

**CITY OF BELLEVUE
PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday
March 9, 2010
6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers
Bellevue City Hall
Bellevue, Washington

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Keeney, Vice-Chair Roland, Boardmembers George, Grindeland, LaPine, Robinson, Stokes

COUNCILMEMBER PRESENT: Councilmember Robertson

PARKS STAFF PRESENT: Mike Bergstrom, Robin Cole, Patrick Foran, Nancy Harvey, Glenn Kost, Shelley McVein, Terry Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: Dick Applestone, Barbara Baker, P. Banks, Peggy Barthelow, Stefanie Beighle, Betsy Blackstock, Mildred Barker, Jerry Baruffi, Mike Behrens, Scott Boulware, Sandra Boyd, Allen Cole, Aaron Dichter, Lubomir Dolak, Pamela Ebsworth, Ben & Nancy Ellison, Gary Etchells, Hal Ferris, Betina Finley, Scott Hannah, James & Beverly Hanson, Kathleen Hodge, Paul Herd, Mary Johnson, Jason King, Charles Kline, Richard Knierim, Curt Kruse, Diane Lieb, Bob MacMillan, Crystal Madison, Peter Marshall, Don & Betty Mastropaolo, Ed Mathewson, Terry McCarthy, Doug McCaughey, Ross McIvor, Dave Mickelson, Will McCoy, Mike Nesteroff, George Norris, Neil & Beth Notari, Lonnie Pacelli, Marv Peterson, Art & Loretta Pieretti, Heidi Ressler, Paula Rowland, Toni Satzillo, Paul Skeffington, Anita Skoog Neil, William Smith, Firman & Jean Smith, Robert Thorpe, Iris Tocher, Stu Vander Hoek, Ray Waldman, Capt. Daryl Williams

MINUTES TAKER: Michelle Cash

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Keeney at 6:03 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Vice-Chair Roland and second by Boardmember George to approve the meeting agenda. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion by Vice-Chair Roland and second by Boardmember Stokes to approve the February 9, 2010 regular meeting minutes of the Parks & Community Services Board as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

4. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Betsy Blackstock

Dick Applestone, 319 – 111th Ave. SE, Bellevue, WA

Ms. Blackstock called attention to the Surrey Downs report that was submitted to the Board. Mr. Applestone added that the report is in synch with the Parks & Open Space System Plan.

5. **CHAIR COMMUNICATION:**

None.

6. **BOARD COMMUNICATION:**

None.

7. **CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:**

None.

8. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

A. **Meydenbauer Bay Park and Land Use Plan Public Hearing**

At 6:05 p.m., Chair Keeney called the Public Hearing to order.

Marv Peterson, 9840 SE Shoreland Drive, Bellevue, WA

Meydenbauer Bay Neighbors Association

Mr. Peterson submitted written comments on behalf of the Meydenbauer Bay Neighbors Association, which highlighted Plan elements with which the Meydenbauer Bay Neighbors Association agrees and disagrees. The MBNA supports the following alternatives for the Park Plan:

- Keep 100th Avenue open, south of Main Street.
- Substitute additional handicap parking and walkway for elevated platform; the elevated platform and elevator should be removed. A perfect spot exists at the bottom of 100th to accommodate additional handicap parking spaces.
- Build additional parking on the east side of 100th Avenue.
- Piers—keep all three piers; take the roofs off both piers 2 and 3; improve deck areas; allow transient boats to use designated slips; rent remaining unused slips; save more moorage slips through better design.
- Revise marina parking.
- Eliminate vendor kiosks.
- Re-think the event center community building.
- Simplify the Plan and get started right away.

Aaron Dichter, 10000 Meydenbauer Way SE, Unit 2, Bellevue, WA
Ten Thousand Meydenbauer Homeowners Association

Mr. Peterson submitted written comments from the Ten Thousand Meydenbauer Homeowners Association. The Association requested the following changes to the Plan design:

- Keep 100th Avenue open, south of Main Street.
- Protect the safety of the youth sailing program by keeping transient moorage and its activity away from the docks.
- Retain existing, permanent moorage.
- Remove the viewing platform and elevator configuration.
- Protect the water quality.
- Limit commercial activity in the park.

Mr. Dichter discussed his concerns with the consulting firms for the project and the replacement of the original consulting firm, the Sasaki group. He added that the closure of 100th Avenue would eliminate access to the building's lobby and front door.

Ten Thousand Meydenbauer Homeowners Association feels the public's voice has not been heard throughout the planning process. Mr. Dichter encouraged Boardmembers to honor the public's interest in their deliberations.

Paul Herd, 371 – 101st Ave. SE, Bellevue, WA
Bayshore East Condominiums

Mr. Herd submitted written comments from the Bayshore East Condominiums. The Bayshore East Condominiums agree that the Meydenbauer Bay Park extension would be a wonderful addition to Bellevue's Downtown Park. However, the following is a list of Plan concerns expressed by the Bayshore East Condominiums:

- Need to properly forecast traffic and parking issues.
- The corner of 101st Avenue SE and Main Street is one of the most dangerous in the city. This should not be used as an alternative to the closure of 100th Avenue, south of Main Street. A safe route should be determined and 100th Avenue should remain open.

Ross McIvor, 13305 SE 52nd Pl., Bellevue, WA
Eastside Heritage Center

On behalf of the Eastside Heritage Center, Mr. McIvor encouraged Boardmembers to consider the historic nature of Meydenbauer Bay during the planning process. The Eastside Heritage Center appreciates the historic heritage included in the Plan (i.e., retaining the historic whaling building and ice house). The Eastside Heritage Center offers its services for activities, educational programming, and historical interpretation through creative adaptive reuse for the planned community center.

The Eastside Heritage Center believes the community gathering places and pedestrian-friendly corridors, outlined in the Draft Plan, provide exciting opportunities to present Bellevue's natural and cultural heritage in a variety of ways.

The Eastside Heritage Center thinks the Draft Master Plan is in line with the vision and principles established by the City Council in 2007 and is encouraged by the fact that Bellevue's history is honored throughout the Plan.

Iris Tocher, 279 – 146th Pl. NE, Bellevue, WA

Ms. Tocher submitted written comments. She reminded Boardmembers about the opposition received during the planning process for Downtown Park in the 1980s. In particular, residents were opposed to closing 102nd Avenue so the park could be created. Ms. Tocher reminded Boardmembers about this experience to demonstrate the difficult decisions that were made so a treasure could be created.

