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We had a Community event on June 29 KIDS FEST 2018 at KIWANIS PARK in the highlands and would like to see that park more event friendly by having potable water connections available for community events and having electricity source available for use for community events for vendors. We are a non profit Org and are willing to help with the cost if needed. Thank you 206-306-587	7/23/2019	Website Contact	MPZ
I want to voice my opinion on soccer fields and that lack of them in Renton. Soccer is more popular than ever and it's a great way to keep kids healthy. To keep costs down (and make it more accessible and affordable to all kids) we should give priority to developing soccer fields on current park lab, where possible (Ron Regis). We should install lighting on those fields that lack lighting so that the fields can be more fully utilized. I would be willing to support and volunteer for such an effort in the City of Renton.	2/28/2019	Website Contact	AB
Some years ago, Earlington Park was redone and a children's play area was installed, with the still usable adult amenities meant for stretching before using the jogging path removed: wooden foot rests of varied heights and metal bars of varied heights. A basketball court remains for all ages, but I would still like to see the return of equipment for stretching and other passive toning and exercise.	3/11/2019	Website Contact	CC
The ERC Trail currently has no signage for the pedestrians to know about the "small" path to get onto the ERC Trail so they walk down Mountain View Ave North! -Southbound pedestrians walk directly onto Mountain View Avenue North at the narrowest, most hazardous part of the road. - Northbound pedestrians too frequently continue walking on the street, rather than make a sharp right turn and get on the trail (no sign "Welcome to the ERC Trail"). Pedestrians spread out, walking 2 or more abreast in the center of the street, while drivers attempt to pass them. Even individual walkers or runners often proceed down the center of the street, wearing earbuds, oblivious of automobile traffic. When informed this is a street and point out the Trail, they either ignore us or say "we can see the houses/view better on the road" and continue on. Hope you can complete the ERC Trail starting in the park and close off the gate to reduce/stop the flow of people on our street. Thank you	2/22/2019	Website Contact	DS
My top Parks/Rec issue is the need for a direct connection between the Eastside Rail Corridor Trail that runs parallel to Mountain View Ave. N. and Coulon Park. There is plenty of room to make a gently sloping switchbacked trail between the north end of the park and the south end of the ERC trail, but our request for this connection has not yet been granted. The ERC Trail currently spills southbound pedestrians directly on to Mountain View Avenue North at the narrowest, most hazardous part of our lane. Northbound pedestrians too frequently continue walking on the street, rather than make a sharp right turn and get on the trail. Pedestrians spread out, walking 2 or more abreast in the center of the street, while drivers attempt to pass them. Even individual walkers or runners often proceed down the center of the street, wearing earbuds, oblivious of automobile traffic. I would be more than happy to assist in any way with a King County/City of Renton process to achieve a direct connection. This situation is a disaster waiting to happen.	2/14/2019	Website Contact	JD
I'm unable to attend the open house tonight but wanted to submit my comments about future priorities for the parks and recreation system. Our kids and community have a real need for more turf or grass fields with lights. The shortage of turf fields in Renton is critical to a fast-growing Renton Highlands. If I had my wish list, the need for an additional turf field at Ron Regis would be at the top! Thank You for your consideration,	2/28/2019	Website Contact	JG
Hello, When I moved to Kennydale from San Diego, I was excited to run my dog through all the surrounding parks. Much to my disappointment, she was not allowed in Gene Coulon, Kennydale Beach, or Newcastle Beach. I would love it if dogs could pass through those areas on a leash. I often feel a bit limited in our running options, as we are stuck between the lake to the west, the freeway to the east, and Gene Coulon to the south. There is only one option, north, unless I either drive somewhere, or run across unpleasant freeway ramps. I do very much enjoy the Eastside Rail Corridor Trail and am happy it exists. Thank you for your time.	2/21/2019	Website Contact	KH

