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RE: Entiat Park (DRAFT)

INITIAL WORK

Project: Remove picnic tables from south end and clean-up “bone yard”.
Cost estimate: Staff time and volunteers
Recommendation: Bob Whitehall has indicated he would do this with help from community service volunteers. He has some space in the city’s public works area.

Project: Repair and/or replace wood picnic table tops with metal tables and/or tops.
Cost estimate: Approximately \$600 per (new) table, 99 tables currently in park. Approximately \$60,000 to replace every table. Please note costs may vary depending upon the type of table, vendor, shipping, bulk purchasing, etc. We’ve estimated on a higher end.
Recommendation: Wood table tops can be more maintenance intensive, and are inconsistent with current Chelan PUD operated park standards. Rather than repair and/or replacing individual table tops, staff recommends replacing the current tables with aluminum tables, beginning with day-use, picnic area tables, and replacing 10-12 per year at an estimated cost of \$6-7,000. We do not recommend replacing the tables in the RV camp area at this time. As final decisions are made in regard to the “Master Park Plan”, picnic table needs may be addressed as new areas are added to the park, and/or existing areas of the park are reconfigured.

Project: Repair/replace guard rail, and match to existing “newer” section.
Cost estimate: Approximately \$3,800
Recommendation: There is approximately 310 feet of older guard rail section at the south entrance to the park. We would recommend replacing this as soon as funding is available. This would be completed by a contractor, and is a relatively simple fix to an area the community has identified as an eyesore. We would recommend the work be completed before May 15, or after Labor Day to avoid conflicts with the busy season.

Project: Improve park signage.
Cost estimate: Approximately \$2,000 initially, and \$4-500/year annually.
Recommendation: Chelan PUD repairs and/or replaces park signs upon request. Many of the standard signs we have available in our sign storage area. “Special Entiat Park signs”, such as the Will Risk Area sign will

need more lead time to coordinate repair and/or replacement. Standard signs, as long as we have them in our inventory, can be provided immediately.

Project: Improve railroad crossing near park entrance.
Cost estimate: Approximately \$7,000
Recommendation: Chelan PUD fund \$7,000 portion of project cost. This project will save yearly maintenance costs over the long-term. Entiat will coordinate project with local railroad, local railroad will complete work, Chelan PUD will provide cost-share funding. Staff recommends we fund this project as soon as possible.

The projects to repair the existing guard rail, park sign repair/replacement, and the railroad crossing repair/replacement project are all centered on the main park entrance, and can be completed for less than \$14,000 total. Taken together, these could be one of the big hits you are looking for.

Project: Remove bollards throughout park area, remove tree stumps, remove existing foundations of old buildings/park amenities (as identified by park staff).
Cost estimate: TBD (initial estimate/WAG, \$5,000)
Recommendation: Staff recommends working with Bob Whitehall and a local Entiat contractor (such as Chuck Wolf) to identify and refine scope of work, then allocating an “up to” amount of funding to complete a variety of work as appropriate. There is a lot of work that could be done in the park. Rather than do all of it at one time, we would recommend budgeting/allocating an amount (\$5,000) to the park for a variety of projects, and have our staff coordinate the work with Bob. All of this work should be done by a contractor.

Project: Remove vegetation at road edge
Cost estimate: Staff time and equipment, TBD
Recommendation: Much of this work could be done with community service type volunteers, and could be coordinated with the bollard/stump/etc. removal as in the above project. This is a custodial maintenance type item. If our staff did this, associated costs would include staff time and equipment.

Project: Tree pruning.
Cost estimate: TBD (Initial estimate/WAG, \$10,000 for year-one)
Recommendation: There are more than 600 trees in the park. There are hazard trees, “nuisance” trees, and simply young and mature trees that need annual pruning. Staff recommends working with Bill Sanborn to first identify all hazard trees and immediately remove and/or prune them to avoid/eliminate risk. Secondly, work with Bill and Bob to

identify “nuisance trees” (such as the Russian Olives and other volunteers), also for immediate removal and/or replacement. This would help clean-up the park, and reduce park maintenance. Finally outline and develop an annual tree pruning program. As an example, the Entiat Park Maintenance Management Plan recommends that all trees be on a 4-year pruning cycle (every tree is pruned at least once every 4-years).

Staff recommends budgeting an initial amount to remove all hazard trees, remove nuisance trees as appropriate, and begin the pruning program. We do not recommend replacing trees, and/or new plantings until the park plan is finalized, including an implementation plan/strategy.

Entiat Park MMP estimates annual pruning labor of approximately 200 hours (150 trees). Estimated annual pruning costs should range from \$3-5,000.00, depending upon whether staff does the work, or it’s contracted out.

