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Sent: Wednesday, July 09, 2008 9:59 AM
To: Popke, Ryan
Cc: Harris, Pat
Subject: Wallet found in Bellevue Park

Dear Ryan-

You can probably imagine how upset I was and my parents were, when I noticed that my wallet was missing after the Fourth of July celebration at Bellevue Park.

Thank you so very much for finding it and returning my wallet to me. I was very relieved and overjoyed when it showed up at my home! Can't thank you enough for taking the time to come to my home to return it.

The thought of going back down to the department of licensing to get another learning permit and doing chores around the house to make up for the money that I lost as well was not fun.

My mom shared with me a story about a show she watched were they dropped wallets all over cities in America and Out of 7 wallets dropped in the Seattle, ALL- 7 were returned with everything in it. WOW, to my amazement, she was right!

People like you set a great example for kids like me. I will always remember how I felt, both when I discovered I had lost my wallet, and when the following Monday, I found it hanging on the front door of our home with your card in the bag.

I hope I can make someone that happy, and make them feel good by doing such a wonderful deed in the future. Again, Thank You so much for teaching me such a valuable lesson and being so thoughtful.

Daniel Altchech
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From: ptannen@aol.com [mailto:ptannen@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 09, 2008 4:58 PM
To: Parksweb
Subject: A big thank you to one of the Bellvue Park Dept. staff

Hello -

I am from San Francisco and was visiting the Seattle area. Last Monday, June 30, I took two buses from the Phinney Ridge neighborhood to Bellvue, specifically to visit the E.W. Winters House. When I arrived after 10a.m., it was not open. After calling several phone numbers, Laura in the Park Dept. called me back on my cell phone and told me that she found out that the staff person who was supposed to be at the house was at a meeting.

She offered to come to the house to open it so I could visit it and told me she would be there in 20 minutes. I was very appreciative that she was willing to do this on such short notice. I could have been told that the house could not be opened because the regular staff person was at a meeting and that I would have to come back another time. Instead, a dedicated staff person went out of her way to provide excellent service to the public.

So I would like to commend Laura for her responsiveness and I want to be sure that she is recognized for this.

Thank you,

Peter S. Tannen

From: langersmith@comcast.net
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2008 11:31 PM
To: Harvey, Nancy; Smith, Terry
Subject: Eastgate Area Properties Comments

Attachments: City Council Master Plan comments (062308).doc

Hello Park Board Members:

I reside in the vicinity of the proposed Eastgate Area Properties Park and have been closely following its planning process. At the City Council's Extended Study Session on June 23, I made some comments regarding potential uses in the proposed park, and have attached a copy of those comments for your review and incorporation into the park planning process.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments,

Cydly Smith
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EASTGATE AREA PARK MASTER PLAN COMMENTS
Bellevue City Council (06-23-08)

- **Good evening Councilmembers. My name is Cydly Smith. I have lived most of my life in Bellevue and on the Eastside. For the past 14 years, I have resided at 2642 166th Avenue S.E., Bellevue, 98008.**
- **This evening I came to speak to you about the Eastgate Area properties that are under the planning process for development as a future park, and why I hope that the City will retain them in their present natural state and also designate the meadow an off-leash dog area. These properties are a very special place to my family and me. My husband and I have been frequent users for the past 7 years since we got our dog as a puppy. When my daughter was born 4 years ago, she joined me in her stroller and Zuko for runs to the “Boeing Field,” as we nicknamed the open meadow. They both have literally grown up with this wonderful amenity a short walk or run from our house. Nowhere else can I go out the door with my daughter in her stroller and my dog on leash and then run around freely in wide open space with them both.**
- **Through the years we have amassed a lot of wonderful memories of seeing rabbits, coyote, quail and other birds along the trails and in the field; picked and eaten blackberries by the quart; and played in the snow.**
- **We have gotten to know a lot of great dog-owning folks at the meadow through the years, and there is a real community that would be lost if the meadow use is changed.**

