



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Cory Roche, Project Manager (City of Lake Forest Park)  
**FROM:** Amber Mikluscak, PLA, GISP (DCG/Watershed)  
**DATE:** 11/17/2023  
**RE:** Lakefront Improvements Project – Community Meeting #1 Summary

On Wednesday, October 25, 2023, representatives from DCG/Watershed and the City of Lake Forest Park facilitated a public workshop to engage the residents and community members of Lake Forest Park in the predesign stage of the lakefront improvements project. The workshop occurred from 5:30-7:30pm in Council Chambers at Lake Forest Park City Hall. Approximately 100 community members, city representatives and staff, and members of the design team attended the session.

A summary of the feedback and comments received is provided below. Note, no summary is provided for Exercise 1: Coloring Book Page.

## Community Meeting 1 Comments & Results

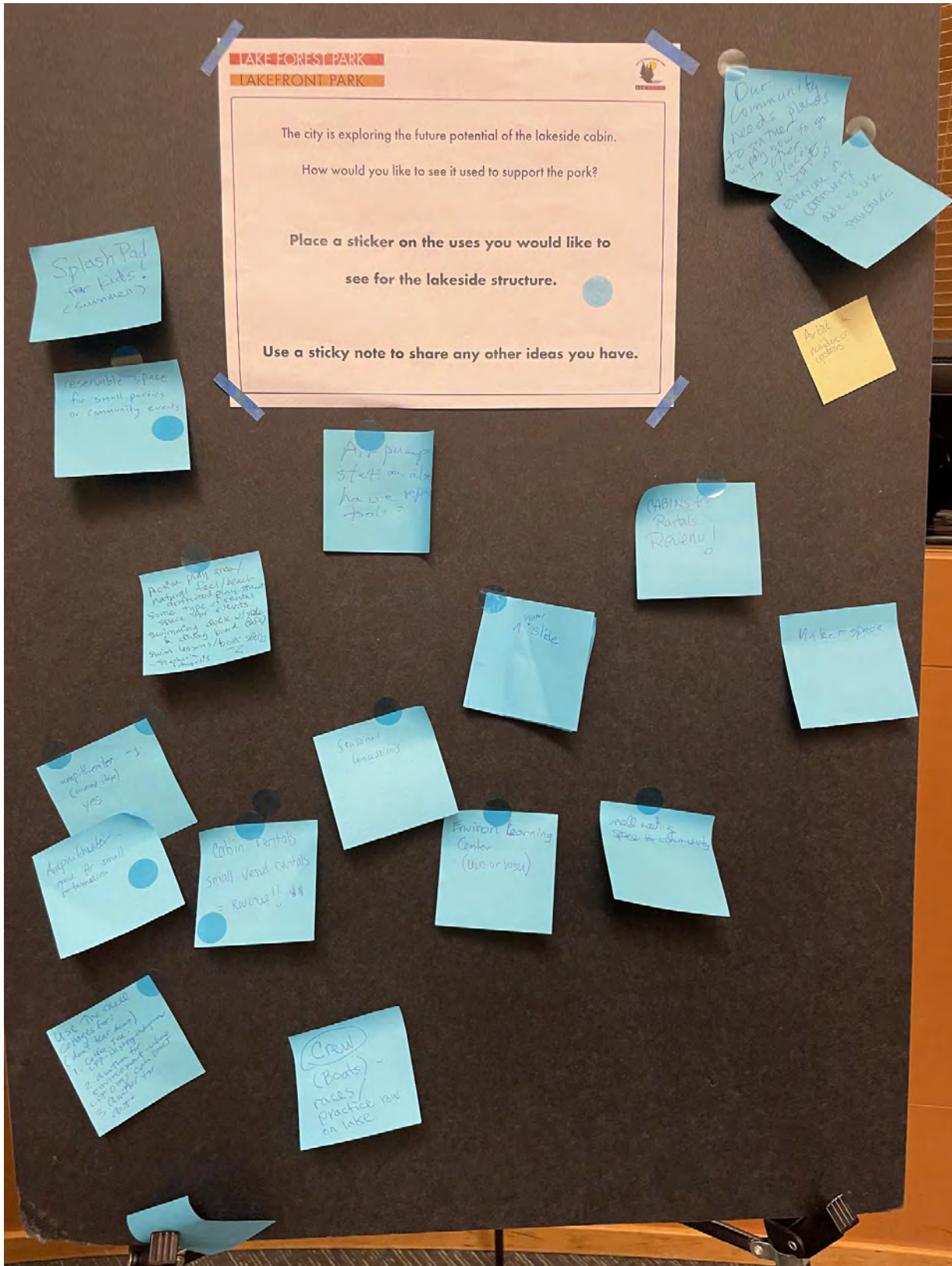
### Exercise 2: Precedent Examples for Small Lakefront Structure Program

