

Department of Parks and Recreation

Seattle Board of Park Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
October 22, 2009

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Board of Park Commissioners:

Present:

Neal Adams, Vice-chair
John Barber
Terry Holme
Jourdan Keith
Diana Kincaid
Donna Kostka
Jackie Ramels, Chair

Seattle Parks and Recreation Staff:

Christopher Williams, Deputy Superintendent
Sandy Brooks, Coordinator

Commissioner Ramels called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and reviewed the meeting agenda topics. **Commissioner Holme moved approval of the agenda as presented and the record of correspondence. Commissioner Barber seconded the motion. The vote was taken, with all in favor. Motion carried.**

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Gallagher was out of town. Deputy Superintendent Christopher Williams reported on the following items. To learn more about Seattle Parks, see the website at <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/>.

International Parks Delegation Visits Seattle: Last week an international delegation of parks and recreation professionals, representing 27 countries across the world, began their tour of the U.S. in Seattle. The visit was sponsored by the State Department and includes a number of U.S. stops. The delegates wanted to know what Seattle Parks does and how we do it, and had a particular interest in land conservation. It was very interesting to exchange information and ideas. For instance, in some countries a public park is a nature preserve. In other countries, graffiti is almost non-existent.

Denny Awards Presentation: The Denny Awards will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 6:30 p.m. at the Northwest African American Museum. The 11 Award recipients have been identified, but not yet notified.

The Denny Awards acknowledge and honor the crucial role volunteers play in neighborhood parks, community centers, and recreation programs throughout the city. Volunteers help Parks and Recreation staff and management in the work of the department and give valuable advice on important decisions about our Parks and Recreation facilities and operations. Volunteers pull ivy and plant native trees in our parks, coach kids' sports, work as docents at selected parks and the Seattle Aquarium, and serve on various advisory councils and boards.

The awards are named for Seattle pioneers the Denny family, who were dedicated to preserving park land and open space for the public. For more information on the Denny Awards, see <http://www.phinneywood.com/2009/09/15/nominate-your-parks-hero-for-denny-award/>.

Seacrest Park and Water Taxi: On Monday, the Seattle City Council approved the legislation authorizing Seattle Parks and Recreation and the King County Ferry District to enter into an agreement to replace the current floating dock at Seacrest Park and begin year round operation of the water taxi sometime in 2010. Construction should be completed before the end of January. Seattle Parks played a large part in the expansion of this popular transportation route from downtown Seattle to West Seattle. For more information on Seacrest Park, see http://www.seattle.gov/parks/park_detail.asp?ID=455. For more information on the Elliott Bay Water Taxi, see <http://www.kingcounty.gov/transportation/kcdot/Marine/WaterTaxi/WestSeattle-DowntownSeattle.aspx>.

Race and Social Justice Initiative (RSJI) Update: All Parks Managers and Strategic Advisors attended Race and Social Justice Training this week. The training was designed to build skills to communicate key RSJI concepts and increase understanding of RSJI theory and the relationship between individual behavior and institutional racism. It was very well received. Employee performance evaluations are being re-designed to reflect what staff are getting from the RSJI and what should be done differently. The Department is also looking at its partners to see if they share the same values as Parks.

Firearm Rule in Parks: 130 firearm rule signs have been posted at community centers, pools, play areas and sportsfields. Parks has received a number of angry calls from citizens (mostly not from Seattle) threatening to show up with attorneys and guns at Seattle's parks. And some have asked why the City didn't do this sooner. The Department anticipates some challenges, but believes staff has been provided adequate training and is prepared.

Budget. Parks staff recently attended a Council review of the Department's budget. Athletic field fees came up and Council directed Parks to determine what other jurisdictions charge. Seattle Parks has been subsidizing youth fees with adult athletic field fees. The Department is hearing from some adult leagues that are unhappy with the fee and want youth to pay more of the fees. Council has asked for an athletic field fee policy and wants more data to make a decision on any fee increases. This work fits in well with the Department's five-year Strategic Action Plan and will continue into 2010.

Commissioner Adams asked if Council wants to generate more revenue from the athletic fees. Deputy Superintendent Williams responded that fees may need to be raised or programs cuts, due to budget constraints. Fee increases are always controversial. City Council does not want to base a decision on anecdotal information and has directed the Department for factual data to defend any increase in fees and for the Department to develop a fees policy.

Commissioner Holme requested that the presentation to Council include a really good fee tracking of the past 10 years to show the statistics on adult and youth fees and field usage.

Responding to a question from Commissioner Ramels whether the Associated Recreation Council (one of the Department's partners) is involved in the programming performance measures, Deputy Superintendent Williams answered that it is. Parks has given ARC objectives and will ask their staff to prepare the design and measurements.

A public hearing on the fees policy is scheduled for February 11, 2010.

Parks' Role in Providing Human Services: The Department believes it is important that, although the Parks Department is a recreational services provider, it also has a large human services component. The Department is now looking at ways to measure its human services work. The well being of individuals is a key component of the Department's services and staff is looking at additional ways to be more involved with the

human services community. This includes measuring intentional impacts, instead of just attendance numbers, which will help determine the human service impacts of programs.

Responding to Commissioner Kincaid's question whether City Council provided any funding for the outcome-based results for human services, Deputy Superintendent answered that this is part of the Department's 2010 work plan, as called for in the Strategic Action Plan, and staff resources are being directed to implement the SAP.

Commissioner Keith asked if Parks will use the 40- developmental assets model and Deputy Superintendent Williams answered that it will. To learn more about the 40-developmental assets model, see The Search Institute's web page at <http://www.search-institute.org/assets/>.

Center City Parks Update: The Center City Parks Task Force follow-up committee held its second meeting on October 21, with a great discussion with Seattle Police and Human Services Departments. The discussion included the Park Ranger program and the perception of the communities the rangers serve. Some at the meeting think there aren't enough rangers, they have too many parks to cover, and thus don't know the communities well. At the next meeting representatives from Belltown, Westlake, the International District and Pioneer Square will come back with ideas on the best ways for the rangers to introduce themselves to the downtown neighborhoods and to answer questions. Discussion also focused on what public/private partnership for the rangers would work best and how to get the most from the ranger program.

Commissioner Holme asked if the rangers are concerned with decreasing the number of parks they cover. Deputy Superintendent Williams answered that the Department has requested two additional rangers in the next budget round and the park rangers believe that two-three parks for each team seems manageable. If the Department is successful in funding the two new ranger positions, Commissioner Kostka suggested that each one be paired with a senior ranger, rather than paired as a new team. Deputy Superintendent Williams agreed with this.

Opportunity Fund for the Parks and Green Spaces Levy: The Oversight Committee will review the draft criteria for the \$15 million Parks and Green Spaces Levy Opportunity Fund at its monthly meeting on October 26. The draft criteria will then be posted on the Parks and Green Spaces website at <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/levy/opportunity.html>. A public hearing will be held on Monday, November 9. Parks will conduct technical assistance seminars for project proposal letters in the first two weeks of January and these proposals will be due February 2010. The proposal letters are the first step in applying for funding from the Opportunity Fund.

Commissioner Barber understands that this is the first phase of applications. Michael Shiosaki, Seattle Parks Deputy Director of Planning and Development, agreed with this and added that the first cycle is in 2010 and the second is in 2012-13. If there are any remaining funds, a third application phase would be scheduled for 2016. Commissioner Adams, who is a member of the Oversight Committee commented that the Committee has had detailed discussions on how best to phase the application process. Commissioner Holme, who represents the Park Board on the Oversight Committee, added that the Committee requested Parks staff to post the most current application information.

Oral Requests and Communication from the Audience

The Chair explained that this portion of the agenda is reserved for topics that have not had, or are not scheduled for, a public hearing. Speakers are limited to two minutes each and will be timed, and are asked to stand at the podium to speak. The Board's usual process is for 10 minutes of testimony to be heard at this time, with additional testimony heard after the regular agenda and just before Board of Park Commissioner's business. No one testified.

Discussion/Recommendation: Park Classification System Policy

At its July 9 meeting, Michael Shiosaki, Deputy Director of Parks' Planning and Development Division, presented a preliminary briefing on this topic. To read the minutes, including the briefing paper and the Board's discussion, see <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/ParkBoard/minutes/2009/07-09-09.pdf>. At its October 8 meeting, Mr. Shiosaki presented an update briefing on the Policy, which was immediately followed by a public hearing. To read the minutes, including the briefing paper and the Board's discussion, see <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/ParkBoard/minutes/2009/10-08-09.pdf>. Tonight the Board will discuss the proposed policy and vote on a recommendation to the Superintendent. Prior to tonight's meeting, Mr. Shiosaki provided the Board with an updated policy, as well as the classification system sorted by designation and by park name. The revised draft policy, with the latest revisions shown in color and underlined, is included below.

Written Briefing

Department Policy & Procedure

Subject: Park Classification System	Number 060-P	
	Effective November 1, 2009	
	Supersedes	
Approved:	Department: Parks & Recreation	Page 1 of

1.0 PURPOSE STATEMENT

Seattle Parks and Recreation recognizes the unique nature of each property it owns and is responsible for. The size of each property, its setting within the surrounding neighborhood, the amenities it provides to park visitors, its accessibility to the public, its soil, hydrology, vegetation, and habitat combine to make each property a unique asset. Understanding the uniqueness of each property, there is also a recognized benefit to categorizing park owned properties based on their similarities across a number of characteristics. The purpose of this policy and procedure is to establish a method for classifying the parks in Seattle Parks and Recreation. The classifications are driven by park use, purpose and size. This classification system serves the following purposes:

- These classifications will provide a general guideline for future development options. The combination of descriptors for each park type represents what has generally been successful on a certain sized plot of land located in a certain type of physical environment. These guidelines can help to set community expectations for a given site.
- These classifications may serve as a basis for policies around appropriate programming and uses in different park types.
- These classifications may inform functional planting design standards and other design standards.

This classification scheme is not intended to serve as an inventory of individual assets (e.g. total acres of natural area or total number of athletic fields) because different combinations of the same assets appear in each park type, nor is it intended to be a naming policy. ~~In addition, Lastly,~~ for each park type, the list of desired or optional assets or programming opportunities is not intended to be inclusive of all potential assets or programs.

