



City of Bainbridge Island
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council members
FROM: Cathie Currie, Acting City Clerk
DATE: July 8, 2009
RE: Data on the Strawberry Plant planning process

In response to a request by Mayor Chris Snow, I am providing the following chronology of Council action and additional public participation opportunities regarding the Strawberry Plant project.

July 8, 2009 – Under consideration: City Council to approve Salmon Recovery Funding Board grant contract for the construction of the Strawberry Plant Shoreline Restoration Project and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement, understanding that none of the funds will be spent until the permit process is complete and the Council awards a construction bid.

June 16, 2009 – Informed by SRF Board that in fact deadline for execution was June 11. Grace period provided to permit Council review at July 8 meeting.

May 13, 2009 – Agenda item pulled based upon assurance by SRF Board that there was no strict deadline for contract execution and the item could be delayed until appeal process resolved: City Council to approve the Salmon Recovery Funding Board contract for the construction of Strawberry Plat Shoreline Restoration Project and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement.

March 25, 2009 – City Council waived the requirement for Council to approve the 30% design for the Strawberry Plant Shoreline Restoration Project.

March 16, 2009 – Public Works and Transportation Committee recommended that City Council waive the requirement for Council to approve the 30% design for the Strawberry Plant Shoreline Restoration Project.

February 24, 2009 – At a joint meeting, City Council and Park Board approved the Preferred Shoreline Restoration Design Concept which includes dock and boat launch, and that planning for Phase II of the design which includes the uplands portion of the park be delegated to the Park District to be done at a later date.

January 28, 2009 – City Council approved and authorized the Mayor to execute a license agreement... with the Washington State Department of Natural Resources [for creosote piling removal] and to enter into discussions with citizens and historic preservation and representatives from the state on mitigation of impacts at the Strawberry Plant.

October 16, 2008 – Public Open House, advertised in Bainbridge Review.

October 8 – 22, 2008 – Public comment period advertised in Bainbridge Review.

September 27, 2008 – Design charrette. Invitations were sent to fourteen stakeholder groups representing cultural, recreational and environmental interests, and to 150 landowners and residents within ½ mile of park. 29 people attended. No one was turned away.

June 2, 2008 – Section 106 early consultation regarding cultural resources with NOAA, Suquamish Tribe, Bainbridge Island Historical Society and the Historic Preservation Commission

May 28, 2008 – City Council approved and authorized the City Project Manager to execute a scope of services under the March 12, 2008 Consultant Services Contract with Anchor Environmental in the amount of \$237,935 for shoreline habitat restoration at the Strawberry Plant property.

April 9, 2008 – City Council approved Memorandum of Agreement with Elliott Bay Trustee Council to fund shoreline restoration at Strawberry Plant and other properties.

March 12, 2008 – City Council approved and authorized the Mayor to execute an agreement with Anchor Environmental in a form substantially similar to the attached agreement for shoreline restoration project consultant services.

October 10, 2007 -- City Council authorized the Mayor to sign the two Salmon Recovery Funding Board grant agreements for the projects at the Strawberry Plant and Pritchard Park properties and requested that a resolution clarifying policy for design of Strawberry Plant and Pritchard Parks be drafted for Council review and approval.

June 27, 2007 – City Council approved License Agreement with the Conoco Phillips Company [for access to remove petroleum contamination on Strawberry Plant property] and authorized the Mayor to sign the Agreement subject to a timely and good-faith effort to negotiate two additional points, including an agreement to negotiate an easement for a bridge across the creek connecting the waterfront trail to the Strawberry Plant Property and authorization for the City's salmon habitat restoration project to be conducted along the shoreline and stream of the ConocoPhillips property.

June 7, 2007 – IAC approved the City's request for conversion of property in Waterfront Park with Strawberry Plant.

April 11, 2007 -- City Council authorized the Mayor to execute a request for IAC conversion of property in Waterfront Park.

March 23, 2005 – City Council approved a Revocable License Agreement with Bainbridge Island Rowing Club regarding temporary use of a portion of Waterfront Park and authorized the Mayor to execute the agreement.

November 10, 2004 – City Council approved transfer of John Nelson Park and Strawberry Plant properties (Real Property Exchange Agreement) and Agreement Regarding Real Property Exchange with the Park District, stating mutual intent and desire to transfer the property to the District “for the purposes of operating, maintain and locating a park thereon...(and) to engage in a cooperative joint planning process for the ... property.”

November 2, 2004 – Open Space Commission presented recommendation to acquire the Strawberry Plant property through a transfer of the John Nelson Park. The recommendation noted, “because the transaction is an exchange and not a purchase through the Open Space bond levy, the limitation on passive use of properties acquired through Open Space funds does not apply.”