



Salmon Beach Slope Landscape Management Plan

Public Meeting #2 Summary
October 18, 2017 - 6:00 to 7:30 pm
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Welcome and Introductions:

Angie Thomson, EnviroIssues, welcomed the group and thanked them for attending. She began the meeting by introducing the project staff, reviewing the evening's agenda, and going over safety information.

Presentation:

Desiree Radice (City of Tacoma) began the presentation by providing an overview of the City's Environmental Services Department's role in the Salmon Beach Landscape Management Plan and explaining how the project's purpose and actions will fit into the overall mission and goals of the Passive Open Space program. She also noted the benefits of managed landscapes versus unmanaged landscapes. John Payne (KPG), Kevin Lamb (GeoDesigns), John Payne, and Scott Maharry (Grette Associates) continued the presentation by providing a brief recap of the first meetings' presentation which included existing conditions and site observations. Scott Maharry then presented on the vegetative management strategy for the project area and management units.

Facilitated Question and Answer:

Angie Thomson opened the meeting to questions from the audience:

Question: How long will this work take?

Response: *This plan spans 20 years, like all landscape management plans developed by the city. This is a long-term effort to manage the landscape in the area as restoration is not a quick fix. As a comparison, Salmon Beach Slope property is currently in better shape than other passive open space sites in the city. Schuster Slope, for example, is covered in ivy and the soils are constantly in motion. The City is also constrained by resources – such as crew availability and funding.*

Comment: Does the city own more land south of this location?

Response: *No, The city only owns the parcel as identified in the plan and in the presentation.*

Question: Is poison oak a native plant?

Response: *Poison oak is a native plant and it is prevalent in the Salmon Beach area. Its properties as skin irritant can make it challenging to perform work in the area.*

Question: What can be done to address a plant like poison oak that is native and poisonous? Is it illegal to spray the poison oak?

Response: *You would need to apply herbicide according to the label on the product if that was the method you chose to control it. Do not burn it as the oils will be in the smoke and could make anyone who inhales it very sick.*

Wrap Up and Next Steps

Desiree Radice ended the presentation by noting next steps for the project, including permitting process, public comment opportunities and timeline. The final draft of the plan is currently available online on the city website www.cityoftacoma.org/salmonbeachslope , and it is anticipated that the permit application will be submitted in December of this year. Once the application is accepted and reviewed, an official two-week public comment period will begin no later than 28 days after application is complete and accepted. Following the public comment period, the city will complete a 120-day review period for compliance with the codes. It is anticipated the permit will be received in April 2018, which would allow work to start in summer/fall of 2018, depending upon crew/resource availability. The project team thanked the audience for their attendance and participation.