2.0 ORGANIZATIONS AFFECTED

- 2.1 Department of Parks and Recreation

3.0 POLICY

Seattle Parks and Recreation adopts the following park classifications as defined in Section 4.0 [as well as the Parks Classification Assignments List dated October 20, 2009:](#)

1. Triangles/Circles/Squares
2. Pocket Park
3. Downtown Park
4. Neighborhood Park
5. Community Park
6. Recreation Area
7. Natural Area/Greenbelt
8. Boulevards/Green Streets/Trails
9. Special-Use Park

4.0 DEFINITIONS

4.1	TRIANGLES/CIRCLES/SQUARES	These small sites are typically composed of traffic islands or leftover pieces of land. They are often dedicated to Parks in the original plat rather than purchased for use.
Physical		
Size	Generally under 10,000 square feet (0.25 acres)	
Setting	Single Family Residential, Residential Urban Villages, Hub Urban Villages, Urban Center Villages, Downtown Generally constructed on unused land between roads	
Contributes to planning area Usable Open Space requirement	No	
Built environment		
Percent developed	100%	
Assets (desired)	None	
Assets (optional)	Benches Lighting for safety	Public Art
Parking	Street, none	
Natural Environment		
Natural Area	No	
Environmental Benefits	Possible green stormwater infrastructure	
Programs		
Programming (desired)	None	
Programming (optional)	None	
Geographic range of users	People in the immediate vicinity (pedestrians, cyclists, drivers)	
4.2	POCKET PARK	These are typically smaller developed sites that have been acquired to serve the immediate neighborhood as a small multi-purpose park. These parks are generally not large enough for significant programming or activity. They may incorporate utility infrastructure or a viewpoint.
Physical		
Size	Generally between 2,500 sq. ft. and 10,000 sq. ft. (0.25 acres) – this refers primarily to the usable area of the park	
Setting	Single Family Residential, Residential Urban Villages, Hub Urban Villages Generally surrounded by residences, small commercial, non-arterial streets	
Contributes to planning area Usable Open Space requirement	No, unless it exceeds 0.25 acres	
Built environment		
Percent developed	70-100%	
Assets (desired)	Benches	Plaza or grassy area for informal activity (no

	Improved paths	sports field)
Assets (optional)	Designed Landscape Lighting for safety (rare) Picnic table	Play area Public art Viewpoint
Parking	Street	
Natural Environment		
Natural Area	None	
Environmental Benefits	Green stormwater infrastructure, native plants	
Programs		
Programming (desired)	None	
Programming (optional)	Small community gatherings	
Geographic range of users	Immediate neighborhood – less than ¼ mile in distance	

4.3 DOWNTOWN PARK

These are typically smaller developed sites located in Seattle’s Center City and other neighborhood centers. These areas provide a landscaped respite from busy downtown streets and often offer places to sit and space for performers and vendors. The 2006 Seattle Downtown Parks & Public Spaces Task Force report identifies 24 downtown parks in three categories: 1) downtown destination parks, which are “signature parks of interest to the broad community”; 2) downtown neighborhood parks, where “neighborhood involvement in activities and programming...is most appropriate;” and 3) small public spaces or beauty spots, which are “small islands within the urban environment that present opportunities to enhance the city’s character and identity, and the public’s enjoyment of downtown, but are not large enough for substantial park facilities.”

Physical		
Size	Between 0.1 and 5 acres	
Setting	The 2006 Downtown Parks & Public Spaces Task Force Report defines “downtown” as the area bounded by South Lake Union Park to the north, the International District to the south and Interstate 5 to the east. This document currently reflects those boundaries, although in the future the area defined “downtown” may shift as the city changes Generally surrounded by commercial buildings	
Contributes to planning area Usable Open Space requirement	Only those over 10,000 square feet	
Built environment		
Percent developed	100%	
Assets (desired)	Benches Improved paths Designed landscapes Lighting for safety	Plaza or level grassy area for informal activity (no sports field)
Assets (optional)	Picnic tables Play area	Public art Stage Off-leash Area
Parking	Street, none	
Natural Environment		
Natural Area	None	
Environmental Benefits	Possible green stormwater infrastructure, native plants	
Programs		
Programming (desired)	None	
Programming (optional)	Buskers, food vendors (carts), small concerts, special events	
Geographic range of users	Immediate business community, downtown visitors and residents, tourists	

4.4 NEIGHBORHOOD PARK	Neighborhood parks are larger than pocket parks and serve the surrounding neighborhood for multiple uses. Typical park development may include play areas, small fields, benches, picnic tables, and improved paths.	
Physical		
Size	Between 0.25 and 9 acres	
Setting	Single Family Residential, Residential Urban Villages, Hub Urban Villages Generally surrounded by residences, small businesses, small or arterial streets	
Contributes to planning area Usable Open Space requirement	Yes	
Built environment		
Percent developed	30-100%	
Assets (desired)	Benches Designed landscape Improved paths	Level grassy area for informal activity Picnic tables Play area
Assets (optional)	Basketball court Boat launch Comfort station Garden Lighting for safety Picnic shelter or small shelter house	Public art Sports fields (up to one) Stage Tennis courts Wading pool Viewpoint Off-leash Area
Parking	Generally just street parking; may have off-street parking	
Natural Environment		
Natural Area	May have natural area, creek, lake	
Environmental Benefits	Green stormwater infrastructure, native plants, habitat (if natural area), CO2 reduction	
Programs		
Programming (desired)	None	
Programming (optional)	Light scheduling for athletic teams, community gatherings, small concerts	
Geographic range of users	Surrounding neighborhood – between ¼ and ½ mile	

4.5 COMMUNITY PARK	A community park meets the recreational needs of several neighborhoods and may also preserve unique landscapes and open spaces. These parks serve multiple uses and provide recreational facilities and accommodate group activities not provided in neighborhood parks. Community park sites should be accessible by arterial and/or collector streets.	
Physical		
Size	Between 5 and 60 acres	
Setting	Single Family Residential, Residential Urban Villages, Hub Urban Villages Should be next to an arterial, institution, or natural area rather than surrounded by homes on all sides	
Contributes to planning area Usable Open Space requirement	Yes	
Built environment		
Percent developed	25-100%	
Assets (desired)	Basketball court Benches Comfort station Designed landscape	Lighting for safety Picnic tables and shelters Play area Sports field(s)

	Improved paths Level grassy area for informal activity	
Assets (optional)	Boat launch Community Center Concessions Community or specialty garden Lifeguarded beach Lighting for specific facility use Natural Area Off-leash area Public art	Pool Recreation complex (lighted sports fields with designated parking away from residences) Skatepark Stage Tennis courts Wading pool Viewpoint
Parking	Off-street parking	
Natural Environment		
Natural Area	May have natural area, creek, lake	
Environmental Benefits	Green stormwater infrastructure, native plants, habitat (if natural area), CO2 reduction	
Programs		
Programming (desired)	Community gatherings	
Programming (optional)	Scheduled for athletic teams, small concerts, naturalist activities, food vendors (cart)	
Geographic range of users	Several surrounding neighborhoods – between 1/2 and 3 miles; citywide if park contains a recreation complex	
4.6 RECREATION AREA	Recreation areas supplement neighborhood and community parks, serving broader citywide recreation needs. Each of these parks contains various assets, often for active recreation, and is programmed accordingly. Many also have designated natural areas. Restroom facilities and off-street parking are generally provided for users.	
Physical		
Size	Between 20 and 500 acres	
Setting	Single Family Residential, Residential Urban Villages Accessible via public transit and urban trail system and arterial streets Usually next to an arterial, commercial building, other institution, greenspace, or waterfront, rather than surrounded by residences on all sides	
Contributes to planning area Usable Open Space requirement	Yes	
Built environment		
Percent developed	20-100%	
Assets (desired)	Benches Comfort station Designed landscape Improved paths Level grassy area for informal activity	Lighting for safety Picnic tables and shelters Play area Stage
Assets (optional)	Administration Building Basketball court Boat launch Community Center Concessions Lifeguarded beach	Recreation complex (lighted sports fields with designated parking away from residences) Sports field(s) Skatepark Tennis court

	Lighting for specific facility use Off-leash area Natural area Pool	Unique garden areas or conservatory Wading pool Viewpoint
Parking	Multiple off-street parking lots to allow for access to different parts of the park	
Natural Environment		
Natural Area	Yes – forest, lake, creek, riparian area	
Environmental Benefits	Green stormwater infrastructure, native plants, habitat, riparian corridor (possible), CO2 reduction	
Programs		
Programming (desired)	Community gatherings	
Programming (optional)	Scheduled for athletic teams, concerts, special sporting events, large special events, nature programs, fairs	
Geographic range of users	Citywide, regional, tourists	
4.7	NATURAL AREA/ GREENBELT	Natural Areas are park sites established for the protection and stewardship of wildlife , habitat and other natural systems support functions. Some natural areas are accessible for low-impact use. Minimal infrastructure may include access and signage, where it will not adversely impact habitat or natural systems functions. Larger natural areas may have small sections developed to serve a community park function. Large Natural Area/Greenbelts may be divided into subareas based on vegetation, habitat, restoration status, wildlife area designation, recreation use area, etc. in order to better differentiate resource needs and use priorities.
Physical		
Size	Any	
Setting	Where tracts of undeveloped land are available. Natural areas may include, but are not limited to, forest, meadows, riparian areas, beaches, tidelands and wetlands. Non-accessible natural areas are generally found on steep slopes or in riparian zones or wetlands. Natural areas often serve as a buffer between incompatible land uses. See 1993 Greenspaces Policy (Resolution 28653) for details about natural areas.	
Contributes to planning area Usable Open Space requirement	Only parks with usable open space over 10,000 square feet	
Built environment		
Percent developed	Limited to infrastructure for support services	
Assets (desired)	None (Parks Design Standard 02900-01 “Site Restoration of Natural Areas” shall apply)	
Assets (optional)	Comfort station (in more heavily used natural areas such as Carkeek and Discovery Park) Environmental Learning Center Picnic tables	Play area Signage Trails (internal and connecting with external urban trails) Viewpoint
Parking	Street parking, off-street parking for natural areas with more amenities	
Natural Environment		

