



Meeting Minutes

DATE: February 24, 2009

PROJECT NAME: Discovery Park Improvement Projects

PROJECT MANAGER: Garrett Farrell

SUBJECT: Discovery Park Project Update 2009

Introduction by Garrett Farrell, Project Manager

This meeting is being held to update the community on the status of projects in Discovery Park. Parks met with the community a year ago and reviewed plans to remove roads, Building 653, The Nike Building and begin restoration work on the West Point Light Station. We are happy to report that Nike, building 653 and a section of Idaho road have been removed and site restoration is underway. Work continues with removal of two vacant buildings at the Capehart site, 750 Utah Street and the first phase of the West Point Light restoration scheduled for summer 2009.

When Parks took possession of the lighthouse we entered into an agreement to preserve and protect a structure/site on the National Register of Historic places. We have assembled a design team led by Preservation Architects BOLA. They have enlisted the support of August Gene Grulich, a Preservation Architect with significant Washington State Lighthouse experience as a member of the team. Gene is currently completing the Historic structures Report which details the condition of the Light Station, its defining features and their current condition. This report is critical as it provides the current status of and guidance for next steps to preserve, repair or replace key character defining elements of this historic property.

Lighthouse Renovation:

This will be a multi year process driven by available budget. The immediate priorities are major work items that must be addressed in the short term to support Parks program to preserve and maintain the facility.

The highest priority will be the removal and replacement of the white coating that covers the lighthouse. This material applied by the previous owner, seals moisture inside the

Building and is damaging the structure. This material will be removed and replaced with a new coating system that will allow the structure to “breathe” and dry. Other priorities include windows, doors, roof, glass, glazing and other parts that seal the building. We have assembled a good team and are prioritizing issues to help spend the money wisely.

Restoration budget includes \$600,000 this year and \$300,000 Washington Heritage Capital Grant – procured thanks to efforts of Anne Bentley at Discovery Park and Charles Ng- Parks Business Resources

Q. What year was lighthouse built ?

A. Established in 1881, It has been there over 100 years .

Q. What buildings are being taken down ?

A. The Nike Building, located at 606 Wisconsin, Building 653 Located at 653 California and two vacant Buildings part of the Capehart acquisition at 750 Utah Street

Seattle Parks is acquiring different parts of Capehart as the military vacates. We have acquired about 1/2 now. Military will demolish buildings to slab.

Garrett pointed out location of bldg 653, Nike and Capehart and gave description

Community if very happy to see plantings going in and open space hydro seeded

Q – Why do you have to keep fencing up (At Nike site) it is very ugly?

A. There is a large gully on the east, basically a large drop off. Also, we have to allow time for plantings to take root. Parks plans on mulching the slope to the east of the site. Right now it is important to keep people from traversing the site and the fence provides protection

Q. What is the alarm that goes off? King County needs to educate people on the sounds that come from the Treatment Center

A. Representative from King County Metro Treatment Plant was there and said she would pass this suggestion on.

Q. Will Tent City come back

A. This is a question for the Mayor’s office and not Parks

Q. When removing PX building (Capehart 750 Utah Street) what will happen

A. Building will be removed down to existing slab. Asphalt parking will stay, we will not dig below ground in this phase.

Q. What is happening with the big yellow houses?

A. They are owned by the Government, managed by Forest City and will probably be a part of a land swap that transfers them to private ownership. Private residences within the

park will need to have services. There is a fair amount of work to be done to get the properties ready for private ownership.

Q: Why won't Parks buy them ?

A: We would love to, but we do not have the money.

Q. What about Idaho?

A. Right now road removal is ongoing within the park. The Idaho road has been removed to the extent that it will be removed.

Q. What is going on with housing development within the Park?

A. This is in the BRACK Process and is something that the Mayor's office and the Department of Neighborhoods is in charge of.

Garrett -Thank you all for coming. I will be here to answer more questions including pointing things out on the map so everyone has a good understanding of where buildings are.