

Memo

To: Kitsap County Parks
From: Jonathan Morley / Dana Staikides
Subject: Norwegian Point Park

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The following is a recap of notes taken at the first public meeting for Norwegian Point Park on January 23, 2008.

Park Character

- Rural, natural, quiet.
- Low impact.
- Water, beach, nature.
- Take advantage of the unique opportunities and elements that the Park offers.
- Honor history.

Parking

- Everyone enjoys the expansive views when coming over the hill and approaching the park. Don't clutter that view with parking.
- Don't overwhelm the site with parking.
- Need parking for commercial area, especially if it is being developed and expanded.
- Is angle parking at the street an option?
- Can there be shared parking between the commercial area and the Park?
- Grasscrete would lessen the impact of the parking.
- With show of hands, most would drive to Park, fewer would walk or bike.
- Challenge is to make sure parking is visually unobtrusive.

Existing Buildings

- Restore pier, provide boat access.
- Restore fishing pier. Fishing is what Norwegians do!
- Fishing pier would be a great asset.
- A fishing pier with boat access from the water would be a great idea.
- Cabins could be used for educational opportunities, perhaps as an interpretive center.
- Cabin rentals.

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- If prohibitive to restore cabins, retain a portion. A three-sided open structure would give a sense of what the cabins used to be, would be great for kids to explore.
- Provide three alternatives: all buildings removed, some buildings retained, all buildings retained.
- Get rid of buildings and plant grass.
- Provide a cost analysis of building restoration.

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Planning Process

- Time to come to a consensus
- Make rational, not emotional decisions.
- Coordinate with Point-No-Point development.
- Don't plan in isolation from other parks.
- Make sure everyone has a say in the process.
- Send out a survey to the community asking what the public wants in the Park.
- Signs at Park provide good notification of public meeting.
- Additional ideas and input should be sent via email to:
norpoint@co.kitsap.wa.us
- Let's not screw it up!

Other Ideas

- Restore Finn Creek.
- Naturalize Finn Creek.
- Provide lighting for security that does not contribute to light pollution.
- Consider neighbors, establish boundaries, respect privacy.
- Low impact traffic patterns.
- Deal with unsightly power lines.
- Protect visual assets.
- Provide education and interpretation about marine life and natural systems.

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- Provide a kiosk for the Greenway trail.
- Some are concerned about the extent of proposed development.

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