

**APPENDIX A**

**PUBLIC OPINION**

**COMMUNITY MEETINGS INPUT**

Public Meeting/Topics	More Important	Lesser importance	Challenges/opportunities	Does Well	Comment
Acquire land	1		3		Land also comes the burden of develop, extremely high per person /maintenance ratio
Aging population			2		
Aquatic center	12		2	1	Pressure on pool, inclusive, need dry land expansion, expansion for youth, Coast Guard classes, swim team
Blakely Harbor park	3		2		Environmental signage/ money for signage, protect of marsh
Barn	1				
Basketball	1				
Battle Point	6	3	8		Water/sanitation facilities, remove speed bumps, likes west entrance, expand observatory , turf field, transmitter building gym use
Bike	4				More bike lanes in roads (COBI) Highway 305
Boat storage					Lots of shoreline parks need to facilitate community storage, allow easy water access
Boating	1				
Brochure	4		1		Week to week activities/good we offer a lot, good design, extensive programs
Camp Yeomalt	1				
Community center - yes			3		Centralized location, near school property, aquatic center, car-pooling issues and multiple locations
Culture/concerts	1				
Culture/concerts/arts	5				Shakespeare, kid version, likes water color, pottery, wants partnership w/BARN
Dog park/off leash	1		2		Separate by size
Eagledale	2	1			Tennis courts resurfacing

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Eagledale pottery center	3		1		Needs better ventilation
Equestrian programs			3		More equestrian programming
Farms		2	1		Review deed at day road farm and M&E
Fay Bainbridge	4	1	4	1	Scotch broom, likes small boat launch, campfires, group gatherings(shelters) offshore mooring, picnicking, camping, summer concerts, playground, drinkable water
Fields - soccer	1		2		More
Fishing	1				
Forest to sky		1			Trail crossing signage at Miller
Fort Ward	4	3		2	Love it since taken over from state, don't remove gun battlement but close doors, beach, trails, volunteers, boy scout projects
Frisbee golf	1		1		
Gardening	2				Fence is working?
Gazzam	2		4		Mountain bike, loop around lake, wildlife viewing , develop north end
Gazzam acquisitions	1			1	
General satisfaction				1	
Grand forest west	1		3		Crossing at Miller, mountain bike, racing teams, see separate squeaky wheel comments
Grand forest east	1	1	2	1	Is the trail going through? add bridge in grand forest east, walking groups, extend trail to Sportsman, develop east
Gymnastics - more space	2		5		Improve transmitter building , not enough space/time, more space for competition

Public Meeting/Topics	More Important	Lesser importance	Challenges/opportunities	Does Well	Comment
Gyms - open	4		3		More room to move, heating/ cooling, more space for roller hockey, more space in general
Habitat			1		
Hawley Cove				1	
Hilltop	1				
Historic interpretation			2		Create more storylines for parks
Historic preservation	1		2		
High School spaces			1		
Invasive			1		Scotch broom
Lacrosse	1		1		Dedicated facility/ no share
Manzanita park			3		Would like bike park, trail improvements
Maps			1		
Meigs			1		Who owns Meigs farm? Meigs farm-park trail connections
Nature	3				Trees, moss on dead trees, trails around trees
Non-motorized Trails	1				
Observatory	1				
Open forums	1		1		Do more/e-mail list , emergency preparedness, buy nothing Bainbridge, community neighborhood activities
Open gym					Maybe more YMCA type basketball gym
Outdoor Classes/programs	3				Foraging/mushrooming, son takes lots of classes
Outdoor pool			1		Wants outdoor pool

Public Meeting/Topics	More Important	Lesser importance	Challenges/opportunities	Does Well	Comment
Outreach-surveys & notices	2		1		Such as island moms
Parkour					
Parks	2				Likes recycling, good value
Parks programming	1		2		Arts, gymnastics, aquatics center, discover Bainbridge hikes, senior center, foreign languages, learn to row, canoe, kayak, sailing, responsive, create programs, registration, needs more seats, high school partnership, to share lighted field (conditional use permitting construction)
Partnership			3		Likes school district type fundraisers, other ways to raise money with partners-such as Roller Hockey and Rowing,
Partnership-trails	2		2		
Partnerships			1	1	More cooperation among government agencies
Petanque	3		2		Wants more space, senior center
Pickle ball	1		1		
Picnic facilities			2		More tables and benches in all parks-especially Battle Point and Waterfront
Planning				1	
Playgrounds -more			3		South end, are people using them?
Pottery studio	1		2	1	Well run
Point White		1			
Pritchard Park	3	1	4		Transfer to public use thru park district, who maintains, possible off-leash dog park-off-leash concerns, memorial
Point White Dock	1				

