

Ward Lake Master Plan

2nd Public Meeting – August 9, 2012
Feedback from Small Group Exercise

GROUP #1

Pros

- Public bathrooms
- Bus #68 additional stop during summer
- Owning land for parks
- Use upland section for swimming facility; lower for arboretum
- Use upland area for outdoor theater and/or community garden

Cons

- Increased number of swimmers (possible trespassing issues)
- Site set-up for swimming, not soccer. Soccer field duplicates facilities at Pioneer Park.
- Total cost (\$15.5 million) vs. days of use (4 months and 13 days of high use)
- Removal of spawning area
- Odd priority to spend this amount of \$\$ on this project vs. public swimming pool
- Being committed to this plan (WL Park) by the Comprehensive Plan which is still in process (July draft just release)
- In developing access and lakefront portions lose the natural arboretum areas that could be developed in the access area, i.e., don't need a sandy beach!

GROUP #2

- It's in the comp plan as a response to why develop this lake vs. man-made swim site.
 - Did people realize it would take \$15 million to have lake swimming in Olympia?
- Noise from soccer field affecting Sten Village property as soccer is year-round here. Aren't there enough soccer fields in the Lacey, Olympia, Tumwater area?
 - Question – expectation of use – does the City know? Where is the perimeter path for walking?
- Parking – How will the City handle high volume/over capacity parking? Brassfield – Sten Village-Orvas Ct. – Juli – Clar Mar (Save the maple)
- How will high volume days be handled by the lifeguards? Is \$80,000/year a reasonable expectation?
- Lighting - want dark – lights off at night or some lighting ok for security lights
- Lighting – want clarification on types of lighting since park will close at dusk
- Tower - like

GROUP #3

Likes

- Soccer fields
- Nothing
- Fresh water swimming for children (no other options)
- Good concept, wrong spot

Dislikes

- Not natural
- Traffic
- Cost-benefit is bad
- Artificial turf
- Overkill, especially ADA trail
- Wrong site
- Concern about too many people, liability

GROUP #4

- Great idea, too expensive
- How much pool could you get for \$12,000,000?
- What are the security costs?
- What about just using the upland – no beach?
- How secure is that “security fence?” Is 6 foot enough?
- 6 foot wide “sidewalks” are the best option
- What is groundcover between switchbacks?
- What about litter mitigation? Is the artificial turf sanitary?
- What is the public process for changes to be communicated so community can have input?
(Shoreline Management Planning)
- How do wheelchair users get into the water?