MINUTES

Kitsap County Planning Commission/Open Space
Parks & Greenways (OSPAG) Committee
May 16, 2000


7:05 P.M.

Meeting Called to Order - Introductions.

7:10 P.M.

Public Hearing to consider oral and written comments regarding the Draft Kitsap County Open Space Plan and possibly make a decision on that Plan following testimony. The Open Space Plan is a six-year plan for the County Parks Department that outlines the County’s acquisition and development objectives for parks, recreation and open space facilities.

Nobi Kawasaki said that the Planning Commission and the Open Space Parks & Greenways Committee would jointly receive testimony at this hearing. However, he continued, the OSPAG group will make the recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners. He said that the Planning Commission would not make a recommendation to the County Commissioners.

Joseph Coppo, of the Kitsap County Parks and Recreation Department, said that this hearing was to discuss the initial draft of the Open Space Plan that was a design for the development of the County parks. He said that the second draft will be available about June 1st, with the Board of Commissioners public hearing tentatively scheduled for June 12th, followed by a completed, approved Plan available by June 23rd. He explained that that staff was urgently trying to get this Plan approved so that they would be eligible to apply for grant funding, adding that a completed Open Space Plan was a requirement of the State for these grant applications. He reported that there were 4,000 survey questionnaires that were mailed out randomly to the public. He further reported that about 1,100 completed
surveys were returned whose suggestions were included in this Plan. He explained that this was a 6-year plan for development of the County Parks, which outlines what the County Parks Department should provide beyond what the other groups, cities and state provide. He said that this Plan has the policy direction as to the priorities for acquisition of land and development of the parks.

Nobi Kawasaki said that another component to this project, when the Planning Commission reviews it, is the non-motorized trails element, which will come before the members together with the Transportation Plan portion of the Comprehensive Plan. He said that there would also be policies for Forestry, which will be a bigger part of the open space planning process. He then opened the floor for public testimony. He suggested that those who speak limit their time, so that all who wished to may speak at this hearing.

Harold Frombach, said he represented several hundred model airplane flyers in this County from teenagers to those in their 80’s, who still enjoy the sport. He said that they received approval from OSPAG in December 1997 to develop a site for flying model airplanes in the Silverdale area. He said that his group has provided a comprehensive plan to the County Parks Department, which was forwarded to OSPAG. In addition, he said, the only request they made for Kitsap County’s assistance was for the County to provide a 15-foot graveled easement. He said that in January 1998, he met with several County staff members at the flying site to go over what would be needed from the County. He then recounted the events that have taken place to this point for the Planning Commission and OSPAG and requested that the approved Open Space Plan recognize this model airplane group with the other activities that take place in the County Parks.

Connie Waddington, OSPAG Council Chair, said that she would like to bring this issue back to the Council at the next meeting to update the OSPAG members on this issue.

(7:30 p.m. - Gwendolyn Shepherd and Deborah Flynn are now present at the hearing.)

John Ahl said he flew model airplanes in the 1950’s. He asked how much space was required for these airplanes?

Harold Frombach said that they needed about 25 acres. He then described the types of airplanes that are flown by their club.

John Ahl felt that this issue rates a spot on the OSPAG agenda, but as for a specific site, he felt that the County and OSPAG should consider this issue and locate an appropriate site.
Harold Fromback and John Ahl discussed the average weight, and types of certification required to fly these planes.

Joseph Coppo said that Rick Fackler and Larry Cote have been working with this group, and they will continue to do so, but he suggested that this meeting move ahead to other issues.

Larry Cote said that they are setting up a meeting with the “airplaners” and he will keep Mr. Fromback informed of the date and location.

Loren Miller said that model airplanes are a hobby and a sport. He reported that it is indulged in with all ages and a good hobby for youth. He further reported that the cost ranges from $1.00, to those with 4-stroke engines, which sell for $2,500 to $3,000 for just the engines. He said a control line engine will cost about $100 and a radio-controlled model would be about $200 and travel at speeds from 35 to 135 mph.