Public Meeting/Topics	More Important	Lesser importance	Challenges/opportunities	Does Well	Comment
QR code				1	Some have fallen off
Restrooms			1		In all parks
Road ends			1		More water access
Roller Hockey	2				Stakeholder
Rotary		1		1	Excited by the improvements
Rockaway		1			
Rowing	5		1		Stakeholder
Sailing	3				Stakeholder
Schel Chelb				1	
School facilities	1				Funds needed, important to be able to use
Scouts	1				
Shoreline/Water trails	2		1	2	
Signage	2		3		X-walk Grand Forest, Miller and Gazzam, good organization, show trail map connections, "name" signs on trails
Skate park			2		Safety tread
Soccer fields	2				
Social media	1		1		Do more
Special Olympics /Special needs			1		
Sports programming	1				
Sports fields - more	6		6		More soccer fields

Public Meeting/Topics	More Important	Lesser importance	Challenges/opportunities	Does Well	Comment
Senior Center /staff or classes	4			1	Critical work being done, bingo, ping pong, recycling
Strawberry Hill Center Classes	1				
Strawberry Packing Plant			1	1	Likes what the city has done, bring back the overlook
Strawberry Packing Plant/plan x				2	
Tech Levy, funding sources			1		
Teen activities	2		9		Wants more activities, center improvement, need destination
Teen Center			2		Move to Strawberry
Tennis	1				
Trail and Trail Connections	12		10	2	Non-motorize plan, increase walking groups, increase bike ways, increase separated pathways for example at highway 305, mountain bike, off road, wants more connections to south end, stewardship, likes commodore, Sportsman Club, Seiki to Woodward connection, road ends, do we rate trails? waterfront trail improvements and connections, water taxi
Trail-hikes	1				Striders, 8 mile hikes, Wednesday walking group
Trails-bikes			1		
Trails-Sakai	3		2		School property Sakai (canyon) trail
Trail maintenance			4	1	As surface improves, users speed up, multi-use standard at Fairy Dell/ Manzanita? horse poop bags, bike user interface, put West Port Madison trails on map, some trails are too improved
User groups / funding	1			1	Seek to expand
Volleyball					Skate places in Winslow, move by school

Public Meeting/Topics	More Important	Lesser importance	Challenges/opportunities	Does Well	Comment
Walks	2				
Water & beach access	6		5		Likes waterfront trail, expand beach trails, wants more access and development, beach access Port Madison nature preserve and Fay Bainbridge, north end (non and motorized)
Water access	3	1	4		Water view corridors
Water facility			3		
Water taxi					Hawley and Pritchard
Waterfront park	4		2		Some areas accessible but leave some areas to others/park district should take on
Wood workers	1				
Youth employment			1		Youth skills, copy Canada
Zumba	1				

**Senior Center additional comments**

Acoustics				2	
Buses/trips				2	Trips leave to early
Chuck wagon	1				
Classes					
exercise/laugh/improve	1				
Classes-snow shoe, cross country				1	
Electronic information sign	1			1	
Health center	1				



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Meeting space for larger groups				1	
More "end of life"				2	
More spaces				1	
Parking				1	
Prepare for increasing senior population				1	
Recreation/ classrooms				1	
Remodel Huney Hall				1	
Thrift shop				1	
Trips	1			1	
Website/Newsletter				1	1 Needs to be inclusive/more accurate, not enough stuff

## Group One Comments

### Community Center

Sounds expensive

Community centers are interesting facilities that need to be programmed all the time.

Is there a need to house all these things in one community center? (i.e. pottery, etc.)

We're not that big of an island.

It would be one centralized location versus driving everywhere.

There's a balance between buying property and maintaining property. Would want to see what has been purchased in past few years, what the trends are.

Find the program, and then see what we might house there: gymnastics, racquetball, pottery, pertanque, handball, event and meeting space.

Everyone is going to want something different.

Maybe there is a community space we could buy without the expenses of a community center.

### What are we doing well?

The pottery studio is well run and well staffed.

With our new senior center manager, critical work is being done: social media, yoga, laughter, ski buses.

Perry (Barrett) is such a resource/asset to the community and Park District

Not sure how we can improve on the brochure. We're offering lots of classes.

Who maintains Pritchard Park. Answer: COBI

Excited about Rotary Park (improvements).

Gazzam and Grand Forest. Is the new trail going to go through?

Pretty amazing what we do.

### What are we not doing well?

Park District offices are not very visible. Missed some meetings because of bad info.

Better signage is needed.

Great to see all the things that we have acquired, but need to see parks developed to their best potential.

Acquire everything we can, but along with this comes the burden of development.

Blakely Harbor Park: there hasn't been the money for signage of landscaping to protect the salt marsh.

There was a huge effort to acquire Pritchard Park, but it's a shame we don't have it all.

User groups can help with fundraising efforts (ex. Weed Warriors).

Waterfront Park: have some areas accessible (ADA), but leave some areas for other users.

Want open forum for comments, where people can read comments and comment on them.

