

Edmonds Marina Beach Open House #3 Summary – July 8, 2015

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Overview

On July 8, 2015 the City of Edmonds hosted the third and final open house at the Edmonds Plaza Room to share information about the Edmonds Marina Beach Master Plan. The open house included display boards showing the preferred concept for the Marina Beach Master Plan, including an alignment for daylighting Willow Creek.

The project team presented the project background and a recap of feedback from previous public outreach efforts, including the Project Advisory Committee, stakeholder meetings, in-person open houses and online open houses. Additionally, the project team described the two Marina Beach Park plans and Willow Creek alignment options previously under consideration. They announced the Option 1 forward per public support and described the conceptual design and benefits of this option.

The presentation was followed by a Q&A session and an informal open house. Attendees were encouraged to visit the Online Open House and provide feedback through web comment form as well.

Summary of Q&A

1. Q: How big is the proposed round-about?
A: 45-foot diameter. We considered an option without the round-about but feedback showed overwhelming support. There is also a fire code that requires a round-about or a T-shaped end; the round-about option would solve that problem and help traffic flow in parking lot.
2. Q: Will there be a place allocated for concessions?
A: Yes, there is a specific place that can be used for concessions.
3. Q: There seems to be a lot of trees in the green space. A lot of people play games that require open space yet the space is not as open as it could be.
A: Good comment, we should take that into consideration.
4. Q: Do you envision the playground to be in the trees or bright and sunny?
A: Bright and sunny.
5. C: I don't like the hill in the lawn area because so much of it is sloping and can't be used.
A: The proposed hill is much lower than the existing one.
6. Q: Are the mature trees going to be able to be saved?
A: No, unfortunately not. The trees were attempted to be saved but will need to be removed.
7. Q: Will there be an increase or decrease in parking spots?
A: No, there will be the same number of spots. There will be an area for overflow parking as there is today.
8. Q: Can we add motorcycle spots to formalize motorcycle parking instead of taking over a whole parking spot with a motorcycle?
A: Good idea, we will consider that as well.
9. Q: What's the distance from parking to water for boat-launch area?
A: We are not sure of these details off hand and will need to follow up on this.

10. Q: Will there be paved access to the boat-launch?
A: Paved access all the way to launch is not part of the Preferred Master Plan.
11. Q: How do you reconcile marine sanctuary requirements with current lovely use of the beach?
A: We have a naturalist program to teach people about the natural features. We don't want people disturbing the natural habitat.
12. Q: What are your contingencies for moving everything southward due to major displacement?
A: City of Edmonds is in discussion with the Washington State Department of Transportation and Washington State Ferries regarding Edmonds Crossing. The proposed alignment is adjacent to the north end of Marina Beach Park. Our understanding is that they are not at a point to discuss real plans at this time, and they are not sure when the crossing would move forward. As we continue to develop the Master Plan and get closer to construction, we will have better information and will continue to meet with WSF.
13. Q: Is there a practical reason why you can't move the park/creek further south?
A: Yes, moving the design to the south would result in increased sediment deposits and erosion. Geomorphically, with the shoreline drift processes, the more northerly you go the more stable the stream area is. This is based on the amount of time and strength of wind. The drift direction is generally from the south. Moving the park south would require an armored channel due to railroad tracks, and is likely to negatively affect fish, kids, dogs, etc.

Open house feedback:

- Preferences:
 - Shade at a park because of sunburn/heat.
 - Close proximity of dog park to kids play area to be able to keep track of both.
 - Flat, useable lawn.
 - Sunny playground.
 - Shower or foot washing station.
 - Second bridge because of view, circuit and no dogs.
 - Grass areas.
 - Concession availability.
 - Like the turnaround.
- Questions and suggestions
 - How will kids use the creek?
 - Add recycle bins.
 - Want working water fountains – no bottled waters.
 - Lessen trees in the open lawn.
 - Include motorcycle parking.
 - Include ADA parking at port – could be more efficient and it's possible to add spaces.

Attendance

City of Edmonds

- 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

Members of the public: Approximately 30

Comment [KD1]: Renee should confirm based on sign-in sheets.