



Pikes Peak Reservoir Replacement Project

Community Advisory Group Meeting Summary

Date: June 27, 2019

Time: 4 – 5 PM

Location: Pikes Peak Reservoir, Bridle Trails State Park, Bellevue, WA

Attendees

CAG: Jim Erckmann (Bridle Trails Park Foundation), Suzanne Kagen (Lake Washington Saddle Club, Washington State Parks), Kelly Gode (Bridle Trails Park Foundation), Darrell Tanner (Bridle Trails State Park Region Manager), Heather Andreini (Pikes Peak resident), Kelly Losse (Pikes Peak resident)

Project team: Jay Hummel (Project Manager), Nathan Rostad (Consultant—Murraysmith), Catherine Okamura (Consultant--Murraysmith), John Chaney (Consultant--Envirolssues), Olivia Smith (Consultant--Envirolssues)

Summary

Jay Hummel welcomed everyone to the seventh Community Advisory Group (CAG) meeting and asked attendees to introduce themselves. Jay then reviewed the meeting agenda and provided an overview of the project background and community engagement to date.

Project Status

Jay reviewed the project schedule and shared what has changed since 30% design. Since 30% design, stairs have been added instead of a ladder as previously figured. Jay explained that Utility crew safety was the driver and that by using stairways it eliminates two safety issues: fall protection and confined space entry; the reservoir perimeter access area has changed from gravel to asphalt for easier periodic cleaning by Utility crews; and the Temporary Construction Easement (TCE) and landscape restoration plan have changed to include input from the CAG.

When discussing the schedule Jay explained how construction of the reservoir is anticipated to begin no earlier than Fall 2020 and is anticipated to last about 12 to 14 months. There was concern raised by the CAG members to not have the construction span over two summer seasons. Jay explained that the start of construction of the reservoir is dependent upon the completion of the Cherry Crest Pump station. It is very likely Cherry Crest won't be completed until Fall 2020, and if work at Pikes Peak starts shortly thereafter, it'd be unlikely that work at Pikes Peak would impact two summers. Also, the most impactful construction activities (e.g. concrete work) would not last for the entire duration of construction. If construction starts in Fall 2020, it is possible that most of the concrete work, backfill, and piping, would be completed by Summer 2021.

The group also discussed the location of the stairway and how the CAG would prefer to have it relocated from the southeast corner of the site (as currently shown on the plans) to the northwest corner so that visually the stairway is on the same side of the site as the overhead Seattle City Light (SCL) power lines

(i.e. where all of the visual impacts of the site are; the CAG would like the east side of the site to remain visually benign and blend into the natural surroundings). Jay said that each of these two locations had been evaluated and either location works fine from a Utility standpoint. Jay said that the team would relocate the stairway as requested by the CAG.

The group discussed the location of construction equipment and the impact construction will have on daily use of the park. Jay recognized the importance of minimizing impacts and expressed that Utilities intends that the park will be able to maintain functionality during construction. CAG members raised concerns about the area known as the gulch (the area to the south of NE 39th Street) being impacted by construction. Jay explained that all work will happen within the city right-of-way and that the stormwater detention vault will control discharge into the gulch. Nathan shared that construction of the vault would last more than a week but less than a month. Jay also talked about the proposed location of the vault. The original plans are for it to be located in NE 39th Street, but the team is also considering installing it in the easement area between NE 39th Street and the Park.

There was also a discussion on the type of gravel that will be used on the trails (for restoration). The CAG members preference is that it be horse friendly and easily maintained.

Next, CAG members were shown a proposed temporary construction easement (TCE) figure. Jay explained that there are several limitations affecting the use of the site during construction, including requirements from SCL and Washington State Parks (WSP), that restrict potential construction staging areas. The figure shows the proposed areas the project team needs to temporarily acquire for the contractor to stage equipment and materials, and to provide space for construction work to occur. Jay explained that this would require the removal of several trees, but that there will be more trees planted than removed from the site. Jay noted that the project team will work with Washington State Parks to ensure the project limits impacts to the forest to the greatest extent possible.

Jay discussed the project team's coordination with permitting agencies and property owners going forward. He also reviewed the status of the Cherry Crest Pump Station project.

Open Discussion/Topics of Interest

Key topics of interest or concerns shared by the CAG throughout the meeting include:

- Health of the forest and trails due to tree removal.
- Trail access being impacted by construction activity.
- Security fencing and height of the fence.
- Increased water runoff into the greenbelt and gulch.
- Construction schedule and suggestions that construction take place during the off-peak season (fall-winter-spring) to avoid work occurring during the busy summer months (at least to try and avoid any heavy construction-related work during the summer months).
- Construction traffic causing safety issues for those crossing residential streets to access the park, and especially the effects trucks would have on horses. Members requested clear signage to help mitigate this issue.
- Members requested that the contractor remove metal construction debris that could be stepped on by a horse and to consider horses when selecting trail material.
- Contractors being accountable to minimize impacts on the site during and after construction.

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Next Steps

Jay thanked everyone for sharing concerns and for a good open discussion, and then discussed next steps. He walked through the schedule going forward, including ongoing project team visits to the site and noted that the next CAG meeting will be in Fall 2019 to discuss 60% design. Jay shared that CAG members are welcome to contact him any time with questions and feedback between now and the next CAG meeting.

Pictures of the CAG Site Tour.



1. CAG introductions.



2. Walk around the reservoir.



2. Discussion of reservoir.



4. Discussion of construction impacts.

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