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Renton has been growing in so many ways and the City has done a fabulous job in orchestrating all its planning. With regards to the Parks dept, I do have an outstanding request. The Eastside Corridor trail on Mountain View Ave N needs to connect with the City's park by going directly off the corridor trail to the park. Currently the trail dead ends at the south end of Mountain View and directs walkers to continue down a private driveway to enter the park. This isn't right and is something the neighborhood requested back when the corridor planning began. It's a beautiful trail, but needs to be finished correctly. The current configuration causes people to walk down Mountain View - always in the middle of the street, oblivious to cars coming and going on the street. I'm actually surprised the City has allowed/ directed the corridor trail traffic to continue down a private driveway. Thanks in advance for consideration of this request.	2/18/2019	Email	MF
It should be a top priority to connect Coulon Park walking paths to the new ERC trail. This amenity is highly used, even in the winter and with inclement weather. But having large groups of walkers transition to the park via a very narrow and relatively busy street is not the way it should be. There are any number of cost efficient options available to connect the trail to the park without using a narrow and already congested street.	2/14/2019	Website Contact	SH
There has been some discussion about putting a switchback trail at the north end of Coulon park that would go uphill to connect to the ERC trail. I am against this proposal. Reasons not to do this: 1. There is not a significant safety issue here that needs to be addressed. There are only 6 homes which are serviced by this small portion of Mountain View Road and that particular section is such that the very few cars which do use it have always been forced to travel slowly in that area due to terrain and are therefore not a threat to people who walk there. I have used (and still use almost daily except when it's snowing!) that road for decades along with countless others without any incidents. The existence of the new ERC Trail has not noticeably increased foot traffic in that area and even if it does later on it wouldn't be a big public safety issue due to the very limited vehicular traffic and slow speeds. Therefore, if this area hasn't shown itself to be a safety problem before then why is it suddenly a problem now? 2. Leaving it the way it is better for people who do walk in the area since it currently is a gradual transition from Coulon Park to the ERC trail. All of the ERC trail, having been built on a former railroad bed, is free of significant up or down grades. The entire length of Coulon Park is likewise also level and easy for everyone to enjoy. If pedestrians have to use a connector trail with a grade or switchbacks to get from the Park to the ERC trail then that would prevent those who have difficulty walking or are disabled from enjoying what they are able to do today. 3. In light of the above, it certainly does not seem to be a wise use of limited public funds to spend on something that would benefit so few and would negatively impact so many others. Thank you!	2/17/2019	Website Contact	TB
I was unable to attend the planning session last Thursday. Here are a few more thoughts on future possibilities for expanding public access in the Renton community, specifically to the South end of Lake Washington for recreational activities.	10/14/2019	Email	AM
Much larger BMX park. I do not think the people doing the site planning for parks understands who uses open parks. If we can help provide entertainment for a few hundred kids daily and young adult boys with skateparks, BMX tracks, pickle ball courts and creating a community where kids can hang out and feel accepted is highest and best use. Compared to a stroller and small kids that really don't even really connect, low usage and adults just to stair aimless lee without playing with them. I'm a Renton landlord, resident and commercial property owner with a teenage son. I know these parks and kids well, yes these create issues with people who do not understand the fabric of our community, there all good kids that need positive environment's that these places provide. Well lit pickle ball courts, skate parks and BMX bike parks are what will create real value and service the community best and make Renton a destination. Highest and Best use of our parks! Guaranteed. I have made some money in Renton and I really want to donate a world class skate park and BMX park to the City, I would have this thought every time I used to take my son scootering.	10/14/2019	Website Contact	EH

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I am a reluctant soccer parent with 3 kids who have played soccer with Southlake/GRTYSA in Renton for the past few years. There is such a tremendous need for access to an organized sports complex/lighted turf field in the Renton highlands to avoid the dark, cramped, and muddy practices that kids experience as they play soccer 10 months/year. Although we are fortunate to use the fields at Hazen and Maywood, their school activities often trump over our soccer practices. Please consider this need as you are planning for the parks in our area. My kids will be so grateful!	10/4/2019	Website Contact	JH
