
NHCC Park Committee for Tyler Park Property
Kick-off Meeting
August 14, 2012

Present:

Michelle Hilhorst
Heidi Dean
Robin Bentley
Cheryl Jurrus
Tom Buergel

(declined to stay as a meeting observer when it was noted he did not complete the required application during the seven month application period and which was closed by a motion carried at the March 2012 NHCC meeting. Therefore he is not a member of the Park Planning Committee.)

Lisa Viereck

(left with Mr. Buergel and returned after missing 50% of the meeting. She returned while the Committee was beginning to formulate the short-term vision plan.)

A review and discussion of the survey results continued on the following topics:

- combining the results;
- providing means for accommodating other results within the neighborhood, i.e. community garden;
- linking trails, shelter and parking issues;
- financing issues and sponsors, i.e. Pomegranate

Lisa Viereck returned the discussion to the make-up of this committee. It was pointed out to Ms. Viereck that the NHCC general membership voted at the March 2012 meeting to close the application process, which had been open for seven months at the time of the vote. Ms. Viereck was reminded that she had been the only "no" vote; the other members present (approximately 9 others) voted in favor of closing the application process in order to move forward with committee work originally slated to start in January 2012.

This led to discussions about whether you need to be a member in good standing with the club to be a part of the committee and whether our time had been wasted coming up with recommendations if this committee, in her (Ms. Viereck's) eyes, is not the committee and whether we're moving too quickly.

At the end of the meeting, Lisa Viereck dissented from the group in wanting to move forward with a short term vision plan or establishing guidelines around make the Tyler park property and off leash area. The committee wanted to move

forth to gather information on a sign with rules, guidelines or legal information from the city, etc. to implement this short term plan. Ms. Viereck stated this committee was moving too fast and more members needed to be involved.

With that in mind, the NHCC Park Committee would like to present the following ideas and recommendations at the August 22nd NHCC Meeting to gain input on moving forth with guidelines around the park's short-term use. Short term is currently defined as a 2-3 year timeframe. In 2015, the city will have a better understanding of where the timing of a master plan may begin to start. Therefore, once the short-term vision plan is established, approved and implemented, the NHCC Committee can then begin work towards community feedback on the longer term vision plan that will be the foundation and basis for the ultimate master plan park process that will be led and hosted by the city and will include city-wide engagement.

- Initial NHCC Park Committee would like to solicit input to establish a short term vision plan and use of the Tyler Property.

- NHCC Park Committee would like to engage the city park members and members of the dog park community to establish the following:

- * Getting approval to "complete" existing fencing on SE 60th. Once approval is gained, the committee would then begin a search for grants or private/public partnership funding if the city has no budget to complete this request, but could only approve the work allowed to be completed.

- * The NHCC Park Committee would like to request removal of the leash sign at the Tyler property and replace it with a more robust sign including no-leash allowance, owner responsibility and ability for it to be multi-use.

- * The NHCC Committee would like to engage the members of the city park dept and members of the dog park community to establish better verbiage for this replacement sign to ensure responsibility and legal issues are accordingly addressed. It would also include wording to ensure clear "multi-use" ability of non-dog owners to the open park, but allow awareness of the no-leash allowance.

- * The NHCC Park Committee would like to engage the city and the Bellevue school district to begin discussions on the row of parking lot spaces located at the SW corner of the lot being utilized on weekends and non-school summer

vacation to be utilized as parking for Tyler Property users.