

Sunset and Boeing Creek Project

Community Meeting No. 1

MINUTES

January 19, 6:00–8:00pm

First Lutheran Church of Richmond Beach

Attendees: see appendix for list

Meeting Goal: Review context and project criteria to generate initial ideas for improving Sunset and Boeing Creek sites.

Meeting Agenda

- **Welcome** – Lynn Huston, Friends of Sunset Park, introduced the project partners: Shoreline School District, City of Shoreline, Friends of Sunset Park, Leadership Team, Steering Group, Community Members and Pomegranate Center. She emphasized the success of this project would be based on community participation!
- **Project goals, roles, and project schedule-** Milenko Matanovic, Pomegranate Center, set the context for this meeting by explaining the following:
Project Goal: Identify how the Sunset Elementary site and Boeing Creek Open Space can best serve the community; develop a community-owned conceptual plan
Roles: Community members, City of Shoreline, School District, Friends of Sunset Park, Parks Board, Steering Group members, Pomegranate Center
Project schedule: 3 community meetings, 6 steering group meetings, ongoing leadership meetings, summary report with conceptual designs.
- **Introduction to Pomegranate Center-** Milenko introduced Pomegranate Center, a non-profit community design and development organization with 23 years of experience in facilitation, planning, design, building with communities.
He then explained how Pomegranate Center fits into the Sunset & Boeing Creek project:
 - facilitating the community-based planning – thru May, 2010
 - interpreting community input/synergizing information for steering group
 - collaborating with landscape architects to conceptualize community's ideas
 - developing a summary report to assist in fundraising efforts for project implementation
 - helping identify an early success project
- **Project background-** Dave Buchan, City of Shoreline, discussed general project background and then presented the details of the Boeing Creek site as one portion of the project
General project background:
 - formation of Friends of Sunset Park (FoSP) to ensure good use of Sunset Site
 - FoSP raised \$20,000 to create a site improvement plan
 - City of Shoreline interested in developing adjacent lot referred to as Boeing Creek Open Space
 - City of Shoreline contributed \$35,000 for planning to link the Sunset site and the Boeing Creek Open Space into one planning process.**Boeing Creek Open Space background:**
 - 4.5 acres
 - Adjacent parcel- Boeing Creek Park- recently developed
 - Open Space parcel offers opportunity for trails and connections to existing green spaces

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- Restrictions: steep slopes, sink holes, overgrowth, etc...
- Possibilities: info kiosk, trails, linkage to 8th Ave NW, connections to other trails and parks

Don Dalziel, School District, presented the details of the Sunset School site as the other portion of the project

Sunset School Site background:

- 6.5 acres
 - Purchased by School District in 1956
 - School closure - June 2007
 - Formation of Friends of Sunset Park
 - Anticipate that the existing buildings will come down
 - Footprint of the building needs to be preserved for possible future school structure—no permanent structures
 - Playfield area stays
 - Memorial garden is preserved
 - Considerations for noise, lights, parking
- **Project criteria:** Milenko introduced the project criteria as a the scaffolding for the project; support the larger vision. The list of criteria was developed by the Leadership Team and Steering Group.
 - Preserve school footprint
 - Build upon current site uses
 - Link the two sites
 - Preserve memorial garden
 - Follow site/environmental constraints of Boeing Creek space
 - Balance neighborhood integration and new possibilities
 - **Ground Rules** are a list of principles which all community members agree:
 - Assume that together we know more
 - Everyone participates
 - Find common solutions
 - Seek the highest good for the entire community: multiple victories
 - Maintain positive atmosphere: respect, balance, no blame, turn opposition to proposition, creativity, willingness to change one’s mind in view of new information
 - **Large group work**

Each attendee was asked “What are your ideas for improving the Sunset and Boeing Creek sites?” Milenko then called on each parson to submit at least one idea. The list below is a synthesized version of those ideas grouped by Pomegranate Center, building upon the common themes identified at the meeting:

Access and connectivity

1. Kid friendly walking path around field ****
2. Interpretive trail with learning information *****
3. Connectivity between Boeing creek sites and Sunset site
4. Build user-friendly stairs with short flights
5. Add sidewalks and better accessibility; better pedestrian access (connection) *
6. Bike trail connections *
7. Handicapped accessibility

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8. Visual continuity between Boeing and Sunset sites
9. Sidewalks/trails that connect to Richmond Beach *
10. Gateway at 175th and 6th

Preservation & Sustainability

11. Remove invasive plants ***
12. Preserve green space **
13. Salvage trees – reuse, recycle, repurpose
14. Enhance views to the west (sunset watching!) **
15. Native plants *
16. Keep dead trees for habitat
17. Balance human/natural uses
18. Low-impact eco-friendly

Infrastructure

19. Restroom @ Sunset site (limited to developed site) ***
20. Garbage cans
21. Distribute parking-several small parking areas instead of one large one *
22. Provide adequate parking
23. Remove fences ? (where appropriate)
24. Mimic Boeing Creek parking design
25. Lighting should be appropriate for sky-watching
26. Provide drinking water
27. Activate views by moving parking to back of site (moving public space to front)
28. Use permeable hard surfaces

Community involvement/ownership

29. Ensure park stewardship through community involvement, i.e. Friends of the Park
30. Maintain collaboration with community *

Family friendly/Multi-generational

31. Ensure multi-generational activities *

Education

32. Provide outdoor classroom
33. Build interpretive trail between sites
34. Construct interpretive gateways at both sites
35. Provide good signage

Art

36. Create murals
37. Explore integrated art, for example bicycle stands or benches as artworks
38. Free-standing sculptures *

Safety

39. Provide safe parking with drop-off for park users (minimal neighborhood impact) **
40. Ensure safer traffic and streets
41. Install safety-lighting *
42. Furnish public phone
43. Utilize defensible design: maintain visibility for safety
44. Build kiosks with solar panels and emergency information
45. pedestrian safety at ... intersections

Honor culture

46. Expand memorial garden to honor many memories
47. Honor history of site as school **
48. Keep name “Sunset School” *
49. Explore using children’s art from school for use in park

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Recreational Space

50. Consider off-leash dog space (no dogs in open space) (trash pick up) ** ?
51. Build picnic area with BBQ ***
52. Explore outdoor musical instruments: sound park
53. Create water feature **
54. Build tennis courts * ?
55. Build skate or BMX park (temporary/non-permanent) ?
56. Build amphitheatre
57. Turn existing field into multi-purpose sports-field *
58. Keep or improve play-structure
59. Consider disc golf
60. Consider par course
61. Basketball courts
62. Wading pool

Quiet Spaces/gardens

63. Space for P-Patch garden ***
64. Flower garden
65. Community orchard
66. Plant demonstration garden
67. Celebrate view of Olympics
68. Place to sit /quiet areas **

Social Spaces

69. Bumping places (info sharing, social opportunities)
70. Picnic tables
71. Shelter for kids waiting after school
72. Amphitheatre *
73. Movable/mobile shelter

*indicate number of endorsements made by community members

? denotes an idea deserving more discussion/ not agreed upon by all

The group then identified the following values that should guide the design:

- Multi-use
- Access and connectivity
- Communication
- Nature
- Community involvement/ownership
- Family friendly
- Sustainability
- Multi-generational
- Education
- Art interpretation
- Safety
- Honor culture
- Health

Closing Comments – Milenko thanked everyone for coming and reminded them of the upcoming meetings during which their continued participation will be very important. He encouraged everyone to spread the word about this project and bring neighbors, friends, and family.

Next Meetings: all meetings are located at First Lutheran Church of Richmond Beach

- Community meeting #2: **February 23, 6-8pm**
- Community Design Workshop **March 6, 9:00-3:00**
- Community Meeting #3 **April 6, 6-8**

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Appendix

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Helen Shelton
Maggie Keuter
Ralph Keuter
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Barbara Hayes
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Art Marceau
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Josephine Gnanarajah
Vicki Klein
Augie Nouwens
Julie Fredrickson
Cathy Inouye
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