



Kaiser Ridge Park – Public Meeting #1

June 7, 2011- 6:00

Cedar Mill Community Library

Internal Team Members

Brad Hauschild - Project Manager
Steven Gulgren – Planning Director
Steve Regner - Planning
Julie Reilly - Natural Resources

Consultant Team

Jim Walsh - JD Walsh & Associates
Mike Huffman - JD Walsh & Associates

Public

5 total present (see sign-in sheet)

Meeting Summary Notes

Steven welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the design team. He gave a brief overview of the site's history and the THPRD bond obligation.

Brad was then introduced and he briefly discussed the site analysis and the developmental constraints (wetlands, buffers and topography)

Jim was then introduced and he gave descriptions of Site Plan Options A & B. He reiterated the sites many constraints and highlighted the remaining development options. He then asked for public comments

Summary of Public Comments:

- The neighbor who lives directly north of the site said that the area currently attracts loitering and illegal activity, specifically at the end of 147th Street ("the cops are there all the time") She also said she did not want any skateboarders.
- Steven communicated the positive neighborhood benefits of park / trail development. Community and Park District monitoring will discourage illegal activities and the offenders tend to seek other areas to "hang-out". The overall research shows that park / trail development tends to help improve communities.
- Crosswalk suggestions were offered for NW Kaiser Road to link the neighborhood to the west. Steven noted that Washington County typically does not like to develop mid-block crossings, but that they are slowly becoming more receptive to the idea.
- Some neighbors expressed concern regarding the Option A play area location. Jim discussed that the area would be contained / fenced for safety.
- Some neighbors had questions regarding the nature of a Skate Spot concept. Brad summarized the concept and noted that it was one of THPRD's general goals to provide these smaller opportunities throughout the community.
- A neighbor asked what the next steps for park would be. Steven noted that a preferred Master Plan would be developed based on the public meetings and comments.



- Several neighbors expressed support for Option A and suggested widening the adjacent 147th trail. There was also support for the Bridge option connection.
- There was strong interest in extending the trail to connect with neighborhoods to the north and east. Steven noted that this trail development (WST connection) would occur as a part of a separate project after the completion of the neighborhood park. He noted that THPRD has already identified this and other trail needs throughout the area (including the Bronson Creek Trail).
- Jim asked for show of hands regarding preference of either option. 3 attendees were in general support of Option A and 2 were in general support of Option B.
- Brad and Steven encouraged neighbors to fill out comment cards and also encouraged other neighbors not present to review the Option on the web site and provided feedback.

Next Steps

1. JD Walsh & Associates will meet and work with the THPRD team to refine the preferred option before the next public meeting.
2. Next Public Meeting to occur approximately 4-5 weeks from now (early to mid July)
3. The Preferred Master Plan will be refined, based on public comments and direction from THPRD management. The Preferred Master Plan will be presented to the Board of Directors for final approval in August or September