

Lake Sammamish Public Meeting Comments Tibbits Creek Manor, March 29, 2018

### Washington State Parks Mission

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### Lake Sammamish State Park Vision

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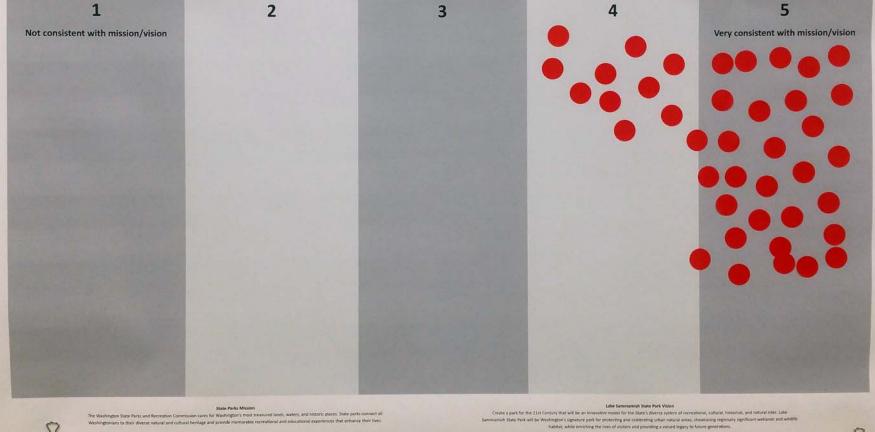
### Project: Confluence Center

Located at the site of the existing kitchen shelter picnic area, the Confluence Center would serve as a central gathering space within the park. It would include a series of multi-purpose spaces for recreational and educational activities, organizational meetings, and administrative functions. The design would include exhibit space, flexible meeting/ classroom areas, restrooms, storage, a regional trailhead facility with rentals and concessions, and a large outdoor sheltered area for gatherings, picnics, performances, and educational programming.



Figure 8: Confluence Center Site

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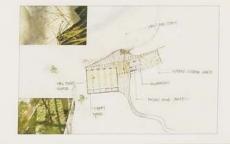
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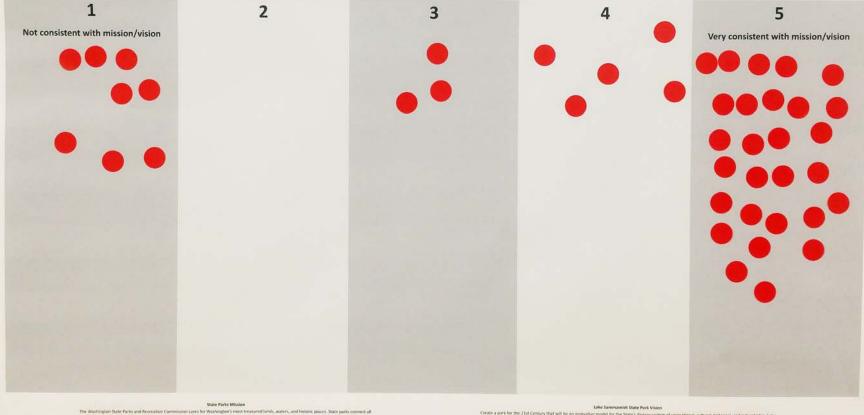
## **Confluence Center**

- Essential component for educational op's.
- Issaquah non-profit youth/adults need more educational + mtg spaces. Partner with small business for food service.
- <u>Important!</u> Need a place for : Cultural events, Native American history, salmon & Habitat ed, outdoors for all ed for disabled, school outdoor programs, weddings, group events, trail starting pts.
- Solves so many problems for the park, State Park agency, the city and the community!
- Curved pathway is good. Curved building is BAD.

### Project: Waterfront Activities Center

Located at Tibbetts Beach, a rowing shell house would provide shell storage and a work/ repair area, along with space for rowing machines and other training equipment. The project is conceived as a partnership between State Parks and a local rowing club. The facility would include restrooms, showers, a kayak rental/tour concession, and a café with covered outdoor seating.





