



Public Meeting #1 / Meeting Notes Ted Olson Nature Preserve Master Plan

The meeting was 7 to 9 PM 12 November 2009 at the Activity Center at Camp Yeomalt.

Attendees - **Public** - Roger Allen, Ed Berschinski, Scott Cameron, Deb Devlieger, John Fossett, Harry Gibbons, Maribeth Gibbons, Lucy Gilbert, John Klabo, Katy Krokower, Chris O'Hare, Karen Salsbury, Cay Vanderveide, Phil Wheeler, Eleanor Wheeler.

BIMPRD – Arlan Elms, Kent Scott

No exceptions noted for the goals or outcomes in the agenda.

Exercise 1 – What do you believe are the Preserve's most important assets and qualities?

- *It is a 'nature preserve' with documented wetlands and a wildlife corridor*
- *'Nature' is allowed to take its own course*
- *Ted Olson's goals and intentions for the Preserve are acknowledged*
- *The trail, its intimacy, its twisty alignment*
- *The quiet and passive experience that allows a connection to the earth*
- *The amphitheater – John F. was married there*
- *The now lost but valued plant identification that was done by the Boy Scouts*
- *The strength of neighborhood 'ownership' and stewardship*
- *The proximity to Wilkes*
- *The Preserve is one of the few north end open spaces*
- *It is more a 'pass through' park than a destination*
- *Provides opportunities with pets*
- *Diversity of plants*
- *Offers opportunities to build community – through incidental meetings*
- *The upgraded parking and that it is smaller*
- *Community embellishments - the 'ferry house' near the parking, pumpkins, secret art*

Exercise 2 – What do you see as opportunities and concerns for potential improvements to the Preserve?

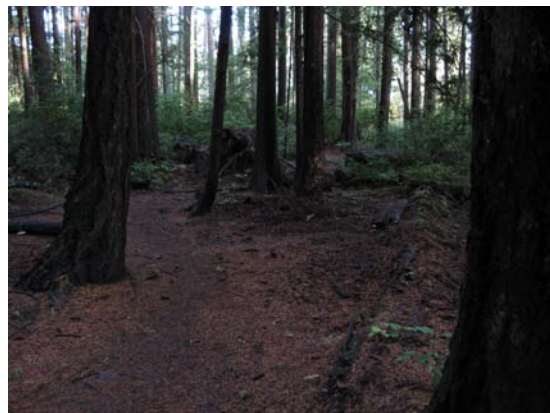
- **Opportunities –**
 - *Connection of Preserve to Kallgren*
 - *Increase understanding of nature*
 - *Control non native plants*
 - *Creating community connections through stewardship*
 - *Telling historic stories – i.e. springboard notches*
 - *Finding ways to control dog waste*
 - *Increasing / lengthening trails*
 - *Restoration of amphitheater*
- **Concerns**
 - *Tree health problems*

- *Improvements impacting neighbors*
- *Not exceeding the 'carrying capacity' of the park – to maintain a 'wild experience'*
- *New trail must be well designed, have 'integrity', and be maintained*
- *New uses must be compatible with wildlife*
- *It could be easy to 'over tax' preserve with potential changes*
- *Traffic on Madison and Winthers limits access*

Exercise 3 – What development or opportunities for change would you like to see at the Preserve?

- *Trail connection to Kallgren*
- *Restoration of the amphitheater*
- *Interpretation – of natural systems*
- *Dog station*
- *Garbage can*
- *Expanded trail – alignment contingent on natural system assessment – but it should be twisty*

Please let me know if you would like to note any exceptions or changes to these meeting notes by 30 November 2009.



Questions / comments contact Kent Scott kent@biparks.org 842.9099



Bainbridge Island Metro Parks and Recreation District
 PO Box 10010 Bainbridge Island WA 98110 206.842.2306