



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

TO: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
SUBJECT: October 9, 2024, Board Meeting Agenda
TIME: 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

LOCATION: CITY HALL, MAYOR'S BOARD ROOM WITH REMOTE OPTION

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ACTION

I. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that we gather on territory that has been the traditional and ancestral homeland to the Lhaq'temish (the Lummi people), the Nooksack people, and other Coast Salish tribes of this region since time immemorial.

We honor our shared responsibility to this land and these waters, we commit to learning from Indigenous wisdom, and we strive to repair and deepen our relationships as neighbors and friends.

II. AGENDA REVIEW

Board Consent

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

V. SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Board Approval

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Fairhaven Center
- b. Civic Complex Planning Update
- c. 2025 Proposed Budget Reductions

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VII. DIRECTORS REPORT

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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IX. BOARD REPORTS

Arts Commission (Steve Walker)
Big Rock Garden Park Friends (Zarah Manju)
Greenway Advisory Committee (Ray Dellecker)
Lake Padden Golfers Committee (Jed Holmes)

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X. ADJOURNMENT

Board Consent

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PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

September 11, 2024, Meeting Minutes

- PRESENT:** Brian Bressler, Steve Walker, Asa Deane, Ray Dellecker, Jed Holmes, Maggi Kriger, Zarah Manju Scott Pratschner, and Jessica Sankey
- ABSENT:** Jeannie Gilbert
- STAFF:** Nicole Oliver, Gina Austin, Melissa Bianconi, Freya Fradenburgh, Peter Gill, Steve Janiszewski, Paul Knippel, Bree Park, Laine Potter, Caryn Regimbal, Taylor Webb, and Lauren Woodmansee
- VISITORS:** Spencer Anthony-Cahill, Darren Belt, Evan Bing, Dylan Bonsell, Sarah Burch, Buddy Chapman, Corina Cheever, Bill Geyer, Eddie Hansen, Brent Hartwig, Holly Miller, Neil Schaner, and Skip Williams.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 am by Chair, Brian Bressler

- I. **AGENDA REVIEW:**
There were no changes to the agenda.
- II. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
There were no announcements.
- III. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
Brent Hartwig, Corina Cheever, and Dylan Bonsell expressed their appreciation for cyclocross events in the City of Bellingham. Buddy Chapman shared his vision of producing recycled plastic benches for the City of Bellingham in the future. Eddie Hansen and Bill Geyer voiced their support to bring lifeguards back to Bloedel Donovan Park next Summer.
- IV. **AUGUST MEETING MINUTES:**
A motion was made to approve the August meeting minutes. Motion passed. Zarah Manju abstained.
- V. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. **Storybrook Park Art Proposal:**
Taylor Webb, Developmental Specialist for Planning & Community Development, shared an update regarding the art proposal for the 1% for the Arts program, which will be displayed at the new Storybrook Park. The arts jury selected three semi-finalists that will come back with their final designs at a later date.
 - b. **2025 Capital Budget Requests:**
Nicole Oliver provided a breakdown of the Parks & Recreation Department 2025 Capital Budget Requests, which include new projects and additional amendments to existing projects.

c. Stewardship Program Update:

The Park Stewardship Program has recently undergone some transition, completed some process improvement work, and is bringing on new staff. Acting Stewardship Supervisor, Freya Fradenburgh, provided a brief update on the park stewards, park ambassadors, community gardens, and work parties.

d. Membership:

Holly Miller, Spencer Anthony-Cahill, Evan Bing, Darren Belt, and Sarah Burch were interviewed by the board for the open vacancy. A motion was made to recommend to the mayor the appointment of Holly Miller to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Motion passed.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

There is a great team in place for the Civic Master Plan and there will soon be an invitation sent to stakeholder representatives to distribute to the community. Nicole Oliver thanked Melissa Bianconi and the Lions Club for working the concessions at Civic and are looking to add various groups in the future. The Public Works Board approved over \$7 million to fund the Cornwall Avenue Landfill Clean Up Project, which will turn into Salish Landing. The final design of Sunset Pond has rerouted the existing trail to connect to an existing right of way, which will save close to \$1 million. Boulevard Shoreline Restoration project will go out to bid soon.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The board adjourned to Executive Session at 9:29am. The meeting was called back to order at 9:34am

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: The September 11, 2024, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting was adjourned by consent at 9:35am.