It would have been great to have on the front page of the Recreation Connection catalog that there was a comprehensive plan survey in the back.

Also could have publicized the survey through social media, Bainbridge Review, Bainbridge Islander, Island Moms.

Could put flyer boxes in parks with surveys (similar to what realtors use).

Could do something similar to the School District using social media, etc. to send out mailings about programs.

QR code: can it queue up a response that people can respond to?

## **Involvement in Community**

Have always been a hiker, and am now active in strider group. Use all parks and trail links.  
Gymnastics, trails, cycling.  
Crystal springs, citizen.  
Pottery studio, helped with last Blakely Harbor Park plan.  
Senior Center  
Parks for Petanque, trails.

## **Priorities**

### **Red Dots (highest priority)**

Petanque: 15'x14', gravel. Interested in attracting people from off island. Integrate with existing landscaping. Work with City at Waterfront Park.

Sakai trail: interested in Park District support for this trail that links New Brooklyn/Sportsman Club Roads to Bucsit Lane.

Waterfront Park: interested in having the Park District take on this park.

Blakely Harbor Park: overrun with non-native vegetation, generator building, hiking opportunities, loop around pond with bridge, connections to cemetery and Fort Ward Park, salt marsh restoration.

Blakely Harbor Park: restoration of shoreline more of a priority.

A dedicated facility for lacrosse so no one has to share. Soccer gets first priority: lacrosse is step child. (Daughter has practices from 5:00 to 8:00 at night).

### **Other comments:**

We have aging population. Think about accessible uses. Accessible access to water, beach.

Water access to beach (Veterane, Agate Pass loop, Hidden Cove dock)

Not sure how we stack up to other districts. Make sure we have funds in budget for maintenance. Make sure our new facilities are well cared for. It's a shame we work in a decrepit building. Offer great pottery classes but old equipment. Great job with State Parks.

Any opportunity to connect trails to parks. Longer trails plus loops plus linking Waterfront Park to Strawberry Packing Plant. Install bridges to facilitate this.

Trail opportunity at the bottom of Toe Jam Hill. Grace Episcopal Church, Friends of the Farms are working on developing trails. Likes the Park District's support for these trails.

Advertise better with PAC on the trail connections. We do have a trails group with funds to purchase trail easements.

If the Bainbridge Island Land Trust could get trails, would the Park District take care of them?

## Group One Comments

### What are we doing well:

Happy with maintenance at Fort Ward Park since BIMPRD has taken over  
Trails: happy with the upkeep  
Rotary Park: happy with project so far  
Strawberry Packing Plan Park: like what city has done

### Challenges/Changes Wanted

Fay Bainbridge needs to be updated  
Eagledale Pottery Center: better ventilation, too much dust, better cleaning  
Need more water access, kayak parks  
More playgrounds in south end  
More sports fields  
More for teens to do, teen/adult activities  
No speed bumps at Battle Point Park  
Place for teens together, destination for them  
Grand Forest trails: MTB, cyclist friendly, racing teams  
More equestrian programs  
Better crossing at Miller, put an island in like by Safeway  
Trail around Gazzam Lake: better signage MTB trails  
Teen/Tween activities and space: bowling, putt-putt golf, volunteer hours for teens  
Outdoor pool, community center, open gyms  
Develop Manzanita Park: bike park  
Water and more sanitation at Battle Point Park  
Historic Preservation  
Add the week by week activities in brochure  
More trails so people do not have to walk or bike on roads  
Special Olympics, special needs  
Would like space for Petranque, like bocce with less maintenance  
Facility for gymnastics: need more room to move, heating, cooling  
Improve heating, cooling in Transmitter building, need more space there, better use of the space  
Need more soccer fields  
Bike trails: lanes on paved roads, bike friendly commuter routes  
Tech levy: development programs  
Pickleball-Frisbee golf  
Fields: need more spaces  
More water access, parking is an issue at road ends  
Teen Center: needs improvement

## Group Two Comments

### What we do now: (activities/facilities used)

- Walks Striders
- Use Trails Grand Forest, Gazzam, Fort Ward, Blakely Cemetery, West Port Madison
- Zumba Mini-Gym
- Aquatics Fitness Aquatics Center
- Gymnastics High use
- Swimming High use (Aquatics Center)
- Dog park
- Scouts
- Soccer High use (Battle Point Park)
- Rowing
- Sailing
- Water polo
- Horses
- Classes yoga/art/fitness/pottery/cooking
- Trips outdoor adventure, senior trips
- Playgrounds Battle Point Park, Waterfront Park, Eagledale Park, Aaron Tot Lot, Strawberry Hill Park
- Outdoor sport facilities
- Pottery
- Picnic shelters
- Rental facilities used for events/classes (Island Center Hall, Camp Yeomalt)
- Youth employment
- Concerts Waterfront Park Community Center
- Senior Center
- Bikes Fort Ward Park
- Beach access Fort Ward Park (boat launch), Pritchard Park, Rockaway Beach, Hawley Cove Park, Blakely Harbor Park
- Salt water swim Blakely Harbor Park, Hidden Cove Park

