

Open House #3 | MEETING NOTES

September 23, 2019

Each participant at the Open House received a survey card and three sticky dots when they signed in. They were encouraged to put the dots on their top three favorite projects. They were also encouraged to write any comments they had on sticky notes and place them on the 11 boards that encircled the room.

Plan Area	Notes
Process to Date Board	<p>Pop-Up Survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 6 dots indicate the top activities include walking or biking on the trail and enjoying the landscape and scenery● 2 dots indicate the guiding principles for the master planning process are to reduce conflicts between trail users and other pedestrians and to improve existing amenities <p>Open House #1 Survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 12 dots on retaining the natural park character● 3 dots on allowing for a variety of trail experiences
Planting Character Board	<p>Planting Character – Northwest Feel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 2 dots on Northwest feel (ferns)● “No ivy, plus you can see, there is a lot of weeding involved. You don’t have the money! And no more ivy”● “Like northwest feel, but low on water usage. Like browning out open lawns (non-athletic areas)” <p>Planting Character - Ornamental</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 5 dots on ornamental feel (2 on purple flowers, 3 on groomed lawn/garden)● On ornamental: “this is just too much foo foo, less is better.” <p>Planting Character - Sensory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 3 dots on sensory (wind-chime picture)● “Who has the time to maintain these gardens? Give details.” <p>Water Conservation Options</p> <p>Option 1: Brown out open lawn areas in summer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● One dot● “No brown in high visual areas.”

	<p>Option 2: Lower maintenance meadows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 4 dots ● "I have no problem with plain old grass."
Trail Improvements	<p>Ballfield Conflict Zone</p> <p>Option 1: Multi-Modal Plaza</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 3 dots on traffic calming measures ● 3 dots on ghost sketch ● "Every time you want to widen the path and add gravel, trees need to be removed. Please leave natural." ● "Bad – as walkers walk across trail, great danger to all users" ● "Like traffic calming element" <p>Option 2: Trail Behind Restroom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 12 dots on Option 2 ● Drawing: signage indicating bus vs walk paths ● "Separate pedestrian trail is great! Soft shoulder is important for runners knees, not just peds." ● "Traffic circle is great! But here (arrow pointing at path behind bathroom) bikes will take the shortest path rendering the bike detour useless. Slow their speeds down. Widen the trail to 14' standard though." <p>Soft Surface Trails</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 3 dots total: 2 on connection to tennis courts, 1 on pedestrian path along trail ● "Make new pedestrian path paved!" ● "No disabled person has complained about the paths." ● "Neither. Don't like either. This has been talked about a lot. It is like they are not listening to us." <p>General Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● "Please put your efforts into removing all the ivy first. Then come in with making the area look nice." ● "Not removing the ivy. A large section fell down, that could have killed someone!" ● "Remember you have no money! You need to look at the maintenance cost instead of coming up with projects" ● "Regional best practices and soon-to-be adopted national trail standards underscore that 14' trails give all users room to safely navigate. That's 14 paved feet, plus soft shoulders!" ● "Please just leave as is, just remove the ivy please. Adding plants just leads to more

	work for staff. They have enough work to do as is."
Preferred Trail Improvements: West Half	<p>(A) W Mercer Way Crossing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● One dot (existing crossing improvements) ● Pointing at intersection near ramp and existing parking - "needs pedestrian safety" and "Encourage alternate routes with wayfinding." ● "High visibility bollards needed throughout the city" <p>(B) ADA Access to Playground and Basketball Courts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● One dot ● "All islanders pay for the park. All islanders should have access." (one dot) ● "Too expensive" <p>(C) ADA Access to tennis Courts and Proposed Off-Leash Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● One dot ● "Unnecessary. Use trail to east." <p>Optional – Soft Surface Trail Connection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● One dot ● "Separating bikes from walkers is a great idea" (one dot) <p>(E) Restroom Conflict Zone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● One dot ● "Should relocate trail behind restroom – Separation is a great tool to mitigate and prevent user conflicts." ● "Make sure Wash DOT can provide transit for bikes and peds re-order priorities. Ped – Bike – Car." ● "Relocate bike trail behind and west of bathrooms, limit bike-walker interaction. That section is 'fast' downhill for bikes - move them off current trail." <p>(H) Town Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● "Ped safety at all intersections." ● "Make sure new round-about for sound transit is safe and user friendly for cyclists." (one dot) ● "NO ROUNDABOUT, buses will be blocking the crosswalk going W to East and blocking the roundabout going East to West" ● At 24th and 81st intersection – "Prefer stop for vehicles. 4-way stop" and "if trail, needs a lot of work for ped safety." ● At N Mercer Way and parking lot intersection "Pedestrian safety here." ● "Cyclist concern: corner of 81st and north Mercer Way, crosswalk should be painted green so cars know cyclists cross there" ● At 81st and N Mercer Way "there does not need to be any traffic calming. The bike trail should go behind to 24th St. The sidewalk cannot be widened." ● "Cannot widen here. T-Mobile have all their equipment in the side panel."