MEMORANDUM

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
FROM: LAINE POTTER, PARKS DEPT. DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT MANAGER
CC: NICOLE OLIVER, PARKS DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: FAIRHAVEN CENTER DEVELOPMENT
DATE: OCTOBER 9, 2024

Earlier in 2024, the City of Bellingham entered into a development agreement with Dominion Sustainable Development Corporation to ensure certain public benefits will be implemented with a mixed-use project in the Fairhaven Urban Village. The project is in Fairhaven, generally at the northwest corner of Mille Ave. and 11th Street, commonly referred to as “The Pit.”

The Development Agreement outlines that the South Bay Trail will be relocated and constructed within a dedicated, perpetual easement ensuring public access through the property via the trail corridor. In addition to the trail easement, the developer will also be required to construct and dedicate a public overlook within the 10th St right-of-way abutting the trail. The developer may request a park impact fee credit for the cost of trail and overlook construction, consistent with BMC Chapter 19.04.140.

Parks staff have met with the design team several times to review preliminary trail and overlook design concepts and provide feedback. During our meetings, we agreed to explore the idea of including a public plaza or small, urban park as the trail enters the development. This agenda item is for information only and will be presented by the project designer, Dave Christensen.

Fairhaven Center Park Proposal

Project has an Approved Mixed Use Development Agreement defining scope, including:

- * 20% Affordable housing
- * Permanent South Bay Trail Easement
- * View & Pedestrian Corridors through site
- * 80 public parking stalls
- * Overlook view structure to Bellingham Bay off SBT.

Existing Conditions

1. Phase 1 site for 27 MF Units on a site compromised by several City Sewer Easements on private land.
2. Development requires re-locating SBT between new and existing buildings.
3. The site is the "gateway" into the urban village from north, and needs to feel more "urban" according to Planning
4. The area between buildings varies from 60-80' wide; A typical street ROW width.
5. The subject area cannot be developed for structures, and requires a 22' wide x 90' length clear emergency fire access.
6. The site area topography varies from 2' to 8' height (on north end) above the SBT.
7. The Triple I building desires to have a small plaza in front of a commercial space on ground floor.
8. Any public space should be low maintenance, with a lot of hard surface, trash, lighting and maintenance water reqd.

Proposed Park Design Concept

- * Provide "Gateway" column/signage at north end signaling arrival to the Fairhaven Urban Village

* Re-grade entire site to be same level as the South Bay Trail:

This requires retaining walls with landscaping along the relatively south area, and rising to the north with terraced concrete sitting areas, aligning with existing topography to the north.

- * Integrate SBT into a creative hardscape surface area with stained and stamped concrete patterns.

- * Provide access up into the existing walkway along east buildings to access commercial areas, that leads into Phase 2&3

- * Include accent landscaping and trees to control maintenance issues.

* Add elements of fun and play, with possible ideas like:

- Musical chime swings, Integrated puzzle maze, or Dance steps in plaza surface, along with Benches. (See ideas)



