



Taylor Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve



Summary of August 19, 2010 Workshop No. 1 Results

October 11, 2010

Goals and Objectives: The workshop participants were presented with an explanation of the importance of setting overall goals and objectives prior to brainstorming potential uses and activities for Taylor Mountain. Four (4) examples were listed by the consultant in the presentation to get the discussion flowing. Those example goals listed below were determined to be consistent with the District's purpose for purchasing the properties.

- Preserve, Protect, and Enhance Taylor Mountain
- Provide Educational and Safe Public Access that Protects Natural Resources
- Ensure Safety and Security of Adjacent Properties
- Plan for All Possibilities, re: Farmer's Lane Extension

The public suggested an additional fourteen (14) goals for the long term use and management of Taylor Mountain including:

- Access for Pets
- Maintain Vistas (Looking toward Taylor Mountain)
- Linkages to other open spaces
- Recreation opportunities
- Access for multiple ages and abilities
- Provide multiple access points with parking
- Opportunities for youth
- Volunteer opportunities
- Public transit to the property
- Continue active agriculture (grazing)
- Incorporate art and education
- Utilize existing environmental agencies to provide on-going monitoring /observation
- Consideration of multi-cultural needs
- Tie into city/county facilities for alternative transportation

The majority of suggestions are either related to **preservation, access, or recreation**. Each participant placed one first priority dot (red) and one second priority dot (brown) to show their preference for the overall goals. A total of 127 dots were placed on the poster work sheets. The first and second priority selections were weighted to further distinguish which goals were seen as important. The list of goals are shown in order of highest to lowest priority based on preferences shown at the workshop.



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GOALS AND OBJECTIVES (WEIGHTED)				
GOALS AND OBJECTIVES	Total Dots	Red	Brown	Weighted
		(FIRST PRIORITY) (3 POINTS)	(SECOND PRIORITY) (2 POINTS)	
Preserve, Protect, and Enhance Taylor Mountain	19	8	11	46
Access for Pets	13	7	6	33
Maintain Vistas (Looking Toward Taylor Mountain)	13	6	7	32
Linkages to Other Open Spaces	12	5	7	29
Recreation Opportunities	10	7	3	27
Provide Educational and Safe Public Access that Protects Natural Resources	10	3	7	23
Access for Multiple Ages and Abilities	9	3	6	21
Provide Multiple Access Points with Parking	8	4	4	20
Opportunities for Youth	7	6	1	20
Volunteer Opportunities	5	2	3	12
Ensure Safety and Security of Adjacent Properties	4	2	2	10
Public Transit to the Property	4	2	2	10
Continue Active Agriculture (Grazing)	3	2	1	8
Plan for All Possibilities, re: Farmer's Ln. Extension	2	2		6
Incorporate Art and Education	2	2		6
Utilize Existing Environmental Agencies to Provide On-Going Monitoring/Observations	2	2		6
Consideration of Multi-Cultural Needs	2	1	1	5
Tie into City/County Facilities for Alternative Transportation	2		2	4
Category Subtotal:	127	64	63	318
TOTAL:	127	64	63	318

The goals which are consistent with one another and garnered the most attention at the workshop can be consolidated into the three major themes of **preservation, access, and recreation** as follows:

Preservation Goals:

- Preserve, protect, and enhance the scenic vistas and natural resources of Taylor Mountain

Access Goals:

- Provide access for people of all ages and abilities for recreational and educational use
- Provide multiple points of access to Taylor Mountain for multiple modes of transportation and adequate parking
- Provide trails that allow for linkages to nearby public open space
- Provide access for pets (dogs)

Recreation Goals:

- Provide recreational opportunities on Taylor Mountain



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Summary of August 19, 2010 Workshop No. 1 Public Input on Potential Uses October 11, 2010

The participants of the August 19th workshop provided significant input about the kinds of uses and activities they would like to see occur on Taylor Mountain. The potential uses have been categorized for the purpose of determining the range of interest for particular types of activities and uses. The categories include Trails, Educational Opportunities, Facilities, Dogs, Policy and Planning, Access, Camping, Signs, Landscape, Grazing, and Miscellaneous.

Workshop participants contributed more than 100 ideas for suggested uses and activities. During the subsequent priority-setting exercise, not all suggestions received a green, yellow, or red dot when the participants were faced with narrowing down the list to their most important uses and activities. The categories of uses that received the most attention during the priority-setting session included **Trails, Educational Opportunities, Facilities, Dogs, Policy/ Planning, and Access**. The **Facilities** category contains specific suggestions for features that can be considered destinations as well as support services.

