AGENDA
City of Richland Parks and Recreation Commission #7-2013
Richland City Hall ~ 505 Swift Boulevard ~ City Council Chambers
Thursday, August 8, 2013, 7:00 PM

Commission Members: Chair Gutierrez, Vice Chair Jones, Doran, Valentino, Katipamula, Bern, Beck, Richards, McBurney
Liaisons: Council Member Kent, Alternate Council Member Anderson

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval of August 8, 2013, Agenda

Approval of May 9, 2013, Minutes

Council Liaison Report

Recreation Report

Parks and Facilities Report

Public Comments

Presentations

New Business:

1) Proposed Acceptance of Park Improvements in Exchange for Park Impact Fees for Apartments at Innovation Center (Joe Schiessl)
2) Master Plan for the Stevens Triangle (Phil Pinard)
3) Naming the Neighborhood Park at the corner of Westcliffe Blvd and Gala Way (Park Naming Subcommittee)
4) Preliminary Plat of Beer Falls, Acceptance of Land in Exchange for Park Impact Fees (Joe Schiessl)

Commission Comments

Adjournment

The Next Parks and Recreation Commission Workshop Meeting is Thursday, August 22, 2013 and
The Next Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting is Thursday, September 12, 2013

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MINUTES

Richland Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting #5-2013
Richland City Hall – 505 Swift Boulevard – Council Chambers
Thursday, May 9, 2013 ~ 7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER:
Vice Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ATTENDANCE:
Vice Chair Jones, Commissioners Doran, Valentino, Beck, Bern and Richards were present. Chair Gutierrez and Commissioner Katipamula were absent. Also in attendance were Council member Kent, Parks and Recreation Director Schiessl, Parks and Recreation Managers Pinard and Strand and Parks and Facilities Supervisor Sweeney.

APPROVAL OF THE May 9, 2013, AGENDA:
Commission Doran removed item in New Business, No. 3, Report from Walkability Subcommittee from agenda which will be discussed at the next workshop.
Nancy Doran **moved** to approve the May 9, 2013 agenda as amended. Dawn Bern **seconded** the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE April 11, 2013, MINUTES:
Nancy Doran **moved** to approve the April 11, 2013, minutes as presented. Samantha Beck **seconded** the motion. Motion carried.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:
Council member Kent welcomed the public and encouraged all to view the council meetings on the City's website. She reported that at the last City Council meeting there was discussion regarding the potential, partial closure of Goethals Drive and Barth Park. Council Member Kent reported that the Parks and Recreation Commission vacancy application period is now closed and have received interest from three candidates.

RECREATION REPORT:
Parks and Recreation Manager, Laurel Stand reported that the George Prout Pool opens June 8, 2013 and registration for Session 1, Swim Lessons begins 8:00 am June 7, 2013 at the Richland Community Center and is also available for online registration. Ms. Strand included that the Badger Mountain Splash and Play and the Wading Pool located at Howard Amon Park will open May 25, 2013. Ms. Strand also mentioned that the Summer E-Activity Guide is now available and can be located at richlandparksandrec.com and encouraged everyone to view the Summer brochure.

PARKS AND FACILITIES REPORT:
Parks and Facilities Supervisor, Darrin Sweeney reported Park and Facility updates and progress throughout the City. Mr. Sweeney discussed updates from the meeting with Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA) regarding the wind damage which occurred during the December 2012 storm. The two items discussed with WCIA are the wind damage to the roof at the City Shops (300 building) located on Duportail and also the assessment and replacement of the tree loss throughout the City. Sweeney gave an update on the revision of the landscaping and removal of several overgrown trees and shrubs that were impacting the Richland Community Center and Fire Station 1. He included an update of Phase 2 of the revitalization project at City Hall and will begin Phase 3 in the near future. Sweeney also discussed the progress of the debris barrier that is currently under construction at the Columbia Point Marina and also Phase 1 of the revised garbage collection program. Sweeney added the completion of the clearing project at Wye Park which opened up views to the river and encouraged everyone to visit Wye Park.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
None

PRESENTATIONS:
Rebecca Wassell, Yakima Basin Program Manager of Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group, indicated they are dedicated to restoring self-sustaining populations of salmon and steelhead. The Mid-Columbia Fisheries works with landowners and community partners to protect and restore fish habitat in the Yakima, Klickitat, White Salmon river basins. Wassell discussed the partnership project with Benton Conservation District which formed in 2010; she explained the project's current focus is to explore an opening of a channel through the Bateman Island causeway to improve water quality in the Yakima River Delta. Staff directed Ms. Wassell to work with the City and to engage the various users of the Yakima/Columbia river confluence.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
None

NEW BUSINESS:
1. Shoreline Management Development Plan Review & Recommendation Construction of Four Private Boat Docks (SM1-2013)
Senior Planner, Jeff Rolph presented the development plan and recommendation for construction of a four private docks, three of which replace existing structures. The three single-owner docks will be approximately 160 square feet and the joint use (3-family) private dock located near Vista Ct. will be approximately 318 square feet. All of the docks would have 4-foot wide access ramps ranging in length from 34-feet to 43-feet, a 4-foot by 4-foot concrete pier to anchor the access ramps and a dock anchoring system consisting of a maximum of 4 piles or alternatively 13 submerged concrete blocks. Access down to the docks from the adjoining homes are by way of un-surfaced meandering trails with the exception of the dock proposed for 2550 Harris Avenue which may include masonry block steps if approved by the Corps of Engineers through a

separate real estate license review and approval process. The proposed docks have been designed to meet the strict requirements of the Corps of Engineers McNary Shoreline Management Plan that was approved in January of 2012. The applicants, in addition to the shoreline permit from the City will be required to obtain permits and approvals from the Corps of Engineers, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and Washington Department of Natural Resources.

Commissioner Doran **moved** to recommend that the Parks and Recreation Commission identify to the Planning Commission that there are no impacts to existing or planned parks, trails, open spaces or recreation areas for the proposed four private boat docks as specified in file SM1-2013. Dawn Bern **seconded** the motion. Motion Carried.

2. Wright Street Fire Station Surplus

Parks and Recreation Director, Joe Schiessl indicated that the City owns and manages a building located at 507 Wright Street (commonly known as the Wright Street Fire Station) at the southwest corner of Wright and Frankfort Streets. The facility was constructed in 1954 as a small, neighborhood fire station. The facility is no longer used as a fire station and has been used for several decades as a part-time preschool run by various public and private entities. The current operator is a parent cooperative and uses the facility approximately 7.5 hours per week. The City maintains the building, grounds and covers utility costs. The building is 2,956 square feet on 19,238 square feet of property adjacent to Frankfort Park. The City has been approached by a local private Montessori school expressing an interest to lease then purchase the facility.

Commissioner Bern **moved** the Parks and Recreation Commission under authority of RMC 3.06.030 recommend that City Council declare the property located on 507 Wright Street, commonly known as the Wright Street Fire Station, surplus to the cities current and future needs. Barry Richards **seconded** the motion. Motion carried.

3. Naming of the Howard Amon Tennis Courts

Parks and Recreation Director, Joe Schiessl presented the recommendation to name the four rebuilt tennis courts in Howard Amon Park the “Holland St. John Courts” in commemoration of the local Holland St. John and his 23 years of service to the City on the Parks and Recreation Commission where he served as chair for 12 years. Mr. St. John also taught in the Richland School District for 32 years and served in the Marine Corps during the Korean War. Most notable, however, is Mr. St. John’s contribution to the local tennis community through public instruction and active participation. There will not be a fiscal impact to the City as a result of naming the tennis courts other than minor, in-house signage fabrication.

Commission Doran **moved** that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend that the City Council name the four tennis courts located in Howard Amon Park the “Holland St. John Courts”. Jackie Valentino **seconded** the motion. Motion carried.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION COMMENTS:

- **Dawn Bern**- Mentioned the great benefits of workshops.
- **Nancy Doran**- Discussed the repair or removal of non-working water fountains throughout several parks and trails. Doran also inquired the possibility or plans of a mailing list for notification of all of our activities and updates with the Parks and Recreation and the community to receive.
- **Greg Jones**- Complimented all the Parks and Recreation staff involved with the Arbor Day Celebration at John Dam Plaza.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Reviewed by: Joe Schiessl, Parks and Recreation Director

Approved by:

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Chair Maria Gutierrez, Richland Parks and Recreation

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REQUEST FOR
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RELATIVE TO CITY OF RICHLAND
PARK FEES

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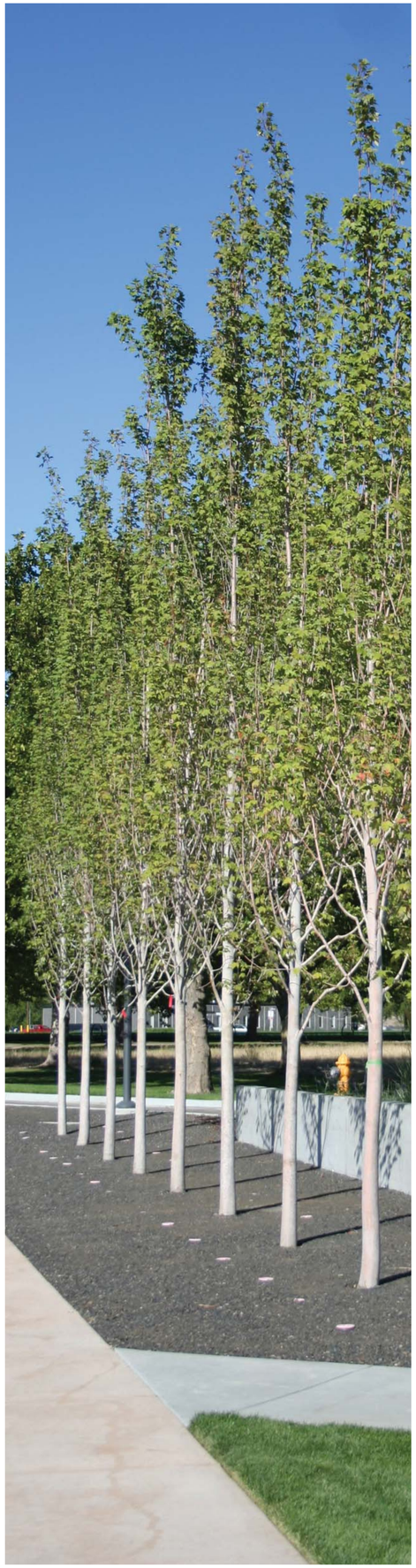

Site plan specifics:

The Innovation Center property is approximately 90 Acres in the northern portion of Richland, bounded on the West by Stevens Drive, on the East by George Washington Way, on the South by University (formerly First Street), and on the north by 3rd and 4th Streets, in a staggered configuration.

