

Seattle Board of Park Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2016

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Board of Park Commissioners

Present:

Tom Byers, Chair
Dennis Cook
Evan Hundley
Kelly McCaffrey
Michael Padilla

Excused:

Marty Bluewater
William Lowe
Barbara Wright, Vice Chair

Seattle Parks and Recreation Staff

Jesús Aguirre, Superintendent
Rachel Acosta, Park Board Coordinator

The meeting is held at Seattle Park Headquarters, 100 Dexter Avenue North.
Commissioner Byers calls the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Commissioner Byers asks for Approval of the Consent Items: the June 23 Agenda, Acknowledgment of Correspondence and the June 9 meeting minutes. Commissioner Hundley moves and Commissioner Cook seconds; the Consent Items are approved.

Oral Requests and Communication from the Audience

None

Presentation: Seattle Asian Art Museum Expansion Project

Presented by Michael Shiosaki, Seattle Parks and Recreation; Kim Rorschach, Seattle Art Museum; Sam Miller, LMN Architects

Michael Shiosaki, Director of the Planning and Development Division of Seattle Parks and Recreation introduces Kim Rorschach, the Executive Director of the Seattle Art Museum and Sam Miller, partner and Architect for the Expansion project who came to provide a briefing on the Asian Art Museum Expansion.

Background: There are major deficiencies in the building at Volunteer Park. The building is operated by the Seattle Art Museum. In 2007, City Council approved reallocation of money for the design and planning for a major renovation of the Asian Art Museum building. At the time, each party would put in about \$11 million. The 2008 Parks and Greenspaces Levy allocated \$9 million to the Seattle Asian Art Museum for renovations, including seismic retrofitting; it was projected the City would pay 40% of renovation costs. In 2014, SAM was not ready to start the renovation so the money was reallocated to fund 12 projects. SAM is ready to move forward with their renovation and have started the design process.

Kim Rorschach – The Seattle Art Museum was in the building at Volunteer Park until the early 1990's when they moved the bulk of their operations to the new facilities. The Seattle Asian Art Museum moved to Volunteer Park. The building was built and financed by the first Seattle Art Museum Director, Richard Fuller. He gave the building to the city. This museum is an important link to the Asian continent. The new expansion will provide the opportunity to present the diversity of Asia in a greater way. There are significant maintenance needs in the building – seismic and climate control - that pose significant risk and are very important for the collections. Not to mention, much of the museum's collections are stored in this building.

SAM considered moving but wanted to keep the Asian Art Museum there, since it is a part of the city's history. They are currently raising funds to fix it.

SAM is proposing a very modest addition to the building that would allow for new education and event spaces and programming. In the last year the attendance at the museum has doubled.

Sam Miller – This is a historic building in a historic park, both of which are important to the city. Olmsted plan did not have a building in the original plan. The Olmsted's refused to place a building there. Noble Hoggson, Jr. became the landscape architect for the building.

The building was very modern and symmetrical. There have been many additions and changes to the building over time.

Desired Improvements to the building:

- Add program area, education space, meeting space – revenue piece to enhance that
- Seismic retrofit – hollow tiles used and they are not braced to the ceiling. This poses a significant risk to the works housed inside.

- Environmental controls – single glazed windows with steel sashes – produce condensation. There is no air conditioning and it still uses the original boiler.
- Better connectivity between the building and Volunteer Park;
- Receiving and loading issues – the loading dock ceiling height is very low and impossible to bring trucks of any size near to it. The freight elevator is not big enough to carry large art works.

Location of addition - The architects are aware of existing surveys and are utilizing these. There are some significant trees identified around the building. The favored plan for expansion expands to the east, roughly 12,000 sf over 3 floors. The architects are roughly halfway through the schematic design.

They have met with Friends of Olmsted and the Volunteer Park Trust and the Landmark Board.

