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Dear Council Members,

I just found out that the City owns the tidelands north of Saltwater Park, right up to the southern boundary of the privately-owned beach parcel. I absolutely support acquiring the beach parcel. Instead of a line in the sand being the northern boundary of the Park, the bulkhead will become the northern boundary—a recognizable boundary at the bulkhead is a good thing. The beach parcel needs to be City-owned open space for the public to enjoy.

In addition to buying the beach parcel, the City needs to clarify that it is okay to walk down the road to get to the beach. Those who live within walking distance to the bridge on Richmond Beach Drive regularly cross the bridge and walk down the road to access the beach. Consider the alternative. It would make no sense to have them drive to Saltwater Park and park their cars there, in order to access the beach. Saltwater Park's parking lots are already overflowing on nice warm days when people like going to the beach.

Not only should the City acquire the beach parcel at the southern end of 27th Ave NW, it should also restore the beach access we once had at the northern end of the road, before the gate there was put up. Please work with the railroad to provide a dedicated pathway to the beach that bypasses the gate, giving us safe passage to the tidelands in front of Kayu Kayu Ac park.

Thank you for addressing this issue.

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