



Planning & Building Services / Recreation Services
STAFF REPORT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

**Draft 2009 Parks, Recreation, Open Space, & Trails
 Plan Update**

HEARING DATE: July 8, 2009 @ 4:00 p.m.
PROPOSAL COORDINATORS: Amanda Tainio, Planning & Building Services Manager
 Troy Mullenix, Recreation Coordinator / Planner
PROPOSAL: 2009 Parks, Recreation, Open Space, & Trails Plan Update
PROPOSAL SUMMARY:

Location	Citywide
Applicant(s)	City of Liberty Lake
Proposal Information	The City of Liberty Lake 2009 Parks, Recreation, Open Space, & Trails Plan is an update to the original plan adopted in 2006 which laid the groundwork for the future of the City park system. The park plan is designed to supplement the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space element of the City's Comprehensive Plan. It expands on the information contained in the Comprehensive Plan by providing significantly greater detail regarding the inventory of existing park and recreation facilities, identifies future park and recreation needs, explores park rehabilitation issues, outlines parks and recreation management and operations, discusses recreation programs and services, and contains an action plan which describes existing and potential funding sources.

REGULATORY AUTHORITY:

- RCW 35 - Cities and Towns
- RCW 35A - Optional Municipal Code
- WAC 197-11 - SEPA Rules

SEPA:

A SEPA Checklist was completed for the 2009 Parks, Recreation, Open Space, & Trails Plan Update. The City of Liberty Lake Planning & Building Services determined that the proposal, as a non-project review, would have no significant adverse environmental impacts and issued a Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) and Adoption of Existing Environmental Document on the 2009 Parks, Recreation, Open Space, & Trails Plan Update on June 10, 2009. The City adopted the Spokane County Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Spokane County Comprehensive Plan that was prepared on November 22, 2000 and was previously adopted for the original City of Liberty Lake Comprehensive Plan and Development Code, as well as the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the City of Liberty Lake Urban Growth Area Boundary Alternatives that was prepared on December 13, 2006. The SEPA Checklist and Threshold Determination was routed to agencies on June 10, 2009 and a Notice

of Availability was published in the June 11, 2009 Liberty Lake Splash and posted at the Liberty Lake Municipal Library, as well as City Hall. The SEPA Notice of Availability was also posted on the City website and emailed to the public notice group on June 10, 2009. Comments on the SEPA Checklist and Threshold Determination were due by 4 p.m., June 24, 2009. No comments were received on the SEPA Checklist and Threshold Determination.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES:

1. Public Survey - Summer / Fall 2008

The Community Parks Planning Committee consisted of the following:

- Meadowwood Homeowner's Association
- River District Homeowner's Association
- Friends of Pavillion Park
- Liberty Lake Community Tennis Association

The following groups participated in the creation and review of the survey:

- Meadowwood Homeowner's Association
- Vistas Homeowner's Association
- River District Homeowner's Association
- Friends of Pavillion Park
- Liberty Lake Community Tennis Association
- City of Liberty Lake Planning & Building Services
- Eastside Little League
- Liberty Lake Community Softball League, and others

The public survey was available at the following locations

- Liberty Lake Athletic Club
- Liberty Lake Municipal Library
- Garden Gate Florist
- Albertsons
- Block Buster
- Liberty Lake Post Office
- Greenacres Post Office
- The Liberty Lake Farmers Market
- Two Movies at Pavillion Park (Kiwanis provided free beverages for survey participants)
- One Movie at Half Moon Park (Kiwanis provided free beverages for survey participants)
- War Concert at Pavillion Park (Kiwanis provided free beverages for survey participants)
- The survey was also available online at www.libertylakeparks.org.
- Two full page advertisements of the survey availability locations and the website address were published in the Liberty Lake Splash newspaper.

2. May 13th, 4pm - Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall

Introduction to the Draft 2009 Parks, Recreation, Open Space, & Trails Plan Update

- Agenda posted at City Hall, the Liberty Lake Municipal Library, & on the City Website
- Agenda emailed to public notice group and parks planning group

3. June 10th, 4pm - Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall

Public Workshop on Draft 2009 Parks, Recreation, Open Space, & Trails Plan Update

- Notice of Public Workshop published in the Liberty Lake Splash on May 28, 2009
- Notice of Public Workshop posted at City Hall, the Liberty Lake Municipal Library, & on the City Website on May 27, 2009
- Draft 2009 Parks, Recreation, Open Space, & Trails Plan Update (5/27/09 version) available on the City Website on May 27, 2009
- Notice of Public Workshop and a link to the Draft 2009 Parks, Recreation, Open Space, & Trails Plan Update on the City Website emailed to public notice group and parks planning group on May 27, 2009
- Agenda posted at City Hall, the Liberty Lake Municipal Library, & on the City website
- Agenda emailed to public notice group and parks planning group

4. Non-Project SEPA Checklist and Threshold Determination Review – June 10, 2009 to June 24, 2009

- Notice of Availability published in the Liberty Lake Splash on June 11, 2009
- Notice of Availability emailed to public notice group, parks planning group, agencies, & tribes on June 10, 2009
- Notice of Availability posted at City Hall and the Liberty Lake Municipal Library on June 10, 2009.
- Notice of Availability, SEPA Checklist, and Threshold Determination were also posted on City website on June 10, 2009.