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### Waterfront Activities Center

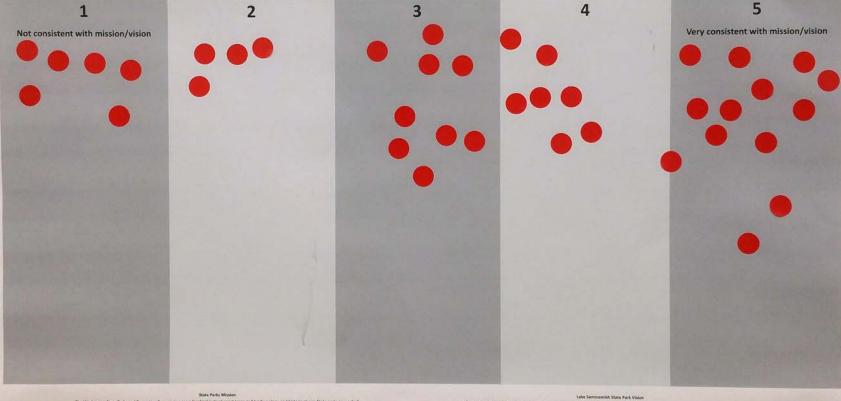
- A rowing club would not be appropriate for offering safe outfitting and instruction for kayaking + stand up paddle boarding.
- Tibbetts Beach is too small to add this type of use and facility. The local population has grown since this was proposed and new human powered watersports such as SUP (Stand Up Paddle) Board have increased the use of the beach too much for this.
- Would like storage for individuals to store their kayaks, paddle boards not just for rerowing club. Want current kayak/paddle board rental concession business to remain. Have a no straw policy for the café as these pose a hazard for wildlife.
- Kayak rental what other & how many different activities how does it hit all ages?
- Rowing clubs use motor boats which don't mix with the swimming and other water sports going on at Tibbetts Beach.
- If necessary this could be integrated into the park without including a café.
- Especially useful for passive water recreation that protects the environment while it gives people a way to access, experience + appreciate it.
- Bird viewing classes, basic kayaking canoe, paddle board class.

#### Project: Urban Campground

Located at the site of the existing park office and shops, the urban campground would provide a highly accessible, developed camping experience. The campground would provide opportunities for experienced campers to stay overnight for events inside or outside the park. It would also allow beginning campers to develop outdoor skills in a safe environment. Yurts or small cabins would provide the equipment necessary for a safe and easy camping experience.







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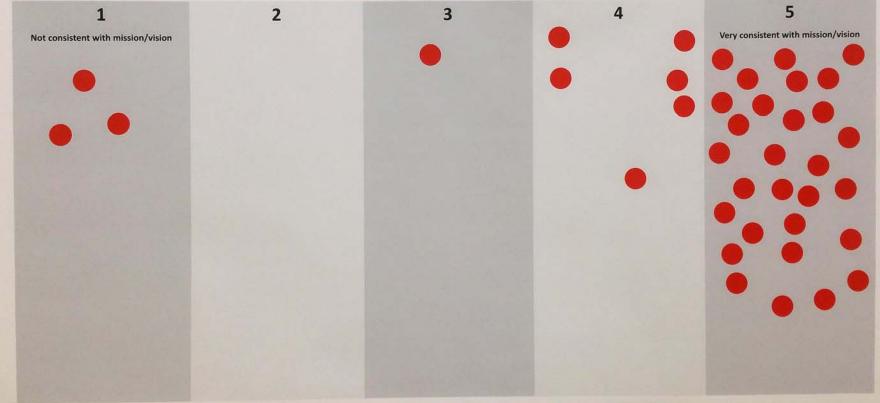
## **Urban Campground**

- Concerned about an increase in litter and garbage as a result of overnight camping.
- Prefer this to be at Hans Jensen.
- Park needs downtime for local creatures, no lights at night.
- This plan includes RV camping wonderful for economic development in Issaquah, bringing tourists. <u>Year around.</u>
- Small scales—education, year round, accessible to bikes/hiker. No car/vehicle camping.
- I worry about campfires. How much space would this take. I wouldn't want RV's or cars allowed.
- GREAT way to introduce new people to camping, especially new immigrants who don't have it as part of their culture.