Fairhaven Center Park Location



Fairhaven Center
Original Development Agreement
Overall Project Site Plan

DEVELOPMENT STRATEGISTS
 ARCHITECTURAL CONCEPTS
 DESIGN COURTESY
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 DESIGN MANAGEMENT
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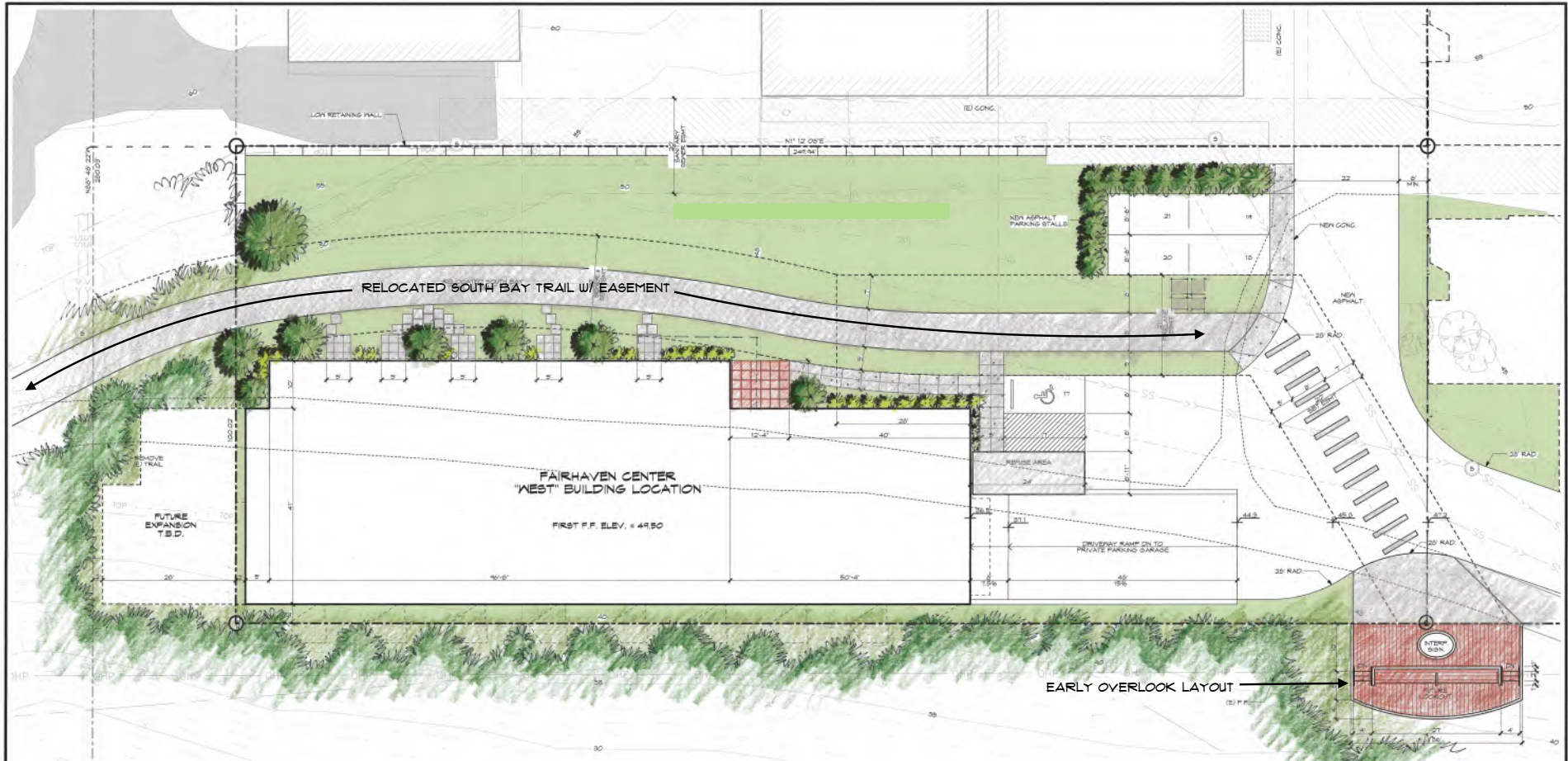
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Decision Sustainable Development Etc.

FAIRHAVEN CENTER
 1140-1140 SW MILL AVENUE, FAIRHAVEN, WA
 PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT WITH VILLAGE ESTATE CONTRACTORS FOR PHASE 1 DEVELOPMENT

DATE: 7-7-09
 REVISION: 10.3.24
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1 SITE PLAN
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1" = 10'-0"
0' 10' 20'
NORTH

EXISTING APPROVED DEVELOPMENT AREA / NO PARK

ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGIES
LAND-USE PLAN CONCEPTS
DESIGN COORDINATES
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DESIGN REVIEW SUBMITTAL
1100 10TH STREET BUILDING

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FAIRHAVEN CENTER WEST BUILDING
1030-1140 11TH STREET, BELLINGHAM, WA

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Fairhaven Center Park Design Ideas



