

Edmonds Marina Beach Open House #2 Summary – May 6, 2015

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Overview

On May 6, 2015, the City of Edmonds hosted the second in a series of three open houses at the Edmonds Plaza Room to share information about the Edmonds Marina Beach Master Plan. The open house included display boards showing updated alignment concepts for daylighting Willow Creek and concepts for an Edmonds Marina Beach park plan. Aerial boards and handouts on each table illustrated the two different park plans proposed for Edmonds Marina Beach.

The project team presented the project background, a recap of feedback following the first open house, and an overview of the two updated Willow Creek alignment options and Edmonds Marina Beach Park plans. Attendees split into groups to discuss their preferences related to the two Willow Creek alignment options and the park plans. They also provided feedback on park elements not included in the parks plans that they would like included in the master plan. Attendees were encouraged to visit the Online Open House and provide feedback through SurveyMonkey.

Summary of small group discussions

1. Which alternative park plan do you prefer? Why?

Option 1

Feedback and questions included:

- Like parking turnaround
- Like restroom location
- Natural channel
- Closest walk to beach
- More people beach less loss
- Middle ground
- Less channel, lower cost
- Like two overlooks
- Option 1 is more continuous, open
- Don't like restroom location in option 1; want a more centrally located restroom, or additional restrooms
- Add southern overlook to option 1
- Separates dogs and people best
- Want longer walking trails
- Connect trail to marsh boardwalk area
- Keep play area natural
- Need better signage for dog area

Option 2

. Feedback and questions included:

- Best for salmon
- Better buffer creek and dog park
- Drop off roundabout is needed for buses
- Motorcycle parking
- Kids love the playground, nature play area
- More signage to limit dog park area
- Like a lookout options
- Protect from oil spill and SW
- Education at dog park
- Why did dog park stay? Is this the best use of the park? FC pollution
- Like consolidation of play and lawn area
- Second bridge on west end for both options that also provides an overlook
- Bathrooms are located in non-dog area; what do dog people do to access bathrooms?

Option 1

Option 2

- Choose the less costly maintenance version
- Impact of coal dust on daylight
- Lawn area is wasted, used by dog park
- Southern portion will become all dog park

General feedback on and questions about the park plans included:

- Like walkway
- ADA access to beach
- Would like tsunami info
- Remove park from marine sanctuary or keep as a marine sanctuary?
- Dogs on leash ok in park
- Keep play area natural
- Concerned about wave action causing erosion – will have to work harder to maintain
- Add porta potties during busier times of year
- Add motorcycle parking
- Add firepits
- More picnic tables
- Put restrooms towards entrance of parking lot, middle of parking lot and one towards the end
- Choose less costly option
- Suggest 3-point turn around because it would take less room
- Concern about coal dust on daylighted creek

2. Which alternative creek alignment do you prefer?

Option 1

Option 2

Feedback included:

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- Less lawn space
- Like second lawn area with restrooms
- Liked two lookouts and lawn area

General feedback on and questions about the creek alignments included:

- Need another pedestrian bridge
- Like the auto turn around
- Need better signage
- Need signage for community education
- Move restroom down to other location
- Leave area as marine sanctuary
- Consider option to move restroom to entry of parking lot
- Want to keep as much of dog park as possible
- Keep lookout as is

3. What park elements are not included in the alternatives that you would like included in the master plan?

- Increase ADA parking
- Walkway at grade should be flat
- Keep play area natural
- ADA requirements for both plans
- Connect train into marsh
- Space for kiteboarding launch – space

- More fire pits and BBQ pits
 - Second gate to dog park (beside bridge)
 - Extend option 1 lookout from the bridge in option 2
 - Showers and waterfront/fountain
 - Outdoor fitness for adults
 - Second walkway to cross creek on water side
 - Some type of shelter
 - More walking trails
 - More picnic tables
 - Eliminate turnaround in favor of a three point turn to get more parking
- clear of vegetation, unobstructed from north to south winds
 - Additional open park area
 - Off-leash area at Pine Ridge Park
 - Pay parking for non-residents to cut down on traffic to create funding source
 - Provide shuttle from top foods to park
 - As much lawn as possible
 - Restrooms should be more centrally located, or have additional locations
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Attendance

City of Edmonds

- Mike Nelson, Edmonds City Council
- Carrie Hite, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director
- Renee McRae, Interim Assistant Parks Director

Project team members

- Chris Jones, Walker Macy
- Mike Zilis, Walker Macy
- Keeley O'Connell, Earth Corps
- Dave Cline, Shannon and Wilson
- Katie DeLeuw, EnviroIssues
- Nicole Lobodzinski, EnviroIssues

Members of the public: Approximately 100