#### Project: Hans Jensen Retreat Lodge

The Hans Jensen area would continue to serve as a youth and group camping opportunity while seeking to expand use and welcome other types of groups. The project would add a lodge with a great room, dining area, kitchen, restrooms, showers, and bunkhouse-type overnight accommodations. The great room would open to adjoining outdoor space to provide a venue for larger gatherings and special events. The facility would permit use for business meetings and retreats, but mainly to offset costs for youth-oriented groups.





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### Hans Jenson Retreat Lodge

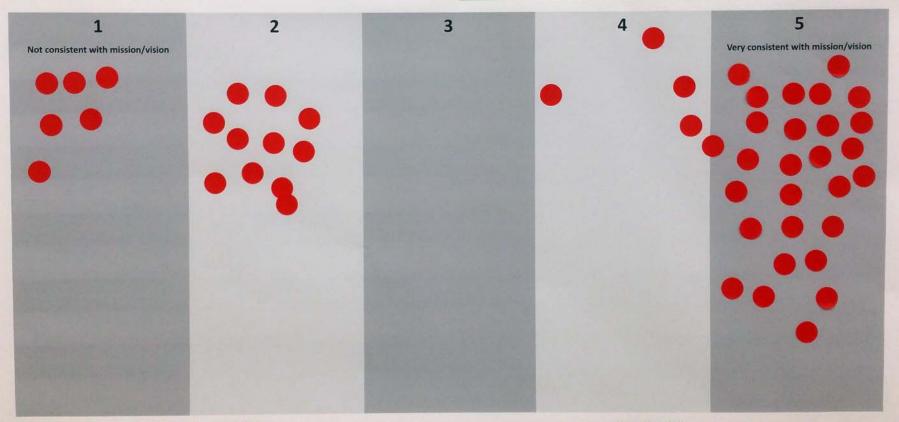
- Please visit this site and see how amazing it is before deciding to change it.
- Yes + add on the city parcel that is adjacent.
- Most of the "buildable" space at Hans Jensen is wetland, and it contains nearly the highest <u>concentration</u> of wildlife (terrestrial & avian) as anywhere this side of the mountains. Mostly, the large consortium of conservation groups will not endorse any development along its Laughing Jacobs Creek as it's one of only 3 endangered Kokanee spawning streams in King County. Instead, do conservation projects & <u>outdoor</u> ed only.
- Having more business meetings and retreats will destroy the natural environment.
- Is the lodges proposal location within the wetland area.
- Would like to see more yearound events + public people partnership for education. LNT, Basic hiking, camping, snowshore etc. Simple open classroom.
- Is the lodges proposal location within the wetland area?
- This area should be preserved for the wildlife and utilized as a primitive site for education for youth. It should <u>not</u> be built up and turned into a retreat center. It is the only place of its kind anywhere around. Please leave a beautiful space where people can enjoy, learn about, and respect nature. It is vital in this age of development to leave some space open.
- A nice addition to the youth camp area could extend use to more year around.

#### Project: Multi-Sport Athletic Fields

This project would be a partnership with the Issaquah Soccer Club and other organized sports groups to develop multi-sport fields in the locations of the current soccer fields. The sports would include soccer, lacrosse, baseball/softball, football, and cricket. The project can be developed in phases, or all at once. The proposal is for lighted fields with artificial turf to allow year-round use. The project would also include restrooms, parking, a play area, a perimeter running trail, and better connectivity to the rest of the park.







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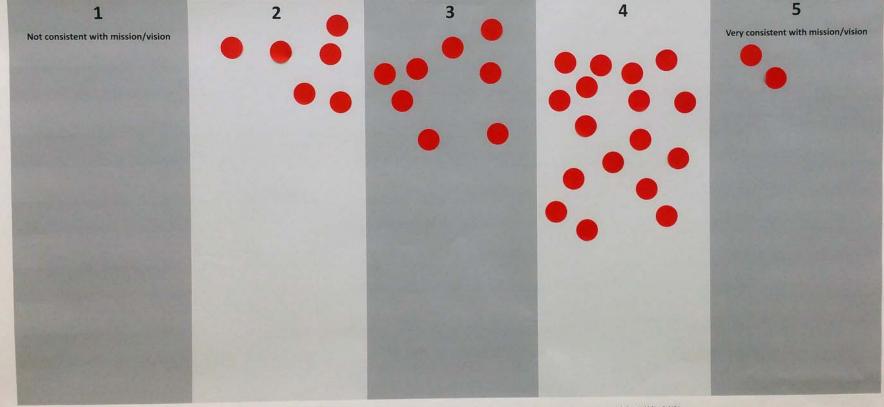
### **Multi-Sport Athletic Fields**