### Challenges/Changes Wanted

Walking group uses lottery for registration: open wider  
More space available in youth programs (swimming/gymnastics)  
More pool space as programs grow. "Dry land" expansion  
Indoor multi-sport facility (with track, gymnastics, etc.)  
More accessible beach access  
More water view corridors (downtown, not just for trails)  
A vessel facility on waterfront (downtown for storage of boats: sail, row, kayak, etc.)  
Education/interpretive signs: history  
Expand information available for new folks and tourists, (through use of website/catalog/video/park docents)  
Model/support skill progression into employment for youth (copy model used in Canada, CA)  
Hawley cove: safety tread on boardwalk; complete trail.  
More boat launches: motorized/non-motorized (especially north end)  
Gymnastic room is too small (shared space)  
Sand volleyball!  
Skateboard places in Winslow

## Group Three Comments

### What we do now: (activities/facilities used)

Bainbridge Striders-8 mile hike, Senior Center-bingo, ping pong, recycling  
Eagledale park programs for kids, pottery center, trails in south end, unofficial dog park in Pritchard, rowing programs  
Heavy use of parks, tennis, rowing. King County Strat. Plan Public Planning wants to see what we are doing tonight.  
Walking group Wed, Shakespeare, classes, trees  
Gymnastics, enjoy beach parks trails, Mom in Senior Center  
Parks, mushrooms, son takes lots of classes  
Coast Guard Aux. boating classes, Senior Center, pea patch  
Use all of the island  
Raising Resilience-supporting families and youth

### What are we doing well:

Trails-trail maps are working, some of the QR codes are erased  
Likes new trail at Sakai  
Likes how things are organized, signs in last 5 years  
Using the trail steward program  
Likes how the dead trees look with moss, how trails are looking, clear trails but leave old trees  
W.P.C.C.-likes how it is set up for computers, boating classes, garden is great-fence working  
Battle Point Park-entrance by ball fields  
Love Ft Ward-better since City took over  
Don't remove the gun battlements-close doors to keep kids out  
Pottery studio great, Ft Ward, Fay Bainbridge great  
Are people using playgrounds? Dan-yes lots of people  
Kid version of arts and crafts-variety of classes  
Backpacking classes-Ho Rainforest-Outdoor Classes  
Commodore trail  
Has Parks taken over Sportsman? No  
Bike trail 305-City  
Hilltop great job on scotch broom  
Likes the recycling at shelters-cans/bottle containers at each garbage can

### Challenges/Changes Wanted

More for single moms-each week of summer offer a 6-8 hour class for kids  
Lot of Scotch Broom at Fay Bainbridge-seedlings coming up  
Gymnastics very popular-great, not enough room  
Trails-easy to forget what trails are out there-need advertising/marketing of trails  
Do we rate the trails? Dan-not really Would like to have more challenging trails  
Horse poop bags- When biking splashes in face  
More mulch at pea patch and garden carts at each end  
Lots of shoreline parks-District is not facilitating getting community boat storage-allow people to get on the water more easily  
Acquired lots of parks-Fay Bainbridge, Ft Ward, Hilltop Extremely high acreage per person, long range ideas of more maintenance funding- snack shacks to raise money, other ways to make money/use fees  
Like school fundraisers- they make lots of money in one evening  
What about Meigs Farm?  
Connecting trails to Sakai/Woodward  
Road Ends (City owned)

**Challenges/Changes Wanted (continued)**

Making a map showing all the trails/showing connections  
Community Center-Friday night open gym is very crowded-something for teens to do on weekends-YMCA-Basketball gym  
Don't we have lots of those already?  
Yes to it-Community Center-opportunity for multigenerational opportunities in one location  
Outdoor pool somewhere else on island  
Community neighborhood Activities-(email)-emergency preparedness-Fire District-Buy Nothing Bainbridge Parkour  
Move Teen Center to Strawberry Hill, pursue Arts & Crafts program-utilizing technology-available partnership, new skate park by the school  
Leverage what we are doing with group Bainbridge Youth Services-new arts and craft-Island Music Guild-boat  
Boathouse  
Waterfront trail connections & improvements  
Beach access at West Port Madison Nature Preserve, Fay Bainbridge  
Put West Port Madison Nature Preserve trails on map  
Expand observatory at Battle Point Park  
Community Center- use old buildings if possible-American Legion Hall?  
Water Taxi between Hawley Cove Park and Pritchard Park  
Community Boat Storage- Point White Dock, Blakely Harbor Park, Waterfront Park  
Add a bridge Grand Forrest East