Ms. Tocher urged Boardmembers to recommend to the City Council their approval of the Draft Master Plan for Meydenbauer Bay Park and Land Use Plan.

Stu Vander Hoek, #9—103rd Ave. NE, Bellevue, WA

Mr. Vander Hoek stated that his family has had a presence in Old Bellevue for 70 years, and businesses and tenants in Old Bellevue want access to the waterfront and the opportunities the Plan creates. He urged Boardmembers to create the opportunities, create the vision, stay the course, and adopt the Meydenbauer Bay Park and Land Use Plan as presented.

Terry McCarthy, 10047 Main Street, #514, Bellevue, WA
Astoria Homeowners Association

Mr. McCarthy explained that there are significant traffic problems on Main Street. The Astoria Homeowners Association is concerned with the following elements of the Master Plan:

- Closure of 100th Avenue.
- Change of building codes to allow taller buildings, kiosks, restaurants, t-shirt shops, etc. around the park.

The Astoria Homeowners Association asks that the Park Board create a neighborhood park without traffic, hotels, and t-shirt shops.

Scott Hannah, 9927 Meydenbauer Way SE, Bellevue, WA
Meydenbauer Bay Yacht Club

Mr. Hannah submitted written comments on behalf of the Meydenbauer Bay Yacht Club, which highlighted Plan elements that the Meydenbauer Bay Yacht Club agrees and disagrees with. The following is a summary of the MBYC preferences for the Meydenbauer Bay Park Plan:

- Fully support the concept of a natural waterfront park.
- Keep 100th Street open for access/egress for the Club (concerned about A.D.A. access, fire/police/medical safety).
- Do not build a high elevation walkway and elevator.
- Maintain as much moorage as possible in the Marina.
- Do not build transient/day moorage right next to the youth sailing school.
- Assist and work together to maintain the waters and shoreline of Meydenbauer Bay.

William Smith, 1635 – 73rd Ave. NE, Medina, WA

Mr. Smith is in support of the Park Plan. However, he is concerned with the 50 foot slips that are being eliminated in the Plan. He feels elimination of 65% of rental slips will have a significant economic impact. He explained that transient moorage will create additional traffic and noise from small boats. Mr. Smith encouraged Boardmembers to keep the marina intact.

Paul Skeffington, 10397 Seaborn Road, Bainbridge Island, WA

Mr. Skeffington is a Captain of a large vessel berthed at the end of Pier 1. He expressed concern about the following items:

- Limited parking availability for marina users.
- Potential loss of moorage as indicated in the Plan.

Jerry Baruffi, 9236 SE Shoreland Drive, Bellevue, WA

Mr. Baruffi recently submitted a letter to Mayor Davidson and summarized his concerns. In particular, Mr. Baruffi discussed the following:

- The current Plan has no concern for the environment (noise), fish, and birds.
- Milfoil is choking the Bay.
- The Bay has been silted in from runoff.
- The elevated walkway will block the view of the Bay, is expensive and a blight.
- The biologist that studied the shorelands and lake was not familiar with Northwest waters.

Barbara Baker, 16405 SE 22nd Street, Bellevue, WA

Ms. Baker supports the Park Plan. However, she feels that the Meydenbauer Bay community should not be impacted as greatly as suggested by the closure of 100th Avenue. In addition, she would like the elevated walkway eliminated and requested that all marina spaces be kept.

Ms. Baker suggested that pavers be added next to 100th Avenue to create a safe walkway, while keeping the street open.

Betty Mastropaolu, 341 – 101st Ave. SE, Bellevue, WA

Ms. Mastropaolu read a letter submitted on behalf of Joanne Roddis who lives at 381 – 101st Ave. SE, Bellevue, WA.

Ms. Roddis is concerned about the following items:

- Life of the lake.
- Traffic.
- Safety.
- Losing Bellevue's rich heritage.
- The design of the dock and the hybrid design.

Ms. Roddis asked that Boardmembers:

- Maintain 100th Avenue.
- Maintain moorage.
- Maintain a "green park" and save an additional \$43,000,000.
- Maintain zoning adjacent to the Park.
- Keep Bellevue's rich heritage.
- Be fiscally responsible for people of Bellevue.
- Keep Bellevue the safe and beautiful city it already is.

Beth Notari, 9630 SE Shoreland Drive, Bellevue, WA

Ms. Notari supports the expansion of Meydenbauer Bay Park and applauded the Board/City for acquiring the properties necessary to make the expansion possible. She would like the expansion of the Park to maintain the current neighborhood characteristics.

Ms. Notari supports the Meydenbauer Bay Neighbors Association's positions. In addition, she does not support the following:

- Addition of large structures, especially the tower at the waterfront.
- Items that impact traffic (i.e., closure of 100th Avenue).

Ms. Notari believes the expansion of the swimming beach, kayak launch area, and introduction of transient moorage potentially create a safety concern, due to the small water area. She suggested that a marine traffic study be conducted to plan for water safety and enforcement.

Robert Thorpe, 705 – 2nd Ave., Suite 710, Seattle, WA

R.W. Thorpe & Associates

Mr. Thorpe supports the expansion of Meydenbauer Bay Park and applauded the Board/City for acquiring the properties. However, Mr. Thorpe feels there is significant inconsistency within the Plan and feels there is a back-door effort to change Bellevue's zoning through the Park Plan.

Mr. Thorpe feels that the consultant from EDAW lacked facilitation skills, often spoke down to committee members, refused to provide alternatives and listen, and pushed the Plan through. He encouraged Boardmembers to find a balance within the Plan.

Pamela Ebsworth, 10000 Meydenbauer Way SE, Bellevue, WA

Ms. Ebsworth submitted a written copy of her comments. Items of concern include:

- No adequate traffic study has been conducted to show the ever-increasing traffic problems in the neighborhood.
- 100th Avenue is necessary for effective emergency access.
- Removal of 100th Avenue amounts to a taking of property rights and the loss of property value.
- The elevated pier and viewing platform are inappropriate and out-of-synch for the Park. In addition, these structures block the view of many residents and diminish property value.