Natural Area	Yes
Environmental Benefits	Green stormwater infrastructure, native plants, habitat, riparian corridor (if there is a creek or shoreline), erosion control
Programs	
Programming (desired)	Environmental education
Programming (optional)	Plant restoration service projects, research
Geographic range of users	Citywide, regional, tourists
4.8 BOULEVARDS/GREEN STREETS/TRAILS	Boulevards, green streets and trails are linear parks that typically serve as an aesthetically-pleasing transportation corridor. A boulevard is legally designated in SMC 15.02.046, defined as an extension or expansion of a dedicated street which continues to serve as a right-of-way in addition to being park land. Many of Seattle's boulevards are part of the Olmsted plan. Boulevards and green streets often provide safe pedestrian routes as well as recreation opportunities.
Physical	
Size	Any
Setting	Single Family Residential, Residential Urban Villages, Hub Urban Villages Along an arterial road In places with attractive views
Contributes to planning area Usable Open Space requirement	Those with usable open space over 10,000 square feet
Built environment	
Percent developed	25-100%
Assets (desired)	Designed landscape Improved Path Regular street lighting
Assets (optional)	Benches Decorative lighting Flat grassy area for informal activity Play area Public gathering place Viewpoint
Parking	Street parking, off-street parking
Natural Environment	
Natural Area	May have shoreline, riparian area
Environmental Benefits	Green stormwater infrastructure, native plants, riparian area, CO2 reduction
Programs	
Programming (desired)	None
Programming (optional)	None
Geographic range of users	Citywide, all travelers using the street
4.9 SPECIAL-USE PARKS	This category refers to stand-alone parks that are designed to serve one particular use. Examples of parks that fit into this category include stand-alone golf courses, marinas, boat ramps, and community or specialty gardens. These parks may serve a second or third use (e.g. picnic tables at a marina or walking paths at a golf course), but the primary use is prioritized with regard to design, maintenance and funding decisions. For each special-use park type, the descriptors will differ depending on industry standards and best practices for the

intended activity. For each type of special-use park, a more detailed list of descriptors should be developed by a design expert in that particular field.

Physical	
Size	Whatever size is necessary for the intended use
Setting	Depends on intended use
Contributes to planning area Usable Open Space requirement	In some cases
Built environment	
Percent developed	70-100%
Assets (desired)	Depends on intended use
Assets (optional)	Depends on intended use
Parking	Depends on intended use
Natural Environment	
Natural Area	None
Environmental benefits	golf courses contribute to CO2 reduction, native plants, habitat, and green stormwater infrastructure; environmental benefits of other special-use parks depends on development
Programs	
Programming (desired)	Depends on intended use
Programming (optional)	Depends on intended use
Geographic range of users	Citywide

5.0 RESPONSIBILITY

- 5.1 The Planning & Development Division (PDD) will be responsible for reviewing the Parks Classification System as a guideline as park development plans are reviewed for proposed improvements or changes in use.
- 5.2 The Parks Division will be responsible for reviewing the Parks Classification System as new maintenance procedures at a park site are considered.
- 5.3 As policies related to park programming options in different park types are considered, it will be the responsibility of the Recreation Division to review the Parks Classification System for policy guidance.

6.0 PROCEDURE

[Not applicable](#)

- 6.1 [Revisions to the Parks Classification System may be requested, including revisions to park category definitions and changes to the assigned category of a specific park. Requests should be made in writing to the Parks Superintendent.](#)

[The Parks Superintendent may confer with the chair of the Board of Park Commissioners on the revisions and the preferred public review process for requested revisions. The Parks Superintendent shall have final authority on changes to the policy and/or park classification assignments.](#)

7.0 REFERENCES

Not applicable

12TH & E JAMES COURT	0.17		Pocket Park (future)
14TH AVENUE NW BOAT RAMP	0.64	4400 14th Ave NW	Special Use
16TH & EAST HOWELL	0.40		Neighborhood Park (future)
2100 WESTLAKE	0.21	2100 WESTLAKE	Pocket Park (future)
3001 E MADISON	0.34	3001 E Madison	Natural Area
6TH AVENUE NW POCKET PARK (WHITTIER)	0.21	7605 6th Ave NW	Pocket Park
A. B. ERNST PARK	0.17	723 North 35th St	Pocket Park
ALASKAN WAY BOULEVARD	2.20	Alaskan Way between Broad & Bay	Boulevard
ALBERT DAVIS PARK	1.19	12526 27th Ave NE	Neighborhood Park
ALKI BEACH PARK	135.90	1702 Alki Ave SW	Recreation Area
ALKI PLAYGROUND	4.54	5817 SW Lander St	Community Park
ALVIN LARKINS PARK	0.65	E Pike St / 34th Ave E	Neighborhood Park
ANDOVER PLACE	0.19	4000 Beach Dr SW	Pocket Park
ARAPAHOE TRIANGLE	0.04	3431 Arapahoe Pl W	Triangle
ARROYOS NATURAL AREA	7.54	4120 SW Arroyo Dr	Natural Area
ATLANTIC STREET PARK	0.74	S Atlantic St / 21st Ave S	Neighborhood Park
B.F. DAY PLAYGROUND	2.36	4020 Fremont Ave N	Neighborhood Park
BAGLEY VIEWPOINT	0.14	2548 Delmar Dr E	Pocket Park
BAKER PARK ON CROWN HILL	0.41	8347 Mary Ave NW	Neighborhood Park
BALLARD COMMONS PARK	1.38	5701 22nd Ave NW	Neighborhood Park
BALLARD CORNERS PARK	0.23	17th Ave. NW and NW 62nd St.	Neighborhood Park
BALLARD PLAYGROUND	3.43	2644 NW 60th St	Neighborhood Park
BANNER WAY TRIANGLES	0.15	Banner Way NE/4th & 5th Ave NE	Triangle
BAR-S PLAYGROUND	4.24	6425 SW Admiral Way	Neighborhood Park
BAY VIEW PLAYGROUND	4.62	2614 24th Ave W	Neighborhood Park
BEACON HILL PLAYGROUND	2.96	1902 13th Ave S	Neighborhood Park
BEACON PLACE	0.25	S Dearborn St / 11th Ave S	Natural Area
BECK PLACE	0.14	15th Ave NE / Cowen Pl NE	Triangle
BEER SHEVA PARK	8.70	8650 55th Ave S	Neighborhood Park
BELLEVUE PLACE	1.24	Bellevue Pl E / Bellevue Ave E	Natural Area
BELLTOWN COTTAGE PARK	0.17	2516 Elliott Ave	Downtown Park
BELLTOWN P-PATCH	0.17	2520 Elliott Ave	Special Use
BELMONT PLACE	0.02	Belmont Pl E / Belmont Ave E	Triangle
BELVEDERE PARK	1.67	3600 Admiral Way SW	Neighborhood Park
BELVOIR PLACE	0.41	3659 42nd Ave NE	Neighborhood Park
BENEFIT PLAYGROUND	2.37	9320 38th Ave S	Neighborhood Park
BENVENUTO VIEWPOINT	1.66	1401 23rd Ave S	Neighborhood Park
BERGEN PLACE	0.16	5420 22nd Ave NW	Pocket Park
BHY KRACKE PARK	1.53	1215 5th Ave N	Neighborhood Park
BITTER LAKE OPEN SPACE PARK	2.88	13035 Linden Ave N??	Natural Area
BITTER LAKE PLAYFIELD	7.48	13035 Linden Ave N	Community Park
BLAINE PLACE	0.03	W Olympic Pl / 6th Ave W	Triangle
BLUE RIDGE CIRCLE	0.10	NW Blue Ridge Dr/NW Roundhill	Triangle
BLUE RIDGE PLACES	0.20	NW Milford Way / Radford Ave NW	Triangle
BOREN PARK	7.24	15th Ave E / E Olin Pl	Neighborhood Park
BOREN PLACE	0.03	Broadway / Boren Ave S	Triangle
BOYLSTON PLACE	0.00	Broadway / Boylston Ave E	Triangle
BRADNER GARDENS PARK	1.56	1722 Bradner Pl S	Neighborhood Park