Topography:

There is minimal topographical variation across the site, with approximately 6' of rise/fall across the site in either the north-south or the east west direction, which is pretty minimal across the types of distances that make up the site boundaries.

Location and layout of improvements:

Bike and Pedestrian Amenities: Across the development as a whole, the ownership group has committed to building a network of bike trails and sidewalks to promote pedestrian movement and bicycle usage, both for commuters and for recreational riding. Rather than being located in a single spot on the Innovation Center, these amenities are obviously spread throughout the facility. Dedicated bike lanes, denoted by a change of material and by standard street markings, have already been constructed on Salk Street, Pauling Avenue, Innovation Boulevard, 3rd St, and DaVinci.

The bike lanes, in combination with a newly-paved extension of Innovation Boulevard to the north (by Battelle, on their adjacent property) provide a connection between PNNL and WSUTC that allows a safer, more enjoyable pedestrian and cyclist movement between these two important hubs while avoiding the increased danger and congestion of George Washington Way. The bike lanes are already quite heavily used for this purpose as well as for PNNL bike commuters coming from the south west, allowing them to avoid a fairly treacherous section of Stevens Drive (at an area of particularly heavy cross-traffic).

The total length of bike lanes constructed to date is 4,580 linear feet, and the cost of this work was $298,540.00.

Parkway/Green Space/ Festival Spaces:

Innovation Boulevard was designed and constructed specifically for the recreational usage of the residents of the Innovation Center, office/lab workers, and for the use of PNNL, WSUTC, and the local community. Rather than to create a typical boulevard with unusable landscape area, this boulevard is designed as a multi-use park space and is well-connected to the surrounding streets with raised pedestrian crossings. As a nod to the local scientific community, the park spaces internal to the boulevard are defined by a set of intertwining sidewalks that are an abstraction of Watson and Crick's discovery of the double-helix structure of DNA. These sidewalks serve to promote recreational walking/exercising within the park blocks but they also, along with a series of raised berms and cast concrete site walls, create a series of 'pocket parks' within the overall boulevard.

The design concept is that the 'pocket parks' within the overall boulevard could be used by smaller groups (families or a group of co-workers) to create a feeling of more-defined space in what could otherwise be an overwhelming scale of this parkway. To better define these spaces as well as to provide some buffering from both the sun and the prevailing winds, the geometry of the blocks is reinforced with a series of cast in place concrete walls (materially tying in to the area's industrial history) and strong rows of mature maple trees (a nod to the windrows and the area's agricultural significance). In addition, these spaces (in between the stranded sidewalks) are designed on a 10' module (20' between parallel sidewalks), so that the spaces can be configured for 10'x10' festival tents, back to back, or even for automobiles in the event that a car show might be held in the boulevard in the future. PNNL has already put the boulevard to use for the purposes of their regularly scheduled Farmers' Market, and the intention is to work with PNNL and WSU to leverage these spaces for future technology fairs, demonstration spaces, etcetera. Power and water are available to each of the pocket parks to allow for programmatic flexibility.

The construction cost of the Innovation Boulevard project was $764,495.00

Ownership:

The boulevard and bike lane network is currently owned by the Innovation Center TCRD, LLC, who is responsible for maintaining landscape and hardscape for the entire project, and the entire facility is an 'open campus', fully available for the use of adjacent property owners and the people of Richland.

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OVERALL SITE PLAN SHOWING CURRENT IMPROVEMENTS
+ PROPOSED BLOCK 3 DEVELOPMENT

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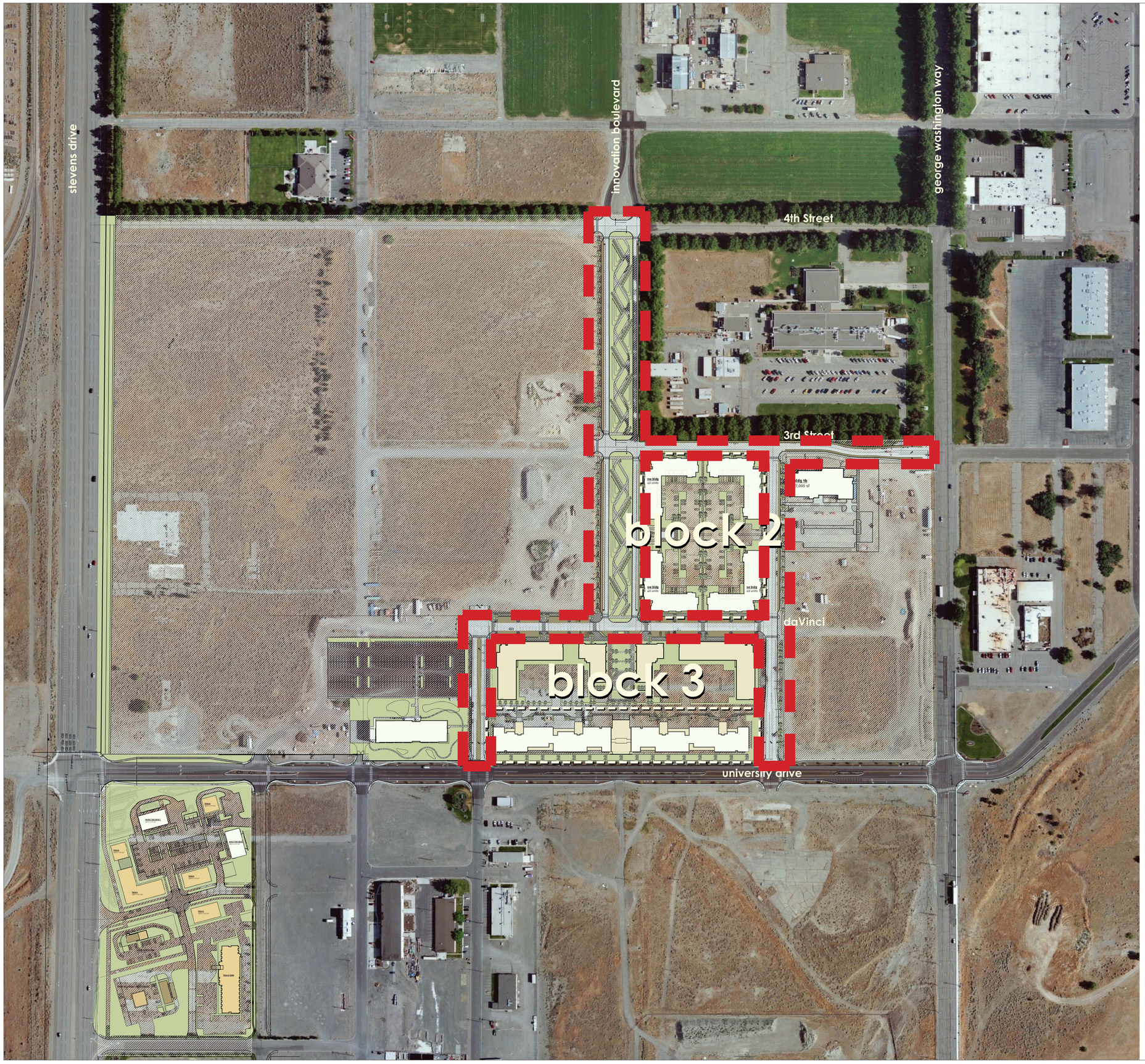

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OVERALL SITE PLAN OUTLINING CURRENT EXTENTS OF RELEVANT IMPROVEMENTS

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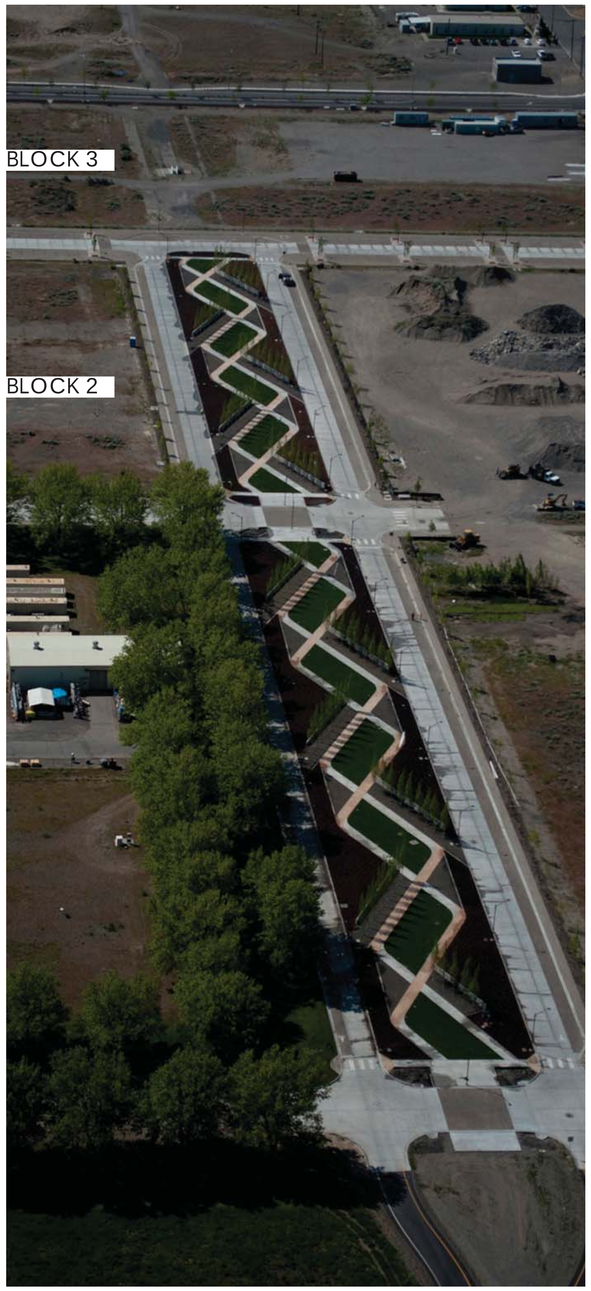

