Summary of the Overlake Neighborhood Residential Sub-area Open House Event

June 28, 2007; City Council Chambers; 5:30pm to 7:30pm

The following items were expressed as items of interest, opportunities for addition or change, areas of more immediate need, and considerations for the future:

- Bicycle and pedestrian safety
- Enhanced traffic control associated with Marymoor Park's large events
- Public safety and personal property concerns in the area of the public parking lot nearest to the Sammamish Rowing Club facility
- Lighting standards in proximity to dedicated native growth protection areas and other preserved critical areas such as Class 1 and Class 2 stream corridors
- Conservation of single-family character and density
- Invasive plant species in parks and dedicated open spaces
- Locate bike facilities separate of vehicular traffic, when feasible
- Character and design standards for fencing
    - Include design standards of sound fencing
    - Living hedges
    - To continue to allow privacy, sound mitigation, and provide for aesthetics
    - Possible consideration of a unified look?
- Trees in relation to storm damage, public safety, tree replacement program, and preservation of environment/green character

Residential sub-area character:

- Diversity
- Family friendly
    - Contains some isolated areas
- Walkers and bicyclists
- Scenic views
- Single-family

Preservation and neighborhood treasures:

- Trees and natural features
- Bridal Crest Trail
- "Green" character
- Public safety
- Pedestrian safety
- Quiet atmosphere
- Opportunities and facilities for children

- Views
- Character
    - Balance personal property rights with neighborhood regulations
- Access to Lake Sammamish and parks
- Diversity

Higher Priority Issues and Opportunities:

- Sidewalks along the south side of NE 51st Street
    - School busses do drop-off and pickup on the south side
- Traffic backups on NE 51st Street eastbound at West Lake Sammamish Parkway
- Traffic volumes and associated noise patterns
- Abandoned houses
    - Code violations and public safety concerns
- "Mega"-houses
    - lot coverage
    - maintaining privacy between neighbors
    - size new and remodel homes appropriately to the existing neighborhood
- View preservation