## Group Four Comments

### Likes

Rowing  
Roller Hockey-sailing  
Wood workers  
Water color  
Good at sports programs  
Value is good  
Good catalogue  
Water Front Park/Trail  
Gazzam  
Grand Forest West  
Battle Point  
Trails  
Fay Bainbridge  
Rowing-stakeholder  
Sailing-stakeholder  
Roller Hockey-stakeholder  
Outdoor Program  
Touch-Well cared for  
Trails  
Extensive Program  
Trails-Connectivity-Allowing people to commute-walk & bike  
Responsive-create programs  
Inclusive with Aquatic Center  
Battle Point/Catalogue

### Challenges/Changes Wanted

Increase separate pathways such as from Highway 305 to trails  
Increase bike ways-connecting people/driving  
Some trails are too improved  
Gym-share in tight space and time  
New walking groups  
Ride share  
Fundraising partnerships for things like roller hockey and BI Rowing  
Partnerships with stakeholders  
Mountain biking needs places to practice: tech features, bridge loops  
Trails: training, biking, safety, bike lane  
Web site at registration: not enough seats (difficult to get on)  
Expand walking groups  
Create more of a story line on parks history  
Pressure on pool: times too limited for lap swimming, general tightness (crowding), clean the windows  
Turf: High School doesn't share lighted fields, more partnerships needed, conditional use and permits are limited, open the facility  
Names signs on trails  
Trails and sight lines. As the trail surface improves, users speed up (such as bikes).  
Fairy Dell/Manzanita-Standards, multi-use?  
More cooperation of Government agencies, take measures to cooperate  
School property trail (Sakai) Canyon Trail  
Non motorized plan



## Group Five Comments

### Highest priorities (red dot)

Battle Point Park arboretum,	Astronomical center, play equipment, summer Shakespeare, Transmitter Building, walking and running trails, multiple use, potential for summer concerts
Waterfront Park	Rowing, play area, summer camps, water access
Aquatics Center	Swimming, exercise classes, water polo
Grand Forest	Biking and hiking trails, central trails connection
Fort Ward	Boat launch, water trails, hiking and walking trails, dog walking,
Point White Dock	Scenic view, boat launch
Fay Bainbridge Park	Beach walks, small boat launch, campfires, group gatherings (shelters are nice), drinkable water, offshore mooring, picnicking and camping, summer concerts, playgrounds
School facilities	important to be able to use, funds are needed for more indoor facilities
Programs & Classes	Gymnastics, aquatics center, Discover Bainbridge hikes, Senior Center, foreign languages, Learn to Row, art, canoe, kayak, sailing

### Community Center

Want it to include new pool, gymnasium, gymnastics space

### Likes

Art classes: papermaking, printmaking, weaving  
Shakespeare festival  
Outdoor program classes: mushroom, foraging

### Things wanted

Community partnerships with Bainbridge Performing Arts for classes, B.A.R.N., Rock Gym  
Rowing/boat house/small boat center  
Better road signage to park sites  
More picnic tables, benches, restrooms in all parks  
Bring back Strawberry Packing Plan overlook  
Review deed of Day Road farm related to parks. Also M&E farm)  
Temporary dock at Fort Ward  
Improve trails at Fort Ward Park  
Tennis courts at Fay Bainbridge Park  
Renovate bathroom facilities at Battle Point Park  
Classes: geo cache, Russian language, more mushroom and foraging

## **Future Ideas**

Need indoor/outdoor pool

More pool space for programs

Due to swim team wait list, reconfigure pool use schedule

More pool time for youth, club teams, family swim

Concerned about parks on hazardous waste sites: Pritchard Park, Strawberry Packing Plant, Vincent Road

Toilets in parks

More play structures for special needs children

Dedicated gymnastics facilities. (Current facilities are overcrowded. Transmitter Building is too small).

Woodward/Sakai Trail (clarify responsibilities for trail)

Complete cross island trails and connect to waterfront

Bike lands

Off leash dog areas for parks

Trails specific to mountain bike and equestrian use

Additional turf multi-use soccer, lacrosse fields (lighted fields, not like at Battle Point Park)

Temperature in front pool is too hot for lap swim

## **Group Six Comments**

### **Interest of people in group**

- Gymnastics
- Rowing
- Running path, mountain bike trails
- Senior activities/Senior Center
- Trails, nature parks chair
- Trails, aquatics, dance
- Petanque
- Skateboarding
- Aquatics, swimming

### **Waterfront Park Areas**

Fix tennis courts

Concerns about boat launch, rowing, senior center, place to gather for Petanque, access Rotary waterfront, newly purchased land, access

### **Trails**

Mountain bike: want interconnecting trails through park system, accessibility

Need parking access to parks and trails

Signage must be better

Trail maps: want online presence and ADA accessibility, variety of trails

Want trail markers to designate: Difficult, Intermediate, Easy

Keep trails. Island park maps with usage

Need restroom access at trail heads

### **Aquatics Center**

Busy, overcrowded, need more space, another pool

Suggest rate differentiation for low use time since prime time is overcrowded

Swim team has wait list; more space is needed

### **Dog Park**

Need one in Blakely area

Need more than one throughout the island

### **Skate Park**

Skateboarding is a growing interest in the community.