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SITE IMPROVEMENTS | REFERENCE PHOTOS + AERIAL OVERVIEW OF BOULEVARD

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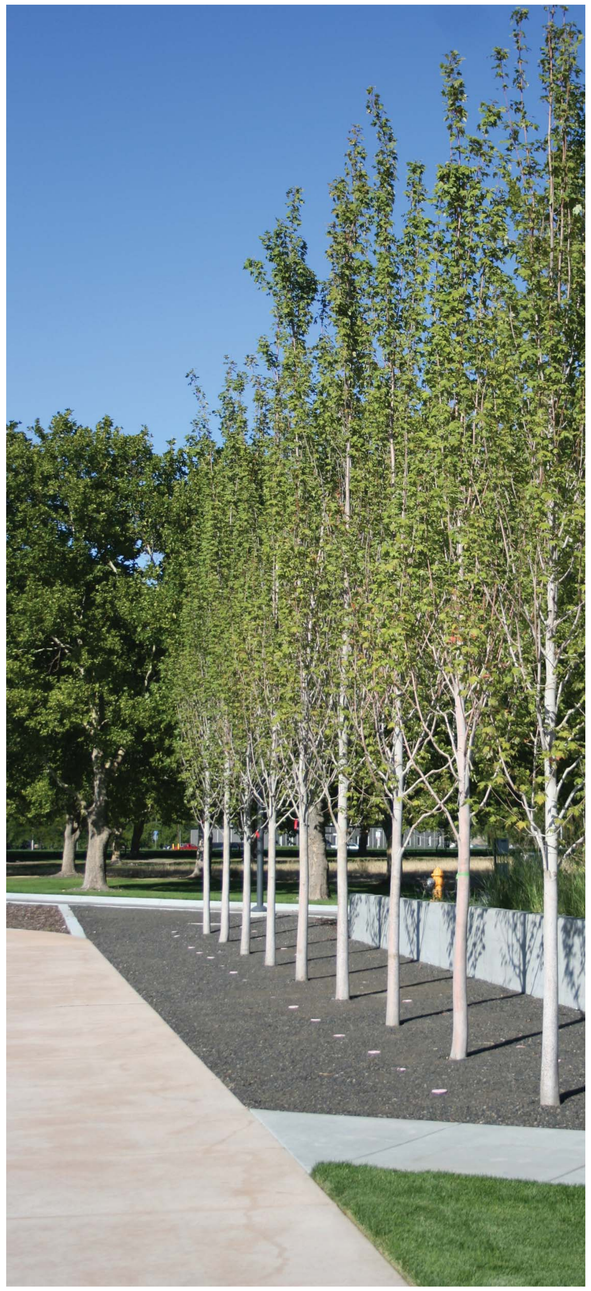

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SITE IMPROVEMENTS | REFERENCE PHOTOS SHOWING:

TYPICAL PAVERED BIKE LANE (NATURAL INFILTRATION)

TYPICAL PAVER SIDEWALK

LANDSCAPING: SIMPLE MASS-PLANTINGS OF DECORATIVE GRASSES, RUSSIAN SAGE, AND LAVENDER. 4" CALIPER ARMSTRONG MAPLES

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SITE IMPROVEMENTS | REFERENCE PHOTOS SHOWING MATERIAL PALETTE

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22.12.070 Credit for land and/or facilities.

Credit may be granted for private land and/or facilities which are provided in a residential subdivision or development. Credit may also be granted for improvements made to existing public park land or facilities. Improvements to public or private lands that are eligible for credit are those that assists in meeting the need for neighborhood recreational lands or facilities and which implement the most current adopted version of the parks and recreation plan. Projects for which credit may be granted include the provision of usable open space containing minimum improvements (irrigation system, ground cover and landscaping) and/or the provision of facilities typically associated with neighborhood parks and playgrounds. All park improvements and installation of park facilities and/or equipment eligible for such credit shall be subject to the approval of the parks and recreation department for conformance with city standards. The amount of credit to be granted, if any, shall be determined by the Richland parks and recreation commission and shall be based on the value of the land and/or facilities provided, the suitability of such land and/or facilities for activities typically associated with neighborhood parks and playgrounds, the ability of the land and/or facilities to serve public and private recreational needs of the neighborhood, and the impact on implementation of the parks and recreation element of the Richland comprehensive plan.

Requests for credit shall be submitted to the city planning and development services division and shall contain the following information:

A. A site plan showing:

1. Scale of the drawing and the boundaries, dimensions and orientation of the site to true north;

2. Topography at a minimum two-foot contour interval;

3. Location and layout of existing physical characteristics (vegetation, natural waterways and drainage ways, rock outcroppings, etc.) indicating any significant features to be removed, improved or preserved;

4. Location and layout of proposed improvements including landscaping, irrigation system, pathways and trails, play areas and playground equipment, lighting, fencing, structures, etc.;

5. Ingress, egress and internal circulation for the site;

6. Relationship of the site and proposed improvements to adjoining property.

B. An itemized list of the proposed improvements including a description, the quantity, and estimated per-unit cost figure for the individual improvements.

C. A statement of the methods and/or provision for ownership, maintenance and use of the site and proposed improvements.

D. Any other materials and/or information determined by the city to be necessary or appropriate.

The city parks department shall coordinate review of the request for credit and shall forward same to the Richland parks and recreation commission, which shall review the request for credit and determine the amount of credit to be granted, if any. If the granting of credit is determined to be appropriate, the value established therefor shall be deducted from the fees owed under RMC 22.12.030. [Ord. 78-80 § 1.01; Ord. 36-02; Ord. 24-11 § 1.10].

TO: **Parks and Recreation Commission**

FROM: **Phil Pinard, Parks and Recreation Manager**

DATE: **August 8, 2013**

SUBJECT: **Stevens Triangle Master Plan**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend Council adopt a master plan for the Stevens Triangle including a location for community gardens.

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION

I move that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend Council adopt a master plan for the Stevens Triangle including a location for community gardens.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Home Depot and the Richland Stake of the LDS Church have partnered to complete the first phase of the community gardens which will consist of 30 boxes. Some minor materials may be purchased by the City and the cost will be covered by the annual operating budget. Some parks and facilities crew time will be required for site preparation, irrigation modifications and installing the garden watering system. Future phases are currently unfunded.

BACKGROUND

The Jadwin/Stevens location is appropriate as a community garden location because there are several multi-family neighborhoods within 3 blocks of the proposed garden site. It has been the City's practice to locate community gardens in locations where residents have limited access to private gardening space. The southern portion of the triangle has remained unused for more than 15 years and placing garden plots will bring park users to an otherwise unused city park. Future phases of the Stevens Triangle Master Plan include the development of a small parking area and extension of the existing xeriscape demonstration garden to the south as a buffer to Stevens Drive. Art, colorful plants, fencing material and other methods will be implemented to add to the aesthetics of the area.

Flyers advertising the proposed action were distributed throughout the neighborhood.

STEVENS TRIANGLE MASTER PLAN

MEMORANDUM

Community and Development Department
Planning & Development Services Division

TO: **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

FROM: **RICK SIMON, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES MANAGER**

DATE: **AUGUST 8, 2013**

RE: **PROPOSED PRELIMINARY PLAT OF BEER FALLS**

The City has received a preliminary plat application of 'Beer Falls', a proposal to divide 96.51 acres into 460 residential lots. The property is located north of the Burlington Northern Railroad, west of Steptoe Street, south of Claybell Park and east of the Amon Preserve area (see the attached vicinity map). The applicant, Hayden Homes, LLC, has submitted requests to the City including a comprehensive plan amendment to change the eastern most portions of the site from the current plan designation of low density residential to commercial; rezone requests to apply commercial zoning to the eastern most portions of the site; natural open space zoning along the Amon Wasteway and residential zoning on the balance of the property.

