



Parks and Recreation Department City of Bellingham

Update to Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan

Workshop #1 - Park Advisory Board and Greenways Advisory Committee

June 4, 2019

Topic: Goals and Objectives

Initial Assignment: The group was asked to list each of their priorities for maintenance, recreation and development. This same exercise was done at the All Staff Meeting on June 7. Then small groups were assigned 1-3 specific goals and objectives to refine and revise. Below are the results from the first assignment.

Maintenance Priorities

- Dog poop
- Invasive vegetation
- Arne Hanna upgrades
- Whatcom Falls steps at Woburn
- Wayfinding - maintain and enhance
- Obliterate social/illegal trails
- Continue on Maritime Heritage Park
- Cornwall Park bridge
- Zipline
- Urban forest tree infrastructure
- Systems and building maintenance
- Civic upgrades

Recreation Priorities

- BNSF partnership
- More Pickleball
- More disc golf
- Unprogrammed open space
- Guided nature hikes
- Water programming
- Low-barrier vouchers and marketing of scholarships
- YMCA partnership
- More programs for teams and teens
- Integrated transportation support

- Programs for seniors
- Expand use of golf course and horseshoe area
- Community Center
- More dog events and community concerts
- Outdoor fair
- Programs for underserved youth

Development Priorities

- Bakerview/Telegraph Road area park
- N. Bellingham trail connections E/W and N/S
- Trail Cornwall Park to Orchard to King Mtn/Van Wyck
- Lower Squalicum corridor
- Trail connections to Ferndale
- Water access to all
- More tot lots
- King and Queen Mt. development
- Garbage - bigger totes, more cans
- Safe needle containers
- Downtown activation
- Trail connectivity and missing links
- Facility improvements
- Van Wyck park development
- Maritime slide

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