

NORTH KITSAP WATCHABLE WILDLIFE/TRAIL SYSTEM
MEETING NO. 2
April 20, 2007

Attendees

Jeff Davis, Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife
Greg Cioc, Kitsap County Public Works
Jay Zischke, Suquamish Tribe
Chip Faver, Kitsap County Parks Department
Dori Leckner, Kitsap County Parks Department
Beverly Reeves, Kitsap County Parks Department
Rick McArdle, Triad
Jon Rose, Olympic Property Group
Sue Schroader, Olympic Property Group
Sarah Steffen, Olympic Property Group
Kent Berryman, Olympic Property Group

I. Introductions

II. Project Overview/ Revisit Goals (Jon Rose)

1. OPG would like to identify and adopt a system of permanent wildlife corridors (to benefit large and small animals, and also identify and maintain a regional trail system that incorporates destination points and watchable wildlife opportunities)
2. Pope Resources is exiting the Kitsap Peninsula, which in turn brings this opportunity to the forefront as we need to preserve these corridors and expand and connect the trails while we have the opportunity
3. This is the second brainstorm session/smaller focus group to meet to discuss the project in more detail as to specific project needs to make the corridors and trails successful and beneficial
4. We have 8,000 acres in N.K. and if we cluster our developments up to 75% can remain in open space
5. We are the link between the Mountains to Sound Greenway and the Discovery Trail
6. Wildlife: create corridors, preserve/create habitat
7. We would like to review and discuss the different properties involved and connecting points

III. Updates

Chip Faver, Kitsap County Parks Department

- Phase 1 of the Kitsap County Parks plan has received topographic maps
- They are still working to obtain Miller Lake, which is a critical piece of the trails loop, they are trying to obtain grants – Jon expressed the importance of the lake as it is a critical piece to the success of the trail system

Jay Zischke, Suquamish Tribe

- The Suquamish Tribe believes it will take 18 months to complete the trail which leads up to the edge of Heritage Park and will connect into OPG's Arborwood project in Kingston
- Jay Zischke and Kent Berryman of OPG plan to work together to complete the connection up through Heritage Park into the Olympic Properties Arborwood project

Greg Cioc, Kitsap Public Works

- Kitsap Public Works held a meeting for an off-road trail in Miller Bay, this unfortunately was unsuccessful and will most likely be rejected, this was very disappointing
- Jon Rose reiterated that now is the time to get trails established and to communicate to the public and what may happen if trails and open space aren't preserved - that the land will most likely be sold and developed

Dori Leckner, North Kitsap, Kitsap County Parks Department

- Hansville area, Ken Shawcroft working with Shawn Crawford to work together to build and complete the connection of trails in Hansville. OPG is also working with them to get the trail all the way up to the lighthouse
- It is important to continue the loop back down

IV. Roundtable discussion

- This trail system may be a walking trail system only, no bikes etc. allowed
- Jon Rose's goal with this regional trail system would support bikes at the least

V. Density Transfer

- Jon Rose would like to know everyone's opinions and ideas as to where wildlife corridors should be in N.K.
- OPG is working to gain a higher density in the town site of Port Gamble. If a transfer of densities is allowed from rural areas to a LAMIRD (which Port Gamble is), this will leave more open space throughout the rest of the OPG land in North Kitsap
- Jon Rose expressed that he must present a successful mitigation package with a compelling story to explain that the development and use of the land is in fact an investment and the importance of the greenbelt and the concept of clustering the homes and structures to leave open space for trails and the wildlife corridors (RWIP and TDR)
- The purpose of these meetings is to bring the different attendee groups together to provide input and ideas for our Port Gamble master plan, how the density transfer, wildlife corridors and trail systems should be laid out for the wildlife corridors to exist and thrive. All of the groups involved are involved at a crucial time in the middle of our assessment and layout; we want to hear what you have to say and your suggestions and thoughts.
- We have two options, clustering, or dividing it all up and selling, which the latter will not support wildlife or trails
- Port Gamble Property Transfer

- Keep old growth area
- Reservoirs, perhaps fish restock
- Bird areas
- Trails
- Wildlife Corridors

VI. Roundtable Discussion

Jeff Davis - Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife

- Jeff strongly agrees with the placement of the density, the density being on the west side and the east side leaving a wide corridor through the center of the Port Gamble Property, linear is better
- Jeff would like to see forest management, this is a good solid plan, it would valuable to sit down to establish a good model to insure smart preservation
- Jeff feels it is important that there is a meeting with an Environmental Consultant/Wildlife Expert and OPG's forest department (Patrick Raymond and Glen Maxim from Hood Canal Tree Farm) to take a close look at what sort of forest management and establish a smart preservation plan, how the forest would need to be maintained, keeping in mind the type of species in that specific section of the corridor, OPG agrees and will schedule
- Jeff feels it will be a fast assessment to determine what is involved to accomplish timber management and preservation
- Jeff advised the first step would be to obtain the data as to what species and there location to identify what would be required to preserve and maintain the land
- Jeff would like to share his own analysis of a home and development this analysis demonstrates the least amount of impact on wildlife, i.e. share a road
- Jeff would like to find out what the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe does for the wildlife management on their property

Jay Zischke - Suquamish Tribe

- Believes having both timber management and wildlife management would work well as a business, makes a lot of sense
- Jay did like the concept of viewing the pods on a map and the fact these can be moved around accordingly to create a successful corridor

Jon Rose - Olympic Property Group

- To fast forward 40 years...to see a partnership with timber management and wildlife as a specialized timber company would be a great success
- Jon had asked "what is the parks department need?" What other public businesses would need land?
 - Police
 - Fire
 - Schools
 - Parks
- Trails is the link to Jon's idea of "The String of Pearls" which may include:
 - Port Gamble
 - Hansville
 - Suquamish
 - Indianola
 - Kingston
 - Poulsbo
 - Bainbridge
- There is a "Bridge to Bridge" Story

Chip Faver - Kitsap County Parks

- Chip would like to take this idea and add to the regional plan and to build amenities accordingly

VII. Upcoming meetings

- Jon Rose will be meeting with Doug Quade and the others from the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe
- Meeting with Jeff Davis, Patrick Raymond, Glen Maxim and Jeremy Sage to discuss timber and wildlife management

VIII. Next Steps

- Trail System
- Park Plan
- Attempt to put this on a ballot

IX. Additional Thoughts

- Residence on Whidbey tax themselves for their trail system, the people of Whidbey made this choice
- It may be a good idea to look at the land ledger
- The County will be sending OPG a map showing all county owned land

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