

Sky Valley Park Project Public Meeting 2/24/21

Questions from Public Meeting

- 1. Bruce Dees and Associates, L.L.C. was selected on September 5, 2013. After determining the unsuitable nature of the initial selection, why did it take until late 2019 to select a property across the road from the original designation?**

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has worked with Snohomish County Parks personnel to locate a site that would be logged soon as well as being suitable topographically, hydrologically, and with an eye to avoid wetlands and population.

- 2. How much has the planning project of this park cost thus far?**

The master planning contract is \$205,000.

- 3. Who has received the majority of those funds to date?**

Bruce Dees & Associates and their partner consultants have received the budget funds per their billed work so far. I don't know what that amount is to date at this time.

- 4. If the site will not be reconveyed until 2024, what is the expected finish date for this park?**

That is unknown due to the complex and highly political nature of the project. Regardless, we need the Master Plan to have a "road map" to guide what will likely be a phased development based on our managing/operating partner's input and availability of funds.

- 5. Will soil and water testing be done for lead leaching or contaminants in the surrounding/adjacent areas, outside the containment areas? Checking to be sure the containment system works.**

Answered in video at: 1:12:57

- 6. Has a traffic impact study been completed since the development of the Sultan Basin road to new residential developments?**

Answered in video at: 1:11:35

- 7. Who is the contact at WA DNR working with this project?**

John Moon is our contact at DNR.

- 8. Wow! How can we help make this project happen? The politics? The funding? Public support?**

Answered in video at: 1:01:45

- 9. What is being done about noise control?**

Answered in video at: 1:08:36

10. Do we have a count and identity of participants in this meeting?

We have had up to 40 attendees, along with the panelists. We only know identities by what participants have logged in as.

11. What are the likely political dynamics which may adversely affect this projects completion.

Answered in video at: 1:15:15

12. About 700 acres is a lot of land being taken from public use; who is paying for that?

Answered in video at: 1:05:16

13. As a close neighbor to this area how will the sound issues be dealt with? How will the traffic be dealt with? Surrounding areas being used by shooters, who choose not to use the park...which is what happens now with the county not addressing the issue.

Noise control - Answered in video at: 1:08:36

Traffic - Answered in video at: 1:11:35

Shooters using surrounding area - Answered in video at: 1:19:15

14. Is there a recording available of this meeting for later viewing?

Yes – the recording is posted to the project page: <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/2706/Sky-Valley-Shooting-Park>. You can also sign up for our newsletter here: <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/3862/Subscribe-to-County-E-Newsletters>

15. Is there a law enforcement component included for training and/or accessibility?

Answered in video at: 1:22:20

16. How will the managing partner contracting process select candidates and finalists? Is there a preference for a locally-based partner or organization vs. a statewide or national entity?

Answered in video at: 1:24:30

17. Any impacts envisioned or planned to local heritage outdoor ranges - e.g. Machias, Ebby Island, Kenmore?

Answered in video at: 1:26:30

Comments

- On the point of responsible politics, our Councilman Sam Low is listening here tonight. A proper shooting park will support real needs in the county... and produce positive economic impacts. Thank you for attending!
- This facility would provide capability that almost none of the other formal outdoor ranges offer in this manner.

- This would support the businesses in the Sky Valley. Including the new RV park that's being built at the roundabout. That will keep a lot of people off of the Sultan Basin road if they are staying there.
- Monitoring wells are not required by the EPA shooting range rules.