

## SEATTLE URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

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*The Urban Forestry Commission was established to advise the Mayor and City Council concerning the establishment of policy and regulations governing the protection, management, and conservation of trees and vegetation in the City of Seattle*

**DRAFT February 4, 2015**

### Meeting Notes

City Hall, Boards and Commissions, Room #L280 (basement level – L2)

600 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Seattle

#### Attending

##### Commissioners

Tom Early – vice chair  
Donna Kostka  
Joanna Nelson de Flores  
Jeff Reibman  
Erik Rundell  
Peg Staeheli  
Steve Zemke

##### Staff

Sandra Pinto de Bader - OSE  
Susanne Rockwell - Parks

##### Guests:

Tom Tierney – Board of Parks Commissioners  
Christopher Williams – Parks & Recreation

##### Public

Sarah Welch  
Michael Oxman

#### Absent- Excused

Gordon Bradley  
Leif Fixen - chair

**NOTE: Meeting notes are not exhaustive. For more details listen to the digital recording of the meeting at: <http://www.seattle.gov/urbanforestrycommission/meetingdocs.htm>**

#### Call to Order

Tom Early – called the meeting to order

#### Public comment

Michael Oxman – He is a certified arborist and Forest Steward volunteer. He is concerned about the classification system for Seattle’s greenbelts. He is skeptical because he has not been able to get documents from Parks and Recreation. He was referred to different staff in Parks and then to OSE. He would like to participate in this policy formation. He also would like the UFC to do a tree inventory instead of an aerial photo to assess canopy cover. Information on tree condition, value and species needs to be more detailed than an aerial photo and use on-the-ground input and ground-truthing.

#### Adoption of January 7 and January 14 meeting notes

**ACTION: A motion to approve the January 7 meeting notes as amended was made, seconded and approved.**

**ACTION: A motion to approve the January 14 meeting notes as amended was made, seconded and approved.**

**Parks Classification Policy – Susanne Rockwell (Parks)**

Christopher Williams, Susan Rockwell, Tom Tierney (Chair of the Board of Park Commissioners)

Christopher Williams provided a high level overview of why Parks thought it was important to update the Parks Classification Policy. This is an administrative tool that communicates to the public how the Department is using tax payer resources. The Metropolitan Parks District requires more accountability from Parks. Updating their tools help make reporting more transparent. Parks heard significant public comment when this was discussed at the Board of Parks Commissioners. People were concerned about allowing uses not allowed before. When parks have existing master plans the guidelines are subservient to those master plans. The process for changing a park's use is for a recommendation to go back to the Parks Board. For example, Cheasty mountain bike pilot was required to go to the Parks Board. Parks classification changes don't change or become a barrier for the GSP goals.

Susanne Rockwell gave a briefing on Parks Classification Policy. When Parks started doing planning for the Parks Legacy Plan they noticed that there were some inconsistencies in the different classifications. The timing has been a little off from the public's point of view. This is an operational and administrative policy. Among the changes made to the document, they added 17 new parcels and parks to the natural area and greenbelt category; created a new division for regional parks which include landmark districts, historic significance, or master plans that have already been approved and natural areas. These changes do not supersede existing master plans. They do this type of update every few years to include new acquisitions.

The Board of Parks Commissioners had three meetings and a public hearing. The Board recommended moving forward with the update.

UFC question/comment: this is more of an accounting management effort that is being informed by site master plans. Does it include Vegetation Management Plans?

Answer: No, this applies to site master plans.

UFC question/comment: is there information of the list of classifications and list of parks and their classification on the websites listed on the handout?

Answer: The top link shows line-item changes. The document is part of the archive of meeting minutes. The second link shows the new document.

UFC question/comment: Is there a section that distinguishes between green spaces, developed areas, and natural areas. Didn't see how many acres are considered Natural Areas. It becomes confusing for the public.

Answer: The Parks classification shows the acreage for each site, natural areas and greenbelts. There are also areas that are maintained in their natural state.

UFC question/comment: How are recreation areas such as the park at Highpoint (Walter Hanley Park) treated?

Answer: They previously had a classification as recreation areas but this didn't do justice to the other elements and broader uses of some parks. There are very few purely athletic complexes. Parks is using the broader, majority uses to define the type of park. There might be recreation uses in a regional park.

UFC question/comment: Maybe recommend either a name change to SDOT's Greenways (which don't necessarily have trees) or that there are tree plantings.

UFC question/comment: how do you track work done by tree trimming crews?

Answer: this helps Parks report to the community the work they accomplished over a certain period of time. The idea is not necessarily to change the maintenance program but is more about better reporting based on the expectation of the voters on the Metropolitan Parks District (which did approve another crew thus having an impact on maintenance).

### **Supplemental Use Guidelines for Seattle's Natural Areas & Greenbelts – Susanne Rockwell (Parks)**

Christopher Williams provided some background. Part of the discussion with City Council is whether or not to approve the \$100K Neighborhood matching grant for the Cheasty Mountain Bike pilot project. They wanted Parks to go back and work with natural area volunteers, neighbors, and other stakeholders to come to a broader policy vision direction for natural areas and greenbelts. Parks is working on engaging a community-wide discussion. Looking at challenges with density and demand for open space and recreation. This is about finding a balance between active and passive use.

Susanne Rockwell provided a briefing on the Supplemental Use Guidelines for Seattle's Natural Areas and Greenbelts. Parks wants to develop a set of criteria or use conditions that would be very transparent guidelines that Parks would use before making decisions to allow active uses in natural areas. Have an existing natural area and greenbelt policy and a bike policy. This work doesn't change those existing policies. The Cheasty Mountain Bike pilot project is moving forward. People have asked to stop the Cheasty project until the guidelines are developed. Parks agreed with City Council to do both concurrently.

Tom Tierney, chair of the Parks Board of Commissioners, is present in case there are questions.

Parks has a 5-prong approach:

1. Media announcement and Survey/blog – launching on February 9. This will allow people to provide open-ended input by answering questions posed on the blog.
2. "In reach" events with historically underrepresented communities. The facilitator will host group conversations.
3. Invitational focus group sessions
4. Mini-summit – panel discussion and open house. April 4 (Saturday). The event will include a panel discussion. Another component will be the open house piece where groups and organizations will have a table display with information.
5. Public hearing and recommendations by the Board of Park commissioners. Parks will take all the information gathered and will draft supplemental use guidelines. Will have meetings with the Parks Board. The board will make recommendations to City Council by June.

UFC question/comment: We are a newer commission. The Parks Board has been around for a long time. Wondering what is the role the UFC in this process. This is a question for the UFC. What will our role be in this process?

Answer: the Board of Park Commissioners will have a partnership sub-committee because they want to connect with different stakeholders. The Parks Board could have a convening with the UFC Executive committee and have a discussion about how to work together in the future.

Tom Tierney – Parks Board and UFC need to be talking and interacting. Work together instead of via letters.

**ACTION:** Sandra will set up a meeting for the UFC to brief the Board of Parks Commissioners on UFC priorities.

UFC to have representatives in Mini Summit and Focus Groups. UFC to have both views represented.

UFC question: UFC has a work plan to participate on Parks process.

Christopher – Parks is looking for a practical policy that is brief, maybe a 1-2 page checklist on how to make decisions around greenbelts and natural areas.

UFC question: does Parks have other guidelines and how are they used?

Answer: They do. They have guidelines specific for downtown parks that enable the department to create more transparency around programming and activation. They also have a decision tree on how they make decisions around natural areas and greenbelts. They used a similar model when they developed a skateboard park. They identified a set of criteria that had to be met. 28 sites were identified and this removed the contention from the public process. One of the elements of the check-list they are expecting to create as part of this process could be to check with the UFC before the Parks Board consider a specific decision.

UFC question/comment: Wish the scientific community were involved in the process. I could be the UW or maybe environmental impact analysis firms in the city. Have them participate to quantify environmental impacts.

Answer: currently have a scientist for the panel discussion but will look into additional involvement.

UFC question/comment: It will be important to distinguish between things people value in natural areas. There are very different sites that would have different factors to be considered. For example, in Cheasty habitat for some species depends on patch size and this might be impacted by the pilot. Answers will vary a lot based on where people live and the park they are thinking about. It would be good for Parks to look at the whole parks system when considering a change in use.

Tom Tierney: The Parks Board has heard from both sides during their process. Neighbors were very eager to use Cheasty as a pilot project to demonstrate how different goals can live together. Other people had a different view. At the Parks Board they usually hear controversy between passive vs. active uses; walling an area off to be protected vs. making it available for different future uses. Doing this pilot correctly could

answer the question about balance of more use or more restoration in the area and the impacts on the habitat.

UFC question/comment: this is like an experiment where many things are happening at the same time. Would like Parks to use the term 'intensive' use instead of 'active' use. Walking is a type of active use. Put the discussion out there in terms of minimal intrusiveness in some areas.

Answer: It would be a good discussion to have between the UFC and Parks Board to talk about how can Seattle cope with the need to use these areas more intensively in the future.

UFC question/comment: will these guidelines influence a change in policy?

Answer: when presented with a set of choices, guidelines will provide a more transparent way to show the public how Parks is making decisions. Criteria and Process will come out of the guidelines work.

UFC question/comment: It would be helpful for Parks to clearly define what's a natural area and greenbelts.

Answer: a map will be up on Friday. The map will show all the areas that are maintained in a natural state, those areas classified as a natural area or greenbelt, etc. The map will also show acquisitions over time. Parks will probably adopt the Parks Board recommendation and the City Council's Parks Committee will be briefed on the process and final decision.

UFC question/comment: the UFC will have a tour in March. There is the issue of the Parks Maintenance Yard. What is Parks' recommendation for that site? It's an eye sore and environmental problem area with the erosion.

Answer: Using that space as maintenance yard it takes it away from public use yet Parks has a need for maintenance yards. This is an issue they are working on. Parks is also sensitive because they need the facility even though it might not be the best use of tax payer dollars.

UFC question/comment: There is a difference of opinion between the Parks Board and the UFC regarding the recommendation made by the UFC of a perimeter trail vs. the recent letter written by the Parks Board about a comprehensive set of trails.

Answer: The Parks Board would like to begin collaborating with the UFC.

UFC question/comment: a verbal discussion would be much better. The UFC was having a problem getting a positive statement out at the time, so the Commission worked on producing a letter that was a compromise. Maintenance space is very important for Parks crews. Maybe design better maintenance sites? What's the fall back if the responses aren't scattered enough in the city? is there a backup plan if you don't get enough diversity in the engagement process?

Answer: Parks wants feedback, direction, innovation and creativity, and it's important to be transparent about Parks having an opinion (and the Board also has an opinion). Parks is trying to gather the broadest input possible while moving the process forward.

UFC question/comment: the PAT is looking at a single plan. To weight different alternatives it would be helpful to have different options.

Answer: The Parks Board idea of a pilot would have brought more complexity to the process and have different options for the design of the pilot. The Board weighed with a letter to clarify that there might be in the future an expectation for more diverse options.

UFC question/comment: Would like to recommend including the School District into the Mini Summit. The UFC would like to partner up with Parks and Parks Board in reaching out to the School District.

**Thank you letter to SDOT for work on tree grates – review and possible vote**

Commission reviewed the letter and proposed a couple of amendments.

**ACTION: A motion to approve the letter as amended was made, seconded and approved.**

**New business and announcements**

- Arboretum multi-use trail: Sandra to request the list of trees to be removed again.
- Pedestrian Overlay Policy: DPD presented and the Commission provided verbal feedback. Jeff will participate in SDOT ROWIM group and will ask whether the resolution of the issued between overhanging ped covers and street trees will be solved by Design Review, or is it DPD. Sandra to check with DPD staff about status and request a follow up briefing.
- UFC/Parks board RE: Guidelines update.
- Solar Access: Ask SDOT to come talk about this issue.
- Agenda item: when the UFC should send recommendations to Mayor and Council RE: Cheasty? Sandra to move Cheasty discussion to 4/1 (after the tour).UFC to decide whether its position will change after the tour and issue a different letter.
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Final PAT meeting is 2/19 at Rainier Community Center. There will be an additional outreach meeting after that. Parks Board will receive recommendations for their April meeting. Two Parks Board deliberations meeting. Request base line data from Parks on Cheasty.

Parks Board: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wed meetings? CHECK

ACTION: Send past members the work plan and invite them to come and provide expertise and comment.

Adjourn

**Public input**

**From:** Mary Hable [mailto:maryhable@me.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 21, 2015 4:51 PM

**To:** Pinto\_de\_Bader, Sandra

**Subject:** Please Support Cheasty Bike Trails

Dear Urban Forestry Commission,

We're writing to you as a part of the robust Seattle mountain biking community to share with you some of the ways that the sport of mountain biking has changed our lives. That passion is our driver behind support of the restoration and ecological development of the Cheasty Main Greenspace.

There is a reason that the majority of the energy and invested work for this project has come from mountain bikers. Biking has been the framework to turn us into healthier and happier people, and create our place in a community in Seattle. These are invaluable services to have in any city. We have a rare and transformative opportunity with Cheasty Main to spread those benefits to more Seattleites. Bringing mountain biking within the city limits expands access to these services to people who don't have the means to leave the city and get them otherwise. These could be the people who need the community and the sport the most. Sharing the joy of mountain biking among people who are otherwise disenfranchised is key to what drives our engagement in this project.

Inseparable to what mountain biking has given to our lives, is an appreciation for *why* we are able to enjoy this sport. We have a clear understanding that we can't live the lives we do without healthy and sustainable parks. The stronger the services are that the forest provides, the greater the desire to give back will be. Unfortunately, those services in Cheasty Main have not been made apparent to its surrounding community, and that has been clearly shown in neglect of the forest. Others have not seen the vision that mountain bikers have. The mountain biking community has shown up to take ownership in this project because we know the huge potential of what this space can offer. We see Cheasty Main as a place that the entire community wants to take care of for its immeasurable benefits to all types of interests – hikers, walkers, and bikers collectively.

The objective arguments have been clear that mountain biking and hiking show comparable ecological effects. Most of us are also great appreciators of sports of hiking and walking as much as biking. Biking is only what has driven our passion and energy to take hold of the opportunity in front of us with Cheasty Main. Please understand that passion comes with a foundational value in protecting the forest for everyone, and allow for the ideals and engagement of the mountain biking community in the design and ecological development of the Cheasty Main trails.

Sincerely,

Mary Hable  
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**From:** Mark Holland [mailto:solarhound@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, January 22, 2015 5:54 PM

**To:** Acosta, Rachel

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**Subject:** COMP PLAN UPDATE - PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

January 22, 2015.

Dear Seattle Board of Park Commissioners,

This letter is in reference to the Parks and Open Space element addition to the Comp Plan you will discuss tonight.

<http://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/ParksAndRecreation/BriefingPapers/Comp%20Plan%20Briefing%201-15-2015.pdf>

I am concerned that the Parks Department draft for a Parks and Open Space element for addition to the Comp Plan update does not have a Environmental Critical Area (ECA) or Natural Spaces policy section.

If recreation has it's own section should not the remaining 14% (830) acres of forested parkland have a separate section as well?

With the Natural Spaces and Cheasty debate raging on I find it hard to believe the Parks Department did not think to add a Natural Spaces section as well.

Please read this article describing the potential impacts of global warming on bird populations.

[http://seattletimes.com/html/nationworld/2024494748\\_warmingbirdsxml.html](http://seattletimes.com/html/nationworld/2024494748_warmingbirdsxml.html)

Is this really the right time to leave natural area protections out of our Parks and Open Spaces goal setting? With the uncertainty of global warming looming on the horizon?

New York City has an entirely separate bureaucracy to manage natural areas. New York's natural areas also comprises close to 50% all park land. Compare that to Seattle's paltry 14% and you begin to see why a strengthened natural spaces policy is what Seattle needs right now. In 1986, New York City formed the Natural Resources Group (NRG), a division of the NYC Parks Department.

In NYC, the Parks department has a separate division to manage natural areas.

In Seattle the Parks Department cannot even make a separate section for natural spaces in the Parks and Open Spaces Policy.

Read about it here: <http://www.thenatureofcities.com/2014/04/09/natural-parks-define-american-cities/>. It is time for Seattle to join other world class cities that make great strides in expanding and protecting quality wildlife habitat.

**Please add a natural spaces section to the Parks Departments' Parks and Open Spaces element to the Comp Plan.**

I would also like to see a strengthening of protections for urban wildlife in general, especially in natural areas because that is where many of our Pacific Northwest native bird species live.

Perhaps an expansion/revival/re-commitment to the Parks Departments' dormant wildlife sanctuary program would help.

The Parks Department wants to conduct an experiment on the Cheasty forest with a mountain bike facility.

Why not try a different experiment where we let Cheasty remain a wildlife sanctuary?



Let's designate the Cheasty Greenspace a wildlife sanctuary and wait to see if bird populations increase, rather than wait to see if populations decline under the pressure of a bike park.

With a mountain bike park in Cheasty, all the risk of negative impact is put upon the wildlife. Mountain bikers can ride anywhere, but the wildlife that calls Cheasty home have no where else to go. That is the alarming thing about the bike park plan. They plan to take the entire tiny forest.

Unlike at Duthie Hill in Issaquah, Cheasty is surrounded by a dense urban environment instead of a 3000 acre wilderness.

At Duthie, the wildlife can escape into the remaining 2860+ acres of wilderness.

At Cheasty, the wildlife will not be able to move into another part of the forest, because it will be all bike park.

That is not a risk I am willing to let the Parks department take.

I hope the Seattle Parks Board will not either

Thank You,

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**From:** Mark Holland [mailto:solarhound@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, January 22, 2015 1:08 PM

**To:** CheastyPat

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**Subject:** DISSOLVE THE CHEASTY P.A.T. -- I5 Colonnade- a bad omen for Cheasty Green Space

Dear Members of the Cheasty PAT,

Urban mountain bike parks are a cause, not a cure to social ills in Seattle. The Parks Department, the EMBA, and the mountain bikers already have a "pilot" mountain bike park in Seattle that turned out to be a total disaster.

I5 Colonnade mountain bike park in East Lake.

The disastrous experiment at Colonnade is a bad omen for the Cheasty forest and all Seattle green spaces for that matter. Make no mistake. The mountain bikers are after all green spaces in Seattle. They will not stop at Cheasty. In fact the Parks department is gearing up right now to change natural spaces policies to allow active uses like mountain bike parks in all natural areas.

Below is an email I sent to the Mayor on August 8 of last year. The subject is the Parks Department and the Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance (EMBA) failed mountain bike park pilot project called Colonnade, under I5 in East Lake.

Keep in mind the Parks Department and the EMBA made all the same promises about Colonnade that they now make about Cheasty. They proclaim mountain bike parks are the cure for all social ills. One look at the mess at the I5 Colonnades bike park disproves that theory. Mountain Bike Snake Oil is what they are really selling.

We can see how mountain bikers and the parks department failed to live up to their promises at Colonnade. There is no evidence to suggest we should trust them with the Cheasty forest. All the same people are now making all the same promises about a mountain bike park in Cheasty, and they have not even cleaned up the mess they made of Colonnade. Even without the bike park, the current restoration is creating new opportunities for homeless encampments in the Cheasty forest.

New trails and left over restoration materials attracts, rather than repels homeless campers. In fact the campers use the restorers' burlap sacks to line their tent floors. It is a recurring problem that seems to be growing. Every few months you can see evidence of new encampments or newly abandoned camps very near the new "restoration" trails put in by the parks department.

#### THE CURRENT BIKE PARK DESIGN IS UNACCEPTABLE

The mission of the Cheasty PAT is to determine if the Cheasty Green Space is a proper location for a multi-use trail (singular) shared by both pedestrians and bikes. The goal is a non exclusive place that is welcoming to ALL people on ALL the trails built in Cheasty.

The current design initiated by the Parks departments' uni lateral decision to implement a two trail, separated trail system is out of compliance with the city council directive, the wishes of at least four members of the PAT, and the will of the majority of people in our community. Do not be fooled by the swarm tactics of the mountain bikers. Their single special interest and established social media network makes them appear much larger than they are - like a puffer fish.

There is a city wide coalition of voices in opposition to the bike park and the harbinger it brings for the future of ALL Seattle Green spaces. Christopher Williams is trying to ignore those voices and drown them out with mountain biker yells. Please remember the PAT only exists because of those voices of opposition.

On March 25, 2014, the Parks Departments' Mark Mead opened the first and only public meeting on the bike park by announcing it was a "done deal" and he "would not be answering any questions!" Please do not be like Mark Mead. Remember those voices of opposition, and respect them. We are still here.

#### DISSOLVE THE PAT

The only consensus on the PAT so far is that a multi-use trail is NOT possible in the Cheasty forest. Every thing else is contention. Three meetings occurred already with the environmentalists being brushed aside every time. Why should they participate at all if the rest of the PAT is just there to outnumber and club them into silence?

The Cheasty PAT is not doing any work. Doug and Margaret are the worst facilitators ever. Instead of taking input and moving the PAT forward they keep rehashing the same subject when they do not get the answers they want. Margaret and Doug both stare silently while mountain bikers on the PAT aggressively badger the environmentalists.

When are we going to see some actual facilitation from these two? If the finding is that a multi-use trail can not be built, then the work of the PAT is done.

Margaret Norton-Arnold has already cost \$37,000 and we should expect the extra meeting in February will cost thousands more. There must be thousands more in Parks department staff time we do not even know about yet. The Cheasty PAT is becoming a money pit. Let's pull the plug before we waste another penny.

I recommend the PAT vote to self dissolve. The Parks Department is making a mockery of public process. Even if you believe you are on the "winning" side, do you really want to be a part of this hoax?

Members of the Cheasty PAT, please dissolve the PAT. Cheasty is the wrong place for a bike park. Cheasty cannot be a wildlife sanctuary and a bike park at the same time. So let's stop pretending. It is one of the other and everyone knows it.

#### BEST PRACTICES MANAGEMENT

DPD best practices management manual for wild life habitat restoration activities specifically states there should be NO restoration during nesting season running from April through October each year. Why? Because many low to mid level canopy dwelling song birds like the Spotted Towhee I saw last spring in Cheasty drop into the understory to forage and gather leaves to build their nests. The towhee I saw built his nest just ten feet above the ground. Above I saw a coopers hawk nest in the upper canopy.

Best Management Practices (BMP): <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/projects/BMP/chapter5.pdf>

Please examine the charts on pages 5-57 and 5-28. Months when community enthusiasm (for restoration) is highest unfortunately coincides with the best months for bird nesting season. This is why the chart on page 5-28 specifically recommends against restoration activities during nesting season.

The park department and GSP work against best management practices in Cheasty. All the restoration activities that occurred in Cheasty over the last year disturbed and destroyed active bird nesting habitat during nesting season. It is unavoidable.

The question about the bike park AND the restoration should be about those mid to low canopy dwelling birds. Many of the birds in Cheasty require the specific riparian habitat Cheasty provides. But no one is asking those questions.

Will those low to mid level canopy dwelling birds survive the hundreds of mountain bikers who plan to descend on the Cheasty forest during nesting season each year? The EMBA and Bike Works already announced they plan to run classes and work shops in Cheasty. They are planning on heavy usage of this tiny forest.

Mountain bikers are not thinking about the spotted Towhees at all and that is what worries me the most. It should worry the PAT as well. The discussion of impacts to wildlife is a gaping hole in the PAT conversation. It is as though the ecosystem of Cheasty is not even part of the discussion.

Thank you,

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August 8, 2014

Seattle Mayor Murray,

Parks and Recreation Acting Superintendent Christopher Williams is not prepared to build or manage a mountain bike park in the Cheasty Greenspace, or any other place for that matter.

Have you visited I-5 Colonnade Mountain Bike Park lately? There you will see the Department of Parks and Recreation's first "pilot" mountain bike project - a real work in regress.

Mr. Williams miserable failure at Colonnade should stop the Cheasty mountain bike park in it's bicycle tracks.

Colonnade is a cautionary tale about letting "volunteers" do the work that government should do. Mr. Williams hands off mismanagement style let Colonnade degrade to the poverty stricken conditions we see there today.

Mr Williams mismanagement of the Cheasty bike park fiasco is more of the same. He does not follow his own policies. How are WE THE PEOPLE supposed to know what to expect if a department head declares he can ignore all policies if he calls a project a "pilot"?

The basis of democracy is trust in government. Policies are put in place so citizens can know what to expect from government - the very basis of trust. When a department head decides he can break all those policies at once, he breaks trust with WE THE PEOPLE, eroding democracy, and causing mistrust of government.

I reviewed many DPR internal communications regarding Cheasty Greenspace. One thing that is clear is this: Christopher Williams is not in charge on this "pilot" project. His staff members and even the bike park volunteer proponents are running rings around him. Just listen to Mr. Williams statements. He is "waiting for the volunteers" to come up with a plan. What kind of leadership is that?

Mayor Murray, you need to appoint a real department head. Mr. Williams "Acting" status means that he is merely another staff member. Staff needs a Mayor appointed department head, not one of their own to lead them.

FIND IT FIX IT

We just had two shootings in one week on Beacon Hill Mayor Murray. Where are you? Why is building a mountain bike park in SE Seattle your main priority, when people are being shot every week in our community?

URBAN MOUNTAIN BIKE PARKS ATTRACT HOMELESS CAMPS, GARBAGE, GRAFFITI

What does I-5 Colonnade look like today?

There is garbage strewn about in piles. Tires, beer cans, coolers, clothes.

I-5 Colonnade looks very much like Cheasty in the human impact area next to the bulk storage yard before DPR cleaned it up, only after being exposed on KIRO news.

Here is the story. "Moleman" is a name given to this homeless person by Parks Department staff, by the way.

<http://www.kirotv.com/news/news/seattle-parks-being-restoring-land-destroyed-molem/ngr5Q/>

When I asked Mr Williams to clean this area up and repair the damage, he wrote back he was waiting for the bike park in the Fall.

Graffiti covers every column and wall. Much of it vulgar.

The "features" and ramps etc... of the Bike tracks are being turned into shelters and sleeping platforms by homeless campers. One person is living directly under one of the arch shaped ramps used by the mountain bikers.(see photo below) He closed up the sides of the arch, most likely using the lumber strewn about the site. I leaned to look inside and saw someone in there. I could smell the alcohol stench. The mountain bikers ride right over him.

There is only invasive species growing everywhere. Ivy chokes the trees and spreads down to the edges of the bike park. Blackberry, morning glory and horsetail is the only vegetation. A large encampment appears to grow from a feature up high near where the top of slope meets the bottom of I-5.

EMBA/DPR/WSDOT - WHOSE PROBLEM IS IT?

The Evergreen Mountain Biking Association (EMBA) built Colonnade. The Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) is the tenant, renting from the owner Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT).

I asked a Parks Maintenance worker what was going on with all the garbage and homeless camps. He said they (DPR) are fighting with WSDOT over who is responsible for maintenance.

The volunteer agreement with EMBA for Colonnade expired on November 2, 2013. It is unclear whether EMBA was responsible for maintenance or not. I requested all agreements between Parks and EMBA. DPR only sent the one that expired in 2013 for Colonnade.

This is the work of the EMBA and Seattle Department of Parks and recreation first mountain bike park "pilot" project, four years after they signed a volunteer agreement.

Now they want to get to work in the Cheasty Greenspace Forest - one of the largest urban wildlife habitat refuges in Seattle.

Is I-5 Colonnades the future of Cheasty Greenspace Forest?

The mountain bikers are not going to save the Cheasty forest. They are going to waste it.

Sincerely,

Mark Holland  
Beacon Hill

FOR YOUR VIEWING PLEASURE

Here are a few photos of the DPR/EMBA work at Colonnade - coming soon to a forest near you.

God help us all!

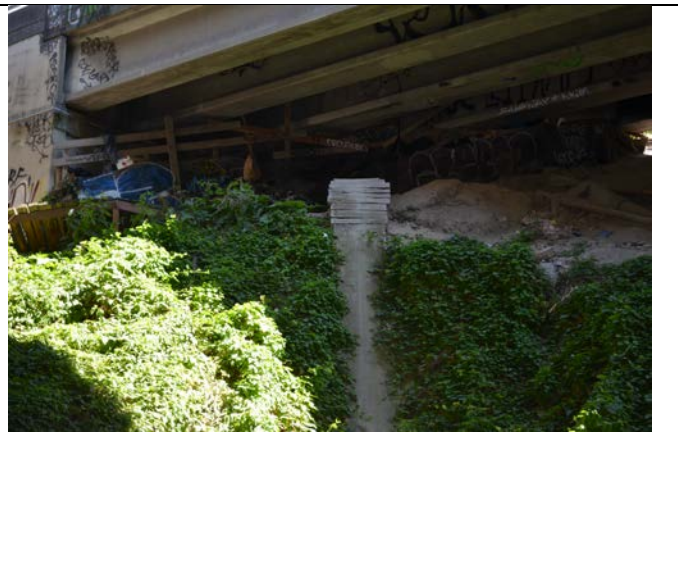
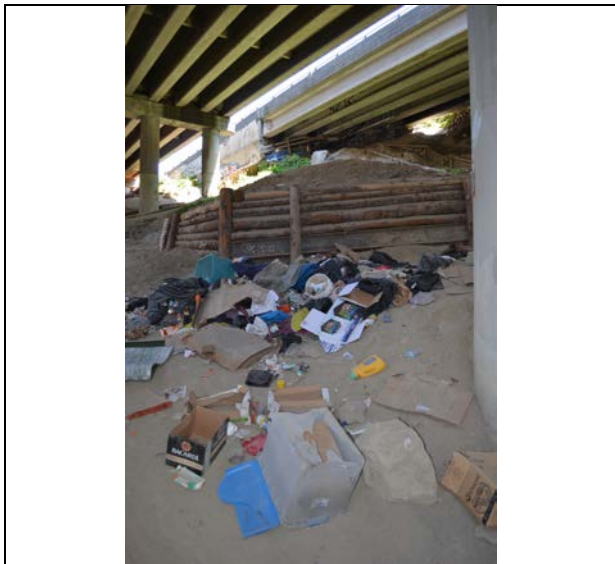
First photo: garbage pile in middle of cycle track. Trash or Obstacle?

Second photo: large encampment tucked under I-5

Third photo: Yes, the arch on the left is a shelter/feature now. A person is inside. DPD notice to remove illegal structure posted on ramp to the right.

3 Attachments





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What do mountain bikers think of I-5 Colonnade park?

Here is an interesting conversation from a mountain biking blog.

<http://forums.mtbr.com/washington/colonnade-what-happened-863879.html>

Here is quote from message #17 in reference to Colonnade :

"It's an awesome idea, but where's the money going to come from? The current track record isn't terribly encouraging, right? Who's going to go to the city and say "we built this huge thing, but people didn't ride there and we didn't maintain it and now it's falling apart, can we have some cash to build a different huge thing?"

So the mountain bikers are having conversations about whether they should continue to be funded by the public after the disaster of Colonnade.

Why is the Cheasty PAT not having the same conversation?

Note the date the thread starts is July 5, 2013. That is four months before the volunteer agreement between DPR and EMBA expired. This means the experiment was an obvious failure even to mountain bikers while the EMBA was STILL UNDER CONTRACT for maintenance with the Parks Department.

Now they are back for more public funding at Cheasty, while trying to act like nothing happened at Colonnade.

At what point will the Parks Department and the EMBA be held accountable for their failure?

Why is Colonnade not even a part of the PAT conversation?

Do we really want to let these men loose in our forests? There are only 830 acres of forests left in Seattle, or about 14% of all park land. Compare that to Portland with 70% or even New York City with 50%.

The Parks department is going regressive on the environment in Seattle, starting at Cheasty, while the world class cities we envy move to expand and strengthen protections for urban wildlife habitat.

We hear that there is no evidence the mountain bike park will harm the Cheasty ecosystem.

I say there is ample evidence that mountain bikes will harm the environment at Cheasty, and the trail starts at Colonnade.

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Three more photos:

First photo: A warning sign at the entrance to I-5 Colonnade Park.

Second photo:

Third photo: I believe this is a "log roll" in the foreground, as described in the DON grant. Won't that be lovely in the Cheasty forest?

3 Attachments

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**From:** Kristen Kussmann [mailto:kristen.kussmann@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Friday, January 23, 2015 6:06 PM

**To:** Pinto\_de\_Bader, Sandra

**Subject:** Cheasty greenspace!

Dear Sandra-

We understand you are a point of contact for the **Urban Forestry Commission**. We urge you to reconsider your opposition to the Cheasty Greenspace revitalization project. We currently live in Rainier Beach, but as former Columbia City residents, we are thrilled with this project. We've volunteered with revitalization efforts and look forward to hiking through the park in the future.

Sincerely,

Kristen Kussmann and Matt Carter



### Board of Park Commissioners

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January 26, 2015

Dear Mayor Murray and City Councilmembers:

Thank you again for your leadership in working to secure a stable funding source through the Seattle Parks District. Your visionary leadership is inspiring not just to our work, but to parks leaders nationally, and Seattle residents and visitors owe you a debt for decades to come. We are excited to work with you over the coming years to steward the public's trust and high expectations for our beloved Seattle parks.

Your leadership and involvement with many other park policies is also appreciated and respected. Today we are writing with an idea for your consideration about the Beacon Bike Park pilot project, now called the Cheasty Trails and Bike Park (CTBP).

Given how contentious the CTBP process has been, we hesitated sending this letter, preferring to allow the PAT to complete their deliberations. However, we uniformly felt like the framing of the PAT discussions strayed away from the values that guide us as a citizen's commission and that led us to approve the pilot project. Therefore we felt compelled to raise these concerns to your attention. The process contemplates our reviewing the PAT recommendations as they come to Council, but out of respect to you and the members of the PAT, we feel obliged to relay our thoughts earlier, to avoid unnecessary surprises. We do this as your appointed stewards of the Parks Legacy Plan, who look holistically at the entire City's parks and open space assets, consider how best to use them and provide collaborative advisory guidance based on that thorough and studious engagement.

Our recommendations can be summarized as the following:

- develop a comprehensive trails plan for the CTBP to provide the best opportunity for public access and pilot-project learning, and
- place a city-wide moratorium on biking trails within green spaces and/or natural areas for the period of the pilot study.



## Background

In January of 2014, the Board of Parks Commissioners (Park Board) unanimously advised moving forward with the CTBP a pilot-project that would install a comprehensive trails network in Cheasty's forested parkland that includes mountain biking facilities. We recognized that combining forest restoration with active recreation uses would raise concerns in our community, yet Cheasty presented an opportunity to advance the Parks Legacy Plan's guiding values of "access, opportunity and sustainability" while promoting the City-wide outcomes of "Healthy People, Healthy Environment, Financial Sustainability, and Strong Communities."

In a growing city as large and complex as Seattle, we are often searching for ways to advance many of these values and outcomes in tandem, creating urban parks that have a variety of appropriate uses and values that strengthen one another. As our City continues to grow and as different recreation needs emerge, we will continue to unearth conflicts as we seek to provide park opportunities for all ages and all people. We felt the proponents of the CTBP recognized this and offered a compelling case for why their project advanced several parks and open space system goals simultaneously:

1. **Providing Access.** For Southeast Seattle residents, access to green space and recreation opportunities is at a premium. This is a public health problem, and local epidemiological data demonstrate the resultant disparities: lower public health indicators in the areas surrounding Cheasty than in many other areas of the city. Currently, there is no public access provided to these forested parklands. We strongly believe that our open spaces should serve as many members of the public as possible, while also providing appropriate management of cultural and natural resources, and thus were immediately attracted to the idea of providing access for *both* pedestrians and cyclists to this public asset.

For the families that live in Rainier Vista, we saw the chance for the CTBP to become a powerful asset both as a place for recreation and as a pedestrian linkage to Beacon Hill. While many Rainier Vista families come from cultural traditions that have viewed forests with discomfort, a recent focus group held at the Boys and Girls Club revealed strong support for the bike park and a near-unanimous desire to have pedestrian connections through the space, particularly to connect to Kimball Elementary School.

2. **Promoting Sustainability.** The forested parklands along Cheasty Boulevard are dominated by a canopy of invasive plants that are a distant echo of our native coniferous forest. Fortunately the Green Seattle Partnership (GSP) volunteers, like the CTBP proponents, have been working to clean up and restore this forest. By coupling the CTBP trail build-out with forest restoration, the proponents chose to leverage one user group to advance the city-wide goals of the Green Seattle Partnership, creating a healthy urban forest. In fact, over the past year, the CTBP proponents have already begun to restore the forest. From the perspective of urban forest health, this strategy will provide greater coniferous forest canopy without losing the existing deciduous canopy, and will provide for a more ecologically-diverse forest floor, cleared of invasives.

The potential to simultaneously strengthen an under-performing forest, invest in stewardship and transform a "scary" forest into a safe, welcoming, place for families to play and learn seemed like an opportunity that the Park Board needed to explore as a pilot since it so elegantly leveraged creative community partnerships to achieve many of the aspirations voiced in the Parks Legacy Plan.

3. **Creating Opportunity.** By introducing a new way to access these forested parklands, the CTBP could create new ways for Seattle's residents to experience the magic of nearby nature. And with the forest restoration work, that nearby nature could be more ecologically diverse than what is there now. For pedestrians looking to traverse the hillside, kids who just received their first bike from BikeWorks, teens looking for a healthy way to recreate and adults looking to practice mountain biking skills, the space offers a profound opportunity to create a high-value, high-performance resilient urban forest.

As the Park Board weighed the pros and cons of whether to allow the CTBP as a pilot, we saw areas of the conceptual plan that needed refinement. We were assured by Parks staff that they would work with the community to revise the conceptual trail map using professional design guidance, best management practices and current science to arrive at a comprehensive trail master plan. With that assurance, we recommended that the CTBP be tested as a pilot project to provide access to these public lands via bicycle and pedestrian paths and to understand whether this new use helped or hurt overall forest and ecological health. We requested a three-year pilot from the first new trails being built to allow the plantings to establish. Whatever the results of the pilot project at Cheasty, we also recognized the critical importance of providing quiet, forested places within the Seattle parks and open space system where users can experience our natural areas without active recreation interruption.

After we advised approval of the entire conceptual plan, the project proponents secured a Department of Neighborhoods (DoN) grant to build a perimeter trail, in essence securing funds to build phase one of the project. As part of the conditions of disbursing those funds, a Project Advisory Team (PAT) was created, a public facilitator was hired and a licensed landscape architect was retained to assist with the perimeter trail's design. The PAT was instructed to only consider the perimeter trail that the DoN grant funded.

#### **Unintended Consequences**

As the PAT process has unfolded, we have heard concerns from several quarters regarding the PAT's constraint of only considering and vetting the perimeter trail. These concerns include:

- **Constrained Access.** By only building the perimeter trail, significant user groups are effectively denied the opportunity to use the space, notably the students and parents living in Rainier Vista and served by Kimball Elementary. From both a Race and Social Justice and Safe Routes to School perspective, we have concerns about this lack of access. Additionally, parents with young kids or several kids may find a long perimeter trail unmanageable as they try to provide effective supervision.
- **Endangered Sustainable Stewardship.** The one aspect of the plan that everyone agrees on is the importance of forest restoration. Our hope was that by having the bike park partners be the

implementers and stewards of the forest, the plants would thrive at the same time that the bike park took root. In fact, the volunteers in Cheasty recorded the second most GSP volunteer hours of any restoration area last year. By only developing the perimeter trail, current plans may hinder this goal. Best practices for mountain bike trail-building—tested and developed over several decades in forests around the world—recommend using fall line loops to provide riders of various skills with appropriate challenges so that they do not build their own trails. Without planning for and accommodating these users, we fear that desire lines will be created through the forest, potentially damaging newly planted natives.

- **Safety.** Safety becomes an issue on two fronts when the conversation is limited to the perimeter trail. First, the long distance and relative isolation of segments of the perimeter trail may present some challenges from a crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) perspective. Second, without thoughtful professional planning for fall line trails, *ad hoc* trails may create unsafe junctions with the perimeter trail.

#### Proposed Path Forward

For the reasons outlined above, we recommend a comprehensive trails plan for the CTBP that effectively and appropriately balances two goals: creating and stewarding a healthy, sustainable, ecologically-diverse, wildlife-friendly urban forest and providing new opportunities to access the urban forest with a safe, ecologically-sensitive, inclusive and maintainable physical trails plan for the forest. The Park Board fully anticipates that the interior bicycle and pedestrian trails, described in the original conceptual plan, will be constructed as part of the pilot project leveraging the partnerships developed by CTBP proponents to implement the larger trails plan.

Since this is a pilot, we want to rearticulate our recommendation to place a city-wide moratorium on any other expansion of biking trails within green spaces or natural areas for the period of the pilot study. This will allow the Mayor, Council, Park Board, members of the PAT and other interested observers to fully evaluate the pros and cons of this approach to providing access to our City's forested park lands.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Tom Tierney, Chair  
Board of Park Commissioners

cc: Christopher Williams  
Paula Hoff  
Doug Critchfield  
Jon Jainga

**From:** Mark Holland [mailto:solarhound@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 02, 2015 7:20 PM  
**To:** Williams, Christopher

**Cc:** LEG\_CouncilMembers; Acosta, Rachel; Kathy Colombo; Sarah Welch; Mira Latoszek; Pence, Roger; Ruth Williams; Johnson, Sharon; Pinto\_de\_Bader, Sandra; George.Robertson@consultgra.com; donnah@nymbledesign.com; Jim Anderson; Andrea Mojzak; Thatcher Bailey; CheastyPat; Critchfield, Doug; Cameron Justam; VanArcken, Julie; Rosie Selle; Miki Nishihata; Robert Hinrix; barber-osa@comcast.net; Darrell Howe; jenstewfam@comcast.net; Murray, Edward; Johnson, Dan; Hoff, Paula  
**Subject:** CITY COUNCIL - CHEASTY PARAMETERS - PARKS DEPT FAIL - CITY COUNCIL DIRECTIVE IGNORED

Dear Mr. Williams,

Please read the email thread below in which David Graves clarifies the language of the City Council bill describing the Cheasty Green Space project parameters.

As we see in the email below, David Graves pointed out on September 29, 2014, the City Council described a "multi-use trail". Singular. One trail, not two separated trails.

Your parameter is a single perimeter loop trail, Mr. Williams. Nothing more.

Cross trails, features, and "free ride zones" are not within the parameters the Cheasty project.

People are more confused than ever about this very confusing Cheasty project. It never really did fly right, did it?

Maybe it is time to abandon this misguided project. It certainly does not seem to be getting any better, does it?

The mission of the Cheasty PAT is to complete the design based on the parameters set by the City Council.

Your mission is to make sure the PAT can accomplish their mission,

Mr. Williams, please return to your mission. Your constant diversion from the plan does nothing to inspire confidence in your leadership skills.

Could you please answer the following questions to help us better understand your thinking about the Cheasty plan?

I think your answers could really help alleviate some of the confusion.

Mr. Williams,

- 1. CITY COUNCIL - Did you clear the two trail design with the City Council before you submitted it to the PAT?**
- 2. CHEASTY PAT - Did you clear the two trail design with the membership of the PAT before you submitted the design for review?**
- 3. PEDESTRIANS ONLY OPTION - Will you cancel the bike park component of the Cheasty Plan and provide an ALL pedestrian, low impact trail design instead?**
- 4. NEW VS. OLD BIKE PARK PLAN - How is the current two trail design different from the two trail design in the original Beacon Bike Park concept plan?**

5. **FORESTRY COMMISSION** - Did you or any Parks Department employee that you know of entice, encourage, or instruct Joel and Mary De Jong to approach the Seattle Forestry Commission and request that they reverse their decision to recommend against cross trails in Cheasty green space?
6. **PARKS BOARD** - Did you or any Parks Department employee help write the letter the Parks Board sent to the City Council asking them to reverse their vote to allow a single multi - use perimeter trail in Cheasty Green Space?
7. **CROSS TRAILS** - The Parks Board just sent a letter to City Council asking them to allow cross trails which would run down hill, perpendicular to the contour lines of the landscape in Cheasty.  
Mr. Williams, are you aware that last Thursday night, January 29 at the cheasty PAT meeting, the geotech engineer you hired said cross trails is how you get erosion and possibly landslides?  
Do you understand you are asking the city council to go against not only their own vote and the will of the people, but against the advice of your own hired geotechnical expert?
8. **REI** - Did you clear the two trail design with REI before you submitted it to the PAT?
9. **OTHER CORRESPONDANCE** - Did you or any other Parks Department employee correspond with any member of the Evergreen Mountain Biking Association, the Cascade Bicycle Club, or the Seattle Parks Foundation in designing or submitting the two trail design to the Cheasty PAT, or in the writing of the letter sent by the Parks Board to the City Council?
10. **FUNDING SOURCES** - Please provide a list of all the funding sources you expect to use for the bike park. Is the Washington Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) part of your plans for funding the bike park?

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Mark Holland  
2218 14th ave. S.  
Seattle, WA. 98144

P.S. Attached is a photo of a Pileated Wood Pecker I saw in Cheasty last Sunday. There are reportedly many of them in there. Maybe you should hire a biologist to count Cheasty Pileated wood peckers as a base line. Then you could know how many will be driven out by the bike park.

Here is a document that explains why this bird is so important to the health of Pacific Northwest eco systems:

[http://www.fs.fed.us/psw/publications/documents/gtr-181/023\\_AubryRaley.pdf](http://www.fs.fed.us/psw/publications/documents/gtr-181/023_AubryRaley.pdf)

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Subject: FW: PAT Agenda and Supporting Fact Sheet

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**From:** Margaret Norton-Arnold [[Margaret@na-company.com](mailto:Margaret@na-company.com)]

**Sent:** Monday, September 29, 2014 06:57 PM Pacific Standard Time  
**To:** Williams, Christopher; Critchfield, Doug; Hoff, Paula; Graves, David; Jainga, Jon  
**Subject:** PAT Agenda and Supporting Fact Sheet  
All –

I'm looking forward to meeting with you tomorrow at 3:30 at your Dexter offices. I don't have Tom Tierney's email, so perhaps someone can forward this to him. After our discussion tomorrow, I'd like to send out the agenda for Thursday, along with the "fact sheet" that is a compilation of a couple of different documents I've reviewed from Parks. My goal is to get these items sent out by 5:30 or so tomorrow.

I have had great conversations with nearly all of the PAT members, and I'm optimistic that we can have a productive process with the group. However, there are considerably different interpretations out there of "what's what," hence the fact sheet that I have pulled together for your review. **It's important that we get this out prior to the meeting to get everyone aligned to the same songsheet.** There are more details, obviously, than what I have outlined here, but I tried to set some priorities on the most important information to be sharing right now.

I also have some comments that I want to share with the group on Thursday, and I will run those by you tomorrow.

Thanks all and see you soon –

Margaret

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Date: Mon, 29 Sep 2014 10:50:10 -0700  
Subject: FW: Recap of Council meeting

**From:** Graves, David  
**Sent:** Monday, September 29, 2014 10:48 AM  
**To:** Hoff, Paula; Critchfield, Doug  
**Cc:** Margaret Norton-Arnold ([Margaret@na-company.com](mailto:Margaret@na-company.com))  
**Subject:** RE: Recap of Council meeting

Here's the actual language from Council:

**Section 5. Before approving a final plan for the Cheasty Greenspace Trails and Bike Park, which is proposed as a three-year pilot project, the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) shall complete a full public process and technical review of the proposed design for the a multi-use bike and pedestrian perimeter trail, including review of engineering, environmental, design, and community factors, make necessary revisions to the proposed design, and report to the City Council's Parks,**

Seattle Center, Libraries and Gender Pay Equity (PSCLGPE) Committee. The report shall include a summary of the public engagement process and a plan outlining the method and criteria for evaluation of the pilot project.

dg

**From:** Hoff, Paula  
**Sent:** Monday, September 29, 2014 8:10 AM  
**To:** Critchfield, Doug  
**Cc:** Margaret Norton-Arnold ([Margaret@na-company.com](mailto:Margaret@na-company.com)); Graves, David  
**Subject:** RE: Recap of Council meeting

I do not, as I was not involved at that time. Perhaps David Graves would know.

**From:** Critchfield, Doug  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 27, 2014 12:52 PM  
**To:** Hoff, Paula  
**Cc:** Margaret Norton-Arnold ([Margaret@na-company.com](mailto:Margaret@na-company.com))  
**Subject:** Recap of Council meeting

Paula – Do you have a copy of the meeting notes from the DoN grant discussion and parameters for Cheasty Trail design set by council? Could you send to Margaret and I? Thanks - Doug

Doug Critchfield  
Manager, Natural Resources Unit  
City of Seattle

