2014 Annual Amendments: Point Defiance Development Regulation Agreements Policy

Application #2014-02

October 16, 2013
Point Defiance Park zoning
MPT proposes DRA process for Pt. Defiance Park

Proposal:
• Add Destination Point Defiance policy
• Add code reference to DRAs for parks

Intent:
• Recognize unique function as a destination
• Clarify review process
• Prepare for a 2014 DRA proposal
A better process for “Destination Point Defiance”

• Plans include commercial, recreation, education and other features

• Code hurdles—Park “destination facilities” are Conditional in R-1

• DRAs...
  – Intended for large, key sites
  – Appropriate for broad scope and scale
  – Provide flexibility within full public process
How Point Defiance Came to Be

1888 as a Park

Baker Tract 1975

Pearl Street

51st Street

Ruston Way

Ferry Terminal to Vashon

Point Defiance Park

1888 as a Park
The Federal government formally grants title (HB 17019) of Point Defiance Park to the City of Tacoma on March 3, 1905 "for Public Park purposes only".
2005-2008 Concept Plan

Don’t change a thing…except...

FOREST AREA 2
CONCEPT: To create an exceptional pedestrian environment while preserving and enhancing the native forest and wildlife habitat
- Enhance low-impact pedestrian trails
- Enhance forest and wildlife
- Provide native plantings
- Restoration of disturbed areas
- Enhance trails and fire protection

FOREST AREA 1
CONCEPT: To create an exceptional pedestrian environment that limits users to participate and learn in the forest environment
- Enhance low-impact pedestrian trails
- Encourage pedestrian access between Historic Zone and The Zoo
- Enhance forest and natural education opportunities
- Potential for low-impact activities such as canopy zip lines

BAKER TRACT
CONCEPT: To encourage forest preservation and residential impact activities
- Enhance pedestrian and restoration
- Temporary maintenance facility re-locating
- Potential for low-impact activities
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MAIN GARDENS
CONCEPT: Develop a spectacular garden experience while integrating more event opportunities
- Enhance pedestrian and restoration
- Temporary maintenance facility re-locating
- Potential for low-impact activities
- Potential for low-impact activities such as canopy zip lines

ZOO AND AQUARIUM
CONCEPT: To integrate and expand educational opportunities of existing Zoo and Aquarium Zone with adjacent park uses
- Potential Aquarium expansion

PARK AMENITIES AND FEATURES
- Forest Area 1
- Forest Area 2
- Baker Tract
- Wildlife and Planting
- Historic Zone
- Recreation Area

HISTORIC ZONE
CONCEPT: Develop an integrated educational and historic area focusing on the Puget Sound history and exhibits focusing on:
- Nature interpretive trail and relation to the environment
- Historic walking trail on Point Sound Trail
- Industry of the First American Believers - Camp and exploring museum

PROMENADE
Destination that encourages and allows visitors to celebrate scenic views
- Elevator stairs
- Wayfinding signage

MARAÑA AND FERRY TERMINAL
CONCEPT: To preserve the history and educate visitors while upgrading facilities to promote access to the waterfront
- Enhance pedestrian and restoration
- Potential for low-impact activities

PENINSULA PARK
CONCEPT: To create a unique, passive, and dramatic recreational area for users to participate in while enjoying the waterfront
- Enhance pedestrian and restoration
- Create open spaces for seasonal events

TRIANGLE
CONCEPT: To create a mixed-use development through private/public partnership that accommodates parking and public open space
- Create pedestrian promenade
- Construction pedestrian bridge to connect to ferry and other park amenities
- Enhance pedestrian and restoration
- Create pedestrian stairs
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WATERSIDE PROMENADE
CONCEPT: Create a significant pedestrian and bicycle trail system along the waterfront
- Connection to Ruston Way Trail System
- Potential water taxi stop
- Create pedestrian stairs and related activities
- Create pedestrian stairs
- Enhance pedestrian stairs
- Pedestrian on crosswalk

VISION
To develop a Plan for the future while staying true to the Vision of the Past

MISSION
Achieve a balance of past, present, and future recreation, leisure, education, conservation, preservation, history, and progress

OBJECTIVES
1. Preserve, respect, and enhance the integrity of the Park’s history and natural beauty
2. Create an exceptional pedestrian environment
3. Enhance the visitor experience through education, recreation, leisure, and safety
4. Create a destination and gathering space
5. Provide financially sustainable opportunities to enhance revenue for maintenance and operations
6. Encourage water-related independent activities
7. Complete missing links between Ruston Way and Point Defiance

STRATEGIC PARKS AND PROGRAM SERVICES
- Enhance pedestrian and restoration
- Create pedestrian stairs
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Guiding Principles

Don’t change a thing…

• *Preservation* of character

except...

