



Park District Oversight Committee Meeting Summary - June 20, 2017

Welcome – Kelly McCaffrey

- The Committee members introduced themselves to community members in attendance.

Public Comment

Tim Motzer: Mr. Motzer is a member of the Lake City Neighborhood Alliance. He presented the Committee with a petition calling for the Park District Board to establish a new funding initiative for the replacement of aging facilities. The petition calls for keeping the current property assessment rate of 27 center per \$1,000 of assessed value, which with the increasing property tax base could raise \$5 million or more that could be used for improvements to community centers and pools which aren't funded in the current Park District financial plan.

Scott Hogan: Mr. Hogan is a member of the Lifelong Recreation Advisory Council which promotes physical, social and mental health for adults over 50 years in age to keep people active and healthy. Lifelong Recreation offers a wide variety of programs in all community center, including adult sports, dementia-friendly programs, the Food and Fitness Program ethnic community elders, LGBTQ programs and much more. Mr. Hogan is opposed to the privatization of the Green Lake Community Center because doing so would threaten increased costs and loss of public accountability.

Evelyn Lemon: Ms. Lemon is a member of the Magnuson Community Center Advisory Council. The Magnuson Community Center serves the needs of underserved residents of the low-income housing at Magnuson Park. The Center is trying to provide wrap-around services, especially for the 250 children living at the park who have no access to other recreation facilities, except at the Magnuson Community Center. The Advisory Council appreciated the increase in hours at the center which went up from 25 to 55 hours with Park District funding. However, the Center cannot fully deliver programming because of the limitations in the building and the need for more staffing. Also, there will be an additional 300-400 people living at the park when the Mercy Housing project is completed.

Carol Valdrighi: Ms. Valdrighi is a member of the Magnuson Community Center Advisory Council. She would like to bring the Committee's immediate attention to the physical needs of the center and the need for improvements which would allow full use of the space. There is only 800 square feet of usable space in the building, but considerably more space available needing to be built out. The increased housing at the park means there is increased need, especially for structured after school programming. The Advisory Council is appreciative of the Major Projects Challenge Fund grant which is funding a feasibility study for improving the building; \$4 million more will be needed to construct the improvements, with \$1 million pledged from King County. Ms. Valdrighi supports Mr. Motzer's petition to increase the amount collected by the Park District in order to make needed improvements to community centers.



Major Maintenance Projects Update

Michael Shiosaki, Director of the Planning and Development Division, presented an update on Park District Initiative 1.1: Major Maintenance Backlog and Asset Management.

- 2016 goal was to complete 23 major maintenance projects
- 24 were completed
- The 2017 goal is to complete 15 projects
- Included in the 2017 and 2018 project list are 15 swimming pool improvement projects, which together get counted as one project
- Over the 6-year span of the first Park District financial plan, 120 projects will be either underway or completed
- The \$267 million major maintenance backlog identified when the Park District was formed continues to grow, even as we chip away at it
- This is due to learning more through the new Asset Management Work Order System
- Plus, as more and more projects get underway, newly identified issues are discovered behind walls and underground

The Committee toured Denny Park with Mr. Shiosaki and Chris Mueller, the project manager for the Denny Park improvement project.

- The project combined many repairs/improvements into one project:
 - Drainage
 - Irrigation
 - Paving
 - Lighting
 - Pathways
 - Plantings
- Funding was from the Park District, the Real Estate Excise Tax and donations which paid for additional lighting
- The park was redesigned for more efficient watering
- The historic nature of the park – the City’s first – was complimented in the paving and improvements to the central plaza
- To improve safety and promote use, the project included new furniture, ADA improvements and better sight lines

Land Banked Sites

Park District Initiative 4.4 provides funding to develop into parks 14 properties which were purchased with previous Levy funds, but have remained undeveloped.

- All sites will be started by 2018:
 - 2016 – 5 launched



- 2017 – 5 launched
- 2018 - final four!

Project manager Katie Bang described the process to develop the Greenwood land banked site.

- Demolition is currently underway of the store and pub that were on the site
- At one time the site was a gas station, so environmental remediation will be needed
- The community process included:
 - Traditional public meetings
 - A table at the Greenwood car show
 - A mural where people could record their dreams
 - A survey – with a response of 693!
- Community interest focused on open space, flexibility for events, a discovery trail for play and sustainability
- Construction will begin in 2018

Performance Management

Hazel Bhang-Barnett presented on Park District Initiative 4.10, Performance Monitoring and Strategic Management.

- At the September meeting the 2017 second quarter results will be presented
- Parks & Recreation uses two performance dashboards to share information with the public
 - Socrata – the Mayor’s performance Seattle site: <https://performance.seattle.gov/>
 - Seattle Park District open budgeting site:
<https://seattle-parks.budget.socrata.com/#!/year/default>
- In addition to the reporting on these sites, we are measuring our work via 4 key goals
 - Healthy people
 - Healthy environment
 - Strong communities
 - Operational excellence
- We are developing outcomes and outputs for each goal
- Our data systems are improving and changing
 - The Park District-funded Asset Management Work Order system (AMWO) is bringing new data and coordination to our maintenance and capital projects
 - In 2018 we will be implementing a new program registration system
 - And a new budget system in 2018
- Our goal is greater business intelligence and a one-stop dashboard for reporting to the public

Committee Business

The next meeting will be September 19, 2017.