

## Open House 1: Outreach Summary

### Overview

Pierce County Parks and Recreation is beginning a feasibility study for an event stage in the Central Meadow at Chambers Creek Regional Park. To gauge public interest and solicit feedback, Pierce County Parks and Recreation hosted an open house on Tuesday, May 21, from 6-8 p.m. at the Environmental Services Building, 9850 64th Street W, University Place, WA 98467.

The open house included informational displays arranged around the room, with refreshments provided. Project team members greeted attendees at the door where they could sign in. Attendees could peruse the boards, ask project staff any questions they had about the study, and provide feedback via conversations with staff, comment forms, and directly on the boards.

### Notifications

People were informed about the open house through:

- Flyers Placed in kiosks around the park
- 157 postcards sent to residences located within 300 feet of Chambers Creek Regional Park
- Facebook posts shared for two weeks before the open house
- One update to Pierce County's Chambers Creek Regional Park website
- Two posts in the Tacoma News Tribune.

### Participation



The open house drew four attendees. Attendees were encouraged to share their feedback mostly through one-on-one conversation with project team members.

## Summary of Community Feedback

### Location Preferences

Of the potential stage locations presented, attendees noted:

Some attendees noted that a stage close to the train tracks would be impacted more by the train noise.

Other attendees noted that they would not like the stage locations to impact the trail system and open expansive character of the park.

### Precedent Likes and Dislikes

Several attendees noted that stages with fixed overhead components would be less desirable because they visually impact the open nature of the park and visually compete with the historic relics.

There was some interest shown in small stage structures that could serve as picnic shelters or amenities to the general public when events were not taking place.

### Public Comments and Concerns

Regarding notification methods, open house attendees suggested:

- Engaging a larger mailing area
- Handing out and posting flyers in the park
- Sending out an email through Connie Ladenburg's newsletter
- Submitting an article to University Place's newsletter

Attendees expressed a few concerns around building a stage, including:

- Increased congestion from the cumulative impact of both resort customers and events
- Decreased parking availability
- Decreased visibility around the stage as a safety concern
- Concern that sound from events at the stage would impact the adjacent houses

For future events in Central Meadow, attendees suggested:

- Installing a Bocce ball court
- Providing access to the new event lawn under construction.

### Next steps

The project team intentionally did not begin developing concept studies until after this first public meeting. The team will develop concept studies and present them at the next open house on June 27<sup>th</sup>. The public will have an opportunity to provide input on each concept during that open house. Based on community feedback, the project team will select and develop a preferred concept which they will present at the final open house in August.