Ms. Ebsworth welcomes a park. However, she asked Boardmembers to consider her concerns and make an informed decision by reviewing all of the ramifications (both to the neighborhood and fiscally).

Bob MacMillan, 10047 Main Street, #212, Bellevue, WA

Mr. MacMillan was a member of the Meydenbauer Bay Steering Committee and is a current resident at the Astoria Condominiums. Mr. MacMillan agreed with Ms. Tocher's comments and reminded Boardmembers that the Plan is a conceptual Plan, meaning many elements will change during different design/planning phases.

Mr. MacMillan clarified the following items:

- Zoning may be changed but not relative to building heights.
- Commercial endeavors will not be part of the Plan (i.e., t-shirt shops).
- The current access point would create a turnaround area that would be at the entrance of Ten Thousand Meydenbauer.
- The Fire Department and Emergency Services testified before the public and the Meydenbauer Bay Steering Committee that the closure of 100th Avenue would not create compromises to fire safety or emergency services.
- The closure of 100th Avenue will allow safe pedestrian access.

Break: 7:15-7:29 p.m.

Beverly Hanson, 9945 Lake Washington Blvd. NE, Bellevue, WA

Ms. Hanson read a letter on behalf of her neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. William Gross (9830 Lake Washington Blvd. NE, Bellevue, WA). A copy of their comments was distributed to Boardmembers.

Mr. and Mrs. Gross oppose the proposed Plan because it does not recognize the community input. In addition, they made the following comments:

- We do not need a community center at the Park.
- We do not need a walkway/elevator.
- We do not need retail kiosks.
- We do not need additional parking at the location.
- We do not need to change the residential zoning of the immediate neighborhoods to accommodate more commercialization.

However, Mr. and Mrs. Gross support:

- Access for locals by maintaining the present 100th Avenue as a functioning public street.
- Income from the long-established marina.
- Existing marina spaces for daily visitors.

Kathleen Hodge, 10047 Main Street, Bellevue, WA

Ms. Hodge's cautioned Boardmembers to not let history repeat itself with what she feels is an over-the-top, circus-like, intrusive waterfront plan. She criticized Ms. Tocher, Co-Chair of the Meydenbauer Bay Steering Committee, for her involvement with the Meydenbauer project, since Ms. Tocher was also involved with the Downtown Park project and Downtown Park is still unfinished. Ms. Hodge submitted a copy of her comments to Boardmembers.

Hal Ferris, 5531 – 175th Pl. SE, Bellevue, WA

Mr. Ferris was a member of the Meydenbauer Bay Steering Committee and is the current Vice-Chair of the Planning Commission. He clarified that the Shoreline Master Plan Update recommendations are being determined. Once these updates are adopted, the Park will need to comply with these codes and adopted codes between now and the final design. Therefore, there currently isn't a conflict between the Master Plan, which is not a final design, and the Shoreline Master Program's eventual codification which will be in place prior to final design of Plan elements.

The most identified goals of the Shoreline Master Plan include:

- Encouraging water-dependent uses.
- Protecting shoreline natural resources.
- Promoting public access.

These goals are all consistent with the Guiding Principles of the Meydenbauer Bay Park and Land Use Master Plan.

Mr. Ferris stated that the proposed Meydenbauer Bay Park has been envisioned for decades, and will be the crown park for all 120,000 Bellevue residents. He clarified that the park was never intended to be a neighborhood park, which was not a guiding principle. Mr. Ferris explained that the Steering Committee listened to the community input, pushed consultants and staff for information and, on their own, decided on recommendations for a plan that is favorable for the entire City.

Mr. Ferris urged Boardmembers to approve the Plan put forth and send to City Council for endorsement.

Scott Boulware, 9822 Lake Washington Blvd. NE, Bellevue, WA

Mr. Boulware suggested that a full circle around Downtown Park be created. He lives across the street from Meydenbauer Bay Park and feels that Meydenbauer Bay Park is a

neighborhood park, not a community or city park. Mr. Boulware suggested that the Downtown Park be extended to provide access to the community.

Mr. Boulware is opposed to the closure of 100th Avenue and elimination of marina spots.

Richard Knierim, 11920 NE 39th Street, Bellevue, WA

Mr. Knierim moors a boat at the marina and encouraged Boardmembers to keep a significant amount of permanent moorage. He also encouraged Boardmembers to visit Kirkland's waterfront park on a sunny day to see the transient moorage activities for a park comparison.

Anita Skoog Neil, 9302 SE Shoreland Drive, Bellevue, WA

Ms. Skoog Neil submitted written comments. Ms. Skoog Neil supports the following goals for the Meydenbauer Bay Park Plan:

- Maintain 100th Avenue.
- Maintain moorage.
- Maintain "green" park.
- Maintain zoning adjacent to the park.

Ms. Skoog Neil asked audience members to raise their hands in support of her goals. Numerous attendees raised their hands in support.

Stefanie Beighle, 6591 – 152nd Ave. SE, Bellevue, WA

Ms. Beighle serves on the City's Human Services Commission, is PTSA President for her children's school, and served on the Meydenbauer Bay Steering Committee.

Ms. Beighle urged Boardmembers to approve the Meydenbauer Bay Park and Land Use Plan as proposed. She believes that the Park Plan will contribute to making Bellevue a more livable city for our children and will be a great benefit to its neighbors, but more importantly, to all Bellevue residents.

Ms. Beighle commended past and present City Councilmembers for having the foresight to acquire property around the existing Meydenbauer Bay Park. She feels it is crucial to connect the Downtown Park with Meydenbauer Bay Park with a seamless, practical, and safe transition, which is accomplished through the recommended Plan.

Mike Nesteroff, 10001 NE 20th Street, Bellevue, WA

Mr. Nesteroff commended the Meydenbauer Bay Steering Committee for creating the Master Plan, in its entirety. He feels the Steering Committee has listened to the community and that Meydenbauer Bay Park is not intended to be a neighborhood park. It is a community park.

Mr. Nesteroff feels the Steering Committee has done a good job of studying options in lieu of closing 100th Avenue. However, the closure of 100th Avenue is integral to connecting Meydenbauer Bay Park with Downtown Park. Closure of 100th Avenue implements the planning principles and fulfills the vision of Meydenbauer Bay Park.