#### Board 1: Hand-written Post-It Notes (Top to Bottom, Left to Right)

- Slash pad for the kids! (summer)
- Our community needs places to gather we pay now to go to other places. Save Cabins
- Everyone in community able to use structures
- Reservable space for small parties or community events
- Air pimp station also have repair tools?
- Cabins for rentals. Revenue!
- Artist in residence upstairs
- Active play area / natural feel/beach driftwood play struct. Some type of rental space for events, swimming dock w/ slide & diving board (safe), swim lessons / boat safety – Stephanie Angelis
- A water slide
- Maker space
- Amphitheater +1 (covered stage) yes
- Amphitheater space for small performances
- Seasonal concessions
- Cabin rentals small vessel rentals = revenue !! \$\$

- Environ. Learning center (UW or WSU)
- Small meeting space for community
- Use the small cottages for: (don't tear down) 1. Coffee -tea-lfp-history -indigenous, 2. Another for environment – where LDF orgs. can meet 2) another for art
- (crew), (boats) races / practice row on lake
- New building -new construction- for a community center

# Results



**Board 2: Hand-written Post-It Notes (Top to Bottom, Left to Right)**

- Local business, local coffee SKÖG?, Seattle pops?, Art studio – rotating local artists
- Where is solar?
- Where is greywater usage
- Storage for maintenance equipment for bldg 9

**Lakeside Cabin Precedent: Dot Summary***Primary Uses*

- Concessionaire, open-air 9
- Concessionaire, enclosed 7
- Picnic shelter, monumental 10
- Picnic shelter, classic 21
- Kayak storage 4

*Secondary Uses*

- Boat washing station 1
- Gear washing station 1
- Air pump station 4
- Hammock hanging poles 9
- Exercise equipment 5
- Pizza oven 0
- Fire pit 7
- Grills 9
- Changing rooms 12
- Outdoor shower 12
- Electrical outlets 4
- Storage for maintenance equipment 1

Results



**Board 3: Hand-written Post-It Notes (Top to Bottom, Left to Right)**

- Keep all existing homes on property.
- Refurbish rent all out to public. Provides revenue and folks enjoy a night or two in country – like history of LFP.
- Bring me up to code only
- Rent me (all) ->
- AirBNB for remaining cabins
- Honor the indigenous population – free rentals for native celebrations events
- Bird sanctuary
- Environmental learning center / meeting room
- Rent me!
- Event rental space?
- Rustic restaurant café

Results

# LAKE FOREST PARK LAKEFRONT PARK

## Overview of Existing Buildings

23 Residential Building  
Existing Building (to be removed)

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Existing Building (likely to remain)

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Existing Building (to remain)

Existing Building (footprint may remain)

When the indigenous population first arrived for hunting, celebration, and other activities.

For something

### Buildings to be removed

### Buildings or building footprints that may remain

Environmental Learning Center / Meeting Room

FUTURE Restaurant Cafe

Rest me!

Event Market Space

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## Exercise 3: Crossing & Route Safety Perceptions

### Post-It Note Responses (Top to Bottom)

- Sky ride from City Hall to Park
- Beautiful planted bridge “shared w/ wildlife”
- No ugly bridge
- Speed bump or other method to slow cars
- [obscured] birdhouses [obscured] of [obscured] bridge
- Or a ped/bike underpass
- Bike / pedestrian bridge connection to park / Burke Gilman
- Like idea of constructing bridge walkway to cross Bothel Hwy make it green!!!
- Put all cars under the highway – top all park
- Then filter the air
- Integration of bus stop into re-design
- Maybe make that area more of a play space for kids and stuff
- It should be more of a area where people can go! – Miles (Tosh’s son)
- Cannot D. fix & rent the cabins ->
- This is unclear. Is this Burke Gilman?
- Can stairs be built from BG to access the park