- Lighting is my big concern which would negatively impact natural habitat.
- Lights / Turf allows for usage all <u>year</u> around. By soccer, lacrosse, baseball, football.
- Important items; same footprint -Issues can be properly designed and mitigated -Provides a place for <u>a lot</u> of people to exercise -Good opportunity to connect to rest of park -Lots of revenue -Lots of economic benefits.
- Lighting at Central Park which underwent the same changes was a huge success and didn't bother concerned locals, or our diverse wildlife.
- I mainly object to the lights! Lights near a salmon stream are <u>very detrimental</u> causing increased predation.
- Revenue generator for tournament in several sports.
- Year round usage -Revenue -Connection to park -Children can grow and develop -More time outdoors b/c of usable fields.
- Brings people to park that may not ... connect to other great features like trails, beaches.
- Concerned about the impact of night lighting on wildlife.
- Not enough athletic fields for use in a rapidly growing community. ISC Gunners alone trains 2500 kids and always field shortage fall to spring.
- Lighted fields + turf YAY!!
- Artificial turf seems inconsistent with a "natural setting".
- How exactly does this connect people with the aspects of nature?
- No Lights
- Lighting defeats parks outdoor environment. Not good for <u>wildlife</u>/ camping if it comes -Not fit w/ State Park Mission. -No more parking lots -Walking + transit park.
- Current parking is a significant concern. If you increase the number of fields you will need more parking. Not used daily.
- Issaquah has sufficient fields already, enough parking. Not a year round revenue stream.
- Year round field rental will generate revenue for natural area maintenance and park upkeep.
- Opens up grass fields in other areas for other uses.

### Project: Beach Volleyball

This project would develop three or more permanent beach volleyball courts in the Sunset Beach area of the park. The courts would replace the recreation-quality courts currently in the picnic area with competition-quality courts that could be used recreationally year-round, but that could also be used occasionally for tournaments.





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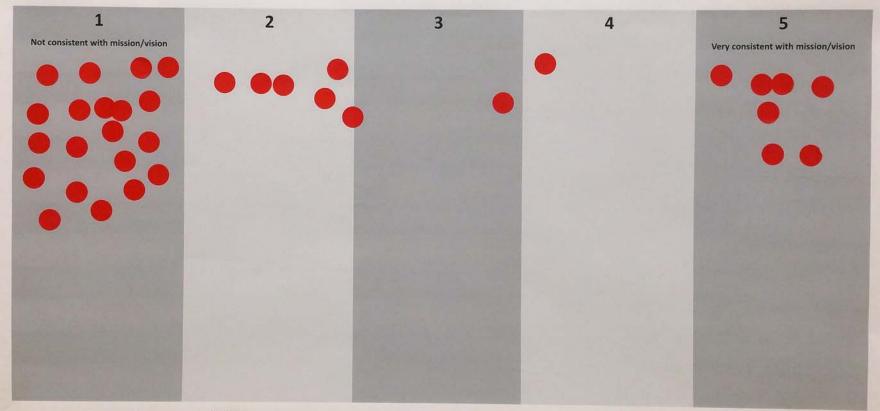
## **Beach Volleyball**

- Don't squeeze out more space for picnics. It is already very crowded on summer weekends.
- Good way to introduce new people to the park especially those who would naturally go on to explore other aspects of the park.
- Events bring people. Concerned it would cut down on event space. Limited winter use.
- Special events to bring in people and \$. Have small area near beach.
- Good way to introduce new people to the park especially those who would naturally go on to explore other aspects of the park

#### Project: Indoor Swimming Pool

This project would be a partnership with the Issaquah Swim Team Association to develop an indoor swimming pool facility in the park. The proposed location is in the softball fields west of the park entrance, but other sites are also possible. The facility would provide year-round opportunities for swim instruction, swim teams, water polo, first aid and lifeguard training, aquatic therapy, public swim activities, kayak or paddleboard training, and parties or gatherings. The project would include an ADA accessible 50-meter pool that is 25 yards wide, as well as restroom and locker room facilities.





