

MEETING MINUTES

When: March 12, 2008
Where: IBIC Clubhouse – Indianola
Subject: Indianola Waterfront Preserve Estuary Improvements
Attendees: County Commissioner Steve Bauer, other county officials and consultants, and Indianola Residents

Indianola Waterfront Preserve Estuary Improvements

- This was the third public meeting held regarding the estuary to discuss with residents the final plans for replacement of the 15" culvert under Chief Sealth Drive with a 16' wide gravel bottom concrete culvert that will allow increased water flow to the estuary.
- Fill which was placed in the estuary around 1970 will be removed to restore the estuary to its original configuration.
- These two changes are expected to improve the ecological health of the estuary and restore it to near natural conditions.
- The project will be paid for with funds awarded to the Suquamish Tribe for mitigation of damages caused by a previous Foss Maritime oil spill.
- Completion is expected by the end of the year (2008).

Trails

- Although outside the scope of the meeting, there was some discussion regarding the two trails that access the waterfront preserve beach from Seaview Ave. and from Chief Sealth Drive.
- An existing decrepit foot bridge across the estuary will require replacement which can be permitted but will not be funded by or included in the culvert replacement project.
- Volunteer effort and contributions will be required to replace the foot bridge.
- Great Peninsula Conservancy has environmental oversight of any changes to the Waterfront Preserve and will be involved in any changes to the bridge and existing trails.

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