BRIGHTON PLAYFIELD	12.30	6000 39th Ave S	Community Park
BROADVIEW PARK	0.10	Greenwood Ave N / N 122nd St	Pocket Park
BRYANT NEIGHBORHOOD PLAYGROUND	3.09	4103 NE 65th St	Neighborhood Park
BULLITT LIFE ESTATE	1.58	1125 Harvard Ave E	Neighborhood Park
BURKE-GILMAN PLAYGROUND PARK	7.13	5201 Sand Point Way NE 3rd Ave NW to NE 145th St	Neighborhood Park Boulevard
BURKE-GILMAN TRAIL	79.39		
CAL ANDERSON PARK	11.04	1700 Nagle Place	Community Park
CALIFORNIA PLACE	0.24	California Ave SW / SW Hill St	Pocket Park
CAMP LONG	54.54	5200 35th Ave SW	Natural Area
CARKEEK PARK	176.53	950 NW Carkeek Park Rd	Natural Area
CARLETON CENTER	0.09		Triangle
CARLETON HIGHLANDS	0.81	3298 Perkins Lane	Neighborhood Park
CASCADE PLACE	0.03	Palmer Ct NW	Triangle
CASCADE PLAYGROUND	2.03	333 Pontius Ave N	Neighborhood Park
CEDAR PARK	2.12	3737 NE 135TH St	Neighborhood Park
CESAR CHAVEZ PARK	0.17	700 South Cloverdale Street	Pocket Park
CHARLES RICHEY SR VIEWPOINT	9.52	63rd Ave SW / Beach Dr SW	Neighborhood Park
CHEASTY BOULEVARD	19.34	Beacon Ave S to Rainier Ave S	Boulevard
CHEASTY GREENSPACE	46.01	253 S McClellan St	Natural Area
CHEASTY GREENSPACE: MT VIEW	7.27	253 S McClellan St	Natural Area
CHINOOK BEACH PARK	2.40	Rainier Ave. S and Ithaca Pl. S	Neighborhood Park
CHRISTIE PARK	0.11	NE 43rd St / 9th Ave NE	Pocket Park
CITY HALL PARK	0.94	450 3rd Ave	Downtown Park
CLEVELAND PLAYFIELD	2.58	S Lucile St / 13th Ave S	Neighborhood Park
COE PLAY PARK	0.16	2420 7th Ave W	Pocket Park
COLLEGE STREET PARK	0.42	S College St / 29th Ave S	Pocket Park
COLLEGE STREET RAVINE	2.22	51st Ave SW / SW College St	Natural Area
COLMAN PARK	19.69	1800 Lake Washington Blvd S	Neighborhood Park
COLMAN PLAYGROUND	2.80	1740 23rd Ave S	Neighborhood Park
COLUMBIA PARK	2.61	4721 Rainier Ave S	Neighborhood Park
COMMODORE PARK	4.51	3330 W Commodore Way	Neighborhood Park
CONDON WAY CENTERSTRIP	0.55	Interurban Ave S/Southctr Blv	Boulevard
CORLISS PLACE	0.15	N 50th St / Keystone Pl N	Triangle
CORMORANT COVE	1.97	3701 Beach Dr SW	Neighborhood Park
COTTAGE GROVE PARK	1.10	5206 26th Ave SW	Neighborhood Park
COUNTERBALANCE PARK	0.28	Queen Anne Ave. N and Roy St.	Neighborhood Park
COWEN PARK	8.44	5849 15th Ave NE	Neighborhood Park
CRESCENT PLACE	0.02	N 75th St / Orin Ct N	Triangle
CROWN HILL GLEN	0.36	8735 19th Ave NW	Natural Area
DAHL (WALDO J.) PLAYFIELD	14.47	7700 25th Ave NE	Community Park Neighborhood Park (future)
DAKOTA PLACE PARK	0.34	4304 SW Dakota St	
DAVID RODGERS PARK	9.40	2800 1st Ave W	Neighborhood Park
DEARBORN PARK	8.80	2919 S Brandon St	Neighborhood Park
DELRIDGE AND MYRTLE	3.00	Delridge Way SW & SW Myrtle St	Natural Area
DELRIDGE PLAYFIELD	14.01	4458 Delridge Way SW	Community Park
DEMONSTRATION GARDEN	0.60	4618 Bagley Ave N	Neighborhood Park

DENNY BLAINE LAKE PARK	0.19	Madrona Dr E / E Denny Way	Pocket Park
DENNY BLAINE PARK	0.56	200 Lake Washington Blvd E	Neighborhood Park
DENNY PARK	4.63	100 Dexter Ave N Westlake Ave / Denny Way	Downtown Park
DENNY PLAYFIELD	1.82		Neighborhood Park
DISCOVERY PARK	512.00	3801 W Government Way	Natural Area
DISCOVERY PARK TIDELANDS	306.26	From W Ruffner St. north around Discovery Pk.	Natural Area
DR. BLANCHE LAVIZZO PARK	2.07	2100 S Jackson St	Neighborhood Park
DR. JOSE RIZAL PARK	9.57	1008 12th Ave S	Community Park
DUWAMISH HEAD GREENBELT	61.61	3600 Admiral Way SW	Natural Area
DUWAMISH WATERWAY PARK	1.49	7900 10th Ave S	Neighborhood Park
E.C. HUGHES PLAYGROUND	6.35	2805 SW Holden St	Community Park
EAST DUWAMISH GREENBELT	89.03		Natural Area
EAST MADISON STREET FERRY DOCK	1.09	1924 43rd Avenue East	Community Park
EAST MONTLAKE PARK	6.83	2802 E Park Dr E	Neighborhood Park
EAST PORTAL VIEWPOINT	6.96	1400 Lake Washington Blvd S	Neighborhood Park
EAST QUEEN ANNE PLAYGROUND	1.38	1912 Warren Ave N	Neighborhood Park
EASTLAKE TRIANGLE	0.07	Eastlake Ave E / E Prospect St	Triangle
EASTMONT PLACE	0.03	Eastmont Way W / Westmont Way W	Triangle
ELLA BAILEY PARK	2.44	2601 W Smith St.	Neighborhood Park
EMMA SCHMITZ MEMORIAL OVERLOOK	17.40	4503 Beach Dr SW	Neighborhood Park
ENDOLYNE PARK	0.12	49th Ave SW	Triangle
ERCOLINI PARK	0.54	4542 48th Ave SW	Neighborhood Park
FAIRMOUNT PARK	3.30	2627 39th Ave SW	Natural Area
FAIRMOUNT PLAYGROUND	5.26	5400 Fauntleroy Way SW	Neighborhood Park
FAIRVIEW PARK	1.03	2900 Fairview Ave E.	Neighborhood Park
FAUNTLEROY CREEK RAVINE	0.19	9100 Fauntleroy Way SW	Natural Area
FAUNTLEROY PARK	31.89	3951 SW Barton St	Natural Area
FAUNTLEROY PLACE	0.07	Fauntleroy Way SW / 38th Ave SW	Triangle
FIREHOUSE MINI PARK	0.33	712 18th Ave	Neighborhood Park
FIRST HILL PARK	0.22	University St / Minor Ave E	Pocket Park
FLETCHER PLACE	0.06	57th Ave S / S Fletcher St	Triangle
FLO WARE PARK	0.49	28th Ave S / S Jackson St	Neighborhood Park
FRED HUTCHINSON PLAYGROUND	4.38	S Norfolk St / 59th Ave S	Community Park
FREEWAY PARK	5.18	700 Seneca St	Downtown Park
FREMONT CANAL PARK	0.69	199 N Canal St	Community Park
FREMONT PEAK PARK	0.56	4351 Palatine NW	Neighborhood Park
FRINK PARK	17.26	398 Lake Washington Blvd S	Natural Area
FROULA PLAYGROUND	2.65	7200 12th Ave NE	Neighborhood Park
GARFIELD PLAYFIELD	8.55	23rd Ave / E Cherry St	Community Park
GAS WORKS PARK	21.35	2101 N Northlake Way	Community Park
GENESEE PARK AND PLAYFIELD	57.68	4316 S Genesee St	Community Park
GEORGETOWN PLAYFIELD	5.28	750 S Homer St	Community Park
GERBER PARK	0.16	/	Pocket Park
GILMAN PLAYGROUND	3.91	923 NW 54th St	Neighborhood Park

GOLDEN GARDENS PARK	99.27	8800 Seaview Ave NW	Natural Area
GRAND ARMY CEMETERY	2.86	1200 E Howe St	Special Use
GREEN LAKE PARK	323.70	7201 E Green Lake Dr N	Recreation Area
GREENWOOD PARK	2.53	602 North 87th Street	Neighborhood Park
GREENWOOD TRIANGLE	0.10	NW 55th St / 3rd Ave NW	Triangle
		26th Ave SW/ SW	
GREG DAVIS PARK	1.40	Brandon St	Neighborhood Park
HAMILTON VIEWPOINT PARK	16.87	1531 California Ave SW	Natural Area
HARRISON RIDGE GREENBELT	3.93	32nd Ave E / E John St	Natural Area
HARVARD-MILLER/ROANOKE ANNEX	0.15	2351 Broadway E	Pocket Park
HELENE MADISON POOL GROUNDS	4.21	13401 Meridian Ave N	Neighborhood Park
HERRINGS HOUSE PARK (Tulaltx)	15.24	W Marginal Way SW & SW Alaska	Neighborhood Park
HIAWATHA PLAYFIELD	12.08	2700 California Ave SW	Community Park
HIGH POINT PLAYFIELD	11.24	6920 34th Ave SW	Community Park
HIGHLAND DRIVE PARKWAY	0.08	Highland Dr / 2nd Ave N	Triangle
HIGHLAND PARK PLAYGROUND	6.35	1100 SW Cloverdale St	Community Park
HIGHLAND PLACE	0.04	Highland Dr / 1st Ave N	Triangle
HILLMAN P-PATCH	0.21	46th S / S Lucille	Special Use
HING HAY PARK	0.33	423 Maynard Ave S	Downtown Park
HING HAY PARK ADDITION	0.31	423 Maynard Ave S	Downtown Park
HITTS HILL PARK	3.15	5224 37th Ave South	Natural Area
HOMER HARRIS PARK	0.50	2401 E. Howell Street	Neighborhood Park
HOMEWOOD PARK	0.96	11725 Lake City Wy NE	Neighborhood Park
HORIUCHI PARK	0.29	156 Boren Ave.	Pocket Park
		S Horton St/36th Ave-37th	
HORTON HILL CORRIDOR	0.30	PI S	Pocket Park
HOWELL PARK	0.86	1740 E Howell PI	Neighborhood Park
		S Hanford St to S	
HUNTER BOULEVARD	1.17	Spokane St	Boulevard
HYDE PLACE	0.01	E Madison St / E Galer St	Triangle
		E Howe St / Franklin Ave	
I-5 COLONNADE	8.55	E	Special Use
INTERBAY COMPLEX (contains GOLF COURSE and ATHLETIC FIELD)	47.73	2501 15th Ave W	Recreation Area
INTERBAY P-PATCH	1.91	2501 15th Ave W	Special Use
INTERLAKEN PARK	51.72	2451 Delmar Drive E	Natural Area
INTERNATIONAL CHILDRENS PARK	0.23	700 S Lane St	Downtown Park
INVERNESS RAVINE PARK	2.71	8619 45th Ave NE	Natural Area
JACKSON PARK GOLF COURSE	160.57	1100 NE 135th St	Special Use
JEFFERSON COMPLEX (includes JEFFERSON PARK, GOLF COURSE)	145.99	4051 Beacon Ave S	Recreation Area
JIMI HENDRIX PARK	2.31	2400 S Massachusetts St.	Neighborhood Park
JOHN C. LITTLE, SR. PARK	5.76	6961 37th Av S	Neighborhood Park
JUDGE CHARLES M. STOKES OVERLK	5.22	S Judkins St / 20th Ave S	Neighborhood Park
JUDKINS PARK AND PLAYFIELD	11.72	2150 S Norman St	Community Park
		42nd Ave SW / SW Alaska	
JUNCTION PLAZA PARK	0.16	St	Pocket Park (future)
KATIE BLACKS GARDEN	0.65	S Atlantic St / 12th Ave S	Pocket Park
KERRY PARK (FRANKLIN PLACE)	0.31	211 W Highland Dr	Neighborhood Park
KERRY PARK AND	1.26	213 W Highland Dr	Neighborhood Park