The design of the new addition hopes to bring circulation and visibility to the ground level on the east side, bring the park into the garden court, and showcase the large beech tree. The lower level would have an event space and the Board Room could then be used for educational opportunities.

They would also upgrade the freight elevator create a larger receiving area and a conservation lab.

Renovate and enhance mechanical and electrical systems.

There will be offices and a meeting area in the bottom floor that will connect to a terrace. The hope is this terrace will engage the park and create an amenity to both park users and museum goers.

Timeline and budget - Design will continue through Q2 2017. The architects are working on landmark review, permitting and design. They hope to have a contractor on board by Q2 2017 so they can help figure out the budget. Opening tentatively set for March 2019.

Cost estimates between \$47-\$49million. Construction coming in around \$32million. They will know more when the contractor is on board. They are trying to get federal tax credits.

Fundraising – \$32.5 million raised and SAM is actively fundraising. This total includes \$15 million from the City. They are hoping for \$5 million in federal tax credits. \$12.5 million in private fundraising, which includes \$1.4 million from King County for Cultural Facilities. They are applying for many grants and are starting their capital campaign. People have been responsive to the enhanced project because it allows better service to the community.

Utilities will be so much more efficient SAM is anticipating a decrease in the expenses. They would like to increase the curatorial staff by 1 but that would require an endowment. They will look at ramping up the education programs if there is the space.

Outreach? Met with Seattle Parks Foundation, Friends of Volunteer Park and Olmsted – their responses have been overall very positive. The area where the addition would go is a blank wall, this will beautify the area and create more activity in that area.

The will hold community forums to find out from the public what the museum should be, how it can best serve the community?

Gerry Johnson, the lawyer who worked with MOHAI is assisting SAM with their tax credits, it is structured similar to MOHAI. Federal tax funding only relates to historic renovation and not the addition.

Superintendent's Report

Presented by Superintendent Aguirre, Seattle Parks and Recreation

Draft People, Dog and Parks Plan has been posted for public review and comment.

Seattle Public Schools – SPR is meeting with SPS to discuss field scheduling in light of changes to the bell time. Increased enrollment and activities and need for time makes this a very challenging situation. Community groups may lose time or be shuffled elsewhere. This next year will be a tough transition year. SPS did consult with SPR about the change in bell times; they made the decision based on what they felt was best for the students.

Moorages – Foss Waterway is the preferred vendor for management for Lakewood and Leschi. They will renovate and manage them.

Pilot project at Bobby Morris playfield at Cal Anderson Park using a new material for the turf infill.

Greenwood inholding – Park property purchased in Greenwood. SPR staff have been working on this since the early 1990's.

Vandalism at comfort stations- Seattle Police Department has been very responsive.

Ercolini Park – Families bring toys to this park and, at the request of some residents near the park, crews took the toys. SPR staff are working closely with the community to leave toys but cull broken toys. SPR is very mindful of safety.

Good Food program – 400 applicants for 95 seats in Edible School Yard Academy.

Questions??

Commissioners want to know what happened with the Green Lake Float event. The event was called off, however, SPR staff and SPD were standing by.

Jefferson Park Golf Course – There were some trees removed that were acting as a screen for the golf course. Now, golf balls are going over the fence of the park. Will a barrier be put there? SPR staff will look at how to reconfigure the course. In the short term, they will shorten the hole. This will result in less interest from players because it will be less of a challenge. The trees had to come down. SPR does not want to put up netting.

Commissioner Cook suggests, when they re turf the Bobby Morris playfields, they consider changing the orientation.

Commissioner Byers asks for the status of discussions with the Human Services Department regarding the expansion of the Conservation Corps? Jesús responds he will take a look at the report and make sure SPR have the adequate staff.

Jesús will look into the status of the investigation of sinking at Lake Union Park – designing the work now. Recover damages from engineer that initially made decisions?

