A community-owned vision for
Riverton Heights Property

A collaboration between the City of SeaTac, SeaTac community members & Pomegranate Center

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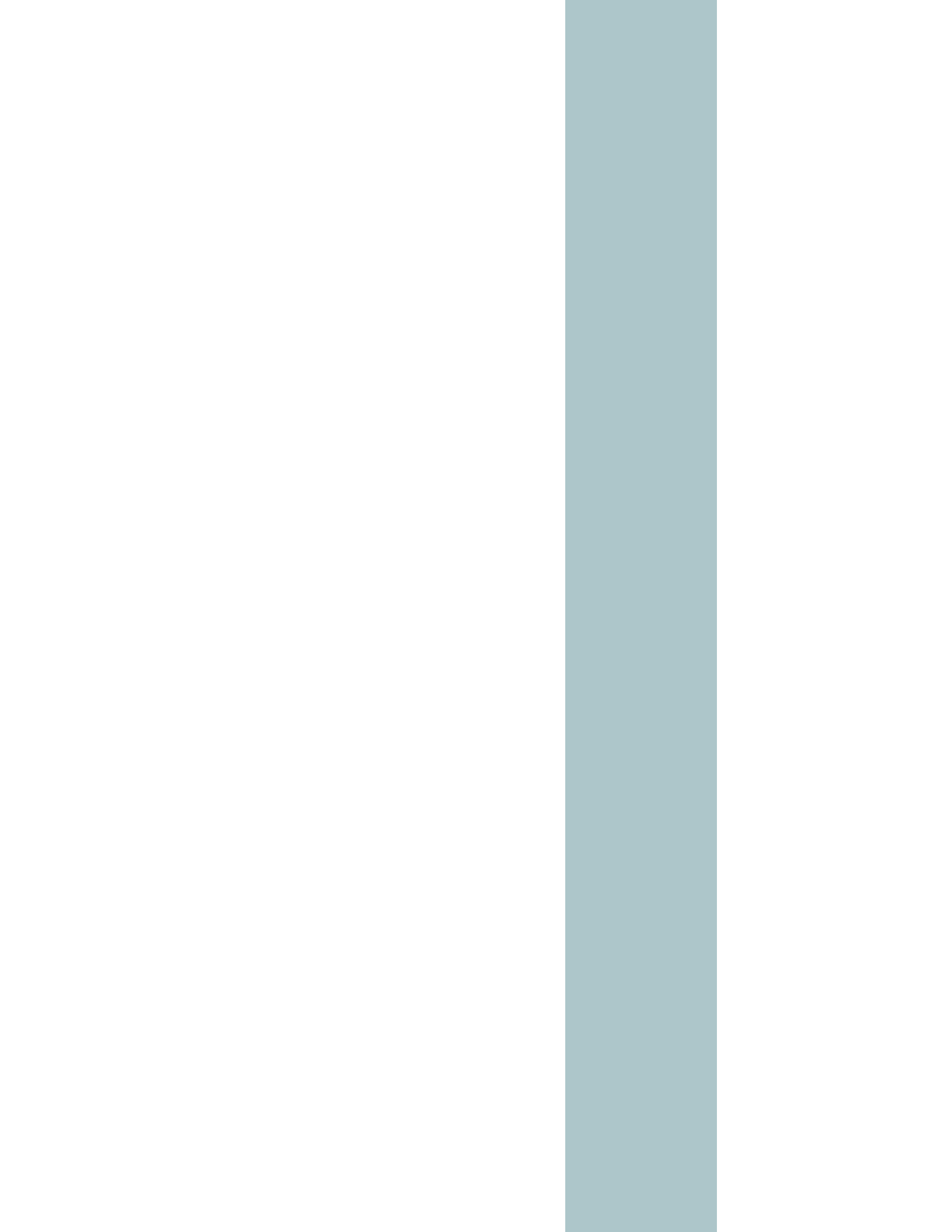GATHERING PLACES, MEANINGFUL SPACES

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Introduction

Inspired by the un-tapped potential of the former Riverton Heights Elementary School Site and diverse needs of the local community, the City launched a community-based planning effort to transform this empty lot into a resource that offers valuable amenities to everyone in the community.

In 2007 the City of SeaTac purchased the Riverton Heights Elementary School site from the Highline School District. The school had been previously closed due to declining enrollment and was subsequently used by the school district for storage. The community adopted the site as an informal park and pedestrian route between residential streets that lack other north-south connections. After acquiring the site, the City cleared the buildings and completed necessary environmental cleanup.

This 8 acre parcel is located in a diverse residential neighborhood near the S. 154th street light rail station and newly launched RapidRide bus service. The City acquired the property with the intent that a portion (approximately 1.5-3 acres) would be used to house a replacement fire station. Until that plan becomes a reality, likely to be in 6 or more years, the parcel is available to serve community needs. The City anticipates that many of the community uses could remain on the balance of the property (5-6.5 acres) after a fire station is on-site.

In 2010, the City applied to the King Conservation District (KDC) for funding to create a community-owned plan for development and use of the site. With an overall project goal of creating an actionable vision to transform the Riverton Heights Site into a vibrant, safe and frequently-used community asset, this effort sought to simultaneously encourage community participation and engagement, strengthen collaborative relationships, and build leadership capacity to accomplish future goals within the greater SeaTac community.

> I believe that as a result of this process people feel more connected to their neighbors, more confident in their community's ability to work together, and more willing to revise their priorities after hearing the opinions of others.
>
> *- Soraya Lowry, City staff*

Process and Project Criteria

The community planning process involved a series of five steering group meetings, four community meetings, an open house, and ongoing coordination of a steering group made up of councilmembers, residents, non-profits, business owners, and Pomegranate Center, with support from City Staff. At the first community meeting on July 7, 2010 residents identified a set of project criteria.

Each of the four community meetings began by reviewing these project criteria as a reminder that the design solutions are a way of realizing the values they represent. The community members then contributed design concepts alligned with these values.

Pomegranate Center integrated the community-generated suggestions into this document.

Project Criteria:

- Consider all potential uses
- Make it fit into the neighborhood
- Make it safe
- Balance the needs of the neighborhood with the needs of the larger community
- Consider impacts on traffic, finances, maintenance, etc.
- Be mindful of the needs of the entire community, including children, families and many cultures
- Ensure it's healthy for the environment
- If the preferred scenario is private ownership, the property still offers some public use or benefit

The greatest impact of this process on our community was that it laid the ground work for community members to work together in the future.

- SeaTac resident & project participant
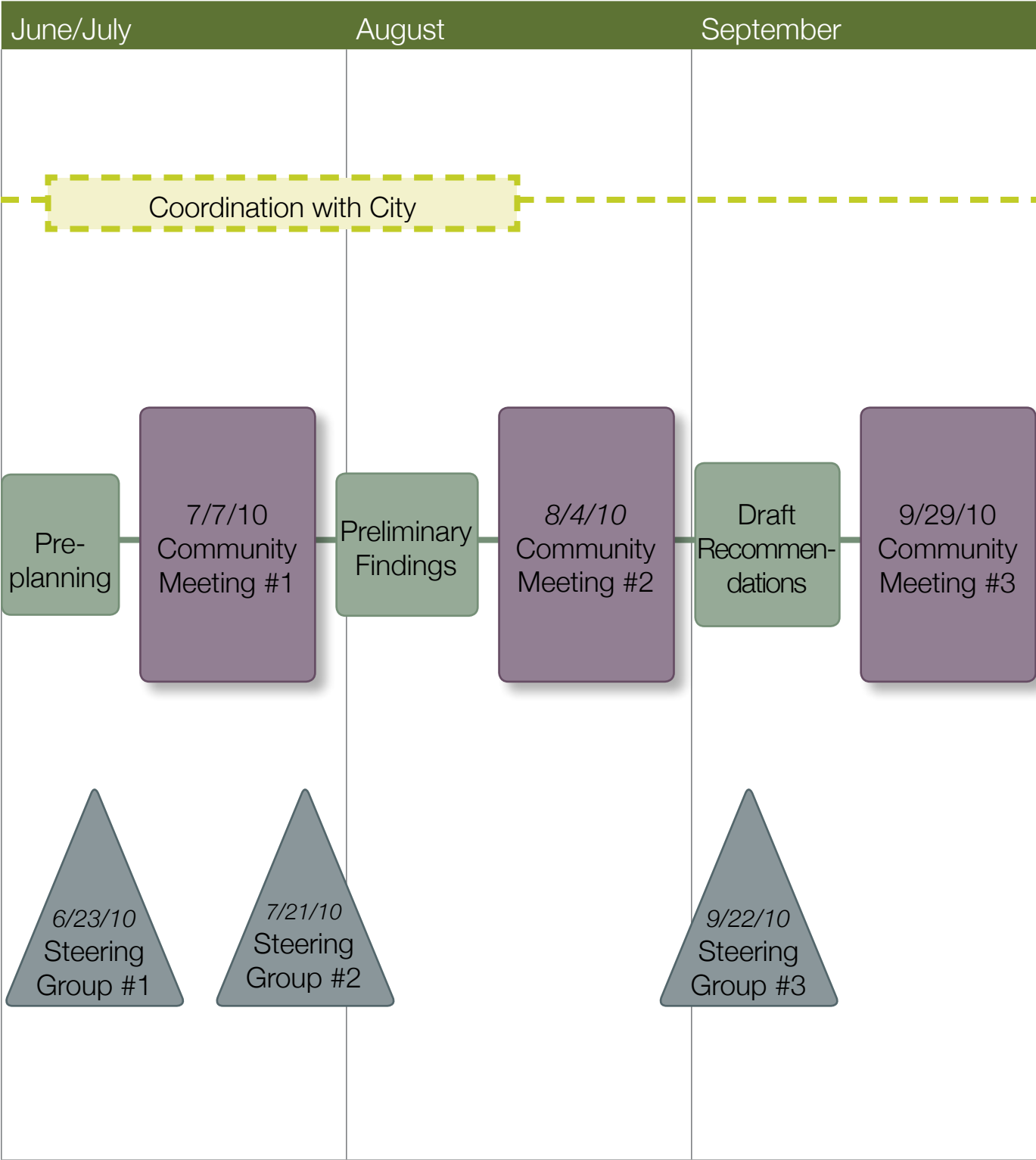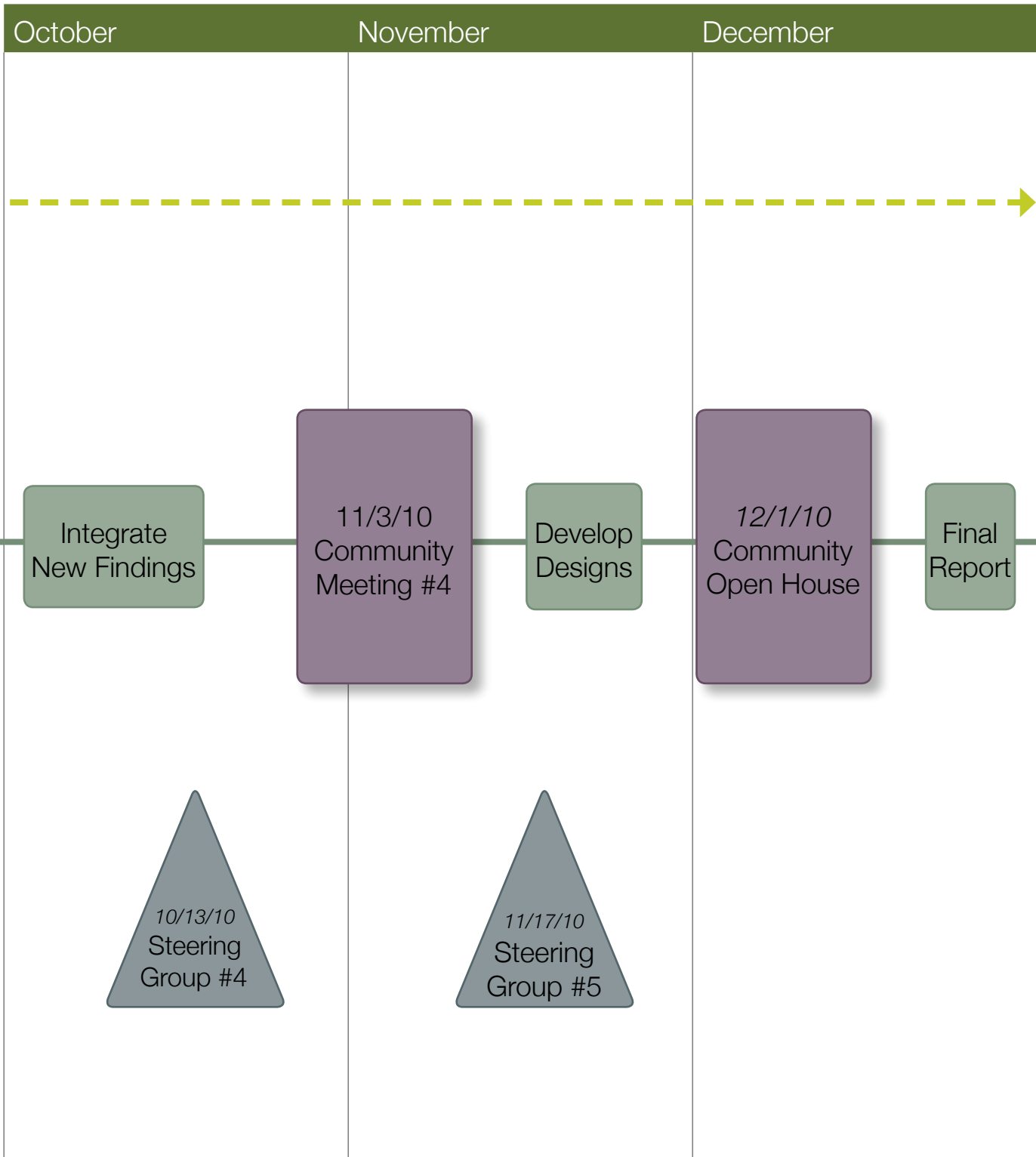
Community members at work