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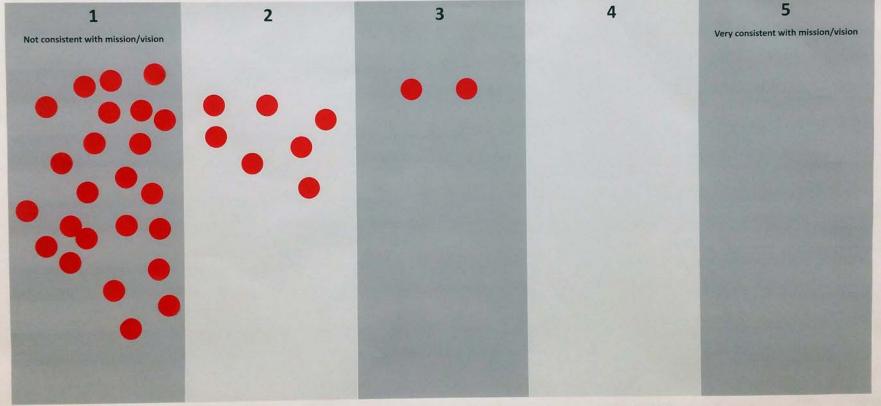
## **Outdoor Swimming Pool**

- Can serve current & future generations of aquatics.
- Have more summer swimming in the lake. No pool not w/ mission.
- Issaquah already has the Julius Boehm's indoor pool. It seems unnecessary at a state park on a LAKE.
- We need another pool, but this is not consistent w/ the mission or vision.
- Who would own/operate this facility?
- Will this facility affect Boehm Pool? This is not an appropriate place for an indoor swimming pool, and doesn't correspond to the mission or vision.

#### Project: Indoor Tennis Center

This project would be a partnership with Northwest High Performance Tennis to develop an indoor tennis facility in the park. A specific location has not been proposed. The facility would provide year-round opportunities for tennis, tennis instruction, and tennis competition.





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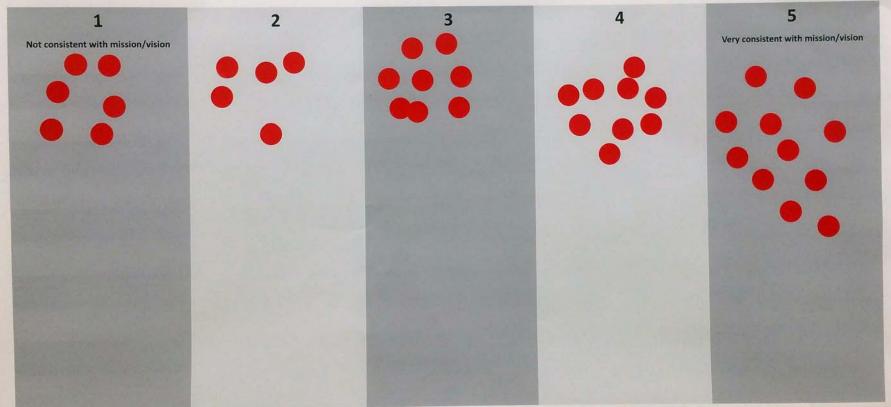
## **Indoor Tennis Center**

- Despite our climate, facilities at a state park for INDOOR sports seem inconsistent with the concept of outdoor parks in urban areas.
- Does not introduce people to outdoor recreation opportunities.
- Can it be opened or must it be year-round indoor?
- Not outdoors + follow mission.

#### Project: Ropes Course

This project would be a partnership with High Trek Ventures to develop a ropes course at the location of the softball fields west of the park entrance. The proposal is for a 60-foot high aerial adventure park including multiple-elevation ropes courses and ziplines. The facility would include challenge elements in different skill levels that test balance, strength, and comfort with height.





