

PARKS, ARTS, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION PLAN (PARC Plan)

Public Outreach

Open House Comments – November 2013

What Are YOUR Park & Recreation Needs?

1. Need more stretch areas in weight room
2. More group power/more classes with pass
3. Outside/inside track area
4. Basketball gym
5. Soccer leagues
6. Involvement with community music groups
7. Outdoor music in summer
8. Arts fairs – performing and otherwise
9. Dog park
10. Parks with bathrooms and big slides – toddler friendly
11. More zip swings and tire swings
12. Park with running track
13. More play parks around 168th
14. Miniature golf
15. Walking trail with fitness stations
16. Business involvement to build community events/celebrations
17. Bathrooms and drinking fountains at parks
18. Update equipment

Stakeholders Meeting Comments – December 5, 2013

Softball, Soccer, Golf

Representatives present: United States Specialty Sports Association, Kidz Love Soccer, First Tee of North Puget Sound, Alderwood Classic Car Show, Alderwood Rotary, Meadowdale High School Golf Teams

Softball:

1. Turf Meadowdale Playfields softball fields
 - Teams have left for updated complexes
 - Can advertise “rain or shine” tournaments with turf
 - No need for tractors
 - Increases revenue
2. Raising outfield fences at MAC
 - Equipment has outgrown current fields
 - Losing money with lost softballs

3. Extended/Earlier Game Times (Saturday starts at 8:00am, ends 11:00pm)
 - Increase revenue
4. Light restrictions at Meadowdale
 - Increase revenue

Soccer:

1. Turfing soccer fields at MAC
 - Reduce liability
 - Parents not getting angry
 - Less maintenance
 - Cut costs
2. Lining for Lacrosse on MAC soccer fields
 - Multipurpose fields
 - Gain revenue

Golf:

1. Preserve concourse 18th hole at Golf Course
 - Alderwood Terrace fundraiser directly benefits youth in community
2. Clean up cart paths at Golf Course – trim back to natural edges
 - Safety issue
 - Visual attractiveness
3. Improve signage for Golf Course – make easier to find/locate with GPS directions
 - Improve tourism
 - Increase revenue
4. Sign restrictions vs. Edmonds Community College
 - So people can find entrance to Golf Course
 - GPS problems
 - Look into changing address
5. Continue partnerships with City and Golf Course
 - Partners in a successful Golf Course
 - Increases tourism all around funding
 - Relates to the concourse
6. Golf Course partnership with Premier
 - Need to know status of current contract
7. Parks & Rec guide to paper - not only electronic
 - Keep enrollment up
 - Make citizens more aware
8. Re-address fee structure with Edmonds School District high school golfers – use City of Everett fee structure
 - Promote junior golf in area
 - Stay consistent/competitive with other schools in league

- Keep golf affordable for all kids
- 9. Look for additional sponsorships from big corporations
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- 10. \$8,000 to cover junior golf teams annually
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- 11. The First Tee 5-year contract – notification from City on updated transition
 - First Tee Contract – needs updated information/contacts
- 12. Be creative with paying back City on IE –donating time for payback for Junior Golf Funding – Community Service
 - To make affordable for high school golf teams
 - So the kids can give back
- 13. One day per year – free access to Golf Course
 - For anybody to become familiar with course

Special Interest Groups

Representatives present: Dog Parks, Cascade Orienteering, EdCC LEAF Program, Parks & Recreation Board

Orienteering:

1. North Lynnwood Park
 - Mostly school use of orienteering course
 - Maps are linked on website
2. Lynndale Park – Used 2x/year
 - Use of classroom is valuable (1-meetings/1-entry level training)
 - ~100 participants
 - Training in navigational skills
 - Need to market program for fall
 - City let community know of events, publish - website/publications

Dog Park:

1. Need site in Lynnwood
2. Nearest is in Edmonds – 5 miles away
3. Need to serve high density residential
4. Friendly community gathering space
5. Used by individuals who cannot walk dogs long distances
6. Most people would use at least 1 time/week, expect heavy use
7. Most users will walk a distance to get there
8. Design needs:

- Space – at least 1-2 acres
 - Accommodate 40-50 users
 - Water source
 - Shade
 - Parking
 - Fencing
 - Bark mulch or sand
9. Contact non-profit group for maintenance - SNODOG
 10. Donate through Parks & Rec Foundation

Edmonds Community College LEAF Program:

1. Program restoration at Gold Park, created Ethnobotanical Garden
2. Would like restoration projects in other Lynnwood parks also
3. 24 students can work 8 hours on Fridays
4. National Day of Service, Earth Day at another park – Lynndale Park?