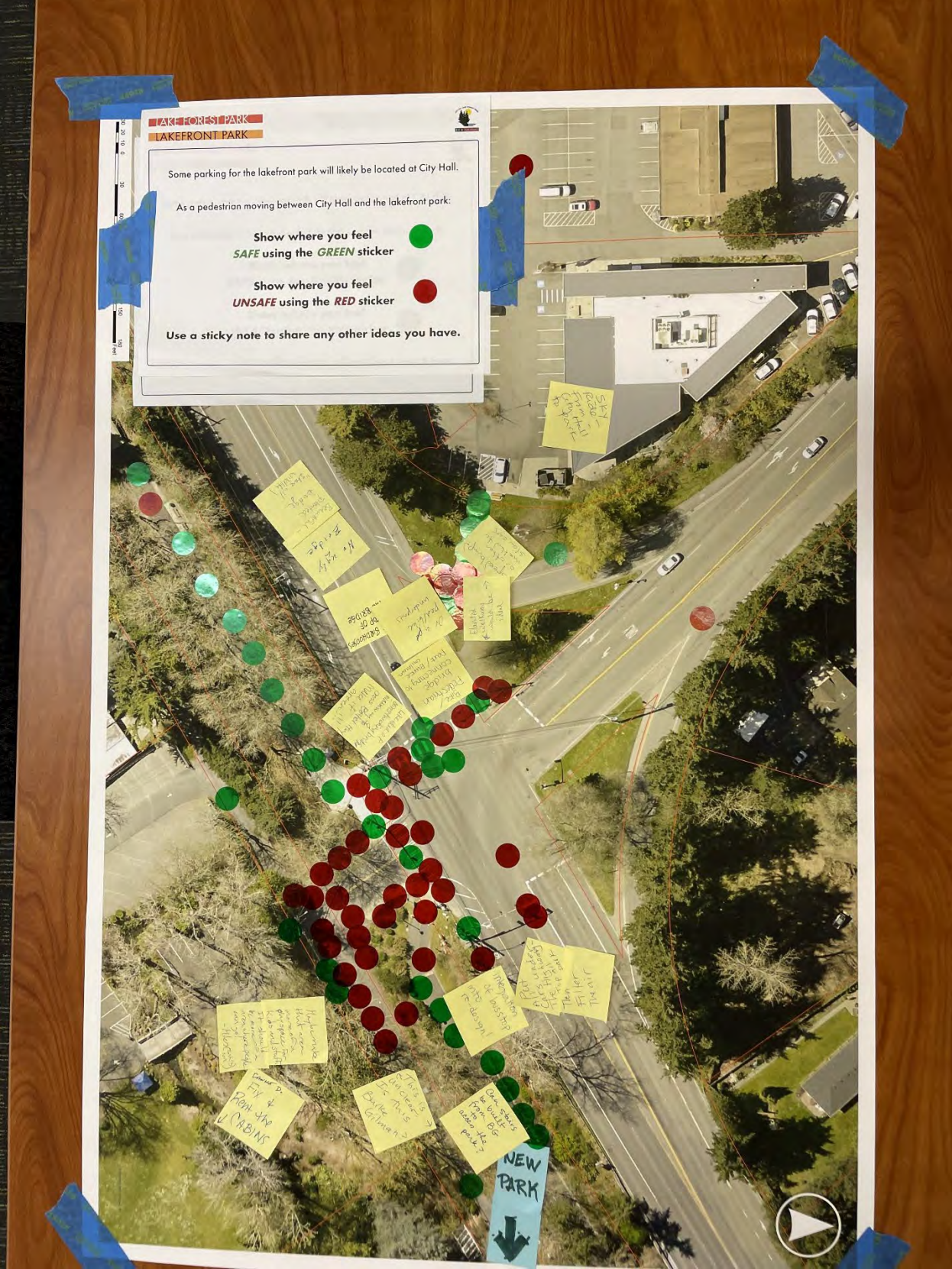
### Safety Perceptions on Intersection Diagram: Dot Summary

- Burke-Gilman Trail north approach
  - Green / Safe 7
  - Red / Not safe 1
- Burke-Gilman Trail south approach
  - Green / Safe 9
  - Red / Not safe 2
- Town Center parking lot
  - Green / Safe 4
  - Red / Not safe 1
- Ballinger Way northbound
  - Green / Safe 0
  - Red / Not safe 1
- Sidewalk approach from Town Center parking
  - Green / Safe 4
  - Red / Not safe 0
- Ballinger Way southbound right turn crossing



- Green / Safe 1
  - Red / Not safe 9
- SR 522 crosswalk
  - Green / Safe 6
  - Red / Not safe 6
- SR 522 north of Ballinger Way
  - Green / Safe 0
  - Red / Not safe 3
- Ballinger Way crosswalk
  - Green / Safe 2
  - Red / Not safe 8
- Beach Drive at Ballinger Way
  - Green / Safe 3
  - Red / Not safe 13
- Beach Drive at park frontage
  - Green / Safe 1
  - Red / Not safe 4

