

Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 22, 2008
10:30 a.m.
DTS 3rd Floor Conference Room

Attendees: Faith Miyamoto, Susan Robbins, Lawrence Spurgeon, Lester Chang (DPR Director), Wayne Yoshioka, Craig Mayeda (DPR Park Maintenance and Recreation Services Administrator)

Explained how the guideway would go through Ke'ehi Lagoon Park and effects to the roadway and tennis courts.

Talked about relocating the tennis courts and preserving parking by swapping locations.

Lester had a series of concerns:

- Is there parking included for the project to support the area? People could end up using the Park parking as a P&R. He didn't see this as insurmountable, but needs further discussion.
- The park has a great potential, but is currently underused. He was not positive that the best option would be to replace the tennis courts, but thought that a different in-kind improvement to the park could provide better benefit to park users. If the tennis courts are replaced, he would like to see them located near other courts in the park. We discussed that any project impacts could be mitigated in a range of ways.
- The land was given to the City through a State Executive Order. It requires that it be maintained in park use. This needs review, but likely just requires that parks maintain ownership, and transit has an easement.
- Another issue is maintaining ingress/egress to the park.
- He wants to see a visual simulation of what the effect would be at the park, showing the park and how the rail structure integrates with the park.
- Net parking needs to be maintained.
- How would columns be designed/placed to avoid graffiti, trash, maintain homeland security, and to discourage use of the guideway as shelter for homeless camping.

In total, he believed that as long as there was no net loss of park resources/benefits to the public, and because the park could see an access benefit from a transit station, that any issues could be worked out. He asked that we prepare a simulation of the park entryway showing how it would look with the transit line.

Next step for RTD:

- Send a letter to Parks, with what RTD is proposing
- Offer to coordinate the design elements and mitigation to the parklands, as a start to the process of getting to concurrence.