I would like to see the sand soccer field at Ron Regis turned into a multi-use turf field.	9/19/2019	Website Contact	JS
The Ron Regis Park is wonderful. I use it at least 3-4 times a week. Could you please put in recycle receptacles? The plastic bottles that sports teams use is huge. I've learned that you put it about 6 feet away from a garbage can, people sort better. Also, it will teach some of our young people to recycle everywhere, not just at home... Also, many bottles and cans will go in there also. Thanks for all the beautiful parks in Renton.	9/27/2019	Website Contact	KG
I have older kids ages 9 and 11 and live in the East Renton Highland neighborhood. We are one of the few areas that does not have a TURF field. There is a turf field in the Fairwood area, one in the Maple Valley and Covington too, I believe. We are in desperate need of a turf field for sports for our kids. Right now soccer has to share with Maywood Middle school and Hazen high school. We are squeezing teams on the fields 2 nights and sometimes the schools actually need them on our scheduled soccer nights. There is no where for anyone to practice except Ron Regis, Kiwanis and HoneyDew. If you have seen those grass fields when it is wet...super not fun. I would love to see if Ron Regis could turn in a nice solid turf field. Right now it is not maintained. There are so many holes in the field areas where the kids play, which lead to ankles getting rolled. It seems like the grass is not cut before game days, so imagine trying to kick a soccer ball when the grass is too long. The ball is SLOW. For kids at the select level of soccer, it is just fair that we don't have much around us to utilize. The East Renton Highlands does NOT need more playgrounds. We have so many; what we need is a place where kids can practice safely. Please no more playgrounds.	9/19/2019	Website Contact	KH

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<p>Hello, Leslie. I'm writing to you today because I was unable to attend last night's open house. I'm a resident of the east Renton highlands, and I'm writing to express my strong support for a lighted outdoor soccer complex in Renton with artificial-turf fields. My daughter Simone plays soccer for Southlake Select, a branch of the Greater Renton Tukwila Youth Soccer Association (GRTYSA). Between GRTYSA and Southlake, we have 90 teams and 1,115 players. I've been volunteercoaching in this organization for 7 years now. Simone and her teammates play for 9-10 months a year. They practice hard and are committed to becoming better soccer players. But Simone's team – and ALL Southlake teams – are very limited when it comes to practice-field options and space. Her team typically has to share one school field (Hazen or Maywood) with 3-4 Southlake teams, creating very cramped quarters that aren't conducive to quality soccer training. And that's our best-case scenario. Many times, school events at Hazen and Maywood cancel her team's practices altogether. In the past month, five of our scheduled practices at Hazen have been cancelled due to school events. Most (if not all) of the surrounding soccer clubs we play against hail from communities with large, lighted soccer complexes, from Woodinville to Kent and everywhere in between. But for some reason, the city of Renton has failed to keep pace, and the young soccer players in our community are missing opportunities to practice and grow because we don't have facilities for them. As I'm sure you know, studies show that kids who play youth sports do better in school, are healthier, have fewer drug and drinking problems, and have better self-esteem than kids who don't participate in sports. Please give the kids of Renton every opportunity to thrive as soccer players, students, and members of the Renton community by building them the soccer facility they so desperately need. I'd like to invite you to come watch Simone and her team – Southlake Select G08 Red - - play a game this fall season.</p> <p>Here's their league schedule: http://northpugetsoundleague.org/_element_display/#%2F74274%2Fschedules%2FFall2019%2F95592355.html%3Frd%3D1570210910168</p> <p>These 11-year-old girls are amazingly fierce, athletic, and determined, and they do the city of Renton proud with their skill and sportsmanship everywhere they go. This summer, they played in a soccer tournament at the Starfire soccer complex in Tukwila and won the entire tournament (see attached photo), defeating what are known as "premier" teams from Woodinville, Kent, and Bellingham in the process, battling through blood, sweat, and tears – literally – to win the championship. ("Premier" soccer clubs have paid coaches, and it costs several thousand dollars, usually around \$3,000, to play on a team. Southlake, meanwhile, is a "select" program, which means we have volunteer coaches. Southlake is possibly the most affordable competitive soccer program in all of King county – it costs about \$500/year total – which makes playing for Southlake more accessible to a wider array of families than the very expensive premier clubs.) These girls are already good – but imagine what they could become if they had a place to consistently practice and grow! If you're able to come to a game this season, please let me know and I'll happily introduce you to the girls.</p>	10/4/2019	Email	LH