Briefing and Discussion: Seattle Pacific University and Interbay Stadium Agreement

Presented by Cheryl Fraser, Seattle Parks and Recreation; Don Mortenson, Seattle Pacific University

Briefing Paper

M E M O R A N D U M

Date: June 20, 2016
To: Board of Park Commissioners
From: Cheryl M. Fraser, Regional Parks and Strategic Outreach Director
Subject: Seattle Pacific University / Interbay Stadium Agreement, Proposal

Requested Board Action

The objective of this briefing is to inform the Board of Park Commissioners that Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) and Seattle Pacific University (SPU) have entered into negotiations for the purpose of

amending the SPR/SPU partnership as defined by the Use and Maintenance Agreement for the Interbay Stadium.

We are seeking feedback for SPR as negotiations move forward on SPU's proposed amendments to the Use and Maintenance Agreement for Interbay Stadium.

Project or Policy Description and Background

In 1997, SPR and SPU entered into a Use and Maintenance Agreement (UMA) for the joint use of the Interbay Stadium located at 3027 17th Ave. W. Pursuant to the UMA, SPU paid approximately \$3.2 million for construction of the facilities in exchange for the right to use the facilities for SPU-related activities. Currently, SPU uses the Interbay soccer facilities for its Division II men's and women's soccer practices and matches. SPR schedules the Interbay facilities for all SPU and SPR-related events.

SPU approached SPR in late 2014 to seek an amendment to the UMA (as amended in May 2003 and accepted by City Council in 2005). The current UMA expires in 2030, but can be extended to 2035 at the option of SPU and concurrence by the Superintendent. SPU is seeking further extension of the UMA to 2060. To date, SPU has offered to relieve SPR from its required share (\$287,000) of the recent field replacement cost and further relieve SPR of its responsibility to fund half of future soccer field and stadium improvements during the term of the UMA. Synthetic fields require new carpets approximately every eight-ten years; the proposed agreement would save the City approximately \$1.2 million in 2016 dollars in replacement costs. In addition, SPU has also offered to assume all cost and responsibility for the annual maintenance of the facility. In exchange for assuming all of the annual maintenance costs, SPU would have increased annual use of the facility with the understanding that the increase would not reduce the access and use of SPR users.

Key Policy Issues:

- **Public Access and Public Perception:** There is a risk that some may interpret a SPR/SPU-amended UMA as exclusive use of desired field use space. On a practical level, it is essential that the agreement clearly define the terms of access by SPU and other field user groups. In terms of presenting this proposed agreement, it will be important to emphasize that SPU has offered to waive the City's share of the recent field replacement cost (\$287,000.), fully fund future field turf replacements at the 100% level for the term of the agreement, assume responsibility for ongoing maintenance, and make reasonable ADA improvements to the stadium.
- **Modeling for Future Agreements:** SPR has been approached by several groups/organizations offering to upgrade existing athletic fields in exchange for priority and/or exclusive usage of field space. SPR has remained committed to equitable access of publicly owned assets and has continued to explore ways to balance private investment, equitable distribution of field space and impacts on higher vs. lower economic areas of the city. If this proposal is approved, it could serve as a model for other potential partnerships. SPU has indicated it is open to the possibility of working with SPR to leverage this partnership to generate resources for improvements at another field of SPR's choosing.
- **Labor:** As a key element of the proposed extension to the agreement, SPU is requesting to take full responsibility for the maintenance and care of the facility and will maintain it at NCAA standards.

- **Scheduling:** The new soccer field technology has provided a large increase in the annual usage of the field from what existed when the UMA was first negotiated in 1997 and approved in 2003. With proper annual maintenance the soccer field can provide an additional increase in use for all users. As previously stated, SPR will continue to administer the scheduling of Interbay so that all users (public and SPU) have appropriate access. Since the original UMA was signed, SPU has added a NCAA Division II women’s soccer program and the NCAA has changed its rules to allow more team practice sessions throughout non-season periods (i.e., winter and spring). Due to the increased total available hours of use possible on the field, SPU’s hours can increase, but by a lesser proportion than the increase in public access hours of available use.
- **Seattle Public Schools:** SPR and the Seattle Public Schools are the property owners of Interbay Athletic Complex and grounds. The City of Seattle entered into a lease agreement for public use of the grounds adjacent to and connected with the former Interbay School currently referred to as Interbay Athletic Complex. It is a 99 year lease that was executed in 1940 and expires in 2039. Any agreement and/or extension of agreement between SPR and SPU will require the School District’s approval. The District has been informed of the current negotiations.

