

SULTAN CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

ITEM NO: D-5

DATE: May 27, 2010

SUBJECT: Trail Connection – Osprey Park to Riverfront Park

CONTACT PERSON: Deborah Knight, City Administrator

ISSUE:

The issue before the city council is to discuss the proposed trail connection adjacent to the Sultan River between River Park and Osprey Park. The trail connection is included in Park Element of the 2008 Revision to the 2004 Comprehensive Plan. There is community interest in securing easement access for the trail.

City staff is seeking direction from the city council.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Discuss the trail connection between River Park and Osprey Park. Provide direction to staff on efforts to plan the trail system.

SUMMARY:

A group of citizens, led by Susie Hollenbeck, have been working to clean and maintain River Park. This effort has resulted in growing interest in the informal trail system between River Park and Osprey Park.

Members of the community would like to move forward with planning the trail and securing public access easements. The project is in the city's 2008 Revised Comprehensive Plan. The project is not listed in the six-year capital improvement plan. There is no funding identified for planning and acquisition. The project is not included in the 2010 capital budget or the 2010 work plan.

It might be possible to secure grant funding through a non-profit organization such as the Stilly-Snohomish Task Force. Staff needs direction from council before working with citizens, non-profits, and property owners.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact really depends on the level of effort. There is no funding available for the trail connection in the 2010 budget. It is unlikely there will be any city funding for this project until after the economic recovery is fully underway.

The council may want to direct staff to work with community volunteers and non-profit agencies to seek planning and acquisition funding.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Direct staff to work with community volunteers and non-profit agencies to seek planning and acquisition funding. Consider including the trail connection in the six-year capital improvement plan and 2011 capital budget. This alternative implies the city council is interested in pursuing the trail connection with the understanding there is no budget for planning or acquisition in the 2010 budget.
2. Do not direct staff to work on the River Park trail connection with Osprey Park. This alternative implies that the city council has questions or concerns about the trail project or funding.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Discuss the trail connection between River Park and Osprey Park. Provide direction to staff on efforts to plan the trail system.

ATTACHMENT

A – Eastside Sultan River Trail

