



The District held a public meeting on 7 to 9 PM 17 November 2009 to solicit ideas to inform the development of a Master Plan Update for Battle Point Park.

The meetings were held at the Bainbridge Commons.

Over 30 citizens attended the meetings and offered comments in facilitated groups.

The following notes are the recorded comments from the facilitated groups.

The PowerPoint show presented as a preamble to the facilitated groups and the graphics used in the meetings can be viewed at:

http://www.biparks.org/parksandfacilities/documents/BP_MP_PublicMtg1_PP.pdf

Background information about the park and other materials from the public meeting are also available on Parks' website.

<http://www.biparks.org/parksandfacilities/bppmasterplanupdate.html>

Exercise 1 **Battle Point Park today** – 20 minutes

- **What should not change?** *This can be built elements, functions (how things work), or other things about the park. Using the site plan place up to **three green dots** on the things that should not change and explain what they are and why.*
- **What must change?** *Again, this can be built elements, functions, or other things about the park. Using the site plan place up to **three red dots** on the things that should change and explain what they are and why.*

*As a group, select from all comments no more than **8 of the most important things** that should not change and **8 of the most important things** that must change.*

Group 1

Should Not Change

1. The area around the ponds – keep the birds / turtles / passive use / nature trails
2. The large lawn south of ponds – maintain open and natural
3. Ballfields – they are well used but no lights

Must Change

1. Vehicle circulation is bad with maintenance shops / road closure – too much traffic on Battle Point Drive, was a traffic study done?
2. Need speed bumps at east entry to slow traffic at play area
3. Need bathroom at Observatory – share with BPAA and public
4. Cutting tree limbs – compromised intimate feeling
5. More dog poop bags – Need more!

Group 2

Should Not Change

1. Observatory – maintain no field lights / enhance astronomical uses
2. Active south – fields / playground / tennis / roller hockey
3. Passive north
4. Pea patch
5. Equestrian facilities
6. Trees – no loss of trees
7. Ponds – maintain wild and unstructured
8. Historical qualities – base of old tower should stay

Must Change

1. Enhance gateway to Forest to Sky Trail – it should not be a secret
2. Entries should be more obvious and welcoming
3. Increase permeable paving in parking
4. Surfaces should be more accessible and sustainable
5. ENFORCE leash rules
6. REPLACE 'dog mitts' CONSISTENTLY
7. More trash cans
8. Observatory – add planetarium annex / restroom / keep up with increased use / interpretation / add artwork – on building and surrounding grounds
9. Expand Transmitter Building for multipurpose space
10. Resurface tennis courts
11. Remove Parks Services 'plant'
12. Upgrade restrooms
13. Buffer sport fields from path with plants
14. Improve habitat and naïve vegetation
15. Add drinking fountains along trail
16. Improve accessibility and maintenance of paths
17. Improve perimeter trail – more natural and more open

Group3

Should Not Change (* most Important)

1. Natural planting and trees*
2. Trails
3. Transmitter Building
4. Roller Hockey
5. Observatory*
6. Existing open Spaces*
7. Pea patch*
8. North end – ponds / natural areas*
9. Playground

Must Change

1. Maintenance regime
2. Improve restrooms*
3. Artificial turf*
4. More accessible trails
5. Maintenance shops – blocked traffic*
6. Add formal garden area



7. Stage by observatory
8. Stop placing memorials
9. Stop mowing the fields
10. Fix drainage on west side of park
11. Move / shield bulk storage area
12. Reduce visual impact of soccer fields
13. Traffic volume and speed on perimeter roads

Group 4

Should Not Change (* most Important)

1. Trails
2. Pond
3. Open meadow
4. No more buildings
5. Keep original intent – access to nature / wildlife
6. Playground
7. Maintain outdoor orientation to sports
8. Pea patch

Must Change

1. Perimeter trail need better maintenance
2. Bathroom improvements
3. No more artificial improvements
4. Move bulk storage – eyesore
5. Lack of planting throughout park – especially at maintenance facility
6. Vehicle access – especially with road closure
7. Absence of poplars with soccer fields

Exercise 2 **Battle Point Park in the future** – 20 minutes

- **What new uses should be considered for the park?** Describe the uses and if you can where they may be best located at the park. Consider active play (sports), children's play, passive activities (walking, etc.), festivals and celebrations, gardening, etc.
- **What other opportunities for change do you feel are appropriate?** Everything is in play – enhance sustainable practices, more natural areas, disc golf, etc. Describe the changes and if you can where they may be located.