Mr. Nesteroff urged Boardmembers to adopt the Meydenbauer Bay Park and Land Use Plan as proposed.

Ed Mathewson, 9951 Lake Washington Blvd. NE, Bellevue, WA
The Vue Condominiums

Mr. Mathewson thinks that the Bayvue Village Apartments, which are owned by the City, is a prime location for the proposed viewing platform. If the platform were to be placed where indicated in the proposed Plan, it would cross directly in front of the Vue Condominiums' driveway and cause significant inconvenience during construction.

Mr. Mathewson is a registered professional engineer in the State of Washington. He talked with a civil engineer from the Meydenbauer Bay Yacht Club and concluded that there is no load-bearing capability where the overhead walkway is intended, especially near the shoreline. Mr. Mathewson suggested that the alternative platform at Bayvue Village Apartments be the recommended option. In addition, he requested that the fir trees located on this property be maintained.

Sandra Boyd, 10000 Meydenbauer Way SE, #1 Bellevue, WA

Ms. Boyd submitted a written copy of her comments. She finds the road closure and flying bridge unacceptable. She feels the preferred Plan shows no sensitivity to the presence of homeowners at Ten Thousand Meydenbauer.

As an alternative to closing 100th Avenue SE, Ms. Boyd suggested that a one-way, one-lane road be created that connects to the pedestrian pathway joining 100th and 101st Avenues. She explained that this would leave enough land to allow for the grand entry envisioned. However, it would maintain vehicle access for Ten Thousand Meydenbauer, the Meydenbauer Apartments, and the Chevron Station.

Ms. Boyd feels the flying bridge is an unnecessary obstacle and suggested that an elevated over-the-water bridge is more appropriate west of the Whaling buildings. In addition, she suggested a short bridge be built to access the Vue Condominiums (originally part of Alternative #1).

Motion by Vice-Chair Roland and second by Boardmember Stokes to extend the meeting until 8:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Betina Finley – 1216 – 108th Ave. NE, Bellevue, WA.
Bellevue Arts Commission

Ms. Finley described the Bellevue Arts Commission's art walk vision from City Hall to Meydenbauer Bay Park. The Bellevue Arts Commission supports the Meydenbauer Bay Park and Land Use Plan and urges Boardmembers to approve the Draft Master Plan.

Peter Marshall, 3030 – 109th Ave. SE, Bellevue, WA

Mr. Marshall commended the Steering Committee for balancing the developed and open space system within the Plan. He commented on the following items:

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- Community facility is slightly oversized, but at 8,000 SF, it is quite a bit smaller than a typical community center at 25,000 to 30,000 SF. This is a place for a meeting and to get out of the weather.
- Connection from Downtown Park to Meydenbauer Bay Park is important.
- Dedication of 100th Avenue to primarily pedestrian access is critical; suggest developing NE 2nd Street as an alternative.
- The elevated viewing structure may be redundant.
- Removing the roofs off the boat moorage and reducing the amount of moorage spots is critical for viewing enjoyment.

Ray Waldman, 9947 Lake Washington Blvd., Bellevue, WA
Whalers Cove Association

On behalf of the Whalers Cove Association, Mr. Waldman expressed support of the Meydenbauer Bay Neighbors Association's recommendations. Mr. Waldman explained that 99th Avenue is steep and having a parking garage located on this street would pose many problems.

Betty Mastropaolo, 341 – 101st Ave. SE, Bellevue, WA

Ms. Mastropaolo urged Boardmembers to keep Wildwood Park as a neighborhood park.

Jim Hanson, 9945 Lake Washington Blvd NE, Bellevue, WA

Mr. Hanson urged Boardmembers to keep the boat moorage and transient moorage. He suggested that the City view the moorage as a business. In addition, Mr. Hanson feels the elevated walkway and kiosks should be eliminated from the Plan. He encouraged these elements to be redesigned and looks forward to the park redevelopment.

Lonnie Pacelli, 9949 Lake Washington Blvd. NE, Bellevue, WA

Mr. Pacelli explained that the Board has an obligation to consider the Meydenbauer Bay Neighbors Association's plan. He supports this plan and urged Boardmembers to protect the residents in the Meydenbauer Bay community.

Loretta Pieretti, 2233 – 1st Ave. S, Seattle, WA

Ms. Pieretti is a member of the Meydenbauer Bay Yacht Club. She urged Boardmembers to listen to the community. She agrees with the MBYC that the marina moorage should be kept at all costs. In addition, Ms. Pieretti feels 100th Street should remain open.

At 8:19 p.m., Chair Keeney closed the Public Hearing.

Board Discussion:

Boardmembers expressed their appreciation to the citizens that testified.

Boardmember Robinson views the Park as accessible for people with special needs. She asked that the following items be clarified:

- Will there be more water safety enforcement available?
- What type of buffer will the residents near the walkway be given?

Boardmember George requested clarification in regards to the commercial activity encompassed in the Plan (i.e., kiosks and carts). In addition, she suggested that staff clarify, for the public, the effect of the Park Board's vote (i.e., land use and zoning is beyond the Park Board's scope).

Chair Keeney requested clarification on the following items:

- What is the transient moorage requirement proposed in the document?
- What are the environmental impacts (positive/negative) on the lake and shoreline?
- What are the impacts on the views and view corridors?
- What are the kiosk guidelines?

Boardmember LaPine requested clarification on the following items:

- What are the impacts on water safety (i.e., boaters, swimmers, kayakers, etc.)
- What are the operational parameters on the proposed building? How many people? Suggested hours? What activities are envisioned?
- What parking provisions should be made, based upon expected use?
- What are the impacts of traffic? Provide a traffic analysis of the closure of 100th Avenue.

Motion by Vice-Chair Roland and second by Boardmember Stokes to extend the meeting until 8:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Boardmember Robinson requested further clarification about the proposed building scope and use (i.e., educational center versus banquet hall/parties).

Councilmember Robertson clarified that the City recently approved an agreement with the City of Mercer Island to provide additional boating patrol for Bellevue's shoreline in exchange for enhanced police services for Mercer Island. This is an exchange of services. Therefore, no additional costs will be incurred.

9. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

None.

