

JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND PARK BOARD MEETING
Lake Stevens School District Educational Service Center (Admin. Bldg.)
12309 22nd Street NE, Lake Stevens

Monday, January 12, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 P.M.
Pledge of Allegiance

**ROLL CALL AND:
INTRODUCTIONS** (5 minutes)

DISCUSSION ITEM: *A Cavalero Park Plan: Becky & Sally

1. Joint Planning Committee Preferred Alternative Presentation (10 minutes)
2. Staff Presentation Follow Up (10 minutes)
3. Park Board and City Council Discussion (15 minutes)
4. City Council Selection of Preferred Alternative (formal recommendation as Action Item in Regular City Council meeting following joint meeting) (10 minutes)

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* ITEMS ATTACHED	** ITEMS PREVIOUSLY DISTRIBUTED	# ITEMS TO BE DISTRIBUTED
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LAKE STEVENS CITY COUNCIL
STAFF REPORT

Council Agenda Date: January 12, 2015

Subject: Joint City Council/Park Board Meeting on Cavelero Hill Park Master Plan Preferred Alternative

Contact Person/Department: Becky Ableman, Planning & Community Development

Budget Impact: To be determined

RECOMMENDATION(S)/ACTIONS REQUESTED OF COUNCIL: In coordination with the Park Board, review Caverleo Hill Park Master Plan Preferred Alternative and consider forwarding a recommendation on the park plan to the Snohomish County Council.

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:

Planning has been underway for the past several months on a new master plan for Cavelero Hill Park. A Joint Planning Committee was formed to represent various interests concerned with park development and to provide guidance in the park planning process. Two public meetings were held to obtain input from the community about what activities they would like to see at the park. The result of these efforts is a Master Plan Preferred Alternative for park development that is being presented to City Council.

This staff report includes a letter of recommendation from the Joint Planning Committee outlining the background on the project, the planning process, and a description of the park amenities included in the Preferred Plan Alternative.

BUDGET IMPACT: Future costs and funding sources for park development will be identified during the County's process of updating the park master plan.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – Cavelero Hill Park Joint Planning Committee Recommendation Letter on Preferred Master Plan Alternative

Attachment B - Cavelero Hill Park Preferred Master Plan Map



January 7, 2015

Lake Stevens City Council
1812 Main Street
Lake Stevens, WA 98258

**Subject: Joint Cavelero Park Planning Committee – Master Plan Recommendation
Cavelero Community Park Master Plan Update**

Dear Council Members,

For the past several months, planning has been underway on the Cavelero Park master plan update. This process has been a joint effort between the City and Snohomish County. A Joint Planning Committee was formed to represent interests of both the City and County as well as park and recreation enthusiasts. Three Joint Planning Committee meetings were held as well as two public open houses to obtain input from the community at large.

The culmination of this process is a recommended master plan for the Park based on input from the public and guidance provided by the Joint Planning Committee. This letter outlines the background on the project, the planning process that took place to arrive at the recommended alternative and a description of the preferred master plan for the park.

Background on Project:

Cavelero Park is a 33 acre County owned park located within the city limits of Lake Stevens. The park was originally master planned in 2002. The park currently includes a dog park, trails, open space and wetland area.

Since 2002, several pieces of property have been added to the park. The ownership of the park is now much larger than it was when originally master planned. Given the additional land and changing priorities since the original plan was developed, an updated master plan was needed.

The City of Lake Stevens and the County agreed to partner to update the park master plan. A collaborative master plan update process began in the summer of 2014 between Snohomish County and the City of Lake Stevens.

The first step in the park planning process was to form an ad-hoc committee made up of a City Council Member, County Council member, County Park Commissioner, City Park Board member, adjacent property owners, school district representative and recreation enthusiasts. The purpose of the Cavelero Park Joint Planning Committee was to provide guidance and feedback on park planning ideas and concepts and eventually provide a recommendation on a preferred alternative based on input from the public meetings.

Planning Process:

The County undertook a survey of the property and wetland delineation to confirm the usable acreage of the park. Once this determination was made, the planning process could get underway looking at possible new uses for the park.

The Joint Planning Committee met three times from September through December 2014. The Committee provided input on the planning process and schedule, reviewed and prioritized input from the public meetings, developed alternatives based on public input and selected an alternative for recommendation to City Council that they felt best represented the community's desires for the new park master plan. This involved weighing the interests of various recreation groups to arrive at a plan that best utilized the available park land and met the needs of the community as a whole.

Two public meetings were held. The first meeting, attended by approximately 70 people, involved visioning where those in attendance were asked to generate ideas about what they would like to see at the park. Attendees were then asked to vote on all the ideas presented as to those they liked the best. Staff compiled the ideas to arrive at the uses most desired at the park.

Based on these uses, County Parks Staff developed alternative park plans for review by the Joint Planning Committee which narrowed the alternatives down to three to present at the final public meeting.

At the last public meeting, the alternatives were presented and the likes and dislikes of each plan were recorded. The approximately 60 people in attendance worked in groups to arrive at which alternative they liked the best. Of eight work groups, the overall choice was the same alternative out of three alternatives presented.

At the final Joint Planning Committee meeting, the Committee reviewed and discussed the likes and dislikes from the last public meeting to refine the final plan into one preferred alternative.