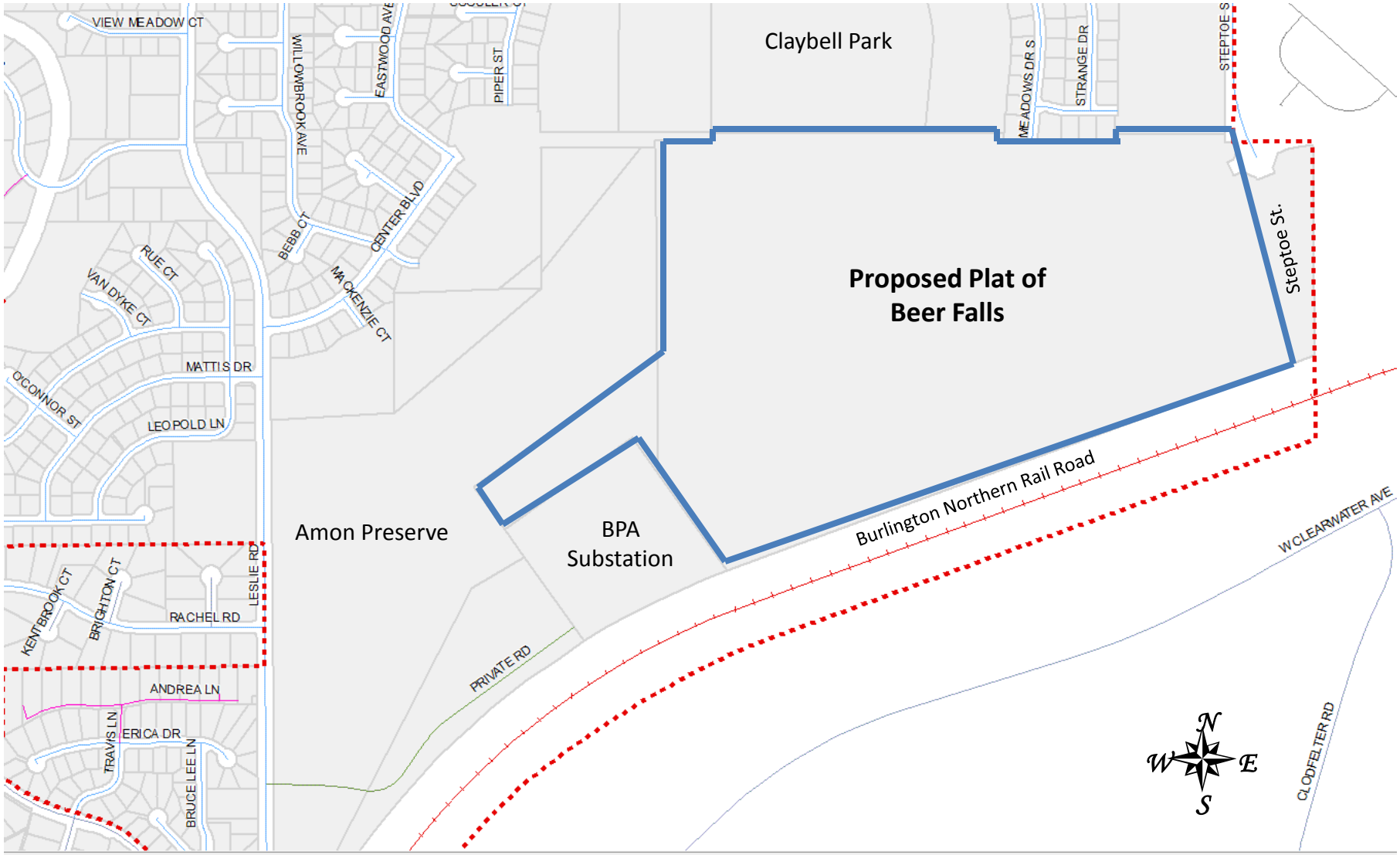
The Parks and Recreation Commission does not have a direct role in reviewing comprehensive plan amendment or rezone request but has a specific area of responsibility in reviewing plat applications that involve the dedication of land to the City. Section 22.12.040 of the Richland Municipal Code states that:

> *The Richland parks and recreation commission shall review and make a recommendation to the city council relating to all development proposals in which the applicant is proposing the dedication of any park, trail or open space property to the city; the development abuts a city park or trail property and/or the applicant is requesting credit or partial credit against fees otherwise required by this chapter for private park improvements or other related private improvements that may have the effect of reducing the need for city parks. Projects that are less than 250 dwelling units in size and that do not abut or adjoin existing city park or trail properties and that do not include any proposed land dedications or requests for park mitigation fee credits shall be exempt from review by the parks and recreation commission; provided, that in any circumstance where the Richland parks and recreation commission reviews any development proposal that also requires review by the Richland planning commission under RMC Titles 23, 24 or 26, the Richland parks and recreation commission review shall occur first, so that the Richland planning commission will have knowledge of any Richland parks and recreation commission recommendation or decision.*

In this case, the Beer Falls proposal is over the 250 lot threshold, contains proposed dedications of land to the City and does abut a park property (Claybell Park) and so requires review by the PRC. There are a total of ten parcels that are proposed to be

dedicated to the City of Richland. Two of these parcels (Tracts C and D as shown on the attached preliminary plat map) consist of the Amon Wasteway, which is a 400 foot wide easement that carries return irrigation flows for the Kennewick Irrigation District. The Wasteway bisects the site from south to north. The proposed dedication of this area would consist of 19.01 acres. The site is also bisected from northeast to southwest by a BPA transmission line and a Benton County PUD line in two separate, parallel easements that together measure 120 feet in width. This easement area, consisting of six separate parcels (Tracts A, B, E, F, G and H as shown on the preliminary plat maps) are proposed for dedication and total 5.7 acres. A third proposed area of dedication involves a proposed trail connection along the westerly edge of the proposed development and would provide an access trail to the adjacent Amon Preserve Area (Tracts I and J on the attached preliminary plat). These two tracts total .12 of an acre.

Part of the application material provided by the applicant includes an assessment of the Amon Wasteway prepared by a consultant (see attached copy). The assessment addresses existing habitat, the Kennewick's Irrigation District's plans for future channelization of the canal for improved maintenance operations and indicates that the Wasteway is not subject to state and local regulations that would apply to natural streams and wetlands.



VICINITY MAP OF BEER FALLS

Beer Falls

Located in a portion of the Section 1, T8N, R28E, W.M.
City of Richland, Benton County, Washington

PROJECT NOTES:

Applicant:
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Project Notes:
The site address is 3548 Leslie Road. Benton County identifies the site as Parcels 101881000001000 & 101882000001002.

Parcel 101881000001000 is currently zoned Agriculture (AG) & Parcel 101882000001002 is currently zoned Single Family Residential (R1-10). The comprehensive plan designation for Parcel 101881000001000 is natural open space within the 400' Amon Wasteway Easement and Low Density Residential (0-5 units/acre) in the remaining areas. The comprehensive plan designation for Parcel 101882000001002 is Low Density Residential (0-5 units/acre).

A Change of zone application has been submitted to rezone both parcels to R-2S excluding the Amon Wasteway Easement area, which is requested to be rezoned to Natural Open Space. A Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Change of Zone application has also been submitted to rezone the remaining area of parcel 101881000001000 to C-1, Neighborhood Retail Business and for a revised Comprehensive Plan designation of Commercial.

Lot Setbacks:
Front Building = 15'
Front Garage = 18'
Side = 6'
Street Side = 15'
Rear = 20'

Total Site Area - 131.97 acres (5,748,806 sq ft).

Total Number of Commercial Lots = 3

Total Number of Residential Lots = 460
Phase 1: 7 Lots
Phase 2: 26 Lots
Phase 3: 31 Lots
Phase 4: 30 Lots
Phase 5: 29 Lots
Phase 6: 26 Lots
Phase 7: 24 Lots
Phase 8: 34 Lots
Phase 9: 20 Lots
Phase 10: 29 Lots
Phase 11: 25 Lots
Phase 12: 31 Lots
Phase 13: 21 Lots
Phase 14: 20 Lots
Phase 15: 21 Lots
Phase 16: 20 Lots
Phase 17: 21 Lots
Phase 18: 21 Lots
Phase 19: 24 Lots

Average Lot Size = 6,353 sq ft

Density:
Area: 4,203,830 SQ FT / 96.51 Acres
Total lots: 460 Lots
Density: 4.77 units per acre
Amon Wasteway & Lots 1, 2 & 3 of Phase 20 are not included in the area for the Density Calculations.

Commercial:
Lot 1: 145,386 SQ FT / 3.34 Acres

Lot 2: 457,483 SQ FT / 10.50 Acres

Lot 3: 74,268 SQ FT / 1.70 Acres

Open Space = 1,013,491 SQ FT / 23.27 Acres

Right-of-way Dedication to City of Richland = 25.62 acres (1,116,203 sq ft)

Public Water Purveyor = City of Richland
Public Sewer Purveyor = City of Richland
Irrigation Purveyor = City of Richland

There are no known wells or septics on site. If any should be found during site development they will be properly abandoned.

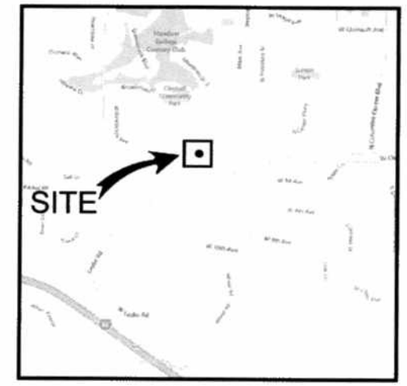
Pedestrian facilities will be provided onsite by way of 5' sidewalks along the proposed roadway improvements. Within the open space areas a 6' wide trail system is proposed as shown. Exact location will be field fitted as needed.

Tracts A-J are proposed to be dedicated to the City of Richland.

Bellerive Road & Center Parkway are classified as Arterial Collector roadways. Road 9 is classified as a Local Street (Single Frontage). All other roadways are classified as Local Streets.

Contour data shown on the existing conditions plan is from topographical survey data prepared by Stratton Surveying of Kennewick, Washington.

Datum:
City of Richland Datum, NAVD 88 Elevation 552.46', Southwest Corner of Section 36.