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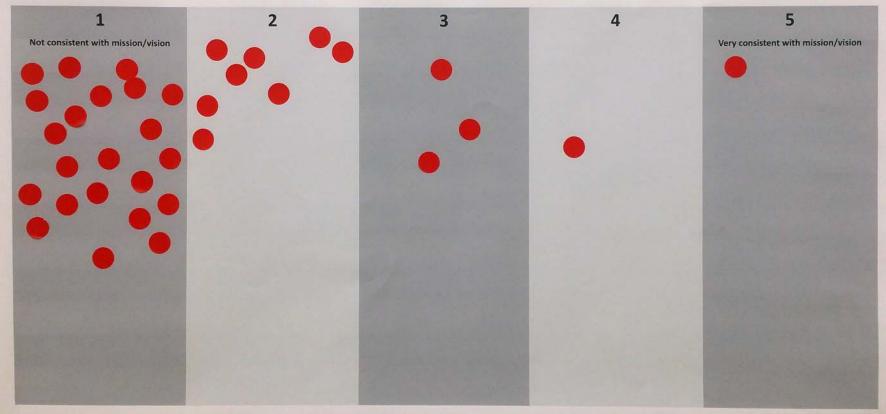
## **Ropes Course**

- Not at entry. Bird nest ins.
- I love that this is fun, builds confidence doesn't bring people indoors, and is inclusive for young kids through adults (I did one with my six year old).
- This (ropes course) is a very natural looking addition to the park.
- Not enough information. Would this be surrounded by a high fence? To keep people out when it is not being overseen? Could be a real liability.
- In general, I don't feel that it is in line with the mission or vision.
- Too obtrusive as an entry point into Issaquah.
- Can't service all ages.

#### Project: Outdoor Laser Tag Fields

This project would be a partnership with High Trek Ventures to develop 2 outdoor laser tag fields at the location of the softball fields west of the park entrance. The proposal can be implemented without permanent infrastructure other than power by using straw bales or other movable barriers. Laser tag fields are intended to get people outside by bringing their video games to life, and they also provide a similar experience as paintball, but cleaner and without the danger of high-speed projectiles.





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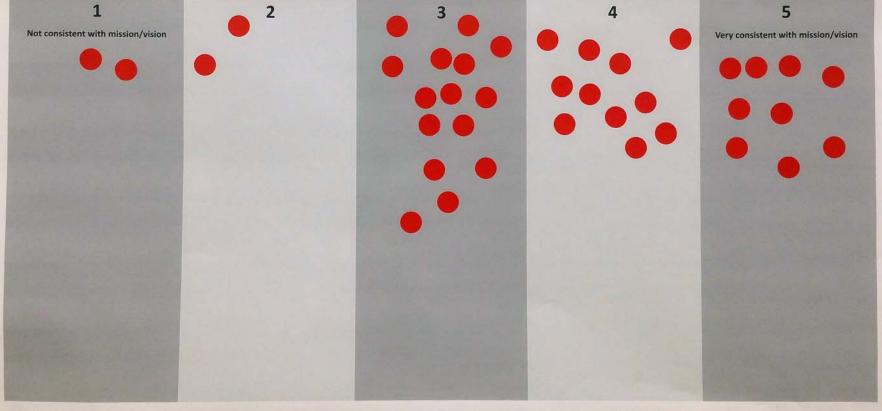
- Laser tag. With the focus/anger around kids + shooting, this seems against the vision + the current culture of Issaquah.
- Kids/teens are very stressed these days. With school and society, it's hard to catch a break. What better way to cope than an outdoor physical activity? So you may be concerned with guns. If that's the case, tackle the TV industry. This would be fun and exciting, a great add to attract you visitors.
- Could this be done on existing fields or proposed new fields.
- Not dedicated field. Soccer fields maybe for special events.

### Project: SwimGym

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This project would be a partnership with Dive Seattle to develop a floating water park facility in the park. The facility would provide sliding, diving, swinging, and trampoline jumping into the lake from an off-shore floating structure anchored off of one of the park's beaches.





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## Swim Gym

- There is no good place to locate this in the park without taking away from current popular use of the near beach water area.
- Will this impact salmon and other wildlife?
- The Swim Gym makes good use of the <u>lack</u> of space in the park.
- If this is located off the beach where the water would be deep enough for diving, would it interfere with boating on the lake?
- How would you handle after hours safety?

Good way to experiment with a concession, and if it doesn't fly, no problem! Good way to finance life guards.