5. June 24th, 4pm - Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall

Discussion on the Draft 2009 Parks, Recreation, Open Space, & Trails Plan Update

- Agenda posted at City Hall, the Liberty Lake Municipal Library, & on the City Website
- Agenda emailed to public notice group and parks planning group
- Draft 2009 Parks, Recreation, Open Space, & Trails Plan Update (6/16/09 version) available on the City Website on June 23, 2009

6. July 8th, 4pm - Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall

Public Hearing on Draft 2009 Parks, Recreation, Open Space, & Trails Plan Update

- Notice of Public Hearing published in the Liberty Lake Splash on June 25, 2009
- Notice of Public Hearing posted at City Hall, the Liberty Lake Municipal Library, & on the City Website on June 24, 2009
- Notice of Public Hearing and a link to the City Website emailed to public notice group and parks planning group on June 24, 2009
- Draft 2009 Parks, Recreation, Open Space, & Trails Plan Update (7/1/09 version) and Staff Report available on the City Website on June 30, 2009

- Agenda posted at City Hall, the Liberty Lake Municipal Library, & on the City website
- Agenda emailed to public notice group and parks planning group

REVIEWING AGENCIES:

Agencies Notified	Notification	Response Received	Comment Summary
Fire District #1	SEPA Documents - Emailed June 10, 2009	No	No comments received
Dept. of Ecology - Olympia	SEPA Documents - Emailed June 10, 2009	No	No comments received
Dept. of Ecology - Spokane	SEPA Documents - Emailed June 10, 2009	No	No comments received
Dept. of Transportation - Spokane	SEPA Documents - Emailed June 10, 2009	No	No comments received
Spokane Clean Air	SEPA Documents - Emailed June 10, 2009	No	No comments received
Avista Utilities	SEPA Documents - Emailed June 10, 2009	No	No comments received
QWEST	SEPA Documents - Emailed June 10, 2009	No	No comments received
Liberty Lake Sewer District	SEPA Documents - Emailed June 10, 2009	No	No comments received
Comcast Cable	SEPA Documents - Emailed June 10, 2009	No	No comments received
Spectrum Fiber	SEPA Documents - Emailed June 10, 2009	No	No comments received
WA State Dept. of Health	SEPA Documents - Emailed June 10, 2009	No	No comments received
Spokane Regional Health District	SEPA Documents - Emailed June 10, 2009	No	No comments received

Spokane County Building & Planning	SEPA Documents - Emailed June 10, 2009	No	No comments received
Spokane County Utilities	SEPA Documents - Emailed June 10, 2009	No	No comments received
City of Spokane Valley Community Development	SEPA Documents - Emailed June 10, 2009	No	No comments received
Central Valley School District	SEPA Documents - Emailed June 10, 2009	No	No comments received
Consolidated Irrigation	SEPA Documents - Emailed June 10, 2009	No	No comments received
TransCanada	SEPA Documents - Emailed June 10, 2009	No	No comments received
Dept. of Fish & Wildlife - Spokane	SEPA Documents - Emailed June 10, 2009	No	No comments received
Coeur d'Alene Tribe	SEPA Documents - Emailed June 10, 2009	No	No comments received
Spokane Tribe	SEPA Documents - Emailed June 10, 2009	No	No comments received
Spokane Transit Authority	SEPA Documents - Emailed June 10, 2009	No	No comments received

PUBLIC COMMENTS (WRITTEN):

Public comments (both verbal and written) have been received throughout the update process on various items in the plan including clarifications, suggestions, and corrections. Three versions of the updated plan have been created based on comments and suggested revisions received. No SEPA Comments were received.

STAFF SUMMARY

1. The City of Liberty Lake 2009 Parks, Recreation, Open Space, & Trails Plan is an update to the original plan adopted in 2006 which laid the groundwork for the future of the City park system.
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4. The 2009 Parks, Recreation, Open Space, & Trails Plan Update contains
 - a. Updated charts/tables/maps/summary paragraphs
 - b. Updated pictures
 - c. Updated City statistics
 - d. 2008 survey/results
 - e. New field diagrams
 - f. Status of the City's Recreation Department
 - g. Current LOS vs projected
 - h. Comparison of NRPA guidelines to survey
 - i. Updated funding sources
5. The Draft 2009 Parks, Recreation, Open Space, & Trails Plan Update process was a "bottom up" effort, involving early and continuous public participation throughout creation process and the public had the opportunity to comment throughout the process.
6. Public notice requirements have been met and comments have been solicited from the public, affected agencies, and tribes on the Draft 2009 Parks, Recreation, Open Space, & Trails Plan Update.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Draft 2009 Parks, Recreation, Open Space, & Trails Plan Update (7/1/09 version)