Participants

A Steering Group, comprised of 20 individuals representing different interests and groups in SeaTac, helped to provide guidance to the community process. During the six months of community planning, over 100 community members participated. The following are the names of those who signed-in:

Abdul	Majid Mi	Donna	Brudevold	Liban	Ibrohim	Sahia	Yusuf
Abdul	Fatah	Donna	Thomas	Liban	Matan	Said	Ahmed
Abdul	Aziz*	Doris	Plyman	Linda E.	Fitch	Sandra	Cooke
Abdulhakim	Hashi*	Dotty	Zander	Loren	Sisley*	Sandra	Hassler
Abner	Thomas*	Durga	Shiva	Luis	Escamilla	Sarah	Lange
Ahmed	Jams	Earl	Gipson	Mab	Kochb	Scott	Docherty
Alice	Beleuski	Eddie	Aquino	Mahad	Osman	Shaiye	
Alvaro	Blandon	Eric	Helland*	Margie	Rose	Shawna	Merrick
Amber	Wade	Erin	Sitterley	Marie	Kortes	Som	Acharya
Amina	Ahmed*	Farah	Abdi	Marina	Tamayo	Tanka	Dhital
Anab	Abdi	Fred	Geraldsen*	Marius	Tamayo*	Terry	Anderson
Ann	Harris	Fuad	Kamal	Marlys	Markuson	Thomas	Starbe
Anthony	Wright	G	Fernald	Mary	Koontz	Thomas	Starke
Babs	Armstrong	George	Fernaza	Mia	Gregerson*	Tiffany	Spring*
Barbara	Bader	Gilver	Melgar	Mohamed	Hassan	Tom	Sitterley
Bilad	Jama	Graderick	Geraldsen	Mohammed	Bal	Tom	Richards
Blandon	Aluaro	Greg	Wines	Mumim	Egal	Vicki	Lockwood
Bob	Armstrong	Hassan	Mohamed	Nasrudin	Hassan	Virginia	Herrera
Brent	Weaver*	Iris	Guzman	Natansee	Lewis	Wesley	Duffield
Chris	Tief	Jane	Docherty	Nebigu	Yassin	William	Dyrness*
Chuda	Dahal	Janice	Taylor	Pam	Fernald*	Wilma	Duffield
Claudia	Dickinson*	Joe	Van*	Patrick	Heier	Yeehang	Issac Vang
Darleene	Thompson*	Joe	Hassler	Paul	Cooke*	Yusip	Ismoil
Daryl	Tapio	John	Thompson*	Pauoc	Luu		
Dave	Beste	Jon	Ancell*	Rhonda	Singh		
Dean	Brinton*	Joyce	Docherty	Rick	Forschler*		
Dennis	Sivak	Juan	Stinse	Roger	Kadig		
Dick	Josh	Judy	Backman	Ron	Bensley		
Dick	Weaver	Judy	Beste	Roxie	Chapin		
Dirie	Olad	Laden	Ali	Ruth	Solero*		
Don	Docherty*	Larry	Markerson	Ryan	Merrick		
Don	Packer	Leonard	Luna	Saed	Dunkal		

* Steering committee members

Community Engagement Process

June/July	August	September

Coordination with City

Pre-planning

7/7/10 Community Meeting #1

Preliminary Findings

8/4/10 Community Meeting #2

Draft Recommen-dations

9/29/10 Community Meeting #3

6/23/10 Steering Group #1

7/21/10 Steering Group #2

9/22/10 Steering Group #3

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148th

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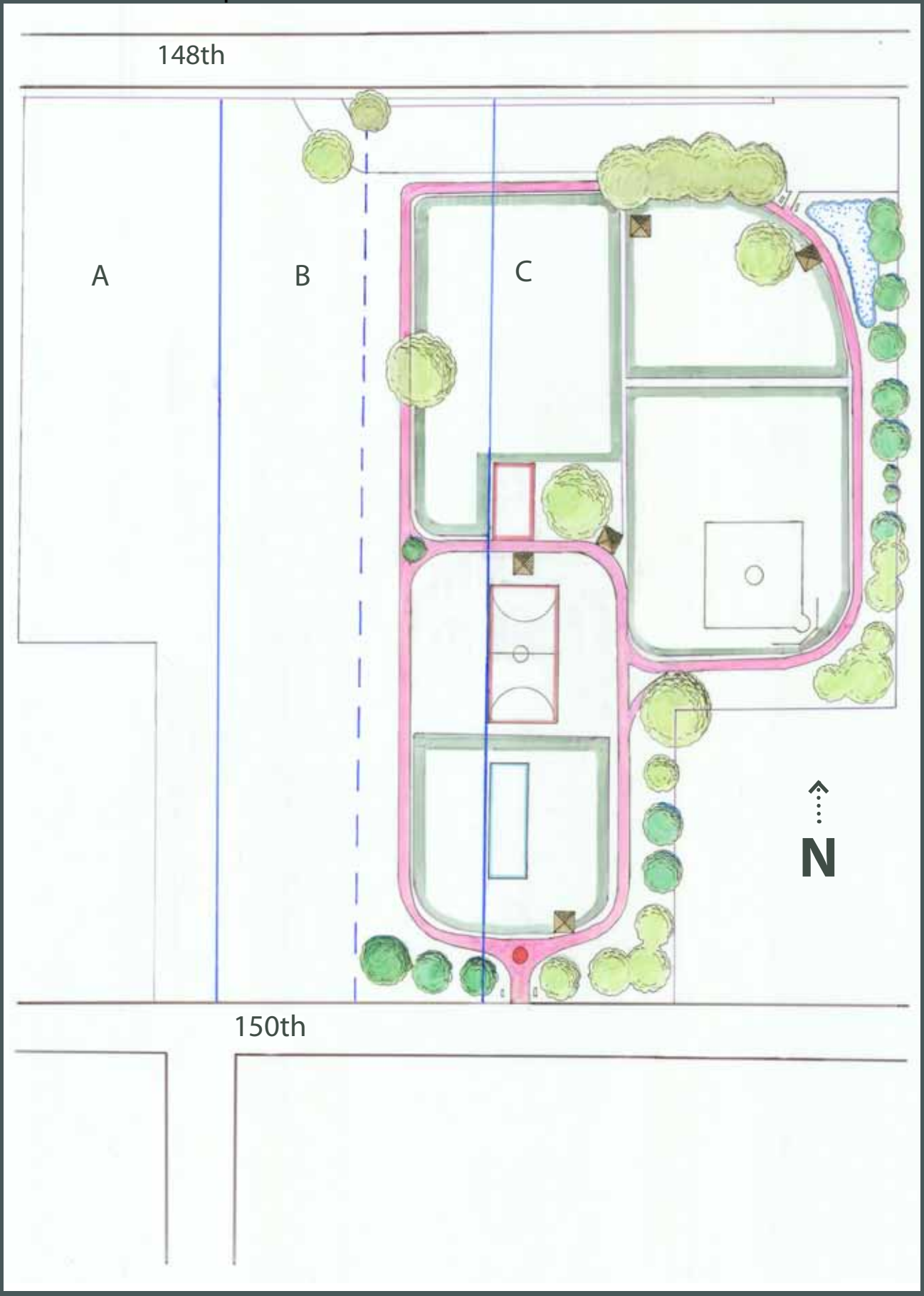
Community Vision

Over six months and four community meetings members of SeaTac developed a community-ownded vision for the Riverton Heights property.

This vison captures a healthy tension between a space that is an amenity for the whole community and a space that serves its immediate neighbors. The preffered conceptual plan strikes a balance between the two: the western section (A) is reserved for a future fire facility, the mid section (B) will explore feasibility for mixed use and housing development * and the eastern section (C) will be developed as a park.

At the Open House on December 1, 2010 three plans were presented and community members voted with dots on their preferred concept as well as the features they liked within each concept. **The following pages highlight the unique features of the preferred plan**. The two options that were less preferred are recorded for reference in the section of this report called "Alternate Options."

* The City is contemplating locating a fire training facility on the western portion of Section B, to the left of the dashed line. In that event, the remainder of Section B, to the right of the dashed line, would be too small for mixed use and could be permanently merged with Section C to create a larger park.

FEATURES OF THE PREFERRED OPTION

- Shelters
- Benches
- Gateways
- Frog pond
- Plantings
- Perimeter pathway
- Monument
- Baseball diamond
- Full basketball court
- Model airplane landing strip
- Parking
- Open playspace
- Children's play area

* this list does not indicate order of priority or preferrance
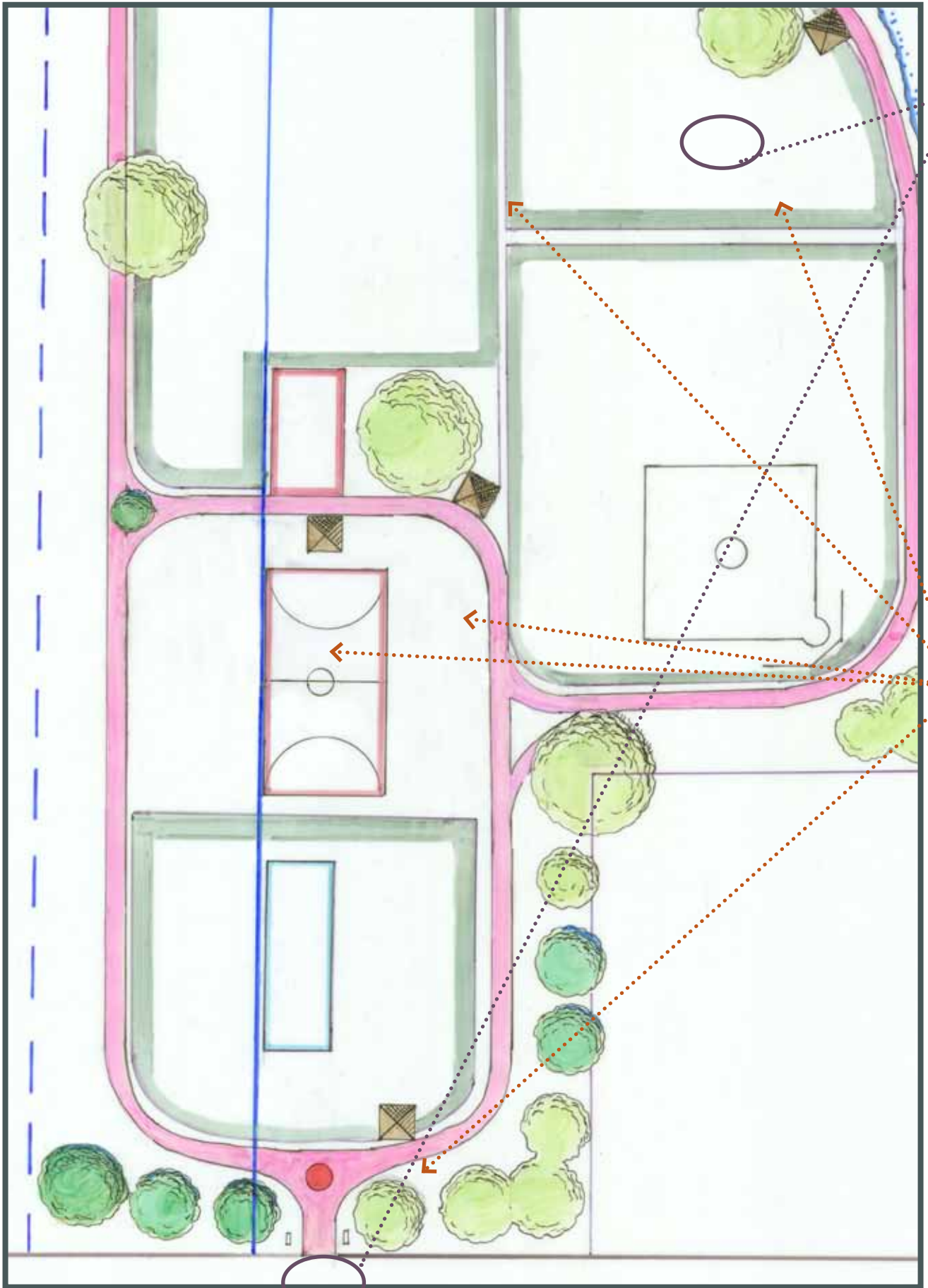
Gateways

Gateways serve as identity pieces by which people locate an entrypoint. The two gateways, one located on 150th and the other on 148th, will mark the entrances, as well as feature signage, art works and can double as kiosks.


Benches

Benches can be strategically placed throughout the park (specific locations to be determined) to encourage parental supervision of children playing and offer places of pause (locations to be determined). Benches can be constructed of salvaged materials and serve as a great canvas for integrated art.

