria**

*Revised July 14, 2002*

### *Park Character*

- Maintain and enhance the park's natural character.
- Provide clear identification of park name and boundary at main vehicle entrance and secondary pedestrian trail entrances. Post park hours of use at these locations as well.

### *Vehicle Access and Circulation*

- Direct school buses with large groups to portions of the park where they can be oriented and accommodated, such as the upper parking lot, prior to visiting more sensitive areas such as the park's shoreline.
- Improve accessibility of park recreational opportunities and park environments to the disabled.
- Make maximum efficient use of lower parking area to increase capacity, for example switch infrequent uses, such as school bus parking, to upper parking area in order to maximize stalls available for automobiles.
- Limit vehicle use of service road to emergency and service/maintenance functions.

### *Pedestrian Access and Circulation*

- Provide a hierarchy of pedestrian path and trail facilities responsive to the level of use. Widen, add, or eliminate paths and trail segments where necessary.
- Provide walk-in trail access from neighborhoods to the park.
- Provide linkages between neighborhoods and open space areas through the park (consistent with City-wide non-motorized transportation plan).
- Improve accessibility of park recreational opportunities and park environments to the disabled.
- Provide loop trails wherever possible and include a range of park environments (beach and forest, etc.).
- Treat service road as part of trail/path system and restore edges to reduce its scale.

### *Recreational Facilities*

- Provide recreational uses that are compatible with park's natural character, sensitive habitats, and geologic processes.
- Locate recreation facilities where they are easy to find.
- Create appropriate opportunities to better utilize the park's upland areas.
- Take advantage of, protect, and enhance views and view corridors.
- Support water dependant non-motorized recreation activities.

### *Safety and Security*

- Improve public perception that the park is a safe place.
- Provide lighting only in portions of the park where there is a need for nighttime access, such as the main road. Eliminate lighting from other portions of the park that are not open or intended to be used at night.
- Locate parking areas and other activity areas where there is good visibility to discourage crime (such as car break-ins in upper parking lot).

- Direct visitors away from steep, geologically unstable areas.

#### Educational Facilities

- Expand opportunities to educate the public about the park's habitat resources geared to a range of audiences (individuals, groups including school children).
- Use the Environmental Science Center (ESC) as a resource for organized school groups and individuals to learn about how to protect and restore the park's natural habitats ("urban watershed" education).
- Maintain existing uses such as the Marine Technology Lab consistent with current lease agreement.

#### Habitat Preservation and Restoration

- Clearly distinguish what portions of the park are best suited for habitat preservation or habitat restoration, and which are best suited for more intensive recreational use.
- Create beach and forest habitat restoration opportunities that can be implemented by a combination of community stewardship and contracting.
- Identify existing modified and intensively used areas where ornamental vegetation can continue to be used.
- Identify intact native plant communities and lightly used areas suitable for preservation or restoration of native plant communities. Target areas with concentrations of invasive, non-native plants for removal and restoration with native plants.
- Improve and restore the park's aquatic habitat resources (freshwater and saltwater).
- Avoid artificial lighting of aquatic areas.

#### Balancing Multiple Considerations

- South Beach: balance shoreline access with geologic processes, maintenance needs, and nearshore habitat restoration opportunities.
- Central Beach: improve recreational beach and nearshore habitat opportunities. Maintain service, emergency and shoreline public access. Minimize disruption of existing utilities.

## **MANAGEMENT AND ACTIVITY ZONES**

***Seahurst Park Master Plan***  
**Final Park Management and Activity Zones**

*July 14, 2002*

*Zone I: Habitat Preservation Zone*

Qualifying Characteristics:

- Geologic instability
- Steep slopes (greater than 40%)
- Forest wetlands
- Currently intact/high quality examples of forest or nearshore habitat with minimal to no human modifications (examples)

Acceptable Facilities and Activities

- Nature observation/viewshed
- Public access (trails, parks) in appropriate settings
- Emergency response (limited to existing roads)
- Native vegetation

Management and Maintenance Response

- Low to None

*Zone II: Habitat Restoration Zone*

Qualifying Characteristics:

- Contributor to geologic processes that other habitats are dependant upon.
- Strongly connected to intact/high quality examples of forest or nearshore habitat.
- Provides buffer for Habitat Preservation Zone

Acceptable Facilities and Activities

- Nature observation/viewshed
- Limited emergency access (limited to existing roads)
- Public access (trails, paths) in appropriate settings
- Community stewardship activities
- Limited educational information displays
- Native vegetation
- Removal of existing facilities (paths, trails, gabions, rip-rap) under appropriate circumstances

Management and Maintenance Response

- Low following initial restoration period (1-5 years)

*Zone III: Developed Park Zone-Low Intensity Use*

Qualifying Characteristics:

- Relatively flat area (slopes approximately 5% or less).
- Good connection to roads, paths, or trails in neighborhood and park.

Acceptable Facilities and Activities

- Emergency access (roads) and occasional parking
- Multi-use lawn area and other ornamental and native vegetation
- Picnic tables and benches
- Trails and pathways leading into park.
- Disabled accessible facilities
- Park entrance

Management and Maintenance Response

- Moderate to High-maintained at levels consistent with other City passive parks

Zone IV: Developed Park Zone-High Intensity Use

Qualifying Characteristics:

- Located at perimeter along main road, or in central waterfront
- Relatively flat area (slopes approximately 5% or less).

Acceptable Facilities and Activities

- Main road and frequently used parking areas
- Disabled accessibility to the extent possible
- Puget Sound Shoreline Public Access (non-motorized)
- Large school group use for field trips
- Group use of reservation based facilities such as group picnic shelters.
- Special events such as festivals, weddings, etc.
- Paved pathways and loops providing representative views of park habitats (beach, forest, creek)
- Large Restroom (existing)
- Educational facilities and displays
- Multi-use lawn areas and a mix of native and ornamental vegetation
- High level of emergency access-quick response
- Habitat restoration in appropriate circumstances.

Management and Maintenance Response

- High: Intensively used for some or all of the year.

## 10. Art Work

- a. Remove existing sculpture
- b. New integrated art elements (Elizabeth-see education items as well).

## 11. Stage and seating (Informal)

## 12. Horseshoe pits

## 13. Expanded relatively level lawn areas for large group use.

### Educational Facilities

- Marine Tech Lab and Hatchery: modify ponds and hatchery to upgrade, address maintenance and make more visible as an amenity to public (for education). Expansion to allow use for ESC programs.
- Educational Displays (Outdoor-Inclusive of Public Art): Could be covered or uncovered displays.
  1. Park Rules/Etiquette Regarding Natural Resources
  2. Site Human History
  3. Natural History
  4. Habitat Restoration Efforts
    - Tidepools
    - North Creek/ Hatchery
    - Restored Marsh
    - Restored Backshore

### Shoreline Erosion Control Facilities

- South Beach: Remove rip-rap and gabions where failing. Replace with more habitat friendly, geologically suitable solution.
- Central Beach: Remove rip-rap from beach face where possible. Protect toe of concrete wall from erosion. Find solutions that improve habitat and public access to water.
- North Beach: Drift Sill. Preserve natural processes.

### Security

- Pay Phone/Emergency Phone
- Park Host/Caretaker at upper parking lot.

### Utilities

- Drinking Water Supply
- Fire Protection Water System
- Sanitary Sewer
- Electrical Power Supply
- Communications
- Storm Drainage /Water Quality Treatment

### Habitat Restoration

- Non-native Invasive Plant Management
- Stream/Riparian Areas: gabion removal, culvert & paving removal
- South Creek Delta: fill removal, understory shrub restoration
- Upland Successional Forest Areas (geologically stable areas)
- Beach Backshore and Foreshore: rock revetment removal, gabion removal, lower and mid intertidal rock removal, removal of soil fill for upland uses, addition of gravel, pea gravel,

sand substrate in foreshore and backshore, reconnection of unstable upland slide areas to beach,

Maintenance

- Landslide materials disposal: methods and access.
- Best Management Practices (as it pertains to park design)

## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **Public Meetings**

March 19, 2002

June 17, 2002

### **Stakeholder Committee Meetings**

February 13, 2002

March 5, 2002

May 7, 2002

June 4, 2002

July 2, 2002

### **Park Board Meetings**

May 8, 2002

June 12, 2002

### **City Council Meetings**

March 18, 2002

May 20, 2002

July 1, 2002

July 15, 2002 (pending)

### **Police and Fire Meeting**

July 11, 2002

### **Permit Agency Meeting**

April 3, 2002

### **WRIA 9 Meeting**

June 25, 2002

## **PUBLIC MEETINGS**

**MARCH 19, 2002**

*Seahurst Park Master Plan*

**Seahurst Public Meeting #1  
March 19, 2002**

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## ***Seahurst Park Master Plan***

### **Public Meeting #1**

Meeting Minutes from March 19, 2002

Compiled March 21, 2002

**Location: Burien City Hall**

- **Attending**  
See attached list of attendees
  
- **Introductions/Welcome**  
Scott Thomas, the city of Burien's Parks Acquisition and Development Planner, gave the group some background information on the Seahurst Park Master Plan project. Some of the highlights of this introduction include:
  - A group of stakeholders has begun meeting regularly and is working with the consultant team to develop the master plan.
  - Portions of the south shoreline gabion bulkhead at the park is failing and the City of Burien has entered into a partnership with the US Army Corps of Engineers to help with implementation of a solution.
  - The City of Burien has received a grant from the Washington State Salmon Recovery Funding Board to study salmon friendly alternatives for the parks seawalls.
  - Scott also gave a brief history of the City of Burien's management of the park:  
1997 - The City of Burien inherited Seahurst Park from King County.  
2000 - The Burien City Council approved funding to develop a master plan for Seahurst Park.  
2001 – A team led by Anchor Environmental was chosen by the city to develop the Seahurst Park Master Plan.  
2002 – A stakeholders group comprised of park neighbors and other concerned citizens was formed and began meeting monthly to work with the city and the consultant team in developing the Seahurst Park Master Plan.
  
- **Seahurst Park Master Plan Project Background**  
Peter Hummel of Anchor Environmental, the Seahurst Park Master Plan project manager introduced himself and some of the consultant team in attendance. Including:
  - John Small, Landscape Architect – Anchor Environmental
  - Elizabeth Appy, Fish Biologist – Anchor Environmental
  - Bill Laprade, Geologist – Shannon and Wilson
  - Elizabeth Connor, Artist
  - Liz Gibson-Scott, Civil Engineer – KPG

Peter explained the Seahurst Park Master Plan project schedule. This includes several sequential steps starting with site analysis and leading to the development of several alternatives before a final alternative is presented to the City Council for adoption. Peter explained that the goal of this first meeting is to hear ideas prior to beginning design. This is an opportunity for anyone to express their needs and concerns for the park so that they can be incorporated into the design alternatives. Peter also mentioned that a feasibility study, already underway by Bassetti Architects, is looking at possible locations for a future Environmental Science Center in the upper parking lot. The location of this Environmental Science Center will be addressed as part of the Master Planning Process as a possible design element.

- **Site Analysis**

Peter presented some of the team's site analysis sketches. He summarized the site as having three distinct zones

- 1) Developed Park: parking lots, picnic and play areas and the shoreline promenade
- 2) Undeveloped, Geologically Stable Park: much of the upland forest is in this category
- 3) Undeveloped, Geologically Unstable Park: This includes the forested bluffs overlooking Puget Sound and several smaller upland sites.

- **Site Geology**

Bill Laprade gave the group a quick primer on the local geology. He explained the strata of geologic formations (none of which qualify as bedrock) that are present at the site. All these formations were deposited between 13.5 and 15 thousand years ago as the last glaciers retreated. These formations are from the top down (in reverse order from which they were deposited):

- 1) hard till at the top of the bluff
- 2) sand
- 3) interbedded sand, silt and clay
- 4) hard clay

Bill explained that most of the many landslides he saw evidence of (which dated back several decades) were small shallow slides. They were caused by water that penetrated the hard till and seeped into the sand. This water was unable to penetrate the clay and made its way to the surface at the interbedded sand, silt and clay layer mentioned above. This has a tendency to cause loose material on the face of the steep slopes to become saturated with water and begin sliding down the slope. Bill mentioned that he did not see evidence of the deeply seated type of slides common in other nearby areas.

- **Preliminary Management Zones**

Peter presented a handout (attached) that summarized the four preliminary management zones being considered for the park and the characteristics of each. He also explained what types of activities and facilities would be appropriate in each zone.

- **Preliminary Program of Elements**

Peter presented a second handout (attached) that summarized the preliminary program of elements. This program of elements is the quantitative list of items that is used to help generate what goes into the various alternatives for the master plan. Comments from this public meeting will be used to update and refine this document.

- **Preliminary Design Criteria**

Peter presented a third handout (attached) that summarized the preliminary design criteria. Peter explained that the preliminary design criteria are a qualitative set of statements about how the park will be developed. These design criteria will be used to evaluate the master plan alternatives. Again Peter reminded everyone that comments from this public meeting will be used to update and refine these documents.

- **Public Needs and Concerns**

Peter invited those in attendance to state their needs and concerns for the Seahurst Park Master Plan. These have been summarized below from comments made at the meeting and those delivered in writing to the team. *Further comments by mail or email have been added.*

- Need to make new park improvements that are low maintenance and durable.
- Can hillside and landscape erosion be reconnected to longshore drift and still keep park improvements?
- Hurstwood concerned with any expansion of park use that generates traffic. Also concerned with security in and around park especially extending into the neighborhood .
- Hurstwood concerned about adding "mini parks" on north or south side (litter and vandalism concerns).
- Attracted to simplicity of Seahurst (natural character).
- Like that the park is quiet and that most parking is away from beach. Improve without expanding. Don't expand parking in lower lot.
- Concerned about attracting more people to the park and making it a regional attraction (people outside Burien and immediate area); also concerned about Burien residents shouldering cost of this type of facility.
- Culvert at lower entrance to upper parking lot is failing.
- Consider one-way circulation in at west end of upper parking lot. Leave east end two way (in and out).
- Need to support Marine Lab hatchery and rearing pond facilities. Could entire hatchery system be upgraded with city funds? This is a park amenity and a good program.
- Concerned about maintenance of Marine Technology Lab. Should be a priority over building new facilities. Why can't this facility provide for uses proposed in ESC?
- Concerned about building redundant facilities (Marine Technology Lab and ESC)
- Don't increase use of dirt road at north end of park—like it as trail/path.
- Need to educate and orient school groups that visit park in order to protect park's natural resources.
- Concept behind ESC is to educate people and protect park.
- Acquisition of parcels that appear to be part of park is very important with maintained trails for people to get from neighborhood to park. Specifically, emphasize need to acquire Brown property (south side of park).

- Lower parking needed especially for elderly. Should expand parking or increase number of spaces (Group agreed that moving bus parking to upper lot is a good idea.)
- Seahurst Community Club trail connection to Salmon Creek Ravine important.
- Need shuttle between upper and lower parking lots during peak season.
- ADA access important. Improve path behind concrete bulkhead.
- Need ADA access to beach (along shore).
- Need to remove gabion bulkheads south of creek to convert existing shoreline to restored natural shoreline. Group agreed that removing gabions and restoring south beach (picnic point and south) is a good idea.
- Need to better define south end of the beach restoration area with signs to let people know it is to be natural. Restored south beach will act as a buffer/transition between central waterfront/intensive uses and private undeveloped shoreline at the south end of the park. (i.e., North end of park shoreline is natural and north of park functions this way for private residences.)
- Group agreed that there should not be a designated off-leash area in the park, but maybe somewhere in Burien.
- Need to encourage people with dogs to visit the park, keeps park safer.
- Hurstwood Community Club opposes a new building for ESC in the upper parking lot. (Conflict with natural setting) Very prominent location as you enter the park.
- Many interpretive signs under cover (where you can see what is being discussed) is more effective than a single building in one location used as a classroom.
- Suggest a covered area near/in place of existing picnic shelter at south beach to serve educational function as well as picnic and other group functions (weddings, etc.) Would be larger than existing structure. Longhouse or pavilion style. Could have a small indoor space, mostly covered shelter space.
- Build for low maintenance. Concerned about use of wood (deterioration).
- Wood can be replaced, has nice character, similar to recycled plastic.
- Lowest maintenance approach is: If you don't build things you won't have to fix them. Liked park and beaches most before county built the park.
- Replace the promenade pavers with a smooth surface.
- Play area too far from parking.
- Upland and stream corridors need to have refuse (cars, tires) removed before any other restoration.

- Suggest ESC move to Senior Center site and have covered interpretive displays in park. Have additional parking at senior center and walk-in access to park from there.
- Need an area to run dogs without leashes. Extreme south end of park would be safe and low chance to interfere with people.
- Concerned about attracting geese. They contaminate parks and don't permit taxpayers to enjoy.
- Have heard that there are oyster and clam middens (?) along the beach. Will Native Americans be recognized?
- Don't let cross sound bridge terminate at Seahurst park
- Need to make park aesthetically pleasing. Can be accomplished at minimal cost if we all work toward that goal.
- Don't over-develop park. Area is about 158 acre or about ¼ section. Only 10-20% is usable. Remaining is very fragile. Don't mess with nature.
- Environmental Science Center in upper parking lot location will tax park capacity. There simply isn't room for adequate parking and environmental education center.
- Need more control of dogs and regulation of dog owners who are using Seahurst as an off leash area.
- Concerned with lack of promptness in dealing with downed trees in area behind bulkhead.
- Concerned with use of upper parking lot by teenagers for illicit and unsavory activity.
- Do not overdevelop the park.
- Need to have beautiful trails with benches at overlook points.
- Need more parking in lower lot.
- Concern that upper lot is not secure. Suggest that better lighting and security cameras be installed.
- Oppose locating the ESC building in the park, but if it is, suggest that it be placed in the upper parking lot where it will deter drug use in that lot.
- ESC or other educational opportunities should be made available to adults as well as children.
- Suggest using some of the clever ways that Carkeek Park in Seattle has employed to allow people to view the creek without destroying it.
- Create viewpoints for motorists as well as pedestrians/ hikers.

- Suggest having a shuttle between the two parking areas.
- Suggest that more cheerful art be used, such as that at Sand Point Magnuson Park.
  
- **Conclusion/Next Meeting**
  - Next meeting is scheduled for:***  
June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2002
  - Location:***  
Burien City Hall

**JUNE 17, 2002**

*Seahurst Park Master Plan*

## ***Seahurst Park Master Plan***

### **Public Meeting #2**

Meeting Minutes from June 17th, 2002

Compiled June 19, 2002

**Location: Burien City Hall**

- **Attending**  
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  - Jim Johannessen, Coastal Geologist – Coastal Geologic Services

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- **Site Analysis**  
Peter presented some of the team's site analysis sketches. He summarized the site as having three distinct zones
  - 1) Developed Park: parking lots, picnic and play areas and the shoreline promenade
  - 2) Undeveloped, Geologically Stable Park: much of the upland forest is in this category
  - 3) Undeveloped, Geologically Unstable Park: This includes the steep forested bluffs overlooking Puget Sound and several smaller upland sites.
  
- **Presentation of the Preliminary Master Plan.**  
Peter explained that the preliminary master plan was developed from the favored components of six alternative plans. These alternative plans were presented to the Burien City Council, City of Burien Parks Board and Seahurst Park Master Plan Stakeholders group. Comments were received at each of the presentations and used

to pick out the best parts of each plan. Peter introduced John Small and Jim Johannessen who described the upland and beach portions of the plan respectively. Elements of the plan include:

1. Preserving the natural character and restoring key natural areas and natural processes of the shoreline, stream and forests.
2. There is no net change in number of parking stalls, but the parking has been redistributed to offer better beach access, greater safety, and more convenience.
3. Improving park access via the proposed Senior Center and Brown Property acquisitions.
4. Adding signage at all park entrances to increase the park's identity.
5. Improving direct access to the park from neighborhoods by acquiring properties to expand the park, and adding new park entries from adjacent neighborhoods.
6. Increasing Environmental Education opportunities at the park.
7. Creating interpretative routes showcasing the park's natural habitats and natural processes.
8. Creating specific focus areas on shoreline to demonstrate and interpret the diversity of shoreline ecology at the park.
9. Increasing the usability of central shoreline area by increasing walking paths, beach access, lawn areas, play area, and seating view areas.
10. Maintaining the existing number of picnic tables, but there are opportunities to increase the number slightly.
11. Increasing the number of picnic shelters (from 2 to 5) and areas for informal picnicking on seatwalls and benches.
12. Improving the trail loop system, and providing new hiking opportunities, while closing redundant and inappropriate trails.

- **Comments on the Preliminary Master Plan**

The following public comments were recorded:

1. Would gabion rock on beach be removed?
2. Would boat ramp at the Marine Technology Lab stay?
3. Are there ADA accessible picnic areas?
4. Did you look at where funding would come from?
5. Is the portion of the trail behind Hurstwood in the plan? Concerned with privacy and security.
6. Concerned with portion of trail behind 13th Ave for reason of privacy and security. Also not sure what the purpose of this trail is.
7. Are you showing a new park entrance at 144th & 13th? Concerned with pedestrian safety. Need crosswalk.
8. A new trail route east of Hurstwood will be strongly opposed for the following reasons:
  - Concerned with security and privacy of neighbors
  - Concerned with increased use by ESC and others

9. Concerned with new "groin" at the north end of the restored beach and its impact to the north.

10. Will beach restoration be self-sustaining?

11. Concerned with construction impacts on the neighborhood and on park users from construction equipment, construction traffic, and park closures. Want to leave it alone and only fix what breaks.

12. Likes plan and supports it. Would like security and privacy issues with trails addressed.

13. The preliminary Plan appears to restore the beach to a state similar to when Hurstwood owned it (pre-King County Park).

14. Concerned with safety of parking on the road.

15. Likes plan and integration of environmental education components.

16. Likes neighborhood entrances.

17. Concerned with too much traffic now, suggest opening north road to traffic.

18. Only 3-4 ADA spaces in lower parking lot. The number should be increased.

- **Conclusion/Next Meeting**

- ***Next meeting is scheduled for:***

- Burien City Council Hearing

- July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002, 7pm

- ***Location:***

- Burien City Hall

## **STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE**

**FEBRUARY 13, 2002**

## ***Seahurst Park Master Plan*** **Stakeholder Meeting #1**

Meeting Minutes from February 13, 2002

Compiled February 19, 2002

**Location: Burien Community Center**

- **Attending:**
  - Scott Thomas – City of Burien Parks, Park Planner
  - Len Chapman – City of Burien Parks, Acting Director
  - Peter Hummel – Anchor Environmental, Landscape Architect
  - John Small -- Anchor Environmental, Landscape Architect
  - Bill Laprade – Shannon and Wilson, Geologist
  - Bill Kyle (filling in for Pam Harper) – Burien Economic Development
  - Tyler Patterson – Adopt A Beach, People for Puget Sound
  - Joe Weiss – Marine Technology School (Highline School District)
  - Gloria Gould-Wessen – Seahurst neighborhood, Burien Park Board
  - Doug Osterman – WRIA 9 (regional watershed) coordination
  - Patty Janssen – Chelsea Park neighborhood
  - Karen McMichael – Hurstwood neighborhood, Environmental Science Center Board
  - Barb Williams – Shorewood neighborhood, Environmental Science Center Board
  - Darrell Williams – Shorewood neighborhood, Environmental Science School Board
  - Pam Harper – Burien Economic Development, Burien Park Board
  
- **Introductions/Welcome**

Scott Thomas led the group in introductions and gave a brief overview of the stakeholder selection process. He also explained the goals of the city in including stakeholders in the master planning process and briefly explained Anchor Environmental's selection as the Master Plan consultant and the consultant team role.
  
- **Project Background**

Scott gave a short history of the Seahurst Park as it pertains to the City of Burien, including the transfer of the park from King County and how the park fits into the city's current parks program goals. Scott explained the US Army Corps of Engineers involvement in the seawall retrofit portion of the project and the use of funds from the State Salmon Recovery Funding Board to study some of the nearshore ecology at the park.
  
- **Planning Process**

Peter Hummel gave some background on the master planning process. He began by showing some examples of his shoreline park project experience. Peter discussed the specific goals of the project, and explained the various features of the park that will be specifically addressed in the master plan. Peter explained the schedule for the project including the upcoming stakeholder meetings, public meetings and the Park Board, City Council involvement.
  
- **Background Information Gathering**

Peter explained that the first task of the project is the compilation of various types of information about the park. The team has already been given a series of 'as built' drawings from the 1970's park development and is researching other sources for photographs of the park before and immediately after this construction.

John Small gave a brief overview of his observations of the vegetation at the park. He noted that there was a strong correlation between the geologic instability on some of the bluffs and younger pioneer vegetation such as red alder. John also noted that noxious and invasive species are present throughout the park and appear to be on the rise, but that as a whole, the native plant communities of the park are intact and appear fairly stable.

Bill Laprade gave a summary of his observations of the site geology. He showed a map of recent slides, which were concentrated along the coastal bluff. He explained the geologic structure and groundwater flow that contribute to these slides. He also mentioned that most of these slides are triggered at a clay to sand interface well above the beach and not by wave action or other coastal erosion. Bill also showed the location of numerous springs at the park.

- **Stakeholder Needs & Concerns**

Peter explained the process for stakeholders to express their needs and concerns and each stakeholder was given a few minutes to speak. They were encouraged to review the transcribed list of needs and concerns and come to the next meeting with any corrections or additions. The stakeholder comments are summarized below.

City of Burien

1. Concern: need to address use by guide services and clubs

Seahurst Neighborhood/Park Board

1. Need: upland facilities, upgrade, legitimize trails.
2. Need: gateways/pocket parks.
3. Concern: that opportunities to restore beach/nearshore are maximized.
4. Concern: balance native and ornamental vegetation.
5. Need: identification of access road.
6. Concern: too much lighting on all night. Remove excess lighting.
7. Concern: Sidewalk too narrow especially below upper parking, for large groups.
8. Need: identify history, especially Native American.
9. Need: park as host for regional events.
10. Need: teacher education for those leading field trips.
11. Concern: recreational amenities hard to find, not necessarily in best locations (i.e. children's play area).

Economic Development

1. Concern: safety of people in South slide prone area and human use (trails) increasing slide activity.
2. Need: Quality parks for community (i.e., local events to bring local people together).
3. Concern: use as a regional park.
4. Need: access from adjacent neighborhoods (parking at or near park boundary, signage for pedestrians/ trail users)
5. Need: definition of use of park by vendors (food, kayaks, ice cream). What kind of vendors? Where should it occur? Who should be allowed to do it?
6. Concern: security. Need resident host.