Skate park needs expansion

Skate bowl is great but wet. Needs a cover (this could be done incrementally).

### **Gymnastics**

Need more space, overlapping users is a problem

Existing space is too small because of too many users

Need central location, scheduling is a problem

### **Arts & Crafts**

Good way to socialize

### **Nature Preserve**

Gets seniors out the front door

### **What is done well**

Programs, variety

Catalog is best way to communicate programs out there

### **Improvements for Park District**

Website is not user friendly, not updated, need weekly programs, interface is clunky

New better interface on website as to connectivity by ages, gender, time

Website needs advance search options for activities

Need to update website to this century

Interconnect to other island agencies

Access to properties (i.e. parking)

Dog parks

Restrooms

More connectivity from one park to another (i.e. trails)

More activities for intergenerational such as Petanque courts

More signage needed

Rockaway Beach: it is disappearing. Do something.

### **Community Center**

Need to learn more about it

Gymnasium, new pool, flexible space

Develop new property that has already been acquired

## Group Seven Comments

### Locations used/priorities

Waterfront Park	boats, rowing
Fishing	
Gazzam Lake	
Aquatics Center	exercise
Trails/camping	
Walking group	wants more public access to shoreline
Astronomy	
Senior center	
Roller hockey	Battle Point Park
Petanque	Waterfront Park (gravel)
Woodworking	Barn wanted for woodworking group

### Indoor Facilities Used

Strawberry Hill Classroom	
Aquatics Center	swimmers
Fay Bainbridge	shelter with electricity
Fort Ward Park	facilities please
Camp Yeomalt	cabin/hall/barn
Seabold Hall	
Egledale Pottery	classes/home school
Indoor gym for roller hockey	would like this
Senior center	would like Petanque clubhouse
Basketball programs	
Barge/covered shelter	
Observatory	Battle Point Park

### Outdoor Educaton/Cultural/Other

Spring watershed	Weed Warriors
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### Red Dots: Highest Priorities

Aquatics Center	central area
Grand Forest	should be representative of all parks and trails (well maintained)
Control dogs	
Waterfront Park	Senior Center, easy access to Seattle, dock and safety improvements
Battle Point Park	needs storage facilities (10x10), restroom upgrades, concessions, lots of parking, various activities, bike paths, smooth walking surfaces
Trails	all should be little and hidden
Fay Bainbridge Park	shelter, open area for camping, books fast
Fort Ward Park	more parking, needs shelter
Aquatics Center	Swim team, scuba, sailing diving, 50 m. expansion for Ray pool, host meets

**Needs/Dislikes/Challenges**

Restrooms!!!	Waterfront Park, Battle Point Park
Aquatics Center	safety concerns with wet floors
Invasive plants	scotch broom
More picnic areas	needed at Battle Point Park and Waterfront Park
Wanted	composting garbage cans and more dog waste disposal
Connection between trails	there is feeling this would have happened if not for Land Trust
Maps	update and make accessible, way-finding on trails
Dog park	want dog park that is not a swamp, and has open air shelter
Would like	a general centralized gym, another multi-use facility, place for group meetings, a place for music/orchestra
Would like	centralized coordination of facility schedule, bookings, better ease of use

## **Group Eight Comments**

### **Red (highest priority)**

Gymnastics  
Schel Chelb  
Non-motorized trails  
Aquatic Center  
Trails-bike/walk, multi user conflicts  
Aquatic Center/Battle Point Park turf fields  
Gymnastics team-more room

### **Yellow (next highest priority)**

Aquatic Center-lap swim PT  
Gazzam-trail connections-signage  
Blakely Harbor Park-improvements  
Gazzam trails and wildlife  
Aquatic Center: swim team  
Gazzam and acquisitions of park property  
Rotary Park: baseball, happy about reconstruction

### **Blue (somewhat important)**

Battle Point Park-huge improvements, soccer, dog walking  
Day Rd Farm-importance of agriculture  
Eagledale: tennis courts resurfacing  
Grand Forest-trail development on east side  
Trails: walking groups. Extend trail system Sportsman/New Brooklyn  
Battle Point Park: tennis court surfacing, history of park.  
Battle Point Park: transmitter building, gymnastics use

### **Green (lesser importance)**

Rockaway Beach: diving, boy scout stair project for water access  
Johnston Farm: composting, learning facilities, education opportunities  
Forest-Sky Trail: crossing Miller, trail crossing road signage  
Fort Ward Park: western exposure, sun, beach, trail access  
Ft Ward Park, Point White Dock, Fay Bainbridge Park: water access  
Trails  
Pritchard Park: dogs off leash concerns, memorial  
General dog concerns  
Fort Ward Park: volunteer clearings, boy scout projects

