



Seattle Parks & Recreation

Open House – Mount Baker Park Improvement Projects

March 20, 2019

3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Mount Baker Beach

It was a beautiful afternoon at the beach for the first day of spring when Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) staff held an open house at Mount Baker Beach to inform people about the upcoming improvements for both the Bathhouse and Play Area.

Bathhouse: Interior improvements are proposed for the Mount Baker Beach Bathhouse that will include providing six (6) individual gender-neutral shower/toilets units for the public, in addition to other improvements, including providing access from the parking area to meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Play Area Comfort Station: The open house also provided information on the proposal for a new single-unit, pre-engineered restroom at the Mount Baker Park Play Area, which will be situated just north of S. McClellan Street, west of the play area, along the main path that leads north, eventually down to the beach.

Approximately 50 people stopped by to learn about the projects. A number of visitors expressed appreciation that Parks was sharing the information prior to the construction and were thankful that we were informing the neighborhood and park users before final design and construction.

Bathhouse

People were also pleased that the bathhouse would be improved and welcomed the change to gender-neutral.

Restroom (Comfort Station)

SPR staff heard positive comments about locating a new facility more conveniently for kids using the play area and for people that use the tennis courts. About half the visitors wanted to see a toilet design that was designed to fit into the park rather than a prefabricated facility that might require additional excavation to fit it into the space and meet the ADA requirements.

To learn more about the projects and to follow the progress, please visit the project web page on a periodic basis. <https://www.seattle.gov/parks/about-us/current-projects/mount-baker-park-improvement-projects>
The graphics presented at the open house are provided below.