

**Meeting #1 Entiat Planning (Brainstorming) – recreation and waterfront
Public Meeting Notes
October 30, 2002
Entiat High School 7:00PM – 9:00PM**

Notes prepared by Chelan County PUD

The meeting was scheduled in coordination with Chelan County PUD and the City of Entiat to discuss recreation facilities and the waterfront area in Entiat. The Oct 30 meeting was the first in a series of public meetings to discuss Entiat Park, Entiat waterfront, and other future recreational planning efforts in Entiat.

Approximately 75 people attended the Oct 30 evening meeting to brainstorm ideas associated with future planning associated with the community, Entiat Park, and lands owned by Chelan PUD along the Entiat waterfront. Tom Atkins of J.T. Atkins and Company, Bend, Oregon, facilitated the meeting.

A second public meeting has been scheduled for **Wednesday, December 11 at 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Entiat High School**. The focus of the meeting will be to review and discuss options and alternatives created from the Oct 30 meeting and to further discuss the planning process.

Below is a list of ideas/issues/comments generated from the Entiat community meeting on Oct 30, 2002. For further information or questions, please contact Michelle Smith, Social Resources Manager, Relicensing Dept, Chelan County PUD, 509-663-8121 or at michelle@chelanpud.org.

We thank everyone that attended the Oct 30 meeting for their input to this list.

Economic Issues

- Need to allow private commercial activity within the park/adjacent to park/on the waterfront
- Nurture existing business/tie riverfront to existing businesses
 - “Create jobs to keep our kids in town”
 - Contract within the local community for work
- Waterfront development area
 - Use park lands (in narrow areas in waterfront development area) as natural open-space zones between businesses, etc.
 - Tie riverfront to existing businesses
 - Need infrastructure in place first before businesses will establish in the downtown community waterfront development area
- Entiat as a destination
 - Need hotel/restaurant development to encourage overnight stays
 - Need development that draws people from town to a destination on the water
 - Need marina, additional boat launch capacity and boat fueling dock

Community Planning

- Tie together 2 town nodes

- Maintain views to Columbia River
- Community Center needed
- More boat slips needed
- Don't ignore north end of town (Shadow Ridge and other developments) in planning efforts
- Pending application for marina permit

Recreation

- *Ice Rink (like the one in Wenatchee)*
 - Entiat River flood plain (outdoor as done in the past)
 - Indoor Ice Rink
 - For events and local use
 - Local use, volunteer has not been enough; needs an organization to provide operational funding support
 - Hockey
- *Ball fields*
 - Need to improve existing fields and build new fields (soccer, football, softball, etc.)
 - Kiwanis (softball/soccer) and restrooms
 - School (multi propose/football – baseball field needs new lights)
 - Consider portable fences, adaptable fields for use by many age groups
- *Museum (Future concept includes)*
 - Barns, Outbuildings
 - Family Farm
 - Parking outside. Park entry improved, better signs
 - Twisp Barn – as a model
 - Landscaping
- *Amphitheater*
 - Possibility at Columbia Breaks or at the Museum
 - To hold approx. 250 people
- *Trails*
 - Locate the future trail (on existing PUD waterfront development area land), as close to water as possible, include island
 - Lighted walking trails are important (not just three or four blocks, but a significant portion of trail for early morning/evening walking and jogging)
 - Trail connections/links from the River to private development and Columbia Breaks
 - Concerns about safety/crossing the highway – need protected crossing points
 - Need different kinds of trail surfaces for different users? Rollerbladers prefer blacktop trails, skateboard park
 - Cross Country Ski Trails/ Mountain biking Trails, Equestrian Trails
 - Located higher up on hills (ski trails should not be too close to water due to warming effects)
 - Groomed trails
 - Nice to have multi-purpose trail to encourage all season use

Entiat Park Misc.

- Separate day use from overnight camping (both RV and tent camping) in park
- Play area for younger children
- Underground utilities
- Protect fish and wildlife habitat

Entiat River Corridor

- Interpretive Center
- Consider a pedestrian crossing over the Entiat River well as trails on the south side of the Entiat River
- Trail connection to the existing Entiat Park

Swimming, etc.

- Aquatic Center (like the one in Twisp)
- Pools for swimming lessons (important issue for a community near water)
- Indoor and outdoor pools
- Need to improve swimming areas; many are “disgusting” due to slimy water, milfoil, and geese
- Swimming at the sand bar and at the mouth of the Entiat River is still good, but access is limited and there is no parking
- Need a swimming beach with parking

Boat Use

- Remove hazards
 - Concrete
 - Steel
- Moorage (people would stay overnight if there was more moorage)
- Marina
 - Need a marina that can dock more boats at the same time; at least 3-4 slips
 - Need boat moorage near boat launch to allow for quick trips to surrounding businesses
 - Gas dock
 - Increase the number of boat launch lanes, 3 – 4 foot fluctuation in lake level
 - Milfoil limits boat access
- Princess Entiat
 - Dock (need to unload/load passengers safely from 70 foot boat)
 - Good to encourage private business in park
 - Chartered/Dinner cruises
 - Princess access to Island near park (need to evaluate wildlife habitat on island)

Railroad

- Limiting development potential
- A challenge because of its location
- Consider whether tracks could be moved westward (railroad realignment)
- Use railroad right of way for parking (and a one way road system)

Treatment Plant

- Can it continue to accommodate growth

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