



City of Mountlake Terrace  
RECREATION, PARK & OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN  
Public Visioning Workshop  
March 5th, 2008  
7:00-9:00 PM  
Mountlake Terrace Library, 23300 58th Avenue West

## WORKSHOP SUMMARY

On March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008 the Recreation and Parks Department of the City of Mountlake Terrace held a public visioning workshop to connect with a broad audience of residents about their desires and priorities for future development of the park system and recreation programming. The planning team made a brief presentation about Mountlake Terrace's existing park system and the planning process that this workshop is an important part of. The workshop included a variety of input opportunities, including individual consideration, one-on-one interactions with the planning team, small group discussions with their neighbors and a facilitated discussion including all participants. Results of this workshop will be used along with other public involvement activities and analysis, to determine community needs for the park system.

### Board Exercises

At the beginning of the workshop a series of display boards presented a series of questions relating to behaviors and opinions about the recreation and park system in Mountlake Terrace. The following findings are summarized from the board exercises and photos of the results are attached to this summary.

- Participants in the workshop live in all parts of Mountlake Terrace.
- Walking and driving are the primary means of transportation to area park and recreation activities.
- The amenities considered most needed in Mountlake Terrace parks are natural areas, off-leash dog parks
- Aquatics was indicated as the most participated in activity during the last year, followed by weight room use and other classes/activities.
- Respondents indicated they utilized the recreation pavilion as their primary choice for indoor recreation activities. A private gym or other sports facility was their second selection.
- The two categories most needed in Mountlake Terrace as seen by respondents are outdoor/environmental programs and special events (concerts in the park, festivals). Fitness classes were also indicated, although fewer individuals chose this as their top priority

## Strengths, Challenges and Opportunities

Following the introductory remarks and presentation on the planning process, the group discussed the current situation in Mountlake Terrace, focusing on existing strengths and challenges while at the same time discussing opportunities. This discussion was recorded on the wall graphic, presented below.

# MOUNTLAKE TERRACE VISION

5 MARCH 2008

## STRENGTHS

- ▷ LOTS OF PARKS
- ▷ TREES
- ▷ GREAT POOL
- ▷ ABILITY TO HOLD SPORTS TOURNAMENT
- ▷ FREEWAY EXITS / MESS
- ▷ FLIGHTED TENNIS!  
(NIGHTTIME!)
- ▷ TERRACE CREEK PARK

## CHALLENGES

- ▷ PARKS BLOCK ACCESS THROUGH CITY
- ▷ INVASIVES, AGING TREE CANOPY
- ▷ PAVILION - SERVES YOUNGER KIDS ONLY  
NEED TEEN / YOUTH PROGRAMS (3-)
- ▷ MORE PROGRAMS
  - older adults
  - diverse cultural groups
- ▷ PEDESTRIAN ACCESS  
NEED MORE CROSSWALKS

## OPPORTUNITIES

- ▷ INDOOR TRACK?
- ▷ AMPHITHEATRE  
○ PAVILION BOWL
- ▷ ACCESS BETWEEN PARKS
- ▷ NEED RESTROOMS, WATER FOUNTAINS ← permanent!
- ▷ FOREST MANAGEMENT / TREE REPLACEMENT PLAN