As a group, select from all comments no more than **5 of the most important** new uses and opportunities for change at the park.

Group 1

New Uses

1. Hours for off leash dogs – open or confined area
2. Cultural markers – history of park
3. Permanent stage for concerts – by the observatory
4. More natural areas – native trees and shrubs
5. Less mowing
6. Exercise stations



7. Solar walk – with planet (used to be in the park)
8. More art
9. If there is more active sports then remove an existing active sport – keep balance as is

Opportunities

1. Keep mound at north end
2. Instead of developing new uses at BP – develop other parks
3. Move maintenance building south by pea patches
4. Look at parking – there is often not enough
5. Look at revising entry off Arrow Point – too wide and too fast
6. Vehicle movement is awkward in park – look to balance entries
7. Create natural streams for storm water – not mowed swales

Group 2

New Uses

1. Birding – enhance habitat and education
2. Opportunities for winter activities for kids

Opportunities

1. No recorded comments

Group 3

New Uses

1. Continuous trail for biking and walking
2. Better defined trails
3. More picnic opportunities
4. New restrooms – better maintenance
5. Increase pea patch in horse coral
6. Create community compost area
7. Improve pedestrian access to park
8. Clean our culverts – improve drainage and park maintenance – crown roads / trails

Opportunities

2. No recorded comments

Group 4

New Uses

1. Create a visual corridor to see Olympics
2. Finish gym building
3. Add off leash area
4. Improve use of amphitheater @ observatory
5. Sundial @ observatory
6. Restaurant
7. No new uses – consider new uses at other parks

Opportunities

3. No other uses – be careful about adding new uses
4. Increase pea patch area
5. Replace perimeter fencing with planting



Exercise 3 The character of Battle Point Park – 20 minutes

- **As a group select *one word* in each pair that best describes how the group feels the park should be.** Solicit group comment and find consensus for each pairing.

Open	or	Enclosed
Simple	or	Complex
Active	or	Passive
Wild	or	Cultivated
Constant	or	Dynamic
Social	or	Intimate
Tranquil	or	Invigorating
Abstract	or	Formal
Contemporary	or	Historic
Whimsical	or	Sophisticated

- **Place up to 4 dots on the images you believe best embody the ideal character of the park?** If the character of a selected image exists at the park now – the facilitator should place a **blue dot** to mark the location.
- **Describe the park in 2022.** In one sentence summarize the qualities, as you would imagine and experience the park, in 2022. Encourage participants to consider their optimal vision of change.

As a group, summarize your observations about the idealized character of the Park. Select the top 5 characteristics.

Group 1

Word Pairing

1. Enclosed – respecting neighbors but with small openings in fence
2. Social – it is social enough – no more, but good social area includes pea patch
3. Keep feel of buildings the way they are but modern restrooms are OK
4. Formal sounds like there will be development – this is not desired

Ideal Characteristics

1. Natural / Not formal
2. Tranquil
3. Not city-like
4. Not formal

2022 Vision

1. I hope that I can still be here to walk the trail
2. BP has retained its character
3. It will still be the best part of my day
4. It is a great place to take the grandkids

Group 2

Word Pairing

1. See graphic



Ideal Characteristics

- 1. See graphic

2022 Vision

- 1. No recorded comments

Group 3

Word Pairing

- 1. See graphic

Ideal Characteristics

- 1. See graphic

2022 Vision

- 1. No recorded comments

Group 4

Word Pairing

- 1. See graphic

Ideal Characteristics

- 1. See graphic

2022 Vision

- 1. No recorded comments