10. **ONGOING/OLD BUSINESS:**

A. **Boardmember committee/liaison reports**

Boardmember Robinson reported that the Bellevue Network on Aging will be working with Arthur Sullivan to create a Senior Housing Guide for seniors that are looking to downsize.

Boardmember Stokes attended a meeting about the expansion of the Wrap Around Services program. It is an exciting time for progress for this program.

11. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Future agenda items

None.

12. **OTHER COMMUNICATION:**

- A. CIP Project Report
- B. Board memo to City Council re B7 Modified East Link Light Rail
- C. Letter from Eastside Heritage Center to Meydenbauer Steering Committee re Meydenbauer Bay planning process
- D. Email from Iris Tocher re Work of Meydenbauer Bay Park and Land Use Steering Committee
- E. Letter and report from Surrey Downs Park Committee re park proposal

13. **INFORMATION:**

- A. List of upcoming Parks special events
- B. April 13 – next scheduled regular Park Board meeting

14. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

15. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Vice-Chair Roland and second by Boardmember Stokes to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).



Meydenbauer Bay

PARK AND LAND USE PLAN

Public Hearing Comments received between
February 26, 2010 and 5:00 PM March 9, 2010

Robin Cole
Project Manager, Parks & Community Services, city of Bellevue

I would like to share my thoughts and comments regarding the Meydenbauer Bay Parks Plan. I do so without emotion and hopefully with a learned and vested interest as a residence of Bellevue for approximately 56 years.

We have a wonderful City and wonderful Parks there are five parks within a five minute walk of our home. One of these Parks is Meydenbauer Park.

It is a lovely Park and indeed needs expanding for a greater portion of the population to enjoy. I fully support the actions of the City to have acquired on a timely and an acceptable process to the properties owners, the lands to accommodate that expansion-- A brilliant display of vision and wisdom..

However I strongly oppose the Plan as now proposed by you and your staff. Your proposed Plan is a plan that has not recognized the terrific input by me, my neighbors, and others with an interest in Meydenbauer Bay and the Park. You apparently have ignored the community meetings and many other inputs by forging ahead with a Plan that is unacceptable to all of those mentioned above.

- We do not need a Community Center at the Park -- we have enough of those already!
- We do not need a Walkway/Elevator or other costly and unsightly structures as part of the Plan.
- We do not need Retail Kiosks!
- We do not need additional parking at this location as it impractical and cost prohibitive!
- We do not need to change the Residential Zoning of the immediate neighborhoods to accommodate more commercialization!

But

- We do need the access for locals by maintaining the present 100th Avenue as a functioning public street!
- We do need the income from the long established Marina—why forego the income when we need it so much!
- We need some of the existing Marina spaces for daily visitors or to allow them use as has been denied in the past!

Please maintain Old Bellevue as it was meant to be—it is our community, not a project conceived with fatal characteristics as proposed by you and your staff who apparently do not want to listen to us or best represent us with a plan acceptable to those of us who are the Taxpayers and your employers.

I personally stand ready to discuss any or all of the contents of my communication or to contribute my personal time to assist you in anyway possible, to move the Park plan in the right direction and make it acceptable to the Bellevue City council for approval and funding in the future.

With Respect, but criticism

W. N. "Bill" Gross
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425-637-2770

From: Amywms1@aol.com [mailto:Amywms1@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 07, 2010 4:43 PM
To: Cole, Robin
Subject: Against major changes to Meydenbauer Park

Robin,

This is fifth time I have submitted comments *against* major park changes to the natural Bellevue beauty known as Meydenbauer Park.

You and the planning Mikes, who don't live near the park, don't understand how those of us living in and around the area would not want to see a large scale public project brought in close proximity to the privacy of our homes, backyards, our families, and our lives.

My neighbors have been fighting this project for years. They have never given up because, they, like me, are 100% clear that this project is out of line, out of scale, and just plain wrong. We are not Kirkland, Sausalito, Miami, Ocean City, or San Antonio. We do not need to draw citizens or visitors to Bellevue shops or dining. Bellevue is already a city thriving. However, those who have held public office have had visions beyond their minds and spend beyond their means. This would include yourself.

Almost 18 months ago, our national economy took a nose dive because of irresponsible people living beyond their means. The same thing is going on within many city, state, and federal governments. Those in office don't know when to stop spending other people's money. Scrap the Meydenbauer Park plan that has already been a ridiculous waste of time and money. Sell the acquired properties and model a conservative approach to being fiscally responsible. Meydenbauer Park is beautiful the way it is now: natural and serene. A space where land meets sky and sea, a place for picnics, play, naps, and dreams.

Why don't you take a look at a park close to where you live and draw up plans for what looks like an off ramp right next to your house. Would you want 1,000 people a day visiting your back yard? I don't think so.

Bellevue needs to begin looking within for ways to clean house and cut jobs. I vote yours and the Mikes the first three to go.

Amy Williams
Bellevue, Washington

Hello!

How you can call a capitulation to unbridled capitalist developers a Park, amuses me. Why didn't you just call this fiasco the Furtherance of the Rape of Bellevue Project. You should all collectively be ashamed of your lack of regard for the people who pay your way. Bellevue is no longer a wonderful place to live, and you want to make it even less of a destination for homeowners. Shame on you.

Paul Enhoorn
115 100th Ave NE
Bellevue WA 98004

Hello,

My wife and I are residents of 'The Vue at Meydenbauer Bay', 9951 Lake Washington Blvd NE, and would like to add our comments to the public input concerning the Meydenbauer Bay Park Project as we are not able to attend the upcoming meeting March 9th.

Since our home is actually in the center of this development we are both excited and concerned. To keep this short, we favor the positions of the Meydenbauer Bay Neighborhood Association;

- Favor a true "Park Development"
- Oppose closing 100th Ave
- Oppose elevated walkway
- Oppose building with elevator near 100th
- Oppose floating walkway (unless kept Northwest of Whale Building)
- Oppose removal of any moorage spaces
- Oppose community center building
- Oppose vendors within the park
- Oppose increased densities of surrounding future developments

Thank you for your careful consideration of these issues,

Al & Kim Calcagno
9951 Lake Washington Blvd NE #33
425-502-8268

From: Lee Maxwell [mailto:lorraineleemaxwell@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2010 10:50 AM
To: Smith, Terry; Harvey, Nancy
Subject: Meydenbauer Park

Dear Park Boardmembers,

As a Bellevue Parks YES team member, a greater downtown resident, and trustee of the Eastside Heritage Center, I am writing you to ask your consideration of today's presentation of the new Meydenbauer Park Master Plan.