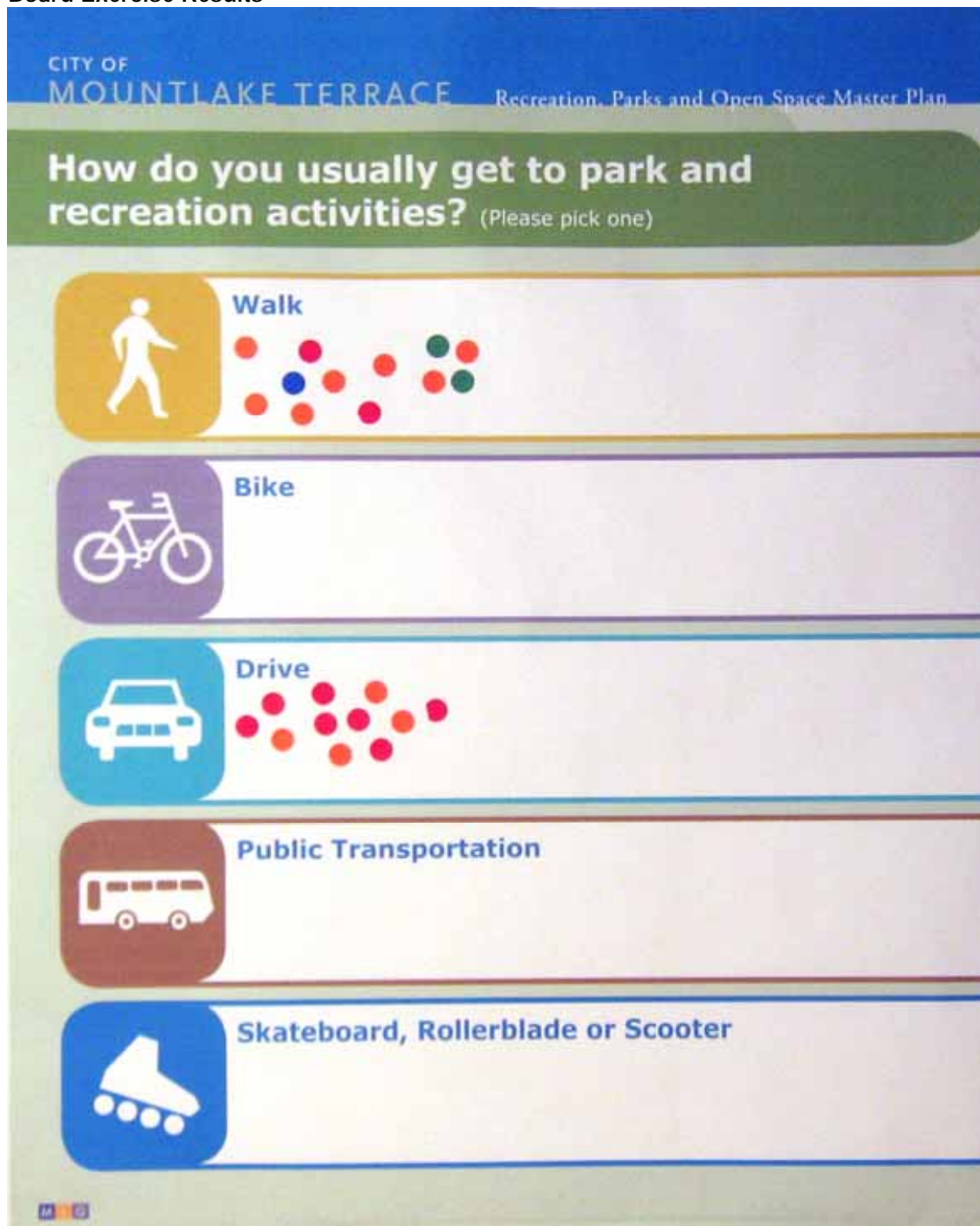
## Maximizing the Park System

The majority of the workshop time was used for a small group exercise that allowed 5-10 residents work together with maps of the city parks. Each group was asked to identify community destinations and challenges in travelling to or utilizing these places. The groups were also asked to locate or just identify any ideas they have about improvements to the park system. From the identified ideas, destinations and challenges, each group was asked to report back to the larger group their top 4 or 5 priorities. These priorities were also recorded and are presented below. In addition to these priorities, other comments and map notes will also be considered in the development of plan recommendations.

### PRIORITIES

- ▷ UPDATE PLAYGROUNDS  
+ SURFACES
- ▷ NEW PARKS - W. SIDE
- ▷ UPDATE SPORTS FIELD
- ▷ UPGRADE FIELDS
- ▷ MULTICULTURAL CENTER
- ▷ FARMERS MKT ON 50TH
- ▷ REDUCE PAVILION W/ 2 STORY
- ▷ MULTI-AGE CENTER
- ▷ AMPHI THEATRE
- ▷ COMMUNITY GARDENS
- ▷ DESIGN UNITY/  
COMMON THEME  
BUT INDIVIDUAL CHARACTER
- ▷ LARGE GROUP GATHERING
- ▷ SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS
- ▷ MAINTAIN LOCAL CHARACTER  
W/ PARKS
- ▷ PICNIC SHELTER W/ BBQ, RR  
DRINKING FOUNTAIN - RESEARABLE
- ▷ TRAIL LIGHTING / PARK LIGHTS
- ▷ EVERGREEN TRAILS  
IMPROVED
- ▷ 1/2 COURT BASKETBALL-  
LIT
- ▷ PERMANENT PPS
- ▷ GET ANY LAND!!
  - MELODY HILL AREA
  - BY TERRACE OR PARK
- ▷ ACTIVITIES FOR  
TEENS
- ▷ WILDLIFE / BIRD / SALMON  
HABITAT
- ▷ BENCHES & TRAIL  
AMENITIES

Board Exercise Results



# What amenities are most needed in Mountlake Terrace parks?

## Paved Courts



## Skateboard Facilities



## Off-Leash Dog Parks



## Picnic Areas



## Natural Areas

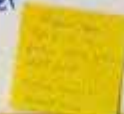


## Other



Restrooms  
Water Fountains

Amphitheater



## Where do you most often go for indoor recreation activities? (Please pick one)

Recreation Pavilion



Lynnwood



Shoreline



Edmonds

YMCA

Boys and Girls Club

Private Gym or Sports Facility



## What type of activities have you participated in during the last year? (Please pick one)

Aquatics (Open Swim, classes etc.)



