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VIA EMAIL

Barry Russell
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Dear Barry:

Thank you for your request for additional information. I appreciate the opportunity to provide accurate information about the Sand Point Magnuson Park project. Below is response to the questions you posed on August 20th. As more information is available I will be happy to share it with you.

1. ***Has there been a change to the original site plan for the sports fields?***
 - The site plan for the sports fields has evolved over the past decade. The Seattle City Council suggested site plans (through Council resolutions) in 1999 and 2001. The Department selected a site plan for the proposal that was analyzed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) in 2002. The Department has developed a *revised field alternative* in response to additional community input (primarily the Low Income Housing Institute) and the findings of the FEIS. It is possible that the site plan will change again before being sent to the City Council for their review depending on additional input and recommendations of the Board of Park Commissioners.

2. ***Would it be possible to receive a schematic that would identify the orientation of the proposed lights for each field on the site plan?***
 - The locations of the light poles are shown on the schematic drawings in the FEIS (Figure 3.9-4 and Appendix A: L1.01 – 1.04). We will be preparing a similar document for the revised field alternative. I will let you know when that is available.

3. ***It was indicated to the City Council that an appeal was made on the ruling of your supplemental EIS pertaining to the effects of the noise levels on the wildlife in the area. What is the status of that appeal?***
 - The Hearing Examiner ruled on the side of the City, upholding the adequacy of the Supplemental EIS.

4. ***I have been told that staff is working on developing computer generated scenarios that would be able to provide a visual presentation of the intensity of the lighting system, particularly one that shows the lighting as seen from the eastside of Lake Washington. Is this so and could you explain what these computer generated scenarios might show?***
 - Our consultants are in the process of refining the computer simulated lighting graphics and incorporating the revised field alternative. The consultant takes digital images from several locations around the site. Using computer simulation they then place the light fixtures in the image based on the proposed location of the fields and lights. They can then prepare an image that will show what the lights would be

expected to look like from those selected locations. I have asked the consultants to prepare images from the eastside of the lake as well as from Seattle. These should be ready for distribution in late September.

5. ***Would you explain the process your staff will be following once the Hearing Examiner provides a ruling on the supplemental EIS, given that there may be two different outcomes?***
 - The Seattle Board of Park Commissioners will review the proposal and make a recommendation. They have already held a public hearing and had a presentation on the proposal. I am not certain when this will be on their agenda but expect it will be in September. Following their recommendation, the Department will send a proposal to the City Council for review and decision. I anticipate that the proposal would be sent to the City Council in October or November. I am not certain when the City Council would take action. It is also possible that the Friends of Magnuson Park will appeal the Hearing Examiner decision to King County Superior Court. If that happens I am not certain of the City's schedule for next steps.

6. ***Would you be able to provide me with a timeline on your construction plans for the development related to the sports fields? Also is all the financing in place to complete the project?***
 - Pending resolution of some issues related to wetland delineation, the Phase 1 construction would begin in January 2004. Phase 1 includes only the grass surface and unlit sports meadow. The second phase, which will include some of the synthetic surfaced and lit fields and a portion of the wetland habitat area, is not expected to begin construction until 2005 at the earliest and more likely 2006. The exact timing is dependent on permitting and funding. No, all the financing is not in place to complete the project. The full project estimates is \$60M. We currently have approximately \$13M available for the project. Our intent is to define phase 2 based on the funds available. We are also committed to balancing the implementation of the project between wetland/habitat and sports fields based on funding available.

7. ***Do you know of any examples of locations where the types of lighting you are proposing to use are in use right now?***
 - Yes. Marymoor Park has a relatively new soccer field and three baseball diamonds using the full cut-off technology that is proposed for most of the fields at Sand Point. Seattle Parks and Recreation has also completed renovations at Genesee Field in south Seattle that utilizes the shielded conventional technology. The University of Washington intramural fields also use the shielded conventional technology.

If there is a need for clarification on any of my responses, please feel free to contact me.

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