



BELLEVUE AIRFIELD PARK – MASTER PLAN UPDATE

NEIGHBORHOOD WALK - NOTES

23 June 2022 – 5:30PM-7:00PM

In Attendance: approx. 35

In late 2021, the Bellevue City Council unanimously supported: 1) the staff and SPLASHForward Recommended Concept Plan for a 130,000 sq ft Aquatic facility within Bellevue, 2) a formal partnership to support fundraising for the development of a new aquatics center with SPLASHForward and 3) Identified the Bellevue Airfield Park (BAP) as the preferred site to support a new aquatic center directing a Master Plan update to consider the potential inclusion of the Bellevue Aquatic Center (BAC).

The Bellevue Airfield Park (BAP) is the only undeveloped City-owned site large enough to accommodate the recommended Aquatic facility Concept plan (10-11 acres). Additional elements recommending an aquatic facility at this site are: Easy access off of 1-90, existing shared parking agreements with owners of the surrounding office park and the site size that could allow for park and BAC complementary outdoor recreation and open space development.

The BAP Master Plan Update neighborhood walk was held as an informal meeting to hear directly from the immediate neighbors around the BAP prior to initiating the formal greater community outreach process.

This document is a summary of the comments received from the community during the neighborhood walk.

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- Use for walking dog; forested area on NW is remote and not penetrated by trails and beneficial to wildlife
 - Historical property for Bellevue (landfill, airfield), that is an opportunity and excited about what the future holds
 - Like wildlife, natural area; functions beautifully; meadow is great place for training pets that can't go to a dog park
 - Accessible routes from parking for wheelchair, as well as walking, is important
 - Proposed plan had seen previously with aquatic center; would like to see that included, but wonder about the use of the existing aquatic facility
 - Maximize shared parking
 - NW quadrant is heavily forested with parking and invites drug trafficking – hard to see what is going on and is a security risk to users and neighborhood; Wildlife habitat – preserve elements for quality of life; meadow habitat is decreasing throughout the state
 - Put in more trails – hike and run
 - Location is under-utilized, looking forward to seeing facilities in the park



- Be sure to have safe and good Pedestrian access from neighborhoods; especially from the north and east
- more activities for dogs and offleash
- Comment that that Master Plan represented an over developed park with not enough natural/undisturbed areas.
- Traffic/congestion concerns
- Noise concerns
- Overall, there is very little access to water related activities in Bellevue. Many support an indoor swimming pool / aquatic center.
- Concern with size of aquatic center and earthquake – location close to other swimming pools, so why more here?
- Need for better Bus service / public transit
- Pool location should be far away from homes to decrease potential chlorine smells
- Some questions and concerns with building over landfill
- Don't take away the tree canopy
- More dog areas – Robinswood is too small and crowded.
- Don't have a membership required to use aquatic center
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