

**River Park | Sandy Beach | Britannia Slopes Phase 2
Open Space Workshop: February 12, 2011 – 1:30 to 4:30 pm
Temple B'nai Tikvah – 900 47 Ave. SW**

Wrap up: Participant's final thoughts on planning considerations

- Great so many people took time to say they care about the park:
 - Ask the City to respect the ideas generated and take them forward to Council.
- Amazed at the interconnectedness of the issues:
 - Group mutually reinforced issues going forward.
- Congratulate everyone for coming:
 - Quasi democratic process
 - Good to lend your voice.
- Have a subset of this group work with Parks and O2 to make sure what we did finds its way into the plan:
 - Collaborate and audit input into the plan.

Parking Lot: Questions Comments

| Questions | Comments |
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| What is the Parks definition of vegetation sustainability? | Need to address # of dogs / person allowed off leash, including professional dog walkers. |
| Publish statistics/data on user complaints (especially user conflicts) in all City parks & Bylaw Enforcement statistics. | Professional dog walkers should pay to use parks |
| Will the "consultant" be re-bid (a new RFP) for the plan? | Transparency of Parks policies |
| Who is responsible for the stewardship of the Elbow River, its banks & water flow out of the dam? | Relationship of Council to Parks plans |
| Parking Study – will there be another one? | First go round – frustrated but it is captured as background for this process |
| What is maximum density park can sustain? | Park maintenance – people do what's easy. Should be more garbage receptacles |
| Environmental study – what is people density without destroying park? | To bring consensus, how can public input be utilized without knowing the framework this must fit in? |
| What is the affect on the natural area with changes (gazebos, parking)? | The lease area should be considered as additional space once the lease runs out. |
| "Cart before horse" – if loved to death now, what happens with improvements? | Create a designated raft launch to minimize bank erosion |
| What is classification of park area? | For next open discussion please outline amount of time at start of session |

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| Why was Phase 1 “rejected”? Still on the table? | Impact on Emily Follensbee School; special needs children do go out in the community. Speed limits should be reduced on the roads and bike paths. |
| Management plan for park – where, or is there, a current plan? | A regional park, by definition, is to serve more than one community but not entire city. Ornamental ponds (in former plan) to be drawing card for whole city? No, no, no. |
| How do we know our input will be considered in plan? | Absolutely <u>no</u> pathway through top of west side of Elbow. |
| If 50/50 on issue, how is decision made? | Make Sandy Beach washroom open all seasons. |
| How can we discuss parking lot issues when all the background information available is one DRAFT study done in 2008 for a 6 hour period? | Pathway in park should not be paved. This will open the park to roller bladers and skate boarders. Those people have designated places to go to already. Please do not pave the pathways. |
| | Dog walkers are using the park with up to 18 dogs – do not pick up after dogs. They should be licensed to walk dogs and pay a large fee for the use of parks. Also should have a bucket & shovel. |
| | Leased area? |
| | Traffic calming on 50 th Ave. |

Post discussion comments from participant with request to add to comment sheet

If we look at the three parks as one regional park, will this result in:

- More than 30% of River Park flat area being designated off leash per the Off Leash Management Plan?
- A regional park not requiring a comprehensive, consultative process by the City with the Community Associations which represent individuals living adjacent to each individual park?

Most off leash users and other users of River Park flat area use River Park as the point of entry and do not use Sandy Beach and Britannia Slopes, and therefore, River Park and adjacent community should be considered separately.

What is the definition of sustainable parks?

Off leash area equality compared to the Cambrian Heights off leash area and the off leash area at Scenic Bow Road and 85th Street.