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**Agenda:**

* Figure out what departments/areas to assign to people.
* List of questions to ask during the conference call with the Seattle club (evergreen mountain bike alliance -emba) who built the I-5 Colonnade Mtn bike park.
* Land questions – who owns the land under I-277 and alternate sites.

Questions to ask during the conference call:

1. What are the barriers? Cost of the project?
2. What other groups are doing/planning similar projects (that have contacted emba)?
3. What is the liability insurance needed to run a park like this? Local? State?
4. How did you fund the I-5 project?
5. Who did you contact locally for help? Did you lobby local, county, state, private leaders?
6. Was ADA compliance considered?
7. What were the first steps taken to get the I-5 project started?
8. How is parking handled?
9. Do you have sponsorship? Did you consider it?

Questions to answer:

1. Who are the property owners? Once this project is complete, who will manage the park?
2. What legal questions are there?
3. What issues are there for adjacent landowners? What benefits could adjacent land owners gain?
4. Can city money be obtained for this project?
5. Could this park be combined with another idea, such as a skate park or an off-leash Dog Park?
6. Can we partner with another club – a sister club type arrangement?

List of Groups to involve/research:

* Mayor’s office
* City/County
* School district
* Police Department
* Fire Department
* The Music Factory
* Railroads
* Boys & Girls Club
* YMCA
* The Fillmore
* City Center Partners
* HTA – Hotel Tourism Association
* CRVA
* Crisis Assistance Ministry
* Trips for Kids

Barriers:

* Taxes
* Neighborhood objections
* Parking
* What will happen to the homeless people that seem to live there now?
* Right of ways

Next Steps:

* Research other possible sites: Collin & Greg will look into this.
* Figure out who owns the property. Look into a possible property trust.
* Figure out who to contact in Charlotte government. Richard will look into this.
* Contact Specialized, Trek, & REI about a possible partnership.
* Coordinate with local contacts for help. Create a list of local people/ Trailblazers. Steve will create this list.
* Earmark $ for the project. What type of commitments can we get? Tom will research this.
* Research if it is possible to connect this park with other parks or Greenways.
* Create a separate email thread on the Trailblazers website.