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● "Need to widen Island Crest Way between N Mercer Way and 28th St. How about a Lid?" <p>(F) Stair Connection & ADA Path from Luther Lid to N Mercer Way</p> <p>(G) Stair Connection & Path from Upper Luther Lid to 84th Ave SE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● "F&G are needed together to finally reconnect Luther Burbank's split halves." ● "Important to have safety features that SLOW bikes down on shared use trails" (one dot) ● "Add connection between MICA and crossing Island Crest to Luther Burbank Lid." ● "Need this trail from Luther Lid to Luther Burbank Park. High Priority!" (one dot) ● "Island Crest Way and North Mercer Way intersection is very dangerous. Need stop sign vs yield sign." (one dot)
Preferred Trail Improvements: East Half	<p>(G) Stair Connection & Path from Upper Luther Lid to 84th Ave SE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6 dots ● "Very excited about the stairs from 84th to Upper Luther Lid." <p>(K) Upper Luther Ravine Trail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 5 dots ● "Love the Upper Luther trail – allows a trail from town center to City Hall" ● "The look of grass on either side of the trail is nice. And please think of the trees before you look at each project." ● "Please remove the gravel. It is a mess of adding to the danger. Plus it causes a lot of work for staff to maintain." ● "K would connect the existing trail from 36th to Shorewood to 84th." <p>General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● "Where the trail crossed Shorewood Dr. east bound – the sight line for cyclists is poor and cars are descending Shorewood Drive. Not good." ● "Existing Ped trail show potential for connectivity" ● "East segment – Pedestrians and slow cyclists on path. Faster bikes on NMW. Please encourage this." ● "G. I like the connection from 84th to the lid. K. Also the connection to Shorewood" ● "Please build the trail to national standards! Not thinner" ● "East end of trail is too narrow. Electric bikes popularity will overwhelm this sections capacity in a few years. It's tight now with bikes in opposite directions." ● One dot on wayfinding, ADA access, and/or traffic calming for 100th Avenue intersection

<p>Preferred Trail Improvements:</p> <p>General</p>	<p>General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● "Vegetation on water side of wall off W Mercer Way has never been maintained" ● "Force cyclists to use 24th to 81st to avoid high speed conflicts in front of park and ride ● "As cyclist – I ride on N Mercer Way." ● One dot for traffic calming measures ● One dot for bollards ● "No new bollards." ● "Alternatives help so ex. width OK." ● "To allow future use, trail width should right size trail width 14' national best practice." (One dot) ● "Yup! Heavy congestion and tight path here! Please adhere to the 14' Standard!" ● Along I-90 "More width here GOOD cyclists fast on E end so not comfortable as pedestrian" ● "Ideally, make space for pedestrians! Leave space for trail expansion one day! Don't plant trees too close to trail, and leave right of way." ● "I support the widest trails possible and consistent with best design standards for multi-mode use." (3 dots) ● "Consider separate trails for wheels and peds (like and Myrtle Edwards Park) 2 surfaces, separated." ● "If bike trail doesn't work for faster commuters and slower recreational users, fewer people will use it and multi-modal option for reducing carbon won't work." <p>Trail Through East Half Section</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● "Use colored stripes to separate wheels from ped areas (fast vs slow) trail" ● "Want 14' with 2' hard pack buffer. No loose gravel – dangerous." ● "Adopt new ASHTO 14 ft wide trail – wider better for all transportation modes" (4 dots) ● "Separate bikes and pedestrian (unpredictable, do not respond to bells)" ● "This is a heavily used trail! 14' paved trail is safer now and into the future. Let's plan now for growth so that in 2023 when light rail opens we're not hurting ☺"
<p>Preferred Park Improvements:</p> <p>West Half</p>	<p>General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● At western end of Lid Park "Need restroom in this area" and "Put restroom across the street by parking lot" <p>(B) New Restroom Building</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 4 dots <p>(E) Dog Off-Leash Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● One dot ● "Dog parks also kills grass."

