



Land Use & Environment Committee

Briefing on West Bay Restoration & Park Master Plan

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Receive the information. Briefing only; no action requested.

Report

Issue:

Whether to discuss the West Bay Restoration & Park Master Plan timeline and plan for public involvement.

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Background and Analysis:

Olympia's West Bay park, restoration, and trail connection have been decades in the making. The master plan will create the blueprint for a waterfront park and a restored shoreline that integrates a waterfront trail, recreational amenities and reestablishment of the functions and values of the shoreline environment.

Olympia staff will partner with J.A. Brennan Associates to implement an inclusive design process that will develop a master plan that restores habitat function to a disturbed urban waterfront, while connecting locals and visitors to a network of trails, parks, and public art.

A variety of public involvement methods will be used over the approximately 14-month planning process, including an online survey and several interactive public workshops and meetings. The resulting master plan will position the city well for receiving future state recreation, restoration, and

transportation trail grants.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

Because of this community park's waterfront location, interest from citizens across Olympia is anticipated. In particular the adjacent neighborhood associations of West Bay Drive, Northwest, and South Westside may be interested and will be invited to participate in the public input process.

The Squaxin Island Tribe has significant interest in the nearshore environment of West Bay and will be invited to participate throughout the planning process. The Port of Olympia owns the lagoon area adjacent to the park, as well as the parcel directly north of the park, and will engage in the planning process.

Options:

Briefing only.

Financial Impact:

This project is identified in the 2016 Parks Plan and 2017 Capital Facilities Plan and will use approximately \$324,000 of park impact fees and SEPA (State Environmental Policy Act) mitigation fees.

Attachments:

Schedule & Outreach