

From: VERNON SCHRAG

Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 11:35 AM

To: Walker, Ryan <RWalker@bellevuewa.gov>; parkboard
<parkboard@bellevuewa.gov>

Subject: Fwd: PARKS PLANNING FOR 6-YEARS OF FUTURE SUCCESS - Ashwood Park

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Good Morning Ryan & Bellevue Parks Board Members:

One more piece of Public inputs for November 17, 2021 Comments from Downtown Neighborhood residents regarding ASHWOOD PARK PLANNING. Thanks.

See email request below.

Key public issues highlighted in Yellow in pdf file attachment June 2019 planning deserve a closer look.

Much wasted \$\$\$ & time and effort that could not be afforded nor ever condoned. This situation has gone on for the past 6-Years Plan; and prior years too.

We can do better this time! FOR PUBLIC RECORD

Regards,
Dwight Schrag
Downtown Ashwood Park Neighborhood

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From: VERNON SCHRAG

To: "McVein, Shelley" <SMcVein@bellevuewa.gov>, camron parker
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Cc: "bmiyake@bellevuewa.gov" <bmiyake@bellevuewa.gov>, "jzahn@bellevuewa.gov"
<jzahn@bellevuewa.gov>

Date: 11/17/2021 11:16 AM

Subject: PARKS PLANNING FOR 6-YEARS OF FUTURE SUCCESS - Ashwood Park

Dear Shelley & Cameron: **PUBLIC RECORD PLEASE**

Attached is one-page pdf copy of information sent to you in **June 2019** regarding "Professional" completion of **Ashwood Park improvements and successful master-planning.**

No progress yet, however. Failing again is not a very good option. Better to get it right this time since Taxpayers expect scarce dollars to be well spent.

Do your best to gain "Success" in this ongoing **6-Years Capital Planning Program for our Parks. Livability Goals** are also big planning studies yet to be accomplished for Downtown Bellevue after all these years.

I firmly believe our City Council likely has similar expectations for Downtown as well. Thanks.

Please include these matters for Public Record as formal Voter-Resident inputs to your planning study documentation for November 2021.

Regards,
Dwight Schrag
Downtown Ashwood Park Neighborhood Resident

From: VERNON SCHRAG
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 4:19 PM
To: Zahn, Janice <JZahn@bellevuewa.gov>; Miyake, Brad <BMiyake@bellevuewa.gov>
Cc: parkboard <parkboard@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Downtown Parks Planning for Future Success - ASHWOOD PARK

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Dear Councilmember Zahn & Brad Miyake:

FYI - More planning inputs, photos and emails for your Parks Board members to consider in coming weeks.

FOR PUBLIC RECORDS

Thanks.

Regards,
Dwight Schrag
Downtown Ashwood Neighborhood

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From: VERNON SCHRAG

To: "rwalker@bellevuewa.gov" <rwalker@bellevuewa.gov>

Cc: cameron parker <cparker@bellevuewa.gov>

Date: 11/16/2021 4:04 PM

Subject: Downtown Parks Planning for Future Success - ASHWOOD PARK

Dear Ryan:

PLEASE INCLUDE information below, attached files and Photos as Public Comments for Parks Capital & Planning 6-Years Future Priority considerations with City Council, City Manager and Parks Board.

Note for special consideration the past decade's sordid history for Ashwood Park with wasted public funds, useless planning time, flawed engineering studies and involvement by Parks Board & entire City Council.

See attached copy of email to **Shelley McVein & Camron Parker** urging better processes and reviews. Professionalism is very important to avoid waste of time and tax dollars. Plan for future success ... not failures.

Also see photos of the Parks Department's major project upgrades to **Parking Lot** for Ashwood Park in comparison to "dead zone" of the Park land itself. Wasted Taxpayer \$\$\$ with **most of the Parking Lot shrubbery then ripped out and disposed of in 2019-2020.**

Parks Board needs to start asking WHY this just goes on and on?? Poor planning maybe.