Issues for Discussion

1. **Partnership development and public access:** With public access and partnership development as key priorities does the Park Board have any guidance or feedback on balancing private investment for the purpose of enhancement of public facilities and potential impacts on public access?
2. Does the Park Board have any guidance or feedback for SPR as negotiations move forward regarding SPU’s proposed amendments to the Use and Maintenance Agreement for Interbay Stadium?

Budget

SPU offer includes investments:

- Waive the City’s share of the recent synthetic field replacement cost (\$287,000.),
- Fully fund future synthetic field turf replacements at the 100% level for the term of the agreement,
- Assume responsibility for ongoing maintenance, and make reasonable ADA improvements to the stadium.

Schedule

SPU has entered into a long-term (50-year) planning process for the university but has some flexibility in the timeline for negotiating an agreement with both the City and the School District. SPU would like to implement the proposed revisions to the UMA in the fourth quarter of 2016.

City Council legislation will be required if a negotiated agreement is reached with the City.

Attachments

Attachment A: Use of Interbay Stadium Complex – 2014

Presentation

Outcomes – Seattle Pacific University and SPR are negotiating the terms for the care, operation and play at Interbay Stadium, which is north of the golf course. The Interbay Stadium complex has a first class turf soccer field, holds 900 with press box, class rooms, meeting spaces, and locker rooms.

Don thanks the commissioners for their volunteer service to the city. He and Tom presented to the Board many years ago in the late 1990's when this Agreement first came to fruition.

Background – Seattle Pacific University (SPU) has champion soccer teams and are proud of that reputation. They approached the city about developing the Interbay Field. They are grateful to the city. At the time, they committed \$3 million to improve the facility and for priority access during the fall period. The hours set in the original Use Agreement were set based on the technology of the field at that time. New president at SPU means there is a new strategic plan and a need to update their facility plan. They are requesting to extend the years of the Agreement. With the new field technology, the field could be used for more hours with regular maintenance.

Public access issues could be misinterpreted by the public. This partnership could be used as a model by other groups who would like to invest in exchange for higher usage. There are community and city benefits.

Stadium usage patterns: Peak use for the public is after school until 11pm and during the weekend which totals about 3744 hours per year. There is a total hours capacity of 5900. The school would like to have a larger portion of the non-peak hours for practice.

The goal is to schedule in a way that gives SPU something for their investment but not interfere with the current recreation usage.

Timeline: Talking with user groups and hope to update maintenance agreement in 4th quarter 2016.

Budget savings

- Recently replaced field – SPU would cover costs to maintain and replace turf. Invest in renovation of facilities.
- SPU will increase usage with understanding that the increase would NOT reduce access to SPR users. Advantage to SPU because there is a lot of maintenance for an NCAA field.

Property is co-owned by Seattle Public Schools; Seattle Parks and Recreation has a 99-year lease with the School District to use 1/3 of property, but that ends in 2039.

