Jefferson County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan

Meeting Notes

September 19th, 2008, 12pm to 1:30pm

Jefferson County Public Works Office, Large Conference Room

Facilitator: Matt Tyler

Study Circles Discussion 12pm to 1pm

- Report from Matt and Richard about attendance at the Ambassadors information session on September 10th, 2008 and the cancellation of the September 16th meeting. Discussion of concerns about the feasibility of doing the study circles process as planned was held.

- It was agreed that the study circles plan should be modified to make it more feasible and a concept proposal was brainstormed for pairs of community meetings with the structure of:

  - Where and who for:
    - Quilcene, Brinnon, and Coyle
    - Tri-area
    - Kala Point
    - Pt. Ludlow
    - P.T., Cape George, and Discovery Bay
    - Elected officials from City, County and Schools
  - How the meetings would flow:
    - Welcome statements by a member of the BOCC and JCPRAB (Trevor Huntingford)
    - Presentation of situation at County Parks and Recreation (symptom list) by Matt T.
    - Introduction to the process by the facilitator
    - Small group break out sessions with facilitators
    - The focus of the first meeting is the community vision for parks and recreation
    - The focus of the second meeting is the implementation program for parks and recreation
  - Tone of the meetings:
    - The theme of both meetings is: looking to the community for answers, we don't have the answers, we are not pushing a specific proposal
  - Promoting the meetings:
    - The meetings should be promoted in each community using the community newsletters, posters, signs, lists, calls, etc.
    - The meetings could be promoted using a small survey, which would be separate from our main survey
    - A survey could be completed by each individual attending the meeting. This would also be separate from the main survey

Discussion of Other Options

- Other options were also discussed including the possible modification of the process for the smaller meetings by using an open house format, or a focus group format.

- There was discussion about the scope and purpose of the PRO plan and the roles of the PRO plan committee and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Discussion of Scope and Schedule for the PRO Plan

- A need to clarify the scope and schedule of the PRO plan at the next meeting was brought up