

## Forest Drive Community Meeting 3/20/08

### Meeting Minutes

*City attendees*

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### Voiced Comments from Attendees

<i>Question</i>	<i>Response</i>
<b>Right-of-Way &amp; Maintenance</b>	
Who owns the property between fence lines on Forest drive and if it is the City, why isn't it already maintained?	The majority of the property between the fence lines is within City Right-of-Way and owned by the City of Bellevue. Maintenance is conducted by several different Departments and private HOA's with differing objectives. We understand the current approach creates inconsistencies in the appearance of Forest Drive and this project will help to address inconsistencies in both the maintenance and appearance of Forest drive.
We have an active HOA that maintains the ROW frontage of our neighborhood. Will the City be negotiating with us to take over maintenance of these areas?	Yes, the City would eventually like to take over the maintenance responsibilities within the ROW along Forest drive. This will allow for the HOA's to spend their current ROW maintenance money on other items.
After the City conducts projects along Forest drive, will maintenance dollars be allocated to keep the landscapes looking good.	Yes, that is what is identified in the plans.
<b>Toolkit Comments</b>	
Storm/swale areas, can you elaborate on this?	The storm/swale opportunity areas identified in the plan will look at creating a functional storm water runoff area that is aesthetically attractive. Soil changes to increase infiltration along with native plantings will help to slow the water down

	and allow it to be absorbed during normal rainfall events.
There are some existing curbs along swale areas, will the curb be cut in these areas to allow water to run off into the swales?	This will be evaluated in cooperation with the Utilities department who manages the storm water runoff system.
For the Mixed Woodland area, in the past trees have been cut and debris has been left on the hillside. Can this debris be cleaned up to prevent clogging of the storm water system?	Yes, the majority of the smaller debris will be cleaned up where project work is conducted. Some of the larger debris will be left in place to provide habitat opportunities.
<b>Fencing Concerns</b>	
Will the City be replacing fences as part of this project?	No, the current fences along Forest drive are on private property and maintained by those property owners and/or HOA's. The City will provide a 'toolkit' of suggested fencing designs that fit within the character of Forest drive.
Would it be possible to install split rail or other similar fencing along Forest drive within the City ROW to create continuity?	Continuity will be done through the planting plans, a split rail or other fence most likely would not blend with the character of many communities.
If we, as an HOA, decide to build a new fence under the Match program, will the City provide leadership to help persuade unresponsive individuals?	All property owners effected by the project will need to be in support of the project to qualify under the Match program. It is up to the HOA to ensure that all parties approve of the project before Match funds are allocated.
<b>Neighborhood Signage</b>	
A sign was recently installed at the Westwood Highland entry, was that part of the Match program?	Yes, the sign itself was installed as part of the Match program with the adjacent landscaping being installed through the NEP process.
<b>General/Other</b>	
Certain areas of Forest drive have a 'Boulevard' look with more formal landscaping, will the new look retain the Boulevard look vs. a native look?	The conceptual planting plan utilizes native species or native hybrids. Future Forest drive plantings will use available native plants organized in an ornamental manner.
There is a City park across from the Amhurst development that was recently landscaped, is this the type of landscaping that will be used?	Yes, minus the improvements to the turf areas...the park improvements reflect the conceptual landscaping.
How much does this project cost initially and how much per year to keep it up?	This project is utilizing many different program and capital improvement dollars

	<p>spread out over the next several years. Funding is available through different sources and will be spread over a Citywide application with Forest drive as one project area.</p>
<p>As a member of a HOA, it is hard to find City resources and Programs to aid in the improvement of our community, are these resources available?</p>	<p>Yes, through the City's NEP (Neighborhood Enhancement Program) and through the Neighborhood match program, resources and funding may be available to HOA's for certain projects.</p>
<p>Can we get power and water services installed as part of match projects?</p>	<p>It is unlikely that power and or water services will be funded under match projects due to project cost and maintenance constraints. These will need to be evaluated on a project by project basis.</p>