Chelsea Park Neighborhood

1. Need: pay phone or emergency phone (poor cell phone reception in park).
2. Concern: general safety and security, especially upper lot, high-use season car prowl, drug dealing, upper lot is isolated.
3. Need: funding for patrol, stewardship.
4. Need: access for the disabled, strollers.
5. Need to post info on renting south park picnic shelter

#### ~~Adopt a Beach~~—People for Puget Sound

1. Need: improved access through the park uplands for the disabled. Most of the park is not accessible.
2. Concern: lower parking lot may not be sized adequately (upper lot is never full). Lower parking area may be negatively impacting creek and shoreline processes, is it needed?
3. Concern: protection and restoration of habitat for aquatic and riparian-dependent species within creeks.
4. Need: recreation opportunities that match community needs.
5. Concern: maintenance and restoration of nearshore and shoreline physical processes and habitat within the park boundary.
6. Concern: baseline and long-term monitoring of master plan implementation regarding potential impacts to physical and biological processes within the nearshore, shoreline, and watershed needed to adaptively manage in the future. What will the funding mechanism be for such an effort? What level of monitoring would be used (e.g. implementation, effectiveness, validation)?

#### Burien Parks Department

1. Concern: don't overlook uplands by focusing too much on the shoreline.

#### WRIA 9 (King County Watershed Planning)

1. Need: develop & maintain trail system within park and connecting to neighborhoods.
2. Need: restore and maintain coastal, forest and beach habitat. Unusual to find high quality habitat in this urban area.
3. Need: include community in stewardship.

#### Shorewood Neighborhood

1. Need: environmentally protective access to beach, creek, and forest for large groups (6 up to buses of 40/240 people at one time)
2. Need: develop stewardship & relationship with regional schools.
3. Need: better signage re: park use rules and for people walking in from the neighborhood. South park boundaries are unclear.
4. Concern: lack of supervision kids (students) have when visiting.
5. Concern: lack of teacher training for field trips.
6. Concern: depositing kids right at the beach. (Suggest that they depart buses at upper lot to lessen impact on beach.)
7. Concern: Environmental Science Center inclusion.
8. Concern: dogs off leash on beach.
9. Concern: safety of kayak rentals
10. Need: maximize use of native vegetation

#### Marine Technology Lab

1. Need: continue good access to marine tech center on dirt road at north end of site.

2. Concern: disposal site of slide sediments (currently silting up Coho rearing stream and pond).
3. Need: rearing habitat in S. Stream.
4. Concern: seawall design should consider geomorphic processes (preserve the balance).
2. Need: Education for teachers re: ethics and protocol. See Saltwater State park signage and website.

Hurstwood Neighborhood

1. Concern: vandalism, associated with use at night.
2. Upper lot does get full.
3. Need emergency phone.
4. Some neighbors are concerned about any changes from current park use.
5. Need: more environmental organizations involved in park stewardship and improved awareness of park as a habitat resource.

- **Conclusion/Next Meeting**

***Next meeting is scheduled for:***

Tuesday, March 5, 5-7pm

***Location:***

Burien Community Center

**MARCH 5, 2002**

## ***Seahurst Park Master Plan*** **Stakeholder Meeting #2**

Meeting Minutes from March 5, 2002

Compiled March 8, 2002

**Location: Burien Community Center**

- **: Attending**
  - Scott Thomas – City of Burien Parks, Park Planner
  - Peter Hummel – Anchor Environmental, Project Manager
  - John Small -- Anchor Environmental, Landscape Architect
  - Jim Johannessen – Coastal Geologic Services, Geologist
  - Tyler Patterson – People for Puget Sound
  - Joe Weiss – Marine Technology School (Highline School District)
  - Gloria Gould-Wessen – Seahurst Community Club, Burien Park Board
  - Patty Janssen – Chelsea Park neighborhood
  - Rick McMichael (for Karen McMichael)– Hurstwood neighborhood, Environmental Science Center Board
  - Barb Williams – Shorewood neighborhood, Environmental Science Center Board
  - Darrell Williams – Shorewood neighborhood, Environmental Science School Board
  - Pam Harper – Burien Economic Development, Burien Park Board
  - Jon M. Newton – Shorewood on the Sound Community Club
  
- **Introductions/Welcome**

Scott Thomas led the group in introductions and gave a brief overview of the stakeholder selection process. He also thanked the members of the stakeholders group for their participation
  
- **Project Update**

Peter Hummel distributed the minutes from the previous meeting. He also summarized the tasks that the consultant team is working on, including additional site assessment and the preparation of a technical memorandum describing the existing and historical conditions of the park
  
- **Stakeholder Needs and Concerns Update**

Peter Hummel asked members of the stakeholders group to review their comments recorded in the section, "Stakeholder Needs & Concerns," and identify any errors, omission or additions. He also asked members of the Stakeholders group who represent more than one interested party clarify which party they were speaking for when their needs and concerns were recorded. The additional stakeholder comments are summarized below.

  - Park Board/EDP
    - 1) Concern: use as a regional park.
    - 2) Need: access from adjacent neighborhoods (parking at or near park boundary, signage for pedestrians/ trail users
    - 3) Need: definition of use of park by vendors (food, kayaks, ice cream).  
What kind of vendors? Where should it occur? Who should be allowed to do it?
    - 4) Concern: security. Need resident host.
  
  - Chelsea Park Neighborhood
    - 1) Need to post info on renting south park picnic shelter

Park Board/Seahurst Neighborhood

1) Concern: that opportunities to restore beach/nearshore are maximized.

ESC/Shorewood Neighborhood

1) Need: maximize use of native vegetation

Shorewood Neighborhood:

1) Concern: safety of kayak rentals

City of Burien

1) Concern: need to address use by guide services and clubs

- **Planning Process**

Peter Hummel gave more background on the master planning process. He explained the schedule of the upcoming public meeting. He stated that the goal of that meeting would be to present background information prior to development of alternatives.

- **Background Information Gathering**

Peter explained that part of the first task of the project is the compilation of various types of information about the park. The team has generated a series of site analysis sketches that illustrate various aspects of the park.

*Slopes*

John Small showed a sketch of slopes less than 5% that would be potential sites for the development of park amenities and slopes greater than 50% that should be avoided even for routes for trails to due potential instability

*Vegetation and Slope Stability*

John Small presented a sketch that summarized the presentations made last week by John and Bill Laprade. The sketch showed the locations of zones of relative instability of various types. Overlying these zones of Instability were the vegetation communities. John showed the strong correlation between geologic instability and "pioneer" vegetation. The sketch also showed the areas of drier vegetation and older, more mature forests.

*Habitat*

John Small showed a sketch that showed the nearshore habitat from various sources. This included areas where sand lance and surf smelt spawning has been observed. Anchor Environmental staff has done a preliminary reconnaissance of the area and identified areas of intertidal eelgrass and potential salmon habitat in the southern creek. These were shown on the map and John explained the importance of eelgrass, especially in the intertidal zone, and forage fish (such as sand lance and surf smelt) for salmon and other marine fishes.

*Coastal Processes*

Jim Johannessen of Coastal Geologic Services gave a brief history of the site based on his research of historic aerial photos. This is summarized below:

1946- Site is characterized by intensive clear cuts, the beach has several groins and the delta of the southern stream is quite large.

- 1965- A wooden bulkhead near the current Marine Technology Center is visible as are five groins along the northern shore of the park.
- 1970- A rock Revetment was built along the northern third of the delta near the current lower parking lot.
- 1971- The current bulkheads, parking lots, bathrooms and many other structures were built.
- 1978- A landslide in the southern portion of the park can be seen that was able to feed sediment on to the beach.
- 1981- The stream can be seen pinned along the (now removed) gabions near the lower parking lot. (This area is very dynamic according to Jim).
- 1989- Ponds are visible in the backshore areas of the delta.

Jim showed a sketch of the site and described the process of sediment transport along the shore. He drew a sketch that showed that at a larger scale sediment was being transported from just south of the site North to Alki Point and beyond. At the scale of the park he showed that landslides along the steep bluffs just above the beach contribute sediment to the beach and that sediment is slowly pushed northward. This process is currently being interrupted by the bulkheads. Now landslides generally stop before reaching the beach and sediments are removed from the system instead of supplying the beach.

#### *Infrastructure*

Paul Fuesel of KPG presented a sketch of the park showing utilities, roads and trails. He described the park as having adequate utility service. He also noted that there are water and sewer mains that run parallel to shore behind the existing concrete bulkhead. Paul noted that there are 168 parking stalls in the upper lot and 25 in the lower lot. He also noted that the condition of roads and sidewalks in the park is adequate with the exception of the sidewalks in the upper park which are in poor condition.

#### *Seawall*

Peter Hummel summarized the findings of Anchor Environmental's coastal engineers in their reconnaissance of the seawall. He described the gabion seawall that runs south from the parking lot as showing signs of incremental failure in the center section. The northern and southern ends of the gabion seawall are in relatively good condition. The concrete seawall that runs north from the parking lot is in good condition and shows no signs of imminent failure. The gabions that were placed as part of the original construction were replaced with rock rip-rap. Rock rip-rap was also placed as armor along the base of the concrete seawall.

- **Preliminary Program of Elements**

Peter explained that the stakeholders' needs and concerns expressed last week were translated into a preliminary program of elements. This program of elements is the quantitative list of items that is used to help generate what goes into the various alternatives for the master plan. The following list of elements is from a handout that was distributed at the meeting:

#### **Park Boundaries/Potential Easements and Acquisitions**

##### *North:*

- Trail connection to Salmon Creek Ravine (via 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.W.)

##### *East:*

- Hillside area adjoining and northwest of Senior Center

- Hillside area at the end of S.W. 130<sup>th</sup> Lane.
- Trail Easement linking north and south basins of park through undeveloped hillside area.

### **South**

- Extension of Park toward SW 146<sup>th</sup> St /both sides of the 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.W. ROW.
- Undeveloped shoreline and forest bluff south of current Park Boundary

### **Site Improvements**

#### **Access/Circulation**

- Park Identification/Signage
  1. Main Vehicle Entry
  2. Neighborhood Pedestrian Entries/Trails
- Vehicle Access and Parking
  1. Main Road Paved-Maintain existing level of access:
    - general public
    - school buses
    - emergency vehicles
  2. Secondary Road to Marine Tech. Lab-Maintain existing level of access:
    - School District use (school buses?)
    - Service Vehicles
    - Emergency Vehicles
  3. Service/Emergency Access on Shoreline Paths:
    - To South Property line
    - To Marine Tech. Lab.
  4. Parking:
    - a. Lower (Beach) Parking Area-Focus on:
      - General Parking for cars (fill in number of stalls)
      - No School Bus Parking
      - ADA Parking
    - b. Upper Parking Area:
      - School Bus Parking
      - General Parking for cars as overflow for lower lot (optimum size versus current size)
      - Potential ESC Parking
- Pedestrian Access
  1. Trail/Pedestrian Paths to neighborhoods:
    - Shorewood: Shorewood Drive/SW Cover Pt. Road
    - Ambaum: Senior Center/SW 136<sup>th</sup> St.
    - Hurstwood: SW 140<sup>th</sup> (main entrance) and 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW
    - Seahurst: 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW
  2. Trail/Pedestrian Loops
    - North Basin of park
    - Shoreline (Existing/Proposed)
    - South Basin of park
  3. Disabled Accessible Route along Shoreline
    - North to Marine Tech Lab (Existing/Proposed)
    - South to Park Boundary (Existing/Proposed)
    - Through uplands
  4. Beach Access Points
    - North Beach

- South Beach

### **Recreation Facilities**

- Neighborhood Park Facilities
  1. Children's Play Areas
  2. Open Lawn Area
  3. Other
- Community and Regional Park Facilities
  1. Gathering Space for Regional Events
  2. Puget Sound Shoreline Access (including hand launchable boats)
  3. Restroom (Existing)
  4. Picnic Shelters (2-Existing)
  5. Other

### **Educational Facilities**

- Marine Tech Lab and Hatchery (Existing)
- Environmental Science Center (Potential)
- Educational Displays (Outdoor-Inclusive of Public Art)
  1. Park Rules/Etiquette Regarding Natural Resources
  2. Site Human History
  3. Natural History
  4. Habitat Restoration Efforts
  5. Other

### **Security**

- Pay Phone/Emergency Phone

### **Utilities**

- Drinking Water Supply
- Fire Protection Water System
- Sanitary Sewer
- Electrical Power Supply
- Communications
- Storm Drainage /Water Quality Treatment

### **Habitat Restoration**

- Non-native Invasive Plant Management
- Stream/Riparian Areas
- South Creek Delta
- Upland Successional Forest Areas (geologically stable areas)
- Beach Backshore and Foreshore

### **Maintenance**

- Landslide materials disposal: methods and access.

The following comments were made regarding this preliminary program of elements

- School bus parking in the lower lot is inappropriate; it displaces valuable car parking and could be moved to the upper lot.
- School bus parking in the upper lot is not currently designated.

- Trail/Pedestrian paths should be characterized as coming from neighborhoods rather than going to neighborhoods.
- Consideration of appropriate lighting (lighting where and only where necessary).
- Consideration of making space available for a park host or caretaker
- Habitat restoration opportunities should include saltwater marshes and estuarine ponds.
- Monitoring and stewardship

- **Preliminary Design Criteria**

Peter explained that the preliminary design criteria is a qualitative set of statements about how the park will be developed. These design criteria will be used to evaluate the master plan alternatives. The preliminary design criteria were passed out and are included below:

*Access and Circulation*

- Provide a hierarchy of pedestrian path and trail facilities responsive to the level of use. Widen or eliminate paths and trails where necessary.
- Direct school buses with large groups to portions of the park where they can be oriented and accommodated, such as the upper parking lot, prior to visiting more sensitive areas such as the park's shoreline.
- Improve accessibility of park recreational opportunities and park environments to the disabled.
- Provide clear park identity at main vehicle entrance and secondary pedestrian trail entrances.

*Recreational Facilities*

- Locate recreation facilities where they are easy to find.
- Provide "mini parks" for adjoining neighborhoods.
- Create appropriate opportunities to better utilize the park's upland areas.

*Safety and Security*

- Provide lighting only in portions of the park where there is a need for nighttime access, such as the main road. Eliminate lighting from other portions of the park that are not open or intended to be used at night.
- Locate parking areas where there is active use and good visibility to discourage crime (car break-ins).
- Direct visitors away from steep, geologically unstable areas.

*Educational Facilities*

- Maintain existing uses such as the Marine Technology Lab.
- Environmental Science Center criteria?

*Habitat Restoration*

- Create habitat restoration opportunities that can be implemented by community stewardship.
- Identify existing modified and intensively used areas where ornamental vegetation can continue to be used.
- Identify intact native plant communities and lightly used areas suitable for preservation or restoration of native plant communities.
- Improve and restore the park's fish habitat resources (freshwater and saltwater).

### **Balancing Multiple Considerations**

- South Beach: balance shoreline access with geologic processes, maintenance needs, and nearshore habitat restoration opportunities.
- North Beach: improve recreational beach and nearshore habitat opportunities. Maintain service, emergency and shoreline public access. Minimize disruption of existing utilities.

The following comments on the preliminary design criteria were made:

- The location of the Environmental Science Center could be used as a gateway to direct visitors toward learning lessons of forest ecology in addition to those of the nearshore ecology. –Gloria Gould-Wesson
- The design criteria need to address the parks multiple functions and capabilities. The park could, for instance, be looked at as being made up of several zones or districts including:
  - The central shoreline is an intensively used regional resource.
  - The interior forests are in some cases very constrained by slope stability, steepness and wet areas and function as nature preserves.
  - Some of the perimeter areas function as trailheads and neighborhood parks.Scott Thomas.
- Trails system should include provisions for connecting Seahurst Park to the Seahurst neighborhood park. \_Gloria Gould-Wesson
- Unifying elements used throughout the park would help to define the park and all its various parts. –Peter Hummel

- **Conclusion/Next Meeting**

***Next meeting is scheduled for:***

Tuesday, May 7, 5-7pm

***Location:***

Burien Community Center

**MAY 7, 2002**

Seahurst Park Stakeholder Meeting  
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## **Seahurst Park Master Plan Stakeholder Meeting #3**

Meeting Minutes from May 7, 2002

Compiled on May 9, 2002

**Location: Burien Community Center**

- **Attending**

- Scott Thomas – City of Burien Parks, Park Planner
- Larry Fetter – City of Burien Parks, Director
- Myron Clinton – City of Burien Parks, Maintenance Supervisor
- Peter Hummel – Anchor Environmental, Landscape Architect
- John Small – Anchor Environmental, Landscape Architect
- Paul Fuesel – KPG, Landscape Architect
- Lori Morris – US Army Corps of Engineers, Project Manager
- Tyler Patterson – People for Puget Sound
- Joe Weiss – Marine Technology School (Highline School District)
- Doug Osterman – WRIA 9 (regional watershed) coordination
- Patty Janssen – Chelsea Park Neighborhood
- Karen McMichael – Hurstwood Neighborhood, Environmental Science Center Board
- Barb Williams – Shorewood Neighborhood, Environmental Science Center Board
- Darrell Williams – Shorewood Neighborhood, Environmental Science School Board
- Pam Harper – Burien Economic Development, Burien Park Board
- John McAvoy – Hurstwood Neighborhood/Community Club
- Shirley Farley – Burien Highline Senior Center
- Rose Clark – City of Burien, Deputy Mayor
- Joan McGilton – City of Burien, Councilmember

- **Introductions/Welcome**

Scott Thomas introduced several people who have not attended previous stakeholder meetings including: John McAvoy representing the Hurstwood neighborhood, Myron Cinton (Park Maintenance) and Larry Fetter (new Director) of the Burien Parks Department, Lori Morris from the Army Corps of Engineers, and Shirley Farley of the Burien Highline Senior Center.

- **Meeting 2 Minutes**

Peter Hummel asked for comments on the minutes from the previous meeting, which were available as handouts. There were no comments.

- **Additional Needs and Concerns**

Peter gave an opportunity for new people to express their needs and concerns (see Meeting 1 minutes) or comment on the Program of Elements and Design Criteria (see Meeting 2 minutes). The following comments were made:

Hurstwood Community Club

- Concern with fire
  - Access for fire trucks
  - Adequate fire hydrants
- Concern with trails near homes/vandalism
- Less criminal activity now than in last 15 years
- Concern with reckless driving safety on main entrance sidewalk

- Need to preserve natural areas.
- Concern with walk-in traffic at night.

#### Park Maintenance

- Concern with security in upper lot. Suggest the use of security cameras.
- Concern with current condition of pavers along seawall, and that cause(s) of failure are addressed.

#### Senior Center

- Need plenty of walkways along the beach.
- Need plenty of paved and unpaved trails.

#### Parks Department

- Need adequate site supervision.

- **Alternative Park Plans**

Peter and John Small presented six site alternatives that were created to show a wide range of options for the park master plan. A handout with brief explanations of the various alternatives was passed out. The alternatives ranged from Alternative 1 with a strong preservation/habitat restoration focus, to Alternative 6 with a strong recreation and neighborhood connection focus. An opportunities and constraints map of the park showed how of the background information is linked to “park management zones” and the alternative plans. A handout with three park management zones (preservation, restoration, and park development, low and high intensity) was passed out. The handout and alternative maps of the park zones show the connection between the program of elements and levels of use:

#### ***Alternative 1: Maximum Habitat Restoration***

- Remove most shoreline structures.
- Acquisition emphasis on intact habitat areas (South of park).
- Maximize habitat connectivity/minimize trails, paths and roads.
- Public parking limited to upper lot.

#### ***Alternative 2: Central and South Beach Access and Recreation***

- Restoration combined with improving public shoreline access and trails.
- Acquire properties on the South and Northeast for key trails.
- Expand backshore North from delta-significant structure removal.
- Eliminate upper parking lot, and emphasize main access road new parking and senior center site.

#### ***Alternative 3: Duel Park Access Points, Habitat Diversity and Interpretation***

- Environmental education emphasis.
- Emphasize acquisitions at senior center site and Northeast park.
- Create major park entrance at senior center-all school bus access here with classes walking in on trails.
- Create destination of diverse shoreline habitats and multi-use shelters at north creek delta.
- Emphasize trails with different interpretive focuses based on park environment.

#### ***Alternative 4: Maximize Shoreline Access and Upland Recreation Balance***

- Emphasis on shoreline public access in central waterfront.
- Limited acquisition at South end for trails loops.

- Reduce size of upper parking lot for safety and stream restoration.

***Alternative 5: Internal Park Focus/ Minimal Neighborhood Connection***

- Emphasize limiting use to stay within park boundaries.
- No new park acquisitions.
- Loop trails stay within park boundaries, no neighborhood connections.
- Remove upper parking area, shift parking to main road and lower parking area.

***Alternative 6: Maximum Neighborhood Connection, Upland Park Facilities and Minimal Shoreline Change***

- Maximum upland recreation emphasis.
- Acquisitions on Northeast and South sides of park for major new trail connection between park basins and neighborhoods.
- Separate trail from Hurstwood with fence bordering trail for safety/security.
- Create mini parks at neighborhood entrances to serve neighborhoods.
- Shoreline amphitheatre
- Minimal habitat restoration.

- **Comments on Site Alternatives**

The group took several minutes after the presentation of the alternatives to give each plan closer inspection. Comments on the alternatives were recorded as follows:

Chelsea Park Neighborhood:

- Like Alternative 2 more trails
- Like Alternative 3 shoreline restoration and parking
- Dislike any net loss of total parking
- Dislike the use of a parking loop as it invites speeding/racing

Burien Senior Center

- Like trails to South end (Alternatives 6 & 3)
- Like fewer upland trails than shown in Alternative 6
- Like parking at lower lot. Dislike having to walk from upper lot to beach particularly for the elderly who are not disabled.
- Likes beach restoration

Shorewood Neighborhood

- Likes Alternative 1 beach restoration
- Likes Alternative 3 walk-in access from neighborhood
- Likes connection to salmon creek ravine open space
- Likes parking on main road
- Likes interpretative exhibits/educational emphasis in Alternative 3.
- Likes trails in South drainage
- Likes restoring the South beach

Hurstwood Community Club

- Very concerned about new trail east of Hurstwood (Alternative 6)
- Likes mini-park at main park entrance as is
- Concern with removal of any part of the Bulkhead (erosion concern)
- Likes more access to more of beach, concerned about any loss of walkways along shoreline.

King County WRIA 9

- (Alternative 1) Likes maximizing nearshore restoration

- (Alternative 1) Likes maximizing stream restoration
- (Alternative 1) Likes habitat connection
- (Alternative 2) Shows the minimum acceptable level of restoration that provides “benefit to salmon.”
- (Alternative 3) Likes educational shoreline features: wetland, tide pools, etc.
- (Alternative 6) Likes continuous upland trail network and expansion connectivity of park

#### People for Puget Sound

- (Alternative 1) Likes it but needs more trails
- Likes maximum restoration of the South shore
- (Alternative 2) Likes pulling some of the developed areas back towards Marine Technology Center and the lower parking lot--suggest merging shoreline with Alternative 2.
- (Alternative 3-5) Likes lots of upland activities
- (Alternative 6) Consider adding a link trail that goes down to the shore
- Likes trail connections to South (Alternative 4).

#### Army Corps of Engineers

- Like Alternative 1, but consider Alternative 2 more realistic. Would also combine with upland activity in Alternative 2 especially parking
- Like parking along main road.
- Likes interpretive aspects in Alternative 3 including trails with educational themes.
- Likes de-emphasis of developed park areas and restoring natural processes.

#### Marine Technology Lab

- Like shoreline restoration in Alternatives 1 & 2
- (Alternative 3) Likes tide pools and marsh
- Likes neighborhood gateways/trailhead concept more than mini-parks
- Likes acquisition and trails in South end (Habitat acquisition in Alternative 1)
- (Alternative 3) Likes trails with educational/interpretive themes
- Likes trail connection to Salmon Creek
- (Alternative 1) concerned about losing existing gravel road to north-fire department needs this road for emergencies, and currently tests equipment on it.
- (Alternative 4) Likes removing some of the existing upper parking lot to restore the historic wetland. Don't need caretaker at upper lot.
- Likes parking along the main road
- Likes keeping most of existing parking that is close to the beach--reconfiguring this lower lot is okay.

#### Hurstwood/ESC

- Likes Alternative 3 for the interpretive opportunities.
- Concerned about any overall loss of parking
- Like combination of Alternatives 2 and 3 for parking and beach/upland connection.
- Likes reduced beach access
- Likes tide pools
- Likes Salmon Creek Ravine and South end (146<sup>th</sup> St.) access

- (Alternative 6) Likes "Highline" and neighborhood trail connections.
- Likes balance of upland/nearshore uses

#### Burien Parks Maintenance

- Like Alternatives 2 and 3.
- Need to improve ADA access to waterfront
- Likes lots of trails but need to be well built with good drainage, and placed in less sensitive areas
- Likes upgraded parking
- Likes cutting off lower (West) portion of upper parking lot & restoring wetland. Lower end of lot of in poor condition already (failed culvert, settling).
- Likes parking on main road
- Need adequate service road particularly at North end.
- (Alternative 3) Likes interpretive features such as tidepools, hatchery, marsh, etc.
- Likes play area close to lower parking lot but not front and center (blocking view).

#### Burien Parks

- Likes acquisitions/expanding park (Alternative 6)
- Likes more trails, neighborhood trail heads, but no redundant trails
- Likes some parking near water, but concerned about view blockage (cars block views of water now)
- Concerned about play structure blocking water view.
- (Alternative 5) Likes mix of shoreline use
- (Alternative 6) Likes gateway park at entrance
- (Alternative 3) likes idea of a park host.
- Likes reducing the size of the upper parking lot
- Likes parking on road but should be as tucked away as possible
- (Alternative 3) Likes interpretive ideas
- Likes Alternatives 3 & 6
- Likes maximizing shoreline access by reducing length and height of seawall as a barrier.
- Likes balancing more access near the center with more restoration at the ends
- Likes long level trails such as the "Highline" trail—believes these will be most used.
- Likes focusing formal access at center with informal access to north and South
- Likes aligning the trail to the South over debris mound
- Likes ADA accessible interpretive trail in Alternatives 3 and 6
- Need to preserve/upgrade trail connections to neighborhoods that exist now
- "Highline" trail should be more accessible than other trails in the uplands due to its grade and the terrain-avoid major elevation changes.
- Likes maximizing access by trail to the South end including trail along shoreline to south property line.
- Like ADA accessible trail into the forest near Marine Technology Lab.
- Likes meadows above Marine Technology Center
- Likes Alternative 3 for interpretive opportunities along shoreline.
- Likes wetland and stream restoration at upper parking lot
- Likes creative parking security solutions

- Consider parking along main road on North side instead of South side
- **Next Meeting**
  - Next meeting is scheduled for:***  
Tuesday, June 4, 5-7pm
  - Location:***  
Burien Community Center

**JUNE 4, 2002**

# ***Seahurst Park Master Plan***

## **STAKEHOLDER MEETING #4**

Meeting Minutes from June 4, 2002

**Location: Burien Community Center**

- **Attending**

- Scott Thomas – City of Burien Parks, Park Planner
- Larry Fetter – City of Burien Parks, Director
- Peter Hummel – Anchor Environmental, Landscape Architect
- John Small – Anchor Environmental, Landscape Architect
- Jim Johannessen – Coastal Geologic Services
- Elizabeth Conner – Conner Studio
- Doug Osterman – WRIA 9 (regional watershed) coordination
- Karen McMichael – Hurstwood Neighborhood, Environmental Science Center Board
- Barb Williams – Shorewood Neighborhood, Environmental Science Center Board
- Darrell Williams – Shorewood Neighborhood, Environmental Science School Board
- John Hickman – Hurstwood Community Club
- Tom Reno – Hurstwood Community Club
- Shirley Farley –Highline Senior Center
- Joan McGilton – City of Burien, Council Member

- **Introductions/ Welcome**

Peter Hummel led the group in introductions and stated that the purpose of the meeting would be to present and discuss the preliminary master plan for Seahurst Park. This preliminary master plan was developed from the feedback the design team received from the Master Plan Stakeholders Group, The City of Burien Parks Board, The City of Burien Parks Department, The City of Burien City Council and the Public. Peter explained that the preliminary master plan will be presented to the City of Burien Parks Board on June, 12<sup>th</sup> and at a public meeting and Burien City Council Meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Comments on the preliminary master plan will be used in developing the final master plan for Seahurst Park.

