



## Park District Oversight Committee Meeting Summary- August 16, 2016

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**Welcome** – with Barbara Wright, Park District Oversight Committee Member

### Public Comment

1. **Gary Epstein, Amy Yee Advisory Council**- The council works to provide reduced rates and scholarships The center has diverse and user based. They work to reach historically underserved communities. The demand for programs far exceed the supply and space. The Amy Yee MPCF proposals asks for support for the expansion of the center to provide additional year-round programming space. Is revenue positive. The expansion will include lighting, heat and weather tight covering for the outdoor courts. The renovated courts can convert from covered to open air.
2. **Ayala Thomas, Amy Yee Advisory Council**- At Amy Yee Tennis Center, she is able to play tennis and share that interest with her kids. The center provides access to an exclusive sport for economically disadvantaged community members. Her kids have benefitted from the Quick Start tennis program. It builds community by providing an affordable way for youth to play tennis. There is not court availability year-round for the program. Please help youth enjoy tennis all year.
3. **Kathy McCann, Amy Yee Participant**- Represents the interest of senior adult participants at Amy Yee Tennis Center. There is limited access to tennis courts in Seattle. Amy Yee Tennis Center features ADA courts, classes and play for senior adults. Having access to public tennis courts make the sport accessible for all.
4. **Joy Okazaki, Kubota Garden Foundation President**- The Kubota Garden Foundation enjoys a 25-year legacy of funding for the garden The proposed project for MPCF has two phases. The first phase is shovel ready. Planning for the of first phase started in 2005 and already has substantial volunteer support. The project will reduce future maintenance and improves ADA. Phase one of the project includes parking lot expansion that will support the large number of visitors the park enjoys annually. Phase 2 includes the construction of a retaining wall. The project includes a 50% match in requested funding.
5. **Ed D'Alessandro, Seattle Youth Soccer**- Requests support for Magnuson Playfield. The neighborhoods within council district four have a low number of fields resulting in limited availability. Seattle Public Schools change in bell times have limited access for youth. The Magnuson Playfield MPCF proposal includes a match.
6. **Loren Hill, Magnuson Park Advisory Council** – Request support for all Magnuson Park project and increase in proposed funding for the playfield project. The playfield project will potentially increase participation by 60 thousand user hours, annually. Participation in field activities availability builds community. The Magnuson Park Advisory Council and other volunteers provide recreation services and field maintenance. The project will also increase access to field use for the growing population of families moving into the low-income housing in Magnuson Park.

