



Fauntleroy Property / Cove Park Addition

Public Meeting May 24, 2016

6:30 – 8 p.m. at Hall at Fauntleroy

Present:

- Chip Nevins, SPR, Acquisition Manager
- Max Jacobs, SPR, Property and Acquisition Services Manager
- Karen O'Connor, SPR, Public Relations Specialist
- Diane Walsh, SDOT, Shoreline Street Ends Program Coordinator
- Claire Christian, King County, Real Property Agent
- Bibiana Ocheke-Ameh, King County, Water Quality Planner/Program Manager

Approximately 65 people in attendance including Councilmember Lisa Herbold representative and the Tracy Record of the West Seattle Blog

Chip Nevins welcomed everyone and gave a brief description of land swap proposal.

- In 2015 King County Wastewater Treatment Division finished the upgrade to the Barton Pump Station, next to the Fauntleroy Ferry Terminal, to accommodate West Seattle's growing population. As part of the construction of the new pump station, King County acquired the property just to the north of SW Barton Street, which was used as their temporary construction offices. Now that the project is finished, King County no longer needs the property and is proposing to trade it to the City in exchange for the vacation of the portion of the SW Barton Street right-of-way where the pump station is constructed.

He went over the agenda and the purpose of the meeting. The goal was to hear from every community member that attended the meeting and ask them what they envisioned for the space. He then took some questions for background.

- Who will maintain the park?
 - *Seattle Parks and Recreation would take on maintenance of Cove park*
- Would SDOT give Parks – Cove Park?
 - *If the trade went forward, Seattle Parks and Recreation would assume ownership of the King County property and would manage the street-end through an agreement with SDOT.*
- How is this in line with the Comp Plan?

- *The Comp Plan prioritizes those uses that facilitate public access to the shoreline; uses that provide for recreational use or aesthetic enjoyment of the shoreline; and uses which ensure the public's ability to enjoy the physical and aesthetic qualities of the shoreline.*
- *In addition, the Seattle Shoreline Master Plan prioritizes uses that*
 - *Protect the ecological functions of the shoreline areas*
 - *Encourage water dependent uses*
 - *Provide for maximum public access to enjoyment of the shorelines of the City; and*
 - *Preserve, enhance and increase views of the water*
- What is the cost of maintenance?
 - *The annual cost to maintain Cove Park is estimated to be \$14,000 per year.*
- Concern about whether SDOT ownership/management of the site would make it more vulnerable to eventual acquisition by WSDOT for a ferry-dock expansion.
 - *There is probably more protection for the site if it is owned by Parks than SDOT or even private ownership. However, WSDOT has not approached the city or county about acquisition of this site.*
- Would City manage the existing art?
 - *If Seattle Parks and Recreation took on maintenance of the park, it would include the art.*
- What is the cost of demolishing the house?
 - *The cost to demolish the house would be approximately \$50,000 - \$75,000.*
- Do ECA rules apply?
 - *Shoreline rules would apply.*

What do you envision as the best use of the property?

- *The () indicate the number of times that idea was heard.*
1. Parking concerns (1)
 2. Like Cove Park
 3. We like the house option with neighbor/family home (11)
 4. Because of density we would like neighbor and not a park
 5. Keep Private residents
 6. What is the rule for City surplus property?
 7. Need City Council approval?
 8. Same ESA rules?
 9. How does it fall in line with Comprehensive Plan?
 10. We would like a comprehensive park plan, instead of giving blank check "yes"

11. Concerned about unanswered questions
12. If it happens we would like it to go through Parks not SDOT or WSDOT
13. People to access water and shore
14. Concerns about drug use in the park
15. Would like to consider keeping house (1)
16. Would like to expand park
17. Concerned about the spread out of people, trash, trespassing, invasion of privacy and encroachment problems (7)
18. Uncertainty of ownership- expansion of ferry dock
19. Concerned about SDOT expanding ferry – we need details (3)
20. Lincoln Park is close so we do not need additional shoreline for impact large impact to neighborhood (no buffer)
21. If it goes to Seattle Park's it will be there forever and we can't control what happens (don't like blank check)
22. Would like to see additional shoreline access – support shoreline and street end development (3)
23. Sell house, we don't want SDOT in charge (1)
24. What does pump station need? Why is King County interested in land swap?
25. Build parking
26. Expand Cove Park – support envisioning process
27. Support expansion – Green expansion - boat launch (1)
28. Against expansion because of Cove Park & Lincoln Park (4)
29. Wasteful spending
30. More is less (we don't need more beach front and we like it the way it is and the size) (2)
31. Need versus want and opportunity versus cost (Don't need and not worth the cost) (4)
32. Gap analysis shows no need as the city has lots of parks
33. No advantage environmentally and concerns about safety and maintenance cost (1)
34. King County would put house back on the market as sign family home (1)
35. No advantage to land swap
36. Looking toward future we would like to be able to see water
37. Would like to move no Trespass sign and expand park
38. Cove Park privately maintained which leaves more questions than answers – how often does the community maintain?
39. Why is King County giving up this land? Wonder about budget short falls (5)
40. We don't have enough information and want more answers (1)
41. Never turn down the chance to acquire water front property (1)
42. Parking will not be impacted (1)
43. Would like to expand park because of density - would be great for the community (1)

44. Increased traffic & too many dogs on the beach which is a space management issue
45. Concerned about Illegal activity & dogs
46. Hearing fear- Not result of expanding Cove Park
47. Concerned about government spending
48. Need clear signs to communicate trespassing (1)
49. Would like more information (1)
50. Needs a good wall
51. Give it to geese
52. Launch boats; for expansion
53. Hope to listen
54. City needs to pay attention to neighborhood – More neighborhood policy
55. Take over property and provide clean water run off
56. Since Cove park has opened there is an increase in traffic
57. Concerned about ferry expansion and property going to public entity
58. Use money to maintain Cove Park
59. Land site is safer as park
60. Expansion is great for kids to run- expand park but hear concerns
61. What does 35 feet get?
62. Expansion of park = increase in crime

Next Steps:

After digesting the results of the public meeting and other outreach efforts, Seattle Parks and Recreation acquisition staff will make a recommendation to the Superintendent about whether Seattle Parks and Recreation should move forward with the next steps of the proposed land trade.