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KEYSTONE PLACE	0.22	N 57th St / Keystone Pl N	Pocket Park
KILBOURNE PARK	0.66	9131 California Ave SW	Natural Area
KINNEAR PARK	14.11	899 W Olympic Pl	Community Park
KINNEAR PLACE	0.09	Queen Anne Ave/W QA Dr	Triangle
KIWANIS RAVINE PARK	16.22	34th Ave W / W McCord Pl	Natural Area
KIWANIS RAVINE OVERLOOK	0.30	36th Ave W / Ohman Pl	Natural Area
KOBE TERRACE	1.01	221 6th Ave S	Downtown Park
KUBOTA GARDENS	19.36	9817 55th Ave S	Special Use
KUBOTA GARDENS NATURAL AREA	16.22	Between 51th & 55th Ave S	Natural Area
LAKE CITY MEMORIAL TRIANGLE	0.01	31st Ave NE / Lake City Way	Triangle
LAKE CITY PARK	0.17	Lake City Way / NE 125th St	Pocket Park
LAKE CITY PLAYGROUND	2.78	2750 NE 125th St	Neighborhood Park
LAKE PEOPLE PARK (XACUA'BS)	0.53	3110 South Bradford Street	Neighborhood Park
LAKE UNION PARK	9.05	Westlake Ave N & Aloha St /	Downtown Park
LAKE WASHINGTON BOULEVARD	136.22	Montlake Blvd to Seward Park	Boulevard
LAKERIDGE PARK	35.43	Rainier Ave S/68th St to Cornell	Natural Area
LAKERIDGE PLAYGROUND	4.30	10145 Rainier Ave S	Neighborhood Park
LAKEVIEW PARK	4.50	340 37th Ave E	Neighborhood Park
LAKEVIEW PLACE	0.00	1042 Lakeview Blvd E	Triangle
LAKEWOOD PLAYGROUND	1.97	5013 S Angeline St	Neighborhood Park
LAKEWOOD TRIANGLE	0.12	Cascadia Ave S / Lakewood Ave S	Triangle
LAMBERT PLACE	0.03	38th Ave E / E Madison St	Triangle
LANDING PARKWAY	0.36	S Horton St, Sierra Dr S to LWBI	Triangle
LAURELHURST PLAYFIELD	13.23	4544 NE 41st St	Community Park
LAURELHURST TRIANGLE	0.02	46th Ave NE/E Laurelhurst Dr NE	Triangle
LAWTON PARK	9.51	3843 26th Ave W	Community Park
LESCHI PARK	12.62	201 Lakeside Ave S	Community Park
LESCHI PARK AND SOUTH MOORAGE	2.87	201 Lakeside Ave S	Community Park
LESCHI-LAKE DELL NATURAL AREA	3.41	3525 E Terrace St	Natural Area
LEWIS PARK	3.76	1120 15th Ave S	Natural Area
LICTON SPRINGS PARK	7.55	9536 Ashworth Ave N	Neighborhood Park
LINCOLN PARK	127.20	8011 Fauntleroy Way SW	Recreation Area
LINDEN ORCHARD PARK	0.33	N 67th St / Linden Av N	Neighborhood Park
LITTLE BROOK PARK	0.89	14043 32nd Ave NE	Neighborhood Park
LLANDOVER WOODS GREENSPACE	9.09	NW 145th St / 3rd Ave NW	Natural Area
LONGFELLOW CREEK GREENSPACE	56.08	SW Graham St / Delridge Way SW	Natural Area
LOWMAN BEACH PARK	4.09	7017 Beach Dr SW	Neighborhood Park
LOYAL HEIGHTS PLAYFIELD	6.68	2101 NW 77th St	Community Park
LYNN STREET MINI PARK	0.01	E Lynn St / Fairview Ave E	Pocket Park
MACLEAN PARK	1.02	1920 Taylor Ave North	Neighborhood Park
MADISON PARK	8.28	2300 43rd Ave E	Community Park
MADISON PARK NORTH BEACH	4.49	43rd Ave E, north of 2300	Neighborhood Park
MADRONA BRIAR PATCH	0.17	Madrona Dr / E Pine St	Pocket Park
MADRONA PARK	33.21	853 Lake Washington Blvd	Natural Area
MADRONA PLAYGROUND	1.77	3211 E Spring St	Neighborhood Park

MADRONA RAVINE	0.58	E Spring St	Natural Area
MAGNOLIA BOULEVARD	52.95	W Emerson St to W Howe St	Boulevard
MAGNOLIA GREENBELT	2.74	Dartmouth Ave W / W Howe St	Natural Area
MAGNOLIA PARK	11.72	1461 Magnolia Blvd W	Community Park
MAGNOLIA TIDELANDS PARK	176.13	W Ruffner to Elliott Bay Marina	Natural Area
MAPLE LEAF COMMUNITY GARDEN	0.37	NE 103rd St, east of 5th Ave NE	Special Use
MAPLE LEAF PLAYGROUND	5.58	1020 NE 82nd St	Community Park
MAPLE SCHOOL RAVINE	7.43	S Orcas St / 18th Ave S	Natural Area
MAPLE WOOD PLAYFIELD	15.78	4801 Corson Ave S	Community Park
MARRA-DESIMONE PARK	8.68	9026 4th Avenue South 7th Ave W / W Highland Dr	Special Use
MARSHALL PARK	0.78		Neighborhood Park
MARTHA WASHINGTON PARK	9.58	6612 57th Ave S	Neighborhood Park
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR MEMORIAL	4.39	2200 Martin Luther King Jr Way	Neighborhood Park
MARVINS GARDEN	0.10	22nd Ave NW / Ballard Ave NW	Pocket Park
MATTHEWS BEACH PARK	21.95	9300 51st Ave NE	Community Park
MAYFAIR PARK	0.99	2600 2nd Ave N	Neighborhood Park
MCCLELLAN PLACE	0.01	S McClellan St / 16th Ave S	Triangle
MCCURDY (HORACE) PARK	1.35	E Hamlin St & E Park Dr E	Neighborhood Park
MCGILVRA BOULEVARD	0.51	E Prospect St/Lake Wash Blvd E	Boulevard
MCGILVRA PLACE	0.06	E Madison St / Pike St	Triangle
MCGRAW SQUARE	0.01	Stewart St / Westlake Ave N	Downtown Park/Triangle
MEADOWBROOK PLAYFIELD	19.54	10533 35th Ave NE	Community Park
ME-KWA-MOOKS NATURAL AREA	5.10	4100 Aikins Ave SW	Natural Area
ME-KWA-MOOKS PARK	17.26	4503 Beach Dr SW	Neighborhood Park
MERIDIAN PLAYGROUND	6.74	4649 Sunnyside Ave N	Neighborhood Park
MILLER TRIANGLE	0.19	E Thomas St / 20th Ave E	Triangle
MINERAL SPRINGS PARK	3.97	1500 N 105th Street	Neighborhood Park
MOCK CREEK RAVINE	1.01	NE 97th St / 35th Ave NE	Natural Area
MONTLAKE BOULEVARD	0.26	Montlake Blvd E / E Hamlin St	Boulevard
MONTLAKE PLAYFIELD	26.06	1618 E Calhoun St	Community Park
MORGAN JUNCTION	0.19	California Ave SW and SW Eddy	Pocket Park
MOUNT BAKER BOULEVARD	3.60	S McClellan St/Rainier Ave S	Boulevard
MOUNT BAKER PARK	21.87	2521 Lake Park Dr S	Neighborhood Park
MOUNT CLAIRE PARK	1.05	2534 Mount Claire Dr S	Neighborhood Park
MT BAKER RIDGE VIEWPOINT	0.12	1411 31st Avenue South	Pocket Park
MYRTLE EDWARDS PARK	4.81	3130 Alaskan Way W	Downtown Park
NANTES PARK	0.32	SW Admiral Way / Garlough Ave SW	Pocket Park
NATHAN HALE PLAYFIELD	5.65	10750 30th Ave NE	Community Park
NE 60TH STREET PARK	0.33	5th Ave NE / NE 60th St	Pocket Park
NORAS WOODS	0.35	720 29th Ave	Pocket Park
NORTH BEACH PARK	8.24	24th Ave NW / NW 90th St	Natural Area
NORTH BEACH RAVINE: 30TH NW NA	0.90	9100 28th Ave NW	Natural Area
NORTH BEACH RAVINE: NW 90TH NA	0.47	9100 28th Ave NW	Natural Area
NORTH PASSAGE POINT	0.80	600 NE Northlake Way	Neighborhood Park

