

**Black Diamond Open Space
Mountain Bike Facility - Advisory Committee
Meeting #1 Minutes
May 1, 2014**

In attendance:

- Bryan Connolly
- Glenn Glover
- Drue Hollifield
- Russ Moul
- Rick Zeleznik
- Todd Petrie
- Rick Heinz
- Duane Evans (KCP Staff)
- Butch Lovelace (KCP Staff)

Plan components:

1. Cross-country Loop Trail:
BAC is supportive of having a multi-use trail, 2-3 feet wide, with adequate site-lines and clearing. BAC will focus more time on the XC Trail in meeting two. Glenn will get more information on XC race criteria for trail development. BAC will consider other users such as trail runners, baby-joggers, dog-walkers, etc., in its recommendations to King County Parks.
2. Pump Track:
As with other features, there was some concern that a pump track might get ridden illegally by motorcycle riders and an attempt to have it be more visible should be considered. In the end, having a site used on a regular basis by multiple users should deter illegal use of the site. Location of pump track generally supported. Bryan suggests installing a European-style pump track. He will provide examples for the committee to review in meeting two. More to discuss in meeting two.
3. Parking Lot Access Trail (Route 66):
The trail is adequate as is. Recommend to proceed with no changes at this time.
4. Cross-country Downhill:
Recommend proceeding as proposed, a blue-level XC downhill line.
5. Dual Slalom Race Track:
Evergreen is very excited about this blue-level line—location has good slope and visibility and will be a great recreational and event race line.

6. Table Top Jump Line:
These features will be similar to the Luna Lines at Duthie. Location can be flexible, and will be determined during design development. Consider location once more in meeting two.
7. Education Zone:
The original proposal called for the education zone to be under the power lines. BAC, and others, feel that the plan should accommodate young kids with strider bikes and other young beginners with an education zone near the parking lot. This could include small loop trails with rollers, a mini pump track, skinnies, and other training features for beginners. Committee to decide whether or not an additional EZ under or near the power lines is necessary. Design of EZ to be determined.
8. Road Climb:
Support as proposed.
9. Event Parking
BAC recommends keeping the event parking primitive (grass) and locked during non-event times. Should the need arise, King County Parks can reevaluated the parking lot status.

Other public comments to consider:

1. Existing trail network:
BAC suggests that the design team consider existing trail network and how those trails will (or will not) connect to the XC Loop Trail. BAC agrees to the importance in having primitive trails throughout the site.
2. Henry's Ridge trail connection:
BAC agrees that the existing trails connecting Henry's Ridge and the new parking lot are adequate. The design team can reassess but BAC does not consider the conditions too difficult for beginner riders.
3. Crossing of tracks:
BAC recommends no action at this time.
4. Thru-Trail:
BAC supports a formal "thru-trail" connecting sites north and south. Recommendations should be considered under a larger planning process.
5. Crossing of HWY 169
BAC agrees that developing a safe road crossing is important and should be considered under a larger planning process.
6. Toilets / Sani-cans
Sani-cans will be placed on a concrete pad near the parking lot. Pit-toilets should be considered at a later date. No garbage cans will be placed on-site. Pack it out to be promoted.
7. Signage:
BAC recommends the design team to work with KC Parks to develop a sign plan.
8. Orienteering:
BAC supports multi-use activities that are compatible with each other.

9. BMX options:
BAC recognizes the benefit of a BMX facility in the Maple Valley area. BMX facilities often require significant infrastructure. BAC will consider the need, but will likely suggest KC Parks consider the need more broadly than just for BDOS.
10. Off-leash dog area:
BAC suggests that an off-leash dog area be considered under a larger planning process and considered more broadly than just BDOS.

Meeting two considerations:

1. Education Zone
2. Table Top location TBD, one more consideration
3. Pump Track
4. Cross-country loop trail
5. Volunteer recruitment
6. Timeline
7. Budget

Dual Slalom Example:



Swiss Pump Track Examples: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n3xCFNOS67w>