Trails

The trails category generated the most interest in terms of the number of suggestions and the number of colored dots placed during the priority-setting exercise. The participants showed significant interest for an extensive, all-weather trail system for hikers, bikes, and equestrians. The priority interest seems to be for single-use (e.g. hiker only), narrow trails that follow a loop, incorporating destinations to vistas and natural resources, as well as providing for connections to other trails and parks that are in close proximity to Taylor Mountain. Interest was also indicated for multi-use trails that can be shared by all users.

Educational Opportunities

The suggested opportunities for education relate well to the goals of preservation, access and recreation. The participants desired a program for the land that incorporates stewardship via volunteer opportunities, interpretive exhibits and activities, cultural and educational activities, native vegetation restoration, and outreach to school age members of the public. Much of this would likely be accomplished with specific programs or activities. The facilities that could accommodate these suggestions could include trails, interpretive exhibits, and a nature or visitor center.

Facilities

The workshop participants suggested a number of ideas for specific facilities on Taylor Mountain. They include: drinking water fountain, children's play areas, youth bike-park, and picnic areas. Suggestions such as archery range and paragliding may not be consistent with the intention for public access on Taylor Mountain or with County policies.

Dogs

The desire for access for dogs received very significant attention at the workshop. Participants seem very supportive of general on-leash access, as well as providing for some off-leash access



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areas. Off-leash use seems focused on specific areas provided for that function, rather than general access to the property in an off-leash condition.

Policy/Planning

The workshop participants suggested a number of concepts that are not uses or activities. However the suggestions are topic areas that may be addressed in the master plan document. Some of the planning or policy suggestions included minimizing visual impacts, implementing a Leave -no-trace ethic, and suggested policies regarding park boundaries, traffic, and vehicle restrictions.

Access

The concept of providing increased access to the property for all potential Taylor Mountain users received attention and support as shown by the quantity of first priority green dots during the workshop.

Other Uses

There were a number of other important suggested uses listed by the workshop participants, including ideas on camping, a signage program, landscape, and grazing. Although camping did not receive as many total dots as the uses and activities described above, overnight camping was the 5th highest weighted single use activity. Other camping suggestions included hike-in and bike-in camp sites, as well as family and group camping. The weighted scores show the need to include meaningful directional signs and maps as part of the Taylor Mountain facilities, as well as an interest to continue grazing operations on the property.

Complete List of Uses/Activities

The complete list of potential uses generated during the August 19th workshop follows this summary. The categories of uses are listed in order according to the number of priority dots the idea received. Each of the three priority dots (green-1st, yellow-2nd, red-3rd) were weighted to emphasize the difference between the priorities.

POTENTIAL USES BY CATEGORY CONDENSED AND WEIGHTED					
SPECIFIC USES	Total Dots	Green	Yellow	Red	Weighted Score
		(FIRST PRIORITY) (3 POINTS)	(SECOND PRIORITY) (2 POINTS)	(THIRD PRIORITY) (1 POINT)	
TRAILS					
Hiking Only Trails/Areas	11	3	5	3	22
Loop Trails	5	2	2	1	11
Single Track Trails (narrow)	4	3		1	10
All Weather Trails	3	2	1		8
Equestrian Trails	2	2			6
Trails Routed to See Vistas	2		2		4
Multi-Use Trails	3		1	2	4
Maximize Number of Miles of Trails	2		2		4
Off-Trail Access	2	1		1	4
More Extensive Trail Network	1	1			3
Trails Routed to See Water and Wildflowers Specifically	1	1			3
Specific Use Trails	1	1			3
Connect To Annadel with Multi-Use Trail	1	1			3
Benches for Resting	1		1		2
3-Tier Trail System: Dogs Allowed, Wheelchair Access, Hikers	1			1	1
Trails Well Signed	0				0
Separate Trails for Motorized Vehicles (if allowed)	0				0
Good Quality Trails	0				0
Gradual Switchback Trails	0				0
Distance Markers	0				0
Class 1 Bike Routes on Access Roads	0				0
Category Subtotal:	40	17	14	9	88
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES					
Volunteer Opportunities/Stewardship (interpretive/invasive removal/restoration)	8	2	4	2	16
Active and On-Going Outreach for K-12 Programs	8	2	3	3	15
Include Cultural History and Educational Activities	5	2	2	1	11
Star-Gazing, Night-Time Photography Opportunities	3	1	1	1	6
Multigenerational Educational Opportunities and Interpretive Panels and Self-guided and Guided Tours	3	1		2	5
Interpretive Stations	3		2	1	5
Interactive Art (Integrates Physical Activities)	2	1		1	4
Interpretive Walks with Organizations (i.e.. Audubon)	1	1			3
Evening/Night-Time Walks	1			1	1
Interpretation of Fault-Line	1			1	1
Workshops/Educational Opportunities to Learn About Natural Resources	0				0
Native American Skills Involved	0				0
Docent Lead Outings	0				0
Info Stations in Various Parts of Park	0				0
Educational Exhibits for Kids	0				0
Category Subtotal:	35	10	12	13	67
FACILITIES					
Play Area for Children so They Don't Climb on Trees	2	1		1	4
Play Destinations	1	1			3
Archery Range	6	2	2	2	12
Paragliding	3	1	1	1	6
Youth Bike Park (For 1-speed Bikes)	2		1	1	3
Area with Ponies and Animals	1		1		2
Rent Horses	1			1	1
Visitor Center in Existing Bathhouse if Restored	1	1			3
Group Meeting Area/Amphitheater	0				0
Water Fountains	3		3		6
Picnic Facilities	2			2	2
Big Picnic Area	0				0
Picnic Tables	0				0
Trailer Parking	1			1	1
Bus Parking	0				0
Permeable Parking	0				0
Bathrooms	1	1			3
A Bathroom At Top of Mountain (Saw Person Relieving Self in Open)	0				0
Flush Toilets	0				0
Water to Drink (Stations)	6		5	1	11
Category Subtotal:	30	7	13	10	57