• *Activities* year-round

• *Pedestrian* focus by creating safe and easy access throughout the Park
What is Happening Now?

Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium (PDZA) Master Plan

Point Defiance Park

Camp 6 Vacated

Science and Math Institute (SAMI)

Point Ruston Development and Waterwalk

Waterfront

Pedestrian Trail
Destination

Point Defiance Park

Point Ruston

Ruston Way
Parking Garage & Plaza
Colonnades
Pavilion
Food & Beverage
Visitors Center, SAMI & Seasonal Retail
Lodge

Views
Don’t change a thing…except...

2005-2008 Concept Plan

**FOREST AREA 2**
- Concept: To create an exceptional pedestrian environment while preserving and enhancing the native forest and wildlife habitat
  - Enhance low-impact pedestrian trails
  - Encourage forest and wildlife education
  - Restoration of disturbed areas
  - Naturalistic and formal botanical gardens

**FOREST AREA 1**
- Concept: To create an exceptional pedestrian experience that invites users to participate and learn in the forest environment
  - Enhance low-impact pedestrian trails
  - Permit and encourage access between historic zone and the zoo
  - Enhance forest and wildlife preservation
  - Create environmental education opportunities
  - Potential for less invasive activities such as canopy zip line

**BAKER TRACT**
- Concept: To encourage forest preservation and minimize impact activities
  - Permit and encourage access
  - Permit and encourage use of the area
  - Potential for less invasive activities such as canopy courses
  - Potential expansion of existing zone into baker tract

**MAIN GARDENS**
- Concept: Develop a spectator garden experience while integrating more event opportunities
  - Enhance pedestrian links to access the gardens and historic zones
  - Minimize impact of vehicular and pedestrian conflicts
  - Create new facilities such as visitor center and snack Shapiro
  - Upgrade and create new event space opportunities
  - Interpretive opportunities
  - Create new opportunities

**ZOO AND AQUARIUM**
- Concept: To integrate and expand educational opportunities of existing zoo and Aquarium Zone with adjacent park uses
  - Potential aquarium expansion

**PARK AMENITIES AND FEATURES**
- Vehicular access
- Limited vehicular access
- Main pedestrian trail
- Pedestrian trail
- Water taxi
- Destination
- Picnic area

**HISTORIC ZONE**
- Concept: Develop an integrated educational and historic area focusing on early Puget Sound history. Programming and exhibits focusing on:
  - Native American culture and relationships to the environment
  - Origin of the first European settlers - Camp Cushman

**RECREATIONAL AREA**
- Concept: Develop and enhance activity full service recreational development
  - Potential water taxi opportunities

**2 PROMENADE**
- Destination that encourages and allows visitors to celebrate, stroll, and relax
  - Fitness Trail
  - Aquatic facility expansion

**MARINA AND FERRY TERMINAL**
- Concept: To preserve the history and educate visitors while upgrading facilities to promote access to the waterfront
  - Create marina village, retail, and commercial opportunities
  - Return ferry terminal to current location
  - Create additional parking
  - Create additional boat launch facilities
  - Enhance beach safety and concession opportunities

**PENINSULA PARK**
- Concept: To create a unique, passive, and scenic relaxation area for users to participate in while enjoying the waterfront
  - Bike and pedestrian trails
  - Create open space for seasonal events and events

**WATERFRONT PROMENADE**
- Concept: Create a significant pedestrian and bicycle trail system along the waterfront
  - Connection to Custom House Trail System
  - Potential water taxi opportunities

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6. Encourage water related/dedependent activities
7. Complete zoning issues between Ruston Way and Point Defiance

**STRATEGIC PARKS AND PROGRAM SERVICES PLANS**
- Provide accessible, convenient, safe and attractive parks and facilities
- Support active living that contributes to a healthy community
- Protect and restore the natural environment for conservation and learning
- Foster stewardship of historical/cultural assets for experiences and learning
- Provide specific and high-quality recreation and educational experiences for a diverse community
- Partner with responsible and community development organizations
- Create innovative, efficient, and effective organizations that are responsive to changing community needs
- Create diverse, flexible, and predictable funding strategies to provide the resources required to suit community needs and operate our system of parks and programs
- Maximize the benefits provided by Tacoma's unique park and recreation resources
- Maximize community resources through partnerships to provide a system of parks and recreation opportunities

**Point Defiance Park**
The Next 100 Years: Protecting The Legacy
Preferred Concept Plan
Date: February 2008