

Sawtooth Bluff Visioning and Master Plan
Steering Committee Meeting #5
January 5, 2018 @ 10:30 – 12:30 p.m. – Cook County Courthouse

Attendees

Sue Abrahamson	Lisa Kerr	David Demmer	Myron Bursheim
Mike Roth	Dave Tersteeg	Anton Moody	Andy Hubley
Jeff Cadwell	Barb Caskey		

Summary

The meeting began at 10:30 at the Cook County Courthouse. Barb Caskey, Arrowhead Regional Development Commission, welcomed everyone in attendance. The primary purpose of today’s meeting is to review the map developed in response to the Steering Committee recommendations based on Phase I public input received.

Review

The group reviewed the draft map provided and suggested the following changes:

- Delineate zones for trail loops (short, moderate, long) but remove the 20 miles of mountain bike trails depicted on the map.
- Move the suggested campsites away from the high traffic paved trail area.
- Delineate the boardwalk adjacent to the patterned fen and not on forest service land; add a trail loop.
- Move the designated parking area near the tower and add a fence around the tower
- Designate higher density development areas in orange but remove specific features.
- Move the dotted yellow line to follow the existing corridor on school district property.
- Designate a trail corridor along where the SHTA proposes changes.
- Move the softball field.
- Concern expressed about designated “open space” and the potential to define areas for high density and low density development. Most of the proposed development will be very low density and have little or no impact on the view shed.

Public Input Process

The Steering Committee discussed the need and rationale for further public input (Phase II). Phase I was intended as a “blank slate” approach to engage stakeholders and seek new ideas and the follow up Phase II was intended to provide a draft of the proposed development plan for feedback. In determining how or whether to seek additional public input, the discussion focused on the reasons for additional stakeholder engagement. Reasons identified included seeking affirmations from user groups on proposed ideas, sharing the guiding principles developed to guide all future development, assuring stakeholders that feedback was received and considered, and communicating the reason this project was originally undertaken and the decision-making structure in place to ensure appropriate development.

The Steering Committee identified additional guiding principles beyond those discussed at the December 11, 2017 meeting. All proposed amenities or developments must be consistent with the guiding principles

- As a park intended to be regionally significant, a package of amenities will be developed to draw people to the region, using the environmental features as a draw.
- Nothing will be built or developed without a maintenance plan in place.
- There is value in adding infrastructure with a defined revenue stream (campsites, as an example).
- All realistic options for generating revenue will be considered.

- Development should be designed to limit view shed impact
- The intent of developing the park is to provide space and infrastructure for user groups
- The design of amenities will have a minimal impact on the natural environment of the area

Next Steps

ARDC staff will revise the map and summarize the guiding principles and distribute both electronically to the Steering Committee for review and comment by email. A conference call to determine next steps will be scheduled if email communication is not an effective means of reaching consensus. ARDC will follow up with a landscape architect to explore options for the depicting potential developments for inclusion in the master plan.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20.