VICINITY MAP
NOT TO SCALE

Scale 1" = 150'

PLS ENGINEERING

Preliminary Plat For:
Beer Falls
A Site Located In Richland, Washington

Revisions

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Project No. 2291
SCALE: H: 1"=150' V: N/A
DESIGNED BY: TGJ
DRAFTED BY: TGJ
REVIEWED BY: AJG

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PLS ENGINEERING

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Preliminary Plat For:

Beer Falls

A Site Located In Richland, Washington

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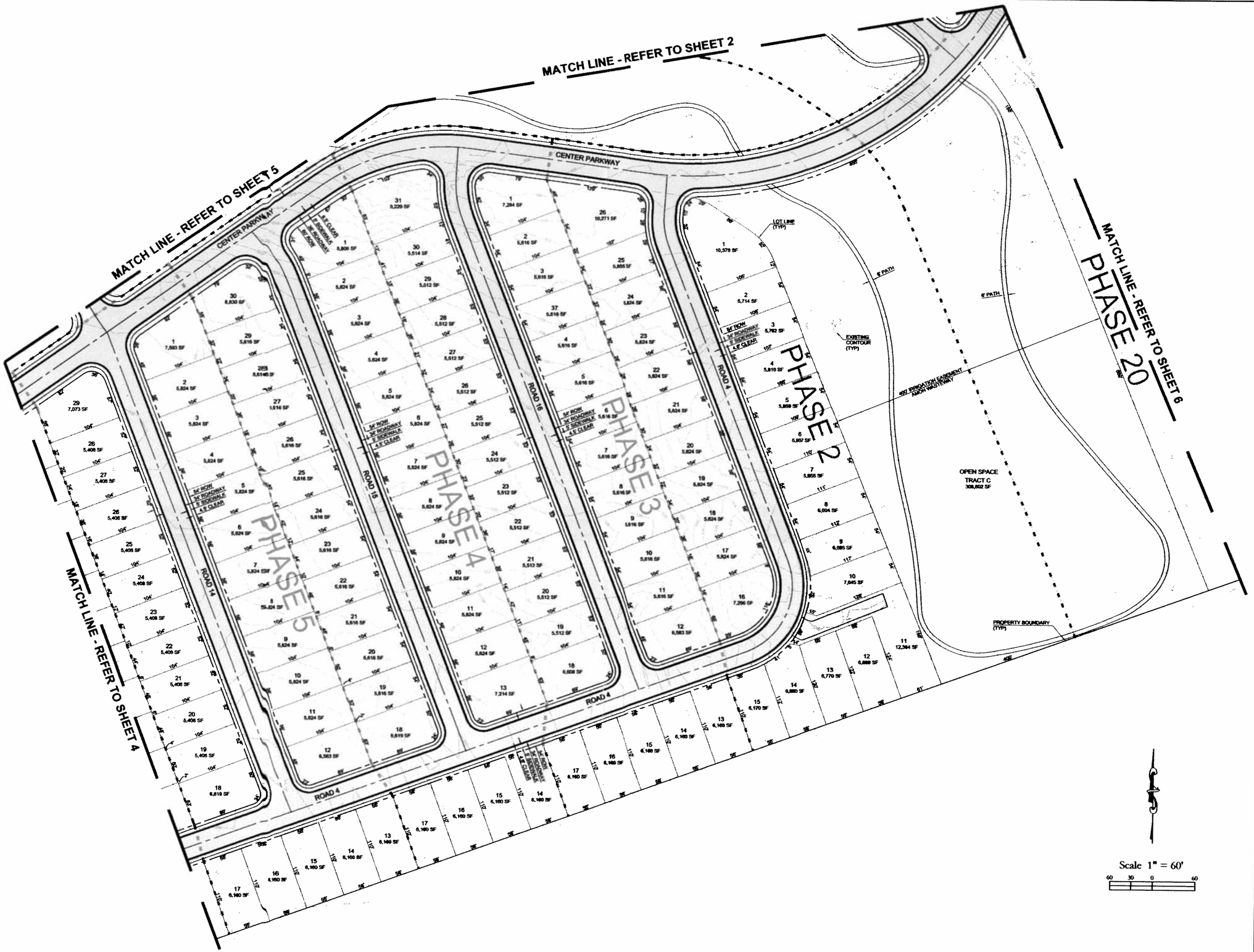

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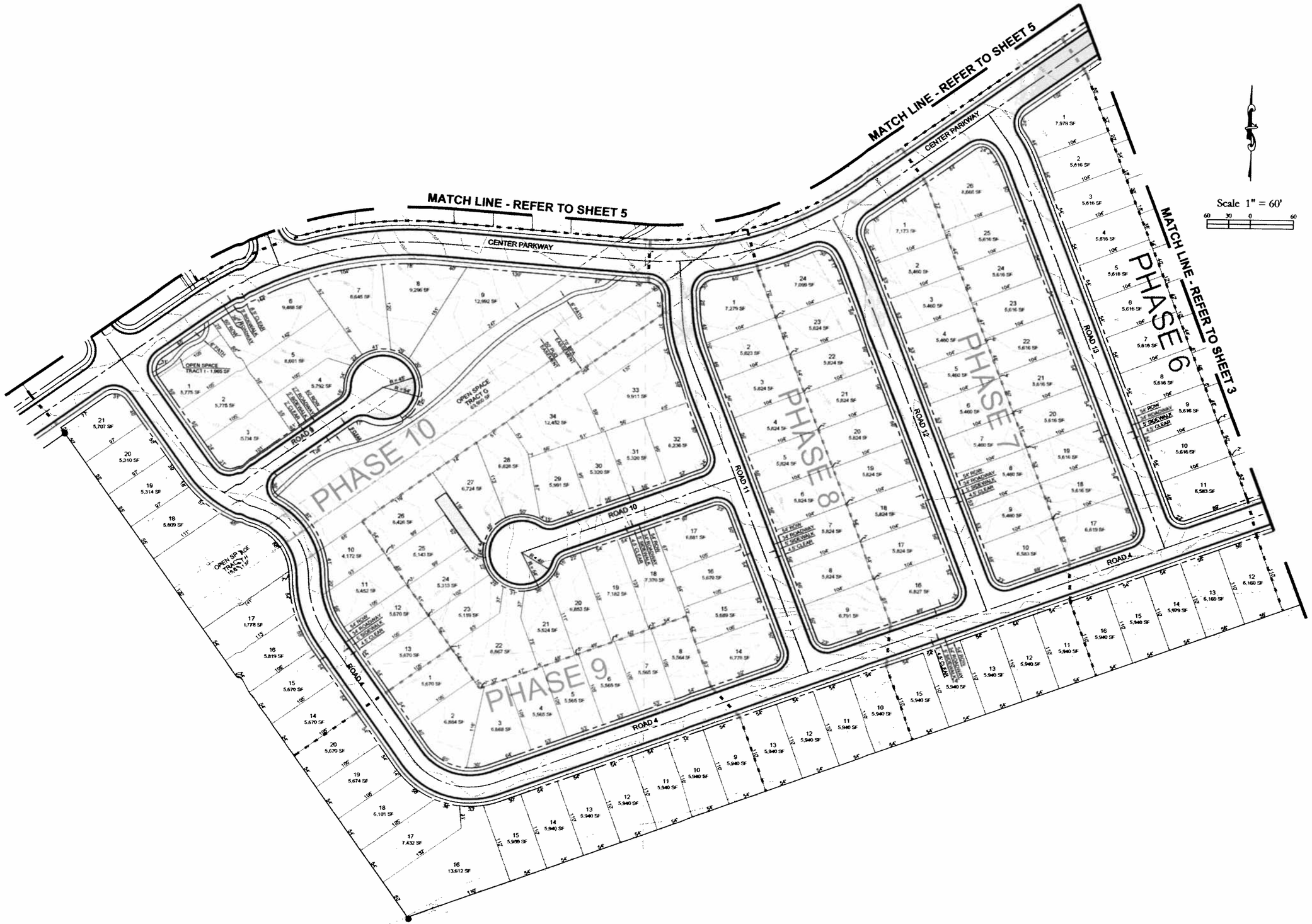

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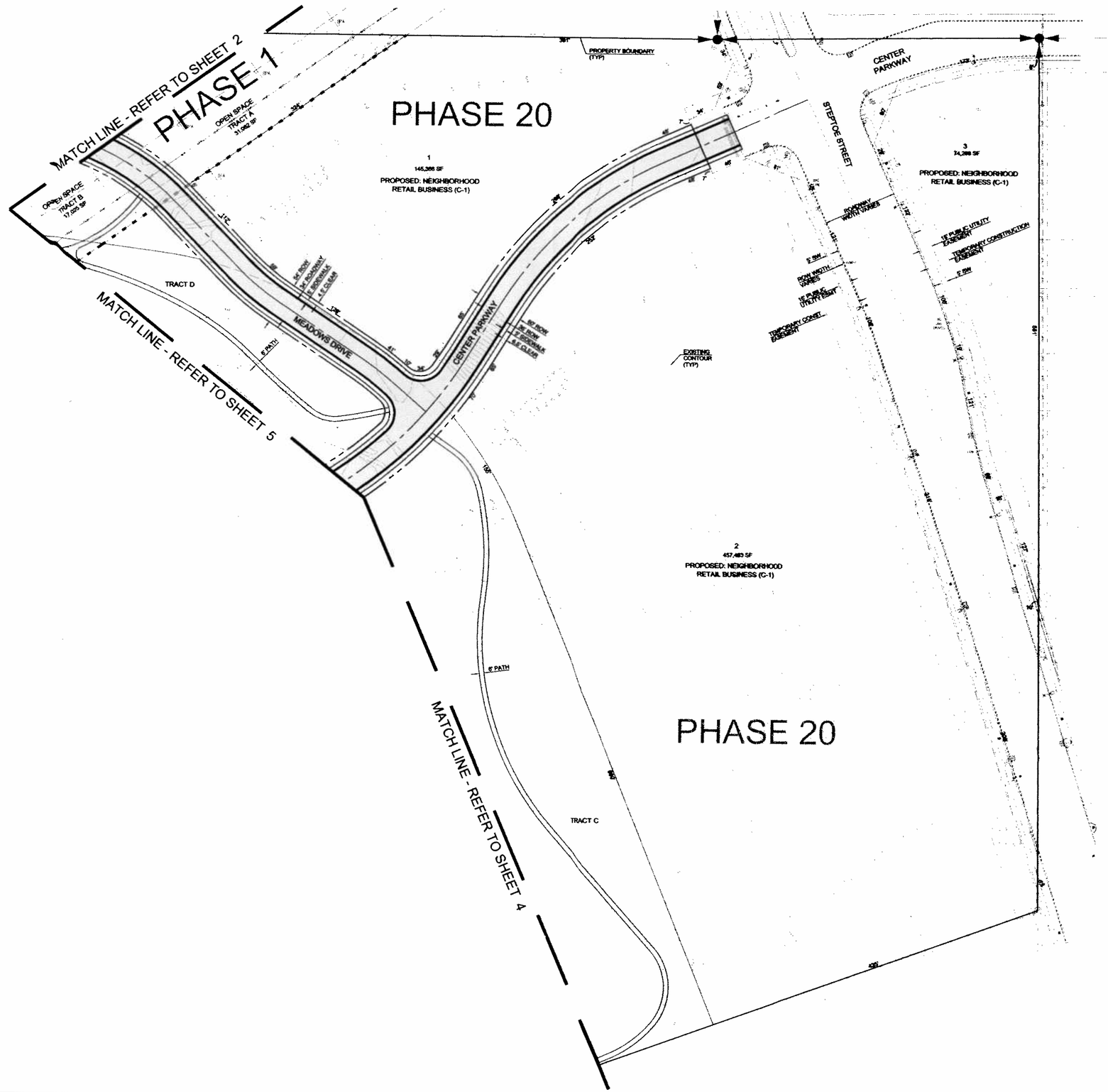

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July 30, 2013

Greeting Nathan Machiela:

In March 2013, Biology Soil & Water, Inc. (BSW) was retained by Hayden Homes to complete an assessment of Amon Wasteway easements in the Clearwater Creek and Bridgewater Park developments, jurisdictional requirements for the wasteway, and implications for the developments. Please find attached a report of finding for the project. The State of Washington has consistently found that this is a man-made channel engineered for irrigation purposes and not a jurisdictional wetland or stream and therefore not subject to regulations or buffers that apply to fish and wildlife conservation areas. The project should be approved as the wasteway crossings will be designed in strict compliance with local regulations and the Kennewick Irrigation District (KID) requirements.