### **Challenges/Changes Wanted**

Gym Program growth, facility limits participants, another space, home meets at middle school labor intensive  
High school facility old/shared, overcrowding  
Mountain biking: stopped because of hazard to self, walkers, runners, horses. This is challenge of multi use trails  
Schel Chelb Park: area growing, playground needed  
Trails: signage improvements, feedback on Grand Forest East (like it)  
Schel Chelb playground  
Trails: like signage  
Sands Ballfield: no electricity or bathroom, fields unsafe, complaints

### **Challenges/Changes Wanted (continued)**

Use of High School athletic spaces

Gym- Recreation option non competitive version, be able to foster more participation

Pritchard-dog use

Future land purchase

Gazzam-preserved wildlife viewing

Trails expansion

Central gathering place-community center

Multi-use/collaborative facility, fields/meeting rooms/arts & crafts/food

Kids and parents can engage centralized location-school property near aquatic center or round about area

Raising family: structured car pooling for shuttling to multiple locations

More waterfront access and road ends

Pritchard Park: possible dog park

Prioritize habitat needs for wildlife

Dog Park: separate by size (small vs large)

Develop north end of Gazzam

Manzanita trail improvements

Meigs Farm-trail connections

Grand Forest East: low maintenance expansion of trails

### **Squeaky Wheels requests:**

Bicycle education

Maintaining bicycle access to park trails

Crossing and traffic calming in park areas (such as a crossing island on Miller where the Grand Forest trail crosses)

Trails that serve dual purpose

Making sure facilities are bike friendly (removing steep speed bumps like in Ft Ward)

Joint recreational/health events (trail rides, bike to school, bike to work, repair your bike, "Bike Stock" music event)

A pump-track



## Group One Comments

### What we do now: (activities/facilities used)

Trails: Battle Point Park, Grand Forest  
Aquatic Center  
Senior Center  
Walking Group  
Parks: Battle Point Park, Fay Bainbridge Park  
Ball Fields: Rotary  
Ted Olson

### What are we doing well:

Taking over State Parks  
Quarterly brochure  
Website/online information

### Challenges/Changes wanted:

Senior Center:

- Parking
- More space
- Acoustics at WFCC
- Dedicated exercise room
- More spreadout activities
- No classes in Fireside Room
- More coordination on scheduling

Boardwalk on trail at Manzanita Park  
Restroom facilities (in general throughout parks)  
Parking (in general throughout)  
Recreation/Community Center with classrooms  
Meeting space for large groups  
Electronic info/sign up for 50+  
Trail end beach access  
More parking at Gazzam Lake Nature Preserve  
Handicap access at Fay Bainbridge Park  
Path to beach at Fay Bainbridge Park  
Picnic shelter upgrade at West Port Madison Reserve  
Signage at Meigs Park  
Updating at Strawberry Hill Park

## Group Two Comments

### What we do now: (activities/facilities used)

Tennis Courts  
Table tennis  
Trails

### What are we doing well:

Trails: wonderful, design and maintenance is excellent  
Good ADA, good diversity  
Brochure: perfect

### Challenges/Changes Wanted

#### Senior Center:

- Fireside Room should not be used for classes in morning; use for socialization
- Life long learning classes, ie computer
- Resource person for medical and senior issues
- Limited space: need more where we can hear
- More end of life
- More Shakespeare
- Increasing Senior population so need to prepare for it
- Seat belts on bus
- Trips leave too early, shorter trips
- Snowshoe/cross country
- Newsletter/website not enough stuff on it, inclusive and more accurate

Miss tennis courts at Waterfront Park  
Walks on Bainbridge leave too early  
More connectivity/wild life

#### Dog Parks

- Good for non dog people as well
- Social aspect
- Pritchard Park-water is great for dogs
- Eagledale-muddy/too small
- Tourist draw
- Resources to find dog parks in county
- Expand Mutt Mitts
- More signage (dog poop)

Softball maintenance better please  
Rotary Park trails need improvements  
Weed warriors, invasive species  
Aquatic Center: too cold, less chlorine

## Group Three Comments

### **Red Dots (highest priority)**

#### Battle Point Park:

- Tennis Courts: more programs for adults
- Walk on trail: walk dogs, off leash dog area here

#### Fay Bainbridge Park:

- Beach preservation=access recreation/environmental

#### WPCC:

- Tennis courts
- Spend a lot of time there
- Programs at Sr Center important
- Activities: exercise, Spanish, line dancing, Shakespeare, ping pong, softball team

#### Pt White:

- So much better than before, fishing

#### Ft Ward:

- No vehicle access is positive
- Walking, trails, Blakely Harbor expanding trail system, access from neighborhood, variety of difficulty of trails

#### Gazzam:

- Walk with dog=variety with lake and size

#### Pritchard Park:

- Dogs off leash, Off leash dog area important
- High School tennis, more courts-indoors?