Project: Hicks Building structural repair.
Cost estimate: TBD (Wag of \$3,000) Cost estimates can be finalized with RFA
Recommendation: This may be an immediate safety concern. Park staff recommends a temporary fix until park plans are finalized, and the future of the Hicks Building is determined. Gene Yow has reviewed the structural concerns, and made some recommendations. Park staff will follow-up and coordinate an RFA with Chris Church to determine more accurate cost estimates. The repair work should be completed, by a contractor, immediately. Staff recommends that any other recommendations in regard to the Hicks Building, and surrounding area, unless an immediate safety concern, not be done until park plans are finalized.

Project: Fix trip points in RV camp area
Cost estimate: Staff time and equipment
Recommendation: Staff has identified one area for immediate repair due to safety and risk issues. Park staff would remove concrete sections that have “heaved” due to tree root pressure. This should be completed prior to the 2003 opening of the RV camp area.

Project: Playground surfacing
Cost estimate: \$3,000
Recommendation: Chelan PUD fund and coordinate work with Bob and contractor. The playground surfacing (engineered wood fiber type) will provide for a safer surfacing, and is also ADA accessible. This is a quick hit type item.

Project: Remove poplar trees and cable system in day-use area.
Cost estimate: TBD (\$5,000 WAG) Cost estimates can be finalized with RFA
Recommendation: The cable barrier system in the day-use area needs to be removed, and cannot be unless the poplar trees are also removed. Staff recommends removing all of the poplar trees and the cable barrier, and temporarily replacing the barrier with surplus railroad tie type posts (surplus from Rock Island Hydro park trail extension project) until park plans are finalized. Removal of trees would require irrigation repair work in the immediate area.

Project: Improve circulation in boat launch area
Cost estimate: Staff time, equipment and materials.
Recommendation: Short term recommendation. To resolve expressed community concerns in regard to boat launch area congestion, staff recommends temporary striping in the boat launch parking area. Providing defined parking space, versus existing haphazard boat trailer parking, may temporarily resolve congestion issue. A long-term solution will be identified in the final park plan.

PHASE TWO

These are items that staff recommends not be done until a park plan is finalized, but could be completed ahead of relicensing as they relate to repair and/or replacement of existing facilities rather than new and/or enhanced park facilities.

- Project: New playground equipment.
Cost estimate: \$55,000.00
Recommendation: Cost estimate based upon cost estimates of existing playground equipment at Walla Walla Point and Rocky Reach. Costs for replacing playground equipment will vary greatly depending upon decisions in regard to size and scope of playground. Because we would recommend replacing existing equipment, this could be done ahead of relicensing, but should not be done ahead of final park plan. In addition to replacement costs, the equipment should be planned to include accessible play features, and the site should adequately address ADA access issues.
- Project: Control milfoil; remove some or all of underwater obstructions/debris.
Cost estimate: \$70,000 “to identify what’s there”. RFA recommended for complete project costs.
Recommendation: The underwater debris, and milfoil, are related issues, and could be done ahead of relicensing, provided permits and funding could be obtained.
- Project: Replace restroom roofs.
Cost estimate: \$8-10,000 each. (Two restrooms)
Recommendation: Provided the master park plan doesn’t require relocating the existing restrooms, the wood shake roofs need to be replaced with metal roofs. This is an item that typically would be on our seven-year park plan. Staff does not recommend replacing either roof, until it is determined that the existing restrooms will remain.

LICENSE ENHANCEMENTS/MODS.

Once final decisions are made in regard to the license and final park plans, park staff recommends a “phasing” of park enhancements and/or modifications. Because it’s an existing park, it would best serve the community by keeping part of the park open throughout the year/season. Phase one would focus on south end enhancements/modifications. The north end day-use, RV camping and museum areas would remain open to the public, south end access would be very limited. Phase two would focus on the north end, while opening up the enhanced south end.

All items included in this discussion paper, are as discussed throughout the planning process and are reflective of the proposed plan, but are not all inclusive of any final plan.

As per staff discussions, all items relating to erosion control, riparian enhancements, and other fish and wildlife related issues, would be recommended as mitigation items.

Cost estimates will be included in the final planning document.

PHASE ONE

- New “entry station”, including new restroom.
- Define boat launch circulation and parking.
- Improved landscape and irrigation in south end, consistent with entire park master plan.
- Improve grading and/or surface area.
- Stripe parking areas and drive lanes.
- Evaluate roads and re-surface as needed.
- Improve dock connections and day moorage.
- Entiat river trail.
- New RV/Tent camping area.
- Park maintenance shop/administrative area (north end)

PHASE TWO

- Level and/or relocate RV dump station.
- Add curbing throughout park to protect and/or identify pedestrian/motorized areas.
- Turf, landscaping, and irrigation improvements consistent with park plan.
- Evaluate/enhance park roads and parking system/facilities.
- New restrooms.
- Re-locate north end RV camping area.
- Restore swim beach.
- New picnic shelter(s)
- Historic interpretation zone.
- Active sports area (may also be in Phase One depending upon final plan).
- Raise flood prone area.

