

Project	<b>Myrtle Reservoir Park</b>	Meeting Date	January 22, 2008
Subject	Concept Plan Presentation 2 <sup>nd</sup> Public Meeting Public Comments	Meeting Location	High Point Community Center
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- Concern about safety for children along 35<sup>th</sup> Street, is there something to prevent them running out in the street.
- Seating and picnic tables at the higher level with the best views would be nice.
- Will there be a place for sledding?
- Why wasn't the "soft- cost" itemized in the presentation?
- Add line item for soft costs.
- Create low berm along 35<sup>th</sup> to keep kids safer and away from traffic
- Is there a way to donate to the park?
- Closest skate parks are 45 minutes away ( in a car), longer if you take the bus which most kids do.
- Not opposing skate park in the area, just not now.
- Are there bathroom facilities?
- Add crosswalks on 35<sup>th</sup> to improve access to park.
- Shouldn't there at least be restrooms, even if it is an enclosed port a potty.
- Parking for skate park?
- Kids ride the buss, make sure there is good access to (skate)park from bus stop.
- Myrtle Reservoir not the right place for a Skate Park, High Point is better prepared, there is parking there.
- Skate park sites were selected based on public meetings that were held as part of the creation of a Skateboard plan.. The plan account for neighborhood issues.
- Skateboard mom: Visited all skate parks around Seattle, is proponent of one at Myrtle Reservoir. Likes the location in the NE corner.
- Used to be opposed to the skate park. Has now changed her mind and support several uses of the park.
- There is not an opportunity for a skate park at High Point. No funding available. If we don't acknowledge the opportunity to site the skate park we might lose the option of ever getting a skate park.
- We need healthy places for kids, skate parks can do that. We need to give it serious consideration.
- The park is most crowded on July 4<sup>th</sup> and on New years Eve. Currently there is enough street parking to support that.

These notes represent our summary of discussions and conclusions and will become part of the official project file. Nakano Associates must be notified within 10 days of any additions or corrections.

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- There are lots of playgrounds for younger kids but nothing for teens. This need to be corrected.
- Will there be landscaping around the cell phone tower?
- Important with good lighting.
- Will the swales be planted like at High Point?
- Will there be trashcans?
- What are the paving materials?
- Like the loop path on top of the reservoir.
- 12' chain link fence is required by SPU. It will be black coated. No decoration/planting of fence that interferes with security is allowed.
- The park will have a closing time.
- Great idea to have the viewpoint as a theme for the park.
- When will the chain link around the reservoir be taken down? Hopefully this summer. The parks department wants to time construction to minimize time that the space is unusable. Construction will probably happen in late 2008 or 2009.
- Could there be entrances top the park at the corners? This has been very successful at Cal Anderson park.
- Likes the concept of an intergenerational area and the concept of interpreting and celebrating the 'High Point of Seattle'.
- Scale of Skate Park seems good.
- Needs to be a good balance between activities for different ages.
- Southwest corner is an important place of entry.
- There is an ongoing struggle for skaters to skateboard. There is nothing close to here. We have public facilities foa all other sports.
- There is really no place to fit a skatepark.
- There is now three generations of skateboarders. Unfortunately it has been "criminalized". There should be facilities like for any other sport.
- There is a friends of Ballard Skate Park, encourage a formation of a 'Friends of Myrtle Reservoir skate park'.
- The concerns about the noise and traffic that a skate park will generate is valid, but not that it would increase crime.
- Find a creative solution that works for everyone.
- There are responsible skaters but there were skateboarders destroying the Police memorial in Olympia. It was caught on tape. I've had to jump out of the way for skaters many times.
- We need more green space. Emphasize the design on environment, conservation and the view point.
- Young people (13-17) needs a place to hang out, not in front of the TV. They need exercise.

- Concerned about light pollution. In Shoreline they used fixtures that forced light down. Concerned about the neighboring residences, they need shielding.
- The issue is about cement versus green space. More park features means more security concerns. High Point is a larger park that can handle a skate park.
- Place concrete only in areas where it is usable.
- The water in my tap comes from the reservoir. Highlight the amazing story of water from the Cedar watershed. Water is precious, build in respect for what is underground ( the reservoir).
- Wish there was s skate park. Used to skate on streets and sidewalks abut had to stop.
- There won't be skate board park if we say no now.
- Number of reasons to not have a skate park: This is a neighborhood park, parking will be an issue. Traffic on 35<sup>th</sup> is horrible and dangerous. Concerned about safety along 35<sup>th</sup>. Lack of facilities is also concerning, people have needs even if they are spending quality time in the park.
- Opposed to the skate park, people might as well be asking for a swimming pool.
- Seem like a skate park would be a disproportionate use of money compared to the other uses of the park.
- Connections within the park are important.
- I am not a skater: but there are so many other recreational facilities available and there is nothing for skaters.
- This is an opportunity to site a skate park, the larger community needs to speak up for skaters.
- We get kicked out of other places ( like tennis courts) when we skate there.
- Steps leading more directly up to the view point from the lower plaza, for exercise.