<p>We were just made aware that the city is in the middle of planning out how to best accommodate Renton residents. There's absolutely no question that we need field space with lights for our youth teams to practice. My son has been playing for Southlake for years and the fact that our neighboring communities have amazing field space for their players to practice and we are practicing in a middle school gym is really sad. And truthfully, puts our team at a disadvantage. Renton is better than that. All of our kids deserve the same opportunities as Issaquah, Bellevue, Kent, Maple Valley, Tukwilla, etc. We are the ONLY club without Fields with lights on a regular basis. That speaks volumes and we will eventually see this incredible opportunity for sports diminishing as we just can't find what we need for practices. We have plenty of play structures for little kids, we need to invest into our kids who love sports. I urge you to look into the Fields at Ron Regis. Adding grass and lights!! We desperately need this and as a parent in this community...I want to continue to invest into ALL of our kids. Sports keeps them focused and out of trouble. We need to keep sports as a part of Renton culture!!! Please invest into our sports teams and families and add more fields with lights as a top priority!!</p>	10/7/2019	Email	LR
<p>A tree is being removed from Jones park soon because it has Dutch Elm Disease. The two trees next to the condemned tree may have to be chopped down also. Last summer three trees were removed. The problem is that no trees were planted to replace them. I am unaware of the reason. New trees need to be planted as others are being taken down. Please feel free to contact me if there are any questions or concerns.</p>	9/19/2019	Website Contact	NN

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In reference to information contained in the plan, specifically the Cedar River Park, Narco site, Riverview and Liberty Park plan is misleading and outdated. Knowledge of planned developments has been in present for over a year. The former Stoneway site and the former city hall site are to be the location of massive concrete residential developments. They are shown in your plan to be future parks. Please update and advise all of the individuals who are misinformed and ill-advised, and are functioning under false expectations. This area is one of the largest and major park areas. It is also the location for potential harm not only to the shoreline, to salmon habitat, but also to our sole source aquifer and wells as a result of these developments.	10/8/2019	Website Contact	NR
Our parks are the envy of EVERY municipality in Puget Sound and we need to keep them strong. Much effort is now going into the budget of the Cedar River planning. This is important, and driven by DOE, but budget for maintenance of ALL our parks must take priority. DO NOT expand the allowance of dogs, pets or ANY riding device with wheels. Coulon is magnificent, but it's gotten OVERGROWN. The rich landscape textures and colors of the intended original composition has gotten lost. How can I volunteer with brush wackers and chain saws? How can I help with mole traps and goose traps? Keep up the good works.	10/11/2019	Website Contact	RW
The #1 thing Change is the traffic lights and roads getting into and out of Coulon. It is a crazy, mess, traffic jam in the summer. Not sure if this is a parks thing or city of Renton road planning thing. #2 Reduce the cost of launching a boat in the summer and improving availability for Renton residents. It doesn't seem fair My taxes should go for the very nice Coulon launch, and I don't get to use it OR have to walk for miles and miles because it is filled with people from out of town.	9/26/2019	Website Contact	RK
In 2014, we were awarded the new lease on the Renton Boathouse. With the current Parks Plan update in process and at the halfway mark of the 20 year scheme, I would hope the rowing/aquatics component will have the opportunity to move up in the rankings and reach reality in the next 10 years. I've attached some documents that present examples and rough schemes for facility/program capacity improvements. If Coulon is not a site possibility then the existing Renton Boathouse is the only other good option. I've had a major engineering firm do a walkthrough of the current structure and it appears a modification could occur. A feasibility study should be done to assess the capacity of the existing piles and structure for modifications – again it was designed for Boeing's hydrofoil program not for its current use as an aquatic center.	6/28/2019	Email/Letter	AM

