

**CITY OF LAKE STEVENS**  
**CITY COUNCIL AND PARK BOARD JOINT MEETING MINUTES**  
Monday, January 12, 2015  
Lake Stevens School District Educational Service Center (Admin. Bldg.)  
12309 22<sup>nd</sup> Street N.E. Lake Stevens

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Vern Little

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Todd Welch, Suzanne Quigley, Kathy Holder, Kim Daughtry, Marcus Tageant, Sam Low and John Spencer

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: None

PARK BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Jones, Terry Van Wyck, Jim Kelley, Carl Johnson, Marlene Sweet and Leland Adams

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STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: City Administrator Jan Berg, Planning Director Becky Ableman, Finance Director/City Clerk Barb Stevens, Public Works Director Mick Monken, Human Resource Director Steve Edin, Police Chief Dan Lorentzen, Sally Payne, Senior Planner and Deputy City Clerk Kathy Pugh

OTHERS: Snohomish County Parks and Recreation Director Tom Teigen; Cavelero Park Master Planning Committee Members Steven Strong, Robb Stanton, Tammy Dunn and Peter Kirk.

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City Council, Park Board and the Cavelero Hill Park Master Planning Committee members introduced themselves.

Park Board member and city designee to the Master Planning Committee Jim Kelley presented the Planning Committee's preferred alternative for a new design for Cavelero Hill Community Park. Mr. Kelley reviewed the history of planning for improving Cavelero Hill Park beginning with the Rotary Club's vision of a skate park in Lake Stevens, moving to the concept of a public-private partnership and the steps undertaken jointly by Snohomish County, the City and the Master Planning Committee to move forward with a concept, including updating the County's Master Plan. The Joint Park Planning Committee presented a modified version of Alternative B which is the Committee's preferred alternative, and requested that the City Council make a recommendation to Snohomish County endorsing the preferred alternative. Features of the park proposal include a covered BMX facility and pump tract at the south end of the park, multi-age playgrounds to the east with adjacent restroom facilities, covered skate park and basketball courts also to the east, an open space in the middle of the park suitable for multiple uses including cultural, and also including an adjacent off leash dog park, natural habitat to the west and an area for concessions and commercial businesses complimentary to the park to the north.

The Joint Park Planning Committee believes the preferred alternative represents the expectations of the participating community members, will provide new and unique recreational opportunities for the local community and the County, and will extend the existing parks system to a portion of the City that is not currently served at the same capacity as other areas of the City. The Joint Park Planning Committee recommended Council accept the Master Plan Preferred Alternative and forward a recommendation of support to the Snohomish County Council.

Mr. Kelley then responded to questions of Councilmembers. Councilmember Spencer complimented the committee on their work. Mayor Little commented that the public meeting he attended was very well attended and complimented the committee and Snohomish County for their efforts in bringing this plan forward.

Mayor Little invited public comment and noted that comments were received by email and distributed to the Council and Park Board.

Carol MacDonald, 7709 28<sup>th</sup> Street, Lake Stevens. Asked how many BMX events will be held each year and Snohomish County Parks and Recreation Director Tom Teigen responded. Ms. MacDonald prefers Alternative C because the location of the BMX and skate pump facilities were located to the north. Location of these facilities to the south shows little regard for the adjacent homeowners on the south side of the park. Locating these facilities to the north of the park places more active areas to the north and more passive activities to the south, providing for a better buffer to the neighbors on the south. She also expressed concern for the safety of children crossing 20<sup>th</sup> Street SE to access the park.

Mayor Little commented Alternative B was preferred hands down at the last meeting he attended, and also that it provides better parking alternatives, including partnering with the school district when necessary to provide additional parking.

Councilmember Holder noted that the property owner to the east supports the Preferred Alternative. Councilmember Spencer agreed that concerns about buffers are valid and can be included in ongoing discussions; he also suggested that a finance committee be formed with the County to explore and implement funding sources. He encouraged moving ahead rapidly to maintain the current momentum.

In response to Councilmember Daughtry's question regarding what types of businesses could be located in the commercial area, Director Teigen said that the County looks for entities that are well branded, park friendly, provide good quality, have accounting controls in place and the ability to actually fund the partnership. The County typically puts together a business plan and is aware of these concerns and who the park patrons are.

Councilmember Welch wondered how the City and County interface to make the park operational. Mr. Teigen responded that the County Council is very interested and there is strong support for the project, but they want to know how the park will be funded.

Park Board Chair Chris Jones noted that a skate board park has been a discussion item for a number of years and that security in placement of the park has always been a concern. He would like to see a fenced, secured, lighted and controlled facility. He likes that there are various playgrounds included in the plan. He also believes the BMX facility should be available

to all ages so that people new to the sport can try it. He believes the park should be a multi-use facility that is inclusive to all members of the community.

Park Board member Carl Johnson said he is not concerned about noise from the BMX facility. He lives near the high school and hears noise from the track and football field several times a year, and it is part of being a community member.

Park Board member Leland Adams commented the park needs to be a showpiece that will be used. The City and County should ensure that public demand will support the facilities. The proposal is different than what he envisioned, but it looks good.

Park Board member Terry Van Wyck said she really likes the plan. She encouraged that the skate park should have appropriate access and security.

Joint Park Planning Committee Chair and Park Board member Jim Kelley commented it is the Planning Committee's recommendation that the BMX facility be designed in such a way that it could be a multi-use facility.

The meeting adjourned 7:39 p.m.

  
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Vern Little, Mayor

  
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Kathy Pugh, Deputy City Clerk