Gateway Monument at North End

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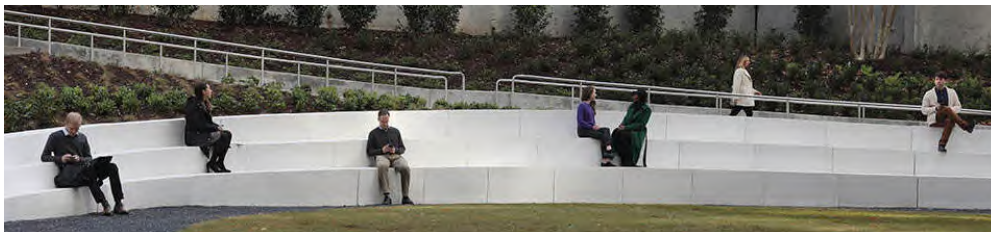
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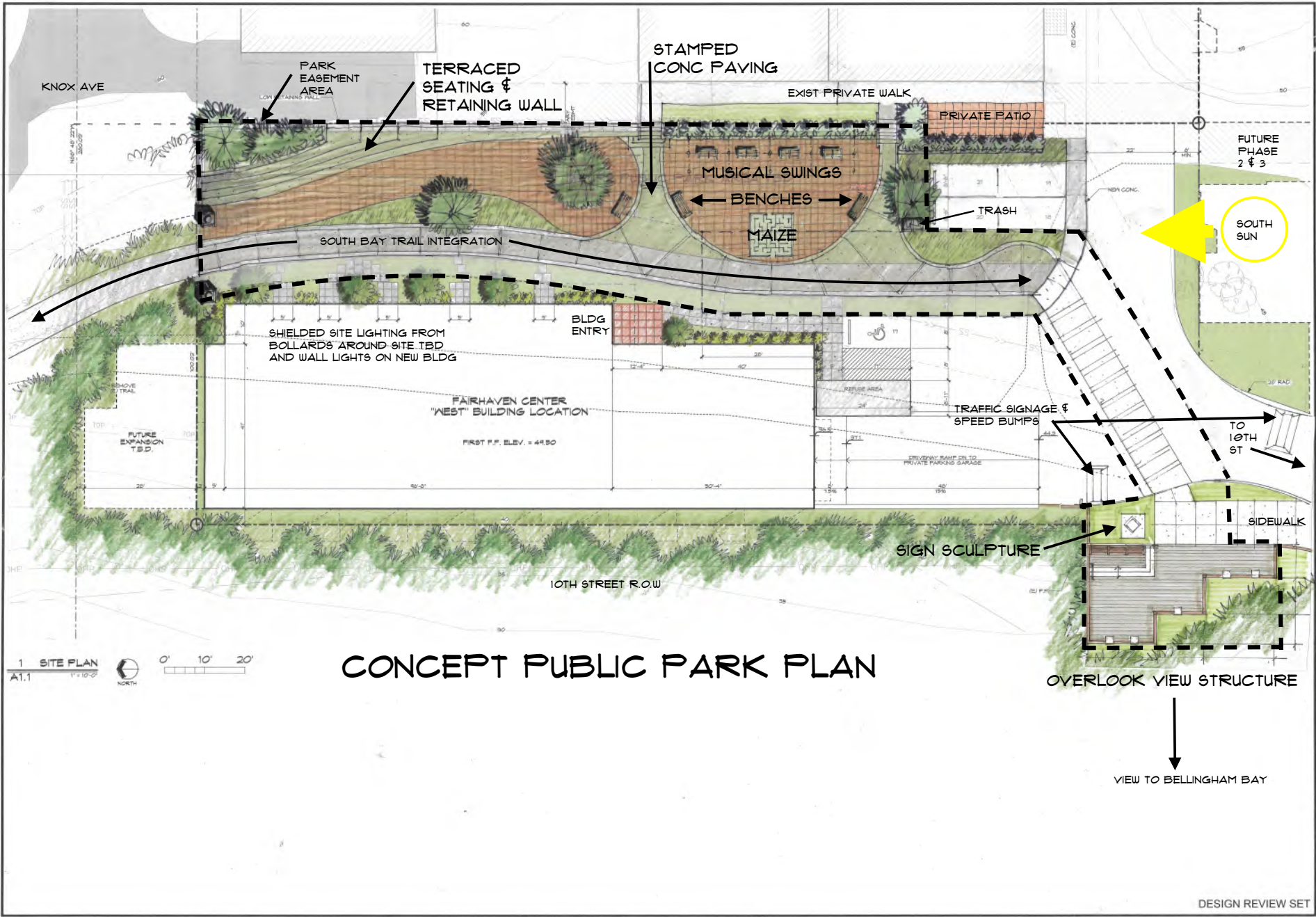
Dance Steps Embedded in Plaza