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<p>I want to support the health and safety of people playing at parks. First, research for guidelines of safety cedar mulch is 9" for up to 4' footplane, and 12" for over 4' foot plane. Renton parks need this inexpensive yet essential safety improvement. Safety mulch has the best "bounce" and without health risks by alternatives, such as off gassing tire material. Safety mulch lasts 3 to 5 years with smaller load updates to add surface. This is often less than the initial dump. I see at parks here exposed curbs and cement, and piles of mulch at end of slides to compensate for lack of or eroded mulch elsewhere. For instance, at Heritage Park my son loves to climb the Rocks which are well above my head height some of them almost seven feet or more. These need a 12 inch safety mulch. This could be laid by staff, or by organizing work parties with neighbors in the community. Making it a fun and playful party makes a good way to attract volunteers. Second, sidewalks in all neighborhoods matter immensely to public health and safety to connect neighborhoods with each other, and city services including parks. This upgrade also can be done in cost effective tax equivalent to \$3/year per household. That amounts to less than a latte for serving health and safety needs of all residents, which also addresses disparities for communities of color who often lack these services. This seemingly indirect improvement to the parks with need support from the council and vote from residents. I worked with councilmember Perez to improve a strip of sidewalk along Hoquiam that connects Hazen High School with the at least eight HOA communities plus many more infield houses in the area.</p> <p>This is an an essential service worth noting in the parks improvement plan. For instance, using Heritage Park again as an example the surrounding housing and apartment communities often have regular families coming each night to play so they walk from home. This is a good example of multimodal use of a central city service area, such as a park. It brings people of many backgrounds together for a healthy activity. If they can come together safely if the city has installed supporting infrastructure, such as proper street and sidewalk lanes.</p>	7/17/2019	Email (difficulties with website)	DMR
<p>Most recently, I went to Liberty Park. I go to run with my track team on the Cedar River Trail. I like this park because it goes through the trail and its generally a nice park. It would be even better if there weren't drug addicts/homeless people under the tunnels scarring us/cat calling/harassing us/doing drug deals in the park in front of kids. If I had a million dollars to enhance and improve the parks and recreation in Renton, I would spend it on enhanced security to avoid this from happening. Additional comments: I general feel unsafe in Renton Parks downtown because of being harassed by homeless/drug addicted older men. I report them but still see them around town like nothing happened. Tell us about yourself: Live, Work and go to school in Renton. Age 18-24. Do you have children living in your household? YES. Caucasian/White (not Hispanic) and Hispanic/Latino (both checked on form). What language(s) are most often spoken in your home? English and Spanish. Please indicate your gender: Female.</p>	7/1/2019	Renton River Days	
<p>Most recently, I went to Golden Gardens/Ballard Beach. I went there to relax. I like this park because it's the Beach, Reflect. It would be even better if bad things didn't happen there. If I had a million dollars to enhance and improve parks and recreation in Renton, I would spend it on all parks, children friendly, safe BBQ pits, fulltime lifeguards, Dog permitting/available bags to clean up after the dogs. Tell us about yourself: Live, Work and go to school in Renton. Age: 55-64. Do you have children living in your household? YES. How do you identify yourself: Caucasian/White (Not Hispanic) and Native American. What language(s) are most often spoken in your home? English, Spanish, French, Hawaiian, Japanese and ASL. Gender: Female.</p>	7/1/2019	Renton River Days	CB

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<p>Thanks for taking the time to discuss the topic of supporting Pickle Ball in Renton, beginning with the Talbot Hill Reservoir park.