City of Bellevue

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 5, 2012

TO: Chair Robinson and Members of the Parks and Community Services Board

FROM: Carol V. Helland, Land Use Division Director
Members of the Shoreline Update Team
Development Services Department (DSD)

SUBJECT: Status Update regarding Preparation of Planning Commission Draft Shoreline Master Program

This memorandum is provided in response to a Parks Department staff request: 1) to update the Parks Board regarding status of the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) code redrafting effort; 2) to describe direction provided to staff for code redrafting relative to Meydenbauer Bay Park; and 3) to describe opportunities available for the Parks Board to provide feedback on the Planning Commission Draft SMP when it is released for public comment.

Status of the SMP Code Update

On April 11, the Planning Commission finished its review and provided final feedback necessary for members of the DSD Shoreline Update Team to prepare the Planning Commission Draft SMP. The changes directed by the Planning Commission touch every section of the Public Hearing Draft that was released to the public for comment in May 2011. As a result, the code redrafting has taken time to ensure consistency between SMP sections and with the general provisions of the Land Use Code. At this point in time, staff anticipates that the Planning Commission Draft SMP will be presented to the Planning Commission at their June 27 meeting. Notice of the availability of the Planning Commission Draft SMP will be provided on the SMP Web page and to interested parties (individuals who participated in the public hearing, tribes, and agencies with jurisdiction). The Planning Commission is currently scheduled to review their draft on June 27, 2012.

Direction provided by the Planning Commission related to Meydenbauer Bay Park

During its April 11 Study Session, the Planning Commission provided direction to staff on portions of the SMP related to Meydenbauer Bay Park. Specifically, the Planning Commission directed staff to: 1) place a footnote on each use chart noting that a Council-adopted Master Plan is required for the Meydenbauer Bay Park; 2) include a reference in each footnote to the "Implementation Principles" in addition to the broader Park Plan; and 3) craft a Hybrid Process for review of permits submitted for Meydenbauer Bay Park development that would provide for heightened notice and a public hearing. Staff is working to include this direction in the draft that will be released for public review later this month.

Opportunities for Feedback on the Revised Draft

Following public release of the Planning Commission Draft SMP, additional opportunities will exist for interested parties, boards and commissions to comment on the draft before a recommendation is forwarded to the City Council for consideration. First, the Planning Commission is currently scheduled to meet on June 27 to discuss the revised draft. Comments will be accepted at the beginning and end of that Planning Commission meeting. Second, the Planning Commission will likely need an additional meeting to finalize their recommendation to Council. That meeting will likely occur in July during either the second or fourth Wednesday meetings of the month. Comments will again be accepted during the July meeting. At any time, interested parties, boards or commissions can also submit written comments on the draft for Planning Commission consideration prior to its recommendation going to Council. The current goal is for the recommendation on the SMP to be completed before the summer break in August.

I hope this information is useful to you. If the Parks Board wishes to discuss any of these topics in greater depth, I could arrange for a member of the Shoreline Update Team to attend your next meeting in July. Please let me know if you would like to go ahead and schedule this interaction.

cc: Planning Commission
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