## **Olympiad Drive / Shoreline Access**

Assets: Waterfront view, pier, nature, walkability

### <u>Concerns</u>: Vehicle impacts to shoreline, no handlaunch site

- The shoreline and estuary need protection from damage
- Restrict vehicle access to the beach
- Parking for sand shoulders along the shoreline contributes to shoreline erosion
- Parking along roadway is unsafe
- Pedestrian trail access to park is limited
- Residents recommend a boat hand-launch location by narrow road shoulder
- · Are there others?

#### **Possible Opportunities:**

- · Encourage parking at Harper Park site
- Provide street crossing and safe shoulder-trail access for shoreline viewing and potential access to the spit
- Reinforce the road shoulder edge to create a pedestrian trail
- Establish a roadway pullout with attractive vehicle barriers for unloading
- Consider a hand-launch boat platform at the spit
- Are there others?



1. Olympiad Drive looking east



2. Olympiad Drive looking west



### Waterfront

### Concerns: Narrow tidal channel blocks access to sand spit.

- Currently, at low tide levels, people are breaching the inlet gap (leaping across the narrow channel bottom) and walking to the end of the spit.
- It is a challenge to access this attractive feature without suitable and safe means to explore the spit.
- Are there others?

### **Possible Opportunities:**

- Provide visitor access to the sand spit and trail to the exposed channel beach
- Install a pedestrian foot bridge across this channel to access beach trail for hand-launch boating opportunity
- Locate a viewing platform across from the spit or on the spit with a crossing foot bridge
- Are there others?









### **Harper Park**

<u>Assets</u>: Ground level park, easy access from road, waterfront views, hiking trails, fascinating history

### **Concerns:** Harper Park Needs Improvements

- The baseball field has poor drainage and is rarely used.
- The trails leading into the forest, follow the brick factory pit "roadway" and would benefit from improvements.

#### **Possible Opportunities:**

- Landscape the ball field and add a mounded grass picnic area overlooking the waterfront views
- Add a rain garden along the roadway
- Redesign parking area, improve drainage, surfacing, and side fencing
- · Restore the picnic shelter: roof, posts, and drainage
- Regrade the forest trail to the clay pit area. Resurface trail tread and replace the foot bridge across stream ravine.
- Add interpretation for history and natural features
  - · Waterfront views
  - Hiking trails
  - Historical brick factory
- Install a bench at the trail's terminus.
- Are there others?









## **Trails and Interpretation**

# **Concerns:** Need to tell Harper's fascinating history of the Natural and Historical Setting

- There is only one sign board interpretive panel for the brick factory
- Interpret Saltwater Estuary, Salmon, or Forest

### **Possible Opportunities:**

- Interpretive viewing areas for estuary restoration, habitat and salmon
- Interpretive trail for clay mining, and forest/stream ecology
- Historical importance of brick buildings in Seattle, San Francisco, Portland...
- Park sculptures/ exhibit highlighting brickwork. Existing sitting wall, brick walkways
- Are there others?

