



Parks Master Plan Open House

Camas-Washougal Fire Station 42

Wednesday, March 4, 2015

Comments from attendees:

Consider that some uses are incompatible with other uses. For example, a single track mountain bike trail is incompatible for nearly any other use and takes up a lot of linear land. Users of such facilities should the county build them, should be charge a user fee. Wildlife viewing is incompatible with any use that scares the animals away. Heavy impact uses should not be considered for park areas intended for wildlife viewing.	Wanted to share concerns about the upcoming development just north of Lacamas Park. A large parcel on the east, adjacent to the park trails has already been cleared for building. This is very visible from the trail. Primary, current worry is the development of Camas School Dist. Property adjacent to the Park's Lily Fields. Can a buffer be left to protect this area?
In my opinion, the county Parks mission should be to provide recreation opportunities and facilities that the urban, i.e. cities don't provide rather than trying to duplicate those I same facilities in rural or lesser populated areas. I feel neighborhood parks are not part of your responsibility.	Both BG lake and Whipple Creek need more horse trailer parking.
Water access for hand-launched vessels with parking.	Open tracks: could be looped soft surface within park. I suggest this because some schools are fencing in their tracks.
Deliberately chose to live where we live in part because of access to trails!	It is time to reinstitute parking fees at certain parks. Taxes should also be considered. Definitely have adequate parks impact fees for development, especially housing. To rely so much on volunteers (although they do good work) is foolish in the extreme.
Enjoy signage along trails sharing historic or natural info.	More natural areas and, assuming sufficient revenue, nature programs at our biggest parks would be great.
Kayak access! (x 21)	More walking/hiking trails. Trails in natural areas should be rustic, <u>not</u> paved highways.
More access for off-leash dogs in natural settings.	Lap pool at Firstenberg (x 2)
Water trail markings/signage in Lower Columbia River	Running trails longer than 3 miles, non-concrete. (Yes!)
Spend money on gravel trails rather than paved – money goes farther=more trails.	Extend dike trail along Columbia River.
Create linkages with trails that provide circular/looped and continuous alternative transportation alternatives (Fire/Ice Loop) like Cowlitz-Koakum COG's.	Can Parks be involved in the development review process?
Sensitivity to future development around parks when they are designed.	Parking for horse trailers (more)
Would like trails in Camp Bonneville area (Yes! Tie it to Green Mountain); Yes!	Connect Washougal Greenway with Washougal Dike (Agree!)
The mileage markers on dike trail and heritage are super useful!!	More primitive trails (single track).

Connect areas/development with non-paved paths.	Build Green Mountain and Camp Curry to be accessible community areas, i.e. Lacamas.
Keep Clark County natural/green space rather than promote sprawl.	Why is there no 50m pool anywhere in SW WA? Would <u>love</u> it! Closest one is Multnomah Comm. College.
Connect Lacamas Park, Camp Currie and Green Mountain with forested, single track trails (bike access).	