Shelters

Shelters serve as a refuge from sun or rain and provide a place for informal occasions like picnics, BBQs, family gatherings, and parties.   In this plan there are five shelters shelters which can be stationed in key locations for easy accesss form the parking lot and interior paths.   Each shelter is approtimately 15' x 15' and can feature tables, benches and community art.
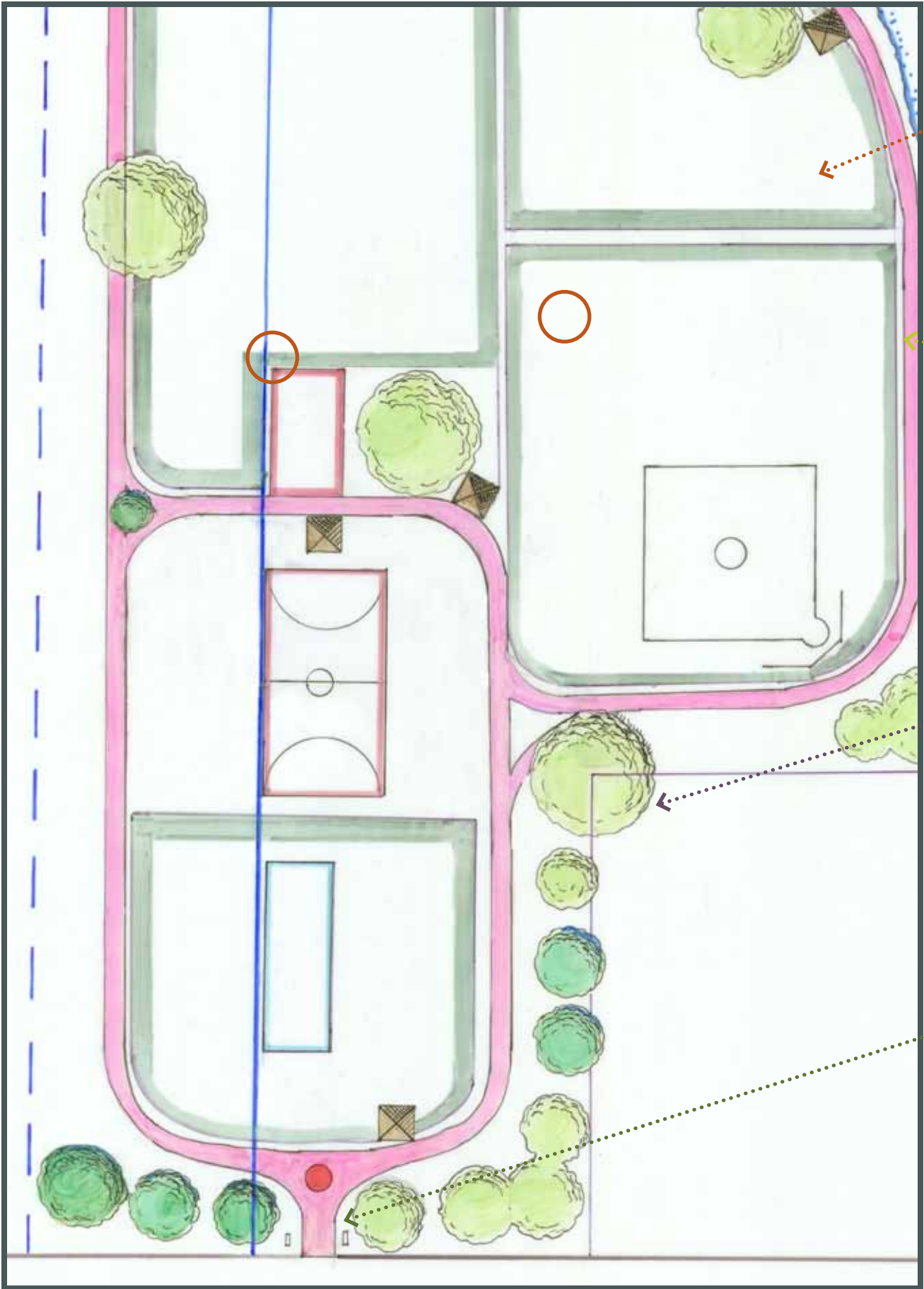
Frog Pond

The frond pond is a small wetland area that becomes an inviting home for small creatures like frogs and birds. It could capture rain water and also serve as an environmental eduacation tool.

Plantings

Planting additional trees and shrubs can improve privacy for neighbors on the eastern park boundary, act as edges for the open space and offer shade.


Perimeter Path

ADA accessible paths run the perimeter of the park and through the interior providing level walking surfaces good for exerrcising and conncetion to other park amentities like shelters and playfields.

Monument

The community agreed that an artistic momunment which recognizes the unique history, diversity and character of SeaTac should be an important focal point in the park.
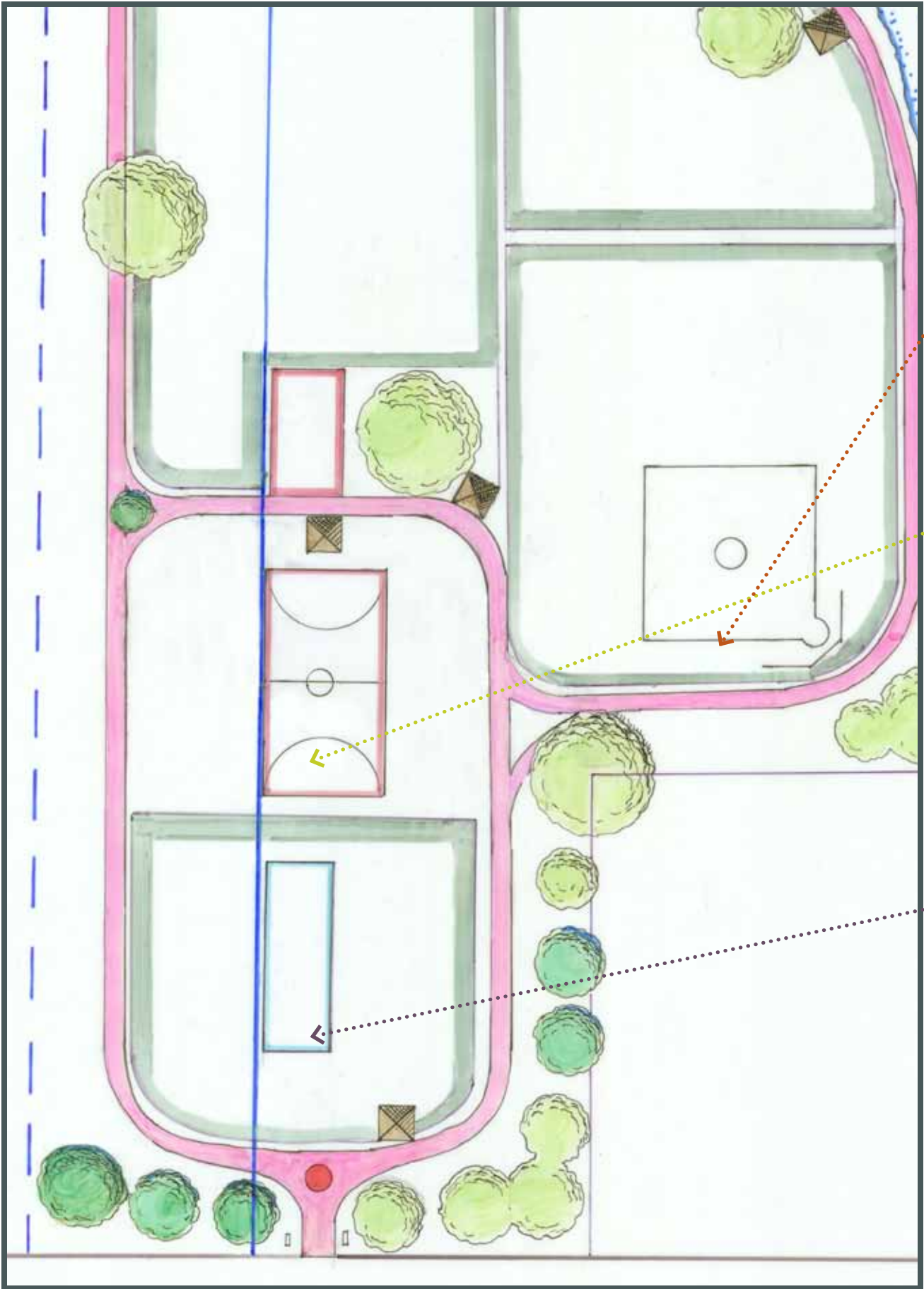
Baseball

The baseball field can be used for formal games. It is located in close proximity to the central shelters for onlookers to picnic and enjoy games simoultaneously. The field measures 185' x 165'.


Basketball

Basketball courts located in parks function as a place for organized and spontaneous sports activity. This is a full court basketball court and is centrally located within the park.

Model Airplane Landing Strip

Currently, model airplane flyers are the most frequent users of the site. To preserve this use the landing strip is located in an area buffered by little activity and few obstacles like trees and structures. The landing strip measures approximately 80' x 25'.
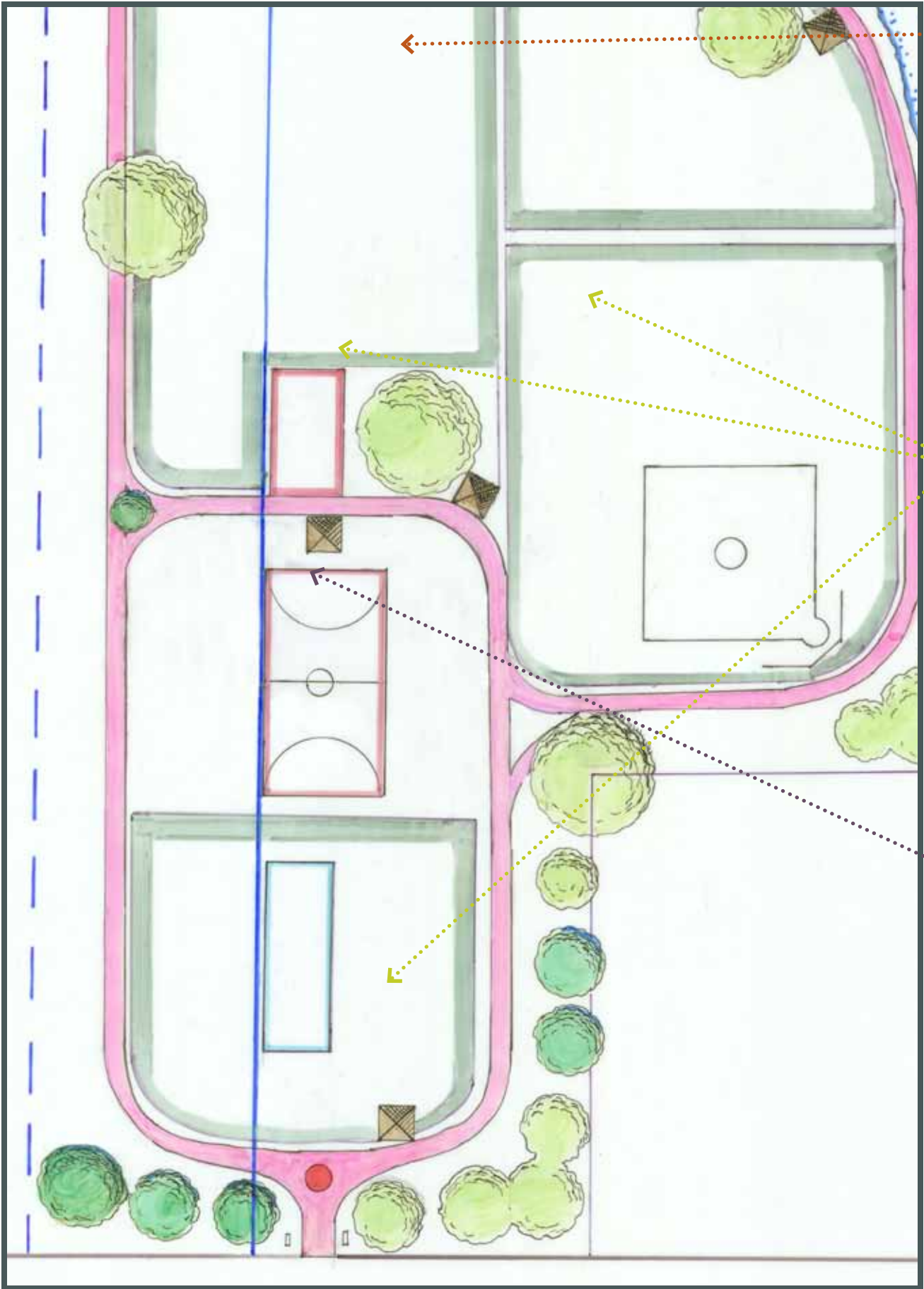
Parking

Parking already exists on the north end of the site. It was determined that this parking lot, accommdating roughly 50 spots, should be preserved. While there is a concern that additional parking will be needed the community felt it was important to preserve as much park space as possible. The City will help look for creative parking solutions that can accommodate the increased use as needed.

Open Playspace

Tere are three designated open space areas which are suitable for informal activities such as frisbee, pick-up soccer, bocce, kite-flying, volleyball, etc.

Children's Play Area

This could be a natural playscape or formal play structure. The play area is situated next to two picnic shelters for easy parental supervision.

Alternate Options

The preceeding pages highlight the features of the most preferred option (Option 3) out of three that were presented at the final community gathering on December 1, 2010. The two concepts, Option 1 and Option 2, that were less preferred are documented here as demonstration of the community's hard work to identify the optimal concept for the Riverton Heights site.