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact the undersigned at your convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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Critical Areas and Open Space Assessment

for the

Clearwater Creek Property of Hayden Homes

Tax Parcel Number 55234.0120, Spokane County, WA

May 22, 2013

1.0 Introduction

The proposed Clearwater Creek project, to be constructed by Hayden Homes, is located in the City of Richland, north of Clearwater Avenue and the railroad tracks, west of the new Steptoe extension that is under construction, and east of Leslie Road. The property consists of approximately 130 acres and slopes gently toward the Amon Wasteway. The wasteway is operated and maintained by Kennewick Irrigation District (KID) and is located within a 400' easement held by the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR). Hayden Homes is currently developing another project called Bridgewater Park located directly south of the Clearwater Creek project and south of Clearwater Avenue. That project is also adjacent to Amon Wasteway and has a 200' easement.

In March 2013, Biology Soil & Water, Inc. (BSW) was retained by Hayden Homes to complete an assessment of the Amon Wasteway easements in the Clearwater Creek and Bridgewater Park developments, jurisdictional requirements for the wasteway, and implications for the developments. The stated goal of the Growth Management Act (GMA) and Shoreline Management Act (SMA) is to prevent net loss of wetland and shoreline ecological functions by preserving priority habitat (WAC 173-26-020(24). Those laws require local jurisdictions to identify specific mitigation measures that will achieve a No Net Loss of wetlands and ecological functions prior to issuance of development approvals. The priority habitats and species listed in local ordinances are adopted from the Washington State Priority Habitats and Species Program (PHS) (WDF&W, 2008) and the locations of these priority habitats and species are depicted on Fish & Wildlife Conservation Areas maps.

The Amon Wasteway is referenced in a letter from KID to the Department of Ecology (DOE) dated November 29, 2012. In the letter to DOE, the irrigation district notes that this property is used as a wasteway to convey overflow water for the district and is exempt from the requirements of wetland or wildlife as defined by RCW 36.70. The letter from KID includes ample historical and legal precedents for this conclusion. The historical and photographic records reveal that no water or riparian corridor existed in the subject areas before the irrigation water delivery and return system was created.

The KID letter states that the "portion of the Amon Wasteway near bridgewater Park consists of an engineered, man-made channel that is raised above the surrounding land surface elevation." The State of Washington has consistently found that this is a man-made channel engineered for irrigation purposes and not a jurisdictional wetland or stream and therefore not subject to regulations or buffers that apply to fish and wildlife conservation areas. In the project area, the wasteway does not have wetland hydrology in the winter or spring. No wetland hydrology occurs in the wasteway until irrigation water is directed into the wasteway in the spring.

Habitat Assessment

In its FY 2001 Innovative Project Proposal Review, the Bonneville Power Administration proposed the creation of high quality engineered salmonid habitat in the Amon Wasteway that mimics natural habitat. The objective of the project was to enhance the quality of fall chinook salmon habitat in the lower Yakima River. In August 2009, Biologists David Child and Ian Courter, completed a field investigation of Amon Wasteway for the Yakima River Basin Coalition to assess fish habitat during summer flow conditions. The Courter report stated that "salmon and steelhead do best in water that is below 64 degrees. Survival odds drop dramatically in warmer water. Amon Creek can warm into the 70s in the summer" he said. The results indicate that "Amon Wasteway is not capable of sustaining a steelhead and salmon population."

Chinook prefer to spawn in water temperatures between 5.6 and 14° C. Chinook that migrated into the wasteway would find water temperatures within this range during most of the spawning period. However, chinook eggs and alevin are very susceptible to fine sediments and would not survive in the project area. The National Marine Fisheries Service Matrix of Pathways and Indicators (Appendix 2) defines >20% fines in spawning habitat as "not functioning properly". Winter water temperatures in the wasteway fall within in the 7.3 to 14.6^{o} C range preferred by juveniles. However, high summer water temperatures would have a very negative effect on solmonids.

Alevin remain buried in the gravel redds for about 30 more days before emerging from the gravel as fry. In ideal conditions, clean, cold water is drawn down into the gravel interstices of the redd by the Venturi effect, cleaning wastes from the gravel and supplying the eggs and alevins with oxygen. Sediments clog gravel interstices and smother eggs and alevins when water is turbid and full of fine sediments. The National Marine Fisheries Service Matrix of Pathways and Indicators (Appendix 2) defines >20% fines in spawning habitat as "not functioning properly". Fine sediments cover the bottom of the wasteway throughout the project area which creates lethal conditions for eggs and alevins. High turbidity and water temperatures promote disease, stunted growth and food shortages and create unhealthy conditions for young salmonids. The flow of oxygenated water through gravel interstices is also crucial for freshwater invertebrate survival. Turbidity and sedimentation have negative effects on the diversity, abundance, and survival rates of invertebrates that comprise most of the juvenile salmonid diet.

The Amon Wasteway meanders through the 200-foot wide easement. The incised channel has steep vertical walls. Riparian vegetation is relegated to the channel interior and the top of the bank. The channel has thickets of willow and Russian olive and a few cottonwoods. At the top of the bank, the vegetative community transitions abruptly into sagebrush and bunchgrass habitat. Due to the seasonal presence of irrigation return flow, the corridor provides a seasonal habitat and food chain for birds and small mammals.

The width of the vegetated corridor, which includes the main channel and a few minor braided channels, varies between 100 and 150 feet in width. KID plans maintence operations in the channel within the next year as necessary to keep meanders to a minimum and flow in the existing engineered channel. Within 5 years KID plans to eliminate much of the meander and channelize the canal for easier maintenance along the entire length of the subject property. Hayden Homes developments will respect the 400-foot wasteway easement and use existing open space in the easement to satisfy the open

space requirements of the development. This option maintains a vegetative buffer along the wasteway to protect the best habitat on the site. The wasteway does not have a legal buffer because it is not a jurisdictional water, but open space on either side of the channel functions as a buffer for wildlife that seek refugia along the canal. This strategy would preserve the wildlife buffer while providing increased development opportunity. However, some low impact land uses are proposed within the easement.

Hyden Homes proposes the placement of a pathway/walking trail inside the 400 foot easement. The site plan also proposes crossing the waterway with a road at one location and with a pedestrian trail at two locations. This work will be completed at seasonal low water when the channel is dry to minimize habitat disturbances from the development. The grading footprint will be minimal, Best Management Practices will be strictly observed, and all peripheral areas temporarily disturbed by the earthmoving and grading process will be restored through native vegetative plantings. The crossings will be engineered in strict accordance with KID requirements for accommodating peak flows and structural integrity.

Conclusion

The habitat within the easement is the most valuable habitat on the site. The banks of the wasteway are deeply incised. The habitat abruptly changes from riparian in the braided channel to a distinctly upland sagebrush and bunchgrass habitat type that extends from the wasteway throughout the remainder of the site. Apart from the wasteway, the project area is uniform sagebrush habitat. Open space within the development footprint would be isolated sagebrush habitat with no direct access to the wasteway riparian habitat. There would be a benefit to resident wildlife if the development open space was concentrated along the wasteway. This development strategy provides the best solution for the developer and resident wildlife.

Limitations

The undersigned attests to the accuracy of the information provided as BSW services were executed in accordance with best available science and generally accepted professional practices for the conditions at the time the work was performed within the limitations of scope, schedule, and budget. If you have questions or require additional information, please contact the undersigned at your convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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TO: **Parks and Recreation Commission**

FROM: **Phil Pinard, Parks and Recreation Manager**

DATE: **August 8, 2013**

SUBJECT: **Preliminary Plat of Beer Falls**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) recommend Council not accept land donations within the Preliminary Plat of Beer Falls.

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION

I move that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend Council accept land donations as identified on the Preliminary Plat of Beer Falls in exchange for park impact fees of equal value.

FISCAL IMPACT

The preliminary plat of Beer Falls will generate approximately $600,000 of park impact fees over the build-out of the plat which is estimated to be ten years.

BACKGROUND

The preliminary Plat of Beer Falls is adjacent to Claybell Park on its north property line and the Amon Basin Preserve on the west. The preliminary plat was submitted with ten tracts proposed to be dedicated to the City for park and open space. Six of the tracts are defined by the BPA power line easement, two tracts are defined by the Bureau of Reclamation wasteway easement and two tracts are small trail connections.

Staff has met with the Kennewick Irrigation District (KID) to discuss the future plans for the wasteway. KID plans include vegetation removal to enhance water flow along the existing water course in 2014 and within 5 years the plan is to realign and channel the wasteway with maintenance road being constructed on both sides. The KID is also implementing water reducing practices that over time will significantly reduce water flows through the wasteway.

The proposed land dedications have been discussed and the KID information shared with the PRC at their June and July workshops.