Day Care/Indoor Playground



Dance



Weight Room



Fitness Classes



Other Classes/Activities



## What additional recreation programming is most needed in Mountlake Terrace? (Please pick one)

**Outdoor/  
Environmental  
Programs**



**General Interest  
Classes (computers,  
music, etc.)**



**Special Events  
(concerts in the  
park, festivals)**



**Sports (baseball,  
ultimate frisbee)**


**Arts (drama,  
painting, etc.)**



**Before and After  
School Programs**




**Fitness Classes  
(aerobics, yoga, etc.)**



**Aquatic Programs**

**Drop-in Activities**



 Other \_\_\_\_\_ents?

Please place a dot where you live.

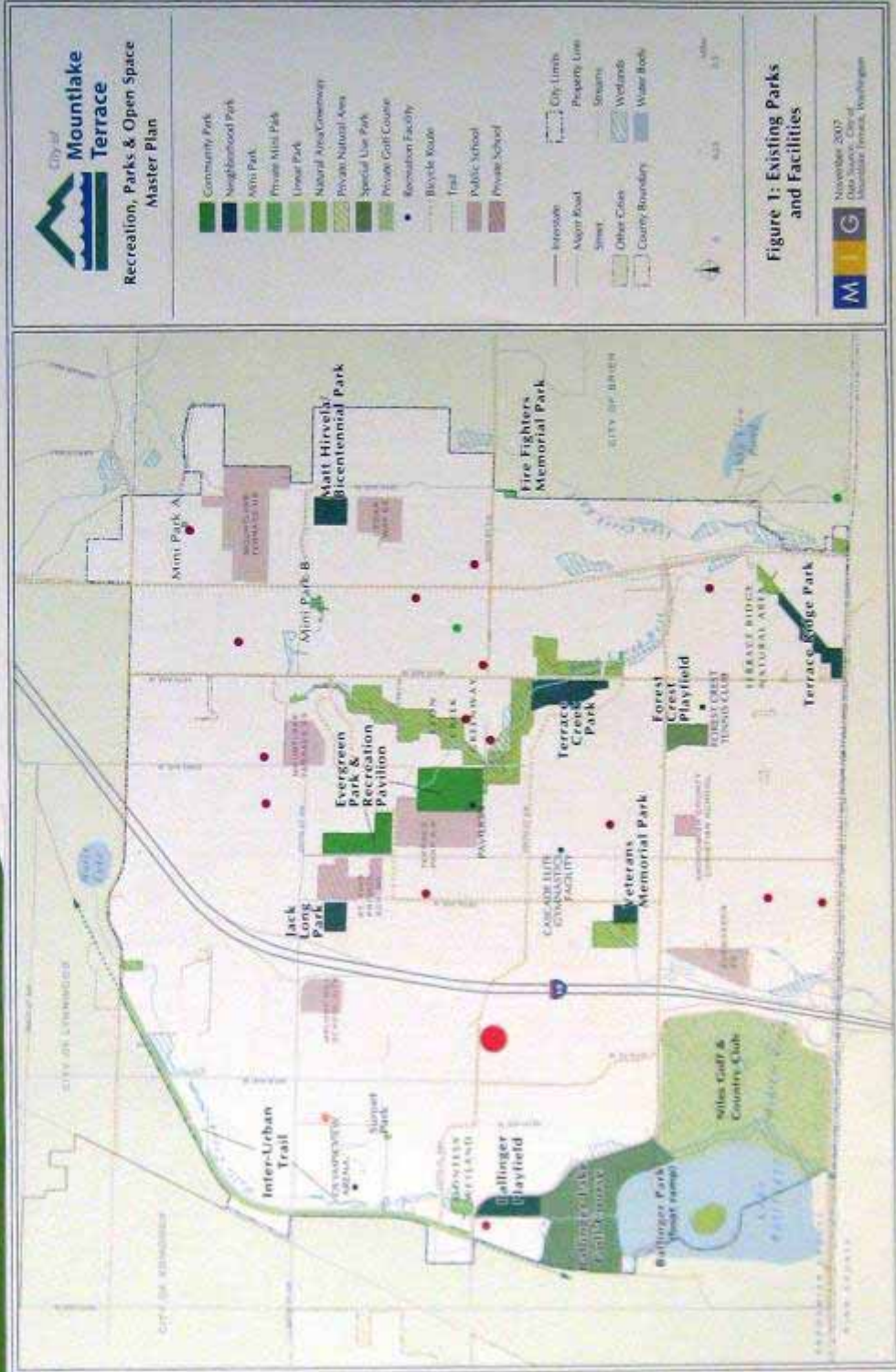


Figure 1: Existing Parks and Facilities

November 2007  
 Data Source: City of Mountlake Terrace, Washington



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