Hopefully some meaningful answers will be sought soon. Thanks.

Regards,

Dwight Schrag

Ashwood Neighborhood Resident

ATTACHMENTS:

1) Ashwood Park Sept 2018 Photo Dead Zones.jpg



2) Ashwood Parking Lot Awesome Upgrades_2017.jpg



3) Downtown Parks Planning for Success – Ashwood Park Fwd_ Re_ Council Roundup _ New fire station downtown _ Printout.pdf

VERNON SCHRAG <dwights30@comcast.net>

6/25/2019 10:11 AM

Planning for Success - Ashwood Park Fwd: Re: Council Roundup: New fire station downtown?

To Shelley McVein <smcvein@bellevuewa.gov> • cameron parker <cparker@bellevuewa.gov>

Dear Shelly & Cameron, Forwarding some info for your careful consideration.

Suggest you carefully read and discuss past attempts (below & attached pdf file) to end-run voters re: Ashwood Park and directly harm our Neighborhood. Unbelievable but true.

Take a close look at history in case you don't recall these risks of NOT following Bellevue Planning policies.

Luckily for Ashwood & North Bellevue Neighborhood residents and business owners like UDR and Pacific Regent retirement center, there was ONE City Council Member who was so concerned they "tipped off" our Community of what was going on behind the scenes.

What a wakeup call that was. A pathetic mess was suddenly right out in the open. Over a year of Consulting Engineering going on behind the scenes with no Public-Taxpayer knowledge or input. Same with the KCLS Library Parking Garage Expansion. That was interesting. I believe City Planning Department headed up that disaster.

City Council had to make badly flawed decisions without professional guidance, lacking proper engineering or accurate drawings and cost estimates. I would rate these efforts as total failures, malfeasance or worse. Who's in charge??

Planning ahead, whats changed since then? What policies can we look at to see if there is a chance for a Repeat-offense. Process Maps can be a nice start but how about implementation of the "Maps"?? Maybe we should do better Planning??

There are Lessons-to-Learn here. Even future Parks Planning like the so-called top priority focus "Grand Connection" will come under close scrutiny. In my time here in Bellevue the Surrey Downs debacle was a close second; and garnered a lawsuit.

Suggest you hold a RETREAT with the entire Parks Board and Jennifer Robertson to review your own Policies and Practices in order to plan ahead for success this time. Better safe than sorry. Thanks for your attention to detail; and Policy. Pass it on please. I believe Brad Miyake should become involved, too.

Dwight Schrag

Ashwood Neighborhood Resident For Public Record in Project Files

From: Walker, Ryan
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 2:01 PM
To: VERNON SCHRAG
Cc: Parker, Camron <CParker@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: RE: ASHWOOD PARK PHOTO Fwd: Provide your input on Bellevue parks and trails!

Hello Mr. Schrag,

I appreciate you sharing this information and I will log as part of public input related to the Parks & Open Space Plan update. The easiest way to submit photographs and other material is directly to me, as you have done. Master planning of Ashwood Park is currently in the Capital Improvements Program and that project will carry forward once resources allow. Additionally, planning and development of Ashwood Park is intended to remain an objective in the Parks & Open Space System Plan with this update. So long as there is a need that will be the case. You'll be glad to hear that the Parks Board has expressed interest in ensuring that Ashwood Park planning moves forward at the next opportunity. We will share this note and continue to discuss with the Board.

Finally, thank you for alerting us to the sidewalk issue. We will follow up with the appropriate parties.

Please let me know of any additional questions.

Have a good afternoon,

Ryan

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From: VERNON SCHRAG
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 10:51 AM
To: Walker, Ryan <RWalker@bellevuewa.gov>
Cc: Parker, Camron <CParker@bellevuewa.gov>; parkboard <parkboard@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: ASHWOOD PARK PHOTO Fwd: Provide your input on Bellevue parks and trails!