1. Does the Board have guidance/feedback on balancing private investment to enhance public facilities?
 - Is there information on outstanding demand for fields that are not being met? There is always more need for field time. Not enough turf fields that are lighted, this would allow us to increase hours. Does parks have a partnership policy? Yes, creative ways to bring in resources. This is a long term commitment; does not impede with use by other organizations.
 - Public benefit needs to drive the agreement; part of intent was to free up resources so they can redeploy that to other parks.
 - SPR supervises all scheduling, including Seattle Public School facilities. Comply with hours in the Use Agreement. There are constraints to SPU same as everyone.
 - The field was unplayable before this partnership. This agreement has worked well for a long time.
 - The peak need for recreation is immediately after school. More revenue if there are more hours for play.
 - Is there a plan for the savings from not having to maintain this field?
 - Pop Warner field could be converted to turf using the savings?
 - Have either party received complaints with the current arrangements? In the beginning there were questions because some organizations wanted the privilege but they still received their time on the fields.
 - Agreement to provide maintenance does not result in layoffs; their work is transferred.
 - Liability – whose is it? The city insures the property. Insurance is covered by the city.

Next step – Talking with sports associations and impacts with bell time changes. SPS is aware of this. They have briefed some councilmembers but will talk to more stakeholders.

Briefing: Seattle Park District

Presented by Susan Golub, Seattle Parks and Recreation

Written Briefing

M E M O R A N D U M

Date: June 17, 2016
To: Board of Park Commissioners
From: Susan Golub, Policy Unit Manager
Subject: Seattle Park District: Background and Update

Requested Board Action

The Park Board's Executive Committee requested an update briefing on the Seattle Park District to provide background information for new Board members and update all Commissioners on implementation of the Park District. We look forward to sharing with the Board and the public the exciting work underway that is funded by the Park District.

Park District Background

Following an extensive public process led by the Parks Legacy Citizens' Committee, in August 2014 the voters of Seattle approved the Seattle Park District. The Park District is a taxing authority authorized by the State of Washington. Property taxes collected by the Park District provide funding to Seattle Parks and Recreation for maintenance, operations, programming and developing and acquiring park land.

The Park District is governed by the Seattle City Council acting ex officio as the District Board. Community oversight is provided by the 15-member Park District Oversight Committee, whose positions are allocated as follows:

- 4 Park Board members (currently Barbara Wright, Tom Byers and Kelly McCaffrey)
- 4 representatives from other city boards and commissions
- 7 representing each of the city's 7 council districts.

The Oversight Committee is charged with making recommendations to the Superintendent, Mayor and City Council. More information about the Committee can be found here:

<http://www.seattle.gov/parks-and-recreation/about-us/park-district-oversight-committee>

Finances

The Park District collects approximately \$48 million per year. Park District funds are one piece of the Parks and Recreation financial picture, as shown in the following charts.

Operating Budget	2016 Adopted Budget	
General Fund	\$96,478,558	62.15%
Charges for Services and Facility Fees	\$32,878,450	21.18%
Other Revenue	\$12,271,144	7.90%
Park District Revenue	\$13,613,159	8.77%
Total Operating Budget	\$155,241,311	100.00%

Capital Budget	2016 Adopted Budget	
Cumulative Reserve Subfund (REET and Unrestricted)	\$15,230,000	27.91%
2013 King County Levy	\$1,460,000	2.68%
Community Development Block Grant	\$808,000	1.48%
Central Waterfront Improvement Fund	\$2,247,000	4.12%
Other Revenue	\$635,000	1.16%
Park District Revenue	\$34,186,000	62.65%
Total CIP	\$54,566,000	100.00%