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NORTHACRES PARK	20.67	12718 1st Ave NE	Community Park
NORTHEAST QUEEN ANNE GREENBELT	9.70	Dexter Way N, Lynn St-Wheeler	Natural Area
NORTHGATE COMMUNITY CENTER GROUNDS	2.36	10510 5th Ave NE	Neighborhood Park
NORTHGATE PARK	1.18	105th & 5th Ave. NE	Neighborhood Park
NORTHLAKE PARK	0.04	Waterway 14 / Northlake Way	Pocket Park
NW 60TH STREET VIEWPOINT	0.12	6001 Seaview Avenue NW	Pocket Park
OCCIDENTAL SQUARE	0.61	Occidental Ave S / S Main St	Downtown Park
OPEN WATER PARK	14.04	Tideland, Ell By Marina-Term 90	Special Use
ORCHARD STREET RAVINE	1.57	39th SW / SW Orchard St	Natural Area
OTHELLO PLAYGROUND	7.56	4351 S Othello St	Neighborhood Park
OXBOW PARK	0.81	6400 Corson Ave S	Neighborhood Park
PARK HOME CIRCLE	0.06	Park Rd NE / 21st Ave NE	Triangle
PARKMONT PLACE	0.21	Magnolia Blvd W to Viewmont Wy	Triangle
PARSONS GARDENS	0.44	650 W Highland Dr	Special Use
PELLY PLACE NATURAL AREA	1.03	6762 Murray Ave SW	Natural Area
PENDLETON MILLER PLAYFIELD	7.56	400 19th Ave E	Community Park
PEPPIS PLAYGROUND	2.29	3233 E Spruce St	Neighborhood Park
PICARDO (RAINIE) P-PATCH	2.93	8033 26th Ave NE	Special Use
PIERS 62 AND 63	2.03	1951 Alaska Way	Downtown Park
PIGEON POINT	30.09	20th Ave SW / SW Genesee St	Natural Area
PINEHURST PLAYGROUND	1.26	12029 14th Ave NE	Neighborhood Park
PINEHURST POCKET PARK	0.19	19th Ave NE & NE 117th NE	Pocket Park
PIONEER SQUARE	0.32	100 Yesler Way	Downtown Park/Triangle
PIPERS CREEK NATURAL AREA	9.34	NW 120th St / 6th Ave NW	Natural Area
PLUM TREE PARK	0.33	1717 26th Ave	Neighborhood Park
PLYMOUTH PILLARS PARK	0.68	Boren Ave / Pike St	Neighborhood Park
POWELL BARNETT PARK	4.36	352 Martin Luther King Jr Way	Neighborhood Park
PRATT PARK	5.46	1800 S Main St	Community Park
PREFONTAINE PLACE	0.04	3rd Ave / Yesler Way	Downtown Park/Triangle
PRENTIS I. FRAZIER PARK	0.37	401 24th Ave E	Neighborhood Park
PRITCHARD ISLAND BEACH	13.41	8400 55th Ave S	Community Park
PUGET BOULEVARD	5.94	23rd Ave SW / SW Hudson St	Boulevard
PUGET CREEK GREENSPACE	6.43	19th SW, Brandon to Holly St	Natural Area
PUGET PARK	21.95	1900 SW Dawson St	Natural Area
PUGET RIDGE PLAYGROUND	0.14	21st SW & Croft PI SW	Pocket Park
QUEEN ANNE BOULEVARD	30.24	Encircles Queen Anne Hill	Boulevard
QUEEN ANNE BOWL PLAYFIELD	5.59	2806 3rd Ave W	Community Park
RAINBOW POINT	0.79	NE Banner PI / NE 75th St	Pocket Park
RAINIER BEACH PLAYFIELD	9.47	8802 Rainier Ave S	Community Park
RAINIER PLACE	0.01	NW 53rd St / 2nd Ave NW	Triangle
RAINIER PLAYFIELD	9.49	3700 S Alaska St	Community Park
RAVENNA BOULEVARD	7.55	E Greenlake Wy to 22nd NE	Boulevard
RAVENNA PARK	49.93	5520 Ravenna Ave NE	Community Park
RAVENNA PARK TRIANGLE	0.06	NE 54th St / NE Ravenna Blvd	Triangle

RAVENNA RAVINE	0.97	NE 58th St / 20th Ave NE	Natural Area
RAVENNA WOODS	1.15	4633 Ravenna Ave NE	Natural Area
RAVENNA-ECKSTEIN PARK	3.30	6535 Ravenna Ave NE	Neighborhood Park
REGRADE PARK	0.30	2251 3rd Ave	Downtown Park
RIVERVIEW PLAYFIELD	42.26	7226 12th Ave SW	Community Park
ROANOKE PARK	2.51	950 E Roanoke St	Neighborhood Park
ROANOKE STREET MINI PARK	0.25	E Roanoke St / Fairview Ave E	Pocket Park
ROGERS PLAYGROUND	1.92	Eastlake Ave E / E Roanoke St	Neighborhood Park
ROSS PLAYGROUND	2.35	4320 4th Ave NW	Neighborhood Park
ROXHILL PARK	13.40	9244 29th Ave SW	Community Park
SACAJAWEA PLAYGROUND	2.60	1726 NE 94th St	Neighborhood Park
SALMON BAY PARK	2.82	2001 NW Canoe Pl	Neighborhood Park
SAM SMITH PARK	21.54	1400 Martin Luther King Jr Way S	Community Park
SANDEL PLAYGROUND	3.72	9053 1st Ave NW	Neighborhood Park
SCHMITZ BOULEVARD	2.39	57th Ave SW / SW Stevens St	Boulevard
SCHMITZ PRESERVE PARK	53.05	5551 SW Admiral Way	Natural Area
SEACREST PARK (includes Don Armeni boat ramp)	16.26	1660 Harbor Ave SW 11399 Seola Beach Dr SW	Recreation Area
SEOLA BEACH GREENBELT	0.54	11399 Seola Beach Dr SW	Natural Area
SEOLA PARK	14.11	SW	Natural Area
SEWARD PARK	294.07	5898 Lake Washington Blvd S	Natural Area
SIERRA PLACE	0.01	S Horton St / Sierra Drive	Triangle
SMITH COVE PARK	4.44	W Galer St., West of Magnolia Bridge	Neighborhood Park
SOLSTICE PARK	7.17	7400 Fauntleroy Way SW	Neighborhood Park
SOUNDVIEW PLAYFIELD	10.51	1590 NW 90th St	Community Park
SOUNDVIEW TERRACE	0.30	2500 11th Ave W	Neighborhood Park
SOUTH DAY STREET PARK	3.89	1400 Lakeside Ave S	Neighborhood Park
SOUTH PARK MEADOW	0.99	9100 8th Ave S	Neighborhood Park
SOUTH PARK PLAYGROUND	5.55	738 S Sullivan St	Community Park
SOUTH PASSAGE POINT PARK	0.89	3320 Fuhrman Ave. E	Neighborhood Park
SPRING STREET MINI PARK	0.33	E Spring St / 15th Ave	Neighborhood Park
SPRUCE STREET MINI PARK	0.73	160 21st Ave	Neighborhood Park
ST MARKS GREENBELT	3.65	E of Lkview Blvd E,Hghlnd-Blaine	Natural Area
STANLEY SAYRES MEMORIAL PARK	22.21	3808 Lake Washington Blvd S Beacon Ave S / 17th Ave S	Special Use
STEVENS PLACE	0.19	S	Triangle
STEVENS TRIANGLE	0.07	Dorffel Dr E / E John St	Triangle
STURGUS PARK	2.11	904 Sturgus Ave S	Neighborhood Park
STURTEVANT RAVINE	2.81	S Roxbury / Sturtevant Av S	Natural Area
SUMMIT AVE E AND E JOHN ST (CAPITOL HILL PARK)	0.22	not constructed yet	Pocket Park (future)
SUMMIT PLACE	0.02	Belmont Ave E / Bellevue Pl E	Triangle
SUNNYSIDE AVE N BOAT RAMP	0.54	2301 NE Northlake Way	Special Use
SUNSET HILL PARK	2.70	7531 34th Ave NW	Neighborhood Park
SUNSET PLACE	0.11	1st Ave NW / NW 52nd St	Natural Area
SW QUEEN ANNE GREENBELT	12.56	W Emerson St / 36th Ave W	Natural Area
T.T. MINOR PLAYGROUND	0.17	17th Ave E / E Union St	Neighborhood Park
TAEJON PARK	3.67	1144 Sturgus Ave S	Natural Area

TASHKENT PARK	0.47	511 Boylston Ave E	Pocket Park
TERRY PETTUS PARK	0.86	E Newton St / Fairview Ave E	Neighborhood Park
THAYER PLACE	0.08	S Thayer St / Waters Ave S	Triangle
THOMAS STREET MINI PARK	0.25	306 Bellevue Ave E	Pocket Park
THORNDYKE PARK	1.37	Thorndyke Ave W / Magnolia Way W	Neighborhood Park
THORNTON CREEK NA: 25TH/95TH	2.17	NE 95th St / 27th Ave NE	Natural Area
THORNTON CREEK NA: MAPLE CREEK	1.07	NE 91st St / 40th Ave NE	Natural Area
THORNTON CREEK NA: RAVENNA AVE	4.00	NE 100 St / Ravenna Av NE	Natural Area
THORNTON CREEK NA: SAND POINT	2.49	NE 95th / Sandpoint Way	Natural Area
THORNTON CREEK NATURAL AREA	2.06	13002 10th Ave	Natural Area
THORNTON CREEK PARK #1	7.83	NE 130th / 10th Ave NE	Natural Area
THORNTON CREEK PARK #2	14.33	NE 104th St / 5th Av NE	Natural Area
THORNTON CREEK PARK #6	6.58	NE 106th / 9th Ave NE	Natural Area
THORNTON CREEK: VICTORY CREEK	0.23	1039 NE 108th St	Natural Area
THYME PATCH PARK	0.11	2853 NW 58th St	Pocket Park
TILIKUM PLACE	0.04	5th Ave / Denny Way	Downtown Park/Triangle
TROLLEY HILL PARK	0.87	5th North & Blaine St	Neighborhood Park
TRUDY'S TRIANGLE	0.25	?	Triangle
TWELFTH AVENUE SOUTH VIEWPOINT	1.07	12th Ave S / S Forest St	Neighborhood Park
TWELFTH WEST AND W HOWE PARK	1.13	12th Ave W / W Howe St	Neighborhood Park
UNION BAY BOGLANDS #1	1.17	?	Natural Area
UNION BAY BOGLANDS #2	0.19	?	Natural Area
UNION STATION SQUARE	0.04	Jackson St / 3rd Ave S	Downtown Park/Triangle
UNIVERSITY CIRCLE	0.19	Vassar Ave NE / Ann Arbor Ave NE	Triangle
UNIVERSITY LAKE SHORE PLACE	0.15	NE 125th St / Riviera Pl NE	Pocket Park
UNIVERSITY PLAYGROUND	2.75	9th Ave NE / NE 50th St	Neighborhood Park
URSULA JUDKINS VIEWPOINT	2.44	W Galer St	Neighborhood Park
VAN ASSELT PLAYGROUND	9.03	7200 Beacon Ave S	Community Park
VICTOR STEINBRUECK PARK	0.79	2001 Western Ave	Downtown Park
VICTORY CREEK PARK	0.99	1060 NE Northgate Way	Pocket Park
VICTORY HEIGHTS PLAYGROUND	1.57	1737 NE 106th St	Neighborhood Park
VIEW RIDGE PLAYFIELD	9.13	4408 NE 70th St	Community Park
VIRETTA PARK	1.84	151 Lake Washington Blvd E	Neighborhood Park
VOLUNTEER PARK	48.31	1247 15th Ave E	Community Park
VOLUNTEER PARKWAY	2.48	14th Ave E to Roy St	Boulevard
WALLINGFORD PLAYFIELD	4.49	4219 Wallingford Ave N	Neighborhood Park
WARD SPRINGS PARK	0.34	371 Ward St	Neighborhood Park
WARREN G. MAGNUSON PARK	312.56	7400 Sand Point Way NE	Recreation Area
WASHINGTON PARK AND ARBORETUM	164.39	2300 Arboretum Drive East	Natural Area
WATERFRONT PARK	3.92	1301 Alaskan Way	Downtown Park
WATERWAY 19	1.87	2119 N Northlake Way	Neighborhood Park
WEBSTER PARK	0.81	3014 NW 67th St	Neighborhood Park