Results



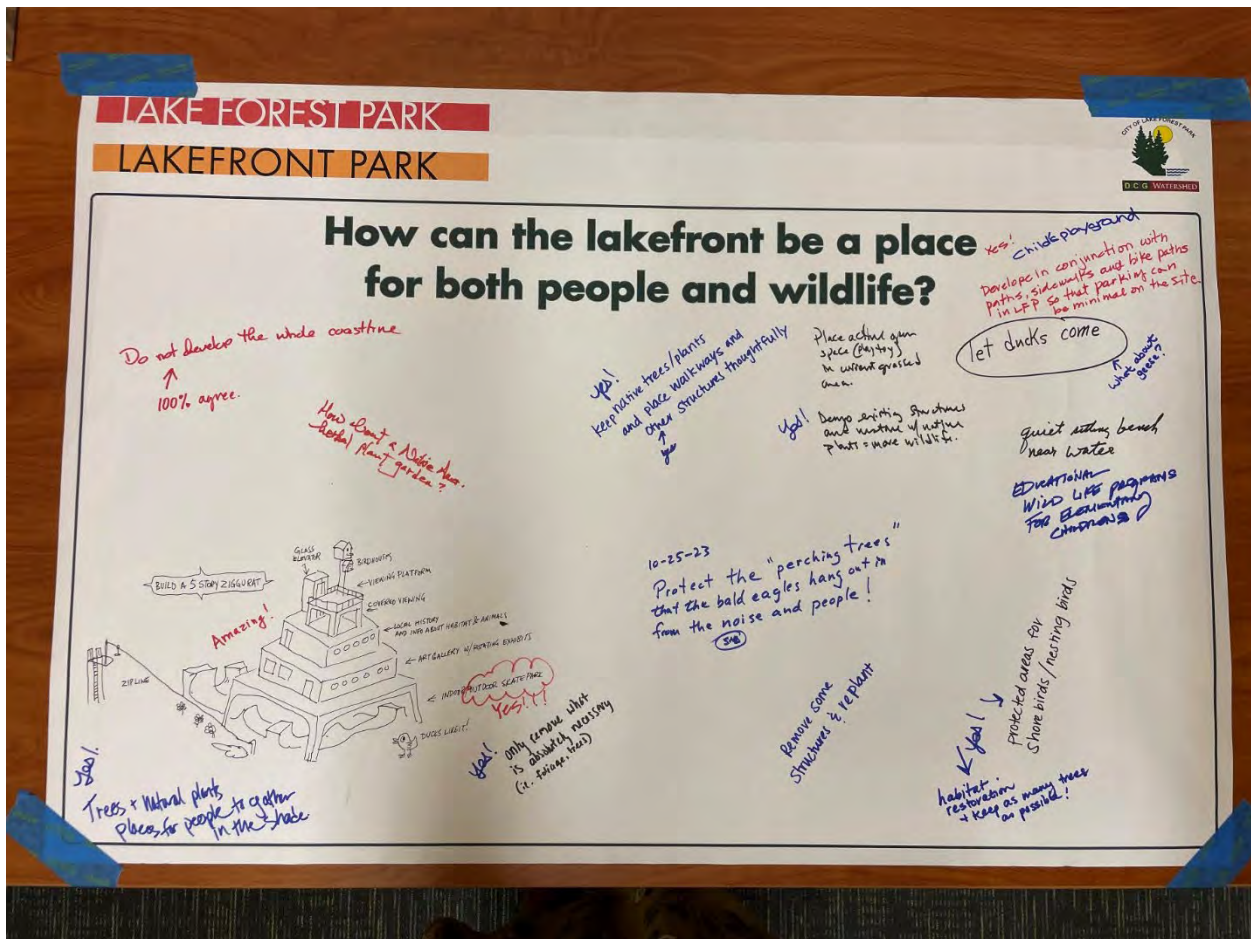
## Exercise 5: Community Conversation / Vision Prompt

### Hand-written Responses (Top to Bottom, Left to Right)

- Do not develop the whole coastline.
  - 100% agree.
- How about a native [illegible] herbal plant garden?
- Build a 5-story ziggurat
  - Amazing
- Glass elevator
- Birdhouses
- Viewing platform
- Covered viewing
- Local history and info about habitat & animals
- Art gallery w/ rotate exhibits
- Indoor / outdoor skate park
  - Yes!!!
- Ducks like it
- Zipline
- Trees + natural plants places for people to gather in the shade
  - Yes!
- Only remove what is absolutely necessary (i.e. foliage, trees)
  - Yes!
- Keep native trees / plants and place walkways as other structures thoughtfully
  - Yes
  - Yes
- 10-25-23 protect the “perching trees” that the bald eagles hang out in from the noise and people (smb)
- Remove some structures & replant
- Place active green space (play toy) in current grassed area
- Demo existing structures and [illegible] w/ native plants = more wildlife
  - Yes!
- Child’s playground
  - Yes!
- Develop in conjunction with paths, sidewalks and bike paths in LFP so that parking can be minimize on the site