- **Future Marine Protected Area Status for Seahurst Park**

It has been suggested that the marine, shoreline, and upland areas of Seahurst Park be given some environmental protected status similar to Marine Protected Areas elsewhere in Washington State. The issue will be brought before the City of Burien Parks Board at their regular July meeting. Then the issue will need to be addressed in public meetings and by The Burien City Council

- **Meeting 3 minutes**

The minutes from the previous stakeholders group meeting were passed out. Minor changes were made. These changes are reflected in the minutes now available at the City of Burien's website.

- **Update Since Last Meeting**

This is the second to last stakeholders group meeting. The final meeting will include a presentation of the final master plan. Since the last meeting, the consultant team has been working to develop the preliminary master plan based on all the comments received to date.

- **Preliminary Master Plan for Seahurst Park**

The preliminary master plan was presented. It represents the most popular aspects of the previous six alternatives including:

1. Preserving the Natural Character and Restoring Key Natural Areas and Natural Processes of the shoreline, stream and forests.
2. There is no net change in number of parking stalls, but the parking has been redistributed to offer better beach access, greater safety and more convenience.
3. Improving park access via the Senior Center and Seahurst neighborhood acquisitions.
4. Adding signage at all park entrances to increase the park's identity.
5. Improving direct access to the park from neighborhoods by acquiring properties to expand park, and adding new park entries from adjacent neighborhoods.
6. Increasing Environmental Education opportunities at the park.
7. Creating interpretative routes showcasing the park's natural habitats and natural processes.
8. Creating specific focus areas on shoreline to demonstrate and interpret the diversity of shoreline ecology at the park.
9. Increasing the usability of central shoreline area by increasing walking paths, beach access, lawn areas, play area, and seating view areas.
10. Maintaining the total amount of picnic tables, but there are opportunities to increase the number slightly.
11. Increasing the number of picnic shelters (from 2 to 5) and areas for informal picnicking on seatwalls and benches.
12. Improving the trail loop system, and providing new hiking opportunities, while closing redundant and inappropriate trails.

- **Comments on Preliminary Master Plan for Seahurst Park**

After the presentation of the preliminary master plan, comments from the group were heard and recorded.

City of Burien, Council Member

- Likes it.
- Suggested making the North portion of the shoreline part of the same phase as the central portion.

Shorewood neighborhood

- Likes the preliminary master plan.
- Suggested that the final master plan document what has already been on the site, what changes were made as a result of the master plan, and what happened as a result so that in the future decisions about Seahurst Park can be better informed.
- Suggested that the phasing plan address increasing neighborhood connectivity to the park as early as possible.
- The preliminary master plan captures the sentiments of the community.

Environmental Science Center Board

- Likes the plan.
- Suggested that program be developed from the master plan to educate and inform visitors to the park.

Hurstwood Neighborhood

- The preliminary master plan honors and includes surrounding community.
- The plan maintains the many positive attributes of the park's environment.

Highline Senior Center

- The plan is great and that the best parts of the alternatives are well integrated into this version.

Hurstwood Community Club

- Thinks that it is a good plan.
- With particular regard to the area East of the Hurstwood Neighborhood, noted that there appears to be a lot of crime there now and that the police should be consulted regarding plans to put a trail there. Currently people use the area as a shortcut from Burien Gardens into the Hurstwood neighborhood.
- Expressed concern with people parking in the neighborhood when the gates to the park are locked (evenings and mornings).
- Making more parking available down by the beach is a good idea.
- Is concerned that congestion due to "cruising" could be a problem.
- Believes that picnic shelters are used by people who tie up parking by coming in large numbers and/or staying for long periods of time.

WRIA 9 (regional watershed) coordination

- The team did a good job and is satisfied with the plan.

- **Conclusion/Next Meeting**

***The Final Stakeholder Meeting is scheduled for:***

Tuesday, July 2, 5pm

***Location:***

Burien Community Center

**JULY 2, 2002**

*Seahurst Park Master Plan*

## ***Seahurst Park Master Plan*** **Stakeholder Meeting #5**

Meeting Minutes from July 2, 2002

Compiled July 3, 2002

**Location: Burien Community Center**

- **Attending:**

- Scott Thomas – City of Burien Parks, Park Planner
- Larry Fetter – City of Burien Parks, Director
- Peter Hummel – Anchor Environmental, Landscape Architect
- John Small – Anchor Environmental, Landscape Architect
- Elizabeth Conner – Conner Studio
- Joe Weiss – Marine Technology School (Highline School District)
- Doug Osterman – WRIA 9 (regional watershed) coordination
- Barb Williams – Shorewood Neighborhood, Environmental Science Center Board
- Darrell Williams – Shorewood Neighborhood, Environmental Science School Board
- Karen Mc Michael – Hurstwood Neighborhood, Environmental Science Center
- John Hickman – Hurstwood Neighborhood/Hurstwood Community Club
- John McAvoy – Hurstwood Neighborhood/Hurstwood Community Club
- Randal Parsons – Seahurst Community Club
- Joan McGilton – Burien City Council
- Rhonda Duncan – Hurstwood Community Club
- Ken Grover
- Mike Mulcahy
- Karen Mulcahy
- Mike Feeney
- Judy Brooks
- Jason Freilihger
- Sandra Wilkins
- Thomas T. Pelzer
- Clint Wilkens
- Jennifer Auguston
- Cary Auguston
- Elaine Jones
- Glen Grazcer
- Marc Williams

- **Introductions/Welcome**

Scott Thomas introduced himself and welcomed everyone in attendance to the meeting. Scott explained that this is the fifth and final meeting of the stakeholders group and that the stakeholders meetings were one part of a larger process for developing a master plan for Seahurst Park. This process has been ongoing for several months and is leading toward a vote on whether or not to adopt the master plan on July 15, 2002, by the Burien City Council. Scott introduced the consultant team, and he explained that the team was hired by the city to develop the master plan with input from the citizens of Burien and other interested parties. The team members in attendance were Peter Hummel, Project Manager and Landscape Architect from Anchor Environmental, John Small, Landscape Architect from Anchor Environmental, Elizabeth Conner, Artist from Conner Studio. The team also includes coastal and upland geologists, coastal and civil engineers and permitting specialists.

- **Meeting 4 minutes**

Peter Hummel passed out the minutes from the fourth stakeholders meeting and asked if there were any comments, questions or errors. None were brought up.

- **Update Since Last Meeting**

Peter Hummel explained the process of developing the current version of the master plan from the preliminary master plan. He explained that the team had used feedback from the public on the preliminary plan to make refinements to this version. One change of particular significance was the removal of the trail connecting the two basins via a trail easement East of Hurstwood, and on park property south of 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.W. Considerable effort has also been made to refine the cost estimate from previous versions.

- **Final Master Plan**

Peter Hummel presented the current master plan for Seahurst Park. He explained that the master plan is conceptual because it is only intended to provide as a guide for future park improvements by the City of Burien Parks Department. Another level of design and engineering refinement is needed before any major construction occurs.

*Future Park Acquisitions:* Peter showed on the plan where parcels are targeted for future acquisition to formally add areas to the park that are currently private property, but have trails that connect to the park and that are often mistakenly considered part of the park now. Peter also showed that there are several small parcels that are completely within the park or surrounded on three sides by the park that would also be high priorities for acquisition. In addition to acquisition, several areas surrounding the park are selected as priorities for conservation easements. Conservation easements generally restrict future development in exchange for lower property taxes or other compensation. The areas prioritized for conservation easements are the steep forested areas that surround the park, but are on private property.

*Trail System:* Peter explained that the trail system was developed by examining the existing trails and looking for ways to reduce redundant trails where they exist. He also explained that the one new trail shown in the South basin was developed to create a legitimate trail within the park property in a large area where no such trails currently exist. He also explained that in keeping with another aspect of the master plan, providing opportunities for education and interpretation, each of the major trails would have a theme. These include: native vegetation communities, geology and soils, water and hydrology, and shoreline ecology. Peter also explained the system of emergency access for the park, which is essentially unchanged.

*Parking & Vehicle Access:* The parking for the park was a major issue in the development of the master plan and many comments were made regarding the problems with the current parking, especially at the upper lot. The current plan shows the exact same number of parking spaces, but in a significantly different configuration. At the upper parking lot only the upper third is to remain and a new turnaround is shown. The lower lot is moved slightly up the hill and enlarged. New parking is added along the main entrance, mostly on the south side of the road.

*Park Entrances:* The existing entrance would remain 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.W./Seahurst Park Drive. The plan also incorporates the existing senior center at SW 136<sup>th</sup> Street. Once acquired, this site could serve as a gateway to the park for neighbors to the

East, while still fulfilling its current role as a senior center. Formalizing the existing parking lot and creating a new entrance to the park at this site are planned. The plan also shows smaller gateways at the Seahurst neighborhood and to the north in the Shorewood neighborhood where the trail system is connected to existing trails in the Salmon Creek Ravine.

Shoreline: Peter explained that the overall strategy for the shoreline of the park was to remove hard structures that are causing beach erosion and to nourish the beach to replace material that has been lost as a result of hardening. Most of the activities that people pursue at the park now would be accommodated closer to the lower parking lot and bathrooms, where a new play area and large lawns are planned. The shoreline to the North would be extensively restored. Most of the existing bulkhead would be removed and replaced by a sandy backshore area, similar to the small area that exists near the current play area. Further North, the plan shows developing several different types of habitats that would be incorporated into the overall themes of education and interpretation. These include a freshwater marsh, tidepools, rehabilitating the stream, and replacing the acclimation pond with a new, more natural pond. Two new picnic structures would join the one existing in this area and could be used as outdoor classrooms as well. To the South of the parking lot, the picnic areas would be consolidated near the existing picnic structure. The grassy area in front of that structure would be made into a formal lawn area. Along the shoreline the existing gabion seawall would be removed and the beach restored. To do this the existing trail would be moved upland in some areas and narrowed.

- **Estimated Construction Costs**

Peter passed out a table showing the estimated cost of construction for the current plan. The master plan is conceived in several phases or "implementation areas," and each phase may receive funding from different sources.

- **Integrated Art Concepts**

Peter introduced Elizabeth Conner who has been working with the team to develop art concepts to be integrated into the final design. Elizabeth explained that art at the park could serve many useful purposes in addition to making the park more interesting. For instance, art can be used to help communicate information about the park's natural setting, and help people take better care of the park. Elizabeth presented a series of photographs that showed some of the ideas that she thought would be appropriate at the park. These included many images of the current park and themes based in the natural forms (such as tree roots and leaves) at the park. Elizabeth suggested that whenever possible materials to be removed from the park would be recycled into the new designs, for example concrete or gabions removed from the shoreline. Elizabeth also showed examples of how temporary artwork can be used in projects such as this that may take place over several years.

- **Comments on Master Plan & Art Concepts**

*There many residents at this meeting who live along 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW and came because of specific concerns about a trail segment shown on the preliminary Master Plan near their homes. Most of this trail segment was dropped prior to the meeting; however the park entrance and trail connection to 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.W. and S.W. 14<sup>th</sup> St. was still shown on the plan. This group raised many Master Plan process and design questions because most of them had not attended any previous stakeholder or public meetings.*

Master Plan Process

- How was the public notified of the master plan process?

- The suggestion was made that email be used in the future to notify more people.
- When will the master plan be available for review? What will it include? Will there be a report published in draft form?
- What is the overall parks plan for Burien? How does the Seahurst Master Plan fit in?

#### Park Trail System & Park Entrance at 144<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>

- Trails should stay in the park and not make new connections to the outside neighborhoods where they do not already exist.
- There is no parking shown for the proposed trailhead at SW 144<sup>th</sup> St. and 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW.
- When there was a trail along the south creek that connected to SW 144<sup>th</sup> St. and 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW there was a major vandalism problem and when it was closed the problems stopped.
- The intersection at SW 144<sup>th</sup> St. and 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW is already unsafe and adding more pedestrian traffic could be dangerous.
- A larger directional sign to the park is needed at SW 144<sup>th</sup> St. and 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW. Many people traveling east on SW 144<sup>th</sup> St. drive by 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW because they can't see the existing sign until they are already past 13<sup>th</sup> Ave SW. On a summer weekend many people are turning around in private driveways on 144th.
- SW 144<sup>th</sup> St. needs sidewalks, unsafe for pedestrians.
- Would like the trail going up the south creek to stop short of the narrow triangle of park land closest to SW 144<sup>th</sup> St. and 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW.
- The area between the Hurstwood neighborhood and the Burien Gardens Apartments should be added to the priority areas for conservation easements.

#### Other Comments on Master Plan

- How would the forested uplands be restored?
- What materials would be placed on the beach? What materials would be removed from the beach? What would be the result of leaving the rock there?
- How will the art concepts be integrated into the plan?
- The grass area at the main entrance should be called out a "play area," but stay as it is and not have a play structure.
- Are you looking to increase the use of the park?

- **Conclusion/City Council Meeting**

***The Burien City Council is scheduled to consider the master plan for adoption on:***

Tuesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 7pm

***Location:***

Burien City Hall

## **PARK BOARD MEETINGS**

**MAY 8, 2002**

*Seahurst Park Master Plan*

## ***Seahurst Park Master Plan*** **Park Board Meeting #1**

Comments from May 8, 2002

Compiled May 10, 2002

**Location: Burien Community Center**

The following are comments received on the six alternatives for the Seahurst Park Master Plan that were presented at the regular May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2002 meeting of the Burien Parks Board.

### **George Thornton**

- Likes upland portion of Alternative 3, especially better access to the Senior Center
- Likes Shoreline portion of Alternative 6, leave existing gabions and bulkheads in place.
- Likes parking close to beach- some people stay in their cars and look out onto the beach
- Commented that it is possible to plant large conifers on steep eroding bluffs behind shoreline

### **Dick Lewis**

- Is it possible to remove the bulkhead along the shoreline without affecting the utility lines that run behind that bulkhead?
- Do they all cost the same?
- Concerned about parking on main access road for aesthetic reasons

### **Gloria Gould-Wesson**

- Likes the 'Highline' trail (Alternative 6)
- Likes stronger connections to surrounding communities (Alternative 6)
- Likes restoring some or all of upper parking lot to a wetland
- Likes upland/stream restoration
- Likes beach/shoreline restoration
- Suggested striping parallel parking spots generously if used on main road
- Likes opening up the beach in Alternative 2, but would like to see it combined with interpretive opportunities in Alternative 3 at the North Creek/ Marine Technology Center area

### **Sue Blazak**

- Likes having multiple points of entry (Alternative 6)
- Likes opportunities for experiential learning such as tide pools (Alternative 3)
- Likes moving the play area to closer to the center of the park/ parking
- Concerned that meadow area above Marine Technology Center is too secluded and wouldn't be safe

### **Pam Harper**

- Likes acquisition of the Brown property to the south of the park
- Likes connection to the Seahurst neighborhood to the south of the park and trail loop at south end

### **Jack Block Jr.**

- Likes maintaining access to the south end of the park along shoreline
- Likes restoring lower portion of upper parking lot to a wetland
- Dislikes amphitheater (Alternative 6)
- Concerned about safety of parallel parking on the main access road – suggested that angle parking be considered

- Asked about opportunities to get funding for future acquisitions between the Branson property and Seahurst

**Jan Noorda**

- Likes the combination of maximizing the restoration of the south portion of the beach with acquisition of property to the south of the park
- Likes more lower parking
- Likes removing some upper parking and other structures
- Dislikes amphitheater (Alternative 6)
- Likes stream restoration
- Likes tidepools (Alternative 3)
- Likes 'Highline' trail (Alternative 6)
- Dislikes limiting parking to the upper parking lot (Alternative 1)
- Dislikes eliminating upper parking lot completely (Alternative 2)
- Likes combining removal of shoreline structure/ beach restoration with improving public access to the shoreline (Alternative 2)
- Likes creating a new major park entrance at the senior center (Alternative 3)
- Likes reducing the size of the upper parking lot for safety and stream restoration (Alternative 4)
- Dislikes internal focus of Alternative 5

On the Subject of the Marine Technology Center

In response to questions about the Marine Technology Center City Council member Joan Mc Gilton stated that the facility offers programs in fisheries, marine biology, vessel operation and oceanography for high school students from four districts (including the Highline School District) and several private schools. Currently, the Environmental Science Center is using the facility on a limited basis for educational programs as well. The school district has approximately 60 years remaining on a 99 year lease. Two classes are offered per school day. The facility is closed for about one month over the summer. Park board members expressed an interest in visiting the facility and:

- Want to see more of what is happening at the Marine Technology Center
- Would like to explore upgrading the appearance of the Marine Technology Center in general

**Next meeting:**

The Preliminary Master Plan will be presented by the consultants to the park board at their June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**JUNE 12, 2002**

# Seahurst Park Master Plan

## PARK BOARD MEETING #2

Comments from June 12, 2002

### **Location: Burien Community Center**

The following are comments and questions received on the Preliminary Master Plan for the Seahurst Park that was presented at the regular June 12th, 2002 meeting of the Burien Parks Board:

1. What is the extent of bulkhead to be removed in area C (North end)?
2. What existing funds are allocated for the implementation of the Master Plan and what outside funding might be available to the City of Burien to implement the plan?
3. Hurstwood community is concerned about security and would request a 10' fence if trail were built.
4. What ideas are in the master plan for integrating artwork?
5. What is the trail connection from parking lot to the wetland area through creek drainage to the delta?
6. What is the process for acquisition of an easement for a trail connection behind Hurstwood?
7. Lack of security in East Hurstwood now.
8. What will the interpretive signage look like?
9. Endorsement for trail connections in the Preliminary Master Plan.
10. What is being done regarding a fire management/fire protection plan?
11. What has been done to determine what endangered species are present at the park?

### **Next meeting:**

The Master Plan will be presented to the City Council for adoption at their July 15 meeting.

**JULY 10, 2002**

Park Board Meeting Minutes for July 10, 2002 were not approved at the time of press due to a cancellation of the Board's August meeting.

**CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**MARCH 18, 2002**

*Seahurst Park Master Plan*

**CITY OF BURIEN  
415 SW 150th Street  
Burien, Washington 98166**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION  
5:30 p.m.  
and  
ADVISORY BOARD INTERVIEWS  
6:00 p.m.  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
7:00 p.m.  
March 18, 2002**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Woo called the Executive Session of the Burien City Council to order at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing litigation.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNMENT TO ADVISORY BOARD INTERVIEWS AND REGULAR SESSION**

The Executive Session was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Woo called the Regular Meeting of the Burien City Council to order at 7:08 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Woo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Wing Woo, Deputy Mayor Rose Clark, Councilmembers Noel Gibb, Kevin James, Stephen Lamphear, Joan McGilton and Sally Nelson.

Administrative staff present: Gary Long, City Manager; Lisa Marshall, City Attorney; Richard Loman, Economic Development Manager; Lori Fleming, Contract Management Analyst; and, Monica Lusk, Deputy City Clerk.

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS**

**a. Presentation on Harborview Hospital by Tina Mankowski, Director of Community Relations and Patricia McInturff, Board Director (15 min.)**

Tina: Here to talk about the medical center. Since located in downtown Seattle, it is a county facility and cares for patients throughout King County. She introduced Patricia McInturff. Every area in King County has a representative on the Board.

Continuing Tina stated that 375 patients from Burien were cared for. Harborview, besides patient care, also is involved in teaching and research. Governed by board of trustees. Mission outlines types of patients that Harborview will care for. She reviewed the types. Since 1967 has been managed by University of Washington. King County's role is a conduit for taxpayers dollars to upgrade facilities. In 1987, utilized a bond issue that added an emergency trauma facility. Parking garage just completed. Operating budget is ?. More charity care than any other in western Washington. Tend to see more patients medicare, medicade funded. Known as level 1 trauma center. She explained Level 1. Plays critical role in major disasters, such as with the Nisqually earthquake. Harborviews job to coordinate with other hospitals in the area. Response is outstanding due to out of hospital response. Train paramedics in fire depts. She noted the intensive care unit and the treatment the unit provides. Level 1 ensures patients get the right kind of treatment. She reviewed the Neurosciences unit, burn center, hiv/aids care unit, orthopedic service, programs to treat homeless people, international medicine program, center for assault and traumatic stress, training for uw and other small colleges in the area, training clergy on trauma care, prevention center, philanthropy programs. Harborview has over 3,000 employees. She reviewed the bond issue that passed last year. An agreement has been finalized for construction project by harborview, uw and king county. Any questions or comments?

WW: working for sheriff's office, if you want to see miracles, can see them at Harborview. Very professional. He thanked Harborview for their hard work.

## 5. CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE RECORD

- a. Letter dated February 26, 2002, from Clarnece I. Habbestad Regarding Sign Permit No. BUR 01—221-SGN-A.. 1.
- b. E-Mail dated March 1, 2002, from Robin S. Ingraham Regarding SW Suburban Sewer District. 3.
- c. E-Mail dated March 8, 2002, from GiaMari Fish Regarding Being a Proud Resident. 7.
- d. E-Mail dated March 10, 2002, from Steve and Karen Rea Regarding Proposed Maplewild Repairs. 9.
- e. Letter dated March 12, 2002, from Edward J. Witzke Regarding Hazardous Situation at the South End of the Alley on 160<sup>th</sup> Street SW between 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW and 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW. 11.

## 6. AGENDA CONFIRMATION

Motion by Deputy Mayor Clark, second by Councilmember Nelson to add Business Agenda Item "e" Discussion on Seahurst Park Master Plan Stakeholders Group.

- Motion carried unanimously 7-0.
- Motion by Deputy Mayor Clark, second by Councilmember Nelson to confirm the agenda.
- Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

## 7. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Lucy Krakowiak, 15405 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW

Representing BBEDP, would like to address garbage in the city. Each year BBEDP supports clean sweep. The city looks great for a few months. Bbedp also has garbage listed on their work program. As concerned members of the bbedp, urge Council to enforce the ordinances in existence. Thanked the Council for revisiting the sign code this year.

David Benezra, 16537 Maplewild Avenue SW

Lived in home since 1973. I'm in the earthquake zone. Red tagged out of our home. Returned and were home during a home invasion. Area subject to car prowling and break ins. We are asked to keep street vacated. (1-748). Heavy trucks used his driveway/roof. Security is an issue. He referred to press release on the repair work for the road. No meeting with affected property owners. Design concept made without citizen input. Design has major impact on his property. (1-836). Ask what do I need to do to determine what the other proposals were, what the effect of those would be, and why were they rejected. Would be to your advantage to have the design concept endorsed by me and those most impacted by the design decision.

Rafe Walden, 659 SW 141<sup>st</sup> Street

Requested layout on 142<sup>nd</sup> street depression. Went to talk with Mr. Clark on February 4<sup>th</sup> and he mentioned purchasing land. He requested the status. (1-909)

Steve Kunzelman, 655 SW 141<sup>st</sup> Street

Thanked the city for responding twice to letter he submitted at council mtg. Response the city has no legal duty .. City considering excavating city property. He agrees and it would alleviate problems. One question, (1-955) correspondence indicated that the city could be responsible for failure to prevent flooding. How and when the city determined that they are not legally responsible for alleviating the flooding. (1-990)

Linda Daily, 16535 Maplewild Avenue SW

Essentially been homeless since earthquake. Not a wealthy person. Spent years trying to find this house. Coming tonight to ask for their help. Trying to work cooperatively with staff to no avail. Design was close but lacked community input. Perhaps since public wks people are not elected must feel don't have to be responsive. When presented with proposal that was sent to federal government she was shocked. Told by engineer (1-1080). Purpose is to urge council not to approve the street design. Stressed by not only the earthquake damage but also by design. Perhaps more important than decrease in property value is safety concerns. Street has been used by students for racing. I will fight this design. Think we can come up with solutions. Suggest move the road east. Asking council not to place stamp of approval on design.

Steve Rea, 16611 Maplewild Avenue SW

Have same concerns as neighbors. Parking is an issue. Proposing to widen roadway and adding sidewalks. The design impacts homeowners. Taking away some parking. Parking adjacent to homes will disappear. Want to keep council apprised of parking and urged the council to look at that issue.

Jim Clingan, 14682 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SW

As usual, hear to talk about container ordinance. Since dec 3<sup>rd</sup> have been asking what occurred to ban the containers. Filed a public record request for original complaints that prompted the ban. 3 complaints were generated in 1999 by one individual and limited to one small area. Since 3 complaints were filed, none others after that time. On July 25, 2000, planning commission referred to growing number of containers. Don't believe 3 complaints (1-1323) Question whether we needed the container law. He reviewed his public records request and the complaints. 10 months after last complaint taken care of, the council passed ordinance 313. Have provided 30 pictures of infractions. We all want fair and equal enforcement of the law. He listed them (1-1407) As long as have law need to enforce it.

## 8. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Vouchers: Nos. 20733 through 20884 for a total value of \$675,228.72. **13.**
- b. Approval of Minutes: Business/Study Session Meeting, February 25, 2002; Regular Meeting, March 4, 2002. **25.**
- c. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the King County 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South Synchronization Grant **51.**
- d. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Interlocal Agreement for SW 152<sup>nd</sup> Street/Water District No. 49 Improvements **63.**
- e. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the 2002 Contract for Information Systems Management Services **71.**
- f. Motion to Approve Using the Unallocated \$5,000 of Human Services Funding for the Domestic Violence Victim Hotel/Food Voucher Program **83.**

- Motion by Deputy Mayor Clark, second by Councilmember Nelson to approve the Consent Agenda.

- Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

## 9. BUSINESS AGENDA

**a. City Manager's Report. (5 min.) **Cm1.****

GL report on things not in report. As of Friday, school bond issue is passing by 61.44%. Probably one of the most important things to happen in this community since incorporation.

GL several legislative bills have passed. Will report in the future.

GL he will give Council copy of draft 152<sup>nd</sup> street regulations.

GL Report of redistricting plan for kc district court. Cities still have opportunity for participation. Consensus was reached for Councilmember Lamphear to represent the city.

GL the gen gov committee referred discussion of financial policies to March 25<sup>th</sup>.

GL vacancy on the wa state law and justice advisory council. AWC manages recruitment of elected officials.

SN item I, will provide council with presentation on juvenile justice system from the SCA general membership meeting of march 13<sup>th</sup>. Would appreciate any feedback. On page 5 "a", cannot attend. Excellent effort to engage experts and not so experts on emergency solutions. Urged somebody to attend. Very important.

**b. Appointments to Advisory Boards (5 min.)** **85.**  
(1-1739)

WW interviews held tonight

- Motion by Deputy Mayor Clark, second by Councilmember Nelson to appoint Brenda Abney, Shelley Brittingham and Rochelle Flynn to the Burien Arts Commission.
- Motion carried unanimously 7-0.
- Motion by Deputy Mayor Clark, second by Councilmember Nelson to appoint John Roberts to the Burien Business and Economic Development Partnership.
- Motion carried unanimously 7-0.
- Motion by Deputy Mayor Clark, second by Councilmember Nelson to appoint Heide Narte, Gloria Gould-Wessen, Kathy Parker, Barry Rodda, Christine Scannell and Tim Walker to the new Burien Tree Board.
- Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

**c. Motion to Adopt Resolution Amending Resolution No. 120 Authorizing the Establishment of an Awards Program to Honor Outstanding Burien Citizens (5 min.)** **87.**

- Motion by Deputy Mayor Clark, second by Councilmember Nelson to approve Resolution No. 149 establishing an Outstanding Environmental Leader citizen award category, establishing selection criteria, and establishing a process for selection of award recipients.
- Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

**d. Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 150 Marking the Tenth Anniversary of the Vote for Incorporation (5min.)** **93.**

- Motion by Deputy Mayor Clark, second by Councilmember Nelson to Adopt Resolution No. 150 Marking the Tenth Anniversary of the Vote for Incorporation.

WW city made 4 attempts to incorporate with no success. Proposal by former mayor Jhaveri.

- Motion carried unanimously 7-0

**e. Discussion on Seahurst Park Master Plan Stakeholders Group (1-1938)**

Deputy Mayor Clark: Feel important to have good community representation on committees. Hurstwood club has voiced concern. Suggest adding Rhonda Duncan to committee.

GL don't recall who is on group.

SL was there an selection process?

JM picked by Parks Board.

RC seems parks dept was acting in good faith because a person from the Hurstwood Community is on the group. Feel were not looking were not looking at the potential for the community to talk about the person having a conflict of interest regarding the environmental learning center. To avoid that I think we need a person on the group from the Hurstwood Community that is acceptable to the community and doesn't have a connection with the esc.

GL if council wants to revisit to make sure balance on committee, then certainly you should do so.

KJ concern about project in general, decision has not been made to locate center in seahurst park. Newsletter stated center would be in park. Feel out of balance. Would like to back track.

GL policy statement reads council agrees to provide site at seahurst park. We have to go through process to evaluate if it can be located there. The process is not completed.

KJ it states the location in newsletter.

JM the master plan is the overall park use. And to have one group focus strickly on the esc does not speak to them being involved in making all the decisions for the park and that is what I would like to bring before the Council. The contract was to do a plan for the park.

RC this is the seahurst park master plan committee. Hurstwood committee has concern about esc.

JM they have concern about esc not about park master plan.

RC yes, they are worried about parking and park use.

KJ is there a majority support to ask the hurstwood community club to send a couple of reps to sit on group.

SN without knowing membership, seems to me that I don't have enough info. Would like to have a better understanding of conflict of inters, how group was formed,. Proposed to get more info before we recommend a neighborhood can decide who has conflict of interest.

KJ you have a neighborhood there that will be impacted. Just saying lets get a couple of people over they. Why not add two more to committee.

RC if don't have somebody from the hurstwood community, we are leaving ourselves open to criticism.

JM there is a hurstwood representative, Karen McMichael.

RC the community is not comfortable with that. Feel appropriate to add one more person.

SL neighborhood special interest politics. Hurstwood community club board would like to appoint. Perhaps the issue is the way that volunteers were chosen. We need to be very careful how groups are formed.

- Motion by Deputy Mayor Clark, second by Councilmember Nelson to ask parks dept to work with hurstwood community to add member to the seahurst park master plan group.

SL do have a rep from hurstwood community. Lets stay out of neighborhood politics.

SN risky business. Helpful to have somebody from hurstwood to participate in process. Will vote against.

A roll call vote was taken.

- Motion carried 4-3. Opposed, Councilmembers Gibb, Lamphear and Nelson.

## 10. REPORTS

- a. Burien Business and Economic Development Partnership Meeting Minutes, February 22, 2002. 97.**

The minutes were provided in the packet.

- b. Burien Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes, February 13, 2002. 101.**

The minutes were provided in the packet.

- c. Des Moines Memorial Drive Committee Meeting Minutes, January 13, 2002. 103.**

The minutes were provided in the packet.

## **11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

### **Tentative Agenda for: March 25, 2002, Study Session**

#### **Study Session Agenda**

- Review Proposed Agenda Schedule
- Report on Status of Undergrounding Meetings
- Discussion on Financial Policies
- Discussion on Motion to Adopt Ordinance Amending Zoning Code  
Related to Residential Accessory Uses (Accessory Dwelling Units,  
Bed & Breakfast Establishments, Home Occupations, and Keeping  
of Animals)
- Discussion on Process and Schedule for New Sign Code and Cargo  
Container Regulations.
- Discussion on Annexation Study and Direction to Staff

**12. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Held prior to the meeting.

## **13. ADJOURNMENT**

- Motion by Deputy Mayor Clark, second by Councilmember Lamphear to adjourn the meeting.
- Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

The Regular Meeting of the Burien City Council was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

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Wing Woo, Mayor

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Monica Lusk, Deputy City Clerk

**MAY 20, 2002**

*Seahurst Park Master Plan*

**CITY OF BURIEN  
415 SW 150th Street  
Burien, Washington 98166**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION  
5:30 p.m.  
and  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
7:00 p.m.  
May 20, 2002**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Woo called the Executive Session of the Burien City Council to order at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing potential litigation, pending litigation, and real estate matters.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNMENT TO REGULAR SESSION**

The Executive Session was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Woo called the Regular Meeting of the Burien City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Woo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Wing Woo, Deputy Mayor Rose Clark, Councilmembers Noel Gibb, Kevin James, Stephen Lamphear, Joan McGilton and Sally Nelson.

Administrative staff present: Gary Long, City Manager; Lisa Marshall, City Attorney; Linda Gorton, Finance and Administrative Services Director; Scott Greenberg, Community Development Director; Larry Fetter, Parks and Recreation Director; and Monica Lusk, Deputy City Clerk.

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS**

**a. Presentation of The Natural Resource Practitioner Award by the Washington State Arbor Day Council (Contact: Sarah Foster Griffith, 360/902-1704)**

Sarah Foster Griffith, Washington Department of Natural Resources, presented the Natural Resource Practitioner award to the City of Burien.

Ms. Griffith presented the Tree City USA award to the city. She stated that Burien is one of 45 tree cities and one of four new tree cities for this year.

**b. First Quarter Report by Larry Corvari, President, on Regional Commission on Airport Affairs Activities.**

Larry Corvari, president of RCAA. Prior to that was president of CASE. Involved with 3<sup>rd</sup> runway fight for past six years. Have purchased property in Burien. Thanked the council, city and citizens for ongoing support. Active through newsletter and environmental work. Newsletter is published quarterly. Revamping approach to newsletter to make in electronic form for access from web site. Dept of ecology has failed this community because of the water issues and wetlands. Also permit for discharging runoff into the streams. Will provide Councilmembers with hard copy of newsletter. Alerted citizens in Des Moines of the conveyor belt issue. Doe undertaking discharge permit that is up for renewal this year. Will meet with doe coordinator and will voice concerns regarding monitoring and the degradation of the creeks. Continuing to work with CASE and ACC.

## 5. CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE RECORD

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| a. | Letter dated April 10, 2002 from Anne D. Gilbert With Photos of Downtown Seating.  | 1.  |
| b. | Letter dated April 30, 2002 from Clarence I. Habbestad Regarding Licensing of Chelsea Park Assembly.                                     | 7.  |
| c. | Email dated May 2, 2002, from David Benezra Regarding Maplewild SW Earthquake Repair Project with Response from City Manager, Gary Long. | 9.  |
| d. | Email from Andrew F. Ryan dated May 2, 2002 Regarding Maplewild Earthquake Repair Project.   | 11. |
| e. | Email from Caryl N. Utigard dated May 2, 2002 Regarding Maplewild Earthquake Repair Project.   | 13. |
| f. | Email dated May 2, 2002, from Craig Ueland Regarding Maplewild Earthquake Repair Project.  | 15. |
| g. | Letter dated May 3, 2002, from Sue Blazak, Burien Parks Board Chair, Regarding Impact of "Outside" Projects on Parks Planning Process.   | 17. |
| h. | Email from Emery Rock dated May 6, 2002, Regarding Maplewild Earthquake Repair Project.  | 19. |
| i. | Letter dated May 12, 2002 from Gary Tollefsen Regarding the Proposed Sign Code   | 21. |
| j. | Letter dated May 13, 2002 from Chris Wenger, President of Merchants of Burien Regarding the Proposed Sign Code.                          | 25. |
| k. | Letter dated May 13, 2002 from Charleen Khane Regarding Maplewild Earthquake Repair Project.   | 27. |

## 6. AGENDA CONFIRMATION

- Motion by Deputy Mayor Clark, second by Councilmember Nelson to confirm the agenda.
- Motion carried unanimously. 7-0.

## 7. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Clarence Habbestad, 28006 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Auburn

Invited to come to make statement by Greenberg regarding sign code. My church has had sign permit waiting for approval for the past year. In the proposal, for charitable, would like changed to 24 sq ft. (1-357). In another part of the sign code, it allows for more square footage. Feel it should be more clearly stated. Another issue is internal and external lighting. Would like to see those two things changed in the sign code. Would like a refund.

Claire Lawson, 3601 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Seattle

Ms. Lawson, AK Media Sales Manager, said that tonight you are going to hear the General Government Committee work on sign code. With regards to billboards, we are very encouraged and positive about the committee's recommendation. I do want to clarify that the Planning Commission's recommendation and amortization of 25 years is not the same as the General Government Committee's. That there was not the same agreement. And also, it is in the packet that we opposed amortization in a letter here that I will give to you from the president of our company explaining how we would like to help the City of Burien beautify itself and to work with you collectively on the sign code to enhance and beautify the city as well as to consolidate billboards if necessary based on our recommendations. We have 29 structures in the City of Burien. We advertise a whole range of national, local clients, businesses that are in Burien, businesses and services that were sold(?) and are available in the City of Burien. As well as we also provide a substantial amount of public service in the City of Burien and the King County area. We have donated to the high school's Highline School bond as well as American Heart Association and to the Association ?? We support, as I said, your economic revitalization goals and your efforts to enhance the aesthetics of the city. While we do not consider all of our billboards as conflicting with your goals, we may recognize that you want some of it changed. I would like to work with you and make substantial changes. And we're willing to be in that discussion now. Some of the things that we have thought about and would like to further discuss with you are phasing out 6 to 8 billboards out of industrial zones, the immediate net reduction of 4 billboards through consolidation, to assist the city with pedestrian-oriented signage in the downtown area (we're also in the printing business), and to cap the present level of billboards within the city. We're proposing a win-win approach. You get your billboards problems fixed now and we get an opportunity to improve our boards in a manner that we both consider beneficial. Please note that there might be some minor code changes that have to happen for us to make those changes to make us all apart of this win-win situation. Again, we would like to discuss all of this and respectfully request that you give us the opportunity to do that. Thank you.

Jennifer Boehm, 12705 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW

Work for Noel at Texaco and chairperson for Burien family days held last weekend. She thanked all Councilmembers for their participation in making the event a success. She presented the Councilmembers with plaques.

Ann Gilbert, 2619 SW 172<sup>nd</sup> Street

Tonight packet has letter from me regarding photos of public seating and art. Feel strongly that you need to see the benches in color.

Tom Spear, 2201 SW 156<sup>th</sup> Street

Here last august because of the activity to open 156<sup>th</sup> street for development. (1-644) right of way permit overstepped by city. Citizen was to restore after wet season. Month ago fire dept. came by with blueprints of houses to be placed on the site. Requested info from city on current permits for the location. There was no new info. Apparently the fire dept. has the plans. City doesn't now. Would like to be informed by the city on current activity. Survey activity last week. Would like to know about the proposed road and if city is clamping down on development.

Larry Gilbert, 2619 SW 172<sup>nd</sup> Street

Have letter to distribute. Issue with sign code regarding murals. City has wanted murals in the past. Find (1-736) sign code doesn't define. He gave example of coca-cola ad. There are some things that need to be addressed. Feel city should have quality murals.

Chris Wenger, 221 SW 152<sup>nd</sup> Street

Speaking regarding the sign code. Presented letter to city. Working with city to develop sign code. Enjoyed working with Scott Greenberg. Sign code impacts the business and in turn the community. Impacts marketing of Burien. Flexible sign code safeguards business in community. Great tool to market Burien and be able to compete for businesses. Merchants of Burien want less restrictive sign code. Would like to spend more time on code. Inventory the signs. The code is 99% done, inventory signs and see impact of proposed code before adopted.

Mark Minium, 15026 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South, Burien Honda

Thanked Councilmembers on time spent on sign code. Urged the council to be careful. Staff and council change. Be careful.

Ryan Warnes, BBC Dodge

I have written a letter with three other car dealers. Delivered tonight. Gives ideas and suggests the council slow down. Take responsibility in not getting involved earlier. Clarified for BBC dodge, I have done surveys of his customers and spend many dollars advertising. The surveys outcomes, customers were drawn to his business because of his sign. Code will severely impact his business. There are many items that will impact me years down the road. Please slow down so a correct decisions is made the first time.

Marty Reichlin, Marty's Tires, 14625 Ambaum Avenue SW

Last week in this room two important asked. First was if investor wants to open business in Burien and wants to put up big crappy sign, it could kill the deal. He could go to white center where there is no business license fee, (1-1100) Second question was addressed to BBC dodge as to why Seattle on their address and not Burien. Will continue in two weeks.

## 8. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Vouchers: None.
- b. Approval of Minutes: May 6, 2002 **29.**
- c. Motion to Set a Public Hearing Date to Consider Vacating Portions of South 150<sup>th</sup> Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South. **41.**
- d. Motion to Approve the 2002 City Matching Fund Application from the SW King County Chamber of Commerce for the 4th of July **61.**

Parade "Seed Money".

- Motion by Deputy Mayor Clark, second by Councilmember Nelson to approve the Consent Agenda.
- Motion carried unanimously. 7-0.

## 9. BUSINESS AGENDA

### a. City Manager's Report

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Financial Report (10 min)

CM-1

GL one issue not covered in report is Pam Harper has resigned from arts commission and bbedp. Council may want to honor her with resolution. She served many years in many capacities. If meets your agreement will bring to council.

Consensus was reached to pass resolution honoring Pam Harper.

Called to council's attention, the financial report.

Now have a jail contract between (1-1304) allows to make retroactive payments.

Page 4, opportunities on cdbg consortium, fly quiet committee, and sca vacancies.

RC: interest on fly quiet committee or mike anderson.

### b. Review of Proposed Agenda Schedule (5 min.)

71.

KJ: clarified on financial plan is draft on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Gary Long confirmed.

### c. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Construction of the SW 152<sup>nd</sup> Street Enhancement Project. (10 min)

90a.

GL still completing bid proposal and will be making recommendation that council hold special meeting on Wednesday at 5 p.m. polled council earlier and will have a quorum.

### d. Discussion of Options for Garbage Franchise (15 min.)

91.

Linda Gorton: over last several months have discussed three issues: establish franchise, (1-1462) she introduced Jeff brown.

Jeff Brown from Sound Resource Management, covered current garbage collection process: WUTC system, state certificates, Rate regulation, structuring services. He reviewed the city's role under wutc: customer service, revenue generation and mandatory collection. Could enact mandatory collection is independent of wutc system. Cities can: allow wutc to regulate, provide municipal collection, have contract negotiations. Limitations: rights of certificate holders, if annexed or incorporated need to franchise within 7 years. He referred to the Walla Walla case. Revenue generation: system administration and general tax revenue. Options: utility tax (typically 2-3 cap), franchise fee option (rate split, flat fee, or percentage fee), contract fee Regulatory

alternatives: status quo (issue unilateral franchise) with minimal amount of time; negotiate agreement with haulers that would take approximately several months, competitor process that would take approximately 9-12 months.

GL clarified: if go with competitor bid, cities have done that after in correct legal clearance.

Jeff: if go through competitive process, rates go down.

Jeff: approximately 10% will not want mandatory collection. Will be making decision for non-compliant people will impact the 90% that pay at higher cost. Typically the only way to have mandatory is for city to bill.

KJ does mandatory collection work?

Jeff: locks reduces more than mandatory. Mandatory is a bit of a problem.

WW penalties for illegal dumping? GL: separate issue.

LG: illegal dumping goes through nuisance abatement process.

GL wanted to review franchise issue as work program item. Staff recommendation was to go ahead to put haulers on notice that city wishes to eventually manage franchise relationship. We'll bring back options for penalties for illegal dumping. Big issue to decide: mandatory collection. Bbedp recommends. Will be thorny issue.

SL question about revenues: does revenue happen when haulers are notified.

Jeff: utility tax is considered? wide franchise fee. Fee does depend on process through state.

SL utility ordinance can be updated to include garbage.

GL will continue to work on this.

**e. Presentation on Alternative Layouts of Potential Seahurst Park Activities and Improvements (30 min.) 93.**

Larry Fetter introduced Peter Hummel. Council is asked to provide feedback. Condensed version of presentation.

Peter Hummel of Anchor Environmental stated he spent a lot of time at the park when growing up. Introduced John Small, landscape architects, who will be showing those in lobby what council is seeing in chambers. He acknowledged the team at Anchor Environmental involved in activities and improvements to the park. Info he is presenting was provided in the council packet. Will review 6 alternatives that are initial ideas. Looking for feedback on process and give Council update.

Peter: what the citizens can give to the park. Develop vision for the future. He reviewed the funding for the master plan, from city and salmon recovery funding board. Balance

public access and habitat restoration. Implementation of master plan, south shoreline, corps of engineers has been working with the city. City not yet committed to have corps implement till after master plan is complete.

Peter: reviewed the schedule. Currently on task three: alternative development plans. Involved community meetings, meet with permitting agencies. In task 4 and 5 will narrow down alternatives to a preliminary plan. Then receive comments. He reviewed the community involvement process involving stakeholders group consisting of citizens, staff, advisory board members. Provided minutes from meetings in packet. Observed function a both natural reserve and park. From community hear: improve and address parking and access, safety, maintenance problems, shoreline stability, public stewardship and education.

Peter: reviewed site conditions. Address trails outside park boundaries. Look at future acquisitions, much of park is steep slope so development is limited, number of areas that are unstable in park (having shallow slides), bulk head affects whether the landslide material makes it to the beach. He explained the drift cell process. Conditions were looked at the south end, natural beach containing sand and gravel. Good fishery habitat. Going north in front of gabians, beach being worn away. North side of delta, stable area with widest sand and gravel beaches. North are still rock areas covering the gabians. Some have been removed. Over time, the beach behind the rock, wearing away. Advantages to removing the rock. Further north in front of marine lab, most eroded area. Heavily modified since 1930's. would take significant measures to rebuild.

Peter: looking at overall park: opportunities for habitat restoration. Most of park has serious constraints. Recommend preservation. Could do development with habitat improvement. Areas good for habitat restoration, south and north creeks at the lower basins and portions of shoreline that have been modified and pushed further out.

Peter: are looking at range of options in alternatives: maximizing habitat restoration. Show alternatives with range of ideas.

Peter: Alternative 1: curtail trail and vehicle access; having all parking at existing upper lot. Comments received: many people favor degree of natural restoration, keep more access to lower parking lot, expressed cost of removing shoreline structures.

Peter Alternative 2: significant habitat and (2-16) access located next to senior center property. Trail completed on park property. Comments received: like shoreline restoration, convenient parking, like eliminating upper parking lot, parking redistributed along the main road, question safety and appearance of parking along the main road, like moving play area closer to the restroom and parking.

Peter: alternative 3: new entrance to park by senior center and share parking and use as major entrance for schools etc. proposed trail at north end with shelters for picnicking and educational uses. Expanding pocket beach further north, have tide pools at lab. Citizens like educational emphasis, like rerouting the trail.

Peter Alternative 4: maximizes shoreline access, limited restoration proposed, acquisitions are limited. Citizen comments: like southern loop trail, reduction of upper parking lot, restoration of stream by parking lot, liked idea of moving the play area closer to restroom and lower parking lot.

Peter Alternative 5: looking inward with no park acquisitions, no connections of trails to adjacent neighborhoods, taking upper parking away completely and having parking along the road. People did not like parking along road.

Peter alternative 6: has maximum neighborhood connections with minimal change along shoreline. Emphasizing maximizing access to park uplands, proposing a number of property acquisitions between Hurstwood and the Burien gardens area and senior center site. Have level trail route that links Hurstwood area over to salmon creek ravine open space. Also creates a number of loops within the park. Citizen comments: support for trail support, concerns from Hurstwood community club regarding trail on east side, concern from Hurstwood about taking existing areas with play areas, and lost of privacy, potential vandalism and encouraging parking in neighborhood. Amphitheater out of sync with park. Many liked this because not much change. Liked trail to south property line.

Peter concluded said quick overview. Next take comments from council and other and put together and create alternative plan. Present to stakeholders and council in June. Before council for approval in July.

SN your overall proposal was fascinating. Will think more about all issues you raised.

JM: really liked alternative 3 habitat diversity and interpretation. Concerned with beach erosion. Very fond of alternative 3 with what it offers especially the tide pool. Like moving play area to center. Pleased with parking alternative. Liked interconnectiveness of trails. Citizens in Shorewood raised to Joan that there is no discussion of there being a marine preserve at the park. For the area that is between the high and low tides, the part the city owns, would like to include a piece just for public discussion – would we want to keep that so that the resources stay and aren't used for clamming and any other activities that could disturb the habitat. She asked to include in next proposal.

WW appreciate the ability to cut and paste.

SL could proposal incorporate something like Edmonds underwater park. Great addition to environmental education.

KJ are we up against any deadlines? Can see study session on 17 and hearing on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Against any funding agency deadlines if go beyond July 15<sup>th</sup>. Scott is looking at funding sources.

Scott Thomas: constraint that we have is about construction window rather than funding. It will take about 1 year to get all permits to restore beach. Shoreline restorations is narrow window in summer. pressing issue to have alternative soon enough for construction window.

KJ assuming going to alternatives 7 etc. if take a couple more weeks for upcoming issues?

Peter: a couple of weeks would not be critical. The long lead-time between getting approved, a portion the corps is funding would want to wrap up.

KJ funding agencies aware of items we're looking at?

Peter: have had meeting on site with city, state agencies, federal government. Have good idea on what they would allow to happen. Proposals are consistent with that. Hard to go through process less than a year. Impressed with response from board members.

ST: would like to take extra weeks for future satisfaction.

Peter: process has been building momentum.

RC thanked her for all their hard work, listening to the community.

**f. Motion to Approve Process to Establish Northwest Burien Neighborhood Planning Steering Committee. (15 min.) 137.**

Scott Greenberg: asking council for direction on how steering committee established: 1) like advisory board selection process, or 2) self selected. He stated about 40 people that attended the April meeting, 4-6 showed interest in sitting on steering committee. Would also like direction if board members can sit on committee.

RC likes the self selection. Concern committee would have new person attend after months of meeting. Should be cutoff date for those wanting to sit on committee. Needs by-laws to govern them for replacement and rotation.

KJ think we should be involved and have parameters to work with. Council simply interview anybody interesting in serving. Need to have realistic expectations of group.

SN how do other communities handle.

ST tend to be more towards self selected.

SN tend to go with self selected. They have demonstrated their involvement by attending meetings. Most effective size for raising consensus is 5 maximum 7. Could be hybrid with framework provided by the council. Let them do the process.

RC as far as having board or council involvement should be ex officio.

NG concern of no control. Should have input on how structured. With timeframe for decisions.

SL like self selected. Would modify due to experience. Some issues of shore community club and the general area. Representation should have members from both. Needs to have city guidance on broad base.

GL will make sure representation from different areas of neighborhood.

Sgreenberg: suggested mailing to neighborhood, if receive 20 interested people will need review process but if get 7 people it would be okay. (2-1141)

SN concern that it is a representative group. Why couldn't we as a council provide guideline before process occurs. Then have something to fall back on.

SL could put in communications, want broad based as possible.

SN less prescriptive on council's part.

SG attach a draft of letter or notice in city managers report and proceed from there.

WW self initiated within that area and guided.

SG in past have did mailing 500 feet outside staff's geographic area of Shorewood.

**g. Discussion of Draft Sign Code (60 min.) 139.**

Scott Greenberg said looking for additional council requests, proposed schedule, introduce the notebook. He recognized Susan Coles for her effort.

Scott reviewed the recommendations and meetings to date starting with the sign code committee.

Scott reviewed the principles of the sign code: protect public safety and welfare, promote image, balance of architecture,

He reviewed the major issues: prohibited signs allowed for special issues, movable signs, billboards, non-conformance, building mounted signs and freestanding signs. (see handout)

NG gen government committee wanted to walk away from billboards till federal way issue was resolved. (2-1500)

Continuing Scott: reviewed existing signs currently in use.

JM anything in city signs 60 ft high Scott said will check on the burger king sign

Scott presented options: 1) adopt new code and direct staff to fully enforce it; 2) adopt portions of the new code applying to residential zones, move existing provisions, minor setback requirements and direction to fully enforce all provisions; 3) retain existing code with minor changes to setback and direction to fully enforce all provisions; 4) delay action either short or long term.

Scott reviewed the current schedule and asked for council's input.

SN does sign code binder include surrounding cities information Scott: yes it does.

KJ willing to accommodating schedule and keep going to full conclusion.

RC can we do in increments so we can wait for input from car dealerships in terms of discussion.

JM confirmed free standing signs on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave is cr, cc2. Scott explained the difference and locations of the different commercial zoning areas.