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● “Dog owners are very good at self-management of their dogs in the park wonderful to have open access to the park makes it so inviting.” ● “Don’t fence this in.” (one dot) ● “Dogs off leash can be scary if in park areas and mobility impaired for others.” ● “Bad area for a dog park.” ● “It will be disused if you fence off. It would change the feel.” ● “How do you enforce off-leash vs on leash areas?” <p>(F) ADA Seating and Access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2 dots for ADA seating and access to playground – one dot at each proposed location <p>(H) Future Commuter Parking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● One dot ● “No parking here!” ● “This is not even a part of the Aubrey Davis Trail.” ● “Bad idea to pave this.” ● “I agree, very bad idea to pave this.” ● “Please clean up the contamination and leave the grass. Why did you put this in here?”
Preferred Park Improvements: East Half	<p>General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● On shoreline restoration “Please don’t start interfering. The next minute, you will want to develop it. Thanks.” (one dot) ● “Is it possible to create a pedestrian path on the south-side of I-90 from NMW to the TC?” ● “Please consider adding a crosswalk (ideally with flashing lights” to help pedestrians cross SE 36th at N. Mercer Way.” <p>(K) Improved Shoreline Access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● One dot
Place-making Opportunities	<p>General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● One dot on the draft vision ● One dot on cultivate an art-inspired environment of the core tenets. ● In town center area “Make a notable gateway space with iconic artwork!” ● “Art for pedestrian safety” ● In town center “Would like this section under a lid” ● “Make art experiences congruent to specific differences in location of park” <p>● Interactive art installations - 6 dots</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Community connection through art inspired spaces – 3 dots ● Engage with the outdoors - 2 dots ● Explore and discover - 2 dots ● Different experiences and different seasons - 2 dots ● Create ambience an accessibility - 1 dot
Vegetation Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Intensive soil amendment and replanting – 1 (one) dot ● Infill planting areas - 3 dots <p>General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● “Meadows on the lid” towards Luther Burbank Park ● “If it looks like the meadow along 86th Ave. in Luther Burbank then no meadow. Think of the maintenance.” ● “Not infill at IC Way” ● “Keep green” (agree) at IC Way ● “Like blue areas to also block views to freeway” ● “Need to reduce bunny habitat” ● “Like benches and seating along trail” ● “Like all the conservation measures” ● “Trim and lower trees to improve better views west toward Olympic Mountains and East to Cascade snow-capped mountains” ● “Like having hillside green to sit on” (agree) on west side of West Mercer Way ● “Green at picnic areas” (agree) on east side of West Mercer Way ● “Green-space important at this intersection” near town-center ● “Keep green” (agree) at town-center intersection ● One dot on lawn at East Mercer St and I-90 ● “Ok with alternative here” at East Mercer St and I-90
Comment Cards	<p>Responses Received: 41</p> <p>Question 1: Ballfield Conflict Zone preferred approach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Option 1 (Multimodal Plaza): 6 votes ● Option 2 (Trail behind restroom): 26 votes ● Neither: 5 votes <p>Question 2: Soft Surface Trail Alignment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Option 1 (Pedestrian path to tennis courts): 17 votes ● Option 2 (Pedestrian Path along trail): 25 votes ● Neither: 6 votes

Question 3: Water Conservation preferred approach

- Option 1 (Brown out open areas): 13 votes
- Option 2 (Lower Maintenance Meadows): 21 votes
- Option 3 (Keep existing lawn): 10

Additional Comments:

- Multi-modal plaza “with bike-calming”
 - “Separate areas to help with congestion,” and “safer to separate users. Walk vs. ride.” for trail behind restroom
 - “ADA soft surface” for path to tennis courts
 - “Switchbacks encourage shortcuts” re: pedestrian path to tennis courts
 - Meadow “but not near Island Crest Way”
 - Meadow is “attractive with native vegetation and no on-going water needed”
 - “Mix [of meadow and lawn] – keep areas green”
 - Lawn “at Island Crest Way”
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Mercer Island Aubrey Davis Park

DRAFT October 4, 2019 | Survey #3 - Analysis

Survey Overview

The third Mercer Island Aubrey Davis Park Survey was designed to complement the third open house on September 23rd, 2019. The survey asked for targeted feedback on three design and implementation options for the park. It was passed out on comment cards at the in-person open house, and presented as an online survey. The survey was open from September 23rd to 30th, 2019. It was not a statistically valid survey.