UNIQUE FEATURES OF OPTION 1:

- 3 shelters

- existing parking

- 5 benches

- full basketball court

- baseball diamond
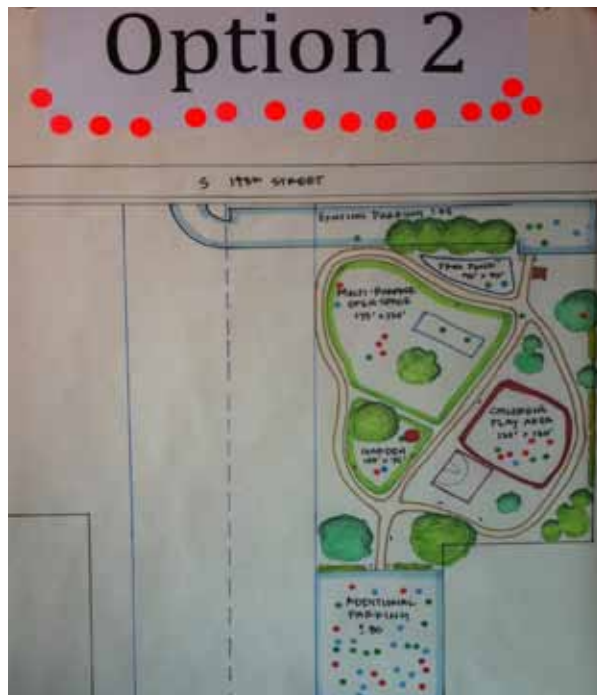
UNIQUE FEATURES OF OPTION 2:

- 1 shelter

- exisiting & additional parking

- 8 benches

- half basketball court

- central pathway

- flower/veggie garden

Next Steps

FUNDING

The City currently has some money in place to fund an Early Success project. However, additional funds will be needed to implement the majority of the park plan. The most likely scenario is that the Riverton Heights project will be developed in phases as funds become available. It may start with basic improvements that will lead to future refinements. Each step will, hopefully, energize the next one. Seeking funding is most successful when driven by future users of the space who make the case for its importance to the community.

"EARLY SUCCESS" PROJECTS

Early Success projects are an important tool in maintaining the momentum of the project. Community members contributed more than 500 hours during the planning process; an early success honors this commitment of time bringing tangible improvement to the neighborhood that can help catalyze excitement and progress on the larger project. These are initiatives that can be organized by the City and community members and implemented by community groups with little funding. Examples include:

- Building shelters, benches and gateways which can be installed immediately or at a later date when the park development is further along
- Planting new trees and shrubbery
- Hosting events in the park (music, picnics, dances, etc)
- Constructing pathways

Involving a broad range of community members in the early success project- from students to seniors of all cultures - will help capture the rich diversity of SeaTac and Riverton Heights.

ONGOING DISCUSSIONS

- Parking: On certain days of the week the neighborhood is impacted by a neighboring mosque's high demand for parking. This issue should be further addressed beyond the confines of this project.

Resources

City of SeaTac ....www.seatac.gov

For more information about this project please contact Soraya Lowry in the City Manager's Office, 206.973.4813, slowry@ci.seatac.wa.us

Pomegranate Center...................................www.pomegranate.org

Pomegranate Center was invited by SeaTac to lead the community engagement process, culminating with a set of recommendations for future development of the Riverton Heights School site. Pomegranate Center is a nonprofit devoted to community-generated design and development and an internationally recognized leader in developing neighborhood gathering places.

Survey Results

Pomegranate Center conducted evaluations with participants before and after the planning process. The following are a few of the results:

- *75% of project participants feel more confident in their ability to makes changes in their neighborhood.*

- *61% of participants have had a conversation with a new person in their neighborhood during the planning.*

- *68% of participants believe that collecting opinions from many people can improve the quality of a plan for a public space.*

- *50% of participants say their priorities for the property plans changed after hearing other opinions.*

- *63% believe everyone's ideas were taken into consideration during this planning process.*

For more survey results please contact Soraya Lowry Soraya Lowry in the City Manager's Office, 206.973.4813, slowry@ci.seatac.wa.us

Appendices

- Community Meetings Minutes
- Steering Group Minutes
- Open House Results
- Survey Results

Riverton Heights Project CM #1 Minutes

Community Meeting #1 Minutes
Wednesday, July 7, 2010
SeaTac Community Center

Approved by the Steering Committee
Submitted by Bree Delgadillo, Pomegranate Center, bree@pomegranate.org

Community Meeting #1 Meeting Minutes

For a full list of attendees, see ***Appendix A.***

Pomegranate Center Facilitators: Milenko Matanovic, Bree Delgadillo, Katya Matanovic

Agenda

6:10	Welcome	Terry Anderson, Mayor welcomed everyone, introduced the inception of this project and expressed her enthusiasm for a project that engages community input. She introduced Pomegranate Center as facilitators of the community-based planning process.
6:15	Introduction & Roles	Bree Delgadillo of Pomegranate Center introduced the roles of each group involved in this project and invited people to raise their hands if they identify as one or more of the following roles: • Community Members: to generate ideas within the project criteria • Steering Group Members: to participate as community members and assist in between community meetings with logistics and preparation • City Staff: to support all aspects of the process and provide technical information to help the community members in important decision-making • Others (ie. media): to observe and refrain from giving input • Pomegranate Center: to facilitate the process and steward how input is given not what input is given; conveners, keep project on track, provide ground rules that will increase likelihood of success; create reports from community meetings which will be verified by the steering group and the community
6:20	Survey	Katya Matanovic of Pomegranate Center invited everyone to complete a survey to help measure the success of this project as a community-based planning process.
6:30	Project goals & schedule	Bree reviewed the project and meeting goals and explained the timeline of the community planning process • **Project Goal:** Identify how the Riverton Heights Property can best serve the community; develop a community-owned conceptual plan. • **Community Meeting #1 Goal:** Provide project background and criteria; generate constructive ideas for the Riverton Heights Property. • **Schedule**- in order for this process to result in a vision that is owned by the community the work must build on itself, be decisive and clear. The role of the community is to give their best ideas for the Riverton Heights Property over the course of three community meetings. Pomegranate Center, with the help of the steering group, will analyze input from the community meetings and help translate it into design concepts and a report to be used to seek funding and support to realize the community's vision.
6:35	Ground Rules	Milenko Matanovic of Pomegranate Center introduced Pomegranate Center's ground rules for participation which the attendees agreed to uphold: • Commit to finding common solutions • Everyone participates • Listen and talk • Seek the highest good for the entire community • Maintain positive atmosphere: respect, balance, no accusations, no blaming

		• Propose something better • Be willing to hear new information and change your mind • Look for solutions with multiple victories
6:45	Context Setting	Bree reviewed the context setting to give the community helpful information about the site in order to give their most constructive ideas. The following was highlighted: • Site Background – former elementary school purchased by City for $1.95 million in 2007, 8 acre parcel • Current and Potential Uses – Current: mosque parking, model plane flying, informal play. Potential: Fire facility (station, training, and medic one) • Access and Connections – residential neighborhood with transit and ped access on 148th and 150th. Nearby light rail station • Project Funding - $25,000 King Conservation District grant to fund community planning process • Project Criteria – (listed below)
6:55	Project Criteria	Katya reviewed the initial project criteria that the steering group developed and introduced this as a filter through which ideas should be sifted as they are generated by the community: • Consider all potential uses • Make it fit into the neighborhood (Pam clarified she meant architecturally; do we want to add that although it narrows the criteria?) • Make it safe • Balance the needs of the neighborhood with the needs of the larger community • Consider impacts on traffic, finances, maintenance, etc. • Be mindful of the needs of the entire community, including children, families and many cultures • Ensure it's healthy for the environment • If the preferred scenario is private ownership, the property still offers some public use or benefit
7:00	Large Group Work	Milenko led the community in an exercise to generate initial ideas for the Riverton Heights Property by asking, "What are your ideas for what should happen at the Riverton Heights Property?" Each participant was given the opportunity to give their top idea(s) or agree with an idea that was suggested by someone else. All ideas were recorded on flip charts (see Appendix B). Each idea was then read and the group was asked whether they agree that the item should be a part of a desirable future. A question mark was then placed next to that idea indicating a need for further discussion or clarification. This process revealed a strongly divided community where the great majority of ideas were questioned.
8:00	Next Steps	Milenko explained that all of the community's proposals will be put into a findings report, reviewed with the steering group and posted to the City's website (www.ci.**seatac**.**wa**.us). Upcoming meetings: • Steering Meeting #2, July 21, 6-8, SeaTac City Hall – *observers welcome* • Community Meeting #2, August 4, 6-8, SeaTac Community Center At the next community meeting we will begin prioritizing ideas and focusing on a preferred concept and, within that concept what needs to happen.

Appendix A: Attendees

Attendees:

1. Amber Wade
2. Cynthia
3. Cheryl Enghin
4. Barbara Bader
5. Roger Kim
6. Amiria Ahmed
7. Tiffany A Spring
8. Matt Winslow
9. Abdulhakim Hashi
10. Ted Moser
11. Joe Van
12. Janet Zimmerman
13. Roger Kadeg
14. Eddie Aquino
15. Richard Weaver
16. Gilver Melgar
17. Natansu Lewis
18. Mohamed Hassan
19. Mohamed A Shire
20. Divir D Jama
21. Mary J Kelly
22. Megan Johnson
23. Erick Johnson
24. Yun Pitre
25. Sandra Cook
26. Susan Sanderson
27. Erik Helland
28. George Fernald
29. Tsrenti Weaver
30. Michael Konig
31. Frank Welth
32. Judy Beste
33. Leonard Luna
34. Will Dyrness
35. Tom Richards
36. Rick Forschler
37. Durha Siwa
38. Pam Fernald
39. Abner Thomas
40. Dotty Zander
41. Paul Cooke
42. Margie Rose
43. Jowie Smith
44. Joyce Docherty
45. Lawrence Rusok
46. Loren Sirley
47. Richard Jolin
48. Gerre Drake
49. Laine Bohm
50. Ahmend Jama
51. Som Acharya
52. Dean Brinton
53. Laura Buckmaster
54. Alice Belenski
55. Earl Gipson
56. Ron Bensley
57. Mia Gregerson
58. Sandra Hassler
59. Joe Hassler
60. Laila Valencia
61. Darlene Thompson
62. Vicki Lockwood
63. Lyle Lockwood
64. Erin Sihaley
65. Donna Thomas
66. Ralph Morton
67. Mary Koutz
68. Marly Markuson
69. Gachel Sisley
70. Fred Geraldson
71. Claudia Dickinson
72. Tank Dhital

Appendix B: Large Group Work

In reviewing all ideas, Pomegranate Center clustered them into five possible scenarios.

Agreement (checkmarks): 1=single nomination; 2-3=small, 4-6=medium, 7+=large. At this stage these designations are only to indicate initial support.
Considerations: reasons why participants disagreed with the idea.

Scenario #1: Sell for Housing

Idea	Agreement	Considerations
6. Senior Housing Assistance (SHAG)	Small	
17. Community housing	Small	*Multi-family, low-income doesn't fit into neighborhood; doesn't generate taxes*
24. Mixed housing: market and subsidized (like Rainier Vista)	Single	*Multi-family, low-income doesn't fit into neighborhood; doesn't generate taxes*
27. Gated community of single family homes with private open space	Single	*Doesn't fit neighborhood*
Sell for single family housing (option which arose during the Steering Committee meeting but was not suggested during the first community meeting)	Single	*To be considered by the community at CM #2*

Scenario #2: Sell for Business

Idea	Agreement	Considerations
10. Business complex – for profit	Small	*Doesn't compliment neighborhood*
12. Community restaurant	Small	*Proximity of existing restaurants*
13. Grocery store	Single	*Proximity of other stores*
14. Private developer: sustainable based business and employment	Single	*Proximity of other similar ventures*
20. Affordable housing	Single	*Multi-family, low-income doesn't fit into neighborhood; doesn't generate taxes*
28. Rented training facility for TSA and homeland security	Single	*Proximity of other more suitable locations*
29. FAA office space	Single	*Already exists elsewhere*
30. Sell portion of land to mosque for continued use	Single	*objected to; reasons unstated*

Scenario #3: Park

Idea	Agreement	Considerations
2. Park (featuring any or all of the following: play structure, skate park, softball/baseball/soccer fields, night use/lights)	Large	*Proximity of similar amenities – develop a map of nearby parks*
3. Keep model airplanes	Large	*No objection*

5. Possibility of night use (lights on athletic field)	Single	*Ensure lights don't disturb neighbors and FAA*
8. P-patch/Community garden	Medium	*Value of land and upkeep*
9. Children's play area with picnic shelter	Small	*Proximity to similar amenities*
16. Fire training center with open space	Small	*Training center was a concern*
31. Agricultural use of open space (incubator farm)	Single	*Potential for temporary p-patch or farm use on portion of site designated for future fire facility; other objections were for use of entire site for agriculture*

Scenario#4: Public Amenities (buildings)

Idea	Agreement	Considerations
19. Keep for possible elementary school	Small	*No objection*
23. Performance art center (indoor/outdoor), revenue generating and training center	Single	*No objection*
25. Add police department to fire facility		*No objection*
11. Humane Society, dog training, agility course	Medium	*Noise*
15. Cultural arts center	Single	*Proximity to similar amenities*
18. Educational and recreation center for women, children and seniors	Small	*Proximity to similar amenities*
22. Indoor swimming pool	Single	*Proximity to similar amenities*
32. Boys and Girls Club	Single	*Proximity to similar amenities*
34. Ice-skating or roller staking rink	Single	*Not enough interest*

Scenario #5: Mix of Uses (any combination of the above scenarios)