Joint Planning Committee Preferred Alternative for Cavelero Park Master Plan:

The preferred alternative chosen by the Joint Planning Committee is basically Alternative "B" of three alternatives presented at the final public meeting on December 9 (**Attachment 1**). The Preferred Alternative includes the following features:

- A covered skate park and basketball courts would be located in the northeast portion of the park off of 20th Street SE. This location off of 20th Street SE provides good access to these facilities for individuals walking to the park or being dropped off.
- A covered BMX facility with adjacent pump track in the southeast portion of the park with ample parking for BMX events or other large public events in the park. If needed for parking, a joint parking arrangement could be explored with the Lake Stevens School District for use of parking at Cavelero Mid-High School.
- A great lawn in the center of the park area for outdoor gatherings or activities.
- Also in the northeast section of the park would be two playgrounds allowing for age specific equipment at each site. Volleyball courts would be located adjacent to the playground areas.
- Restrooms and picnic shelters are planned in the area of the playground and ball courts to provide services to users of these facilities. A parking lot would be located next to the playgrounds and ball courts.
- Off leash dog areas are planned along the western edge of the park and in the northern portion of the park with a shy dog area in the southern area as well.

- A hard surface park perimeter trail would provide a walking or jogging path for park users.

Construction of the skate park would be part of Phase I of the park development. Additional facilities could be built as funding is available.

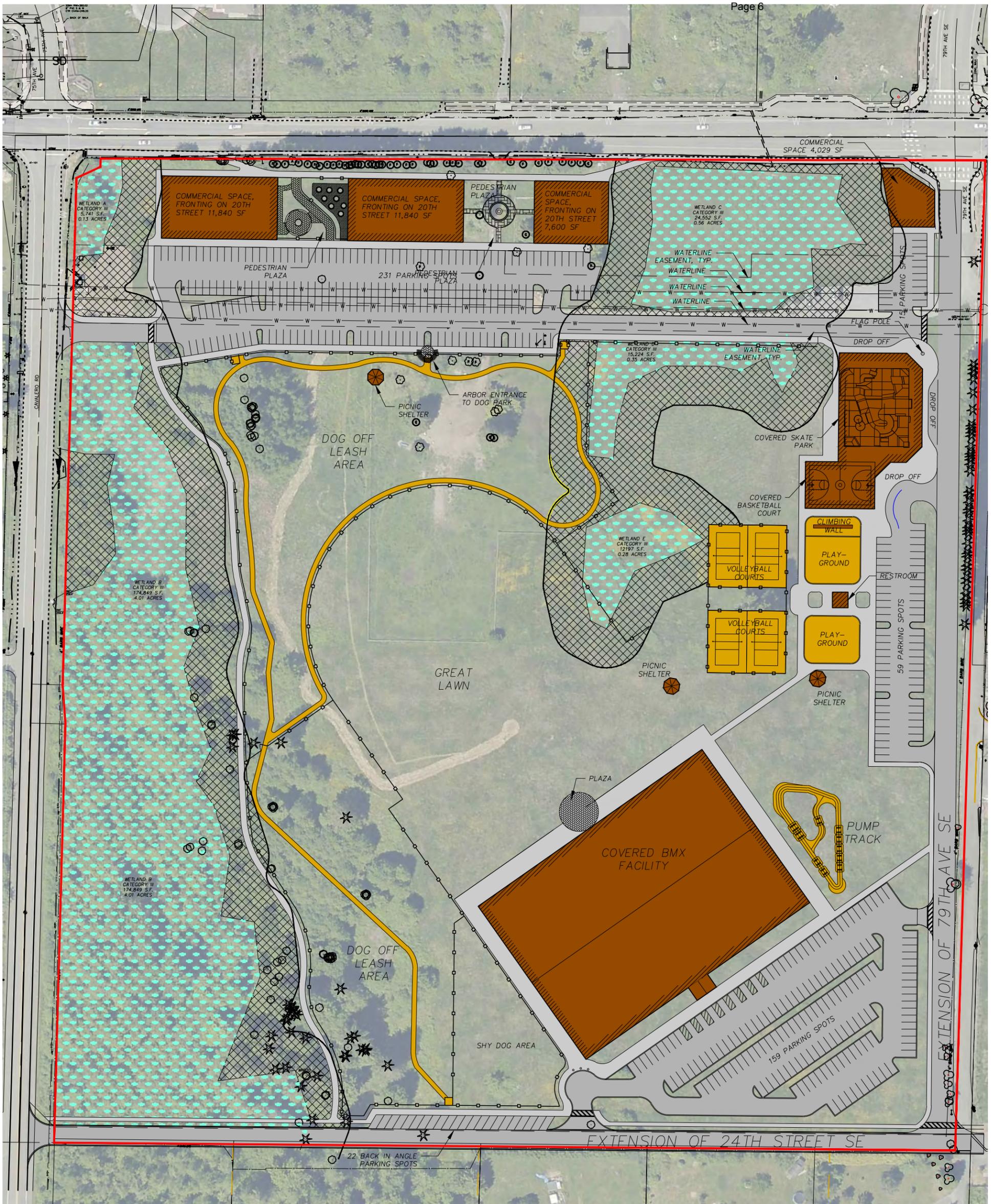
A cluster of commercial buildings would be located fronting 20th Street SE just east of Cavalero Road. Ideal uses in these buildings would include a sandwich shop, coffee shop, bike shop and other uses complimentary of park activities. In between the buildings pedestrian plazas would be located to provide space for outdoor dining and activities. Shared parking for the retail uses and the northern area of the park would be located to the south, behind the commercial buildings creating a connection between the commercial uses and the park.

The Planning Committee believes this alternative provides a good mix of uses to meet community needs as well as providing retail uses along 20th Street SE to be consistent with the 20th Street SE Corridor Plan. The Committee is pleased and excited to present this park plan to City Council and looks forward to future development of the park.

Respectfully,



Jim Kelley, Chair
Cavelero Park Joint Planning Committee



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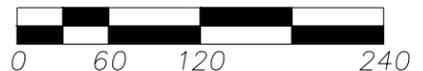


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