Volunteers like yourself have worked for years to represent the Bellevue park-user and create a significant park plan that will serve the City for many many years to come. Celebrating the Old Bellevue area and Meydenbauer Bay in a City Park will serve to acknowledge and interpret this birthplace of our City. Not only can stories of pioneer activities be told, but actual structures and archives are available to make those stories come to life for long-timers and new Bellevuites alike.

Waterfront recreation is also an important element of the plan. And it makes the warmth and excitement of the water's edge available to me and others who do not own waterfront property or use a watercraft. I feel that the plan is respectful of the Lochleven and Old

Bellevue neighborhoods, while enabling the sharing of the special heritage and waterfront resources that exist there.

As we grow as a City, we must grow as a community as well, and this park is a test in many ways to this end. Change is not comfortable at best, but as we age singularly and as a community it happens.....and is recognized by many of us as an exciting opportunity for growth. Those of us active over the years in creating the new Bellevue, have waited and looked forward with great anticipation for this day. I am excited and proud to ask for your support of this project.

L. Lee Maxwell
933-111th Place SE
Bellevue WA 98004

Bellevue Mayor, Members of City Council, Director of Parks,

The Bay that is Meydenbauer is a special gift. The eagle cries and swoops down from it's nest high in the cedar trees and catches a fish from the lake. The crows chase after the eagles, dive bombing and attacking. "Mr. Beaver" swims by in the early morning after checking the shores for materials for his dam. Under the dock is a pile of freshwater clam shells left by the muskrats. In the fall many new and different waterfowl arrive to spend the winter here. In the spring the ducks parade around the bay with their fuzzy little babies. And yes, even the dirty, noisy Canadian geese add a certain charm! A rower skims over the calm water. In summer we hear the happy voices of kids and families enjoying the park, swimming and picnicking - in fact there are often swimmers swimming across the bay and all around the shores, dock to dock. Boaters from the yacht club and marina slowly and respectfully entering and leaving the bay. Kayackers paddle along enjoying the sights. THIS is Meydanbauer Bay, full of history and beauty, and to be shared with our friends and neighbors of Bellevue.

SO WHY would we want to change it into something it is not? The charm of the Bay is it's natural, quiet beauty. An elevated walkway and elevator would be a blight on this tranquil landscape. Retail kiosks would bring unnecessary commercial activity into the area - Main Street merchants have made that area vital and attractive - why not keep the commercial activity there? A large community building is not in keeping with the quiet ambiance of the Bay, bringing crowds of people to the area along with parking and noise problems. Let's keep the treasure of Meydenbauer Bay authentic with it's history and beauty.

Nancy Ellison
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March 3, 2010

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Councilmembers
Bellevue City Council
City of Bellevue
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P.O. Box 90012
Bellevue, WA 98009-9012

Mayor,
We discussed this
at Bellevue Rotary
Pamela

Councilmembers:

I am a resident of the Meydenbauer neighborhood and adamantly oppose most aspects of the current proposed Waterfront Park.

The Bellevue City Council needs to consider the following:

- Closure of SE 100th west of the Chevron station would add to the traffic gridlock that already exists on Main Street.
- Why abandon two piers and then add a moorage?
- Adding restaurants, floating docks and tour boats is inappropriate for the neighborhood. This is not Downtown Kirkland and we have no need to mimic Kirkland...Bellevue should have it's own unique identity: quality shopping with a variety of special petite parks and contained business center.
- Commercial usage in parks is totally wrong.

The above are only a few of my concerns.

The City Council is moving in a direction that would negatively impact the waterfront and the Meydenbauer neighborhood and would turn it into a commercial development. Your plan would demish home values and decrease taxes.

I request you reevaluate your plans in order to minimize the commercial redevelopment in this quiet neighborhood. Regardless of what you say....residents concerns are not being listened to!

Sincerely,

Pamela Rolfe

Pamela/Meydenbauer/Councilmembers March 2010

March 8, 2010

Robin Cole
Project Manager
Parks & Community Services
City of Bellevue
PO Box 90012
Bellevue, WA 98009

Dear Ms. Cole:

We live at The Vue condominium complex at 9951 Lake Washington Blvd NE and we will be abutting the proposed Meydenbauer Bay Park on our East and South sides. Because of our intimate proximity to the project, we have a strong interest in how we can be a good neighbor to the Park and the Park be a good neighbor to us.

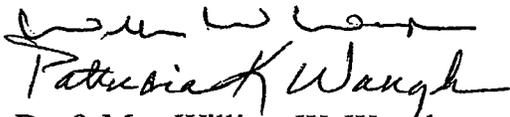
When we moved here from Olympia two years ago, one of the positive considerations was the future of a green, quiet park-like setting surrounding the complex. However, what is being proposed is a far cry from the tranquil green park environment that we envisioned. Yes, we are a short walk to Bellevue Square and the hustle and bustle of downtown, but when we return to our oasis we enjoy the peace and quiet it affords. That peace and quiet will vanish if the present proposal is enacted. There is no need for noisy, obtrusive structures or commercial ventures, period. A switchback style gradual walkway down through tasteful landscaping is all that is necessary between 100th and our complex. Further, it is imperative to maintain 100th for a multitude of reasons including safety, emergency vehicle access, congestion and even historical consideration. Quite often it is difficult to get through the traffic congestion when the Meydenbauer Yacht Club has functions. Historically, the street played an important role in early Bellevue when it was the path to the whaling fleet pier located in the Whaler's Cove end of Meydenbauer Bay. An old aerial photograph on the wall at the QFC store on 8th Avenue clearly depicts the early road leading to the pier. That history should be honored and maintained.

Regarding the marina, it is a clean, quiet, well-maintained neighbor. Part of the enjoyment of living at The Vue is watching the boat traffic coming and going from the marina and yacht club. It is an irreplaceable, revenue generator for Bellevue and should not be tampered with. It serves its citizens who are not fortunate enough to own waterfront property and removing any portion of it would be a disservice. All that is needed is a nice wide concrete walkway all along the shoreline with, perhaps, embedded historical/nautical artifacts (i.e. Brass "dance steps" on Broadway in Seattle, or the inlays at the new Seatac terminal floor, or ceramic designs as on the new 4th Street Bridge in Olympia). The view of the Bay itself will "improve" as one walks West past the marina,

but there is nothing wrong with boat watching and dreaming as it is an integral part of the mystique of the Seattle area.