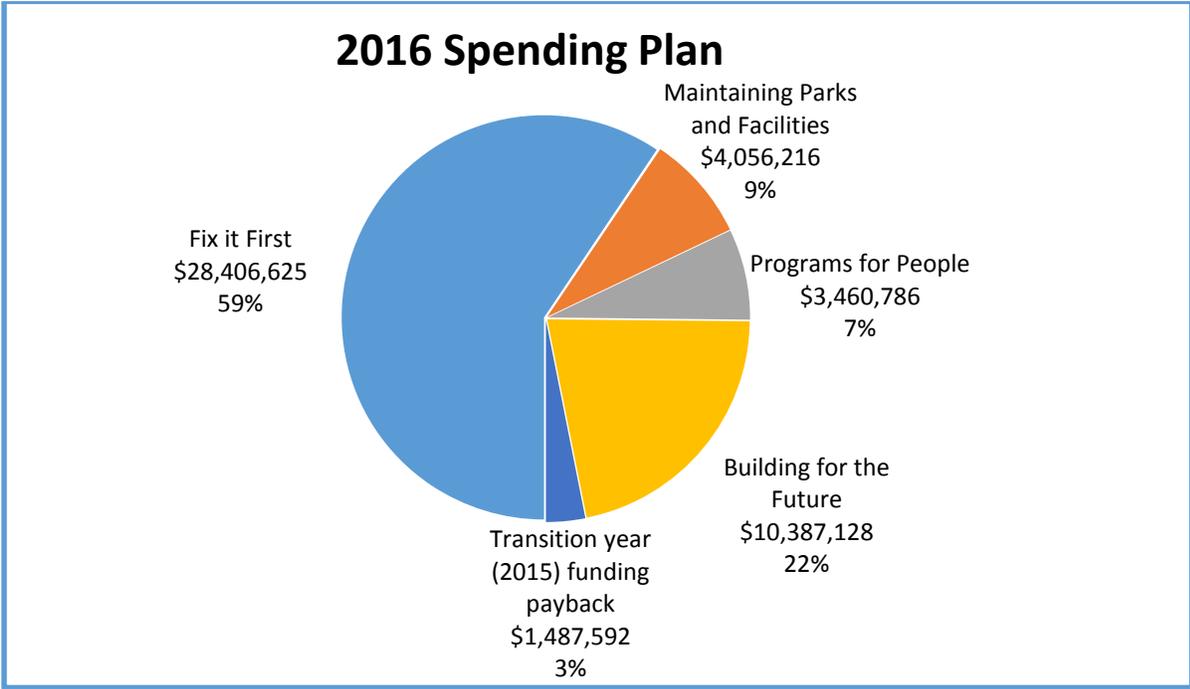
When the City Council and Mayor approved placing the Park District on the ballot, they signed an interlocal agreement which spells out how the District will operate and includes a six-year financial plan. Every six years there will be a public process to determine the next iteration of the financial plan.

Implementation

2015: Although approved in 2014, the District did not begin collecting taxes until 2016. Implementation began in 2015, the ramp-up year, via a \$10 million loan from the City to the District which will be paid back from District revenues over the first eight years of tax collection. Some ramp-up year funding was allocated for planning and preparations to ensure smart use of full funding in subsequent years; other funds were used to increase programming and maintenance. The 2015 Annual Report provides a complete picture of first-year accomplishments:

<http://www.seattle.gov/parks/projects/ParkDistrict/files/ParkDistrict2015Annual%20Report.pdf>

2016: The Park District financial plan includes 28 initiatives divided into four categories with allocations shown on the following chart.



The bulk of the \$48 million is allocated to maintenance with 59% for the Fix it First (major maintenance) category and an additional 9% spent for Maintaining Parks and Facilities (day-to-day maintenance). The emphasis on taking care of what we have follows the input from a 2013 public survey and from comments received during the Parks Legacy Citizens’ Committee process.

So far in 2016, Park District-funded projects are on track and making a difference in our communities. Here are a few highlights:

- Get Moving:** The Get Moving initiative provides funding to community organizations to provide programs geared to improving health through increased physical activity. Grants were awarded to the following agencies:

2016 Get Moving Awardees

Fathers and Sons Together	Garinagu Houng	SeaMar
Austin Foundation	Lao Women Association	Horn of Africa
Rainier Vista Boys and Girls Club	Young Women Empowered	Nailah Harris
Duwamish Rowing Club	Latino Community Fund	
World Mind Creation	Deflora Walks Transformation Experience	

We look forward to reporting on a lot of movement generated by these community organizations!