Ron Bradshaw said he lived on the perimeter of the “Banner Forest” and noted that motorcycles, pickups and so forth were running the trails on the land. He felt that should not be allowed, noting that people and horses that were walking the trails have been nearly hit by these motorized vehicles.

Don Czeczok commended OSPAG and the County staff for the ongoing efforts on this Plan. He said it was obvious that the County was not going to stop growing. As we grow, he continued, the opportunity for open space will decrease, so now is the time to obtain these available properties. He felt that the infrastructure of a community involves the people and there were not enough roads for people to bicycle on. He said that more and more activities are needed in the future to keep the community growing.

Deborah Flynn asked what has happened to the bikeways plan?

Joseph Coppo said that bikeways are part of the Transportation Plan, which will come before the Planning Commission at a later date. He said that staff would add more information about bicycle lanes in the Open Space Plan.

Deborah Flynn asked if there was funding for bikeways?

Bill Zupanzic said that the Greenways Plan has the non-motorized section and then there was the recreational element. He said that the Non-Motorized Plan would be back before the Planning Commission with this Plan in the near future; bicycle lanes can only be created on the county right-of-ways.
Bill Zupanzic and Deborah Flynn then discussed where the County was providing the trails for bicycles.

Joseph Coppo said that he received some written comments from Stan Jones who was not able to be present at this hearing. He passed out his written comments to the members. He said that the Planning Commission does not need to make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners; the OSPAG group could make a recommendation to the Board. He handed out a sheet with the staff recommended changes to the Plan and reviewed the list for the members.

Following a review of each chapter with the recommended changes, the members made additional changes (see items in italics).

**STAFF RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO DRAFT KITSAP COUNTY OPEN SPACE PLAN**

**May 16, 2000**

**Chapter II - Policy Foundation**
- Add additional background information to preamble.
- Discuss 1998 Consolidated Open Space Plan in more detail.
- Add summary of Survey Questionnaire
- Expand on Public Input section; summarize comments/suggestions.
- Add section of supporting information from other planning efforts.
- Expand definitions section

**Chapter III - Community Setting**
- Add source of information to Table III-1.
- Maps - include drainage basins and all physical features.

**Chapter V - Needs and Demands**
- Add discussion of specialty facilities that are not normally inventoried. (e.g., Diving parks, radio-controlled airplanes; rugby fields...)
- Move Heritage Parks section to Chapter VIII. (expand on description)
- Add discussion to explain cost table at end of chapter.
- Add maintenance cost information to cost table.

**Chapter VI - Habitat Plan**
- Add habitat maps from Greenways Plan and background.
- Reformatted section to match rest of document.
- A natural systems map is needed to see what exists, to be used as an overlay in future land purchases.
Chapter VII – Open Space Corridors

- Expand on description and purpose of corridors.
- Find more appropriate name for section. (e.g., “open space plan”, “the vision”...)
- Add discussion of Heritage Parks.
- Make map more readable.
- Differentiate between existing and proposed areas shown on map.
- Add other on-road trails not included in open space corridors.
- Coordinate information with that available at the Bangor and Manchester military bases.
- Note in this Plan that land acquisition is an ongoing process.

Chapter VIII – Implementation Section

- Add discussion of corporate sponsors to potential funding sources.
- Split chapter to: “Strategy” and “Funding”.
- Include in the need for funding portion a clear use of the survey results.

Miscellaneous

- Add section on ongoing stewardship program (roles and functions).
- Outline specific past land purchases, to reinforce Implementation Section.
- Important issues need to be brought out.

The OSPAG Committee was in agreement that these changes should be included in the second draft of the Open Space Plan. (No formal vote was taken.)

Joseph Coppo introduced the consultants to OSPAG Committee and the Planning Commission.

No further discussion being heard, Nobi Kawasaki adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

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Nobi Kawasaki, Chair

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Karen Halbeck, Secretary