WEDGWOOD SQUARE	0.07	31st Ave NE / NE 82nd St	Triangle
WEST DUWAMISH GREENBELT	163.78	5400 W Marginal Wy SW	Natural Area
WEST EWING MINI PARK	0.42	W Ewing St / 3rd Ave W	Pocket Park
WEST MAGNOLIA PLAYFIELD	15.26	2518 34th Ave W	Community Park
WEST MONTLAKE PARK	2.82	2815 W Park Dr E	Neighborhood Park
WEST QUEEN ANNE PLAYFIELD	6.16	150 W Blaine St	Community Park
WEST SEATTLE COMPLEX (includes GOLF COURSE, WEST SEATTLE STADIUM, ROTARY VIEWPOINT)	165.48	4600 35th Ave SW	Recreation Area
WESTCREST PARK	108.67	9000 8th Ave SW Westlake Ave / Halladay St	Natural Area
WESTLAKE GREENBELT	1.43	401 Pine St	Natural Area
WESTLAKE PARK	0.10	1900 Westlake Ave N	Downtown Park
WESTLAKE SQUARE	0.01	1814 30th Ave E	Downtown Park/Triangle
WILLIAM GROSE PARK	0.41	15th Ave E / E John St	Pocket Park
WILLIAMS PLACE	0.13		Pocket Park
WOLF CREEK RAVINE NATURAL AREA	1.49	3rd Ave N / Lynn St	Natural Area
WOODLAND PARK	98.10	Aurora Ave N / N 59th St	Recreation Area
YORK PARK	0.25	3650 Renton Ave South	Pocket Park
YORK PLAYGROUND	0.69	3327 34th Ave S	Neighborhood Park

Verbal Briefing/Discussion

Mr. Shiosaki introduced himself and reviewed the changes made in the draft policy since the October 8 Board review, and pointed out changes made as a result of the Board's previous discussion. He noted that the public has also submitted good comments, and added that this is a living document and will continue changing over time. The policy has been changed to reflect the acreage of both Green Lake itself, as well as its shoreline, as suggested by the Green Lake Community Council.

He next reviewed why the policy is being proposed. Goal #1.A.1 of the Department's Five-year Strategic Action Plan (SAP) reads "create and adopt a consistent land classification system that defines appropriate uses to identify the capacity of each land resource." This is an important goal. Commissioner Ramels agreed and noted that the Board has reviewed seven policies for the Parks Department this year. Mr. Shiosaki noted that the remaining issue is the park classification "recreation" and explained that recreation may be both passive and active — the meaning can be lost in the Board's discussions of the policy.

Commissioner Kostka asked Mr. Shiosaki to review how the public was notified of this new policy. Mr. Shiosaki answered that this hearing before the Board of Park Commissioners is the initial outreach. It is difficult to hold public meetings to develop the Department's policies and to get the public to attend such meetings. The policy will next be presented at public meetings as projects come forward and are being discussed. Commissioner Kostka asked if the draft policy will be sent to the public before the Park Board votes on a recommendation to the Superintendent and Mr. Shiosaki stated that it will not.

Commissioner Kostka noted the Friends of Green Lake Park has requested the map to show the designation of Green Lake. Mr. Shiosaki agreed that this would be changed in the future. She also requested that a good appendix be included in the classification. Deputy Superintendent Williams agreed with the appendix and suggested that a geographic information system (GIS) may also be included. Commissioner Kostka next requested the Department to reconsider the classification of "recreation."

Commissioner Keith asked why the public will care about this new policy — what does the policy allow or restrict? Mr. Shiosaki responded that the policy will help determine park expectations for park users, as well as helping to determine long-term programming and levels of maintenance. Commissioner Keith noted that some parks are vastly different, yet have the same classification. She pointed out that Golden Gardens, a

popular park [bordering Elliott Bay], is classified as a “natural area.” Mr. Shiosaki responded that it is designated as a “natural area” due to its expanse of shoreline.

Commissioner Holme understands that this initial policy is a planning document and asked what are the pros and cons of having only nine categories or of adding sub-categories. Mr. Shiosaki answered that the policy is designed for use as a planning document; adding sub-categories initially can make it so specific that it becomes difficult to use as a planning tool.

Commissioner Barber agrees with Commissioner Kostka about re-visiting the classification of “recreation.” He believes that the public consider most parks “neighborhood” parks. However, there are two sites that, in his view, are clearly “recreation” centers: Interbay Playfield and West Seattle Stadium. If this is a planning document, was it a conscious planning decision to make those parks that are classified as “recreation” into future recreation centers? Mr. Shiosaki answered that is not the intent and that many parks on the list are designated as “recreation.” Commissioner Barber believes that the designated classifications do not seem to hold true when applied to some of the parks.

Commissioner Adams believes the policy has the appropriate level of complexity and likes Section 6.1, which reads: “Revisions to the Parks Classification System may be requested, including revisions to park category definitions and changes to the assigned category of a specific park. Requests should be made in writing to the Parks Superintendent. The Parks Superintendent may confer with the chair of the Board of Park Commissioners on the revisions and the preferred public review process for requested revisions. The Parks Superintendent shall have final authority on changes to the policy and/or park classification assignments.”

Commissioner Kincaid noted that Ballard Commons is listed as a neighborhood park, yet it contains a skatedot. Mr. Shiosaki responded that skatedots are allowed in neighborhood parks.

Commissioner Kostka stated that both the Audubon Society and Friends of Green Lake urged the Department to protect wildlife habitat in this policy. She requested that the larger parks have multiple designations. Mr. Shiosaki responded that wildlife is included in the natural area designation and added that this could be a future sub-designation. Commissioner Ramels noted that Golden Gardens is designated a natural area, yet has a bathhouse and off-leash area, as well as the extensive shoreline.

Commissioner Kincaid noted that the three largest parks add lots of natural area and asked if they could be designated as “recreation/wildlife” areas. Mr. Shiosaki repeated that the policy aims to have broad designations to begin with. Whether to add sub-classifications/designations will be reviewed in the future.

Deputy Superintendent Williams stated that the current policy is “rigidly flexible” and can change down the line; however, the Department needs to start somewhere. This policy is really about measuring what the Department does and how much it takes to maintain a park. One step in this is a measurement by the type of park. This is just one step, with more to come, including a maintenance management system.

Commissioner Ramels compared the designations to zoning and realizes this is the first overlay of the policy. The nine categories are not exclusive and she believes it is way past time to develop this classification system. Commissioner Adams added that he hopes section 6.1 of the policy will help with future dialogue and determining where to go from here when developing a new park.

Commissioner Holme asked if the policy and designations will be available on the Department's web pages as a tool to be used both by the public and Parks staff. Mr. Shiosaki agreed that it will be.

Commissioner Adams moved that the Board recommend the policy as presented. Commissioner Holme seconded.

Discussion: Commissioner Kostka doesn't think the policy is yet where it needs to be. She asked that staff work on it further and bring back to the Board. Deputy Superintendent Williams believes that the draft policy is close to being final and asked the Board for a vote at this meeting. Commissioner Kostka repeated her concerns with the classification of "recreation" and asked the Department to send notification to all areas that have a park with that designation and have a public hearing to discuss this category. **Commissioner Barber made a friendly amendment to ask that Parks staff have further analysis to reconsider the naming of the "recreation" classification and to determine whether there is another term for this group of parks. Commissioner Adams accepted the friendly amendment and Commissioner Holme seconded the motion as amended.** Commissioner Kostka asked that the motion be clear that it does not ask that the policy be sent out to the public. Commissioner Kincaid asked the Department to consider a dual designation if it keeps the term "recreation." Deputy Superintendent Williams agreed that the Department would explore this option in its reconsideration of the naming of the "recreation" classification, as requested in the amendment.

Commissioner Keith noted that there are no natural areas in the downtown parks and asked if it has to always be that way. Deputy Superintendent Williams and Mr. Shiosaki explained that the designations are given to the current parks in downtown Seattle and there are no natural areas located there. Although it is highly unlikely that future downtown parks will include a natural area, the current park classifications do not prevent one in the future. Commissioner Keith thinks that it is important to be clear on this. Mr. Shiosaki read the policy introduction and believes it clearly addresses this concern: "For each park type, the list of desired or optional assets or programming opportunities is not intended to be inclusive of all potential assets or programs."

Commissioner Kostka moved to amend the motion to include adding notification of the sample of the "recreation" area community councils and holding another public hearing on this proposed designation. Commissioner Barber seconded. Commissioner Holme spoke against this motion. The policy was brought to the Board as a whole document and should not be segmented and broken into parts. The Board just held a public hearing on the policy. He disagreed with selecting one of the nine designations and soliciting input from a specific target group, and believes this would not be a good precedent for the Board to set. What would be the benefit of this, in terms of planning?

