

Public Meeting #2 Summary

The second workshop was held to present two Long-Term Strategy alternatives developed by the project consultant and solicit to comments. Five members of the public attended.

The meeting began with summaries of the prior public meeting and the work accomplished to date. Then the consultant walked the audience through the two alternatives. He pointed out their primary features and led a discussion regarding their significant differences.

The meeting was then opened up for comments. Comments fell into one of six primary categories:

Traffic

There was interest expressed in installing a signal at the 224th Avenue and Highway 202 intersection. Concerns were also raised over pedestrian safety on 224th and the potential for trespassing across the local private roads adjacent to the park.

Parking

Three alternatives were discussed. Concerns were expressed that the parking lots be sited with consideration given to neighbors' privacy and security, crime prevention, environmental protection, accommodation for horse trailers and aesthetics.

One commenter offered the parking lot at Redmond Watershed as a good example of an attractive and functional parking lot.

Safety

Safety concerns were cited regarding unsanctioned uses, particularly after hours, of the preserve. The consultant explained the concept of CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) and assured attendees that CPTED principles would be utilized for this plan.

Buffers

Desires for using vegetation as both a visual and a physical buffer were discussed.

Environment

A concern was expressed that the project not impact adjacent sensitive areas. Also, a there was a discussion about invasives on the site, and how they might be addressed under the different alternatives, including a "no-action" alternative.

Program Elements

There was some interest noted in the potential use of composting toilets. Other discussion topics included educational elements and the types of trails to be allowed.

The program closed with the City discussing the next steps in the planning process. The date of the next meeting was announced, and the audience was encouraged to attend.