GL in light of the hour. Where to go from here. We are not ready for public hearing on June 3. Outlined option downtown and neighborhood commercial. (2-2627) work through them in June and other groups. he urged the council to get through by July. Ignoring other development problems to do this and still haven't touched container issues. work on June and July then hold public hearing when something is formed.

NG as discussed in gen gov committ, can hold public hearing (2-2727). No fade away from public interest.

SN this is very difficult issue for variety of reasons. One thing business community wants is get it right the first time. Business relies on predictability and consistency. Need to take time and get right first time. Wants to hear ideas from the businesses. Need to slow the process down. Can live with July date.

RC don't mind slowing down, want to get it right.

KJ confirmed current schedule.

SG if got recommendation from partnership on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> you would have 99% of everything you need. Try to pull together and highlight major issues to focus on. Would be best for publ hrg to have single draft to have people comments on.

JM Seahurst plan on 6/17. Would look at what could be shifted.

SL also concerned about scheduling publ hrg on July 1<sup>st</sup>..

SG consensus no hearing on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

SN rest of council outside of committee need to have adequate time to discuss all issues brought before committee by the council as a whole.

SG on June 3 could discuss all 94 % of code which there appears to be consensus on. The other groups have consensus, you as a body may not agree with that consensus. Might be what we focus on for June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

GL if needed to work through may have to set special time aside. For study session.

## 10. REPORTS

**a. General Government Committee Minutes, 4/8/02 and 4/29/02 195.**

The minutes were provided in the packet.

**b. CAFÉ Committee Minutes, 4/8/02 199.**

The minutes were provided in the packet.

## 11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

### Tentative Agenda for: June 3, 2002

**5 p.m. Community Forum on Downtown Public Arts, Education and Cultural  
Facilities Plan (Downtown Master Plan, Phase II)**

**7 p.m. Regular Meeting**

**Presentations/Announcements**

Highline High School Resource Officer Presentation

**Public Hearing**

To Receive Citizens' Comments on Draft Sign Code

**Business Agenda**

City Manager's Report

Discussion on Draft Sign Code

Direction on Number, Location and Schedule for Community Forum  
Meetings

Motion to Award Construction Contract for Residential Drainage  
Improvement Program

Presentation of the 6-Year Financial Plan and Capital Improvement  
Program

Motion to Award Construction Contract for Design Study

Motion to Accept the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW Reconstruction Project as  
Complete

Motion to Accept Contract with Goodfellow Brothers for 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
SW Reconstruction Project (including SW 142<sup>nd</sup> Street Ponds) as  
Complete

**12. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Held prior to the meeting.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

- Motion by Councilmember James, second by Deputy Mayor Clark to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting.
- Motion carried unanimously. 7-0.

The Regular Meeting of the Burien City Council was adjourned at 9:57.

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Wing Woo, Mayor

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Monica Lusk, Deputy City Clerk

**JULY 1, 2002**

**CITY OF BURIEN**  
415 SW 150th Street  
Burien, Washington 98166

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
4:45 p.m.

COMMUNITY FORUM ON DOWNTOWN PUBLIC ARTS, EDUCATION AND  
CULTURAL FACILITIES PLAN (DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN, PHASE II)

5:30 p.m.

**ARTIST RECEPTION**

6:45 p.m.

and

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

7:00 p.m.

July 1, 2002

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Deputy Mayor Clark called the Executive Session of the Burien City Council to order at 4:45 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter and real estate acquisition.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNMENT TO COMMUNITY FORUM ON  
DOWNTOWN PUBLIC ARTS, EDUCATION AND CULTURAL FACILITIES  
PLAN (DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN, PHASE II), ARTIST RECEPTION AND  
REGULAR SESSION**

The Executive Session was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Deputy Mayor Clark called the Regular Meeting of the Burien City Council to order at 7:08 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Deputy Mayor Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Present: Deputy Mayor Rose Clark, Councilmembers Noel Gibb, Stephen Lamphear, Joan McGilton and Sally Nelson. Mayor Wing Woo and Councilmember Kevin James were excused.

Administrative staff present: Gary Long, City Manager; Lisa Marshall, City Attorney; Richard Loman, Economic Development Manager; Linda Gorton, Finance and Administrative Services Director; Scott Greenberg, Community Development Director; Larry Fetter, Parks and Recreation Director; Stephen Clark, Public Works Director; and Monica Lusk, Deputy City Clerk.

#### 4. ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS

Deputy Mayor Clark expressed the heartfelt of the Burien City Council to the police officers of the Maple Valley precinct and their families following the shooting tragedy that occurred over the last weekend. She said all of the Councilmembers hoped to see the injured officers return soon to their duties and their families, and that they might return to a safer and more respectful work environment.

Deputy Mayor Clark invited all to come to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. She said there will be an international bike race with continuing relays between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. From 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. there will be a festival complete with a beer garden and food booths. The annual parade will begin at 3:00 p.m.

#### 5. CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE RECORD

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| _____ | a. a. Letter dated June 7, 2002, from Safe & Civil Schools Team Members, Sunnysdale Elementary, Regarding Improving Sunnysdale Elementary School's Playground. | 1. |
| _____ | b. b. Letter dated June 13, 2002, from Peggy Sharkey Regarding the Draft Sign Code.  | 3. |
| _____ | c. c. Letter dated June 18, 2002, from Pam Harper Thanking the Council for Recognizing Her Work as a Volunteer.  | 5. |
| _____ | d. d. Letter received June 24, 2002, from Lev Amnuel, Owner of Highline Fitness & Swim Club, Offering the Facility to the City for Purchase.                   | 7. |
| _____ | e. e. Letter received June 17, 2002, Regarding the Draft Sign Code.  | 9. |

Deputy Mayor Clark asked the City Manager to add the letter from the Safe & Civil Schools Team Members, Sunnysdale Elementary, to the process for developing the parks budget for next year.

#### 6. AGENDA CONFIRMATION

- • Motion by Councilmember Nelson, second by Councilmember Lamphear, to Confirm the Agenda.
- • The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

#### 7. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Bob McLaughlan, 14909 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW

Mr. McLaughlan congratulated the City Council on the acquisition of the Branson property. He noted that the property will be a valuable asset to the community. He also thanked and congratulated the Seahurst Community Club for their

participation in the process. The meeting held at the library included a very spirited discussion of the issues, including whether the owners of the community property in Seahurst will be required to make any decisions regarding the property as it affects the city park. He said he was concerned about the fact that the General Government Operations Committee was scheduled to review on July 8 a recommendation to adopt the Branson Park property master plan and that only one week later the motion would be before the full Council. Clearly the matter is on the fast track, but the Council should take care to make certain that everyone has had opportunity to voice their views and concerns, and have questions answered, before a final decision is made concerning the property.

For the record, Mr. Long stated the Branson property will not be on the July 8 General Government Committee agenda.

Gary Auguston, 14009 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW

Mr. Auguston said a number of local property owners are concerned about creating a trail to run through their neighborhood to access the Branson property. There is no parking at the trailhead at the southeast end, and there is no room to create parking there. The area once had speed bumps but they were taken out by the fire department; more traffic in the area will only lead to an increased speeding problem. The Seahurst Elementary School is nearby, but there is no security after hours. The proposed trail would also be located only 50 to 75 feet away from the backyards of homeowners between 140<sup>th</sup> to 144<sup>th</sup> Streets. A door-to-door visit to over a hundred homes found no one willing to endorse the trail. Many felt the trail would disrupt the environment, and several voiced concern about the eagle and salmon populations that could result from construction.

Jason Freilinger, 14001 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW

Mr. Freilinger said he built his home by the park because the area offers privacy, beauty and security. The proposed north-south trail will threaten that. Access to the park is currently via 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, which is a controlled public access area. During the summer there is a large increase in traffic volumes, and property damage in the form of graffiti, streetlight damage, and destruction of mailboxes. The proposed uncontrolled access on the north trail will run from the Vintage Park Apartments to SW 144<sup>th</sup> Street, and will run directly behind many homes. So in addition to access via the street, access will be provided to a secluded area behind several homes. The trail will take away both privacy and security. He said he was struggling to understand the main goal behind having the north-south trail. The nerve center of Seahurst Park is the controlled access to the beach and picnic area. The proposed trail does not provide a controlled access; it will merely be an uncontrolled and secluded pipeline to nowhere for any individual, day or night.

Robert Jones, 14232 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW

Mr. Jones said he has lived in his home since 1979 when he bought the house and redecorated it. The neighborhood has been a very pleasant area to live in. Over the last few years things have gotten worse. Cars speed up and down the street. The temporary speed bump in place at one time was removed. If the trail is permitted, the rate of crime will increase. Already mail is being stolen from the mailboxes. The local residents will have to contend with even more problems if the trail is constructed. Pedestrian traffic will increase, often when the local residents are at work.

Glen G. Grazier, 14309 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW

Mr. Grazier said he has lived in his home since 1956. He said at that time there was a trail there. He said he used to have to remove bikes and other stolen items from the trail. It got to the point where the children of area residents were no longer allowed by their parents to use the trail because it was too dangerous. After it was closed off, the crime stopped, and the residents felt they were secure. A sidewalk was constructed down to the park to provide people with access and that works well. Bringing the trail back will not be safe. It used to be possible to drive cars into the park from the north end close to the apartments. The road had to be closed because of police concerns. The proposed trail will create a lot of problems. Local residents should have been provided with notice that the master plan was being developed.

Ken Grover, 14423 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW

Mr. Grover commented regarding the Seahurst Park Master Plan. He echoed the concerns voiced by the previous speakers. He noted that he had had to find out about the plans for the park through second, third and fourth hand sources. He said he has never been contacted directly even though the location of his home makes him a stakeholder. He said he understood that there is a stakeholder representing his area, but did not know who the person is. There simply has not been adequate involvement for local property owners. Local property owners have not had proper notice and have not had an opportunity to comment. He said it was his understanding that the proposed plan includes public access to the park through existing private properties. The process has not complied with the Administrative Procedures Act of the State of Washington.

Mark Minium, 218 South 186<sup>th</sup> Street

Mr. Minium said he has been coming to the Council meetings for the past three years, mostly with negative comments. He said he was present, however, to thank the Council.

Marty Reichlin, 14625 Ambaum Boulevard SW

Mr. Reichlin publicly apologized to Councilmember Nelson and to any others he may have offended at a previous meeting. He said a good political activist should inspire and persuade others, and if he offends others he should apologize. He provided the Councilmembers with his written comments. With regard to the sign code, he proposed an 18-month cease fire. He suggested that there should be no sign code right away, no sign code in the future, and no sign code ever.

Marc Williams, 1320 SW 144<sup>th</sup> Place

Speaking about the Seahurst Park Master Plan, Mr. Williams said he and some of his neighbors are not anxious to see the plan instigated as proposed, especially the development of the north-south trail. He said he was deeply concerned about security, criminal activity, littering, and crime in general. The trail is not visible from the street and not wide enough for a police patrol. The trail will be conducive to criminal activity. He agreed with the previous speakers who highlighted the speeding problems along SW 144<sup>th</sup> Street. He said cars regularly travel at up to 50 mph, and there are loud motorcycles and squealing tires at all hours of the day and night. Several make U-turns in the driveways. At the minimum there should be a large sign pointing the direction to the park to reduce the number of U-turns. Many school kids use the area and their language is course, there is rock throwing, and they litter. The majority of those using the park use the lower park area to access the beach area. Money spent to improve the park should be spent on those areas most often used by the public. There is a

need for additional trails in the park, but those trails should utilize the existing parking areas and not encroach on the existing residential areas.

Clint Wilkens, 14019 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW

Mr. Wilkens echoed the comments made by the previous speakers regarding the north-south trail. He said there would be no way to shut off the trail at night, and that will lead to kids using it for parties at night. He wanted to make sure the police are aware of the trail since they will be the ones having to respond to calls from residents. He said there will be a final meeting for public comment on July 15 and he invited all those in attendance to come.

Kenneth Grover, 14423 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW

Mr. Grover spoke on behalf of his wife. He allowed that his property is not in any danger in any respect, but noted that what the City does to his neighbor today may be done to him in the future. The law provides for the City to take private property where there is a compelling public interest. Public access for the park, however, does not truly represent a compelling public interest. He said he would have very strong feelings if the City wanted any part of his property for access to the park. In all likelihood, any action on the part of the City to take private property will not be decided by the Council but before a Superior Court judge. There are more than a few judges that would be interested in the case.

Deputy Mayor Clark took a moment to clarify a few points. She noted that the City Council process is open to the public. The minutes of the meetings are posted on the City's web site. Information about the Seahurst Park Master Plan process has been included in the City newsletter that is mailed to all citizens. Notices of all meetings and actions have been posted in accordance with state law. Part of the responsibility of citizens living in a democracy is to seek out and respond to information. She said the Council was dealing strictly with public property; no trails are proposed to cross any private property.

Councilmember Nelson said the next meeting regarding the Seahurst Park Master Plan update would occur on Tuesday, July 2 at the Community Center from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. She urged all to attend. She also noted that the Hurstwood Community has an active community membership organization and has a representative working with the stakeholders group on the plan.

Councilmember Nelson urged the Hurstwood Community to set up block watch programs to help cut down on crime. The block watch program is an excellent method for preventing crime.

Deputy Mayor Clark added that following the meeting on July 2, the issue will eventually come back to the Council for a public hearing. That will be another opportunity for the Council to hear from the public. No action will be taken by the Council without taking additional public comment.

**8. CONSENT AGENDA**

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| a. a. | Approval of Vouchers: Nos. 1197 through 1385 for a total amount of \$199,573.57. | <u>11.</u> |
| b. b. | Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting, June 17, 2002.                             | <u>29.</u> |

- • Motion by Councilmember Nelson, second by Councilmember Lamphear, to approve the Consent Agenda.
- • The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

## 9. BUSINESS AGENDA

### PUBLIC HEARING

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**a. Public Hearing to Receive Citizens' Comments on Draft Sign Code  
45.**

Scott Greenberg, Planning Director, said this public hearing would be the first of two on the proposed sign code and that the second would occur on July 15.

Mr. Greenberg called attention to several minor revisions to the draft sign code. The first clarified that the term "other uses" in the residential zone refers to the uses listed in the use zone charts. With regard to billboards, he noted that there are currently 30 within the city. One of the billboards is owned by someone other than Clear Channel Communications, and the proposal allows for the possibility of relocating that one billboard. He said paragraph 5(c) had been revised to indicate the distance from SR-518 in which a billboard could be located. He said staff is still working on the language of paragraph 7 regarding the height of billboards along SR-518 and Des Moines Memorial Drive. Clear Channel Communications has agreed with the concept, but efforts are still underway to get the wording right; that will be worked on and completed prior to the final public hearing.

Mr. Greenberg said the auto dealers have requested the ability to fly pole flags. The Councilmembers were shown a picture of an auto dealership flying the flags. Generally all of the flags are of the same size and height. He said staff was working to understand what standards auto dealers in other jurisdictions have adopted for pole flags.

Finally, Mr. Greenberg noted that at its last meeting the Business and Economic Development Partnership chose to support the use of A-frame signs in pedestrian zones only.

Deputy Mayor Clark opened the public hearing.

Chris Wenger, 221 SW 153<sup>rd</sup> Street

Mr. Wenger spoke representing the Merchants of Burien. He noted that the Merchants of Burien had previously submitted two letters to the Council regarding the proposed sign code. He thanked Mr. Greenberg for working with the group. The Merchants of Burien want businesses to be successful in the city. In order for that to happen, signs must be seen. Some of the signs not allowed under the proposed sign code are of value. As market conditions change, so must the signs. Businesses should be able to replace signage with equally effective and affordable new signage. Upgrading sign faces should be allowed. The important thing is to keep businesses in Burien. The Merchants support continuing the dialogue with the Council and staff to mitigate sign issues. The key to keeping businesses doing well will be flexibility.

Ryan Warnes, 14650 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South

Mr. Warnes spoke on behalf of BBC Dodge and other auto dealers. He thanked Mr. Greenberg and staff for taking the time to work with the auto dealers on the

sign issue. A great deal of progress has been made. With regard to the staff recommendation, he said the recommendation for only monument signs should be expanded to allow for pole signs as well. The staff recommendation would limit sign height to twelve feet, but the whole idea of a sign is to be seen. The City should do all it can to encourage people to buy cars in Burien. The proposed ordinance allows for pole covers, but if those become faded they cannot necessarily be repainted, and replacing pole covers is expensive. Carnival-like devices such as banners that attract attention should be permitted for more than only four times each year; it should be allowed year round.

Frank Podany, President of Quick Channel Outdoor, 3601 6th Avenue South, Seattle

Mr. Podany pointed out that he has been working with the Council and staff on the proposed sign code. He noted that while not a pleasant experience, the process has been very professionally handled by all parties. A number of agreements have been reached, though there remain some issues to be settled. Clearly the message going out from the City is that the Council and staff are willing to listen to the business community and want to find the win-win answer.

Mark Minium, 15026 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South

Mr. Minium commented that some auto dealers like to use A-frame signs. They are effective and should be allowed.

There being no further comments, Deputy Mayor Clark closed the public hearing.

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#### **b. Discussion on Draft Sign Code**

Councilmember Lamphear noted that one area of controversy was the A-frame signs. He commented that the negotiations between the billboard industry and the City staff sets an example of how those with an advertising need and the City can work together to find the ground on which both can benefit. He said he was not sure the same discussions have occurred on the topic of A-frame signs. Some have claimed that the signs make the difference between selling and not selling for certain businesses. Others have called for the removal of the signs on the grounds that the uncluttered sidewalks and streets are easier to walk down and they look better. The Council should try to figure out if there is something those who want A-frame signs can give back to the community that would make allowing them mutually advantageous for all parties, such as a bench. The Council currently is faced with either allowing A-frame signs or not. It would be better for all concerned to develop a model of cooperation with the users of A-frame signs.

Answering a question asked by Deputy Mayor Clark, Councilmember Lamphear said the businesses that have indicated the need to use A-frame signs are not just those in the pedestrian zone. He allowed that there is no defined group of A-frame sign users such as there was for the auto dealers. There are, however, two flourishing merchant organizations in the city, the Merchants of Burien and Discover Burien. The position of the city has been to oppose A-frame signs, but some merchants are saying they want them; many continue to use them despite the ban that has been in place for some time. Staff should be directed to work with the two merchants organizations to find the win-win answer.

City Manager Gary Long commented that the position of the Business and Economic Development Partnership would allow A-frame signs in the pedestrian zone while businesses are open. That is a small enough area that enforcement could be accomplished. To expand the area would be to create a much more confusing and expensive scenario. The suggestion of the Partnership represents the best compromise. To do anything further would be to reopen the whole question.

Councilmember Lamphear noted that many businesses outside of the pedestrian zone are not located close by the street, and some of those merchants have said they need A-frame signs in order to be noticed by those driving by. Businesses in the pedestrian zone have the advantage because people walking by are far more likely to notice a business adjacent to the sidewalk; those businesses actually would not need an A-frame sign in order to be noticed. The suggestion of the Partnership would not solve that problem. The Council needs to find solutions to the issues being faced by the whole business community. In negotiating with the billboard industry, the city and the industry both walked away winners. Some effort should be put into finding a similar solution with regard to A-frame signs.

Councilmember McGilton noted that under the agreement reached with Clear Channel Outdoor there would be removal of some billboards in the pedestrian areas. She asked if under the agreement three bill boards would be removed, leaving a total of 27 in the city. Mr. Greenberg said that was correct. Councilmember McGilton asked if the tri-vision replacement billboards would be larger. Mr. Greenberg said a size for the new billboards has not been specified.

Councilmember McGilton said her concern was that the tradeoff for losing three billboards in the pedestrian area would be larger billboards in another location. Mr. Greenberg allowed that the replacement signs could be larger, the tradeoff being getting them out of the pedestrian zone. Councilmember McGilton said she would prefer to lose more than just three signs overall. Mr. Greenberg said staff has provided Clear Channel Outdoor with a list of billboards the City would like to see removed. There could in fact be more than seven removed.

Councilmember Nelson commented on the fact that many of the billboards in the city currently are poorly maintained. She noted that the city is trying to create a positive image of being neat and tidy instead of a negative image of being run down and dirty. She wondered if the proposed requirements to keep the billboards maintained would really make a difference. Mr. Greenberg said the teeth for enforcement will reside in the legal agreement. One company owns 29 of the 30 billboards currently located in the city, and the legal agreement will allow the City to effect some very specific provisions regarding maintenance, including specific timing.

Councilmember Nelson said words such as “potentially” and “perhaps”, when not associated with any timeline or enforcement provision, makes her nervous. She said she was not comfortable with the code as it has been proposed and asked when the legal agreement would be ready for review by the Council. Mr. Greenberg said staff was attempting to have the legal agreement completed in time to be adopted by the Council along with the sign code. Councilmember Nelson said she was not in favor of voting up or down on the sign code without having the contractual agreement in hand.

With regard to A-frame signs, Councilmember Nelson commented that the Council is unanimously in favor of keeping businesses operating successfully in Burien. She said it is interesting to note that half the cities in the state do not allow A-frame signs, while the other half do. She commented that it had been very helpful to read the ordinances from a number of other cities, both those which allow them and those which do not.

Councilmember Nelson recalled that at a previous meeting Councilmember James had suggested that if A-frame signs are banned in the business area they should be banned in residential neighborhoods as well. She said she disagreed with that notion; the residential areas should not be treated the same as the business areas. In order to continue providing for beautiful parks and for safety for all citizens, the city is going to need a revenue stream it can count on, and that will mean attracting and retaining quality businesses. Currently there is a shocking lack of new businesses coming to Burien. The results of the project for 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW were very positive and is the type of image the city should continue to portray. That same kind of vitality should be created for the business community.

Deputy Mayor Clark said she continued to have concerns about allowing diffused lighting in church signs located in residential neighborhoods. She said she understood that only one church has requested the change. However, the Council must seek to build the city for the future, not just for those who live and have businesses in Burien currently. In time there likely will be more requests for signs with diffused lighting. She suggested that the ordinance should include language that would allow diffused lighting signs with the concurrence of the local neighborhood.

## **Business Agenda**

### **c. City Manager's Report**

#### **CM-1.**

Mr. Long said the meeting with King County Councilmembers Dow Constantine and Dwight Pelz on June 13 was focused on the issue of the transportation program that was being considered for regional funding. With the collapse of the discussion, it became evident that the package will not be completed within the early timeframe. There will be additional meetings at which the City will be seeking some additional focus on the SR-518 corridor. There will also be an effort to make sure there is funding in the King County budget for the transit-oriented development project; that will be a very difficult thing to achieve.

Councilmember McGilton asked if it has been absolutely confirmed that the Regional Transportation Plan will not appear on the November ballot. Mr. Long allowed that at the earliest it will be on the ballot in the spring of 2003.

Mr. Long noted that two park properties in Burien remain under King County ownership. The Lake Burien School Park was in transition when the city incorporated; efforts are continuing to get that property transferred to the city. The other park parcel is a passive or conservation parcel located adjacent to those already owned by the city near Salmon Creek. The King County Assessors Office has indicated a willingness to transfer the property to the city.

Answering a question asked by Councilmember McGilton, Mr. Long said there will be continued discussions with the Shinnyo-En Buddhist Temple group on July 2 regarding the events associated with the opening of the facility. The events will be open to all Councilmembers. The group is very focused on being part of the community.

**d. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with King County for Art for the SW 152<sup>nd</sup> Street Enhancement Project**  
**91.**

Public Works Director Stephen Clark said the proposed motion would authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with the King County Public Arts Program for the purpose of including a small element of art in the SW 152<sup>nd</sup> Street project. The Council was given a presentation on the issue at its April 22 meeting during which a number of options were outlined which taken together would cost about \$550,000. The proposal is to incorporate a street clock and wind vanes at an estimated cost of \$44,000. In addition, the cost for having King County manage the program with the city is estimated at \$18,375. Because the public art would be the first to be included in a Burien project, and because Burien does not have the necessary staff expertise, the city will be relying on King County to help with the process. He said the recommendation of staff was to move forward with the motion.

- Motion by Councilmember Nelson, second by Councilmember Lamphear, to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with King County for art for the SW 152<sup>nd</sup> Street Enhancement Project in the amount of \$18,375 and charge the expense to Burien Entry Improvements capital project.

Councilmember Nelson said she hoped the Arts Commission would seek to engage the community in an effort to specifically review the recommendations. There should also be an effort to focus on one or two enhancements to the project that could be included in the future.

Councilmember McGilton concurred, adding that there should be an ongoing and viable process to plan for art in Burien.

Mr. Clark allowed that the Arts Commission is taking the lead with the process. King County will be appointing a panel to work with the city and the process will lead to a great deal more understanding on the part of the city.

Mr. Long clarified that the recommendation was to use funds from the Burien Entry Improvements capital project in order to see the art project move forward. The next level of effort will include a public participation process.

- The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Deputy Mayor Clark said she recently met a person who serves on the board of the national Main Street Program. In talking about art for SW 152<sup>nd</sup>, it was noted that the City of Wenatchee has pioneered a program to share art. Under the program, art is displayed in one city for a time and then moved to another. Deputy Mayor Clark suggested that the program should be explored as one method for making the City's scarce public art dollars go further.

**e. Discussion of Sesquicentennial Celebration Commemorating Washington State's Designation as a Territory**  
**115.**

Councilmember Nelson acknowledged former Burien Mayor Kitty Milne, president of the Highline Historical Society.

Larry Fetter, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts, said there are two reasons to celebrate during 2003: the ten-year anniversary of Burien and the sesquicentennial of the state declaration as a territory. He suggested merging both celebrations.

Ms. Milne said the two milestones represent a wonderful opportunity to celebrate, and because both the sesquicentennial and the ten-year anniversary of the city occur in the same year, it only makes sense to combine the two celebrations. The event should commemorate things related to the past, the present and the future. With respect to the past, the milestone events that occurred during the territorial period should be highlighted. Washington Territory existed between 1852 and 1889, and during that timeframe Mike and Jane Kelly began developing the Sunnysdale area with the first school house and some public trails. Their efforts have never been celebrated in the community.

Continuing, Ms. Milne said the celebration should also focus on the present local government and the fact that democracy is alive and well. Burien is a new city, and just as the state began as a territory, Burien is still in the process of becoming something great. In the past, many celebrations have resulted in local historical museums, which is an excellent way to impact the future while preserving a heritage. The CAFÉ committee has suggested that the school district should be involved. Business groups should also be involved in planning for a festival like the one that occurred when the city was incorporated; that festival went on all day and included arts and crafts and fun things for children and families to do, along with all manner of cultural entertainment into the evening.

Ms. Milne proposed that different activities could be scheduled for different times. The big party might be slated to coincide with the March 1 anniversary celebration. Middle schools in the area engage in heritage projects focused on the history of the area, and incorporating those projects would be a good thing.