Community Groups

Representatives present: GreenStage, Heritage Park Partners

Heritage Park:

1. Completion of water tower restoration
2. Signage – currently – what it is and why it isn't completed – future – interpretive signs
3. Parking
 - not enough parking to offer larger programs in park, i.e. picnics (shuttle parking required – former partners changed)
 - would like community/city partnership events, i.e., music programs
 - need to make sure parking is reserved for Visitors Center (summer brings RVs)
3. Need more “dogs on leash” signs – problems with people letting dogs run loose – signs not very obvious
4. A playground is needed – an “old fashioned” theme
 - Visitors Center is used as rest stop – families stop and a place is needed for the children
5. Anticipate barrier needed on property line and possible parking issues with new multifamily apartment complex to south
6. A lot of people use the park for photos – wedding, holiday, senior pictures
7. The function of Heritage Park is different from other parks
8. No heat on 2nd floor of Wickers Building – not turned on
9. Extend track in front of the trolley, outside shelter. Use shelter for other events
10. Finish inside of water tower building
11. Sidewalks need maintenance
 - Vegetation alongside is growing into sidewalks
 - Walkability

Lynndale Park Amphitheater:

1. Required to bring sound and lights – access is challenging
2. Need a built-in, efficient way to access power
3. A sound board area at top
4. New light pole
5. Aisles – paving one and adding another?
6. Seattle parks waives fee for GreenStage; all \$ comes from passing the hat
7. Amphitheater audience should be facing north and a little west

General:

1. Any time you can snatch up property – neighborhood parks – there’s no place for kids today
2. “Safe” trail perception – buildings, lights, paved paths (vs. Lynndale forest) – open trails
3. Maintenance of walkability between City Center and Alderwood Mall needs to be addressed
4. Place for the community to gather is lacking
5. It’s nice to see the Fire Department out on parade – National Night Out
6. A parade is a way of grouping groups together
7. Need to plan ahead to acquire open space, neighborhood, conservation and athletic fields
 - Small venues and another Meadowdale
 - Partner/Joint or acquire
8. Increase access to gyms – Phase 2
9. Increase trails – safer pathways, walkability, biking
10. Concerned about engaging youth in service learning
 - Environmental stewards
 - LTAG – leadership
 - Civic engagement – focus on teens contributing to our community
11. Reach out to immigrant communities
 - Involving in civic engagement
 - Missing piece/representation in comp plan
 - Meeting with people where they’re at on their schedule, in their language
 - Social Outreach/Underserved Populations
 - Serve through youth and senior programs
 - Culturally appropriate / EU / Translation
 - Connect with new Multi-cultural Senior Center
 - Partnerships – churches, college, community “centers”
 - Verdant
 - Heritage Park Partners
 - EdCC College Partnerships
 - LEAF School
 - Food access
 - Center for Student Learning – more volunteer opportunities

Online Comment Form Responses

1. WHAT PARKS AND FACILITIES DO YOU USE MOST? WHAT CAN WE DO TO IMPROVE THEM?

- I switch between swimming and fitness classes. More swimming when the children are in school. Less swimming in summer. The locker rooms, both women's and family are always filthy. Moldy and slimy. I see a cleaning man sweeping and dusting regularly. There should be more deep sanitary cleaning and less sweeping and dusting.
- Dog park
- Lynnwood library, Gold Park, Alderwood Park, Lynnwood Park Meadowdale Play fields, Recreation Center. They are well kept nice places!
- Sports

2. WHAT NEW PARKS AND FACILITIES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN LYNNWOOD?

- Please create a dog park at the Lynndale Park which is a few blocks from my home. I have to drive to Shoreline 3-4 times a week to use the dog park at the Shoreline Community College. I cannot use the Edmonds dog park because my border collie knows how to climb up the rocks and run after the trains. There are many people in my neighborhood who have dogs and have no place to take them to run off leash. The dog park at Shoreline is very nice because it is at least two football fields in length and there is plenty of room to throw a ball a good distance and have my dog retrieve it so she gets plenty of exercise. She is almost 14 years old but can chase a ball for what seems hours. Thank you very much.
- I don't need more parks and facilities, just SAFE, CLEAN streets to walk on.
- Rowe Park with bathroom facilities
- Dog park
- Love the senior center community garden, can we get more of those, like the Seattle patches. Can we grow a food forest like Seattle? that would be wonderful
- Soccer leagues and basketball

3. WHAT RECREATION PROGRAM(S) DO YOU ATTEND? DO YOU HAVE IDEAS FOR NEW PROGRAMS?

- Lynnwood Recreation Center (Adult Fitness Classes, Group Power, Weight Room, and Aquatic - Adult Pool). I would like to see more classes/seminars interactive with local community health organizations.
- More community art events please. More support for the arts!!!
- Swimming and archery

4. ANY OTHER COMMENTS, THOUGHTS OR IDEAS?

- I truly appreciate the great staff at the Rec Ctr. The only area that seems to be lacking is in the cleaning.
- Thank you for your service to the community and taking time to listen to the community
- Rowe Park has been on the books for over 10 years. Money was spent for a plan. Nothing more has happened.