7. **Tom Ansart, Seattle Musical Theater**- The proposal for the beautiful historic theater is one part of much larger renovation that will be accomplished within the next two years. The project will renovation the back stage area, dressing rooms and establish running water backstage.
8. **Brad Tong, Amy Yee Participant**- Historically Amy Yee has played a major role in maintaining and expanding Seattleite's interest in tennis. The project will help sustain the tennis center attracting additional revenue that can be used for future expansion and maintenance. 2% of new revenue will be used to establish a fund for future maintenance
9. **Mike Stanley, Green Lake Small Craft Center** – Requests access to recommended funding in 2016 in order to complete the project faster. The Green Lake Small Craft Center served 140 youth through its summer programs and helped expose 200 “at-risk” youth to water safety protocols. The Green Lake Small Craft Center does not have adequate changing facilities. The crew program raises 20K in scholarship funds to help subsidize swimming at Green Lake.
10. **Natasha Yanover, Green Lake Small Craft Center**- Requests improvements to the workout space, changing facilities and practice space. The current accommodations cannot accommodate growing demand for the facility.
11. **Joe Ratliff, Green Lake Rowing**- Learned value team work and a strong work ethic through Green Lake Small Craft Center programs. Green Lake Small Craft Center produces nationally and internationally competitive teams. Participants are racially and socioeconomically diverse. Green Lake Small Craft Center increases access to programs for all through rowing program scholarships. They provide an alternative to ball sports. Youth participants benefit from travel and mentorship relationships. Green Lake Small Craft Center offers incredible Youth development programming that builds community building and prepares youth for college.
12. **Jennifer Casillas, Downtown Seattle Association (DSA)**- Requests support for the proposal to enhance Westlake Park. Effective and comprehensive public spaces in the downtown area are critical Westlake Park is in great need of improvements due to overuse. The park functions as a community hub and welcoming access point into the city for 40K visitors annually. The project proposed in the MPCF builds upon work already being done to activate park.
13. **Erica Bush, Downtown Seattle Association (DSA)**- Requests support for the proposal to restore existing park fixtures and enhance existing park features. The project focuses on repairs, better allocation of space and redesign to encourage inclusion. The project will make Westlake Park more inviting, maximize space for multiple uses, more greenery and improve the fountain structure.
14. **Pauline American Horse, Daybreak Star Cultural Center Director**- The Daybreak Star Cultural Center is home to cultural events, an art gallery, transitional housing for teens, senior programs, an affordable childcare program, work-readiness programs, and youth programs. The Daybreak Star Cultural Center has maintained a 40 year partnership with Seattle Parks and Recreation. It provides regional programs to primarily underserved and low-income communities. It is the only organized activity center at Discovery Park. The proposed MPCF project could extend the building's life, improve its energy efficiency and reduce maintenance costs.
15. **Kathy Wade, Sail Sand Point Board President**- Sail Sand Point programs serve about 9K community members and provides 200K in programming annually. Sail Sand Point honors all requests for scholarship. Sail Sand Point serves all ages with outreach veterans and other historically underserved groups.
16. **Gretchen Williams, Sail Sand Point** - Sail Sand Point program provides access for all to fitness and leadership opportunities for all. They offer innovative Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) programs for youth. The programs connect in-class instruction to real world applications.
17. **Dan Bentler, South Park Community Center**- Requests support for South Park Community Center to retrofit bathrooms, enhance Wi-Fi in building, create additional storage, develop a new design for grounds, renovate the playfield, update the exercise equipment, add bleachers, and increase field lighting

18. **Tim Player, Sail Sand Point Instructor**- Requests support for Sail Sand Point boating center The center features 30 sail boats on 100 feet of dock. It hosts programs for beginners, provides special non-profit rates and scholarships. Sail Sand Point provides an affordable option to expensive Yacht clubs.
  19. **Evelyn Lemon, Magnuson Community Center Advisory Council**- Requests support to complete the renovation of space at community center. In its currently state, the Community Center feature just one room that can be used for programming. The center is not equipped to serve the growing number of families moving into Seattle Housing Authority (SHA) property at Magnuson Park. Due to lack of programmable space, youth who attend the center gather in the building's lobby. There are other rooms that could be used, but they are in need of renovation.
  20. **Adrienne Karls, Magnuson Community Center Advisory Council** – Requests support to complete the renovation of space at community center. Adrienne's has benefited from community center programs. The community center is needed to serve the 150 youth living within the park who need programming space and safe places. Magnuson Community Center programs build community among SHA tenants and surrounding neighbors. The proposed MPCF project would help provide more space for that social gathering. Space will help build programs, rental revenue and provide a gathering place.
  21. **Carol Valdrighi, Magnuson Community Center Advisory Council** - Requests support to complete the renovation of space at community center. Magnuson Park is host to a unique confluence of families from varied socioeconomic backgrounds. The demographics of the surrounding neighborhood often disqualifies the community center from receiving grant support. However, many low/no income families are now living within the park in SHA housing. Magnuson Community Center serves low/no income families and builds bridges between the Park's community ant surrounding neighbors.
  22. **Sean Watts, Seattle Parks Foundation for South Park Community Center**- South Park Community Center is in need of long overdue renovation the community center serves a large population of youth and hopes that they remain a high priority.
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