The job of the Council would be to help fund the effort. The original incorporation celebration cost the city about \$5000.

Ms. Milne said one of the things the Highline Historical Society has done is to create historical picture histories of the community. She said a concerted effort will be put into finding pictures relating to the territorial days.

Councilmember McGilton said there are some wonderful photographs of Three Tree Point that were turned into postcards. It would be nice to have tee shirts made up as well commemorating Mike and Jane Kelly.

Councilmember Nelson said it would be wonderful to have a mural painted on the side of a building. Ms. Milne said the City of SeaTac is planning to have a mural on one of the walls in their new city hall that will reflect their history.

The consensus of the Council was in support of the commemoration celebrations.

**f. Regional Disaster Plan – Omnibus Legal and Financial Agreement  
117.**

- • Motion by Councilmember Nelson, second by Councilmember Lamphear, to authorize the City Manager to sign the Omnibus Legal and Financial Agreement with King County in substantially the same form and content as presented.

Mr. Long explained that the legal agreement defines and clarifies how agencies borrow and lend disaster response services to each other and defines the mutual responsibilities of each party. He said the agreement was developed to provide for the tracking of expenses, billings, insurance reimbursements, risk management and other financial information. The idea is to establish the ground rules before an event not afterwards. Considerable discussion of this proposed agreement has occurred at King County City Managers' meetings and by the Police Oversight Committee members. There is agreement by all that having this type of interlocal in place is preferable to going it alone and figuring things out after an event.

- The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

**10. REPORTS**

**a. Arts Commission Meeting Agenda, July 9, 2002, and Draft Meeting Minutes, June 4, 2002.  
141.**

The agenda and draft minutes were provided in the packet.

**b. Business and Economic Development Partnership Draft Meeting Minutes, June 14, 2002.  
147.**

The draft minutes were provided in the packet.

**c. Tree Board Meeting Agenda, July 10, 2002, and Draft Meeting Minutes, June 12, 2002.  
151.**

The agenda and draft minutes were provided in the packet.

## 11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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### Tentative Agenda for: July 8, Committees Meetings

#### GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

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Approval of Minutes:

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Introduction to Critical Area Revision Process

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Recommendation on Motion to Adopt the Branson Property Park  
Master Plan

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Discussion and Recommendation on Draft Cargo Container  
Regulation Options and Proposed Changes

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Discussion on Long Term Yakima Jail Contract & Interlocal  
Agreement Among Cities

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Discussion on Agreement with King County Regarding Omnibus  
Emergency Operations Plan.

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Recommendation on Motion to Adopt Ordinance No. 356  
Providing for Legal Defense for City Employees, Elected  
Officials, and Volunteers

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Discussion of Ordinance Related to Secure Community Transition  
Facilities

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Continued Discussion on 2003 Legislative Policy Statement and  
2003 Legislative Priorities

#### Public Works and Capital Projects Committee

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Approval of Minutes:

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Presentation on Recommended Project List for 2002

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Recommendation on Motion to Award Construction Contract for  
Ambaum Boulevard SW Pedestrian Safety Improvements

#### CAFE

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Approval of Minutes:

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Discussion on Teen Program

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Summary of Seahurst Park Master Plan Recommendations

**12. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Held prior to the meeting.

### **13. ADJOURNMENT**

- Motion by Councilmember Nelson, second by Councilmember Lamphear, to adjourn the meeting.
- The motion carried unanimously 7-0.

The Regular Meeting of the Burien City Council was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Rose Clark, Deputy Mayor

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Monica Lusk, Deputy City Clerk

**JULY 15, 2002**

*Seahurst Park Master Plan*

**CITY OF BURIEN**  
415 SW 150th Street  
Burien, Washington 98166

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**5:30 p.m.**

**ADVISORY BOARD INTERVIEWS**

**6:30 p.m.**

**and**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**7:00 p.m.**

**July 15, 2002**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Woo called the Executive Session of the Burien City Council to order at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing potential litigation.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNMENT TO REGULAR SESSION**

The Executive Session was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. for Advisory Board Interviews. The interviews were concluded at 6:55 p.m. and the Regular Meeting was convened.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Woo called the Regular Meeting of the Burien City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Woo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Wing Woo, Deputy Mayor Rose Clark, Councilmembers Noel Gibb, Kevin James, Stephen Lamphear, Joan McGilton and Sally Nelson.

Administrative staff present: Gary Long, City Manager; Lisa Marshall, City Attorney; Richard Loman, Economic Development Manager; Linda Gorton, Finance and Administrative Services Director; Scott Greenberg, Community Development Director; Larry Fetter, Parks and Recreation Director; Stephen Clark, Public Works Director; and Jan Hubbard, Community Relations and Human Resources Director.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS**

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### **Presentation from Diane Wanner on Northwest Area Foundation**

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Diane Wanner, Community Liaison, said the Northwest Area Foundation was established in 1934 by Lewis Hill, son of the founder of the Great Northern Railroad. The Foundation operates in Idaho, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota and Washington with the mission of reducing poverty through three programs: Community Ventures, Community Connections and Horizons.

Continuing, Ms. Wanner said the Community Ventures program in South King County seeks to establish partnerships with both urban and rural communities, including Burien, SeaTac, Tukwila, Renton, and Skyway which has a combined population of 138,000, 23 percent of which is in Burien. The Foundation selects areas based on need; the number of and concentration of people in poverty; the potential for positive change; the potential for collaboration; the opportunity to leverage resources; and, where the approach might make a difference.

Communities working in partnership with the Foundation participate in the development of community wide strategic plans to serve as the basis for the partnerships.

Ms. Wanner stated that there are six criteria used to develop plans: (1) a major focus on reducing poverty; (2) diverse interests; (3) strategies for accomplishing community goals; (4) strategies for gathering resources; (5) a plan for learning, adapting and sharing with other communities; and, (6) the plan must take into account the effect on adjacent communities socially and economically.

Ms. Wanner said she has been working with about 300 people and 100 organizations over the past year to form the partnership, including neighborhood groups, social and cultural services and support agencies, city and county government, religious organizations, social policy organizations, school districts and area foundations. It has been found that many people in the area identify with both the geography of the area and their cultural group. Many immigrants travel to Seattle for social services that will serve their culture. Much has been heard about a lack of transit connecting the western and eastern areas of the county; the

differences among the cities in terms of local employment and tax base; and, the level of mobility in the community. Social service providers and government officials in the area are not necessarily accustomed to working with non-English speakers. Local governments are accustomed to making independent decisions. The research has also turned up several similarities and potential points of collaboration, including reliance on Boeing as an employer; infrastructure limitations; social issues; and, the presence of an international community. Many share concerns about schools and youth, and reducing crime.

Ms. Wanner stated a major forum was conducted in May 2002 at which the research results were presented and attendees were asked to be more involved in the next steps. Over the next few months there will be three different workgroups meeting monthly through the fall of 2002. During the winter and spring of 2003 there will be additional workgroups formed to begin drafting sections of the long-range plan. By summer 2003, the draft plan will be completed and presented to the Foundation. The Foundation president will make the final decision about funding the partnerships.

Deputy Mayor Clark said she has been working with the collaboration committee and has found the Foundation to be very willing to listen to people in the community about local issues. She said she was looking forward to a good outcome.

Councilmember Nelson noted that the Suburban Cities Association works across jurisdictional lines in a collaborative process to discuss many of the same issues. She said she appreciated the work of the Foundation as well.

### **Presentation from Gloria Gould-Wesson on Report of Friends of Burien Parks formerly known as PARC**

Gloria Gould-Wesson said the Parks and Arts Recreation Council (PARC) has been around for nine years. The focus has been on organizing the community to support parks, art and recreation. The name of the group was changed in order to be more specific. She presented the Councilmembers with a handout showing the financial status of the organization. The funds that have been raised by the organization have been used for the parks scholarship program, the skate park, the

Backyard Habitat Project, and other parks initiatives. She said the organization intends to remain active in supporting parks and arts in the community.

City Manager Gary Long encouraged Ms. Gould-Wesson and Friends of Burien Parks group members to attend the CAFÉ meetings to explore ways the group can support downtown art projects.

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**Introduction of Fire Department Disaster Coordinator Lt. Ray Pettigrew by Fire Chief Mike Marrs**

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Fire Chief Mike Marrs introduced Lt. Ray Pettigrew as the new Fire Department Disaster Preparedness Officer for Fire District 2. He noted that Lt. Pettigrew has been with the fire department for over 15 years and served as the Fire Department Training Officer for two years prior to being named the Disaster Preparedness coordinator.

Chief Marrs said the development of the Emergency Preparedness Plan is a joint effort between the City, the fire districts, and various special purpose districts and has been spurred on by the persistence of the City Manager.

**CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE RECORD**

- a. a. Letter dated June 24, 2002, from Priscilla P. Cochran Regarding the New Trails Proposed for Seahurst Park.
- b. b. Letter dated June 25, 2002, from C. H. Eyers, Jr. Regarding Opposition to the Proposed Seahurst Park Trail that Borders the Eastern Side of the Hurstwood Community.
- c. c. Letter dated June 25, 2002, from Hamubre Lindamood Regarding Opposition to the Proposed Seahurst Park Trail that Borders the Eastern Side of the Hurstwood Community.
- d. d. Letter dated June 25, 2002, from Stan and Maria Morehouse Regarding Opposition to the Proposed Seahurst Park Trail that Borders the Eastern Side of the Hurstwood Community.
- e. e. Letter dated June 25, 2002, from Matt O'Brien Regarding Opposition to the Proposed Seahurst Park Trail that Borders the Eastern Side of the Hurstwood Community.

- f. f. Letter dated June 25, 2002, from Clarice Tittereed Regarding Opposition to the Proposed Seahurst Park Trail that Borders the Eastern Side of the Hurstwood Community.
- g. g. Letter dated June 25, 2002, from Thomas Pelzel Regarding Opposition to the Proposed Seahurst Park Trail that Borders the Eastern Side of the Hurstwood Community.
- h. h. Letter dated June 25, 2002, from Don and Robin Doubke Regarding Opposition to the Proposed Seahurst Park Trail that Borders the Eastern Side of the Hurstwood Community.
- i. i. Letter dated June 25, 2002, from Gary Siller Regarding Opposition to the Proposed Seahurst Park Trail that Borders the Eastern Side of the Hurstwood Community.
- j. j. Letter dated June 25, 2002, from Ulma and Lacilia Zemgalis Regarding Opposition to the Proposed Seahurst Park Trail that Borders the Eastern Side of the Hurstwood Community.
- k. k. Letter dated June 25, 2002, from T. M. Hamlin Regarding the Proposed Seahurst Park Trail that Borders the Eastern Side of the Hurstwood Community.
- l. l. Letter dated June 26, 2002, from Catherine Pelzel Regarding Opposition to the Proposed Trail on Vintage Park Apartment Property.
- m. m. Letter received June 27, 2002, from Greg Fleeheart Regarding the City's Efforts Towards a Better City.
- n. n. Letter dated June 30, 2002, from Ann Hay Regarding Opposition to the Proposed Seahurst Park Trail that Borders the Eastern Side of the Hurstwood Community.
- o. o. Written Public Comments from Jean Whisler for Public Hearing held July 1, 2002, Regarding Grandfathering all Current Signs.
- p. p. Letter dated July 3, 2002, from Richard C. and Lisa Burrows Regarding Opposition to the Proposed Seahurst Park Trail that Borders the Eastern Side of the Hurstwood Community.
- q. q. E-Mail dated July 3, 2002, from Charmaine A. Caros Regarding Educating Burien Citizens that Fireworks are Illegal and Dangerous.
- r. r. Letter dated July 3, 2002, from Burien Auto Dealers Regarding the

Proposed Sign Code.

- s. s. Letter and petition dated July 5, 2002, from Rhonda Duncan, Hurstwood Community Club President, Regarding Seahurst Park Master Plan.
- t. t. Letter dated July 7, 2002, from Gary K. and Kathleen M. Mavor Regarding Objection to the Proposed Installation of a Cellular Tower at the Corner of 27th SW and Marine View Drive.
- u. u. Letter dated July 7, 2002, from Gil Arroyo Regarding Objection to Proposed Metal Tower to be Attached to an Existing Utility Pole.
- v. v. Letter received July 8, 2002, from Catherine Hollis Regarding Objection to Proposed Extension of 41-Foot Seattle City Light Utility Pole to 59.9 Feet.
- w. w. Letter dated July 3, 2002, from Philip B. and Joanne R. Gibbs Regarding the Proposed Seahurst Park Trail to 146th Street.

**AGENDA CONFIRMATION**

- • Motion by Deputy Mayor Rose Clark, second by Councilmember Nelson, to add Agenda Item 9b2, Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Clear Channel Outdoor related to billboards, and to add one communication.
- • The motion carried unanimously 7-0.
- • Motion by Motion by Deputy Mayor Clark, second by Councilmember Nelson to confirm the amended agenda.
- • Motion carried unanimously. 7-0.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

Joy Carroll, 841 SW 132<sup>nd</sup> Street

Ms. Carroll voiced concern over the fact that her next-door neighbor is apparently running an auto repair shop at his home. She said there are more than a dozen vehicles on the property at all times and there is constant noise, loud talking to clients on the cell phone, yelling at his kids, running power tools all the time, and loud car music played. There is a two-ton flatbed truck that regularly comes and goes at all hours of the day and night. The neighbor kids, who are too young to have driver's licenses, are moving the cars around the lot all the time and they have knocked over street signs with the cars. There is a lack of supervision. The situation is very dangerous. Dogs bring home glass, nuts and bolts, wire brushes, and other such things. Others in the neighborhood once collected four pages of

signatures of people all with stories of their own to tell. The neighborhood is no longer quiet and the Council should be aware of that.

Ed Dacy, 2016 SW 146<sup>th</sup> Street

Mr. Dacy suggested that the Council should consider adding to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) a sidewalk on at least one side of the street for the areas in and around each elementary school in the city where bus service is not provided. He allowed that that would be a very long-term project and that for 2003 some funding should be earmarked to study the issue to see if it could be done in a reasonable timeframe.

Richard Setterberg, 16738 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW

Mr. Setterberg said he and a number of others were requesting denial of the permit for a cellular tower in the Seahurst neighborhood. He said he would like to see a three- to six-month moratorium imposed in order to give the City time to study the development of a code and master plan for the siting of cell towers to reduce the impact on the community. The proposed tower would be the second one within a one-mile stretch; there is no justification for that. The city code should require periodic reviews and revisions to take into account advances in technology that are less intrusive. The cell tower permits should expire periodically and require renewal, and the licensing and renewal fees should be considerable. The City of Medina uses a similar approach.

Marilyn Michelak 16805 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW

Ms. Michelak agreed with the previous speaker. She agreed that the city needs a more comprehensive plan for how to deal with the overall issue of cellular towers. Without a more detailed approach, competing cell phone companies will seek to place towers all over the community. The cell phone towers present a safety hazard for many.

Anne Davis, 16758 Marine View Drive SW

Ms. Davis also protested allowing the extension of the utility pole in order to permit the installation of a cellular antenna. She concurred with the testimony of Richard Setterberg. She said she could see no provisions for addressing health and safety. The tower will certainly detract from the neighborhood. The efforts of the city to upgrade and improve should not be carried out at the expense of the neighborhoods. Everything the Council can do to help prevent such a monstrous addition to the neighborhood should be done.

Melissa Tomlinson, 16917 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW

Ms. Tomlinson echoed the sentiment of the previous speakers concerned about the cellular tower. She agreed that all safety issues should be addressed and that there should be better long-term planning.

Deputy Mayor Clark said she had received several calls regarding the issue raised by Ms. Carroll and had heard allegations of drugs and the possibility that there are other illegal actions occurring there. Mr. Long said the matter is under investigation.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. a. Approval of Vouchers: Nos. 1388 through 1489 for a total value of \$806,116.13.

- b. b. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting, July 1, 2002.
- c. c. Motion to Adopt Ordinance No. 356 Providing for Legal Defense for City Employees, Elected Officials, and Volunteers
  - • Motion by Deputy Mayor Clark, second by Councilmember Nelson, to approve the Consent Agenda.
  - • The motion carried unanimously 7-0.

## **BUSINESS AGENDA**

### **Public Hearing to Receive Citizens' Comments on Draft Sign Code**

Community Development Director Scott Greenberg called attention to his memo on page 97 of the packet and clarified that the second line of Section 1 should state that the draft allows only a monument sign, not a pole sign. With regard to A-frame signs, he noted that although the staff provided language allowing them only in the pedestrian zones under strict criteria, the position of staff was that A-frame signs should be banned throughout the city. Staff continues to believe that allowing A-frame signs, even in a limited area, will cause an enforcement headache for the staff. Once the initial furor over the current A-frame sign ban died down, the prohibition has worked well.

With regard to billboards, Mr. Greenberg provided the Councilmembers with language to be included as Item D on the last page of the staff memo found on page 101 of the packet. He noted that the language would allow changeable copy boards additional height to make sure they are visible above vegetation, particularly along SR-518 where there are a lot of trees.

Mayor Woo opened the public hearing.

#### Marty Reichlin, 14625 Ambaum Boulevard SW

Mr. Reichlin said he was sorry if he offended anyone, but noted that he is a senile 70 year old who often cannot remember where he left his glasses. He proposed allowing for a 60-day period during which the public can comment on the agreement between the city and the billboard company. He also proposed an 18-month truce or cease fire during which no new signs or containers would be allowed unless they meet the new code. All current signs should be allowed to

remain up during that time whether they are beautiful or not, A-frame or another shape.

Don Spadoni, 14423 Ambaum Boulevard SW

Mr. Spadoni said the latest version of the sign code reflected good common sense.

Mark Minium, Burien Honda, 208 South 186<sup>th</sup> Street

Mr. Minium said he has been a resident and business owner in Burien for many years during which signs of deterioration have been seen. He said the people in Burien have good hearts but always seem to show up at the last minute to speak on issues. He encouraged those present not to wait until the last day, to get involved and have a positive attitude. He thanked the Council and Mr. Greenberg for the hard work that has resulted in a good compromise for the sign code. He encouraged the Council to accept the proposed code.

Ed Dacy, 2016 SW 146<sup>th</sup> Street

Mr. Dacy said he has been attending meetings for the past three years that worked on the sign code. He complimented Clear Channel for working cooperatively with the City. Before the sign code is adopted, the Council should seek to make sure it will be enforceable. With regard to carnival-like devices, he suggested simply allowing them from noon Friday to 8:00 a.m. Monday.

Dean Parkins, 2638 SW 152<sup>nd</sup> Street

Mr. Parkins said his monthly column in the *Highline Times* about the sign code was submitted for the third week of May but did not get published until the third week of June, which was after the recommendations of the Business and Economic Development Partnership were released. He noted that as chair of the Partnership he is obligated to assist in setting forth the consensus of the group, but sometimes his personal view is different. He agreed that Mr. Greenberg did a lot of hard work to find compromise positions with the various business groups. He said he was personally satisfied that the proposed code is fair and reflects appropriate accommodations for the business community.

Jim Clingan, 14682 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SW

Mr. Clingan spoke representing the Merchants of Burien. He said there was only one issue of concern remaining, specifically Paragraph 1.E of Section 19.30.170

and the concept of “substantial improvement.” He suggested that the term should be clearly defined in the code. He thanked the Council and staff on behalf of the Merchants of Burien for the effort and patience put into developing the proposed sign code.

Ryan Warnes, BBC Dodge, 14650 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South

Mr. Warnes thanked the Council, Gary Long and Scott Greenberg for working with the auto dealers to come to a conclusion to benefit everyone. He also voiced concern over use of the term “substantial improvement,” a term he noted could mean different things to different businesses and can stop improvement efforts that would otherwise improve the city. He said he would prefer to see “carnival-like devices” referred to as “promotional devices.” He said 52 percent of all business results from customers driving by.

Frank Podany, Clear Channel Outdoor, 3601 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South

Mr. Podany allowed that while the process of refining the sign code has taken a long time, the result has been a good one. He said over the past seven or eight years he has been involved with other cities but never before with the City Manager, Council, staff and the business community. The proposed code will be good for the city and will allow Clear Channel Outdoor to continue operating within the city by relocating structures as the city changes over time. Billboards currently located in the downtown business area and residential zones will be removed and everyone will benefit.

Stuart Jenner, 200 SW 178<sup>th</sup> Street

Mr. Jenner spoke representing Highline Citizens for Schools. He said the most recent school bond issue was approved due in large part to the assistance from AK Media, now Clear Channel Outdoor. Billboards can and do play a very positive role in the community and the proposed code makes provision for keeping them in the community in appropriate areas.

Kevin Fitz, 2626 152<sup>nd</sup> Street

Mr. Fitz commended the staff, the Council and the business community for working together to develop the proposed sign code. He noted that the compromises were developed through concerted work on the part of all parties. He thanked the Council for taking the time to listen to businesses.

There being no further comments, Mayor Woo closed the public hearing.

Mr. Greenberg clarified that the term “substantial improvement” is defined in the main definition section of the zoning code as maintenance, repair, structural modification, addition or other improvements that exceeds 50 percent of the assessed value of the buildings on the site. Under the proposal, once that threshold is reached, any nonconforming signs on a particular site would need to be brought into conformance before the substantial improvement could be approved. The term is used elsewhere in the code as the threshold that triggers compliance with other codes as well.

**Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 358 with the staff recommendations for Establishing a new Sign Code**

- • Motion by Deputy Mayor Clark, second by Councilmember Nelson, to adopt Ordinance No. 358 with the staff recommendation from Attachment 1.

Councilmember Lamphear said he had an issue with allowing business signage in residential zones as noted in Section 19.30.050. He noted that Table 19.30-1 includes seven business signs that would be allowed in residential zones even if a sign of ten square feet were not allowed. Awning or canopy signs, bench signs, carnival-like or promotional signs, changeable copy signs, including readerboards, freestanding signs, occupant identification signs, and wall signs are allowed in all zones. Lighted signs especially should not be permitted in residential zones. The character of residential areas is changed when home businesses are allowed to have signs. He proposed eliminating the provision that allows ten-square-foot signs in residential zones, and the provisions in Table 19.30-1 that would allow the other types of signs in residential zones.

Mr. Greenberg allowed that there are many situations in residential areas for which signs are appropriate, such as for parks, churches and schools. Disallowing all such signs in residential zones would mean the parks, churches and schools could not use them either. A home business, however, is not permitted to have a sign of ten square feet or any other sign other than an occupant identification sign because they are not included on the use zone charts.

Councilmember Lamphear clarified that his opposition was in relation to commercial signage, not necessary community signage for a church, school or park.

Mr. Long asked if any other part of the code restricts or defines signing for home occupation businesses located in residential areas. Mr. Greenberg answered that there is not. He said any of the specifically listed signs could be prohibited in residential zones, though prohibiting freestanding signs and wall signs in the residential zones would in effect mean that all signs in residential zones would be disallowed given the way the code is written. He said the code could be revised to say that home occupation businesses are not allowed any signs at all. Councilmember Lamphear said he would favor making any changes necessary to the sign code to prohibit the display of commercial messages on signs in residential areas.

Mr. Greenberg suggested that the issue was too complex to try to develop new language without taking the appropriate amount of time.

Councilmember James concurred, adding that he still had some concerns but was willing to move forward.

- • Motion by Councilmember Nelson, second by Councilmember McGilton, to amend the motion to continue the current ban on all A-board signs in the City of Burien.

Councilmember Nelson said the Council seated two years ago voted to ban all A-board signs in Burien. The decision was an easy one to make and was then as now controversial. There is also a taxpayer issue related to enforcement of the code, and the simplest approach is just to ban them altogether.

- • The motion to amend the motion carried 5-2, with Councilmembers Woo and James voting against.

- • Motion by Councilmember Lamphear, second by Councilmember Nelson, to revise 19.30.050 to delete paragraph (1), and change the remaining language by deleting the word “other” and substituting “non-commercial.”
- • The motion to amend the motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Mr. Greenberg noted that the section in Table 19.30-1 referring to occupant identification signs would need to be amended to disallow the listing of the occupation of an occupant or group of occupants in a residential zone.

Councilmember Lamphear questioned whether approving the motion as amended would ratify the proposed contract with Clear Channel Outdoor. Mr. Greenberg said approval of the motion on the floor would adopt new billboard provisions for the city which would allow for the relocation of billboards on SR-509 and SR-518. The contract agreement sets forth some specific details that have been negotiated with Clear Channel Outdoor.

Councilmember Nelson reminded the Council that she had previously expressed reluctance to agree to the issues related to billboards unless there was a concurrent contractual agreement in hand along with provisions for enforcement. Approving the motion without first acting on the contract could result in billboard provisions with no enforcement provisions.

- • Motion by Councilmember Nelson, second by Councilmember McGilton, to amend the motion to remove all sections of the proposed code that deal with billboards and consider the billboard issue separately and together with the contract.

Councilmember Lamphear clarified that Section 19.30.100 was the section to be removed for later discussion.

- • The motion to amend the motion carried unanimously 7-0.
- • The main motion, as amended, carried unanimously 7-0.

- • Motion by Deputy Mayor Clark, second by Councilmember Nelson, to Adopt Resolution 160, pulling out the references to A-frame signs.
- • The motion carried unanimously 7-0.

**Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Clear Channel Outdoor related to billboards.**

This item was deferred to a discussion later in the meeting.

**Public Hearing to Receive Citizens' Comments on Motion to Adopt Final Seahurst Park Master Plan and Associated Documents**

Councilmembers Gibb and James left the dais at 8:52 p.m. They returned at 8:53 p.m.

Mayor Woo opened the public hearing.

Parks Acquisition and Development Planner Scott Thomas said the Seahurst Park Master Plan process began in 1995 with a park conditions inventory conducted prior to acceptance of the park from King County in 1997. The past seven months have seen a number of design and public meetings. In all there have been 12 public meetings aimed at informing the residents, along with information on the city's website and in the city newsletter; there were also articles in the *Seattle P-I*, the *Highline Times*, and on flyers posted around town.

Mr. Thomas explained that through the process two core values emerged: (1) protect and enhance the natural features of the park; and (2) integrate educational and interpretive opportunities. The first core value can be expressed through salmon habitat recovery, reforestation, wetland and stream restoration projects. Examples of the second core value include theme trails, theme picnic shelters, an integrated plan and educational signage.

Mr. Thomas stated two significant issues emerged during the master plan process. First is improving safety, which can be done by reconfiguring the parking and improve the condition of the existing trails. Beach access and usability will be

improved by removing most of the seawall, and by redesigning the central waterfront and esplanade. Existing neighborhood access will be protected through two acquisitions and improved trail quality.

