



LAKE WASHINGTON BLVD. TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS
PUBLIC MEETING # 3
Wednesday, August 1, 2007
Lakewood/Seward Park Community Club

MEETING SUMMARY

Approximately 25 to 30 people attended this meeting. Several of the attendees were also members of the Vegetation Management Plan - Project Advisory Team (PAT).

The meeting was very positive and short, lasting between 30 and 40 minutes.

This was the third and final meeting to review the final plan as modified from the plan presented at the previous public meeting. Modifications were made as a result of comments from the public meeting, a site visit and comments from Seattle Public Utilities (SPU), and comments from a presentation to the Friends of Seattle's Olmsted Parks (FSOP). The trail alignment was significantly modified in three places in response to SPU's request to pull the trail back from the lake edge to benefit fish. The existing trail will be revegetated and blocked with stumps in these areas to discourage foot traffic. A concrete ramp will be added at the end of the new trail where it joins the parking lot at the Mt. Baker Swimming Beach. The ramp will facilitate access between the swimming beach parking lot, the new trail, and the boulevard. The tree species and quantity changed slightly in response to requests from FSOP and a letter from many neighbors outlining 'the right tree for the right place'. The tree count is up to 38 from an original 35. Even though the tree type and quantities are approved, no planting will be done until after the Lake Washington Boulevard Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) is approved and finalized. Construction of the trail portion of the project will commence on August 8 and proceed until completed in approximately 4 weeks.

The drainage project is currently in final design with construction scheduled for early 2008.

There were several questions:

- Where are the locations for the Arbutus Marina?
Response: The locations of the 6 Arbutus Marina was shown on the plan. If the folks wished to see what this tree looks like, it is used as the street tree on 8th Avenue NW between NW Market and NW 80th Streets.
- There are Oak trees planted along the Boulevard, are you planning to plant Oak species?
Response: No, the areas which are candidates for these new trees are too wet for Oaks.
- Are you worried about tree damage from beaver?

Response: No, we are not aware of any problems from beaver in this area.

- When will be the next meeting for vegetation management plan?

Response: September 15, 2007.

- When do you plan to plant trees?

Response: During the tree dormancy period from mid-November through mid-March, but absolutely not until the VMP is approved and finalized.

- How big will the tree when they are planted?

Response: 2" caliper or larger.

- Are you doing any trail further south of Stan Sayers?

Response: No, there is existing trails south of Stan Sayers.