</p> <p>About Talbot Hill:</p> <p>There are really two issues, that if addressed would help quite a bit, as both in addition to being annoyances are also safety issues</p> <p>1. Balls rolling into the adjacent court</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Since the courts are back-to-back, any missed ball, and there are a lot of them, roll into the court behind that player. o We are constantly yelling "ball on!" so no one steps on, slips, trips, twists and ankle or falls o I don't believe you need any engineering analysis to agree that a short fence at each end of the middle court would solve the problem <p>2. Water not draining after a rain</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o In addition to this also being an annoyance, it is also a safety hazard. Each rain leaves behind a very slippery layer of dirt. Players chase balls then skid and slip across these various areas. There is sand pretty much covering each court, although there are several areas that are very bad o We have to bring not only our own squeegees but brooms 1st remove the water, then sweep away the dirt o So if removing the water by drainage holes or other manner requires too much effort and \$ at this time, this means we'd need not only a squeegee but a broom "at a minimum" <p>It may be coming clear to you, based on the fact you mention that you've gotten over 100 inquiries into Pickle Ball, that it is one of the fastest growing sports in America. There are numerous articles on the internet that will back this statement up. It is particularly growing among seniors as an alternative to chasing and running after tennis balls. It is also popular with others like myself that couldn't deal with tennis elbow any longer. Fact, in CA all new senior communities being built MUST have one or more PB courts in their plans, depending on the number of houses in the development. In CA they understand and are responding to the growing popularity.</p>	10/7/2019	Email	MC

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<p>This brings me to part 2 ... additional support beyond Talbot Hill Park ...</p> <p>I don't need to tell you that we can't play at Talbot Hill or any other park year round. We really need an indoor option. Right now there are only two that are fairly close but each have their own issues</p> <p>1. Pickleball Station - Kent, just south of Boeing Kent on W Valley Hwy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Issue - they have numerous clinics and / or tournaments, These are Fri - Sun. What this means is "no open play" for those people still working, looking for activities when they have time off on the weekend. This can be 1/2 time (2 of 4 weekends) during any given month <p>2. Sea Tac Community Ctr - Burien</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o I tried to play last Saturday morning. They don't offer play on Sundays Unfortunately, the courts were dominated with very high level players. I found a few other mid-level players and managed to get a few games in, but was essentially out of my personal element based on the high level domination of the courts o There was really no option for beginners o FYI, we played in a multi-use room (basketball, etc.). They had a very nice set up. They installed 8 permanent mounts in the floors. In each of these mounts, they had caps they removed, then they place posts that they store in a closet. Then they just need to attach the nets that they also store in the closet. It was very efficient. Caps on the mounting holes go back on so the floor is smooth after closing them. The posts and nets are stored for next time. <p>I would strongly suggest that someone from the Renton Community Ctr talk to the folks at Sea Tac (or, I'd be happy to do it for you) to find out what it cost, etc. and you consider offering an indoor alternative in Renton as it is sorely needed in our area</p> <p>Thinking long term, Ron Regis park (FYI, for a visual, drive into the park ... i.e. headed West. On the left hand side is a long strip of grass between that driveway entrance and the path to the left and 169 to the left of that). That would make for a perfect spot to utilize and place several courts side-by-side as an alternative place for outdoor play in Renton. The visibility, based on traffic down 169 would really put Renton on the map as a center for PB in the NW. Also, Renton could host outdoor tournaments there, and provide services for those tournaments, e.g. by supporting local Food Trucks as small businesses by allowing them to work the tournament, or by supporting permanent brick and mortar businesses (local retailers / restaurants) by getting them to offer discounts as prizes for drawings, or the discounts are part of prize packages for placing or playing in the tournament. If we sold drawing tickets, monies could go back into the parks budget .</p>	10/7/2019	Email	MC
The city should purchase the Springbrook Trout Farm property and preserve the house on the property and the trout fishing. Connect the Cedar River Trail and Coulon Park. Allow horses and buggies on the Cedar River Trail.	11/14/2019	In person	DP