POTENTIAL USES BY CATEGORY CONDENSED AND WEIGHTED					
SPECIFIC USES	Total Dots	Green	Yellow	Red	Weighted Score
		(FIRST PRIORITY) (3 POINTS)	(SECOND PRIORITY) (2 POINTS)	(THIRD PRIORITY) (1 POINT)	
DOGS					
Only Dogs on Leashes	7	3	3	1	16
On and Off-Leash Dog Areas	7	2	3	2	14
Access for Dogs	6	3	1	2	13
Off-Leash Dogs	1		1		2
No Dogs On Trails	0				0
Category Subtotal:	21	8	8	5	45
PARK-WIDE POLICY & PLANNING					
Minimize Visual Impacts	4	2		2	8
"Leave No Trace" Policy		2		1	7
Stay As Natural As Possible - Not Over-Developed	2	1	1		5
Adequate Traffic Study for Access Points	2	1	1		5
Limits of Park Clear	2	1		1	4
Continue Property Acquisition To South And Access	2	1		1	4
Well Posted Boundaries	1	1			3
No Motorized Vehicles	2		1	1	3
Exploration of Further Land Acquisition	1	1			3
Minimal Improvements	0				0
Pay for Park Access	0				0
Keep Permit Program	0				0
Minimize Impact of Farmer's Lane	0				0
No Blacktop	0				0
No Cell Phones	0				0
Category Subtotal:	16	10	3	6	42
ACCESS					
Access to As Much of Property as Possible	5	2		3	9
Inclusive of All User Groups/Equitable Access	3	2	1		8
Concerns of Emergency Access from Holland Drive	4	1	2	1	8
Increased Access and Interpretive Opportunities for People with Disabilities	2	2			6
Transit Access in Multiple Locations	1	1			3
Accessible Paths for Strollers and Shorter Paths with Benches and Areas to Educate and Entertain the Children (Paths for Children)	1		1		2
Category Subtotal:	16	8	4	4	36
CAMPING					
Overnight Camping	6	3	1	2	13
Hike-in and Bike-in Campsites	2	1		1	4
Family Camping Areas, Guided Group Camping Trips	1	1			3
Category Subtotal:	9	5	1	3	20
SIGNS					
Good Maps/Signage	4	1	3		9
Signs Against Littering; Provide Trashcans	5			5	5
Signs Prohibiting Destruction of Plants/Animals	1			1	1
Speed Limit To and From Park Clearly Posted	1			1	1
Emergency Call Box/Communication	0				0
Info and Warnings About Possible Interactions with Wild Animals	0				0
Category Subtotal:	11	1	3	7	16
LANDSCAPE					
Manage Invasive Species	4		2	2	6
Boardwalks Over Delicate Areas	3		1	2	4
Area Where Plants Are Labeled				1	1
Start Landscaping Around Farmer's Now	0				0
Category Subtotal:	7	0	3	5	11
GRAZING					
Continued Grazing	4	1	1	2	7
Public Grazing For Livestock	1			1	1
Continue Prescribed Grazing	0				0
Rotate Grazing	0				0
Category Subtotal:	5	1	1	3	8
MISCELLANEOUS					
An Area for Silence	3		2	1	5
Bench Donation Program	1	1			3
Submission of Photos on Project Website	0				0
Mounted Assistance Unit Active	0				0
Category Subtotal:	4	1	2	1	8
TOTAL:	194	68	64	66	398