Idea	Agreement	Considerations
1. Vehicle and pedestrian access between 148th and 150th	Small	*No objection*
7. Mixed use: business, housing and open space	Medium	*Doesn't fit neighborhood*
21. Community services center (rental for nonprofits)	Small	*Proximity to similar facilities*
33. One stop "shopping": education, business, many entities owning the space	Single	*Doesn't fit with residential area*

Riverton Heights Project CM #2

Community Meeting #2 Minutes
Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2010
SeaTac Community Center

Submitted by Bree Delgadillo, Pomegranate Center, bree@pomegranate.org

Community Meeting #2 Meeting Minutes

For a full list of attendees, see **Appendix A.**

Pomegranate Center Facilitators:
Milenko Matanovic and Bree Delgadillo

Agenda

6:00	Welcome	Jeff Robinson, City of SeaTac welcomed everyone, introduced the inception of this project and introduced Pomegranate Center as facilitators of the community-based planning process.
6:02	Introduction & Roles	Milenko Matanovic of Pomegranate Center introduced the roles of each group involved in this project and invited people to raise their hands if they identify as one or more of the following roles: • Community Members: to generate ideas within the project criteria • Steering Group Members: to participate as community members and assist in between community meetings with logistics and preparation • City Staff: to provide critical information to help the community members in important decision-making • Others (ie. Media): to observe and refrain from giving input • Pomegranate Center: to facilitate the process and steward how input is given not what input is given; conveners, provide ground rules that will increase likelihood of success; create reports from community meetings which will be verified by the steering group and the community
6:08	Project goals & schedule	Milenko reviewed the project and meeting goals and explained the timeline of the community planning process • **Project Goal:** Identify how the Riverton Heights Property can best serve the community; develop a community-owned conceptual plan. • **Community Meeting #2 Goal:** work in small groups to identify preferred scenarios and ideas from community meeting #1 • **Schedule**- in order for this process to result in a vision that is owned by the community the work must build on itself, be decisive and clear. Community meeting #1 the community generated initial ideas, CM #2 the community will add to these ideas, identify pros and cons and identify two preferred scenarios that these are organized under. The final community meeting on September 29 will develop these preferred ideas even further.
6:15	Context Setting	Milenko reviewed the context setting: • Site Background – former elementary school purchased by City for $1.95 million in 2007, 8 acre parcel • Current and Potential Uses – Current: mosque parking, model plane flying, informal play. Potential: Fire facility (station, training, and medic one) • Access and Connections – residential neighborhood with transit and ped. access on 148th and 150th. Nearby light rail station • Project Funding - $25,000 King Conservation District grant to fund community planning process • Project Criteria – (listed below)
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7:00	Small Group Work	Attendees worked in small groups to deliberate the pros and cons of ideas generated at the first community meeting, and to recommend their top two scenarios. As with the first community meeting, there was no commonly-owned agreement. However, there were some scenarios that ranked higher than others:

Scenario #3- Park (8 of 12 groups selected this as one of their two top priorities) Participants mentioned the need for open space and providing space for children to play and adults to enjoy. Model airplanes activities are liked. Future facilities (for example fire station, school, cultural center) can be integrated later if the need arises. For this scenario to work, participants will need further deliberations to decide what activities would be desirable, how the project can be financed, and who maintains the park, etc.

Scenario #4 - Public Amenities (6 of 12 groups selected this as one of their two top priorities) This scenario envisions a possible future school; arts center; educational and recreational center for women, children and seniors; a cultural center celebrating SeaTac's diversity, etc. These public amenities can coexist with an open space park. Neighbors are concerned about traffic, noise and cost of this scenario.

Scenario # 1- Housing development (4 of 12 groups selected this as one of their two top priorities) There is a diversity of opinions as to what kind of housing is needed. On the one hand there is the opinion that only single-family housing be allowed. On the other hand there are needs for more affordable housing for people working in the area. Participants will need to have further deliberation to wrestle with these different opinions.

Scenario #5 Mix of uses (4 of 12 groups selected this as one of their two top priorities) This scenario mixes elements from the other three in a yet to be determined combination.

Scenario #2 – Sell for business (2 of 12 groups selected this as one of their two top Priorities.

		* See Attached Appendix B for summarization of small group work.
8:00	Next Steps	Milenko explained that all of the community's proposals will be put into a findings report, reviewed with steering group and posted to the City's website (www.ci.**seatac**.wa.us). Upcoming meetings:

- Steering Meeting #3, September 22, 6-8, SeaTac City Hall – *observers welcome (note date change from September 15)*
- Community Meeting #3, September 29, 6-8, SeaTac Community Center
- Steering Meeting #4, October 13, 6-8, SeaTac City Hall – *observers welcome*

Appendix A: Attendees

Attendees:

1. Abdulhakim   Hashi
2. Anab   Abdi
3. Anthony   Wright
4. Babs   Armstrong
5. Barbara   Bader
6. Bilad   Jama
7. Blandon   Aluaro
8. Bob   Armstrong
9. Brent   Weaver
10. Chuda   Dahal
11. Darlene   Thompson
12. Daryl   Tapio
13. Dave   Beste
14. Dennis   Sivak
15. Dick   Josh
16. Dick   Weaver
17. Dirie   Olad
18. Don   Packer
19. Donna   Thomas
20. Dotty   Zander
21. Earl   Gipson
22. Eric   Helland
23. Farah   Abdi
24. Fred   Geraldsen
25. G   Fernald
26. Greg   Wines
27. Hassan   Mohamed
28. Iris   Guzman
29. Janice   Taylor
30. Joe   Hassler
31. John   Thompson
32. Judi   Backman
33. Laden   Ali
34. Lawrence   Markuson
35. Leonard   Luna
36. Liban   Matan
37. Luis   Escamilla
38. Mahad   Osman
39. Margie   Rose
40. Marina   Tamayo
41. Marlys   Markuson
42. Mary   Koontz
43. Mohamed   Hassan
44. Pam   Fernald
45. Patrick   Heier
46. Rick   Forschler
47. Roger   Kadee
48. Ron   Bensley
49. Roxie   Chapin
50. Ryan   Merrick
51. Sahia   Yusuf
52. Samdia   Cook
53. Sandra   Hassler
54. Shaiye
55. Shawna   Merrick
56. Som   Acharya
57. Tanka   Dhital
58. Thomas   Abner
59. Thomas   Starke
60. Tiffany   Spring
61. Vicki   Lockwood
62. Virginia   Herrera
63. Wesley   Duffield
64. Will   Dyrness
65. Wilma   Duffield

Considerations: questions about an idea that need further clarification, research or consideration from Community Meeting #1
Pros & Cons: small group discussions from Community Meeting #2 **Additional Ideas:** new ideas generated at Community Meeting #2

SCENARIO #1: Sell for Housing 4 of 12 groups selected this as one of their two top priorities

Idea	Considerations	Pros	Cons
Senior Housing Assistance Group (SHAG)	*Objected to: reasons unstated*		*Not conducive to the neighborhood; too many hills/ hard for elderly to navigate; airplane noise; enough already available; loss of open space*
Community housing	*Multi-family, low-income doesn't fit into neighborhood; doesn't generate taxes*	*Rental property is scarce; need more housing in area*	*airplane noise; enough already available; loss of open space*
Affordable housing	*Multi-family, low-income doesn't fit into neighborhood; doesn't generate taxes*	*Will help fill need for more housing*	*airplane noise; too much density; too much traffic; lack of ownership; loss of open space*
Mixed housing: market and subsidized (like Rainier Vista)	*Multi-family, low-income doesn't fit into neighborhood; doesn't generate taxes*	*Will help fill need for more housing; need for rental property in the area; airport employees need affordable housing*	*Narrow streets prohibit mixed-housing development; airplane noise; loss of open space*
Gated community, single family homes with private open space	*Doesn't fit neighborhood*		*Doesn't fit neighborhood; airplane noise; won't sell; loss of open space*
Sell for single family housing (option which arose during the Steering Committee meeting but was not suggested during the first community meeting)	*To be considered by the community at CM #2*	*Will help the housing scarcity; returns revenue; already present; would fit into neighborhood; no zoning change*	*airplane noise; once sold it's difficult to get back; tough current market conditions; loss of open space*

SCENARIO #2: Sell for Business 2 of 12 groups selected this as one of their two top priorities

Idea	Considerations	Pros	Cons
Business complex – for profit	*Doesn't compliment neighborhood*	*Could provide community services; could generate tax revenue*	*Parking; narrow streets and limited accessibility make this prohibitive; Tukwila has vacant business park on 144th and Pac HWY that won't sell*
Community restaurant	*Proximity of existing restaurants*	*Currently don't have one (ma pa diner); could generate tax revenue;*	*Parking; increased traffic and congestion; enough restaurants in area already; doesn't fit neighborhood*
Grocery store	*Proximity of other stores*	*Currently don't have any nice ones; proximity to lightrail traffic; an expressed desire to have one*	*Community already has plenty; doesn't fit neighborhood*
Private developer: sustainable based business and employment	*Proximity of other similar ventures*	*Tax dollars*	*Doesn't fit neighborhood*
Rented training facility for TSA and homeland security	*Proximity of other more suitable locations*	*City gets tax revenue; good site for this use; AP related;*	*Parking; not a good location for this use; already has a facility at 192nd & 28th; not a need*
FAA office space	*Already exists elsewhere*	*Tax revenue*	*Parking; not a good location for this use; already have another property*
Sell portion of land to mosque for continued use	*Objected to; reasons unstated*	*Serves a large Somali community; fills a need and parking would otherwise spill into streets*	*Not in compliance with existing code; city shouldn't sell open space since they will never be able to get it back*
Additional Ideas under Scenario #2: Sell for Business		**Additional Pros**	**Additional Cons**
Community health clinic ………………………………………….		Proximity to residents ……………………………	Duplication ………………………………… *Fire facility precludes any of these options; too much traffic and enough already in the area for all above ideas*

SCENARIO #3: Park 8 of 12 groups selected this as one of their two top priorities

Idea	Considerations	Pros	Cons
Park (featuring any or all of the following: play structure, skate park, softball/baseball/soccer fields, night use/lights)	*Proximity of similar amenities – develop a map of nearby parks*	*Allows for new uses; education opportunity; serves families w/ kids in the area; need more recreation space; community friendly; positive interaction b/w kids and families; easy to remove for future fire/police expansion*	*Lighting; safety; duplication; draws vandals; drug exchange; not revenue generating; garbage*
Keep model airplanes	*No objection*	*Little investment; encourages kids to learn a skill, inter-generational interaction; non-intrusive; compatible with other uses; could charge money for use*	*Housing needs are more important than this use; not revenue generating*
Possibility of night use (lights on athletic field)	*Ensure lights don't disturb neighbors and FAA*	*Perfect for soccer field; fine with enforced curfew time*	*Populated area and risk of injuries; not neighborhood friendly; not revenue generating; cost of lighting*

Idea	Considerations	Pros	Cons
P-patch/Community garden	*Value of land and upkeep*	*Amenity for the whole neighborhood; good use before fire facility is built; ok if rented*	*Vandals; costs too much to maintain, attracts rodents; Tukwila has one @ 133rd and 42nd; not revenue generating; lack of interest; degrades property value*
Children's play area with picnic shelter	*Proximity to similar amenities*	*Facilitates all-day play*	*One at 144th b/w Pac HWY & Military; not revenue generating; attracts vandals; upkeep and costs*
Fire training center with open space	*Training center was a concern*	*Revenue generating; fire response time; add a road*	*Health hazard; high cost to fund training; not revenue generating; no need – fumes and smells; doesn't fit neighborhood*
Agricultural use of open space *(incubator farm)*	*Potential for temporary p-patch or farm use on portion of site designated for future fire facility; other objections were for use of entire site for agriculture*		*Doesn't fit in with the neighborhood; "inhibits cultural integration"; not revenue generating; no enough interest*
Additional Ideas under Scenario #2: Sell for Business	***Additional Pros***		***Additional Cons***
large covered picnic area for families, church services etc.. *restroom* *trails (running and walking)*			

SCENARIO #4: Public Amenities (buildings) 6 of 12 groups selected this as one of their two top priorities

Idea	Considerations	Pros	Cons
Keep for possible elementary school	*No objection*	*Could provide services (daycare, tutoring) for adults and kids; increased demand in area; preserves open space; neighborhood school; compatible with park*	*Conditional and may not be the right location when need arises; off tax rolls*
Performance art center (indoor/outdoor), revenue generating and training center	*No objection*	*Amenity in neighborhood*	*Foster School has performing arts center; not revenue generating; who funds this? Airplane noise; too much traffic*
Add police department to fire facility	*No objection*	*proximity*	*Duplication of service; not revenue generating; traffic; noise; incompatible with neighborhood*
Humane Society, dog training, agility course	*Noise*	*Fenced off-leash area, dog park*	*Noise, liability; not revenue generating; noise; lack of discipline*
Cultural arts center	*Proximity to similar amenities*		*not revenue generating, duplication; cost*
Educational and recreation center for women, children, seniors	*Proximity to similar amenities*		*Already in north SeaTac park; duplication of services; not revenue generating*
Indoor swimming pool	*Proximity to similar amenities*	*proximity*	*Duplication (YMCA), Forward Thrust at Foster; not revenue generating; huge cost*
Boys and Girls Club	*Proximity to similar amenities*	*Children's education*	*Can do at community center; not revenue generating; traffic; doesn't fit neighborhood*
Ice-skating or roller staking rink	*Not enough interest*		*Not sustainable; not revenue generating*
Additional Ideas under Scenario #2: Sell for Business	***Additional Pros***		***Additional Cons***
Center for education, recreation and culture/arts: has work out facilities with "ladies' days and meeting places for seniors *… …* *Bhutanese Community Resource Center (BCRC) request City grants portion of property for community use – this a newly resettled community of 2 yrs.;*			