The survey used the ESRI StoryMap platform which presents a graphic narrative with a link to survey questions at the end. The narrative contained four major sections:

- Vegetation Management
- Trail Improvements
- Amenity Improvements
- Arts and Placemaking

After learning about these parts of the Aubrey Davis Park Master Plan, open house attendees and online survey respondents were presented with three proposed actions and asked three questions to give targeted feedback on those actions. The questions were multiple choice or multiple answer to simplify and focus feedback. The three options focused on the following subject areas:

- The Ballfield Conflict Zone
- Soft-Surface Trail Alignment
- Water Conservation

All exhibits below present the combined results of the comment cards filled out at the in-person open house on September 23rd, as well as all online survey responses. There were 33 unique respondents for the online survey, and 41 comment cards received at the in-person open house. Some questions were skipped by respondents, and some questions were multiple answer, allowing respondents to choose more than one response.

BALLFIELD CONFLICT ZONE

The area immediately adjacent to Feroglia Fields in the Central Lid Park is one of the most congested areas of Aubrey Davis Park. Two design solutions are proposed to improve safety long term.

What is your preferred approach? (pick one)

1. Option 1: Multi-Modal Plaza



2. Option 2: Trail Behind Restroom



3. Option 3: Neither

Combined Results from Open House and Online Survey:

	#	%
Option 1: Multi-Modal Plaza	14	21%
Option 2: Trail Behind Restroom	41	61%
Option 3: Neither	12	18%
TOTAL:	67	

- Over 60% of respondents preferred Option 2: Trail Behind Restroom
- 21% chose the Multi-Modal Plaza option, and 18% preferred neither option.

SOFT-SURFACE TRAIL ALIGNMENT

Two soft-surface pedestrian trails are proposed to improve access and provide separation between pedestrians and cyclists.

Which proposed pedestrian paths do you like? (pick all that apply)

1. Option 1: Pedestrian path to the tennis courts



2. Option 2: Pedestrian path along trail



3. Option 3: Neither

Combined Results from Open House and Online Survey:

	#	%	
Option 1: Pedestrian Path to Tennis Courts	29	35%	<div></div>
Option 2: Pedestrian Path Along Trail	39	46%	<div></div>
Option 3: Neither	16	19%	<div></div>
TOTAL:	84		

- Nearly half (46%) of respondents chose Option 2: Pedestrian Path Along Trail. However, there was fairly strong support for Option 1: Pedestrian Path to the Tennis Courts, with 35% of respondents choosing that option.
- 19% responded that they did not prefer either option.
- This question was multiple answer question, allowing respondents to pick more than one answer.

WATER CONSERVATION

Water use currently accounts for almost one third of the park's total operating expenditures. Below are three alternatives to consider for reducing annual water usage and cost in selected areas.

What is your preferred water conservation approach? (pick one)

1. Option 1: Brown out open lawn areas (non-athletic) in summer

- Low cost, low water usage
- Low maintenance
- Low habitat value



2. Option 2: Install lower maintenance meadows

- Medium cost, some initial water usage
- Moderate maintenance
- High habitat value



3. Option 3: Keep watering existing lawn areas (current practice)

- High cost, high water usage
- Higher maintenance, higher performance
- Low habitat value



Combined Results from Open House and Online Survey:

	#	%	
Option 1: Brown out open lawn areas in Summer	22	29%	<div></div>
Option 2: Install lower maintenance meadows	36	47%	<div></div>
Option 3: Keep watering existing lawn areas	19	25%	<div></div>
TOTAL:	77		

- Nearly half (47%) of respondents preferred Option 2: Install lower maintenance meadows.
- 29% of respondents preferred Option 1: Brown out open lawn areas (non-athletic) in summer, while one quarter (25%) preferred the current practice of watering existing lawn areas.

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QUESTION 2:

SOFT SURFACE TRAIL ALIGNMENT

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the tennis courts



Pedestrian path
along the trail

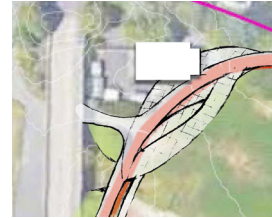
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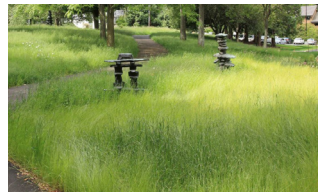
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QUESTION 3:

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What is your preferred water conservation approach? (Pick one)

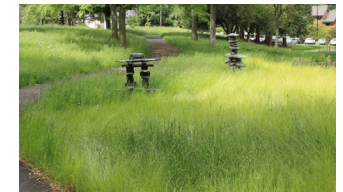
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