Commissioner Keith spoke for the amendment and requested that — in order to have adequate public engagement — the Department send the draft policy to all the Friends of park groups and community councils and ask for their feedback. The Department would then have performed due diligence in soliciting input. Why not give more time to this? At this point, the Board briefly discussed whether the motion should be tabled until a future meeting; however, the chair stated there is no emergency situation that warrants the tabling.

Commissioner Adams stated that he agrees with Commissioner Holmes on this second amendment and believes that interested parties had had an opportunity to comment. He is unsure what would be accomplished by holding another public hearing. Mr. Shiosaki noted that, while it may be all inclusive, the Board's agenda is sent to many of the community councils. He added that the policy can be changed in the future and additional deliberations could be lengthy. Commissioner Ramels agreed and reminded the Board that it is advisory only to the Superintendent, who may or may not follow the Board's recommendation. She believes this discussion has become far too complicated for the Board's role.

She asked that the Board vote on Commissioner Kostka's amendment as a separate motion to read **"include adding notification to a sample of the area community councils where the park was designated "recreation" and holding another public hearing on this proposed designation. Commissioner Barber seconded"** and the Board agreed to the chair's request. The vote was taken with Commissioners Barber, Keith, and Kostka voting in favor. Commissioner Kincaid abstained. Commissioners Adams and Holme voted against. The chair only votes to make or break a tie and in this case, voted against the amendment creating a tie. Motion failed.

The Board next voted on Commissioner Barber's amendment to **ask that Parks staff have further analysis to reconsider the naming of the "recreation" classification and to determine whether there is another term for this group of parks (Commissioner Adams accepted the amendment and Commissioner Holme seconded it.) The vote was taken with six commissioners voting in favor. The chair did not vote. Motion carried.**

The Board next voted on the original motion, including Commissioner Barber's amendment. The final motion reads as follows: **moved that the Board recommend the policy as presented and ask that Parks staff have further analysis to reconsider the naming of the "recreation" classification and to determine whether there is another term for this group of parks.** Five commissioners voted in favor: Adams, Barber, Holme, Keith and Kincaid. Commissioner Kostka voted against. The chair did not vote. Motion carried.

Commissioners thanked Mr. Shiosaki for the briefing and the discussion.

Briefing: Athletic Field Closures for Maintenance

Dennis Cook, Athletics Manager, presented a briefing on the closure of grass athletic fields for maintenance. No action is requested from the Board. Prior to this meeting, Commissioners received a written briefing which was posted on the Board's web page and is included in these minutes.

Written Briefing

Requested Board Action

This is an informational briefing on the closure of grass athletic fields for maintenance. In order to improve public notification of closures, Parks and Recreation plans to brief the Board of Park Commissioners each fall about upcoming field closures.

Program Description

Seattle Parks and Recreation has developed a systematic grass turf field renovation program. The aim of the program is to provide safe athletic venues, while limiting the impact on field users and providing predictability about future field closures. There are three elements to the program:

1. Providing adequate and properly maintained turf athletic fields;
2. Identifying turf fields that will benefit from renovation; and
3. Notifying the public about planned closures.

Issues

Athletic fields are heavily scheduled due to high use and demand. The frequency of use both restricts preventative maintenance opportunities and contributes to field degradation. Grass turf reconstruction needs to be done in the optimal growing season of early fall and early spring in order to allow seeds to gestate and take hold. The optimal growing times intersect with high user demand – thus continuing to contribute to worsening conditions.

Citizen Concerns: The public has expressed concerns about the limited field availability during the fall. When a field is closed for maintenance, re-assigned fields are generally not comparable to the closed field, and the same amount of scheduled time is usually not available. Teams want to stay in close proximity to their previously scheduled field when moved due to field closure, and this may not be possible. Additional concerns have been expressed about the need for more notification when a field is to be closed.

Parks and Recreation is updating the field closure process to address these concerns. The Parks Division will provide the Athletic Field Scheduling Office written notice of scheduled closures for minor field repairs one week in advance. The Park Resources Manager will send a written notice for field closures sixty days before

the start of major turf field renovation. Major construction will be determined by the Parks Resource Managers.

Grass Fields in Parks Inventory (that are scheduled for athletic activity):

	EAST	CENTRAL	WEST
NORTH	Dahl Laurelhurst Magnuson Meadowbrook Montlake Ravenna University Viewridge	BF Day Green Lake Lower Woodland Wallingford	Ballard Bitter Lake Gilman Park Lawton Maple Leaf North Acres Ross Soundview
CENTRAL	Judkins Garfield Madrona		Bayview Interbay Magnolia Queen Anne Rogers
SOUTH	I-90 Lid/Sam Smith	Beacon Hill Brighton Cleveland Colman Hutchinson Maple Wood Rainier Rainier Beach Van Asselt	Alki EC Hughes Fairmount High Point Highland Park Lincoln Park Riverview Roxhill South Park West Seattle Stadium

2009/2010 Proposed Turf Restoration:

	EAST	CENTRAL	WEST
NORTH	Dahl Meadowbrook Viewridge	B.F. Day Lower Woodland (Cloverleaf) Wallingford (after soccer season in November)	Gilman Park Soundview (Lower)
CENTRAL	Judkins (Upper and Lower)		Magnolia (West) Bayview Queen Anne (West) Rogers
SOUTH <u>(Only if inclement weather damages these fields)</u>		Brighton Rainier Rainier Beach	EC Hughes Fairmont Lincoln Roxhill West Seattle Stadium

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Verbal Briefing/Board Discussion

Mr. Cook introduced himself and Cheryl Fraser, Parks Resources Manager. Mr. Cook noted that the Department has been closing fields for fall/winter maintenance for many years. This briefing is to inform the Board of Park Commissioners on the updated notification process. Parks' scheduling staff will brief the Board each fall on all upcoming field closures, will meet with and notify user groups, and the information will be posted on the Department's web pages. Deputy Superintendent Williams noted that the Department is following policy in notifying the public when it is being deprived of use of the fields.

Commissioner Holme asked about the success of the Lower Judkins field pilot, where the goal "mouth" grass was replaced with synthetic turf. Mr. Cook responded that the synthetic replacement has been a great success and can take the wear and tear. Parks staff would repeat this pilot and expand to other sites. Commissioner Holme noted that if this approach is taken, perhaps the fields that are closed for maintenance can be opened earlier in the spring.

Commissioner Holme next asked if Parks staff have considered replacing the synthetic turf at Garfield Playfield. Mr. Cook answered that this field is wet and swampy in both fall and winter and was repaired, then incurred damage from a community festival. Responding to a question from Commissioner Holme whether Seattle University uses the lower fields at Garfield for practice, Mr. Cook responded that it doesn't.

Commissioner Barber referred to the cost of replacing the synthetic turf at Genesee Playfield and Ms. Fraser responded that it will cost \$2.1 million to replace the lower field. Parks staff are applying for grant funding to help pay for the replacement. Commissioner Barber wondered if there is an environmentally suitable way to recycle the synthetic materials. He next noted that nearly ½ the fields are taken out of play in late fall. Ms. Fraser agreed and added that this protects the fields and allows the grass to remain healthy for spring/summer/early fall play. This briefing paper identified those fields which need the most intensive preservation.

Commissioner Kincaid asked whether the Department cancels scheduled games. Mr. Cook responded that if games are scheduled far enough out, staff members work to re-schedule them; however, if rain storms are the cause of cancellations, it isn't always possible to re-schedule. Commissioner Kostka asked what percent of the total fields require turf restoration. Mr. Cook referred to the briefing paper chart that lists the grass fields and stated that all those require turf restoration.

Commissioner Ramels asked if any synthetic fields must be closed at the same time the grass fields are closed for maintenance. Ms. Fraser answered that the synthetic fields are durable and are kept open, which extends the playing time available to teams. When the grass fields are re-seeded, they must be closed for weeks while the grass is growing and until it can withstand play.

Responding to a question from Commissioner Kincaid on how many grass fields have a sand base, Ms. Fraser responded that there are three sand fields with grass. All other grass fields have a soil base.

Commissioner Ramels commented that Delridge Playfield in West Seattle is very muddy during fall/winter. Ms. Fraser stated that it will be converted to synthetic. Mr. Cook added that Lower Woodland Field #2 was converted to synthetic earlier this year and Field #7 will be converted soon. The public has been pleased with Field #2.

Commissioner Adams noted that the bottom line is that the public knows when the fields will be closed and why. What is the Department's notification plan? Ms. Fraser answered that the field schedulers have lists of all field closures and schedule teams around those closures. Mr. Cook added that staff will also send out flyers

to a two-block radius around each field. Deputy Superintendent Williams commented that this briefing to the Park Board is a part of the public outreach and will be scheduled each fall.

Commissioner Holme recalled that during the public hearing on synthetic turf at Loyal Heights Playfield, some neighbors voiced concern that teams would just show up and use the fields there when Parks staff hadn't scheduled any teams to play. He asked if the Department is posting the schedule of play on its web pages and whether the system is working. Mr. Cook responded that the schedule is posted on the web and that neighbors watch the fields closely for unscheduled play. The system seems to be working well and there have been no major complaints.

Commissioners thanked Mr. Cook and Ms. Fraser for the briefing.

Old/New Business

Wetlands Briefing Requested: Commissioner Barber asked for a briefing from the Department on its policy for building on wetlands and asked if the Department is considering building on any wetlands. Deputy Superintendent Williams answered an emphatic NO to this question and referred to the problems resulting from the Fire Department building on the Duwamish wetlands. He also referred to the complexity of the new wetlands at Magnuson Park.

SR520 Update: Commissioner Barber stated that the State's SR520 legislative workgroup is moving forward quickly. It met this past week to discuss funding the replacement project. Commissioner Barber doesn't believe the workgroup will recommend Alternative K, as it would cost more the \$2.3 billion above the amount budgeted. He stated that the Arboretum and Botanical Garden Committee hasn't taken a position on the alternatives.

Associated Recreation Council (ARC) Report: Commissioner Adams represents the Park Board as a member of the ARC Board. He reported that the most recent ARC meeting focused on its budget, which is in fairly good shape.

There being no other new business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

APPROVED: _____

Jackie Ramels, Chair
Board of Park Commissioners

DATE _____