

Snohomish County

- (P) Tom Teigen, Parks Director
- (P) Tom Hartzell, Senior Planner
- (P) Tammy Dunn, Sports Commission

Shooting Sports Representatives

- (P) Roger Chatterton, Rifle Representative
- (P) Kort Schwarzmille, Pistol Representative
- (P) Tyler Barney, Archery Representative

Community Representatives

- (P) Carolyn Eslick, State Representative
- (P) Russell Wiita, Mayor of Sultan
- (P) Steven Dazey, DFW
- (P) George Smith, NRA Training Counselor
- (P) Steve Tonkin, Resident
- (P) Mark McLauchlin, Interested Party
- (P) Sharon Smith, Interested Party

Bruce Dees & Associates Team (BDA)

- (P) Bruce Dees
- (P) Shawn Jensen
- (P) Sherryl Sales
- (P) Michael Faulkner
- (P) Reece Vissia
- (P) Lorin Kramer, Kramer One Inc.

PURPOSE

To review the project background information, project goals, design process, program, and schedule.

DISCUSSION

Project Background Information

The members of the Ad Hoc Committee introduced themselves. Tom Hartzell reviewed the project history and expected logging timeline (late summer – early fall 2021), and project goals. Bruce reviewed the project background information, design process, and schedule.

Project Goals

- Bring on board a Managing Partner to assist in development, maintenance, and operation of the shooting park.
- Provide a safe organized shooting site for organizers and neighbors.
- Minimize noise, debris, heavy metal pollution.
- Provide facility that can host a variety of shooting and other sporting events to contribute to the local economy.

PROGRAM REVIEW

Lorin led the review of the program and layouts for each shooting sport.

Trap/Skeet – Bubba Deach – Representative (unable to attend)

- Lorin recapped the program developed by Bubba.

Discussion:

- Roger mentioned that the trap range could be used by the U.S. Olympic team in the winter season due to cold weather at their current training facility in Colorado.
- Tom T. mentioned there are a number of other City Representatives that will weigh in. Tom T. will reach out to the interested parties.

Rifle – Roger Chatterton – Representative

- Lorin recapped the program developed by Roger.

Discussion:

- George and Roger recommend electronic targets and gong targets.
- Russell noted that the project should provide economic opportunity to the area by hosting shooting competitions at the Sky Valley Shooting Park.
- Roger – Support facility will be utilized for control, check-in, range safety, first aid, telephone, restroom, and selling tickets.
- George – At high powered competitions such as the Talladega CMP Range, electronic targets are armored for protection.
- Lorin – The rifle range as proposed by the program is not a design for high powered competitions. If high powered matches are desired at the range, a different design is required.
- Tom T. – Range needs to provide a high level of public safety for the county but also needs to be feasible and implementable with highest cost recovery possible.

Decisions:

- Lorin recommended a 100 yard baffled range for public and small bore competitions. Then a 600 yard range would be competition only and not baffled. Lorin mentioned he has never seen a baffled range longer than 300 yards.
- Since Washington State gun laws prohibit scopes on Black Powder Rifles, 100 yard range for Black Powder Rifles will be sufficient.
- It was agreed that baffles will be used at the rifle range.

Pistol – Kort Schwarzmille - Representative

- Lorin recapped the program developed by Kort.

Discussion:

- The 50 meter range to accommodate competitions and public use.
- There will be 24 shooting stations at the 50m range and 24 shooting stations at the 25yd range. 25 yards noted as sufficient for public and self-defense training.
- The action range will have 9 bays, 2 at 100 yards and 7 at 50 yards. Distances can be shortened as desired.
- Sixteen (16) stations for rimfire plinking.
- Roger – some people will want to sight their pistols at 100 yards and asked if it's possible for them to use the rifle range to do so. It was agreed that this shouldn't be a problem.

Archery – Tyler Barney - Representative

- Lorin recapped the program developed by Tyler.

Discussion:

- Tammy suggested the park could host large archery competitions by utilizing the trap, rifle, and pistol ranges. Tammy mentioned Archery competitions can range from large national events down to smaller regional and state events.

Decisions:

- The youth archery range can be a part of the Target Archery Range with the butts moved closer, it does not need to be a separate facility. Two (2) youth targets can be provided at end of range.
- To clarify, the interpretative signage will display information related to the 3D archery element. Signs should display distance to next target, direction, and other necessary information to keep people on course.
- Broadhead range will provide one bunker with a max shooting distance of 70 yards.
- Archery range will be designed to the maximum possible width based upon the constraints of the site.

Other Program Elements

- To clarify, the shuttle bus drop-off is to transport people around the site, to and from the site and to other Snohomish County attractions.

NEXT STEP

1. BDA will contact Bubba Deach for his input regarding the shotgun range.
2. BDA and Kramer One to revise the range layouts as discussed and develop a preliminary site plan
3. Present Preliminary Plan to Ad Hoc Committee at the next meeting

NEXT MEETING

The Ad Hoc Meeting #2 will be on January 27, 2021 at 6:00PM.

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