- Put the Art in Parks:** Similar to the Get Moving initiative, this initiative funds community organizations and artists. One specific example for 2016 is that every Friday through August 19th, an artist teaches free art classes to children in Ballard Park.
- Enhanced Maintenance:** The third shift maintenance crew, working at night to limit the need to close facilities for maintenance, has improved several community centers. The crew of painters, electricians, plumbers and carpenters have accomplished dramatic facility make-overs.

- **Saving Our City Forests:** in the 1st quarter of 2016, restoration of the urban forest was supported by:
 - 364 Green Seattle Partnership volunteer events
 - 5,039 volunteers
 - 16,830 volunteer hours
 - 22.42 acres of restoration
 - 21,240 native trees and shrubs planted.

And so much more! A dashboard presentation of first quarter project implementation is attached to this briefing paper and can be found here:

<http://www.seattle.gov/parks/projects/ParkDistrict/files/2016Q1ProgressReport.pdf>

More detailed information on project implementation can be found here:

<http://www.seattle.gov/parks/projects/ParkDistrict/default.htm>

Background information about the 28 Park District-funded initiatives can be found here:

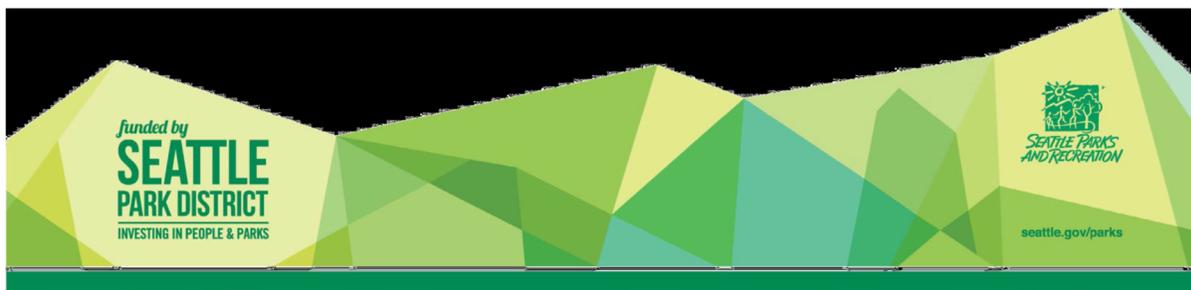
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Accountability and Public Information

While tracked regularly, financial data will be consolidated and reported twice a year; the second quarter and year-end Park District reports will include financial information. These reports will be presented to the Park District Board (City Council) and to the Park District Oversight Committee.

Informing the public of Park District projects will occur through several routes:

- **Communications plan:** Our communications staff has developed a comprehensive Park District communications plan that includes public notification and meetings related to projects; press releases; blog and social media posts; recognition material (see below); and website improvements (see below).
- **Recognition material:** a Park District look, below, has been designed and will begin to appear on project signs, trucks, hats and documents related to Park District-funded projects. The tag line for the District is: *Seattle Park District: Investing in People & Parks.*



- **Seattle Channel programs:** The Seattle Channel will be filming three shows this summer, airing in September, to inform the public about the Park District.

- **Website improvements:** The several websites currently providing Park District information are being consolidated into one web presence with a new look and improved content. The new site is scheduled to go live in mid-August.

Additional Information

Susan Golub: susan.golub@seattle.gov

Attachments

2016 First Quarter Status Report

Presentation and Discussion

Parks Legacy Plan – In 2014, SPR staff created the Parks Legacy Plan and formed the Citizen’s Advisory Committee who were charged with looking for sustainable funding for the department.

The Park District is a separate taxing authority that provides \$48million of dedicated funding for Seattle Parks and Recreation.

The Inter-Local Agreement (ILA) spells out how the Park District will operate and the following:

- Establishes Park District Oversight Committee
- Establishes the first 6-year financial plan & 6-year planning cycle
- All parks and facilities remain in City ownership
- All funding goes to the City and the District has no employees
- All City, State & Federal laws apply
- General Fund budget for Parks & Recreation set at 2014 level plus inflation

Accountability to the public is a key factor of the Park District – Important to show the voters that their tax funds are being spent wisely and as SPR staff have pledged.

