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Sent: Saturday, October 18, 2008 3:33 PM
To: Fehrman, Pamela; Smith, Terry; Kost, Glenn; nhrvey@bellevuewa.gov
Subject: Park Master Plan for Eastgate Area Property

Project Name: Park Master Plan for Eastgate Area Property (former Boeing site)
Project Number: P-AD-27

Hello. I'm writing in to voice my concern about the Park Master Plan for Eastgate Area Property.

I used to go to this meadow area all the time before the Advanta complex moved in. It was the perfect, all-natural place to walk, pick blackberries -- and perfect for the dogs. I met more people in the community (mostly other dog owners) than by any other means since moving into the area. It was wonderful...and amazing. We'd all collect there in the evenings and talk. Because it was not "developed", it was a tranquil place. I don't understand why everything has to be developed and planned. Why can't it just be left as a natural area without soccer fields (there are a kazillion of those at or near Robinswood), and without a kids play area (there's one right across the street at Spiritridge and at Robinswood)?

It was the perfect retreat -- long natural grasses, lots of rabbits and other creatures. Often, the most magical of places don't require any human interference at all. They don't need to be planned -- they just happen all on their own. It's sad and ironic that this truly unique area has been already forever changed -- and now we're being asked about how to "make it work". My vote is to leave it as natural as possible, as an off-leash dog area. This is what it has been used for for years (unofficially of course). If it is, maybe I'll see some of those people that I haven't seen in ages. It was one of the few places that had a true "community feel". I have avoided it the whole time it was a construction site because it was too depressing. It's only now starting to return to a park-like feel again. Now I hear that you want a sports complex and picnic areas? I also hear that this is to partially serve sports interests from outside the immediate community? This is a neighborhood park. This is not what people in the local neighborhood want....and shouldn't we have the biggest voice?

Parks should not have to be money making ventures. The forest area should be left untouched. Bellevue is losing trees at an alarming rate. We do not need picnic areas or washroom facilities. We do not want dog corrals. Those typically attract asocial dogs, with the type of people who are too lazy to walk, and think that walking their dogs consists of driving to Starbucks for their latte, and then standing around watching their dogs run in a small enclosure. The Eastgate park does not attract people like that. It attracts real people from the immediate area - friendly people, with friendly animals -- who are respectful of others. If you decide to develop this into a sports complex, you are truly destroying something wonderful and you need to fully realize that.

I have never voted against a Parks measure, but I am definitely voting NO for Bellevue parks in the upcoming polls. As if I want to pay for this quiet, magical place to be "paved" with astroturf -- full of cars and screaming kids. It is incredibly frustrating that the planners can be so disconnected from what's truly happening in the community. It's also incredibly frustrating that I feel that no matter what I write, and no matter how impassioned, this letter will just be thrown into the "votes for offleash dog area" pile and forgotten. Oh well, as a citizen, writing in seems like all I can do.

Thanks for listening.

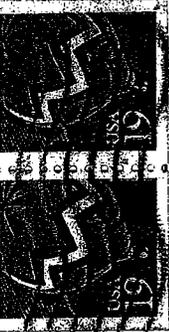
T. Wooley

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Ocean Falls, B.C. in the 1980's.

Dear Parks Department
My husband & I went to
Bellevue Park this morn-
ing to sail his RC Tugboat
and found the pond drained.
We were fortunate enough
to be able to talk to your
employee ^{George} who told us
about the park schedules
and lots more. He was very
friendly & informative.
Please thank him for
his expertise.

Sincerely,
Kate Smith
Bellevue, WA



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From: Kutlu E. Doluca [mailto:kdoluca@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2008 2:36 PM
To: Bennett, Jim N.
Subject: Re: Cottonwood limbs across the street

Hello Mr. Bennett,

We wish to express our appreciation for arranging removal of cottonwood limbs across the street. The work was carried out today. On behalf of four families, we thank you for making us happy.

Sincerely,

Kutlu and Isik Doluca
10536 NE 20th Street, Bellevue WA

----- Original Message -----

From: JNBennett@bellevuewa.gov
To: kdoluca@comcast.net
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2008 1:46 PM
Subject: Cottonwood limbs across the street

Hello Mr. Doluca,

I talked to the contractor to remove the cottonwood rounds in the forest across the street from your house. They informed me that they will be out to do the work next week but could not say any certain day. The work will be done next week though.

Jim Bennett
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City of Bellevue
Parks & Communities Services
Natural Resource Division
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From: Joyce Nadolny Shui [mailto:joyce@purpleschool.com]
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2008 12:46 PM
To: Clayton, Cherie A.; Foran, Patrick; Brittingham, Shelley; Sarkozy, Steve
Cc: Zibelli, Corinne
Subject: Corinne Zibelli and Her Wonderful Support of Language Programs for Kids in Bellevue!

Sorry for the mass distribution but I hope I got the right people! (At the risk of making a very modest Corinne blush, I'm cc'ing her on this email as well)

I'm writing to the rest of you to commend Corinne Zibelli on her magnificent support of language programs for kids in Bellevue. I am writing on behalf of the Purple School (a bilingual enrichment program based in Bellevue) and also as a resident of Bellevue (I have happily lived in Downtown Bellevue for nearly 6 years!).

Last year, I approached the City of Bellevue with a proposal to start offering foreign languages to children in Bellevue. Corinne (with the Northwest Arts Center) thought our programs could be a good supplement to, and broadening of, the already wonderful culture and arts programs already being offered and "took a chance" on offering our language programs. We started with one Chinese class and one Japanese class for 6-10 year olds.

Now, just one year later, and through Corinne's amazing customer support (fielding hundreds of phone calls, providing information cheerfully and supportively, patiently working with us and our increasing demands for time slots and space, and our learning curves . . .), the City of Bellevue Parks System is offering close to 20 classes in four foreign languages (Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Spanish)! We are reaching not only residents have made a name for ourselves with residents from other towns who commute to Bellevue just to participate!

Our success could not have taken place without Corinne and I wanted to make sure the right people know (please forward this on if need be). We have such a culturally and linguistically rich community that it has been wonderful to pass through this richness to our children. I am certain that Corinne is responsible for huge leaps in cultural awareness and sensitivity among our children and for the enhanced academic and linguistic development of our children. They will increasingly be well positioned to take on the many opportunities of the 21st century through learning to be bilingual at an early age.

We intend to serve more and more kids in our community and are confident this will be possible through the support of people like Corinne.

Thank you to the City of Bellevue and especially to Corinne for making this all possible! I'm proud to be a resident of this city and, as a mom, I'm excited to have young children who will continue to take part in many different activities offered by our City, including the language offerings!

Thanks,

Joyce

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HELP WANTED: Our school is looking for enthusiastic, experienced, and exceptional bilingual teachers for children ages 3-10. We're currently hiring for Chinese, Italian, Japanese, Korean, and Spanish (both regular and substitute teachers). We are also interested in hearing from you if you have what we're looking for in other languages! Email your resume and note of interest to info@purpleschool.com!

From: Brittingham, Shelley
Sent: Monday, November 03, 2008 9:13 AM
To: 'joyce@purpleschool.com'
Cc: Zibelli, Corinne; Clayton, Cherie A.
Subject: RE: Corinne Zibelli and Her Wonderful Support of Language Programs for Kids in Bellevue!

Joyce - Thank you for your update. I'm glad your programs at the Northwest Arts Center are successful and that Corinne's support has been so positive in your efforts to offer language programs for children. I appreciate you taking the time to let us know about the programs happening at NWAC!

Shelley

Shelley Brittingham
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