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Dear Ryan: For Downtown Ashwood Park I tried to attach this Parks Plan example **photo** to Bellevue's Survey below Public Inputs - Engaging Bellevue portal November 16, 2021.

Website Attachment "add-image" system didn't work, instead asking for a "password".

Sending to you via email for photographic evidence of how poorly developed this Park Property site actually is; and the totally unsatisfactory Parks Department "development" and/or poor upkeep & maintenance for Ashwood Park has been ongoing for all these MANY YEARS.

We can discuss if you'd like? Please discuss with Parks Board Members.

How many Visitors or Bellevue families do you believe would enjoy picnicking or any type of safe or enjoyable family activities in such an awful Downtown Park??

We actually observed a little girl running away from her family in the park in October because she couldn't find anything to do! Here mother sent another child to find the little girl before she became lost or injured.

And Public sidewalk along the Southwest border of Ashwood Park is lifting up to form a tripping-fall hazard; and very difficult for aging retiree's to maneuver walkers or wheelchairs or walking canes. Someone will get injured!

Thanks. Dwight Schrag

Bellevue Resident

Downtown Ashwood Park Neighborhood

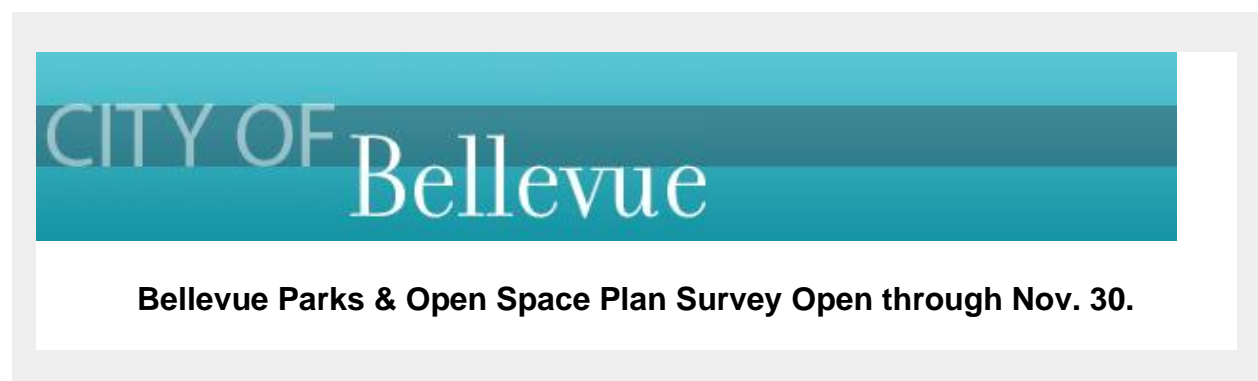
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From: City of Bellevue <bellevuewa@public.govdelivery.com>

To: VERNON SCHRAG

Date: 11/15/2021 11:01 AM

Subject: Provide your input on Bellevue parks and trails!



Did you know that the parks you enjoy today initially started as ideas in the Bellevue Parks & Open Space System Plan? The plan is updated every six years and contains the big ideas for acquisition, development, and management of parks facilities citywide. In fact, many of the Bellevue parks and trails we use and treasure today started as ideas in the parks plan.

Survey data is important to understanding the interests and trends in the Bellevue community. Your answers will be used to help shape the plan and key priorities for the coming years. The survey is available in simplified and traditional Chinese, English, Korean, Spanish, Russian, and Vietnamese.

[Take the Survey](#)



To learn more about the Parks & Open Space plan visit the [parks plan website](#).

You can also share your ideas at www.engagingbellevue.com, our online engagement portal

Thank you for helping to shape the future of Bellevue's parks.

ATTACHMENTS:

1) Downtown Ashwood Park.jpg



2) Downtown Ashwood Park Photo.pdf

DOWNTOWN ASHWOOD PARK PHOTO

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