ANALYSIS

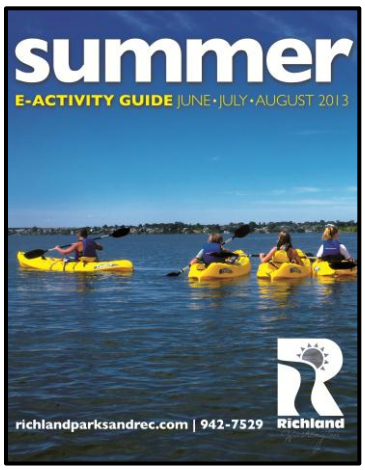
Based on the discussions with KID there is a concern that the existing environment of the wasteway will change over the next several years as KID implements their long range canal modification plans. The features that make the wasteway easement attractive for preservation may not exist in the future as water which sustains the existing vegetation is significantly reduced, the canal is channelized, and maintenance roads are constructed.

Staff reviewed the power line corridor for the feasibility of trail connections and determined that the location of the corridor coupled with the street crossings does not provide a suitable public trail need because of the ample park and trail facilities located in the adjacent Amon Preserve and Claybell Park.

Parks and Recreation Department
May - July 2013

Recreation Division

Summer E-Activity Guide



The Summer edition of the E-Activity Guide became available to the public Monday, May 6th, with registration beginning at 10:00am Tuesday, May 7th.
Due to on-line registration capability, there continues to be little or no wait, even for the most popular classes. The summer lineup includes several new and exciting classes, such as:

- Paddle Boarding
- Kayaking
- Golf
- Tennis
- BMX Training Camp
- Skating
- Red Dot Paint Ball
- And much more…

Community Gardens

The WSU Master Gardener program donated a variety of garden plants to both Community Gardens in Richland. The Master Gardeners are doing a great job of responding to concerns and questions regarding the personal gardens. With the warm weather, the gardens are beginning to look like gardens. Families are out playing in their gardens and enjoying the outdoors.

Fly Fishing Classes

Tuesday, May 7th was the first of three "Introduction to Fly Fishing" classes taught by the Columbia Basin Fly Casters at the Richland Community Center. The Columbia Basin Fly Casters teach students to select and prepare the right gear and flies, fly-casting, how to tie the right knots, and how to choose a great fly-fishing hole in the Tri-Cities.

Howard Amon Park – People's Choice!

The Tri-City Herald People's Choice Award for 2013 named Richland's Howard Amon Park as the number one park in the area. At 46 acres, the park is one of the largest in Richland. It's also the oldest. The park sees 250,000 visitors every year, making it Richland's most popular open space. The full story can be found on page 33 of the May 17th edition of the Tri-City Herald's People's Choice.

People's Choice

Favorite Park

#1

Howard Amon Park

900 Amon Park Dr., Richland

509-942-7529

richlandparksandrec.com

See story on page 33.

#2

Columbia Park

5111 Columbia Park Trail, Kennewick

509-585-4293

#3

Leslie Groves Park

40 Park St., Richland

51 Saint St., Richland

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TV News Anchor

4A High School Regional Competitions

On Saturday, May 18 the 4A Girls Fastpitch Regional Softball Tournament was played at Columbia Playfield. At the nearby Richland High School Tennis Courts, the Regional Tennis tournament took place. Winners of these competitions go on to their respective State Tournaments. The teams made Columbia Playfield a busy hub of sporting events.

PNNL Technical Poster Display

PNNL selected the City's Community Center for the second year as the site for their Early Career Scientists and Engineers poster presentation. Over 100 guests attended.

BMX Track Hosts Redline Qualifier and State Cup Race

Columbia Basin BMX hosted two large events on May 24-25 at the Horn Rapids Athletic Complex BMX Track. The Red Line Cup National Qualifier was held on Friday, with the State Cup triple points race held on Saturday. The races attracted a total of 664 riders.

High School State 1A Softball Championships

The WIAA 1A Softball State Championships were held at Columbia Playfield on May 24-25. Sixteen Teams from across the State participated in this prestigious event. Parks and Facilities staff did an amazing job of getting the fields prepared for games on Friday. With severe rain storms on Thursday night, the fields were saturated with water and very muddy. Facilities staff was able to pump off excess water and get the fields in excellent condition quick enough to keep the tournament on schedule. Other fields in our region were delayed due to field conditions.

Howard Amon Wading Pool and Badger Mountain Splash and Play

Saturday, May 25th marked the opening of the Howard Amon Wading Pool and Badger Mountain Splash and Play. Both water features are open from 10am to 8pm daily and will remain open through Labor Day.

Riverfront Trail Event

On Friday, May 17, the American Cancer Society hosted a fun/walk which featured 1,700 participants. This particular walk was unique because it was held after dark along the riverfront and participants wore or carried glow accessories.

George Prout Pool

George Prout Pool opened Saturday, June 8th. Registration for the first session of swim lessons began on Friday, June 7th. Richland's Novice Swim Team is completely full with practices beginning next Monday, June 17th. Weekends are also full of activities with adult swim lessons, parent-tot lessons and multiple open swim sessions.

20th Annual Cool Desert Nights Display

The Richland Community Center is getting into the swing of things with a display of motorcycles to help promote Cool Desert Nights, which is scheduled for June 20 – 23, 2013. Cool Desert Nights is a classic car, street rod, and motorcycle event that is open to all vehicle makes and models. Now in its 20th year, Cool Desert Nights features car cruises, street dances, Show N' Shines, games & activities, pancake breakfast, kids zone, judging, awards, autocross & more!

Family Movie Night

The first Parks and Recreation Department Family Movie Night of the season was held at John Dam Plaza on Friday, June 21, featuring the movie "Babe." The Family Movie Series will be held every Friday through August 9, with each movie beginning at dusk. The series is again sponsored by Windermere Group One. This is the second summer that Parks and Recreation has hosted the family movie series.

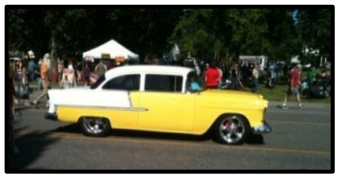
Children Escape the Rain!

Meals-on-Wheels seniors enjoyed the company of a large group of children from the Prescott School District in the Riverview Room Friday, June 21. The children were enjoying a field trip to Howard Amon Park when the rain drove them inside the Richland Community Center. An innovative Recreation Assistant spoke with the MOW representative and received permission for the children to have their lunch in the Riverview Room with the seniors. The children sang songs such as *Somewhere Over the Rainbow* to the delight of the seniors! The children escaped the rain and the seniors enjoyed unexpected entertainment.

Kingspoint Kolor Run

The first Kolor Run 5K was held in Richland on Saturday, June 22. The course utilized a section of the Urban Greenbelt Trail from Howard Amon Park to Columbia Playfield. Event participants are splashed with biodegradable paint at two places on the course, making it a unique and fun event.

20th Annual Cool Desert Nights



The 20th Annual Cool Desert Nights was held on June 20-23 at various sites in Richland. The event began with an All-City Cruise that began in Pasco and ended on Jadwin near Uptown Richland. Friday featured the Richland Cruise held on George Washington Way and Jadwin between Symons and Williams. Saturday featured the Show N Shine competition and pancake breakfast at Jefferson Park and Uptown Richland. There were nearly 700 entries participating in the event. This years "Best in Show" car is pictured.

Richland Seniors Association Provides First Responders Picnic

The Richland Seniors Association (RSA) provided Richland's First Responders with a picnic in Howard Amon Park on Wednesday, June 19. The responders brought their families who shared in the delicious hamburgers and goodies. Everyone received a prize along with the meal. This was the third picnic sponsored by the RSA.

Evergreen Shockwave Sand Volleyball Tournament

The Evergreen Shockwave Volleyball Club hosted a sand volleyball tournament on the courts at Leslie Groves Park on June 22nd. The tournament was a fundraiser for the team to help defray the cost of going to the National Championship tournament later this summer. Ten youth teams participated in the first ever tournament.

Drinking Fountain with Water-Bottle Filling Station

Facilities crew installed a new drinking fountain with an attached water-bottle filling station at the community center. The filling station will benefit the environmental issues of disposable plastic water bottles thrown in the trash daily.

Movies in the Park

The weather cooperated beautifully for the second in the series of Movies in the Park at John Dam Plaza. Families began staking out their spots well before the showing of *Despicable Me.* There was an estimated 250 attendees for this highly entertaining story.

Ye Merrie Greenwood Renaissance Faire

Hundreds of people gathered in Howard Amon Park for Ye Merrie Greenwood Renaissance Faire. Over 500 participants performed magic shows, dances, jousting and sword fighting for the 27th annual event. People in shorts, tees and baseball caps mingled with others garbed from earlier centuries and alternate universes.

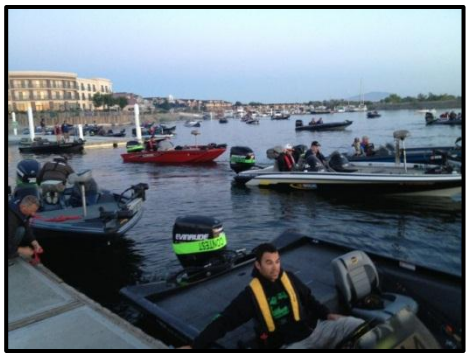
Tri-Cities 2013 Geocoin Challenge

The Tri-Cities 2013 Geocoin Challenge was an amazing event. 540 people from all over the United States (Florida, Tennessee, Ohio, Colorado, Oregon, Utah, Montana, Idaho, California, Washington, as well as British Columbia) traveled to the Tri-Cities to attend the weekend event.

Kayak Clinics for Teens

The Kayaking Clinics for Teens began Tuesday, June 25th at Wye Park. This clinic was an introduction to the eight participants to flat water kayaking. The clinic teaches basic boat handling skills, including launch and landing techniques, the elements of a proper forward stroke and turning. There will be 3 two-week sessions offered throughout the summer.

Northwest Bass Tournament



Columbia Point Marina was quite busy on Saturday, July 6, with over 60 boats and 120 team members competing for prize money. Tournament Director Gary Stiles indicated that Columbia Point is one of the best venues on their state tour and they look forward to visiting each year.