- Let ducks come
  - What about geese?
- Quiet sitting bench near water
- Education wild life programs for elementary children's
- Protect areas for shorebirds /nesting birds
  - Yes!
- Habitat restoration + keep as many trees as possible
  - Yes!

Results



## Analysis: Diagramming Exercise

### Waterfront / Dock

- Initial desire to place low-decibel activities (kayaking, wildlife viewing) on west side of existing dock, more active activities (swimming, paddleboarding) on east side of existing dock, stayed consistent throughout the meeting
- Small dock addition proposed, then revised to circular dock closer to shoreline
- Dock layout further revised to connect two existing docks on the south, additional lateral docks proposed on eastern existing dock extending west. The resulting encircled shoreline between the two existing docks proposed for swimming / wading
- Towards the meeting's conclusion swim docks were proposed both in the encircled water area as well as to the east of the existing eastern dock.
- Desire for increased native flora/fauna added to the shoreline of the western existing dock (fish, raptors, grasses)
- Suggestion for an ADA kayak/canoe launch on the dock
- Discussion included multiple conversations about the concern about water-based activities being located too close to Lyon Creek to the west, impacting the habitat and ecosystem of the creek, and too close to the adjacent residential uses to the east.
  - Suggestions included minimizing the footprint of a beach/kayak launch area to clearly define where those activities should be taking place and centering it on the property and buffering with vegetation on both the Lyon Creek side as well as the residential property to the east.
  - Discussion about the potential to consolidate the two docks into one dock and center it between the existing docks to minimize impacts on Lyon Creek and the residential property to the east.
- Discussion between multiple individuals about the value of a dock vs. both a dock and a beach for uses like swimming, launching boats, etc. If the primary goal of water activity is for swimming and boat launching, these can be done with a beach and no dock at all.
  - It was mentioned that the dock should serve intentional uses like having spots to sit and view wildlife or the lake, or provide a place for people to fish. People value the passive nature of the existing Lyon Creek dock

**Findings:** Participants showed desire for less-disruptive activities on the western parcel (i.e., existing preserve) to promote interaction with the restored landscape. Proposed active recreation focused on the eastern site (i.e., new acquisition parcels). Participants explored ideas to expand and reconfigure the existing dock to better accommodate desired uses, such as swimming, paddleboarding, kayaking, and rowing. Community concepts included expanding the dock to feature more seating, gathering space, a

defined swimming area (such as by connecting the two existing docks), and extending the dock length to access deeper water.

### Upland Site

- Opportunities to gather at the shoreline proposed at the existing eastern dock lawn (picnic, shelter, grilling, firepit, lawn games)
- A natural seating area with seating and shade canopy proposed upland of the waterfront lawn, this area was later proposed to include an outdoor shower and evergreen screening
- Central lawn proposed to be replaced by edible food garden and food washing station
- Interpretative elements suggested at the smaller existing building adjacent to the central food lawn, to include Lushootseed language
- Places for art, additional interpretation, and screening proposed throughout the restored stream section of the site
- Kayak storage suggested near the water
- Proposed community center in the large existing building

**Findings:** Throughout the meeting, participation in the activity demonstrated more support for expansion of recreational activities, development, and gathering on the eastern parcel (i.e., new acquisition), reserving the western portion of the site for restoration, creek preservation, habitat, interpretation, and art. The areas just upland of the water's edge were often programmed for resource-based activities and recreation, such as gardening and nature-based children's play.

### Beach Dr NE

- Initial suggestions to place picnic areas and art elements at northeast corner of the site at the location of the proposed removed buildings
- Proposed parking for the site was placed at the northeast corner of the site where the existing buildings are to be removed, with the parking footprint expanding south over the course of the meeting, the end result included the addition of shrubs and evergreen screening elements
- Bike parking located centrally along Beach Drive NE, which also included restroom facilities.

**Findings:** Participants showed a desire to locate bicycle parking and rider-friendly facilities adjacent to the existing parking and driveway areas, often using the footprint of the existing buildings planned to be removed. ADA-compliant, standard, and bicycle parking were proposed.

Meeting Photographs:













