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8/17/2006	Community Member(s) Intro Mtg	How does the expansion of the Mt. Baker Boat Center in Stan Sayres affect the maintenance for the site? Are Seattle Parks in contact with the developers?	Seattle Parks staff are in contact with parties developing facilities on Parks property. This project is outside the scope of this planning process.
8/17/2006	Community Member(s) Intro Mtg	Are there current plans in the Vegetation Management Plan for signage along Lake Washington Boulevard that would describe the history of people who have lived along LWB?	The scope of this project is limited to vegetation management.
8/17/2006	Seattle Cherry Blossom Festival Committee	Seattle Cherry Blossom Festival would like to donate a select amount of their 7,000 trees for the entrance to Seward Park as the existing cherry trees are diseased and need to be replaced. Would Seattle Parks be interested in accepting these trees?	Parks Urban Forestry and Landscape Architecture staff will meet with the Committee to determine appropriate locations for some of the tree donations. Parks will work with Committee cherry experts on site-appropriate species selections.
8/17/2006	Community Member(s) Intro Mtg	Will Seattle Parks look into the area west of Stan Sayres? It is currently taken over by blackberry.	Gennesse Park is currently managed by SE District staff. There is a Green Seattle Partnership Forest Stewardship group for the site working on blackberry removal with Parks Natural Area Crew.
8/17/2006	Community Member(s) Intro Mtg	The Lakeside plant palette does not currently include trees. This is problematic for shade for salmon habitat. How will Seattle Parks reconcile this?	Trees are included in the Lakeside MU plant palettes.
8/17/2006	Community Member(s) Intro Mtg	Further clarification is needed for the definition of the Boulevard and Slope Unit; where does one begin and the other end?	Maps have been improved to clarify the distinction between management units.
8/17/2006	Community Member(s) Intro Mtg	Who is responsible for the actual shoreline of Lake Washington Boulevard in relation to salmon habitat?	See Shoreline Exclusion text.
8/17/2006	Community Member(s) Intro Mtg	The Vegetation Management Plan is a great opportunity to improve shoreline for salmon habitat. Will Seattle Parks have specialists and representatives of these organizations at their public meetings?	See Shoreline Exclusion text.
8/17/2006	Community Member(s) Intro Mtg	Proposed street tree visualizations make the organization of the trees look rigid. Is that the Olmsted vision?	Yes, the street tree concept is the allee, which is paired rows of trees where feasible. In some locations single rows of trees will be planted if one side of the street is not amenable to street trees.
8/17/2006	Community Member(s) Intro Mtg	Does Seattle Parks have specific plant species in mind for street trees?	Yes, see Boulevard section plant palettes.

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8/31/2006	Community Member(s) Lakeside Mtg	Residents along the Boulevard have allergy problems, and the planting of more trees may put them at risk for allergic outbreaks.	Parks can not manage large Parks parcels for allergies. Individual trees which cause allergy problems, particularly adjacent to health care centers will be considered for management on a case by case basis.
8/31/2006	Community Member(s) Lakeside Mtg	There is currently a plan to widen the pathway in Stan Sayres. This needs to be reconciled with the VMP.	Parks Urban Forestry staff have been consulted on this project and are working with Landscape Architecture staff to ensure these plans coalesce.
8/31/2006	Community Member(s) Lakeside Mtg	Planting more trees may shade areas where unprotected sunlight is currently enjoyed is problematic.	The goals of this VMP are in part driven by the desire to increase canopy as part of both the Olmsted vision for the Park property and the Citywide Urban Forest Management Plan.
8/31/2006	Community Member(s) Lakeside Mtg	Sedges and rushes are listed as part of the lakeside palette, but sedges and rushes would not survive on dry land.	Species are selected to provide guidance where projects such as the Madrona ravine daylighting project create wetland habitat inland from the Shoreline area.
8/31/2006	Community Member(s) Lakeside Mtg	Lawn areas need to be reduced to combat problems with geese.	Additional tree canopy is called for in much of the Lakeside unit. Lawn areas are highly desirable for several very popular active and passive recreational activities.
8/31/2006	Community Member(s) Lakeside Mtg	Specimen trees are appropriate for the arboretum, but not for LWB.	Specimen trees are consistent with the Olmsted design vision in developed areas of the Park property. Native trees are called out for natural areas of the property.
8/31/2006	Community Member(s) Lakeside Mtg	Access to the shoreline should be somewhat restricted. Too much access to the shoreline causes erosion [reference to New York City shoreline and erosion problems there]. With the mayor's plan to increase the population by 60%, unlimited access could pose a potential threat to the integrity of the shoreline.	A map with kayak access points has been added to the VMP, additional access points of any kind are not planned at this time. Additional drift plantings will limit access in some areas.
8/31/2006	Community Member(s) Lakeside Mtg	Neighborhood groups are planting cedars and willows near the shoreline and the cedars are doing quite well.	Cedar and willow are included in plant palettes.
8/31/2006	Community Member(s) Lakeside Mtg	Willow stakes should be taken to the lakeside and planted.	Willow are included in plant palettes and livestaking is part of Parks broader Best Management Practices.

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8/31/2006	Community Member(s) Lakeside Mtg	Ornamental hedges along the lakeside and near the parking lots are unattractive and do not fit the aesthetic of the Boulevard.	Most respondents to the visual surveys indicated a desire for informal rather than formal hedge and/or border plantings.
8/31/2006	Community Member(s) Lakeside Mtg	The proposed drifts are aesthetically dated. Single species drifts are especially problematic and not a part of the Olmsted vision.	Several native species create drifts in the natural environment which have dominant species with several less dominant species in the lower canopy strata. Over time species will mingle in these drifts and drifts will not be managed to control this natural layering.
8/31/2006	Community Member(s) Lakeside Mtg	Spiraea douglasii can be an impenetrable thicket and obscure views.	Spirea will be used sparingly and generally limited to sites where invasive weeds preclude other native plants from establishing.
8/31/2006	Community Member(s) Lakeside Mtg	The holly plants proposed might become problematic as they produce berries whose seeds can be spread by birds.	Holly plants are proposed for removal in this VMP.
8/31/2006	Community Member(s) Lakeside Mtg	Berberis thunbergii can be invasive.	Parks staff have not found this to be the case. This plant is used sparingly in this VMP.
8/31/2006	Community Member(s) Lakeside Mtg	The Olmsted design seems outdated a century later. I am unsure of the relevance of the design in our modern day.	The Olmsted design is part of a Citywide plan that guides development of the majority of Seattle Park's open spaces. Current human use patterns, including adjacent residences and SeaFair have influenced the application of that design vision in this document.
8/31/2006	Community Member(s) Lakeside Mtg	The conflict between the Olmsted aesthetic and habitat for wildlife is nonexistent. The Olmsted Brothers were sensitive to natural landscapes and ecology.	Agreed.
8/31/2006	Community Member(s) Lakeside Mtg	It is very important that the entire Boulevard is cohesive to preserve the Olmsted legacy. Native habitat and recreational needs (habitat vs.human use patterns) were very important to Olmsted.	This statement reflects the goals of this VMP.
8/31/2006	Community Member(s) Lakeside Mtg	A further densification of vegetation along Lake Washington Boulevard brings about concerns of safety and visual access. Many people walk on the Boulevard and their safety may be at risk with dense plantings.	Parks Trails Standards and Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) guidelines will provide guidelines for trail-adjacent plantings.

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8/31/2006	Community Member(s) Lakeside Mtg	Juvenile salmon need stippled shade and low water depth.	Trees are an important component of the Lakeside MU planting Palette in response to this need.
8/31/2006	Community Member(s) Lakeside Mtg	The importance of views seems to be surpassing the importance of habitat for wildlife and ecology. The VMP needs to further address habitat and ecology.	This VMP seeks to balance the need for healthy ecological systems with adjacent residents desired sightlines.
8/31/2006	Community Member(s) Lakeside Mtg	The VMP will need to address the problem of beavers.	Beaver activity will be addressed through plant protection as needed during restoration efforts.
9/5/2006	Diane Dambacher - email correspondence	The area between 49th and 50th has a lot of nasty lakeside vegetation that seems to be groomed only for Seafair...What exactly is the existing schedule for grooming? Also, I am not a fan of the geese and their disgusting E-Coli aftermath. If there's a petition to sign to support ridding the neighborhood of every last goose and bringing back the duck population, please put my name on it. Also, in the same area between 49th and 50th, there are several trees in rather dramatic need of attention. One of them in particular seems more dead than alive and should probably just be removed/replaced. What's the schedule for checking the health of the trees and grooming them to keep me and my neighbors safe?	Due to limited funding, shoreline vegetation grooming in natural areas is opportunity-driven. Interested citizens can tap into the resources of the Green Seattle Partnership if they would like to engage in restoration and maintenance of these areas. Please report any potentially unsafe trees to Parks Sr. Urban Forester at 684-4113 and a site visit will be scheduled to evaluate the hazard potential.
9/14/2006	Community Member(s) Boulevard Mtg	More species need to be added to the tree palette list.	There are currently 29 tree species from 16 plant genera on the tree palettes. Currently only 9 plant genera are represented on the Boulevard. Our current increase in genera balances the need to increase diversity with requests from several citizens and groups to maintain an in-kind replacement strategy.

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9/14/2006	Community Member(s) Boulevard Mtg	Four of the trees are labeled "remove invasives" (for instance Hawthorne). What is the definition of invasive in the tree palette? What is the plan for removing invasive trees and plants?	Invasive plants are federally defined as exotic plants (non-native to the region) that cause economic or environmental harm. In the case of hawthorne, English holly and other invasive trees, the environmental harm is that they take over areas and create monocultures that threaten native wildlife habitat availability. The plan for removing invasive trees is to work with Green Seattle Partnership resources including Parks Natural Area Crew, and citizen driven funding opportunities to remove these trees and replace with native plants wherever possible.
9/14/2006	Community Member(s) Boulevard Mtg	South of Leschi (Lakeside), the hardscape does not add to the aesthetic quality of the area – avoid this paradigm.	The scope of this project is limited to vegetation management.
9/14/2006	Community Member(s) Boulevard Mtg	Cherry trees compromised a large portion of the current planting palette along LWB. If there are capitol funds, how many cherry trees would be replaced when they die? There is an 80 year legacy of Cherry trees along LWB. The number of trees needs to be significant for effect. Cherry Blossom Festival Committee will bring an expert from Japan to examine the health of the current trees. Perhaps a different hybrid would be effective and healthier? The right of way where the central boulevard splits to Leschi might be an ideal place for cherry trees.	Seattle Parks has met with the Seattle Cherry Blossom & Japanese Cultural Festival Committee and has designated two areas of LWB as cherry blossom festival sites. Some areas of cherry, particularly street tree locations have inappropriate environmental conditions for cherry trees. Seattle Parks is committed to working with the Festival Committee on species selection, plant placement and plant care.
9/14/2006	Community Member(s) Boulevard Mtg	Size of leaf needs to be considered in the tree palette to address drainage concerns (flooding in winter). This is especially prevalent in Mt. Baker Beach and Horton.	Several small-leaved or readily biodegradable leaf structures are on the tree palettes. Our native big-leaf maple is an important regional species and will remain on the tree palette.
9/14/2006	Community Member(s) Boulevard Mtg	Bald cypress is known to thrive in swamps and wet areas and should be considered on the plant palette.	Native trees are the primary consideration for undeveloped natural areas in Seattle Parks.
9/14/2006	Community Member(s) Boulevard Mtg	South of Mount Baker there is a grove of dead trees. Would the Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) suggest the replacement of these trees or leaving these trees as snags for habitat?	All tree removal on Parks property is coordinated by Parks Senior Urban Forester and district staff.

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9/14/2006	Seattle Parks Foundation	We should not exclude the current species and current locations of trees, but aim to use the same species (or similar) and same locations (or similar) where feasible. It is also important to consider some alternative species and locations.	Some tree species are currently failing due to environmental conditions that are not suitable for the species and will not be replaced in-kind.
9/14/2006	Community Member(s) Boulevard Mtg	Disappointed that Parks did not allow for tree planting along Alki, and fearful that the same may happen on LWB.	Lake WA Blvd has a different design intent than Alki and will continue to have an allee of Boulevard trees wherever possible.
9/14/2006	Community Member(s) Boulevard Mtg	Canopies of the arboretum drive area create a beautiful experience, a similar experience along LWB would be wonderful.	The overhead canopy effect will be achieved by the Enclosed Typology
9/14/2006	Community Member(s) Boulevard Mtg	Home owners should be directly involved in the process of planting street trees.	This activity is strongly encouraged.
9/14/2006	Community Member(s) Boulevard Mtg	The boulevard belongs to everyone – the private home owner, the pedestrian, bicyclist, and driver.	This VMP seeks to balance the need for healthy ecological systems, recreational opportunities, and adjacent residents concerns.
9/14/2006	Community Member(s) Boulevard Mtg	Are there inventories of housing/non-housing areas? Basic walking of the Blvd (greenbelt areas vs. developed areas).	The Blvd. has been walked to inventory street trees - a five day process. There is not funding to inventory all features of the Blvd. Green versus developed areas have been surveyed via automotive appraisals to identify residential areas of concern and through utilization of GIS software with topographical detail and aerial photo images.
9/14/2006	Community Member(s) Boulevard Mtg	Large, thick canopies compromise the safety of pedestrians. Pedestrian lighting at a lower level, Inventory for CPTED, and Guidelines for street lighting implemented to create a more natural aesthetic at the detriment of pedestrian safety.	Parks Trails Standards and Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) guidelines will provide guidelines for trail-adjacent plantings.
9/14/2006	Community Member(s) Boulevard Mtg	Seafair, a one-week event should not dictate the design and maintenance of LWB for the rest of the 51 weeks out of the year.	Seafair has been an important community event in Seattle starting in 1950 at Green Lake. Some consideration will be given for SeaFair event management. Parks has worked with SeaFair event staff to define management zones and note gaps between zones where more vegetation can be planted.

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9/14/2006	Community Member(s) Boulevard Mtg	A sense of canopy is important to the aesthetic of LWB.	Additional tree canopy is called for in much of the Lakeside unit.
9/14/2006	Community Member(s) Boulevard Mtg	What considerations are being made to street tree plantings near paved sidewalks and trails?	Trees such as cherry with exceptionally shallow root zones are being replaced in the plant palette. In many areas as trees are removed they will be replaced on the east side of the walkway so they have more rooting area.
9/14/2006	Community Member(s) Boulevard Mtg	How will the tree typologies affect views from private homes?	In some cases views will be improved with increased spacing between trees. Trees are not slated for removal to improve views.
9/14/2006	Community Member(s) Boulevard Mtg	Enclosed Tree Typology is only 1/6 or 1/7 of the entire boulevard is in the enclosed typology. This is not enough. A sense of canopy is important and unique to LWB.	On several drivign tours, opportunities for Enclosed Typlogy were found to be limited as several areas do not have both east and west planting areas sufficient for large tree planting.
9/14/2006	Community Member(s) Boulevard Mtg	Street trees in Ballard, UW, and Greek Row are beautiful allees: Light/dark massing and fall and spring color.	The Enclosed Typology has been applied where feasible and allowing for the design intent of a rhythm of open/closed canopy along the length of the Blvd.
9/14/2006	Community Member(s) Boulevard Mtg	Views are important, but habitat/wildlife should be equally as important and considered as an asset to Lake Washington Boulevard (LWB). Having naturalistic scenery close to home is important.	This VMP seeks to balance the need for healthy ecological systems with adjacent residents desired sightlines.
9/14/2006	Community Member(s) Boulevard Mtg	Views for private homes should not supersede the importance of views for pedestrians and park users.	This VMP seeks to balance the need for healthy ecological systems with adjacent residents desired sightlines.
9/14/2006	Community Member(s) Boulevard Mtg	Framing of views with street trees important: Open/closed, light/dark, unobstructed views/framed views. An inventory of view potential within the park would be helpful.	EDAW documents, the UW study and several driving and walking tours with Parks staff have informed open/enclosed Boulevard Typologies. The Lakeside MU has specific management prescriptions to ensure that planting projects consider the surrounding areas.
9/14/2006	Community Member(s) Boulevard Mtg	Trees should be placed further apart so that when they mature, they do not block views.	Spacing of Blvd street trees has been increased in some areas.

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9/14/2006	Community Member(s) Boulevard Mtg	Views are linear and side-to-side (both need to be taken into account). Also, views from the parks to the private homes should be considered. There needs to be a buffer, as when one goes to the park, they are seeking to escape from the built world, not be confronted with it.	This VMP seeks to balance the need for healthy ecological systems with adjacent residents desired sightlines.
9/20/2006	Caroline Rhoads	In the area of LWB from Dearborn south to Norman, a comment was made in the Boulevard PIP Meeting that there are no trees along this section of LWB. In fact, there are Hawthorn trees planted on either side - albeit somewhat irregularly. The visual impact of these small trees pales in comparison to the visual impact created by the power poles and wires along this section of the road. Any tree planting that mitigates the negative visual impact of the utility poles would be great.	Street tree planting will be opportunity-driven. Neighbors are encouraged to work with Parks staff and grant resources such as the Department of Neighborhoods to utilize this VMP to guide tree replacement when existing trees have finished their useful lifespan.
9/26/2006	Community Member(s) Draft Mtg	Has Parks looked into buried utilities and sewer lines along LWB?	Sewer line maintenance is the responsibility of Seattle Public Utilities. At this time there are no known issues with buried utilities or sewer lines on LWB undeveloped forests.
9/26/2006	Community Member(s) Draft Mtg	Will future funding for planting along LWB include the replacement of trees, the removal of existing trees, or the moving of boulevard trees to the east?	Funding for planting trees exists in the 2007 budget. Removal of hazard trees is also part of Parks budget. We will not move existing tree to the east, but plan to replace trees on the east side of the sidewalk where appropriate as they are removed from the west side.
9/26/2006	Community Member(s) Draft Mtg	The VMP should include typical cross sections along LWB that show the range of management unit combinations.	These drawings have been included in the appendices.
9/26/2006	Community Member(s) Draft Mtg	Much of the Arboretum was logged in the early twentieth century. Did John C. Olmsted arrive before or after this was done in Seattle?	The Olmsted plans were created in the 1900's and 1910's in the midst of a heavy development period in Seattle.
9/26/2006	Community Member(s) Draft Mtg	The Olmsted design is 103 years old and may be too archaic for today's human use patterns.	Parks is working with several interest groups to reconcile current human use patterns with the Olmsted design intent.

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9/26/2006	Community Member(s) Draft Mtg	Who was responsible for the target goal of 80% canopy cover for undeveloped parkland?	The Urban Forest Management Plan is a multi-agency effort that includes Seattle Parks, Seattle Department of Transportation, Seattle City Light, Seattle Public Utilities, and the Mayor's Office of Sustainability and the Environment.
9/26/2006	Community Member(s) Draft Mtg	Much of the loss of canopy in the Seattle area is due to city policy, especially the Mayor's call to increase the city's density. The loss of canopy is a consequence to bad growth management.	Regardless of the various causes of canopy loss, we are still in need of increasing and maintaining canopy to provide habitat for wildlife, as a community aesthetic and recreation space, as storm water infrastructure and to mitigate air pollution.
9/26/2006	Community Member(s) Draft Mtg	In regards to the canopy cover guideline of 30% for developed and 80% for undeveloped, what is the ratio of evergreen to deciduous within these guidelines?	As of publication of this document that has not been established. The Urban Forest Management Plan is currently in draft form.
9/26/2006	Community Member(s) Draft Mtg	If Parks is concerned about air pollution in regards to increasing trees and canopy to combat this problem, why wouldn't they focus on areas of primarily built environments instead of parklands? Areas such as south King County where they are building light rail would be an ideal area for canopy trees. Areas downtown, especially South Lake Union would also be good candidate spaces.	The scope of this document is limited to Lake Washington Blvd. The industrial area is part of the Urban Forest Management Plan. Industrial areas by nature have asphalt or concrete surfaces instead of soil and due to truck turn-arounds, etc., there are limits to where trees can be planted.
9/26/2006	Community Member(s) Draft Mtg	What is the difference between tall narrow trees and broad-branched trees in their ability to battle air pollution (e.g. Cedar vs. Bigleaf Maple)?	Air pollution remediation by trees is a complicated science and a function of tree size, tree growth rate and leaf shape and color. Specifics for lowland Puget Sound forests by species are not available or are unknown to this author, however canopy volume plays a key role, i.e larger canopy volumes filter more pollution than smaller ones.
9/26/2006	Community Member(s) Draft Mtg	Are there any active capitol improvement projects along LWB today?	Several projects are slated for 2006-2007 including a trails project adjacent to Stan Sayres and a daylighting project sponsored by the Friends of Madrona Woods.

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9/26/2006	Community Member(s) Draft Mtg	Future capital projects along LWB should be prioritized in the VMP.	Several priority projects have been identified in the different Mangement Unit sections. Due to the vast acreage the plan covers, not all areas will be included as ordered priorities. Some projects will be opportunity-driven based on citizen interest and willingness to raise funds.
9/26/2006	Community Member(s) Draft Mtg	The VMP needs to prioritize its management guidelines.	Some private property owners have expressed desire for native stands of vegetation. This document seeks a balance to the values in the community regarding vegetation establishment.
9/26/2006	Community Member(s) Draft Mtg	Private property owners live along LWB 24/7, while guests visit periodically. Private property owners should have a voice in the VMP.	This document seeks a balance to the values in the community regarding vegetation establishment.
9/26/2006	Community Member(s) Draft Mtg	In the draft VMP, it calls for the "city to be shielded from LWB" this language is too strong for private property owners. A conifer "wall" between private property owners and LWB is unacceptable.	Planning staff will relay these comments to mangement. The design intent of the original Olmsted plan is to have native forests on the slopes.
9/26/2006	Community Member(s) Draft Mtg	In the VMP draft, there is a section which designates "Unique Areas." One of these unique areas is the Judkins/Charles Median in the Leschi area. The language here is too weak. This area needs to be emphasized as a priority for future capital projects.	The "Charles St. Bank" will be clarified as a management priority.
9/26/2006	Community Member(s) Draft Mtg	Is there a plan in the VMP to emphasize Madronas as candidates for the slopes forests? Do not forget Madronas when considering trees for the planting plan.	Madronas are included in the plant palette.
9/26/2006	Community Member(s) Draft Mtg	How large will the proposed trees be when they are planted?	Tree heights and spreads are defined in the planting palettes.
9/26/2006	Community Member(s) Draft Mtg	What types of conifers will be planted? There is a big difference in terms of opacity between Firs and Cedars.	Conifers will be planted where site-appropriate. Douglas-fir does not do well in moist soils as a large tree and is shade intolerant, thus it has a smaller range than cedar.
9/26/2006	Community Member(s) Draft Mtg	Moving boulevard trees to the east side of the pedestrian path is a good idea (general consensus).	This practice will be included in the VMP.

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9/26/2006	Community Member(s) Draft Mtg	What is the spacing of trees along LWB?	Vaires by Typology, please see Boulevard section.
9/26/2006	Community Member(s) Draft Mtg	Is there a bike path plan in the future for LWB? There needs to be a two lane bike path along LWB.	Transportation issues are outside the scope of this document. Replacement of trees on the east side of the walking path should allow for increased transportation corridor opportunities in the future.
9/26/2006	Community Member(s) Draft Mtg	Would Parks consider zoning LWB to exclude large trucks?	Transportation issues are outside the scope of this document. Replacement of trees on the east side of the walking path should allow for increased transportation corridor opportunities in the future.
9/26/2006	Community Member(s) Draft Mtg	There is currently a lot of casual parking along the west side of LWB. Are there any plans to manage this?	Transportation issues are outside the scope of this document. Urban Forestry staff will work with transportation planning staff on any desired vegetation management solutions for these areas.
9/26/2006	Community Member(s) Draft Mtg	The community needs to be aware that Parks owns LWB, not SDOT (Seattle Department of Transportation). The VMP needs to recommend a transportation study of LWB.	A desired study is called out in the Issues section of the document.
9/26/2006	Community Member(s) Draft Mtg	Parks tree policy is very rigid and it is difficult to receive permits to prune trees.	There is a history of negligent tree pruning and removal along LWB. Parks Tree Policy sets forth standards to protect a public resource. Many citizens that have participated in the public process have requested and received permits to window prune trees and remove hazard and/or invasive trees.
9/26/2006	Community Member(s) Draft Mtg	Is it healthy to trim trees?	Tree pruning is desirable for human safety considerations. Proper pruning cuts by experienced certified arborists minimize tree health risks.
9/26/2006	Community Member(s) Draft Mtg	Has Parks made any steps to accommodate private property views along LWB?	This VMP seeks to balance the need for healthy ecological systems with adjacent residents desired sightlines. Tree spacing along the Blvd. has been increased in some areas. Parks is working with several neighborhood groups that are particularly affected by specific management practices in this document to balance design considerations with adjacent property owner concerns.

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9/26/2006	Community Member(s) Draft Mtg	A tenant of good design is preventative care. If private property owners are illegally topping and/or removing trees, Parks should compromise and create more flexible tree policies to prevent illegal activity.	This VMP seeks to balance the need for healthy ecological systems with adjacent residents desired sightlines.
9/26/2006	Community Member(s) Draft Mtg	Does Parks have a view point management plan?	Yes, it is available online at: http://www.ci.seattle.wa.us/parks/parkspaces/Viewpoints/VMP.htm
9/26/2006	Community Member(s) Draft Mtg	The Management Unit Graphic on page 9 is unclear. Is the graphic supposed to represent the existing or proposed vegetation? Please clarify.	Graphic has been clarified as Olmsted vision. Several cross-sections of existing conditions have been added to the appendices.
9/28/2006	Community Member(s) Slope Mtg	Does the Mayor's 2:1 removal and replacement affect the LWB VMP? What are the guidelines?	Yes, the 2:1 removal and replacment program will take place at all areas of LWB where increased tree density is desired. Not all tree replacements will be in-kind, i.e. some replacement of Boulevard trees may take place on slopes and vice versa.
9/28/2006	Community Member(s) Slope Mtg	Parks staff going a great job with public involvement process for this project!	Thank you!
9/28/2006	Friends of Madrona Park	For Grant-writing, contact Department of Neighborhoods, Pam Kliment. Having a group (5-6 people) and demonstrating an ability and willingness to work is all you need.	DON grants are recommended as a source of funding for the planting of Boulevard trees in the Neighborhood Typoogoes as well as Slope and Lakeside restoration projects.
9/28/2006	Community Member(s) Slope Mtg	Area right over the I-90 Lid. Invasive shrubs growing just south of the park east portal. Park property with a huge grouping of Portuguese laurel. Could one go through Mark Mead and receive a permit to remove these plants and replace with natives?	Yes, please contact Mark Mead at 684-4113 and apply for a permit via the Tree Policy, found at: http://www.seattle.gov/parks/Environment/treepolicy.htm
9/28/2006	Community Member(s) Slope Mtg	Tree (Hawthorne) taken over by invasives on extremely steep slopes (20' tall). What are guidelines for improvement, removal and replacement? Would this be an example of a situation that could be addressed with the tree permitting process? What are the roles of volunteers in this situation?	Invasive plant removal priorities are outlined in the slopes section. Any citizen-driven invasive plant removal and habitat restoration project is encouraged. Pleas contact Parks Urban Froester at 233-5019 for information on how to adopt an area for restoration.

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9/28/2006	Community Member(s) Slope Mtg	Is there a list or resource of Pacific NW invasive plants?	A list of invasive plants common to LWB is included in this document. Another resource is the King County Noxious Weed Board: http://dnr.metrokc.gov/wlr/Lands/weeds/laws.htm
9/28/2006	Community Member(s) Slope Mtg	Will there be a more specific study in the area between McClellan and Stan Sayres? Slope area, greenbelt from Mt. Baker Beach to Stan Sayres. Slope on uplands section (west of boulevard) currently forested.	Parks Property Management, Geotechnical Engineering, and Urban Forestry management staff have met on site and reviewed relevant studies.
9/28/2006	Community Member(s) Slope Mtg	Why isn't the Lake Washington Boulevard Vegetation Management Plan (LWB VMP) addressing property encroachment issues?	The scope of this VMP is limited to vegetation management. The guidelines of this VMP will apply as Parks Property Management staff addresses encroachment issues.
9/28/2006	Community Member(s) Slope Mtg	Will certain sections of the VMP address "hot spots" along LWB? 1300 block before the lid of I-90 (stairway on S. Judkins) that is steep and problematic (25' wide). Ivy overgrown, possible slide area. If S. Judkins and the median are addressed, it is logical to extend this area.	The main thrust of this document is to provide general guidelines to encourage consistent management of vegetation along the Blvd. In some cases specific detailed plans will need to be developed. Parks Landscape Architects and Forestry staff will work with citizen-driven efforts to further detail plant establishment or maintenance activities as opportunities arise.
9/28/2006	Community Member(s) Slope Mtg	Regarding the Slopes Edge Prototype, Madrona Park to LWB, over grown and dangerous. What would Parks suggest for that edge? Thick growth of shrubs to LWB, not an effective or safe transition to LWB.	Native forests have multiple canopy layers. In undeveloped park areas along Lk. Washington Blvd., Parks will apply Trails Standards to have good visual access immediately adjacent to trails, but will not as a practice remove the shrub layer in natural areas.
9/28/2006	Community Member(s) Slope Mtg	Edge graphic presented implies that no trees within 40' east and west of the stairways are to be planted, this is 80' of empty canopy space, this seems too far apart.	This distance has been reduced to 25'.
10/3/2006	Anita Rowe	What are the proposed management and maintenance regimes for the blackberry along LWB lake access?	As funding becomes available blackberry will be removed and replaced with native vegetation.

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10/23/2006	John and Deborah Wilson	Top 1/3 Gentle Slope in UW Study does not exist. UW study recommends that large mature trees should not be planted on Steep Slopes (> 40 degrees), because these slopes are "more likely to quickly erode after large tree windthrow events." The lower 1/3 Gentle Slopes in the UW study do not exist. Slope Boulevard Edge is used for drainage. Planting trees within 10 feet of the Boulevard would violate the Department of Transportation's rules that trees cannot be planted within 10 feet of a roadway edge where no curb exists.	The UW Study was an undergraduate student project and does contain some ideas and errors not endorsed by Seattle Parks and Recreation. The conceptual division of the slopes into 1/3rds has been abandoned and the slopes are treated as a whole in this document. Puget lowland forest species will be planted on slopes only as they would naturally occur in the environment. Species that will not thrive on steep slopes will not be planted there. In the Mt. Baker neighborhood Western redcedar is thriving on many of the slopes and is considered a suitable species for this area. Seattle Parks owns Lake Washington boulevard and is not required to follow Seattle Department of Transportation street tree guidelines. In this VMP trees are to be planted 3 1/2 feet back from the curb or roadway edge.
11/20/2006	Sandra Schoolfield (letter)	The VMP does not consider residential views. The VMP should consider Seafair activity. Citizens of LWB are ready to raise funds to stabilize slopes or establish a tree fund.	The updated VMP provides additional consideration for both residential views and SeaFair activities. Citizens are encouraged to participate in restoration activities through the Green Seattle Partnership, (206) 233-5019.
11/20/2006	Dennis Alder (email)	Views play a role in property valuation. The Olmsted plan is 103 years old and out-of-date. The VMP may impact drainage. The VMP does not address sewer lines along Lakewood slopes	The updated VMP provides additional consideration for both residential views. Sewer lines are the maintenance responsibility of Seattle Public Utilities. Trees are planted on slopes in many Seattle Parks where underground drainage lines exist.
11/24/2006	Gale Devol (email)	20 anecdotal reports of steep slope issues by Lakewood residents.	This area has been visited by Parks geotechnical staff and findings are in the updated VMP. The main finding is that the failure of slopes in this area will occur regardless of vegetation type on the slopes.

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	Jordan Jackson	Expressed reservations about single species drift plantings as it is seldom seen in nature and is reminiscent of 1950s and 60's landscape styles. Non-native species should be removed for the lakeside unit, if not all of LWB. <i>Berberis thunbergii</i> is on many invasive plant lists. Suggested the following plants for addition into the lakeside unit of the VMP: <i>Acer circinatum</i> (Vine Maple), <i>Holodiscus discolor</i> (Ocean Spray), <i>Mahonia aquifolium</i> (Oregon Grape), <i>Mahonia nervosa</i> (Longleaf Mahonia), <i>Oemleria cerasiformis</i> (Indian Plum), <i>Polystichum munitum</i> (Sword Fern), and <i>Ribes sanguineum</i> (Flowering Currant).	Suggested species have been added to the document. Single species drifts are small in size and used as transitions between formal and informal spaces. The single species drift is designed for ease of maintenance whereas complex planting beds require more extensive maintenance. Very limited maintenance funds area available for Lakesdie MU plantings. Where unique funding opporutnities including citizen volutneerism are available broader flexibility in Lakeside plantings will be considered.
	Peter Mason	Friends of Madrona Woods have received over \$400K in grants from NOAA, city of Seattle, and King County.	These fuding sources are recommended for gropus to pursue the objectives of this plan.
	Sue Mar	Felt her comments at the Lakeside PIP Meeting were not addressed by Parks staff in a respectful manner and felt her comments were not inline with the rest of the community member's opinions at the meeting. Sue was concerned about the addition of new plantings along the lakeside as she felt it would detract from the public's safety and visibility, especially at night. Also, Sue expressed concern for LWB residents with allergies and the rise in pollen due to the addition of high pollen trees along LWB. Views of private residences should also be a contributing factor to the VMP. Current human use patterns need to be balanced with habitat issues.	Parks can not manage large Parks parcels for allergies. Individual trees which cause allergy problems, particularly adjacent to health care centers will be considered for management on a case by case basis. Parks will follow Trails Standards and CPTED guidelines for trails safety in developed park areas. Natural areas are by definition not manicured landscapes and will generally have more dense vegetation than developed areas. Lk Washington Blvd has a mix of developed and undeveloped landscape areas to balnce public enjoyment and wildlife habitat.