Mr. Thomas said the plan remains essentially the same as what was presented to the Council in May, with a few exceptions. The trail linking the two basins has been removed. The trail connecting from 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW to the loop trail was also removed. Acquisitions in the northeast corner of the park have been better delineated on the map. The beach area plan remains unchanged from what was presented in May. It includes extensive beach restoration, redevelopment of the esplanade, and creation of an educational focus area at the north end of the park.

Mr. Thomas noted that the phasing plan brakes the work down into separate projects. Partnerships have already been developed that will allow the work to proceed in Area A and Area B. The reforestation work can begin in the winter.

Gloria Gould-Wesson, 15021 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW

Ms. Gould-Wesson said she has been involved with the Seahurst Park Master Plan process from the beginning and had been asked to serve as a stakeholder. She noted that while the park is regional in its draw, it is surrounded by local neighborhoods, the residents of which like to walk and want access to the park without having to drive to it. The conceptual plan sets forth direction that will handle a lot of problems and issues. It will bring a lot of pride to the community and will be much more accessible.

Cathy Martin, 1806 SW 146<sup>th</sup> Street

Ms. Martin indicated her favor for the listed improvements of the park but said she is opposed to the trail. By creating more access via the trail, the result will be increased crime in the area. Adding a parking lot on SW 146<sup>th</sup> Street for the trail would simply not be acceptable. The trail would also be damaging to wildlife. It would invade the residential area. There are plenty of trails and walks down below.

Kim Martin, 1806 SW 146<sup>th</sup> Street

Mr. Martin said he lives only two blocks from the proposed trailhead and parking lot. He noted that his home was robbed six years ago and the thieves used the

current trail as access. Two years ago the neighborhood was awakened late at night by the sound of semi-automatic gunfire coming from the upper parking lot; the same thing happened just after the Fourth of July. Fireworks have been discharged just behind the backyard on the existing trail. Recently someone opened every mailbox along the street. He asked that the proposed trail be canceled from the plan because it will lead to an unsafe condition. It will also be harmful to wildlife living in the area. The existing trails should be left as they are.

Frank VandenBoss, 14435 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SW

Mr. VandenBoss said local residents are strongly opposed to any trail construction and against the addition of signs that would suggest there is a park entry in the vicinity of SW 146<sup>th</sup> Street and 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue SW. He provided the Councilmembers with a petition signed by 113 residents, all of whom are opposed to the proposed trail. Those present in the room who had signed the petition were asked to stand and be recognized, and he remarked that close to half the audience was standing. The area in question is in fact a canyon that is hidden only by the trees. It provides a barrier from intrusion from below. He said the trail would take away the security the neighborhood now enjoys. Homeless people could camp in the park and use the trail to access the neighborhood. The city should not make changes that will bring increased problems into the neighborhood. During the process there was a lack of notification to area residents; no letters were received, and most became aware of the process by reading the article in the July 10 *Highline Times*. The plan was not actually finalized until Friday, July 12. The Council was urged to eliminate the trail from the final plan.

Joanne Gibbs, 14448 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SW

Ms. Gibbs said the Seahurst Park Master Plan is a very important issue. She read, for the record, a letter she sent to the Council on July 13 in which it was noted that the proposed plan was less than popular. The citizens do not want the plan because it will not be good for the neighborhood of Seahurst and others in the city. The park is for the citizens of Burien, not all of King County. It will turn the pristine forest and beach into a monster.

Normandy Park serves as a good example of how to monitor parks for use by local residents only. No trails should be created through the forest.

Ed Dacy, 2016 SW 146<sup>th</sup> Street

Mr. Dacy said he moved to Seahurst in 1956. He said he began attending the meetings originally because of concerns relating to development of the Brown property. Acquiring the property was a good move on the part of the City. He said he generally supports the proposed master plan. He said he liked the provision not to develop any trailhead or public area without first conducting a public hearing. He agreed that the proposed trails do need to be discussed, and said he was concerned about getting fire equipment into the area; over the years the fire road has degraded into little more than a trail, and a fire in the area would be devastating. There should be a plan on file for how to fight any fire the area might see.

Kathy Felt, 1840 SW 146<sup>th</sup> Street

Ms. Phelps said her house is one block from the proposed trail. She read, for the record, a letter from an elderly neighbor concerned about vandals, robbers, and fires that could be the result of creating the trail. With a trail open both day and night it would be impossible for the residents to keep an eye on who is coming and going. The steep terrain provides a natural barrier between the lower areas and the homes up above. Nothing should be done to remove that natural barrier. The steep terrain would make the trail difficult and expensive to construct and maintain. The money planned for the trail should be used on something else.

Priscilla Cochran, 1417 SW 143<sup>rd</sup> Street

Ms. Cochran said she had written a letter to the Council concerning the master plan and received a canned response from the Park Board Director. She said local residents were simply not made aware of the fact that the master planning process was ongoing. Notification to all Block Watch captains would have been sufficient. Over the past several years there has been quite a lot of crime in the area, including two shootings. The citizens are not concerned with the master plan itself but rather with safety. It is the trail that is causing the most concern; getting rid of the trail from the plan would solve the problem. Creation of a parking lot at SW 146<sup>th</sup> Street would seriously impact the kids in the neighborhood.

Laura Blackmore, 2001 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue East, Seattle

Ms. Blackmore spoke representing her boss, Doug Osterman, a member of the stakeholders committee and whose primary interest comes as a result of serving as

the watershed coordinator for the salmon recovery efforts for the Green River, Duwamish River and central Puget Sound watersheds. The Salmon Recovery Board grant received by the city was used to study the park and figure out how much near-shore habitat could be restored by removing the seawall on the beach. The watershed technical committee has reviewed the proposal and found it to be an excellent approach that will serve as a model for the Puget Sound region.

Jan Kniestedt, 14434 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW

Ms. Kniestedt voiced three specific concerns regarding the proposed master plan. The first concern was focused on the preservation of the existing environment. Many in the Seahurst community care passionately about their surroundings and the habitat. If the proposal were to be adopted and carried out, much of the natural beauty of the area would be destroyed or disturbed. Her second priority was focused on safety and security. She said the proposed plan with the trail from the Vintage Park Apartments through Hurstwood and on to the Seahurst neighborhood at SW 146<sup>th</sup> Street and 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue SW would be the source of unwanted activity. There have already been numerous incidents of break-ins, robberies, and other undesirable activities in the neighborhood. Many families have moved out because they did not feel safe. Her third concern had to do with communication. She said not everyone reads the *Highline Times* and the mailing of a postcard to all local residents would be much more effective in getting the word out. Keeping the community informed is the best way for the city to garner support and involvement.

Marilyn Kimmel, 14617 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW

Ms. Kimmel read, for the record, a letter from an elderly disabled citizen regarding the proposed trail. The letter said she was against the proposed trail because it would expose her to increased vandalism and robbery and would be frequented by unwanted persons. She said she has been the victim of a burglary and no longer feels safe. Ms. Kimmel said she and her husband are also very concerned about the proposed trail access on SW 146<sup>th</sup> Street and 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW where they live. She asked that the trail not be included in the master plan.

Melvin Kimmel, 14617 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW

Mr. Kimmel voiced concern regarding the funding proposed for the park addition. He questioned what would happen if the requested grant funds were not awarded,

asking if the residents of Burien would be asked to pay the price if outside funds are not available. If that is to be the case, the taxpayers should be able to vote for or against.

Gary Coy, 1501 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW

Mr. Coy said 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW is a one-way road that is heavily traveled by walkers. The road narrows to ten feet and there is no shoulder. If the city is going to put forth the effort, it must take into account the need for sidewalks and widening the road. The City Council should spend as much effort on developing businesses in Burien as is being spent on developing parks.

Jean Parmele Walz, 1832 SW 146<sup>th</sup> Street

Ms. Walz voiced her opposition to the proposed trail and parking lot. She noted that the parking lot would increase traffic through the residential neighborhood, adding that traffic on SW 146<sup>th</sup> Street is already going too fast. The parking lot could become the hang-out for teenagers when full cars would spill out into the residential streets where residents and children regularly walk. The trail would also impact the wildlife, both red foxes and eagles. Often fireworks are set off on the existing trails, which is a danger to the homes above.

Sue Barnes-Blazak, 15805 6<sup>th</sup> SW, Chair of Burien Parks and Recreation Board

Ms. Barnes-Blazak said she was proud to have been part of the Seahurst Park Master Plan process. She said the consultants came to three meetings that were well attended by citizens to outline the wide range of options for the park, what it should look like, how it could be used, and how to balance the needs for recreation and the environment. They did an excellent job of incorporating all of the comments and concerns into the final product. She said she was personally very pleased with the outcome, especially the increased accessibility to the beach and the learning opportunities. She said she appreciates the fact that the Council seeks to promote the downtown and parks. The city takes a real effort to keep the community informed. The proposed plan is the result of a genuine effort to develop a great plan that will greatly benefit all citizens. She said she hoped the controversies over the trail could be worked out satisfactorily.

Jack Block, Jr., 1229 SW 146<sup>th</sup> Street

Mr. Block urged the Council to adopt the Seahurst Master Plan as submitted. He noted that a lot of people said they had not been informed about the plan but pointed out that the process was prominently outlined in an article in the city newsletter. He said he appreciated the concerns of the neighborhood regarding safety, but common sense dictates that creation of a limited trail would allow more public access, something that would address the concerns. The plan represents a compromise position. Wherever there is green and open space there will be occasional problems with kids and transients. Such public safety issues can and should be addressed.

Tom Pelzel, 13740 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW

Mr. Pelzel said he thinks the Hurstwood community is generally opposed to the plan, the main concern being increased usage and hazards. He strongly disagreed with Scott Thomas on the issue of adequate notification. The local neighborhoods believe the issue was largely hidden and came upon them as a surprise. The city should send letters to all of the neighbors outlining the proposal and seeking comment. The cost of the plan is out of line given the difficult economy.

Barb Williams, 12065 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW

Ms. Williams spoke as a resident of the Shorewood community and a member of the stakeholders group. She said she loves the plan for a number of reasons. First, the process used to get information to the public and to generate public testimony was strong. A number of different methods were used, including general mailings, newspaper articles, the city newsletter, signs in the park, and direct notice to community clubs and organizations. There was plenty of opportunity for the public to offer their suggestions and recommendations. The plan envisions better beach access, easier accessibility for those with less stamina, opportunities to learn about the flora and fauna, better habitat, and a more hospitable shoreline. She said she would personally support having even more trails, but understood the concerns over safety. She said she would also like to see included a marine reserve.

Becky Cox, 15725 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW

Ms. Cox said Seahurst beach is a Puget Sound jewel and as such Burienites should not take the attitude that the beach belongs only to them. The property

owners neighboring the park were reminded that in 1972 King County was permitted to build the largest boat launch facility in South King County at Seahurst Park. Quick action by concerned citizens and the League of Women Voters kept the facility from being built, and the natural environment to remain. The proposed plan should be supported. All efforts should be made to make the park as accessible as possible for anyone who wants to visit it.

Randall Parsons, P.O. Box 303, Seahurst

Mr. Parsons spoke on behalf of the Seahurst Community Club. He said the Club appreciated the efforts of the city to establish a stakeholders group to review the wide range of possible uses for the park. There is concern that the notion of keeping the area natural and undeveloped could be interpreted too broadly to mean restoration at any cost. Removal of the bulkhead will be far too costly; there has not been a clear cost/benefit analysis conducted or an environmental assessment that the action would be beneficial. Increasing parking closer to the beach will have a detrimental effect on the shoreline. Most issues could be easily addressed through a programmatic EIS process. There should also be a financing plan to spell out what aspects of the plan could be afforded. The effort to preserve and enhance the area to the south is highly supported by the Club. Most people are against the trail access, though fencing, gating and locking may address some of the concerns.

- • Motion by Deputy Mayor Clark, second by Councilmember Gibb, to extend the meeting to 10:30 p.m.
- • The motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Jeff Dillon, 12525 South 210<sup>th</sup> Court, Kent

Mr. Dillon indicated that he works as a biologist for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He extended his thanks to Scott Thomas, Anchor Environmental and the City of Burien for the efforts put into developing the park master plan. He said the Corps is working cooperatively with the city to develop conceptual restoration plans for the area identified as the South Shoreline Implementation Area, or Section A. The Corps looks forward to completion of the master plan process so that specific restoration plans can be developed for the site. The Corps anticipates continuing its relationship with the city and looks forward to the

implementation of a project that will be beneficial to both the users of the park and the natural environment.

Darrell Williams, 12065 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW

Mr. Williams noted that he had served as a member of the stakeholder committee because he is a resident of the Shorewood Community. He said he is also a board member for the Environmental Science Center. He offered his full support for the plan as proposed. While there is a difference of opinion as to how inclusive the consultant and the parks department was during the process, all effort was put into developing the depth and breadth of the plan. The Environmental Science Center conducted four well-advertised public meetings at the Burien Community Center on the geology of the park, near-shore habitat, hillside geology, and upland forest and stream habitat. These meetings were held in addition to the meetings hosted by the city. In addition, two on-site events were held for anyone interested in walking the park with the scientists. Another on-site event is planned for July 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and on August 3 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Kathy Murray, 12266 Shorewood Drive SW

Ms. Murray said many in the Shorewood community think the finest thing they have going in the neighborhood is the developed trails. She said she and many of her neighbors walk the trails regularly. She said she has not seen a scary person yet. Many walk their dogs; others just walk to enjoy the park. Walking the trails is a very pleasant pastime.

Jean Britznann, 2405 SW 144<sup>th</sup> Street

Ms. Britznann commented that when someone wants a capital contribution from her they make an effort to get in touch with her, yet when the city wants to develop a park master plan a small notice is posted in the newspaper. People in the community get out and walk; they know each other and are thus able to keep the crime rate low by recognizing strangers. Bringing trails from two other communities into the Seahurst community would jeopardize the safety of the area by increasing the number of outsiders. The park should be open to all, but there should not be connections to the local neighborhoods.

Joel Carey, 14906 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue SW

Mr. Carey echoed the sentiments of the previous speaker. He said he has lived in the neighborhood of the proposed trail for 40 years. He said as a child he roamed the woods freely. He said the woods are used regularly by undesirable characters, and there is no way the police can monitor all that is going on there.

Development of the trail will adversely affect the neighborhood. The trail currently closes at dusk, but if the trail is constructed the police will not be able to monitor who remains in the park after dark.

Len Grazier, 14309 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW

Mr. Grazier said he favors progress and noted that during his lifetime he has seen a lot of it. He questioned why so many had indicated they had not heard anything about the process if the city had in fact used so many ways to advertise the process. He said he was hopeful for the future of the park.

David Bowes, 14621 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW

Mr. Bowes said he moved to the area seeking a quiet place. He voiced concern about the safety aspects of adding the trail to the area. Because the hillside is steep and slippery it would cost a great deal of money to build. Safety should be of primary concern. Property taxes are another prime concern because they keep going up. A trail would take away the nature and culture of the area, and the neighborhood would no longer be quiet.

There being no other comments, the public hearing was closed.

### **Motion to Adopt Final Seahurst Park Master Plan and Associated Documents**

- • Motion by Deputy Mayor Clark, second by Councilmember Nelson, to adopt the Final Seahurst Park Master Plan and Associated Documents.

Mr. Long voiced his support for the plan but suggested that there should be some discussion of the issues raised during the public hearing. He proposed deferring action on the proposed trail until the public safety issue can be discussed further. He noted that the plan calls for making the current trails safer but not to generally expand the trail system. The issues that were raised should be reviewed by Public Safety before taking action on that aspect. The remainder of the plan could be acted on.

Deputy Mayor Clark said she would vote in favor of the motion. The issues have been in the public arena since 1995. There have been many opportunities for public input and comment. There have been regular mailings to every household in the city. In a democracy it behooves the citizens to be involved in their

community. She agreed that the public safety issues should be addressed at some point but reiterated that she would vote in favor of the motion on the floor.

Councilmember James said he has been involved in the process and had some concerns about the trail. However, several years ago many of the same citizens sat in the Council Chambers to say that paths and trails are a good thing and should be included in the Comprehensive Plan as a means of linking areas together. Numerous Comprehensive Plan public meetings were held until the Council was told by the citizens just to act on it and move on. Now when the Council attempts to put those policies into place, concerns are raised. The overall plan as proposed is solid. He said he was not convinced that the City knows how it can pay for the proposed improvements but he was not sure that was a reason not to follow through. There perhaps could have been better notification, but the notification was adequate. He said he would also vote in favor of the motion on the floor, but promised for the record that the Council will follow up on the concerns voiced and would be held accountable.

Councilmember Nelson called the question.

- • The motion carried unanimously 7-0.
- • Motion by Deputy Mayor Clark to extend the meeting to 11:00 p.m.
- • The motion failed for lack of a second.

**Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Clear Channel Outdoor related to billboards.**

Mr. Greenberg reminded the Councilmembers that the billboard section had been pulled from the ordinance, leaving intact the current code related to billboards. He said what was before the Council was an agreement with Clear Channel Outdoor related to billboards which would entail removal of some billboards in exchange for which the city will get four panels to advertise promotional events. The agreement was reviewed by the City Attorney's office, was revised slightly, and was being recommended by staff for approval. The Council would then need to vote back in the sections removed from Ordinance No. 358.

- • Motion by Deputy Mayor Clark, second by Councilmember Nelson, to approve 19.30.100 of the Sign Code.

Councilmember McGilton said she was concerned that the code included no provision to look at billboards in the future with the idea of removing them from all commercial areas. She agreed with the approach specially spelled out for the downtown pedestrian areas but wanted some method of revisiting in the future the issue of removing the billboards along 1st Avenue South.

Councilmember James said the proposed tradeoff and reduction will not actually be a tradeoff and reduction. He also objected to voting on a 20-year contract that only received a ten-minute review by the Council. Overall, even with fewer billboards there will be more signs. He said he would favor a contract covering less than 20 years.

- • Motion by Councilmember Nelson, second by Deputy Mayor Clark, to extend the meeting to 10:40 p.m.
- • Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Councilmember Nelson shared the concern of Councilmember James about the length of the contract. She recommended shortening it to somewhere between seven and ten years. She said she was also concerned about the implementation of the changes, noting that page 3 of the contract, paragraph 10, gives Clear Channel Outdoor nearly four years in which to implement some portions of the agreement even though the city must perform its part of the contract in only two years.

Councilmember Gibb echoed the same concerns. He also noted some discomfort with the reference in the second item on the first page to Clear Channel Outdoor having sole discretion with regard to how the city performs certain tasks. Furthermore, the billboards to be removed should have a timeline associated with their removal. Rather than allowing tri-vision on all remaining billboards, only the new billboards along SR-509 and SR-518 should be permitted the technology; the billboards along 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South should not be upgraded to that technology.

Mr. Long observed that most of the concerns had to do with the contract language. He suggested that most of the concerns could be addressed through contract amendments negotiated with Clear Channel Outdoors. He proposed deferring action on the contract until August to allow for time to resolve the issues. He informed the Council that it could at some future date revise the code to initiate an amortization or buy-out provision, making the agreement go away. The agreement will last only as long as the Council allows it to last.

Councilmember McGilton reiterated her desire to see a reduction in the number of billboards to less than 26.

Mr. Long recommended deferring action on both the code and the contract.

The Council agreed to defer action.

## **Business Agenda**

City Manager's Report.

- i. i. Review of Quarterly Report on 2002 Work Program

This item was deferred to August due to time constraints.

## **Council Review of Proposed Agenda Schedule.**

This item was deferred to August due to time constraints.

## **Motion to Fill Vacancy on Burien Economic Development Partnership.**

This item was deferred to August due to time constraints.

### **Motion to Adopt 6-Year Financial Plan and Capital Improvement Program**

This item was deferred to August due to time constraints.

### **REPORTS**

#### **6-Year Financial Plan and Capital Improvement Program**

Provided in the Council agenda packet.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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#### **Tentative Agenda for: August 5, 2002, Regular Meeting**

##### **Consent Agenda**

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Motion to Accept and Close-Out a Portion of the 2002 Residential Drainage Improvement Program (Maplewild Avenue SW Project)

##### **Business Agenda**

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City Manager's Report

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Presentation on Recommended Project List for 2002

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Quarterly Financial Reports to Council

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Discussion of Ordinance Related to Secure Community Transition Facilities

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Motion on Garbage Franchise and Tax

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Ordinance Relating to Business License Provisions

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Motion to Award Construction Contract for Ambaum Boulevard SW Pedestrian Safety Improvements

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Motion to Award the Construction Contract on 146<sup>th</sup> Street/6<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW in Conjunction with the Ambaum Boulevard Pedestrian Improvement Project

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Motion to Approve Construction Contract for Playground Improvements at Manhattan Site

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Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Long Term Jail Contract & Interlocal Agreement Among Cities for Jail Services

Motion to Approve 2003 Legislative Policies and Priorities Packages

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*Please Note: This is a tentative agenda and is subject to change. For a current update, please call the Office of Community Relations at 248-5517.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Held prior to the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- • Motion by Mayor Nelson, second by Councilmember McGilton to adjourn the meeting.
- • Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

The Regular Meeting of the Burien City Council was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

/s/\_Wing Woo, Mayor

/s/ Janice Hubbard, City Clerk

## **POLICE AND FIRE MEETING**

## **Seahurst Park Master Plan**

### **Burien Police and Fire Meeting**

Meeting Minutes from July 11, 2002

**Location: Burien Community Center**

#### **Attending:**

- Doug Luedeman – Burien Fire Marshall
- Rick Jackson – City of Burien/King County Police Officer
- Scott Thomas – City of Burien Parks, Park Planner
- Peter Hummel – Anchor Environmental, Landscape Architect

#### **Meeting Purpose**

This meeting was called to present the Master Plan to police and fire representatives and get their comments.

#### **Master Plan Overview**

Peter provided a project overview to the police and fire representatives that focused on the following areas of particular interest to them:

- Road Access and Parking
- Emergency Access Routes
- Trail Routes

Existing versus proposed buildings were discussed as well.

#### **Comments on the Master Plan**

General: Police and fire representatives were generally very positive about the plan in terms of responding to emergency situations.

Fire Department Comments:

1. Parking and Road/Emergency Access: The planned changes to the main road and parking look good. The following other access comments were made:
  - a. An 80 -foot diameter turnaround will be needed at the lower parking lot.
  - b. The standard for an emergency access route for fire trucks is 20 feet of paved width. The plan proposes to use the existing road down to the lower parking lot. North of the restroom, a 12 foot wide paved path with 8 feet of compacted crushed rock shoulder is proposed. Doug stated that this is acceptable given that it is an improvement over the 10 wide crushed rock path that exists. A turnaround would not be required at the Marine Tech Lab.
  - c. The one lane dirt road to the north entry should be kept available for fire truck access as an alternate route to the Marine Tech Lab. Would not need to bring a ladder truck up this road.
  - d. Fire access is not required south of the lower parking lot, because no structures are located there.
2. Fire Protection: Doug stated that no new fire hydrants would be required. Open structures, like the picnic shelters, and enclosed, non-residential structures under

5000 s.f. do not need sprinklers. Scott mentioned that the existing unoccupied caretaker building may be renovated and its total square footage increased from 400 to 800 s.f. Doug stated that this renovation shouldn't affect the requirements stated previously (for access or fire protection). One existing fire hydrant by the lower parking lot appears to be out of service. (Scott will have Myron Clinton check into this).

#### Police Department

1. Parking and Road/Emergency Access: Generally the parking and road access proposed is an improvement from the police perspective because it moves the parking in the upper lot that is most hidden to a very visible location. Rick suggested that the remaining parking in the upper lot be made more visible by opening up the vegetation between the main road and the parking. This could include removing or trimming shrubs and limbing up trees.
2. Proposed Trails: The proposed trails and acquisition/access points look positive from a police perspective. Rick explained that he currently patrols the park by mountain bike and comes in from the condominium complex on the northeast side of the park. Improving the condition of the trails would help in doing these patrols, particularly in areas such as the Brown property that are very wet and steep, and currently not patrolled by the police.
3. Other Trails: Rick commented on the trail route east of Hurstwood and west of the Vintage Park (formerly Seahurst Manor/Burien Gardens) Apartments. He stated that this apartment complex is a known problem area for "gangs" and other criminal activity and he was concerned that a trail west of it and downhill could be used as an "escape route" by persons involved in criminal activity. Rick suggested that any route in this location should have a continuous fence on the Vintage Park side to separate it from this apartment complex, and its use as a potential escape route. Rick did not see this situation being applicable to any other trails in the Master Plan including the trails from the Senior Center or the Brown Property down into the park.

#### Conclusion

Scott explained that the project is going before the City Council on July 15 for adoption. After adoption, the Master Plan will be implemented in phases starting with the south shoreline.

## **PERMIT AGENCY MEETING**

## ***Seahurst Park Master Plan*** **Agency Site Meeting**

Meeting Minutes from April 3, 2002

Compiled April 10, 2002

**Location: Seahurst Park (South Picnic Shelter)**

### **Attending:**

- Lori Morris—Corps of Engineers
- Rod Malcolm—Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
- Pamela Erstad—Washington Dept. of Fish & Wildlife
- Hugh Shipman—Washington Dept. of Ecology
- Marcia Geidel—Washington Dept. of Ecology
- Alice Kelly—Washington Dept. of Ecology
- Scott Thomas – City of Burien Parks, Park Planner
- David Johanson – City of Burien Community Development, Senior Planner
- Peter Hummel – Anchor Environmental, Landscape Architect
- John Small -- Anchor Environmental, Landscape Architect
- Tom Schadt—Anchor Environmental, Fisheries Biologist
- Ann Costanza—Anchor Environmental, Env. Planner
- Jim Johannessen—Coastal Geologic Services, Inc., Coastal Engineering Scientist

### **Introductions/Welcome**

Scott Thomas led the group in introductions and gave a short history of Seahurst Park as it pertains to the City of Burien, including the transfer of the park from King County and how the park fits into the city's current parks program goals.

### **Overview of Projects/Studies Underway at Seahurst**

Scott explained the US Army Corps of Engineers involvement in the beach restoration project at the south end of the park and the use of funds from the State Salmon Recovery Funding Board to study some nearshore alternatives for the entire park..

Peter Hummel and Jim Johannessen provided some additional information on other beach nourishment and beach restoration projects that have been completed or are currently underway in Puget Sound.

### **Highlights of Existing Conditions**

The group was presented with a series of graphics and maps to illustrate the various natural and built features of the park.

- **Coastal Nearshore Processes, Physical & Biological.** Jim Johannessen described the drift cells that affect the park and reviewed a series of historical aerial photographs (dating from 1946) that illustrate the changing shoreline at Seahurst. The beach areas at Seahurst were once fed by the natural sloughing of unstable bluffs and by sediment transport via the two major drainages in the

park boundaries. With the construction of the seawall, the availability of material from the hillsides was reduced. Furthermore, gabion structures and riprap material that were placed along the shoreline dramatically affected the physical nature of the shoreline. Jim reviewed the resulting changes to the shoreline following each construction period over the last 50 years, and described the resulting failures of the gabion and riprap structures. Finally, Jim presented new data on the characterization of the substrate at distinct locations along the beach at Seahurst.