Community Center Riverview Room Sound System

Thanks to support from the Richland Seniors Association building fund, the sound system in the Riverview Room of the Community Center was recently repaired. RSA funded replacement of both amplifiers used to control the sound in the room. A properly working sound system is very important as it is used multiple times each day by fitness classes and rentals.

Miss Jr. Teen Washington Teaches Class

Wednesday, June 12 brought a small group of young ladies to the Richland Community Center to learn what it takes to win a pageant. The instructor, herself a pageant winner, was delighted to share her knowledge with the aspiring girls in part one of this class. She will continue with the more intricate details in part two.

Summer Music Camp

Saturday, July 20, a crowd of nearly 160 people attended the final day of the Summer Music Camp for the presentation of a mini-concert. The summer camp is offered by the Tri-City Youth Choir with assistance from the high school show choir, Forte'. Several Forte' members also performed for the appreciative crowd. The presentation was held at the Richland Community Center.

Largest Movie Crowd Yet!

The largest crowd to date enjoyed *Wreck It Ralph* Friday, July 19 at John Dam Plaza. People are staking out their spots as early as 7:30pm. They seem to enjoy watching the blowing up of the big movie screen almost as much as the movie.

Kayaking and Challenge Ropes Course

On July 18th, 12 teens experienced a fantastic day at the Ropes Course and out on the Columbia River. The day began with a variety of ropes course challenges and games, followed by a kayak adventure on the Columbia River. The evening was filled with more ropes course adventures, roasting marshmallows, smores and night-time geocaching. This program is part of the Teen Adventure Summer Series in which the cities of Richland, Pasco and Kennewick are working cooperatively to offer a variety of outdoor activities to teens.

Wake the Desert 2013!

Over 50 contestants from all over the Northwest competed at the annual wakeboarding tournament at Wye Park on Saturday, July 20. Spectators were able to watch the competition and then visit the food and merchandise vendors and tournament sponsors.

Art in the Park

Allied Arts celebrated their 63rd Art in the Park annual event at Howard Amon Park on Friday, July 26 and Saturday, July 27. Event Coordinator reported approximately 180 artists and craftsmen participated in the event that also included musical, theatrical and dance performances from local groups, as well as food concessions. City crew members worked nonstop collecting trash and maintaining restrooms. Security crews noted the worst offenders during the two day event were the skunks. Even with the soaring heat, the event was well attended.

63rd Annual
Allied Arts Association
Art in the Park
Bringing the Arts to the Community
and the Community to the Arts.

Hutterite Tour

"Food tastes so much better when it's prepared from scratch!" declared a delighted senior who participated in the tour of the Hutterite Brethren Farm in Marlin, WA on July 24. The warm sunny day was perfect for strolling through the dairy barns and petting the cute calves in their outer pens. Several participants spent time in the commercial-size kitchen admiring the cleanliness and wide array of equipment used in food preparation.

This trip was especially educational for one individual. The 12-year-old daughter of another participant was very interested in the slide show presentation and description of life on the farm. "I think the calves are my favorite," she stated. While the trips are generally enjoyed by seniors, they were happy to share the experience and hear the perspective of a youngster.

George Prout Pool Staff

After the George Prout pool was closed for the night on Monday, July 22, the pool staff gathered together in formal attire for a unique evening. Staff went to see Despicable Me 2, followed by a late night snack. The voluntary event was meant to bring staff together for bonding outside of the facility and work atmosphere.

Parks and Facilities

Badger Mountain Park

Irrigation fix at Badger Mountain Park. Facilities crew worked late Friday to repair the water leak and back in service.

Community Center Landscaping

City crews removed overgrown landscaping at Richland Community Center that was impacting the building and infrastructure. The new landscaping is low maintenance and compliments the surrounding park environment.

Underground Trash Containers

Parks and Facilities crews removed five decommissioned underground trash containers as a part of the citywide plan to increase the efficiency of trash collection in the City Parks.

Facility Tours

Parks and Recreation Supervisor, Darrin Sweeney, City Manager, Cindy Johnson, Administrative Services Director, Cathleen Koch and Director of Parks and Recreation, Joe Schiessl, continue a series of tours as an ongoing analysis of City Facilities and necessary maintenance obligations.

Columbia Point Marina Park

Parks and Facilities crew repaired the damaged above-ground vaults at Columbia point.

Summer Park Tour

Parks and Recreation Commission had a guided tour of The Reach Interpretive Center construction site as part of their Summer park tour. Commissioners and staff are taking quarterly tours of the park system.

Another Tree Lost in Howard Amon Park

Cleanup is still underway for Parks and Facilities crews. The large decomposing maple tree was exposed during the wind storm that tore through the area in December.

Association of Washington Cities Social Gathering

The Richland Community Center and Howard Amon Park was chosen by the Association of Washington Cities for their social gathering Thursday, June 27. Before the event took place the facilities crew prepped the park for the large event which included over 200 attendees.

Valiant Rescue

On Saturday afternoon Richland Park Rangers and Facilities crews rescued a haggard baby seagull from the north end of Howard Amon Park. Blue Mountain Wildlife Rescue in Pendleton was contacted and coordinated with a local volunteer to pick up the chick. Howie, as now officially named, is expected to make a full-fledged recovery and return to the wild in a month or so. In all, the entire operation took less than an hour and was a great example of cooperation between facilities, rangers and the volunteer rescue community.

Large Tree Limb Down

On Sunday a very large tree limb fell onto Craighill Street resulting in road closure. Facilities crews were dispatched to successfully remove it.

Howard Amon Park Dock Fire Damage

On July 5, 2013, a fire damaged the City owned swimming dock in Howard Amon Park, east of the Red Lion Hotel. Approximately ten square feet of the composite deck melted from the fire in addition to damage to the substructure. The damage to the dock was not related to fireworks. An active investigation is underway and WCIA has been notified for insurance purposes. Contact Joe Schiessl for additional information.

Wye Park Clean-Up

Facilities and crew members cleared out fallen and dead debris at Wye Park. Folks using the park have complimented the cleanup efforts resulting in more grassy area that allows better viewing of the river.

Badger Mountain Park

Parks and Facilities crew repaired the football field at Badger Mountain in order to have field ready for use.

Bog in Howard Amon Park

Park Ranger, Jen Davis, Facilities Manager, Darrin Sweeny and facilities crew worked together to solve the problem with the bog in Howard Amon Park for Art in the Park. Staff received several compliments from vendors and community members about how attentive and hardworking we all are to help improve the parks. These big events are definitely a team effort.

Planning & Projects

Neighborhood Park on the corner of Gala Way & Westcliffe Blvd.

On July 15th bids were opened for the phase 1 development of the park, irrigation and turf. Four bids were received with the low bid being submitted by 2F Enterprises in the amount of $70,700. The bid will be awarded at the August 6th Council meeting.

Claybell Park

Claybell Park construction is 95% complete with the grand opening scheduled for August 8th at 10:00 am.

Columbia Point Marina Debris Barrier

Improvements to the debris barrier at the north end of the boat basin have been completed through a partnership between the Richland Yacht Club and the City. The new barrier is proving very effective in preventing debris from entering the basin.

Badger Mountain Park, Englewood Drive Extension

Construction is well underway on the Englewood Drive extension through Badger Mountain Park. The project includes a new chain link fence on the north side of the dog park and a relocated water meter for future drinking fountains. A driveway will be constructed off of Englewood Dr. providing convenient access to the Paws-abilities Place parking lot.

Service projects

1) Jason Hayes, Eagle Scout project placed sod in dog park in April
2) Jared Kraus, Eagle Scout project spread landscaping rock along the Keene Road Trail in April.
3) Parker Irwin, Eagle Scout project spread landscaping rock along the Keene Road Trail in April.
4) The Ridgeview Ward of the LDS Church barked soft surface trails at Claybell Park in April.
5) Andrew Stevenson, Eagle Scout project spread landscaping rock in storm drainage ditches in front of City Shops in May.
6) Jeremy Pattillo, Eagle Scout project, spread landscaping rock in storm drainage ditches front of City Shops.
7) Richland Kiwanis, painted the Howard Amon park wading pool in May.
8) Tapteal Greenway Assoc. cleaned up Bateman Island in May.
9) Trevin Jacobson, Eagle Scout project build a concrete block retaining walls along Keene Road Trail in May.
10) Isaac Campbell, Eagle Scout project, installed a concrete slab for benches along the Keene Trail east of Leslie and cleaned up & planted community gardens along the trail in May.
11) The Atomic Ducks Dive Club did an underwater clean-up of the rivershore south of the Hampton Inn in May.
12) Chase Halverson spread landscaping rock in the storm drainage ditches in front of City Shops in May.
13) The Young Single Adults of the LDS Church spread rock along Keene Road Trail in May.

Upcoming Events

- *Shaggy Dog, t*he final movie of the *Outdoor Summer Movie Series* will be shown at sundown Friday, August 9 in John Dam Plaza.
- The 17th annual *Tumbleweed Music Festival* will be held in Howard Amon Park and the Richland Community Center beginning the evening of August 30 and running through September 1. The event offers a wide variety of free music , dancing and storytelling.
- The free *Kid's Fun Friday* will take place at the Badger Mountain Splash & Play Friday, September 6th beginning at 6:00pm. There will be family fun activities from 6:00 – 8:00pm, followed by a movie at sundown.

2013 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

August – September

Aug 9	**Family Movie Night**	**John Dam Plaza**	**Dusk**
Aug 16	Aquaman Duathlon	Howard Amon Park	6:00pm
Aug 16-17	TEM Adult Softball Tournament	Horn Rapids Athletic Complex	TBD
Aug 17	Titanium Man Jr. Triathlon	Howard Amon Park	9:00am
Aug 24-25	NSA Adult Softball Tournament	Horn Rapids Complex	
Aug 30	Titanium Man Triathlon	Columbia Park West	9:00am
Aug 30-Sept 1	**Tumbleweed Music Festival**	**Howard Amon Park**	**10:00am**
Sept 6	**Kids Fun Friday**	**Badger Mountain Park**	**6:00pm**