SCENARIO #5: Mix of Uses 4 of 12 groups selected this as one of their two top priorities

Idea	Considerations	Pros	Cons
Vehicle and pedestrian access between 148th and 150th	*No objection*		*Would occur naturally if fire station is built; occupies too much space; expensive; not wanted by property owners*
Mixed use: business, housing and open space	*Doesn't fit neighborhood*	*With proper architectural consideration (ie: underground parking, street-level retail, 3 levels of affordable housing (not subsidized), rooftop gardens*	*Site too small for both uses; doesn't fit neighborhood;*
Community services center (rental for nonprofits)	*Proximity to similar facilities*		*Duplication of services*
Additional Ideas under Scenario #2: Sell for Business	***Additional Pros***		***Additional Cons***
One option could include: school, open space & picnic area, model airplane use, fire facility w/ added police department; *One option could include: model airplanes, performing art center, fire/police station, dog park, and open space*			

Riverton Heights Project CM #3

Community Meeting #3 Minutes
Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2010
SeaTac Community Center

Submitted by Bree Delgadillo, Pomegranate Center, bree@pomegranate.org

Community Meeting #3 Meeting Minutes

*For a full list of attendees, see **Appendix A.***

Pomegranate Center Facilitators: Milenko Matanovic and Bree Delgadillo

Agenda

6:05	Welcome	Terry Anderson, Mayor of SeaTac thanked everyone for participating in this exciting project, which will help transform the Riverton Heights site from an empty lot into a resource that offers valuable amenities to everyone in our community.
6:07	Introduction & Roles	Milenko Matanovic of Pomegranate Center introduced the roles of each group involved in this project and invited people to raise their hands if they identify as one or more of the following roles: • Community Members: to generate ideas within the project criteria • Steering Group Members: to participate as community members and assist in between community meetings with logistics and preparation • City Staff: to provide critical information to help the community members in important decision-making • Others (ie. Media): to observe and refrain from giving input • Pomegranate Center: to facilitate the process and steward how input is given not what input is given; conveners, provide ground rules that will increase likelihood of success; create reports from community meetings which will be verified by the steering group and the community
6:08	Project goals & schedule	Milenko reviewed the goals and agenda of this project: • **Project Goal:** Identify how the Riverton Heights Property can best serve the community; develop a community-owned conceptual plan. • **Community Meeting #3 Goal:** Work as a large group to identify needs of SeaTac and select which ones can be met at Riverton Heights; select a preferred scenario
6:15	Context Setting	Milenko reviewed the context setting: • Site Background – former elementary school purchased by City for $1.95 million in 2007, 8 acre parcel • Current and Potential Uses – Current: mosque parking, model plane flying, informal play. Potential: Fire facility (station, training, and medic one) • Access and Connections – Residential neighborhood with transit and pedestrian access on 148th and 150th. Nearby light rail station. • Project Funding - $25,000 King Conservation District grant to fund community planning process • Project Criteria – (listed below)
6:20	Ground Rules	Milenko introduced Pomegranate Center's ground rules for participation which the attendees agreed to uphold: • Commit to finding common solutions • Everyone participates • Listen and talk • Seek the highest good for the entire community

		• Maintain positive atmosphere: respect, balance, no accusations, no blaming • Propose something better • Be willing to hear new information and change your mind • Look for solutions with multiple victories
6:55	Project Criteria	Milenko reviewed the initial project criteria that the steering group developed and introduced this as a filter through which ideas should be sifted as they are generated by the community: • Consider all potential uses • Make it fit into the neighborhood • Make it safe • Balance the needs of the neighborhood with the needs of the larger community • Consider impacts on traffic, finances, maintenance, etc. • Be mindful of the needs of the entire community, including children, families and many cultures • Ensure it's healthy for the environment • If the preferred scenario is private ownership, the property still offers some public use or benefit
7:00	Large Group Work	In order to begin narrowing the preferred scenarios identified at the previous two community meetings the large group spent 30 minutes exploring the following two questions: 1. Are the needs expressed in the previous two meetings agreed-upon needs for SeaTac? Needs like: ¤ Housing: affordable, market, combination ¤ Open space: children, adults, play, recreation ¤ Public amenities: arts, social service, families, churches 2. Which of these needs can be met at the Riverton Heights site? Community members discussed personal thoughts about why they did or didn't support certain ideas. It was an open dialogue format so attendees were encouraged to respond to one another.
7:30	Individual Prioritization	Each attendee was given three blank 3x5 cards and led through a voting exercise to individually rank their top three preferred scenarios. The highest value of 3 points was given to the individual's top choice, their second choice received a value of 2 points and the least favored received a 1. Once everyone completed this process all the cards were collected and tallied in front of the group: • Park received a value of 78 • Mix of Uses received a value of 62 • Housing received a value of 35 • Public Amenities/Buildings received a value of 31
8:00	Next Steps	Milenko explained the goal of the next community meeting will be to use the top ideas – Park and Mix of Uses – to explore further which amenities should be included in a plan and to begin locating these amenities by drawing on site maps. Upcoming meetings: • Steering Meeting #4, October 13, 6-8, SeaTac City Hall – *observers welcome* • Community Meeting #4, Nov. 3, 6-8, SeaTac Community Center • Steering Meeting #5, Nov. 17, 6-8, SeaTac City Hall – *observers welcome*

Appendix A: Attendees

Attendees:

Pauoc	Luu
Judy	Beste
Marie	Kortes
Sarah	Lange
Yeehang	Issac Vang
Joe	Van
William	Dyruen
Graderick	Geraldsen
Alice	Beleuski
Luis	Escamilla
Iris	Guzman
Alvaro	Blandon
Doris	Plyman
Barbara	Baden
Gilver	Melgar
Eric	Helland
Rick	Forschler
Terry	Anderson
Donna	Thomas
Eddie	Aquino
Amber	Wade
Anthony	Weight
John	Thompson
Darleene	Thompson
Dotty	Zander
Earl	Gipson
Paul	Cooke
Lawrence	M
Juan	Stinse
Kit	Lobrtren
Margie	Rose
Tom	Richards
Mab	Kochb
Natansee	Lewis
Sandra	Cooke
Dean	Brinton
Iris	Guzman
Ron	Bensley
Uandia	Dickerson
Daryl	Tapio
Chuda	Dahal

Som   Acharya
Durga   Shiva

Riverton Heights Project CM #4

Community Meeting #4 Minutes
Wednesday, November 3, 2010
SeaTac Community Center

Submitted by Bree Delgadillo, Pomegranate Center, bree@pomegranate.org

Community Meeting #4 Meeting Minutes

For a full list of attendees, see **Appendix A.**

Pomegranate Center Facilitators: Milenko Matanovic and Bree Delgadillo

Agenda

6:05	Welcome	Terry Anderson, Mayor of SeaTac and Todd Cutts thanked everyone for participating in this exciting project. It's the first community-based planning process that SeaTac has done and she hopes that the momentum and energy will produce something wonderful for the community.
6:07	Introduction & Roles	Milenko Matanovic of Pomegranate Center introduced the roles of each group involved in this project and invited people to raise their hands if they identify as one or more of the following roles: • Community Members: to generate ideas within the project criteria • Steering Group Members: to participate as community members and assist in between community meetings with logistics and preparation • City Staff: to provide critical information to help the community members in important decision-making • Others (ie. Media): to observe and refrain from giving input • Pomegranate Center: to facilitate the process and steward how input is given not what input is given; conveners, provide ground rules that will increase likelihood of success; create reports from community meetings which will be verified by the steering group and the community
6:08	Project goals & schedule	Milenko reviewed the goals and agenda of this project: • **Project Goal:** Identify how the Riverton Heights Property can best serve the community; develop a community-owned conceptual plan. • **Community Meeting #3 Goal:** Work in small groups to begin locating amenities within the layout
6:15	Project Findings Thus Far	Milenko reviewed the findings from all community meetings: Community meeting #1: 35 ideas generated; grouped into 5 scenarios Community meeting #2: Selection of preferred scenarios: 4 scenarios Community meeting #3: Selection of top two scenarios: 1. Park 2.Mix-of-Uses
6:20	Ground Rules	Milenko reminded everyone to be open to others' ideas and find common solutions.
6:25	Review of Site Map	Milenko reviewed the site map recommended by the steering group that allocates 3.5 acres for a permanent park on the East side of the property. The work of small groups focused on that park area only.

6:30	Small Group Work	All participants worked in small groups to:

All participants worked in small groups to:
1. Agree to amenities they wanted to include in the park area of the site; including new ideas they wanted to add
2. DRAW where specific amenities should be located within the park area
3. Share these ideas with the large group
4. Integrate other groups' ideas using red markers

There were seven small groups that created maps. Some amenities were endorsed by numerous groups, some ideas were only used by one group, and small groups suggested new ideas. The findings are as follows:
- Basketball court – included in 5 maps
- Picnic shelters/areas – included in 4 maps
- Kids playgrounds – included in 4 maps
- Benches and seating – included in 4 maps
- Gateways at N and S entrances – included in 4 maps
- Create new parking – included in 4 maps
- Monument – included in 3 maps
- Frog Pond – included in 3 maps
- Pathways and trails within site – included in 3 maps
- Pathways extending beyond site – included in 3 maps
- Soccer field – included in 3 maps
- Trees and shrug border, landscaping – included in 3 maps
- Open space for model airplanes – included in 3 maps
- Use existing parking – included in 2 maps
- Add sidewalks and drainage – included in 2 maps

Other suggests made by single groups were: baseball field, exercise steps, par course, water fountain, cultural place, climbing rock/wall, spray park, and restrooms.

7:30 Evaluations

Milenko invited everyone to complete an evaluation to help measure the success of this project as a community-based planning process.

8:00 Next Steps

Milenko
Upcoming meetings:
- Steering Meeting #5, Nov. 17, 6-8, SeaTac City Hall – *observers welcome*
- Community Meeting #5, Open House, Dec. 1, 6-8, SeaTac Community Center – review conceptual design
- Early Success Project – Pomegranate Center showed some images of community-driven projects to show examples of things that can be done even if resources are tight for implementing the whole project. It can be done in steps with community involvement.

Appendix A: Attendees

Carolyn Lighty
Michall T. Kovals
Dotty Zander
Erin Sitterley
Greg Wines
Margie Rose
Joyce Docherty
Will Drymen
Gilver Melgar
Fred Geraldsen
 Koontz
Laura Buckmaster
Aboulhakim Hashi
Mohamed Hassan
Darleene Thompson
John Thompson
Paul Cooke
Dean Brinton
George Fermza
Luis Escamilla
Judi Backman
Thomas Starke
Judy Beste
Laurence Markerson
Rick Forschler
Earl
Alice Belenski
Nasradin Hassan
Deq Abdin
Abdulmajiid Ali
Mahad A. Mohamed
Mohammed
Mowliel Mohamed
Mohammed Hussien
Saed Dunkal
Riyad Hussein
Casie Fahiye
Abas Mohammed
Mumin Egat
Edris Shukay
Fuad Kamal
Liban Ibrahan

Riverton Heights Project
Steering Group Meeting #1
MINUTES

Wed. June 23, 6:00 – 8:00
SeaTac City Hall
4800 South 188th Street

Attendees: Jon Ancell, Laurie Bohm, Dean Brinton, Paul Cooke, Claudia Dickenson, Don Docherty, William Dyrness, Pam Fernald, Rick Forschler, Fred Geraldsen, Mia Gregerson, Abdulhakim Hashi, Eric Helland, Loren Sisley, Ruth Solero, Marius Tamayo, Abner Thomas, Darleene Thompson, Joe Van and Brent Weaver.

Pomegranate Center Facilitators:
Milenko Matanovic
Bree Delgadillo

Agenda:

Agreed-upon actions items appear in bold font

6:05   Welcome & Introductions- Terry Anderson, Mayor welcomed everyone, introduced the inception of this project and expressed her enthusiasm for a project that engages community input. She then invited everyone to introduce themselves. Each person stated their name and connection to the project. She introduced Pomegranate Center as facilitators of the community-based planning.

6:15   Milenko introduced Pomegranate Center's Ground Rules. Each steering group member agreed to practice the ground rules during their participation in this project.
- Commit to finding common solutions
- Everyone participates
- Listen and talk
- Seek the highest good for the entire community
- Maintain positive atmosphere: respect, balance, no accusations, no blaming
- Propose something better
- Be willing to hear new information and change your mind
- Look for solutions with multiple victories

6:30   Project goals, schedule and roles- Milenko Matanovic, Pomegranate Center reviewed the agenda for the meeting. He introduced the goals for this project and this meeting as:

Project Goal: Identify how the Riverton Heights Property can best serve the community; develop a community-owned conceptual plan

Steering Group Meeting #1 Goal: Refine project context setting, develop project criteria, identify individuals to be personally invited to attend community meetings, and prepare for Community Meeting # 1

Milenko then explained that each steering group member fills a unique role. It is the responsibility of each stakeholder to report back to their respective agencies on the progress of the project as well as provide guidance to the project as to what is feasible according to their agency's interests/concerns. The following roles were identified at this first steering meeting:
- Community Members – both neighbors of the site and members of the larger community

- Steering Group members
- City staff members
- Council members
  - Pomegranate Center
  - Other?

