



Good morning Nicole:

Last night's meeting and community conversation was so engrossing I hated to leave at 8:40 PM. I hope I didn't miss too much.

I have a couple of requests for additions to the Draft Plan for Natural Environment, Parks, and Recreation:

>> (Page 16) FNEP-7 duplicates FNEP-6, so I suggest adding the daylighting of the large culvert at 10th Street and Donovan Ave, which was agreed to in the Agreement Between Fairhaven Neighbors, Inc. and the City of Bellingham, signed November 7, 1988.

"Part 5. The design process for the extension of the Old Fairhaven Parkway traffic revision shall be based upon the following assumptions: 2. If the extension is built using Donovan and 10th corridor, the creek ravine at 10th and Donovan is to be restored or, at a minimum, the opportunity to restore is later shall be preserved by the road design."

Suggested new FNEP-7:

Remove culvert at 10th Street and Donovan Avenue, and "daylight" Padden Creek to provide a vital link in the restoration of, and improved habitat for, local salmon and trout species. Daylighting will provide a vital link in the restoration of coho, chum and cutthroat trout runs.

General Comments:

>> I'd like the Plan to include a vision or goal to provide an overlook of the Bay on the bluffs or a walkway over the water, connecting Fairhaven from Padden Lagoon to Taylor Dock with a connection to the Village Green.

The Neighborhood Questionnaire ranked the priorities of Pedestrian Emphasis second, Natural Habitats third, and Views of the Bay fourth in the question: What is most important to preserve in Fairhaven?

The Questionnaire ranked the priorities of Pedestrian emphasis second, Natural Habitats, third; and Waterfront Access fourth in the question: What would you most like to see changed or improved in Fairhaven?

>> I thought Wendy Scherrer's comment about increasing the tree canopy in Fairhaven was excellent, and should be included in the Plan.

>> I didn't understand the discussion during the meeting about the level of parks in Fairhaven. There is only one 'park' in Fairhaven. How can a community have too many parks? I'd like the City to consider developing an area that could be used for both a public park and above ground treatment of stormwater, which is presently discharged directly into the Padden Creek Estuary from a 27" pipe under Harris Avenue.

>> I'd like to see something in the Plan about the City enforcing dog leash and waste pick-up laws along the trails.

Kind regards,

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