

PRESENT

Ad Hoc Committee

Alan MacDonald, Northshore Youth Lacrosse
Dave Shipway, Northshore Youth Soccer
Joey Wyrick, Northshore Youth Soccer
Tom Campbell, Northshore Soccer FC Alliance
Paula Townsell, Northshore School District
Rich Leahy, City of Woodinville

Tom Tiegan Snohomish County Parks
James Yap, Snohomish County Parks
Russ Bosanko, Snohomish County Parks
Hal Gausman, Snohomish County Parks
Steve Dixon, Snohomish County Public Works
Tammy Dunn, Snohomish County Sports Commission

Consultants

Bruce Dees, Bruce Dees & Associates
Brian Patnode, Bruce Dees & Associates
Derrick Eberle, Bruce Dees & Associates

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

The meeting was held to kick-off the master planning portion of the project.

Bruce noted the purpose of the meeting was to begin gathering the needs and concerns in order to develop the preliminary program.

DISCUSSION

Bruce explained the project process, schedule and talked about the site and Tom explained the project history. Each committee member was invited to share information about their organization and current and future program needs.

Tom Tiegan (Snohomish County)

- County needs 16 fields within 20 minutes of each other in order to hold regional and national tournaments.
- Needs to be not just a sports park, but an economic driver of the region.
- First year revenue – cost neutral (revenue to offset costs).
- Should draw regional tournaments.
- Wants possibility of private/public partnerships.
- Need to incorporate historical data and materials from the site in the design.
- Accommodate rugby, football, and soccer in the design.
- Wants to be able to draw regional and national tournaments on a regular basis.

Rich Leahy (City of Woodinville City Manager)

- Need wide buffers, as wide as you can.
- Involve athletic people in design.
- Traffic will be a big issue.
- Stormwater will be a concern to be addressed.
- Need accurate and careful environmental work.
- Need coordination with county and school district.
- Woodinville synthetic fields are under-used.
- Woodinville closed entire recreation department in 2011.

Steve Dixon (Snohomish County Public Works)

- Existing road is deficient.
- No safe way to walk along the road up to the site.
- Sidewalk will be designed by public works to come up to the site, BDA continues from that point.
- Park will sit along rail & trail corridor.
- In the future additional ways to access the site will be investigated.
- LID and educational opportunities will be present.
- Interpretive signage should be present.
- Do not compete with Brightwater for educational component.
- Have the traffic consultant discuss road issues with the City of Woodinville (contact to Tom Hansen).
- Character of the road through the site, roundabouts, etc. Steve would like to talk to the traffic consultant about these elements.
- Existing wall analysis is ongoing.
- Want add-ons at bidding – option to turf more fields, more program elements.
- Not enough money to improve the entire road, but pedestrian access is a priority and will be incorporated into the project. Adding a turn lane at the bottom of the hill will also be incorporated in the project.
- Project will be linked to a larger county pedestrian and bicycle network/web.
- How quickly road improvements will be able to be designed and built may be a limiting factor (in terms of project schedule).
- Steve has started discussions already with the railroad in regard to the additional turn lane and intersection improvements at the bottom of the hill.
- Need to start discussions with neighbors and ensure inclusion of the positives.

Tammy Dunn (Sports Marketing Manager)

- All fields should be multi-use / versatile to accommodate different sports and age groups.
- Need adequate parking.
- Orienteering opportunity. Would be a 2nd location, could have a 2 day instead of a 1 day event. Cascade Orienting Club would be involved.
- Accommodate BMX / Mountain Biking and Climbing – Cyclo Cross is huge. Should be multi-use onsite.
- Accommodate baseball and fastpitch tournaments
- Accommodate adventure sports

Tom Campbell (NSYS)

- Do not design layouts that would kill tournaments.
- NSYS has 5,000 participants.
- Inspiration to kids, how to galvanize effort.
- Create a strong tournament base.
- Would like dedicated fields for U-10, etc. (Starfire is good).
- Need another facility for soccer in the north sound.
- What is the message we want to put out? How do we want this received?
- Concerns with competing venues, competing with indoor Woodinville Soccer.
- Needs to be a community park, not only active use park.
- Eight tournaments a year to pack the place, 130 teams.
- Need a facility that has a real cost recovery.
- Would like it to be a world class.
- 5-9pm is target usage time for NYSA. How can fields be scheduled/used outside of that time window to provide maximum efficiency.
- Wants the project to be economically and environmentally sustainable.
- Wants the ability to hold tournaments.
- Accommodate futsal.
- NYSA is more interested in occupying/renting a facility that is geared toward their needs.

Dave Shipway (NSYS)

- Would like a facility for games / training for international team.
- Look at other revenue generators (sports medicine, sports equipment, trail gear equipment, financial sustainability).
- Need adequately sized and designed maintenance systems.

Joey Wyrick (NSYS)

- Need a way to utilize fields morning and noon time, not just afternoons and evenings (such as young kids and retirees).
- Need to consider ways of revenue generation in unused hours.

Alan MacDonald (North Shore Youth Lacrosse)

- There are 15 times more teams than 8 years ago (240 teams now).
- Not enough fields for lacrosse to accommodate all interested users.
- Turn away 2 – 5 teams annually.

Paula Townsell (Northshore School District)

- Partnering is good.
- Would like design to support the educational goals of the district.

Hal Gausman (Snohomish County Parks)

- Maintenance issues – equipment, etc.
- Operational support.
- Might be good to have an office out there.
- Oversight and security are critical.
- Would like to all elements in, but make sure we can pay for and maintain them.
- Shared parking arrangements should be considered.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 5, 2012 at 10:00 AM at the Snohomish County Parks office.

These are the minutes, as we understand them. If there area any additions or corrections, please contact Bruce Dees & Associates immediately.