Additionally, several steering group members expressed a desire to see the following groups represented during the process:
- Port of SeaTac
- Youth

Review of Steering Group responsibilities Milenko Matanovic reviewed each of the steering group responsibilities and the group agreed to fulfill them:
- Attend four Steering Group meetings
- Participate, if needed, in ad-hoc meetings
- Identify those who are not part of the process but should be
- Act as a conduit for information to and from stakeholder groups
- Report back to the steering group on communication with stakeholders.
- Personally invite community residents to community meetings
- Provide timely and constructive feedback and help evaluate pros and cons of different proposals.
- Represent the highest interests of the entire community
- Commit to working with the basic ground rules
- Serve as an advocate for the project

All Steering Group members agreed to this work.

6:45   Project schedule overview- Milenko Matanovic, Pomegranate Center reviewed the timeline for this project. He highlighted that in order for this process to result in a vision that is owned by the community the work must build on itself, be decisive and clear. See appendix A for a chart of the timeline. The role of the steering group is to provide structure for the community meetings by clarifying the context and removing any possible obstacles for receiving creative input. Pomegranate Center will then sift through this input and help translate it into design concepts. In collaboration with the Steering Group, Pomegranate Center will develop a report to be used to seek funding and support to realize the community's vision.

7:00   Context Setting- Milenko, Soraya Lowry and Jeff Robinson of the City began the context setting for this project by highlighting the following about the Sunset Park site:
- Site Background
- Current and Potential Uses
- Access and Connections
- Project Funding
- Project Parameters

The steering group then had a discussion about information that was missing from this context setting. Many agreed that answering questions about potential use of the site for a future fire station would be necessary for the community meeting. **Soraya will work with Pomegranate Center to include in Context Setting for Community Meeting #1.**

As a final piece to the context setting Milenko showed a few power point slides which highlight some of Pomegranate Center's projects.

7:30   Define preliminary project criteria and guiding principles - Milenko Matanovic led the group through a flip chart exercise to identify initial project criteria to help guide the community's input. Because time ran short an ad hoc group formed to continue developing this list of criteria. **The rest of the steering group will reviewed this list via email for approval before the first community meeting. Ad hoc group consisted of: Brent Weaver, Eric Helland, Mia Gregerson, and Claudia Dickinson.**

- Consider all potential uses
- Make it fit into the neighborhood
- Make it safe
- Balance the needs of the neighborhood with the needs of the larger community
- Consider impacts on traffic, finances, maintenance, etc.
- Be mindful of the needs of the entire community, including children, families and many cultures
- Ensure it's healthy for the environment
- If the preferred scenario is private ownership, the property still offers some public use or benefit

7:50   Prepare for Community Meeting #1, July 7 Milenko Matanovic led a discussion about how to
        best prepare for community meetings:
        Community Meeting #1 Goal: to provide project background and identify initial ideas for site.
        1.   Outreach strategies – Soraya **will coordinate the following outreach strategies and event logistics:**
            - Flyer – SG approved and will distribute after Soraya finalizes & distributes it to all
                o   Direct mail to all property owners north of SR518 to city limits (1,344)
                o   Multi-family apartments north of SR518 to city limits
                o   City Hall
                o   Community Center
                o   Library
                o   Mike's community cup
                o   YMCA
            - Highline Times ad
            - City website listing
            - SeaTV slide
            - Friday letter item

        2.   Translation – group decided Spanish and Somali translation should be provided
        3.   Childcare- will be provided
        4.   Refreshments – (light snacks, coffee, water)

8:00   Closing comments- Milenko Matanovic adjourned the meeting by thanking everyone for coming and
        reminding them of the upcoming steering meeting on July 21.

Approved by Steering Group on July 21, 2010
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Riverton Heights Project
Steering Group Meeting #2
DRAFT MINUTES

Wed. July 21, 6:00 – 8:00
SeaTac City Hall
4800 South 188th Street

Attendees: Dean Brinton, Paul Cooke, Claudia Dickenson, Don Docherty, William Dyrness, Pam Fernald, Rick Forschler, Fred Geraldsen, Mia Gregerson, Abdulhakim Hashi, Eric Helland, Loren Sisley, Tiffany Spring, Marius Tamayo, Abner Thomas, Joe Van and Brent Weaver.

City Staff: Soraya Lowry, Jeff Robinson, Todd Cutts

Pomegranate Center Facilitators: Milenko Matanovic, Bree Delgadillo

Agenda:

6:05   Welcome - Todd Cutts, welcomed everyone and thanked all the steering group members for their commitment to a process that is the first of its kind in SeaTac – a community-based planning process.

6:15   Introductions – Milenko Matanovic, invited each steering member to introduce themselves. He asked those that are not steering members to raise their hands and remain observers. The Port of Seattle representative, Allan Royal, was invited to briefly share the Port's plans for the L-shaped property to the west of the Riverton Heights site:
- All plans for this parcel of land are on hold due to the economic downturn. Former plans included airflight kitchen facilities, however, Allan clearly stated that this parcel is not a priority to develop. The Port is not yet up to 2007 cargo levels.
- The Port is committed to liaison with the City of SeaTac when they do decide to pursue development plans in the future

6:30   Review findings from Community Meeting #1- Milenko Matanovic, Pomegranate Center reviewed the 5 scenarios that Pomegranate Center developed as a result of the ideas that arose at the first community meeting. (see minutes from Community Meeting #1 for complete list of categorized ideas)
Scenario #1: Sell for housing
Scenario #2: Sell for business
Scenario #3: Park
Scenario #4: Public amenities (buildings)
Scenario #5: Mix of uses (a combination of any of the above scenarios)

Milenko reviewed each of the community-generated ideas that fell into these categories. He asked the steering group to refine this list. The following input was given:

Scenario #1 should include single-family housing that isn't specific to a gated community or low income, which were suggested at Community Meeting #1. This idea wasn't generated during the community meeting but will be brought to the community on August 4 as a consideration.

The Community Meeting #1 minutes were approved with this addition and some other small improvements. They will then be posted on the City website for public access.

6:45   Revisit Project Criteria – Milenko reminded the steering committee that the project criteria will be an important tool to prioritize ideas at the second community meeting on August 4. He reviewed each of the criterion that had been developed to ensure clarity. The revisions to the Project Criteria are in bold:
- Consider all potential uses – **only interim use on future fire facility area**
- Make it fit into the neighborhood **(architecturally)**
- Make it safe
- Balance the needs of the neighborhood with the needs of the larger community
- Consider impacts on traffic, finances, maintenance, etc.
- Be mindful of the needs of the entire community, including children, families and many cultures
- Ensure it's healthy for the environment
- If the preferred scenario is private ownership, the property still offers some public use or benefit
- **Avoid duplication**

7:00   Report from City on Existing Amenities- Soraya Lowry narrated the GIS maps provided by the City at the community's request to locate existing amenities within SeaTac to avoid duplication at the Riverton Heights property. These maps identified businesses, parks, and housing facilities within one mile of the site and city-wide. The steering group agreed that the following should be added to the maps for CM #2:
- Add corridor uses
- Add Tukwila amenities
- Update businesses to current (identify restaurants and grocery stores)
- Include info on parking spots, picnic shelters, restroom facilities, etc… on parks
- Identify Tukwila police department
- Add day care facilities
- Add medical facilities
- Add demographics

7:15   Prepare for Community Meeting #2, August 4
The following ACTION ITEMS were agreed upon to prepare for the next community meeting:
- Distribute postcards and invite friends and family – all steering group members
- Act as small group facilitators – approximately 7-10 steering group members
- Provide amenities maps for all small groups – Soraya
- Provide printed agendas, writing utensils, paper to small groups – Pomegranate Center
- Post SG #1 minutes and CM #1 minutes to City website – Soraya
- Set up round tables for all attendees and small group work – Soraya and Pomegranate Center
- Provide better entrance signage at Community Center for new attendees - Soraya
- Provide pdf file of maps to all steering group members - Soraya
- Provide Spanish and Somali translation - Soraya
- Provide childcare- Soraya
- Refreshments – Soraya

7:25   Closing comments- Milenko Matanovic adjourned the meeting by thanking everyone for coming.

Submitted for review by Soraya Lowry and Jeff Robinson on July 27, 2010 by Bree Delgadillo
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Riverton Heights Project
Steering Group Meeting #3
MINUTES

Wed. Sept. 22, 6:00 – 8:00
SeaTac City Hall
4800 South 188th Street

Attendees: Paul Cooke, Claudia Dickenson, Don Docherty, Pam Fernald, Rick Forschler, Fred Geraldsen, Mia Gregerson, Eric Helland, Abner Thomas, Joe Van

City Staff: Soraya Lowry**,** Jeff Robinson,
Pomegranate Center Facilitators: Milenko Matanovic, Bree Delgadillo

Agenda:

6:05   Welcome & Introductions – Pomegranate Center and all steering group members introduced themselves to the group. Milenko, with Pomegranate Center, reviewed the agenda.

6:10   Review findings from Community Meeting #2 – Pomegranate Center provided minutes from Community Meeting #2 (CM #2) to all steering group members and gave everyone a chance to review them. After individual review the group collectively approved the minutes, which highlight the following findings from CM #2:

Community members worked in small groups two identify their top of five scenarios –
Scenario #3 – Park – preferred by 8 of 12 groups
Scenario #4 – Public Amenities/Buildings – preferred by 6 out of 12 groups
Scenario #1 – Housing Development – preferred by 4 out of 12 groups
Scenario #5 – Mix of Uses – preferred by 4 out of 12 groups
Scenario #2 – Sell for Business – preferred by 2 out of 12 groups

The steering group approved these findings and the minutes.

6:45   Prepare for Community Meeting #3, September 29, SeaTac Community Center – Milenko reviewed the agenda for the third community meeting. The group discussed the goal of the meeting which was to identify the best use for the Riverton Heights site in relationship to the rest of the community. The steering group members committed to this work and agreed it was the appropriate approach for the third community meeting.

7:15   Discuss next step for Riverton Heights Project – Soraya, City staff member, invited the steering group to explore how to continue this process, to fulfill the original project scope, given that community discussions have taken more time than originally budgeted. The group discussed a number of options and agreed upon an approach that would involve Pomegranate Center in a fourth community meeting and the development of conceptual plans for the site. To prevent expanding the project budget the steering group also decided to self-organize two additional steering meetings rather than hire Pomegranate Center for continued facilitation.

7:45   Closing comments- Milenko Matanovic adjourned the meeting by thanking everyone for coming.

Riverton Heights Project
Steering Group Meeting #4
MINUTES

Wed. October 13, 2010: 6:00 – 8:00
SeaTac City Hall
4800 South 188th Street

Attendees: Dean Brinton, Paul Cooke, Claudia Dickenson, Pam Fernald, Rick Forschler, Earl Gipson, Earl Holland, Margie Rose, Loren Sisley, Tiffany Spring, Darlene Thompson

City Staff: Soraya Lowry, Kit Ledbetter, Jeff Robinson,

Agenda:

6:05   Welcome & Introductions – City Staff and all steering group members introduced themselves to the group. Soraya Lowry reviewed the agenda and outlined the meeting goals. These were to 1) confirm the uses identified in Community meeting #3 (CM#3) and 2) to agree on a base map to be used for the next Community Meeting.

6:10   Review findings from Community Meeting #3 – Soraya Lowry provided minutes from (CM #3) to all steering group members and gave everyone a chance to review them. After individual review, the group collectively approved the minutes, which highlight the following findings from CM #3:
- Park Use was ranked #1 with a value of 78
- Mix of Uses #2 with a value of 62
- Housing #3 with a value of 35
- Public Amenities/Buildings #4 with a value of 31

The Steering Group agreed that Park Use and Mix of Uses have risen to the top and should be carried forward, whereas Housing and Public Amenities/Buildings are at the bottom of the list and should not be carried forward. The Steering Group agreed that the third use that should be carried forward is a Fire Station/Training Facility because the property was purchased for this purpose and this use was identified as a given at the beginning of the process.

Discussion followed regarding the general categories and the specific sub-uses under each. There was some concern that some sub-uses had been eliminated during the ranking process. Soraya explained that to date, the process has been focused on identifying the general categories of uses to focus on (park, mixed use, housing, public amenities, etc.) and that no sub-uses had been taken off the table. Now that the general use categories have been agreed on, the focus of the 4th community meeting will be to get public in-put on which specific sub-uses should be included in the conceptual plan.

7:00   Prepare for Community Meeting #4, November 3rd, SeaTac Community Center – Soraya distributed two maps of the site that divided the property into three distinct parcels; one portion for Fire Station use; one for Park use; and, one for Mixed-use. Under each general use category were examples of sub-uses that had surfaced during the process to date. After some discussion, it was decided to not list the particular sub-uses on the map(s) under the broader use categories. These sub-uses will be identified on a separate document and will be used when discussing each general use. The Steering Group agreed that the next Community Meeting should focus in on which uses to include in the park element because that is the first element that will be developed and the timing of the other uses is uncertain.

It was also decided to change the mapped location of the uses to depict the fire station and training center on the west edge of the site; the mix of uses in the center portion; and, the park on the eastern edge of the site.

7:40   Discuss next step for Riverton Heights Project – Soraya outlined the next steps for the process:
- Community Meeting #4 with the goal of creating draft conceptual designs for the site
- November 17th will be the final Steering Group Meeting to review preliminary drawings
- On December 1st there will be a community open house to present the results of the community outreach process and collect public in-put.

7:50   Closing comments- Soraya Lowry adjourned the meeting by thanking everyone for coming.

