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RE: Riverfront Park- Program Diagram Discussion

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The Riverfront Park Committee met at the Town Offices to discuss the Context Plan, Site Analysis, and Programming Diagrams A and B prepared by SE Group. Tom Hand from SE Group joined by phone and led an online discussion on GoTo Meeting.

1. A brief follow-up discussion of the presentation to the BOS occurred. Most members were for the project. The issue of the potential by-pass route from the highway interchange through the property connecting to the Loon Ski Resort was raised. Both Ray and Tom felt that the scope of this project is to plan for the recreation park space utilizing the conditions and constraints that exist today. In addition, it was felt the bypass may reduce visitation Main Street which is critical to maintaining the success of downtown.
2. The context plan and site analysis were presented. Major existing recreation areas in town were identified (Loon, Kanc Recreation Area, School Sports fields) as well as the existing trail network (hiking/walking, bike path, snow machine). The site is surrounded on three sides by existing commercial facilities (Playhouse, Shopping, and Solid Waste Facility) and their associated service/back of house areas. Visibility and access to the park are limited and should be studied.
3. Program list based on prior committee discussions was summarized and is a solid basis to include in the park. SE Group also suggests considerations for biking opportunities including mountain biking single track and/or pump track/strider park.
4. Program Diagram A
  - Alternative that takes over portion of Solid Waste material storage area for the pump track. This area was a recent addition the facility and is required to store yard waste and as a snow dump in the winter. Final concept will not utilize this area.
  - Earthen mound over the Burndy Site presented to bury contamination and provide a viewpoint to the mountains and visible icon from Main Street.

- Parking area proposed is 80-90 cars.
- Site of canoe access was discussed and need for a vehicle drop off closer to that location. Discussed providing vehicular access down snowmaking easement to a point prior to the “River Save All” ditch. SE Group to study alternatives for canoe launch and vehicular access.
- Improve entrance to park through Playhouse Easement to tie in to the roadway improvements associated with the Riverwalk Development and improve park entry experience.
- Beaches identified are existing- no beaches are proposed. Improvements may be made to trail network within the area of the beaches.

## 5. Program Diagram B

- Incorporate earthen mound from Program Diagram A. Do not develop area of Solid Waste Facility material storage.
- Create a berm with planting along edge of Solid Waste Facility to screen view.
- Provide fenced dog park for people to allow dogs to run off-leash.
- Do not need two areas for single track, preferred the area closer to the solid waste facility.
- Discussed the term single “track”- need to rename or distinguish from a typical “track”. Single track in reference to mountain biking is a specific trail type with distinct features and would not be considered multi-use.
- Keep pump track- but determine where it goes.
- Need canoe launch and vehicular access
- Show location of the second smaller beach along the river.
- Second highest priority for the park after the skate park is for green space. Need to provide more green space and show clearly on the plans.
- Wedding event venue will occur at the pavilion building. Should be an open air structure with roof. Will need to balance the design/setting of the structure for daily use with the location/aesthetics desired for a wedding venue.

6. Site history was discussed and the desire to celebrate the history through the use of design elements, signage, public art/sculpture, and incorporation into the skate park design. This is an important element to include in the park to reinforce the history and provide added depth to the park design.