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<p>So regarding the non-motorized facility priority: what is the likelihood of a new waterfront location being found?</p> <p>Coulon Park originally in it's design did not include much of a non-motorized boating component. The small rental facility that was there initially failed, and we had use of it for a short period of time for rowing activity before being displaced by Ivar's expansion.</p> <p>Many moons ago when John Webley was head of Renton Parks we had a discussion of remodeling the S. swim beach restrooms and bathhouse to include a rowing/watersports complex sometime in the future. So what is the plan for this portion of the current Coulon priority?: renovate S. beach restrooms & bathhouse. Replace the parking lots, irrigation, swim beach promenade and rosewall/bulkhead.</p> <p>Kennydale site is too small - not a good location for favorable water conditions.</p> <p>Even with Boeing's 737Max issues I doubt they will exit their waterfront property in the near future - they seem headed in the other direction and are in the process of reworking their current waterfront bulkhead and tow path.</p> <p>Pre Hyatt/Southport development there was a small period of time where that property was for sale (but not cheap) and in reality was most likely the last chance for real Coulon/waterfront expansion.</p> <p>What is the chance of the Sam Chastain water walk seeing completion?</p> <p>Seems like the existing Renton boathouse facility is the only possible site for a non-motorized facility upgrade. It's over water so some hurdles would have to be cleared but my understanding from consulting an engineering firm is it could be done. What would it take to put that concept in gear sooner vs. later?</p>	11/25/2019	Email	AM

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<p>STAFFING When looking at staffing levels vs population growth it is important to stress that many of our parks are REGIONAL. Especially Coulon and to a lesser extent Kennydale Beach Park. I see these locations after a busy summer weekend and our staff does an incredible job restoring these locations on Monday morning. So the commentary on page 74 needs to take the Regional draw of many of our Parks and the need for adequate staffing.</p> <p>SAFETY I have brought my concerns re Safety to Kelly and Cailin. I know they are working on signage. Many people have told me that they are afraid to use the Cedar River Dog Park or the Trail due to the many car break-ins. I have urged warning signage and provided examples. We are one of the only cities in the area that lack these signs. It won't solve the problem but it is fair warning to take precautions. Page 41 underscores Safety in Parks, Rec and Natural Areas as a top priority from survey respondents. Our Police Department does a good job of clearing out homeless camps but it is the world we live in.</p> <p>BIKING I am a frequent bike rider. I have a bike group including members from the greater King County area that ride many of the trails from Snohomish to Orting and everything in between. We always include a few rides on the Cedar River Trail. Members remark how well maintained our trail is. A very popular ride is Lake Washington Blvd to the Cedar River Trail. Riders wind along Houser or through the Landing or residential streets to travel from Kennydale to the Cedar River Trail. I realize it is a challenge and thought has been given to improving this linkage.</p> <p>DOG PARKS The plan does call for a future athletic venue and replacing the Cedar River Dog Park with multiple Small and a Large Dog Parks. As one of the founding members of RUFF and the sole volunteer Manager for 8 years, I am not distressed about the plan. And I noticed on page 67 this is included. The Cedar River Dog Park is very popular and a great source of enjoyment for many. However, it is very rocky, in the summer there is no natural shade, and in the winter there are drainage problems. The City Staff has done a good job of improving the drainage issue, but it still is very muddy. So in summary. I think there would be much better locations. I suggest staff take a look at one of the most popular dog parks nearby which is currently being re-developed in Newport Hills by the City of Bellevue. It is grassy and has natural shade from trees which is perfect on hot summer days. It has become the favored go to place for my Kennydale neighbors. Also Lions Park which is addressed on page 110 as underutilized would be a good location for a neighborhood Dog Park. It might pull dog owners away from Kennydale Elementary and Mcknight Middle School, which are currently struggling with dog owners who do not pick up after their dogs, I am sad to say. These schools are pretty much the ad hoc area dog parks. Visitors to offleash dog parks tend to be very diligent about picking up after their dogs.</p>	12/9/2019	Email	MW
1) The City should buy the Springbrook Trout Farm property 2) Preserve the trout farm for fishing, 3) Protect the natural setting, 4) Build a board walk through the wetlands, 5) Save and restore the turn of century farm house for the park and community.	12/13/2019	Letter	DP
Please, please contact I-105 Exit 6 Kennydale through May Creek to Exit 7 New Castle by foot and NOT by car or bicycle! Whereve May Creek appears. Would be really nice to have a dog park around here that won't be chased out by the Renton Police Department.	11/26/2019	Online comment form	RD