



Seattle Parks and Recreation
Public Involvement Summary

MATTHEWS BEACH PLAY AREA RENOVATION

Project History:

Genesis of Project:

- The City of Seattle has certified this project as identified in the 2008 Parks and Open Spaces Levy and approved by the voters.

Elements Open/Not Open to Public Comment and Why:

- Seattle Parks and Recreation (Parks) has many policies, design standards and technical specifications in place to ensure safety and durability and these elements are not open to public comment.
- Public Process Conducted to Date:
- One 4' x 4' project signs have been posted at the site. Installation in November.
- A project website can be found at: http://seattle.gov/parks/projects/matthews_beach/play_area.htm Meeting minutes, project updates and general information will be posted on this site.
- Two community meetings are being held. Fliers are mailed to residents within a ½ mile radius of the park boundary at a minimum. This radius was extended beyond that minimum to include adjacent mail carrier routes. A total of 2000 mailers were sent out and an email blast to over 650. The meeting was posted on the website and fliers were posted in the near vicinity.
- Whom Parks notified about the meeting and the sources of the list: Parks generates a cumulative list of interested groups over time within specific areas. Some of the contacts on the list include but are not limited to: User List from the Scheduling Office, Local Community Organizations, Community Center and Activity Based Advisory Councils, Neighborhood Planning Groups, Local Community Newspapers, Neighborhood Councils, etc. A list of who was notified is included at the end of this document.

Explanation of How Decisions are Made:

How Parks Uses Input from the Public:

- Public input will be used to help define the current play area needs. This will inform the designer of any issues specific to this site.

What Impact that has on a Project:

- The designer will take these issues into consideration. All issues will be looked at and weighed against the project goals, budget and timeline. Some issues may be related to programming and not design. These issues will be passed on to the appropriate Parks personnel.

How “Majority” Opinions will Figure in Decisions:

- A majority opinion might become obvious during the meeting but the intention is to look for general comments and consensus.

Factors that may Impact the Outcome:

Safety - Safety is always number one and decisions will always lean in the safest direction.

Budget:

Source - 2008 Parks and Open Spaces Levy.

Amount - \$450,000 Total Project Budget for Planning, Public Involvement Process, Design, Bidding and Construction.

Impact On Scope - This budget is sufficient for making a significant impact upon the site.

Timeline:

Upcoming Steps In the Process:

- **Design:** December 2009 – April 2010
- **Construction:** Summer - 2010
- **Completion:** Early Fall 2010
- **Close-out:** Late Fall 2010

Points at which Parks will Invite Public Comment:

- This community meeting is the one formal opportunity for public comment. Further comment is always welcome via email and phone calls.

Next Steps:

- After the design process is complete, PARKS will make a decision and proceed to implement it.

INPUT, DECISION-MAKING PROCESS & SCHEDULE	Fall 2009	Winter 2010	Spring 2010	Summer 2010	Fall 2010
Pro View – Internal Parks review of proposed project elements.	★	★			
Community Meetings – Early discussions with community members and presentation of conceptual design. Public Input Invited.	★	★			
Pro View Technical Review – Internal Technical Review of 65% Construction Drawings		★			
Pro View Technical Review – Internal Technical Review of 95% Construction Drawings			★		
Construction			★	★	
Project Close Out					★

Matthews Beach Park Hours:

Hours:

- 4:00 AM – 11:30 PM

Days:

- 7 days a week

Who was Notified:

2650 neighboring residents

Neighborhood Business Alliance/ Greater University Chamber of Commerce
 Catholic Community Services- University District Youth Center
 John Stanford International Elementary School PTSA
 Seattle Education Access
 Developmental Movement Center
 Children’s Home Society of Washington- North Seattle Family Center
 Eckstein Middle School PTSA
 John Rogers Elementary School PTA
 Sacajawea Elementary School PTA
 View Ridge Elementary School PTA
 Wedgwood Elementary School PTA
 Camp Fire USA- Central Puget Sound Council- Seattle

Samuel and Althea Stroum Jewish Community Center
 American Friends Service Committee
 YWCA of Seattle/King County Snohomish County- Youth Services
 Catholic Community Services- University District Youth Center
 Samaritan Center for Puget Sound
 Lake City Chamber of Commerce
 Seattle Public Library: Northeast and Lake City Branches
 NE Child Care Consortium
 Boys and Girls Clubs of King County
 Board of Park Commissioners
 Associated Recreation Council
 Department of Neighborhoods