Puzzle Maize



Terraced Retaining Walls for Seating



CONCEPT PUBLIC PARK PLAN

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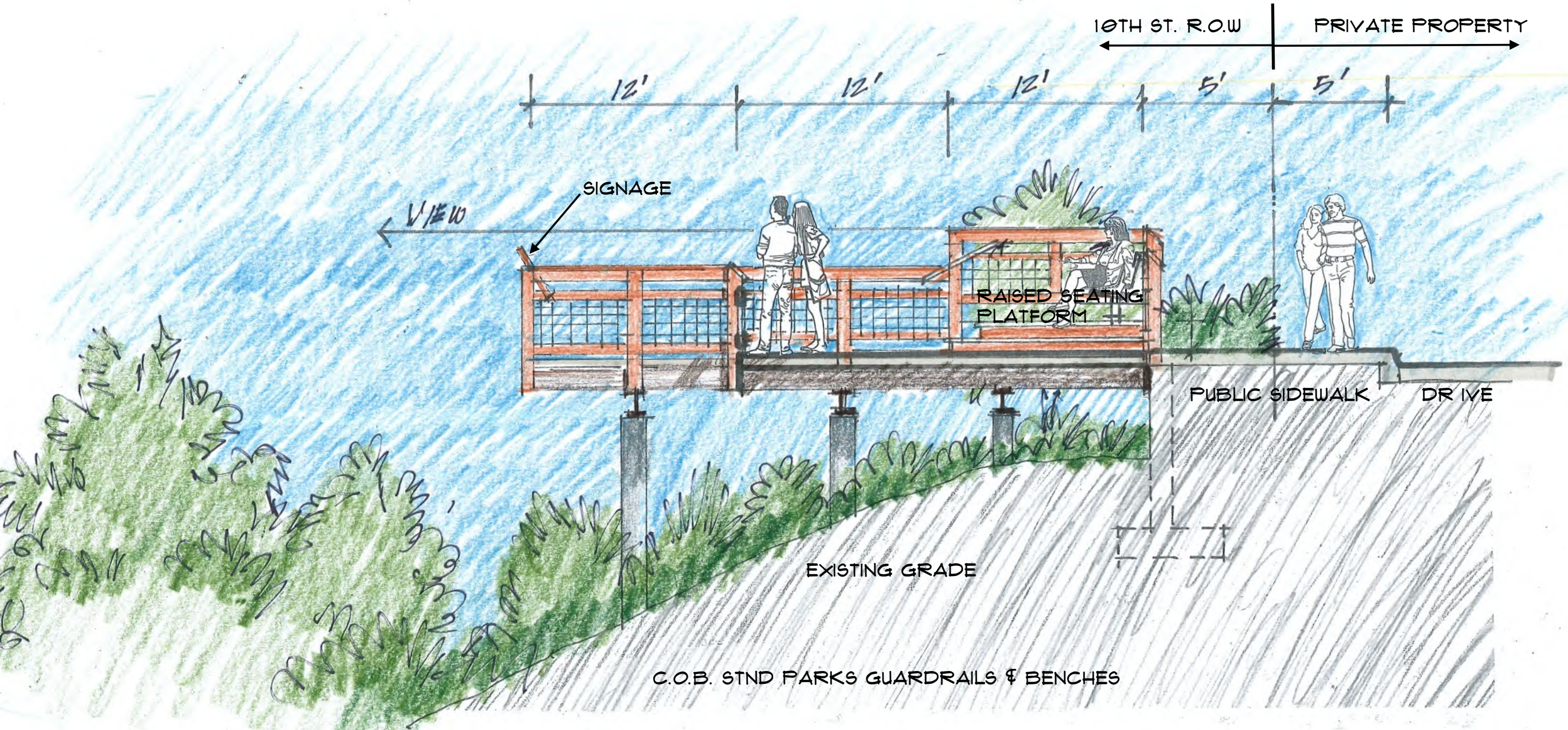
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SOUTH ELEVATION/SECTION PROPOSED OUTLOOK STRUCTURE AT FAIRHAVEN CENTER



MEMORANDUM

TO: BELLINGHAM PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
FROM: MELISSA BIANCONI, RECREATION MANAGER
CC: NICOLE OLIVER, PARK DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: 2025 GENERAL FUND BUDGET REDUCTIONS
DATE: OCTOBER 4, 2024

The City of Bellingham is experiencing declining sales tax revenue, leading to the direction for all departments to reduce general fund expenditures 5% and propose new options for revenue generation in 2025.

The Parks and Recreation Department proposed nearly \$800,000 in General Fund expenditure cuts to achieve the 5% reduction. The following changes were proposed for consideration, and are included in the Mayor's 2025 budget for City Council for approval:

1. Over \$700,000 in general fund labor cost reduction by accurately reflecting job costs to alternative Parks funding sources (Park Impact Fees, Real Estate Excise Tax and Greenways)
2. Phase out of the Parks Ambassador Program and Block Party Trailer
3. \$40,000 reduction in Community Recreation program staff
4. Freezing one Athletic Park Worker Vacancy
5. Salary savings from Aquatic Center Manager retirement

The Arne Hanna Aquatic Center has also proposed facility fee increases that are forecasted to generate an additional 85K in revenue in 2025.