Finally, the City needs to listen to its constituent's needs and not try to ram through something that the neighborhood does not want. We have enough of that kind of attitude in Washington, DC. Bellevue is a very special community and we are above that. Please listen to and adopt the suggestions of the Meydenbauer Bay Neighborhood Association.

Sincerely,



Dr. & Mrs. William W. Waugh
9951 Lake Washington Blvd NE #50
Bellevue, WA 98004
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Robin,

Please forward the following to the members of the Park Board:

Members of the Bellevue Park Board,

My name is David Schooler and for three years I have been a member of the Meydenbauer Bay Park Planning Committee. I am unable to attend this evening's hearing but would like to comment on some elements of land use, traffic and parking.

LAND USE. I believe the recommended changes are modest, appropriate and sound. Around the park we did suggest increased density, but not height, as a tradeoff for public amenities. By keeping heights the same we hoped to maintain the same profile of development. We were presented with proposals for much more significant changes by both staff and consultants; we did not adopt those. Inside the park we proposed to delete single and multi-family uses. We proposed to maintain existing recreational uses. We proposed to maintain the marina use, though with fewer slips. We proposed adding:

- A building for public gathering comparable to the one in Lewis Park;
- Boat rentals similar to the one at Chism Park; and
- A few vendors to sell convenience items, such as coffee.

We did not propose other, commercial uses, though some were suggested repeatedly by our consultants.

TRAFFIC. We did not believe the park adds any significant traffic, nor did our traffic consultant, beyond today's condition. We did propose closing 100th south of Main. We believed that would create a superior park experience. We also proposed that the closure should not occur until after improvements to NE 2nd are completed between 100th and 112th. Therefore, any eastbound traffic from Bellevue Square, which currently uses Main St, would more likely use NE 2nd.

PARKING. Staff and consultants proposed various ways of approaching parking. We chose a number at the high end of the range. Because people would approach the park from different directions and would use different portions of the park, we decided to disperse the parking locations.

Thank you for allowing me to address you.

David Schooler
600 106th Ave NE
Bellevue, WA 98004
(425) 455-8167

Dear Parks and Community Services Board Members,

As a 20+ year neighbor to Meydenbauer Bay Park and co-chair of the Meydenbauer Bay Park and Land Use Steering Committee I strongly encourage the Parks and Community Services Board to recommend adoption of the Master Plan. The expansion of the park as envisioned by the Master Plan will provide for all Bellevue residents, workers and visitors a park that:

- Accommodates and encourages both passive and active recreation uses
- Expands public access to the water
- Broadens the range of users
- Improves the ecology of the site
- Provides for a variety of access modes
- Respects the history and heritage of Meydenbauer Bay
- Provides opportunities for year around use
- Connects the waterfront to the adjacent neighborhoods, downtown, Old Bellevue, Wildwood and Downtown Park.

The Steering Committee's deliberations considered extensive public input, technical studies and the different perspectives of all those impacted. Those issues that were beyond the scope or the Committee's work but were considered to be of critical importance to resolve for the park to function have also been identified within the Steering Committee's Report.

To achieve the vision represented in the Master Plan and realize the creation of a public amenity that our limited public waterfront deserves the highest standards of design and creativity will need to be applied. In the past Bellevue has demonstrated the leadership necessary to realize such a vision as is evident in the nearby Downtown Park. I encourage you to take another critical step in the fulfillment of this 23 year old vision and recommend adoption of the Master Plan.

Sincerely,

Doug Leigh
508 98th Ave NE
Bellevue, WA 98004

Subject: Meydenbauer Bay Park and Land Use Plan

Ms. Crystal R. Madison 10101 S.E. 3rd Street, # 307, Bellevue, WA 98004 representing (my mom) M.E. Barker, Ten Thousand Meydenbauer Condominium, 10000 Meydenbauer Way SE, Bellevue, WA 98004

Dear Ms. Cole:

For over two years local homeowners and business owners have worked diligently and in good faith, with the City of Bellevue on the Meydenbauer Bay Park Project. What brought over a thousand people together to work so hard, speak with one voice, donate large and small amounts, during these bleak economic times? The *Meydenbauer Bay Park Project*; this project will affect each resident's life and property for many years to come.

Expectations from Our Leaders

Taxpayers in Meydenbauer Bay are made up of all income levels and backgrounds. They include those who have worked all their lives to be able to live and retire in this peaceful setting; families who have lived here for generations, now paying taxes that were unheard of when their homes were built. We have many founders of Bellevue around the Bay; people who gave of themselves to build the hospital, schools and parks! Point being, most of us are not in "the big leagues," we have worked extremely hard all our lives to feel secure in our homes.

The Closure of S.E. 100th - Ten Thousand Meydenbauer Condominium

Safety – Emergency Vehicles must have unobstructed access to the *Front Entrance* of this building. Handicapped and elderly citizens use the *Front Entrance* as does the mail, utilities and guests. Also, "one to three designated parking spaces" will not suffice. Currently, parking is routinely taken up by construction workers or traffic from Main Street. They repeatedly block our fire hydrant (without citation). It has been "suggested" that the "garage be used as the entrance to the building." At this time I will not get into the *horrific logistics* of being forced to change the security entrance to this building to a small dark garage with a garbage bin, dealing with cars coming and going. However; what about the scenario of an Emergency Vehicle trying to get to this building while a Garbage Truck was picking up, or the Yacht Club was having an event? Add this to all the people walking to the now closed square and elevators that you created? Seconds count during a Heart Attack.

