



# Meeting Notes

## Smith Cove Park Meeting

December 5, 2017

6 – 7 p.m.

Location: Catherine Blaine Elementary School

**Attendees:** Approximate 50-60 community participants  
Project Planner- Strategic Adviser: David Graves  
Karen O'Connor: Sr. Public Relation Specialist  
Tess Schiavone: Gustafson Guthrie Nichol (GGN)  
Amy Cragg: GGN

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### PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Title: Smith Cove Park Development

Address: 8341 14th Ave NW 98117

Total Project Budget: \$ 6.5 million; \$6 million from Seattle Park District; \$500,00 in grants

Construction Budget: \$3.9 million

Design: 2016-1017

Construction: 2018 – early 2019

Completion: spring 2019

At this meeting, David Graves and design team from Gustafson Guthrie Nichol outlined the budget constraints and the proposal to move this project forward by phasing the development. We provided information about the proposed design and the \$6.5 million project budget, which includes two grants of \$250,000 each from King County and from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office. The phased approach will develop the west parcel/playfield side of the property first with the existing project budget; SPR is working to secure additional funding to build out the east parcel/shoreline side of the park. The west side will include the dog park and volleyball courts plus field renovation and lawn areas and trails for passive recreation. A new stair down to the water on the east side of the park is also included in this first phase of work. We met with many of the stakeholder groups prior to the meeting to explain the rationale for the phasing decision and listen to their concerns. Additionally, we did extensive outreach for the meeting with all our community partners.

### Questions/Answers & Comments from the meeting

#### Comments:

- Restrooms at the park are a priority
- Keep dogs out of the water, this area is habitat for Great Blue Heron.
- The OLA should be made bigger it is only OLA in District 7
- Provide improved shoreline habitat
- Make a commitment to build Phase II –
  - Where is this money coming from? Community would like commitment to dollars and sources.
- Why is there no baseball field in the re-design of field?



- Youth soccer provides access to thousands of families – how can you promote the east parcel to this group?
- Can OLA be larger?
  - Thank you for putting it in first phase
  - Please clean up riprap and ivy, cut shrubbery, landscape to open view
- What is the plan for parking?
- How will you do the grading and fill? Will you re-use any materials?
- Signage is important for pedestrians, motorists, cyclists and users of the park.
- We would like the hand carrier boat launch include in Phase I – this is in NE Corner of the park
- Please reach out to King County. They committed to integrate their facility into the park and we want this done in Phase II.
- The Dog Park area – in the south end of the west parcel has the best view
- Stripe west side of 23<sup>rd</sup> for parking
- Please be aware of cruise ship parking and traffic flow. Re-visit this in the overall design.
- Work with Magnolia Trail Group and make better connection
- Is there an opportunity to volunteer to help with the building or volunteer to secure funding?
- What happen to the pump track bike feature?
- Will there be any lighting?
- Are you guaranteeing us that construction will start on west side and we will have an OLA and volleyball courts?
- When will construction start?

### **Next Steps:**

- Keep public updated on project status via updates on project website;
- Design team completes Design Development Phase;
- Presentation to the Seattle Design Commission on February 1, 2018; and,
- Internal SPR review of design drawings prior to design team beginning construction documents.