#### Trail system:

- Great, important, keep expanding
- Blakely: History, dogs/walking, trails across jetties

### **Orange Dots (indicates priority for change or needing improvement)**

#### Strawberry Plant Park:

- Upland: Park District should take over and make it more useful to public, not aesthetically pleasing

#### Point White:

- kids jumping off pier not issue, but ladder needs improvement because it is a safety issue, make it safer

#### Seabold

- Utilities used for rentals (stove, etc) needs to work in order to be used for events, checklist in place to make sure utilities/equipment work for rentals and events (like weddings)

#### Meigs:

- Trail (park at Koura) needs more maintenance for people who walk along, trail improvements
- Better trail signage at beginnings and junctions for people unfamiliar with them. Don't want to get lost.

#### Dock/Boat launch

- Need more in Eagle Harbor and Hidden Cove

**Challenges/Changes Wanted:**

- Tennis-more partnership with Bainbridge Athletic Club
- Pier at Fort Ward boat launch
- Trash containers: more needed at Gazzam and other parks
- Bird watching
- Owl calling program
- Year round Sanikan rentals
- Boat/docks for transit/locals

Indoor recreation facility in one location?

- Part of island charm is that we have a bunch of smaller venues
- Would be nice to have if “feasible” but already have a bunch of other facilities to care for,
- What we have is great
- Sustainability wise-doesn’t make sense
- Too enormous/burden
- Maintenance cost/resources

## Group Four Comments

### What we do now: (activities/facilities used)

#### Senior Center:

- Health center, living room
- Hang out
- Chuckwagon
- Thrift shop
- Activities: improv, exercise class, Liberation Laugh, dance, Spanish, Shakespeare club, table tennis, travel/trips, thrift shop, Evergreen Singers

Pool

Yoga

Bloedel

Petanque

Kayak

Drawing

Grand Forest Trail

Fay Bainbridge

Travel

Battle Point Park

Ted Olson

Dog walk

Ron Williamson Walks

Fort Ward

Outdoor programs: snow shoe, forage

Movies in Park

Shakespeare in Park

Bainbridge Performing Arts

BI Historical Museum docent

Bike

Pickleball

Waterfront Park

Road end Parks

Strawberry Plant Park

### What are we doing well:

One of the best Park Districts

### Challenges/Changes Wanted

Yoga/mediation platforms – serene area of park 4'x6'

More benches-Strawberry Plant Park

Enforce leash laws

Improve acoustics at Huney Hall

Felden Kraus Method: quiet comfortable room (wider class choices & better promo)

More overnight camping: any parks

More restrooms: all parks

Private land partnership

Outdoor table tennis

Petanque

DOG PARKS, doggy bag avail

Wooden benches (more comfy)

Spectator stands at ball fields

**Challenges/Changes Wanted (continued)**

Quiet zones in parks like at Buck Lake  
Better signage: Grand Forest and Gazzam  
Salt water pool versus chlorine  
Large performance space  
Choir rehearsal space for Evergreen Singers and other community groups  
Storage for music folders (Evergreen Singers)  
Wooden floor at Huney Hall  
Food pantry storage  
Remodel Huney Hall  
Larger table tennis facility  
Community Choral group: all ages  
Better landscaping rotary Centennial Park  
Dog Park/Dog area-Battle Point Park  
Yaquina Road End Park

## **Group Five Comments**

### **What are we doing well:**

Fay Bainbridge:

- Beach water access, birthday parties, gatherings at shelters
- Made more accessible

Grand Forest: Forest to Sky Trail with new Hilltop connections \*\*

Waterfront Park:

- Downtown area
- Water activities
- Senior Center
- Movies in the park
- Music, bird watching, sitting, watching boat launch

Aquatics Center:

- Exercise classes, river walk, swimming/masters, adult learn to swim classes

Battle Point Park:

- Paved area at pond
- Enjoy view of the water
- Playground

All trails:

- Trails connect well to each other

### **Challenges/Changes wanted:**

Rockaway Beach: better parking

Water Front Park: foot bridge

Public dock at Lynwood Center

Parking issues at Water Front Park

Boat launch at Fay Bainbridge Park

Trail connections in Winslow

More communications, signage about trails, programs, maps

Trail connection between Meigs and Grand Forrest

More dog parks

Better bus service

More water access

Parking access at waterfront properties, encourage private homeowners to open up property as a friendly easement (i.e. beach access, tidelands)

Transportation to various parks \*\* (aka Frog Bus)

Senior access to parks

Intergenerational activities

Pool: More private showers, seats in showers

Sauna with outside access

Travel programs: pre-trip planning session, scouting out the routes

Suggestion: resurrect the Mosquito Fleet concept