- The Park District Oversight Committee provides one layer of accountability
- Governance is performed by the Park District Board – City Council acting ex officio

Reporting – In an effort to be transparent SPR staff will prepare an annual report and quarterly updates. 25 of 28 Investment Initiatives are on track and 3 are being watched. SPR staff are collecting and monitoring financial data 2 times a year. Live dashboard coming in 3rd Quarter 2016. This will have the capacity to map projects and tell viewers about the projects that are being completed.

Budget – The Park District is 9% of the department’s operating budget and 63% of the capital budget.

Financial plan adopted by District Board spends in the following categories:

- 60% on Fix It First
- 9% on Day-To-Day Maintenance;
- 7% People Programs;
- 22% Building For The Future;
- During the 2015 (the transition year) Council gave SPR a \$10million loan – paid for the first year, which was used for planning.

Fix it first

- 3 new children’s play renovations and community design for 4 more.
- Converting Brighton from grass to synthetic
- Irrigation repairs/replacement at 6 parks
- Fall protection on roofs
- Major maintenance projects all listed [here](#).
- Forest restoration – Restoration of 2500 acres through Park District funding for GSP; very effective partnership
- Maintain parks and facilities through more frequent garbage and litter pick up, double comfort station cleanings; weeding, mowing and shrub beds; managing trees at developed parks
- Night crew – skilled crafts – painters, plumbers, electricians, carpenters, increased preventive maintenance.

Programs for People

- More programs for seniors, including a program for early-stage dementia
- More programs for people with disabilities, including additional summer camp sessions
- Improved teen programming through quality assessments.
- Grant programs – Get Moving, Recreation for All and Put the Art in Parks – activation in parks with under-activation or crime issues. Small grants to create programming in neighborhoods.
- Scholarships program for recreation

Building for the Future – money to develop 14 landbanked sites purchased with 2008 levy funds. All 14 in planning phase over 3 years.

Acquisition of new park property in partnership with King County Conservation Futures Taxes.

Urban Parks Partnership – activate and program downtown parks.

Banner across the bottom is the new park district look. This will identify how tax dollars are being spent.

How are new properties found? Gap analysis shows neighborhoods that have less than other areas so that’s where they focus.

Forest restoration goals compromised by encampment cleanups? The money goes toward the forest restoration and our partners are holding us accountable. Forest stewards are aging and SPR needs to do a better job of creating a new generation of forest stewards. Developer fees for buildings? Nope.

Setting project priorities? Do you use an RSJI toolkit? Is it used for each project? RSJI was a big focus for the grant projects. The toolkit was used for the development of the Park District and the Legacy Plan.

Council adopted \$.33/\$1,000 assessed value; Council adopted that rate and promised the voters the rate would not increase. It is allowed to increase with inflation but this requires 5 votes from City Council to increase the rate. With adequate public support there is the ability to add revenue if the need is perceived and the people will support it.

SPR staff are creating a plan for letting the public know the achievements of the Park District and to show Seattle residents the great work being done with their investment.

SPR staff send out press releases to tell people what's going on.

What will 2nd cycle going focus on? This process has not started yet.

Social media stories – popularize the successes. Stories are easy to tell. Clear intent to use Park District funding on specific initiatives even when there are no resources to use on regular maintenance. It is important to stay true to Park District deliverables. Park District shifted some money to the redevelopment of Piers 62/63 and to use for development of the 14 landbanked sites.

The commissioners thank Susan for her presentation.

Old/New Business

None.

There being no other business, Commissioner McCaffrey moves the meeting adjourn; Commissioner Hundley seconds, and the motion carries. The meeting adjourns at 8:30 pm.

APPROVED: _____ DATE _____
Tom Byers, Chair
Board of Park Commissioners