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Riverton Heights Project
Steering Group Meeting #5
MINUTES

Wed. November 17, 2010:   6:00 – 8:00
SeaTac City Hall
4800 South 188th Street

Attendees: Claudia Dickenson, Don Docherty, Will Dyrness, Rick Forschler, Fred Geraldson, Eric Holland, Margie Rose, Loren Sisley, Darlene Thompson

City Staff: Soraya Lowry and Kit Ledbetter

Agenda:

Welcome & Introductions – City Staff and all steering group members introduced themselves to the group. Soraya Lowry reviewed the agenda and outlined the meeting goals. These were to 1) review findings from Community Meeting #4, 2) review conceptual designs and 3) prepare for the December 1st open house.

Review findings from Community Meeting #4 – Soraya Lowry provided minutes from Community Meeting (CM) #4 to all steering group members. The focus of CM #4 was for participants to work in small groups, seven in all, to identify amenities to be included in the park portion of the site. The small groups identified the following uses:
- Basketball court was identified by 5 groups
- Picnic shelters/areas, kids playgrounds, benches and seating, gateways at the north and south park entrances, and new parking were identified by 4 groups
- A monument, frog pond, pathways/trails, soccer field, trees and landscapes and open space for model airplanes were identified by 3 groups
- Using existing parking and adding sidewalks/drainage were identified by 2 groups

The Steering Group approved the minutes.

Review Conceptual Designs – Staff presented 3 hand-drawn conceptual designs that Pomegranate Center prepared based on the uses identified at CM #4. Discussion followed regarding several specific with significant time spent discussing the neighboring mosque's current use of parking on the site. A suggestion was made to contact the Port of Seattle about using the L-shaped property for overflow mosque parking. Parks Director, Kit Ledbetter, indicated that it would be necessary to do some significant grading and drainage work, at a cost of approximately $2,500-5,000 per parking space, on the property to make parking an allowable use. City staff agreed to explore ways to address the neighborhood parking issue.

Additional comments included:
- Basketball court should be full or half.
- Locate picnic shelters closer to parking.
- Locate walking paths adjacent to picnic areas.
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Prepare for December 1st Open House, SeaTac Community Center – Soraya reviewed the outreach plan and agenda for the open house.

Closing comments- Soraya Lowry adjourned the meeting by thanking everyone for coming.

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Community feedback results
12.6.10
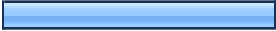
CONSISTENT FEATURES

	OPTION 1 (8)		OPTION 2 (15)		OPTION 3 (25)		Total (where applicable)
	Location	Dots	Location	Dots	Location	Dots	
Frog pond	W side	6	N side	3	NE corner	8	
Monument	Center	3	W center, in garden	1	S entrance	1	
2 gateways	N & S entrance	-	N & S entrance	-	N & S entrance	-	-
Perimeter pathway	-	5	Also through center	1	-	4	10
Model airplane landing	NW side	12	N center	2	NE corner	1	
Children's play area	E center, largest	5	SE side, medium	9	W center, smallest	4	
Informal open space	N side	3	NW side	6	NW corner	9	
	W center	1			SW corner	14	
					NE corner	8	
Existing parking	N side	1	N side	6	N side	4	11

UNIQUE FEATURES

	OPTION 1 (8)		OPTION 2 (15)		OPTION 3 (25)		Total (where applicable)
	Location	Dots	Location	Dots	Location	Dots	
Full basketball court	E side	-			W center	9	9
Half basketball court			?	-			-
Baseball diamond	NW corner	1			?	4	5
Shelters	E center	2	N side	-	N center, largest	5	
	SW corner	1			S entrance	4	
	Center	1			W center	1	
Garden area			SW side	2			2
Additional parking			S side	32			
Flexible W boundary (smaller park)	-	12					12
Park extends beyond W. boundary (larger park)					W side	?	?
Tree in existing parking area	NW corner	1					

Community Survey: Riverton Heights Meeting 1

1. In the last month, approximately how often did you spend time in the Riverton Heights property? This includes using it for recreation, exercise, gatherings, or any other purpose.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Never spend time there		**40.9%**	**18**
Less than once a month		6.8%	3
1-3 per month		11.4%	5
Once a week		13.6%	6
2-5 times/week		9.1%	4
5 times/week- Everyday of week		18.2%	8
Other		0.0%	0
	Other (please specify)		5
	answered question		44
	skipped question		3

2. Please check the box that most describes you.

	Unsure	No	Yes	Response Count
I am confident I can make changes in my neighborhood.	23.4% (11)	8.5% (4)	**68.1% (32)**	47
I participate in other neighborhood activities.	6.4% (3)	19.1% (9)	**74.5% (35)**	47
I understand what it takes to make changes in my neighborhood.	36.2% (17)	8.5% (4)	**55.3% (26)**	47
Have you ever come together with neighbors to change something in your neighborhood?	4.3% (2)	21.7% (10)	**73.9% (34)**	46
			answered question	47
			skipped question	0

3. Please check the box that most describes you.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Disagree or Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Response Count
I feel connected to my neighbors.	13.0% (6)	4.3% (2)	21.7% (10)	**41.3% (19)**	19.6% (9)	46
I am confident in my community's ability to work together.	4.3% (2)	10.9% (5)	**41.3% (19)**	26.1% (12)	17.4% (8)	46
My priorities for the property plans will change after hearing other opinions.	6.7% (3)	11.1% (5)	**60.0% (27)**	20.0% (9)	2.2% (1)	45
My suggestions will help determine the final plan.	8.7% (4)	4.3% (2)	**37.0% (17)**	30.4% (14)	19.6% (9)	46
				answered question		46
				skipped question		1

4. Please check the box that most describes you.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Disagree or Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Response Count
A few people will dominate the meetings.	10.9% (5)	8.7% (4)	30.4% (14)	**34.8% (16)**	15.2% (7)	46
The final plan will reflect the visions of a few people.	10.9% (5)	13.0% (6)	**32.6% (15)**	30.4% (14)	15.2% (7)	46
Everyone's ideas will be taken into consideration.	15.2% (7)	15.2% (7)	19.6% (9)	**41.3% (19)**	8.7% (4)	46
Collecting opinions from many people can improve the quality of a plan for a public space.	2.2% (1)	4.3% (2)	10.9% (5)	**45.7% (21)**	37.0% (17)	46
It will be possible to create a plan that fits everyone's desires.	6.5% (3)	**37.0% (17)**	26.1% (12)	26.1% (12)	4.3% (2)	46
					answered question	47
					skipped question	0

5. What do you believe are the major obstacles, if any, to creating a shared vision for the Riverton Heights property? Please list three obstacles below:

		Response Percent	Response Count
Obstacle 1.		**100.0%**	34
Obstacle 2.		73.5%	25
Obstacle 3.		35.3%	12
		answered question	34
		skipped question	13

6. In your opinion, what would make this planning process successful for the community? Please list three future successes below:

		Response Percent	Response Count
Success 1.		**100.0%**	**29**
Success 2.		48.3%	14
Success 3.		31.0%	9
	answered question		29
	skipped question		18
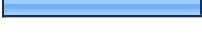
7. Please mark ALL groups you are affiliated with:

		Response Percent	Response Count
City of SeaTac		37.5%	15
City Council member		5.0%	2
Community nonprofit		15.0%	6
Resident		**85.0%**	**34**
Local Business		17.5%	7
Steering Group member		10.0%	4
Other (please specify)			7
	answered question		40
	skipped question		7

8. What city or town do you live in?

		Response Percent	Response Count
SeaTac		**79.5%**	35
Tukwila		9.1%	4
Other (please specify)		11.4%	5
	answered question		44
	skipped question		3

9. How long have you lived in this city or town? (years)

		Response Percent	Response Count
0-5		15.9%	7
6-10		13.6%	6
11-20		20.5%	9
21-30		20.5%	9
31+		**29.5%**	13
	answered question		44
	skipped question		3

10. What is your age?			
		Response Percent	**Response Count**
Under 18		0.0%	0
18-25		0.0%	0
26-35		21.1%	8
36-50		23.7%	9
51-70		**36.8%**	**14**
71+		18.4%	7
		answered question	38
		skipped question	9

11. What is your gender?			
		Response Percent	**Response Count**
Female		34.8%	16
Male		**43.5%**	**20**
NA		21.7%	10
		answered question	46
		skipped question	1

12. What is your racial background?			
	7 of 7	Response Percent	Response Count
Caucasian		30.4%	14
Black		0.0%	0
Somali/African		8.7%	4
Asian/Bhutanese		10.9%	5
Hispanic		4.3%	2
NA		**43.5%**	**20**
Other (please specify)		2.2%	1
		answered question	46
		skipped question	1

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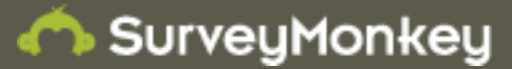
SurveyMonkey

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		Response Percent	Response Count
Never spend time there		17.1%	7
Less than once a month		12.2%	5
1-3 per month		12.2%	5
Once a week		17.1%	7
2-5 times/week		7.3%	3
5 times/week- Everyday of week		**34.1%**	**14**
Other		0.0%	0
	Other (please specify)		0
	answered question		**41**
	skipped question		**0**

2. Please check the box that most describes you.

	Yes	No	Unsure	Response Count
I am confident I can make changes in my neighborhood.	**75.6% (31)**	0.0% (0)	24.4% (10)	41
I participate in other neighborhood activities.	**77.5% (31)**	15.0% (6)	7.5% (3)	40
I understand what it takes to make changes in my neighborhood.	**75.6% (31)**	9.8% (4)	14.6% (6)	41
In the last 3 months, I have had a conversation with a new person in my neighborhood.('new' refers to someone you have never chatted with before)	**61.0% (25)**	34.1% (14)	4.9% (2)	41
			answered question	41
			skipped question	0

3. Please check the box that most describes you.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Disagree or Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Response Count
I feel connected to my neighbors.	5.1% (2)	5.1% (2)	20.5% (8)	**59.0% (23)**	10.3% (4)	39
I am confident in my community's ability to work together.	7.3% (3)	7.3% (3)	26.8% (11)	**39.0% (16)**	22.0% (9)	41
My priorities for the property plans changed after hearing other opinions.	13.2% (5)	15.8% (6)	10.5% (4)	**50.0% (19)**	13.2% (5)	38
My suggestions helped determine the final plan.	5.1% (2)	5.1% (2)	20.5% (8)	**59.0% (23)**	10.3% (4)	39
				answered question		41
				skipped question		0

4. Please check the box that most describes you.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Disagree or Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Response Count
A few people dominated the meetings.	12.2% (5)	**48.8% (20)**	24.4% (10)	14.6% (6)	0.0% (0)	41
The final plan reflects the visions of a few people.	2.6% (1)	**53.8% (21)**	33.3% (13)	5.1% (2)	5.1% (2)	39
Everyone's ideas were taken into consideration.	4.9% (2)	4.9% (2)	12.2% (5)	**63.4% (26)**	17.1% (7)	41
Collecting opinions from many people can improve the quality of a plan for a public space.	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	5.0% (2)	**67.5% (27)**	27.5% (11)	40
Pomegranate Center (facilitators) helped strengthen our community's ability to work together.	2.4% (1)	4.9% (2)	24.4% (10)	**46.3% (19)**	24.4% (10)	41
The meeting facilitators were able to handle conflict or disagreements well.	2.5% (1)	2.5% (1)	5.0% (2)	**65.0% (26)**	25.0% (10)	40
					answered question	41
					skipped question	0

5. What types of impact did this process have on the community?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Impact 1.		**100.0%**	**29**
Impact 2.		34.5%	10
Impact 3.		10.3%	3
		answered question	29
		skipped question	12

6. How do you think the planning process and community meetings could be improved?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Improvement 1.		**100.0%**	19
Improvement 2.		31.6%	6
Improvement 3.		5.3%	1
	answered question		19
	skipped question		22
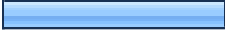
7. Please mark ALL groups you are affiliated with:

		Response Percent	Response Count
City of SeaTac		48.6%	18
City Council member		2.7%	1
Community nonprofit		21.6%	8
Resident		**75.7%**	28
Local Business		10.8%	4
Steering Group member		13.5%	5
Other (please specify)			5
	answered question		37
	skipped question		4

8. What city or town do you live in?

		Response Percent	Response Count
SeaTac		80.0%	32
Tukwila		12.5%	5
Other (please specify)		7.5%	3
		answered question	40
		skipped question	1

9. How long have you lived in this city or town? (years)

		Response Percent	Response Count
0-5		28.2%	11
6-10		7.7%	3
11-20		17.9%	7
21-30		12.8%	5
31+		33.3%	13
		answered question	39
		skipped question	2

10. What is your age?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Under 18		0.0%	0
18-25		5.4%	2
26-35		10.8%	4
36-50		27.0%	10
51-70		**35.1%**	**13**
71+		21.6%	8
	answered question		37
	skipped question		4

11. What is your gender?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Female		33.3%	13
Male		**66.7%**	**26**
NA		0.0%	0
	answered question		39
	skipped question		2

12. What is your racial background?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Caucasian		**48.4%**	**15**
Black		19.4%	6
Somali/African		22.6%	7
Asian/Bhutanese		0.0%	0
Hispanic		3.2%	1
NA		0.0%	0
Other (please specify)		6.5%	2
	answered question		31
	skipped question		10

13. Please mark the community meetings you attended:

		Response Percent	Response Count
Community Meeting #1, July 7		54.3%	19
Community Meeting #2, August 4		62.9%	22
Community Meeting #3, September 29		42.9%	15
Community Meeting #4, November 3		**88.6%**	**31**
I don't remember		8.6%	3
	answered question		35
	skipped question		6