Tom Schadt provided an overview of the existing biological conditions in the nearshore environment, based on a recent habitat survey conducted at the park. The park contains WDFW documented forage fish spawning areas for both sand lance and surf smelt. Eelgrass beds are also located offshore in the lower intertidal and shallow subtidal zones. Tom explained that the intertidal and riparian areas offer a varying degree of ecologically functioning habitat for salmonids and forage fish depending upon the proximity to the two main streams that enter through the park and the shoreline armoring configuration in the area. The south central creek has created a large delta. The northerly longshore drift of sediment provides a greater amount of sandy material to the intertidal beach areas north of the stream. In general, the further the shoreline armoring in the park encroaches into the intertidal zone, the less middle and upper intertidal zone beach is available to high functioning habitat for juvenile salmonids and their prey.

- **Natural Drainages/Riparian Corridors.** John Small gave a brief overview of his observations of the vegetation at the park. He noted that there was a strong correlation between the geologic instability on some of the bluffs and younger pioneer vegetation such as red alder. John also noted that noxious and invasive species are present throughout the park and appear to be on the rise, but that as a whole, the native plant communities of the park are intact and appear fairly stable.

John also gave a summary of the site geology. He showed a map of recent slides, which were concentrated along the coastal bluff. He explained the geologic structure and groundwater flow that contribute to these slides. He also mentioned that most of these slides are triggered at a clay-to-sand interface well above the beach and not by wave action or other coastal erosion. John also showed the location of numerous springs at the park.

- **Structures, including seawall, gabions, riprap, and hatchery/Marine Technology Laboratory.** Peter Hummel reviewed the built structures in the park such as parking areas, trails and the hatchery at the north end of the park (part of the Marine Technology Laboratory). Peter explained that two major utility

pipelines run directly behind (east of) the concrete seawall at the park. He also described the existing conditions of structures along the shoreline and how the integrity of these structures affects the natural processes of the nearshore.

Peter then presented cross-section illustrations that illustrate the changes in nearshore habitat and shoreline elevations with the advent of additional structures along the shoreline. Peter explained that part of the master planning effort is to evaluate alternatives to re-establishing a more natural shoreline condition at the park. Peter provided a diagram (in cross-section) of one alternative concept that entails restoration and/or rehabilitation of the beach areas at Seahurst by placing gravel material along the shoreline, with a pea gravel veneer surface. Existing gabions and riprap would be removed from the shoreline and the imported material would be more suitable for forage fish spawning and juvenile salmonid migration and rearing habitat. The material would be placed to achieve elevations that would sustain themselves over time, and provide the range of habitats (e.g. backshore areas, intertidal areas) that are most representative of a naturally functioning beach.

Peter explained that the alternatives evaluated for the master plan would likely not entail a consistent application of restoration concepts to each area of the beach at Seahurst. Rather, different techniques/alternatives would be evaluated for distinct sections of the park shoreline based on a range of factors, from biological objectives to public access. For example, it is possible that some areas of the beach at Seahurst could strive for true 'restoration', while others would strive to improve habitat conditions along with other objectives, such as shoreline public access and upland park uses.

### **Agency Comments**

After the presentations, the group began a field trip through the shoreline areas of the park, beginning at the south end of the park. Highlights of the issues that were discussed include:

**Leaving existing (man-made) rock in place on the beach vs. removal.** Where gabions have failed over the years, displaced rocks from these structures are scattered across the beach areas. Agency representatives questioned whether or not these rocks would be removed as part of the restoration actions. Pam Erstad recommended removing these rocks as part of restoration actions.

**Removal of existing gabions and riprap.** In a similar vein, the agency representatives also inquired whether or not these structures would be removed as part of the project. Jim Johannessen noted differences in the veneer depth of the substrate in front of the gabions and at the south end of the project. In one area in front of the gabions, hard pan underlying the beach was exposed.

**Removal of pedestrian path at south end of park.** This area received quite a bit of discussion in terms of the various alternatives for re-aligning the path from its current location along the base of the slope, vs. removing the path altogether. Most of the resource agency representatives agreed that it would be nice to remove the path and allow pedestrian to travel along the backshore areas of the newly restored beach instead. This will be addressed during the master planning process, as public access/ADA issues may also be important to address in this section of the beach.

**Drainages.** Some agency representatives had questions regarding the two major water drainages in the park including the source of the water and their flow rates. While no flow data currently exists, these creeks are perennial, and provide a continuing supply of sediment to the beach areas, as evidenced by the deltas. Some armoring of the south central creek occurred during construction of the access road and parking areas, however, this did not appear to be an issue for the agency representatives (i.e. no advocate for 'restoring' a natural creek bed). Scott Thomas discussed the seasonal changes in pattern of flow/discharge of the south central creek to the nearshore, demonstrating the natural function of this creek at the park.

**Offshore movement of placed material.** Because of the eelgrass beds located offshore, agency representatives questioned whether or not placing gravel material at the beach areas of Seahurst could trigger a potential impact to eelgrass beds from offshore migration. Jim Johannessen explained that his research shows that the gravel material would more likely move onshore and or drift north, but would most likely not move offshore. This potential impact would need to be addressed prior to agency approval/permitting of a restoration project.

**Monitoring.** Agency representatives stressed the need for a long term monitoring (5-10 years) program that included adaptive management strategies. In general, it was agreed that there was good potential for this project to provide the basis for research on restoring nearshore habitats in Puget Sound.

#### **Next Steps:**

The next step in the master planning process is to develop alternatives for technical analysis and review by community representatives and elected officials. A preferred approach will be developed after this step and distributed to the agencies for review in June 2002.

## **WRIA 9 MEETING**

## ***Seahurst Park Master Plan***

### **WRIA 9 Nearshore Subcommittee Meeting**

Meeting Minutes from June 25, 2002

Location: King County Office, 201 Jackson

#### **Attending:**

- Jim Brennan – King County DNR, WRIA 9 Nearshore Representative
- Laura Blackmore – King County DNR, WRIA 9 Nearshore Representative
- Cathy Taylor – Puget Sound Ambient Monitoring Program, WRIA 9 Nearshore Representative
- Doug Osterman – WRIA 9 (regional watershed) coordination, WRIA 9 Nearshore Representative
- Scott Thomas – City of Burien Parks, Park Planner
- Peter Hummel – Anchor Environmental, Landscape Architect
- Paul Schlenger – Anchor Environmental, Fisheries Biologist
- Jim Johannessen – Coastal Geologic Services, Inc., Coastal Engineering Scientist

#### **Meeting Purpose**

This meeting was called to inform the WRIA 9 Nearshore Subcommittee (subcommittee) on the nearshore components of the Seahurst Park Master Plan. A desired outcome of the meeting is for the subcommittee to give their support of the nearshore components of the Master Plan to the WRIA 9 Regional Committee in order that a letter of official support is written. The meeting also provided an opportunity to generally discuss baseline and post-project monitoring activities.

#### **Introduction**

Peter provided a project overview to the subcommittee. This included an introduction of the consultant team contributors, a description of the tasks conducted to develop the Master Plan, the schedule, and an overview of site conditions. He presented figures showing the recent aerial photography of the park, stability and net shore drift, and the conceptual park elements in terms of what uses the various Master Plan components provide (i.e., opportunity for improved public access, opportunity for improved intertidal habitat conditions, etc.)

#### **Highlights of Existing Conditions and Master Plan Nearshore Components**

Paul and Jim Johannessen described the existing biological and physical nearshore conditions and the conceptual Master Plan components. Paul highlighted the shoreline softening planned in the south and middle sections as well as the designed marsh near the northern creek and the Marine Technology Lab. Jim highlighted the physical aspects of the nearshore activities and provided examples where similar activities have been conducted. Jim noted that recent cores from the south and middle sections of the park where fill would be removed contained a good mix of substrate sizes that could be used in the beach restoration activities. He found the substrate to include approximately 20 to 33 percent material in the 1 to 8 mm size

range that is optimal for surf smelt spawning. Jim noted that Dan Penttila considers 40 percent of material in the 1 to 8 mm size range ideal for surf smelt spawning.

### **Subcommittee Feedback on the Project**

Jim Brennan, Laura, and Cathy were very supportive of the project. Doug has expressed his support of the project in his role at the Stakeholder meetings and left the meeting after Jim's presentation.

Jim Brennan stated that this is a "model" project in terms of its scale and the degree of nearshore habitat proposed for restoration. He raised the issue of sustainability of the created beach profiles presented in the preliminary Master Plan. His observations at other beach restoration sites indicate that some are more successful than others in restoring a "natural" beach setting. He expressed confidence that the consultant team and current project design indicate that a beach closely resembling the natural beach to the south can be created. Jim Johannessen responded with examples around Puget Sound where similar activities have been successfully constructed.

Jim Brennan pointed out that the marsh design in the north section of the park can be expected to change over time. He has observed other marsh projects that were eroded or filled in by winter storms. Jim Johannessen and Peter responded that this possibility has been included in the design of the created berm that would separate the marsh from the beach. The berm design includes smaller substrate material such as cobble so that berm destruction in a storm would leave natural substrate sizes in the intertidal zone (as opposed to large riprap boulders).

Cathy was interested in the current level of community support for the project and likelihood that the support will continue through to construction. Scott expressed that community support for the nearshore restoration components has been surprisingly strong during the preparation of the Master Plan. He mentioned that the next steps will entail an environmental review with additional public input. Scott is very optimistic that the park accessibility and improved nearshore aspects of the Master Plan will continue to be strongly supported.

### **Monitoring Plan Components**

The meeting concluded with a discussion of the types of monitoring that should be conducted at the park to provide baseline and post-construction data. Scott mentioned that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) "working" start date for construction activities in the south section of the park is summer 2003. The need for baseline seasonal data on relevant datasets requires collecting information as soon as possible to capture early summer conditions.

Discussion focused on what organizations can assist in getting the baseline data collected. Although the Corps is planning to restore the shoreline in the south

section of the park, their current budget does not include monitoring. All subcommittee members recommended pursuing the Corps to add a monitoring component. Cathy stressed that the Corps commitment must be specific to ensure the desired work is completed. Jim Brennan recommended having the experts in a certain field collect the data for those parameters. For example, the WDNR intertidal infauna research program conducted by Helen Berry et al. may be able to collect samples from the park and Jim Brennan suggested that King County DNR beach seine data can provide fish information. Volunteer efforts such as People for Puget Sound's Rapid Shoreline Inventory could provide additional data. Other funding sources that might be considered are National Science Foundation (NSF), the King County contribution to the Corps Puget Sound Nearshore Ecosystem Restoration Program (PSNERP), and Cathy indicated that PSAMP could provide a nominal contribution.

### **Conclusion**

Scott thanked the subcommittee for their support and explained that the plan is going to City Council for adoption July 15. He will work on funding and implementation after the plan is adopted.

## **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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January 23, 2002  
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## ***Burien will create a master plan for Seahurst Park with close involvement of diverse park visitors***

Burien's Seahurst Park, the wooded 152-acre gem on Puget Sound, has been a quiet retreat for years. First purchased in the Sixties by King County, the park has received only routine maintenance. Since Burien formed as a City in 1993, the park has lacked a master plan to guide investments for its protection and enhancement.

The seawall has been failing along its entire length for many years. The Army Corps of Engineers is now studying how to address the failure at the south end of the seawall and balance the impact for people and the nearshore habitat.

The City of Burien will start a planning process in January. The Parks Department will invite nature lovers, neighbors and recreational users concerned for the park's well being to participate in a planning process for an environmental strategy and a well-thought-out park plan.

The goal is to produce the first master plan for Seahurst Park, a comprehensive guide for addressing the failing seawall, protecting the nearshore habitat, managing the shoreline and creek areas, and protecting and accessing the upland wooded acres.

Keeping the public informed as the plans develop and hearing citizens' comments are critically important to achieving the best plan, Parks Director Daryl Faber said.

A stakeholders' group will include representatives from Burien, neighborhoods adjacent to the park, Parks staff and tenants, wildlife viewing and protection groups, bicyclists and walkers, marine trail users, and scuba divers. This group will meet five times and provide a thorough review of the vision and specifics in the planning.

In addition, the master planning process will provide two general meetings for the public and three other occasions when citizens can address their concerns to City leaders.

The process, expected to take about nine months, will produce a final master plan that first the Parks Board and then the City Council will review, may modify, and finally approve. The master plan will offer cross-sections, elevations, and perspective sketches; cost estimates; a phasing plan; timelines and strategies for gaining the needed permits; and a stewardship and monitoring plan.

The comprehensive plan will potentially affect almost every element of the park, Faber, the parks director, said, adding that the only changes for some areas may be enhanced protection.

The master plan will consider shoreline alternatives to guide the Army Corps and City of Burien in addressing the failing gabion seawall whose rocks have wriggled loose from their embracing wires.

The Army Corps has prepared a preliminary plan on ways to restore the habitat for the 1,200-foot shoreline south of the creek delta within the next year.

The state Salmon Recovery Funding Board granted \$82,000 for a study of the habitat restoration needed to nurture endangered Chinook salmon and other marine species.

The master plan will recommend the alignment and length of a new shoreline pathway or boardwalk and trails and gateways in the upland areas.

Restoring both marine and wooded habitat for animals will have primary importance, Faber has said. Natural areas, including the stream and riparian corridor, will receive attention.

The master plan will consider how best to enhance the park for its many diverse users while protecting its natural areas. The plan will also identify areas for future land acquisition and park expansion and explore amenities to serve local and regional park visitors.

The final plan must also provide for parking and visitors with disabilities and meet the needs of the park's tenants, the current Highline Schools Marine Technology Center and the planned Environmental Science Center.

The master plan will establish a blueprint for informational, interpretive and educational signage, a design format, and locations for public art.

A review panel chose the Seattle firm of Anchor Environmental to conduct the master planning process under a \$135,000 contract that the City Council approved in December. The review panel screened 13 proposals and interviewed four firms before selecting Anchor for its "excellent relevant experience" in planning improvements to large shoreline multi-use parks, Faber said.

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Scott Thomas (206) 248-5513

## **Stakeholders committee for Seahurst Park meets to help create a park master plan**

A stakeholders' committee of citizens is meeting to help the City of Burien create the first master plan for Seahurst Park.

The committee, which first convened Feb. 13 to study the park planning process, will meet again at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Mar. 5, to consider the site analysis, preliminary program and park uses, and design criteria. The meeting is at the Burien Community Center, 425 SW 144<sup>th</sup> St.

Each of the nine committee members appointed by the Burien Parks Department has demonstrated a commitment to the 152-acre park," said Len Chapman, acting parks director.

Each of the four neighborhoods surrounding Seahurst Park has a representative on the stakeholders' committee. The neighborhood representatives are Patty Jansen, Chelsea Park; Karen McMichael, Hurstwood; Gloria Gould-Wessen, Seahurst; and Barb and Darrell Williams, Shorewood. McMichael is also active with the Environmental Science Center, which will be located in the park.

Other stakeholder members are Pam Harper, a Park Board and Burien Economic Development Partnership member, representing the business community; and Joe Weiss, a scuba diver instructor for the Highline School District's Marine Technology Center in the park.

Doug Osterman of Normandy Park, a salmon resource planner, and Tyler Patterson, a fish biologist who grew up in Burien, bring both technical expertise and the perspective of regional park users.

The stakeholders' committee will meet about three more times to review and comment on the preliminary plans for the failing seawall, the shoreline alternatives, the uphill alternatives, the cost estimates, and other choices.

The City is inviting citizens to comment on the emerging plans at two general meetings and at three other occasions, some of them before the City Council. Public comment meetings will be held at City Hall on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. and June 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. For information on all the meetings, call Scott Thomas, parks development planner, at 248-5513.

“The City wants the final master plan to guide improvements for the park’s many diverse users while protecting its pristine habitat,” Thomas said. The plan will also identify areas for future land acquisition and park expansion and provide for parking and visitors with disabilities.

Peter Hummel, who has lived in Burien, is the project manager for Anchor Environmental, which is conducting the master planning process. Hummel and Thomas will staff the stakeholder meetings.

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Scott Thomas, (206) 248-5513

## **Lovers of Seahurst Park are invited to important meeting to shape its future**

Community people who care about Seahurst Park can help shape its future by coming to a key planning meeting on Tuesday, Mar. 19.

"Now is the time to be heard on your dreams and concerns about the beach, trails, forest environment, and safety at Seahurst Park," said Scott Thomas, Burien's parks development planner.

The public meeting is from 7 to 9 p.m. at Burien City Hall, 415 SW 150<sup>th</sup> St.

At the meeting, participants will learn about the planning process and upcoming meetings, see a site analysis and the design criteria, and be asked to provide comments on a variety of potential park activities and amenities.

This meeting comes at an early stage in the park planning process, before the development of any proposed designs. Citizens can tell their ideas and concerns to staff and consultants at the meetings and by completing comment cards.

With 152-acres and almost a mile of public waterfront, Seahurst Park is Burien's largest and one of the biggest parks in King County on Puget Sound. It lies west of Ambaum Boulevard at SW 144<sup>th</sup> Street. For information, call Thomas at 248-5513.

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**DATE:** March 6, 2002  
**FOR RELEASE:** Immediately  
**CONTACT:** Scott Thomas, Parks Acquisition and Development  
Planner, 206/248-5513

## **REVISED**

### **CITY OF BURIEN SEAHURST PARK MASTER PLAN PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

The City of Burien will hold a public meeting for the purpose of gathering public comment to help shape a Seahurst Park Master Plan on Tuesday, March 19, 2002, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Burien City Hall, 415 SW 150<sup>th</sup> Street.

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**Seahurst Public Meeting #1  
March 19, 2002**

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## **New ‘signs of the tides’ spring up at Seahurst Park**

New interpretive signs at Seahurst Park will help beach visitors learn about fragile shoreline animals and how to protect them.

The new displays will identify shoreline animals and describe how people’s habits can affect the health of shoreline ecosystems.

To celebrate the installation of the new educational displays at Seahurst Park, King County and the City of Burien are inviting the public to hear beach naturalists at the park from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on (day of week), June (date to be picked.)

*“This opportunity to learn about our nearshore ecosystem at low tide can demonstrate how our daily habits can affect our shoreline habitat,” said Burien Councilmember Joan McGilton, a marine biologist and environmental engineer. Lawn products, car leaks, and household chemicals can pollute our downstream waters and damage the saltwater habitat, she noted.*

The educational displays at Seahurst and other saltwater parks are a joint outreach project of Burien, Des Moines, Normandy Park, Shoreline, King County, the King County Conservation District, and the Seattle Aquarium.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 6, 2002

For information contact:

Scott Thomas, Parks Acquisition and Development Planner, (206) 248-5513

## ***You can comment on Seahurst Park's preliminary master plan on June 17***

The Burien Parks Department will present the preliminary master plan for Seahurst Park at a Monday, June 17, public meeting.

The meeting is from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Burien Community Center auditorium by SW 146<sup>th</sup> Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW.

The preliminary master plan reflects six months' work by the department, Anchor Environmental consulting firm, and a citizen stakeholders group that has scoped the project and evaluated six alternatives.

The City Council will hold a public hearing on July 15 on a modified master plan, responding to public comments on June 17 and reviewed by the citizen stakeholders' group.

The Council may adopt a master plan for the 152-acre park on Puget Sound that evening which will guide future protection and investments at the park, including the failing seawall, the near-shore habitat, the shoreline and creek areas, and trails in the wooded uplands.

Seahurst Park lies west of Ambaum Boulevard at SW 144<sup>th</sup> Street.

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# **CANCELLATION**

**DATE:** June 5, 2002  
**FOR RELEASE:** Immediately  
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Planner, (206) 248-5513

## **CITY OF BURIEN SEAHURST PARK MASTER PLAN MEETING NOTICE**

The City of Burien's Seahurst Park Master Plan consultant will give a presentation to the Burien City Council on the preliminary Seahurst Park Master Plan, recommended shoreline alternative, cost estimate and phasing plan at the Regular Council meeting on Monday, June 17, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. at Burien City Hall, 415 SW 150<sup>th</sup> Street.

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**DATE:** June 5, 2002  
**FOR RELEASE:** Immediately  
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**CITY OF BURIEN  
SEAHURST PARK MASTER PLAN  
PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

The City of Burien will hold a public meeting for the purpose of gathering public comment on the preliminary Seahurst Park Master Plan, recommended shoreline alternative, cost estimate and phasing plan on Monday, June 17, 2002, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Burien City Hall, 415 SW 150<sup>th</sup> Street.

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July 19, 2002

For information contact: Scott Thomas,  
Parks Acquisition and Development Planner, 206-248-5513

## **Burien Council approves Seahurst Park master plan Preserving and restoring habitat is the focus**

The Burien City Council on July 15 unanimously adopted the first Seahurst Park Master Plan, which will guide City investments in the 152-acre park along the shoreline of Puget Sound for years to come.

The master plan reflects the core values that emerged during the six-month planning process: protecting and restoring the natural areas, incorporating educational information into the park design and improving public safety throughout the park..

The master plan calls for restoring the nearshore salmon habitat and the forest, stream and wetland areas which will make Seahurst one of the only natural settings remaining in the urban area of central Puget Sound

Interpretive displays along the trails and at the shelters will educate park visitors about the park's ecology.

The plan also responds to two key issues raised by the public: increasing safety and improving access. The plan will reconfigure vehicle access and parking, improve beach and trail access and reduce the opportunity for crime.

The plan calls for redesigning the trail system to preserve existing neighborhood access points, eliminate redundant trails, and improve pathway quality and safety. Both upland and shoreline trails will become more accessible to walkers from toddlers to senior citizens and those with disabilities.

A proposed upland trail generated letters and testimony at the July 15 Council meeting from a number of Hurstwood and Seahurst residents who live near the park. Some expressed a fear that improving the trail system might increase crime while others supported improved access.

The Burien City Council has invited neighborhood residents concerned about public safety adjacent to Seahurst Park to two community meetings to identify issues and develop solutions. The City is committed to an ongoing public process as each of the major conceptual elements of the Seahurst Park master plan is funded, designed and implemented over the next ten years and beyond.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 19, 2002

For information contact:

Larry Fetter, Parks and Recreation Director, (206) 988-3700

## **CORRECTION**

### ***Community Conversations in Burien will involve residents in addressing public safety issues***

Using a conversation format, the Burien City Council will hold two Community Conversations on Aug. 26 and 28 about issues concerning the Seahurst Park trails.

The meetings will begin at 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 26, at Seahurst Elementary School, 14603 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW, and on Wednesday, Aug. 28, at Burien Highline Senior Center, 1210 SW 136<sup>th</sup> St.

The format is designed to focus discussion on the issue of public safety in the neighborhoods of Seahurst and Hurstwood. Participants will be invited to speak and share their concerns to improve public safety.

The City Council on July 15 had unanimously approved a master plan for the 152-acre park that included redesigning an existing trail. Dozens of citizens in person and through petitions opposed the trail improvements while other residents have supported them.

The same evening, the Council invited neighborhood residents to a future meeting to further discuss their concerns for neighborhood and public safety.

The adopted Seahurst Park master plan, which was developed over a six-month public process, calls for protecting and restoring the park's natural areas, incorporating educational information in the park design, and improving public safety throughout the park.

The plan calls for redesigning the trail system to preserve and improve existing neighborhood access points, eliminate redundant trails, and improve pathway quality and safety. Both upland trails and those along Puget Sound will become more accessible to walkers from toddlers to senior citizens and those with disabilities.

The Parks Department is committed to an ongoing public process with each of the major elements of the Seahurst Park master plan. Detailed planning will continue with neighborhood and community involvement as funding is available to make improvements to Seahurst Park over the next ten to twenty years, Parks Director Larry Fetter said.

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The City held five public meetings and promoted residents' participation in the master planning process through a stakeholders group that met five times, news releases, a public involvement schedule, and stories in the two quarterly city newsletters mailed to all residents this year.

Citizen input, the city's Comprehensive Plan policies, the citizen stakeholders group and the Burien Park and Recreation Board all shaped the plan approved by the City Council.

Copies of the summary report are available for viewing at City Hall, 415 SW 150<sup>th</sup> St.; the Parks Department office, 425 SW 144<sup>th</sup> St, and the Burien Library reference desk, 14700 6th Ave. SW.

A photocopy of the report can be purchased at Roadrunner Print and Copy, 120 SW 153rd St. Background information about the planning process and the master plan is available on the City's website: [www.ci.burien.wa.us](http://www.ci.burien.wa.us).

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## **Stakeholders committee for Seahurst Park meets to help create a park master plan**

A stakeholders' committee of citizens is meeting to help the City of Burien create the first master plan for Seahurst Park.

The committee, which first convened Feb. 13 to study the park planning process, will meet again at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Mar. 5, to consider the site analysis, preliminary program and park uses, and design criteria. The meeting is at the Burien Community Center, 425 SW 144<sup>th</sup> St.

Each of the nine committee members appointed by the Burien Parks Department has demonstrated a commitment to the 152-acre park," said Len Chapman, acting parks director.

Each of the four neighborhoods surrounding Seahurst Park has a representative on the stakeholders' committee. The neighborhood representatives are Patty Jansen, Chelsea Park; Karen McMichael, Hurstwood; Gloria Gould-Wessen, Seahurst; and Barb and Darrell Williams, Shorewood. McMichael is also active with the Environmental Science Center, which will be located in the park.

Other stakeholder members are Pam Harper, a Park Board and Burien Economic Development Partnership member, representing the business community; and Joe Weiss, a scuba diver instructor for the Highline School District's Marine Technology Center in the park.

Doug Osterman of Normandy Park, a salmon resource planner, and Tyler Patterson, a fish biologist who grew up in Burien, bring both technical expertise and the perspective of regional park users.

The stakeholders' committee will meet about three more times to review and comment on the preliminary plans for the failing seawall, the shoreline alternatives, the uphill alternatives, the cost estimates, and other choices.

The City is inviting citizens to comment on the emerging plans at two general meetings and at three other occasions, some of them before the City Council. Public comment meetings will be held at City Hall on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 9:00 PM and June 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 – 7:00 PM. For information on all the meetings, call Scott Thomas, parks development planner, at 248-5513.

“The City wants the final master plan to guide improvements for the park’s many diverse users while protecting its pristine habitat,” Thomas said. The plan will also identify areas for future land acquisition and park expansion and provide for parking and visitors with disabilities.

Peter Hummel, who has lived in Burien, is the project manager for Anchor Environmental, which is conducting the master planning process. Hummel and Thomas will staff the stakeholder meetings. ###

## **COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENCE**

Community Correspondence is not included in this file. It is contained within the hard copies provided to the City of Burien. Please contact the City of Burien if you are interested in viewing this portion of the Seahurst Park Master Plan.