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- **Bellevue has a terrific network of parks that serve many people quite well. As a parent, there are a number of great places that are a short walk, run or drive where I can take my daughter and she can run around and play. However, as a dog-owner, I feel that I am underserved with a lack of adequate large space to take my dog for exercise. That's why this set of properties, and in particular the meadow, is such a jewel of a spot. No wonder it has become a magnet for dog owners in the area. With the dictates of Growth Management mandating higher levels of density, there are ever-fewer large spaces to where one can go and throw a ball or Frisbee for your dog.**
- **Designating the meadow as an OLA will help reduce some traffic and the carbon footprint of Bellevue citizens, as well as save them some gas money: rather than having to get in the car and drive to Marymoor in Redmond, or Luther Burbank on Mercer Island, or one of the OLAs in Seattle, Bellevue residents can walk, run or perhaps take a short drive to the Eastgate meadow.**
- **In these tightening economic times, it makes sense to keep these properties in their present natural state, as that must be far less expensive than constructing and maintaining structures or ball fields.**
- **Retaining the properties in their present state would give Bellevue a uniquely green amenity that will be a credit to the City.**
- **Thank you for the opportunity to present my comments.**

From: Julie Rosenberg [jfrosenberg@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2008 1:30 PM
To: Council; Harvey, Nancy
Subject: Eastgate Dog Park

Good day,

Good day,

I am writing to support the utilization of the Eastgate Area Properties as a major off-leash dog park. There are many reasons to support this manner of usage.

There is currently no large off-leash area in Bellevue. The closest off-leash area, is the small "Corral" on 148th and SE 24th which competes for parking with the large park complex and party facility just north of it. It is rather small for running large dogs. It is also terribly dusty from its high rate of use per square foot which kills grass and therefore is unhealthy for owners (and dogs). In addition, the nearest large off-leash park, Marymoor in Redmond, is only accessible by car and for those of us with full time jobs, takes very long to drive to during rush hour traffic, wasting both time and GAS.

A large off-leash dog park in Eastgate would allow large and small dogs a good run, grass growth as seen at Marymoor with a healthier environment for the canine and human attendees, could be designed with ample parking, and would be accessible to Bellevue residents by foot or short car ride.

In addition, Bellevue is a city of trees. Does it make sense to cut more for additional soccer or baseball fields? Trees would afford shaded areas for dogs and owners which is in short supply at the Corral.

One last point, if I may. It gets dark very early in fall and winter, making the off leash areas useless to those of us who work. It irks many of us who visit the Corral regularly to see the sports area well lit in the evening, yet we must leave at dusk for our own and our dogs' safety. It would be appreciated if lighting could be installed at the Corral and in the Eastgate Park should it become an off-leash area.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Julie Rosenberg

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From: Jo Scott [mailto:jos7@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 10, 2008 10:11 PM
To: Dewald, Dan
Subject: Kelsey

Dan,

Have been wanting to write to you to say what a marvelous job you are doing with the Kelsey restoration, such careful work. We took some pictures to send two people who walked at Kelsey for years but now live in assisted living centers outside Bellevue. They will be so pleased. One fellow lived beside Kelsey Creek near 130th for 45 years before moving.

Unfortunately, we did not have the camera Saturday evening. After the rains, we walked to Kelsey. As we walked around the loop, we saw a rainbow. It made a complete arc over the hills of Kelsey as we looked toward the barn area. Then we noticed it was a double rainbow. It was one of the most beautiful I've seen and certainly the most "complete."

Then i started thinking of a line from Genesis, which goes:
"I will place my rainbow in the clouds, and it will become a guarantee of the covenant between me and the earth. Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, Then I will remember my covenant with you and with all living creatures of all kinds. Never again will the waters become a flood and destroy all living things."

It seems so appropriate. Thanks for keeping up our end of the covenant, Dan!

All the best to you,
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From: Keith Henrickson [mailto:Keith.Henrickson@gerdingedlen.com]

Sent: Monday, August 18, 2008 4:25 PM

To: Basich, Myrna; Smith, Terry; Merle Keeney; Foran, Patrick; Jane Bennett ; Chelminiak, John

Subject: Resignation from the Bellevue Parks & Community Services Board

Myrna Basich: It is with considerable regret that I must tender my resignation from the Bellevue Parks and Community Services Board. I find that I cannot devote the time and dedication to the position that it deserves. I have been given increased responsibilities at work that requires some travel and we received a brand new granddaughter in May. I am truly a big fan of Bellevue and admire what the Bellevue Parks has done to make our city the great place it is. It has been an honor to serve with such a dedicated board for such a great cause and city.

I have enjoyed the limited time I spent on the board and will continue to support your efforts

Sincerely

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Keith

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