Property Value and Privacy - Ten Thousand Meydenbauer Condominium

You are all very bright men and women; you know what the proposed elevated footbridge (*with a view into our homes*) and elevators would do to our property values. *In a City such as Bellevue, especially in such precarious times, we expect our Cities' Leaders to do everything possible to protect Residents' safety and their way of life in neighborhoods they worked so hard to thrive in. One would never expect your own City Council or other City member to needlessly jeopardize that.*

Environment The City of Bellevue has accepted awards for being environmentally friendly. If the City places an elevated footbridge (*with a view into our homes*), elevators, canoe rentals, washrooms, food concessions, garbage receptacles, etc., on the property next to SE 100th and removes two old growth trees, how is that "environmentally friendly." The very wildlife you say you "care about" live and nest in the area that you want to dig up for the elevated footbridge and commercial ventures. *A compromise would be the low impact "zig zag" park setting and to leave the two old growth trees. In addition, move the other commercial enterprises west (by the whaling station) where it makes sense for public activity to be.*

Crime - Vandalism

Over the past several years, condo's and homes in our immediate area have seen a rise in break-ins, vandalism, drug/alcohol issues on the streets, aggressive young drivers, groups shouting profanity, and litter that contains *items* not fit to be touched! This behavior has taken place on our immediate street (Meydenbauer Way S.E. / S.E. 100th). As bad as it is now, increased population,

an elevated footbridge (*with a view into our homes*), elevators, canoe rentals, washrooms, food concessions, garbage, will increase this problem tenfold.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter, it is appreciated. Along with so many other long term Bellevue Residents, it is vital that we minimize the negative impact on Ten Thousand Meydenbauer Condominium, the surrounding Meydenbauer neighborhood, the Meydenbauer Bay Yacht Club, and above all to protect the abundant Wildlife that currently calls this small Bay home.

Most sincerely,
Crystal R. Madison

From: Kathy Gwilym [mailto:kathio42@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2010 4:29 PM
To: Davidson, Don; Lee, Conrad; Balducci, Claudia; Degginger, Grant; Chelminiak, John; Robertson, Jennifer S.; Wallace, Kyla
Cc: Cole, Robin
Subject: Meydenbauer Park

Dear Council Members,

Most of you know, I have been actively engaged and interested in our neighborhood for over thirty years. The single most important emphasis from residents is that this be a large green space. With the density increasing and more infill, open green space becomes more precious and important for citizens in the future.

I had an initial impression from this committee and their discussions that has remained with me throughout this process. There seemed to be an arrogance that they were the "appointed" ones making the decision, and citizen input was inconsequential. In the beginning, they focused so much on how to rezone a portion of the West Bellevue Community that it seemed their main thrust was to redevelop the neighborhood; not a park. It felt as though their main goal was to get high rises into the neighborhood and down to the water. Repeatedly, this emphasis and direction was in opposition to the residents desire for a park that is open green space and no development.

Another key point for the committee is to close 100th. The City has been trying to open all end streets over the past decade to help improve traffic flow in and near the CBD. The thought of closing this street not only goes against your policy, but would eliminate an important option for many in this neighborhood which is a necessity during peak traffic hours. Certainly it is not essential to close 100th to make this park viable.

I have followed with interest, through the years, the impacts of Seattle Parks on their neighborhoods. You do not want to create traffic and noise problems that will become a liability. You have one of the most upscale, nearby communities in West Bellevue. Please

encourage a park that fits in with and compliments the neighborhood and will be an asset for the City and for future generations.

From: Toni Sarzello [mailto:sarzius@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, March 08, 2010 9:48 PM

To: DDavdson@bellevuewa.gov; Lee, Conrad; Balducci, Claudia; Wallace, Kyla; Chelminiak, John; Robertson, Jennifer; Degginger, Grant; Anita Skoog; Cole, Robin

Subject: Fw: Meydenbauer expansion plans { a very BAD idea}

Dear Counsel Members,

This is the first time I have ever engaged fingertips to keypads on behalf of a community cause.

My name is Toni Sarzillo and I live in the Meyderbauer Heights area on the top of the hill above Meydenbauer Bay. After WW2 my father came to Bellevue with his little family, homesteaded up here in 1957 and built a thriving beauty business that survived for decades in all sorts of crazy economies. I graduated from Bellevue High School and have lived and worked in this area my entire life following his career path and raised my daughter here.

To date I have NO plans to move, ever.

The areas surrounding Old Bellevue Main Street, the Yacht Club, [which my parents were members of], all of Meydenbauer, Lake Washington Blvd and across the bay would be ruined with the disruptive noise, traffic and chaos that would be the end result of this major negative impact on our little community. The beauty of our shared space and the respect with which we as homeowners and small businesses care and maintain our little corner of Bellevue has created a synergistic ambiance between land/water use, nature, business and families. This abomination that is being proposed would be a violation to our community and must not be allowed. Surely there is enough space to accomodate a multitude of visitors at the Downtown Bellevue Park or the Convention Center with closer access to those expensive highways, public transportation and the light rail that you are contemplating adding. We dont need to entertain this ridiculous expence considered for this part of town. A plan that would be so negatively detrimental to our part of town when it could be used for something truly worthy of community funds. You need to lead with clarity and keep a lean eye for what is REALLY important. Fiscal responsibility, tighten your belts and do what needs to be done. Service before ego and greed. This is not the right business model for this community of Old Bellevue and Meydenbauer.

I voted for all of you. Don't make me regret it.

Please do your job and respect and protect us citizens from the egos that have only there own best intest in mind and not those of the people who live here and those they are privledged to SERVE.

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Anita Skoog <askoog@gvakm.com>

To: marvinbpeterson@msn.com

Sent: Sun, March 7, 2010 7:46:11 PM

Subject: Pleas send Letters to Council & Park Director - Here's their email addresses!!!

To: Don Davidson (DDavidson@bellevuewa.gov); Conrad Lee (CLee@bellevuewa.gov); Claudia Balducci (CBalducci@bellevuewa.gov); Kevin Wallace (kwallace@bellevuewa.gov); John Chelminiak (JChelminiak@bellevuewa.gov); Jennifer Robertson (jrobertson@bellevuewa.gov); Grant Degginger (GDegginger@bellevuewa.gov)
Cc: Patrick Foran (PForan@bellevuewa.gov)

Robin Cole (RCole@bellevuewa.gov)

Meydenbauer Bay Neighbors –

Thank you all so much!

We are hearing from residents who are writing comments to Robin Cole, the staff person in charge of the park effort, and want to encourage you to also forward your letters to Council and to the Director of Parks – so please see the email addresses above.

Especially for a public hearing, letters count a lot, so please write if you cannot attend!!!!