

# **Greenways Initiative** Rainier Beach Community Center Public Meeting July 12, 2016 6:30- 8:00 p.m.

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **Presenters:**

Mike Schwindeller–Seattle Parks and Recreation Sue Goodwin–Seattle Parks and Recreation Lisa Quinn–Feet First (Consultant)

### Rainier Beach Playfield Mini Walking Audit Field Questions / Notes

- Q: Can you address cars parked in the crosswalk that connects the community center to the playground?
- A: Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) will investigate enforcement and no parking signs
- Q: Can you address the drinking fountains that are broken?
- A: SPR has submitted a work order for repair.
- Q: Can you address the broken fence at the corner of the soccer field?
- A: SPR has submitted a work order for repair.
- Q: Can you address the invasive Japanese Knotweed on the fence of Dunlap Elementary?
- A: SPR has will notify the School District of the issue on their property and request it be addressed.
- Q: Could solar lighting be considered for the path?
- A: SPR will investigate lighting options and cost and inquire if the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) safe routes to schools program may be able to contribute to the cost.
- Q: There is illegal dumping at the intersection of S Henderson St and 46<sup>th</sup> Ave S
- A: That location is not on SPR property, however, Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) will typically remove waste with a request. (Find It/Fix It app is one way to submit request)
- C: The new bathrooms (Portland Loos) are in great condition.
- C: It would be nice to provide share for the bleachers near the ball fields.
- C: Perhaps provide more benches/bleachers along the path.

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- Q: Have you considered bicycle and pedestrian conflicts and safety concerns on the park's pathways?
- A: Yes, as part of the design, SPR will widen the main north/south path from 6' to 10'. Also, SPR will incorporate elements of education into activation programs, including trail etiquette. Programs may also promote the use of bells as well as encourage new forms of space activation. Activation suggestions may include community surveillance and National Night Out.
- Q: Is there enough parking to accommodate large numbers of people attending community center and playfield events?
- A: SPR can incorporate education and encouragement of park and community center access via transit, biking and walking.
- Q: Could Parks consider installing signage and facilities for picking-up pet waste?
- A: As part of the new path construction, SPR will identify appropriate locations for pet waste bags and receptacles.
- C: Perhaps Parks could conduct winter walking audits to assess condition and seasonality of activities.
- C: There is overgrown vegetation on north side of S Henderson St
- R: SDOT is responsible for trimming vegetation at that location.
- C: The path from Cloverdale to the school at 46<sup>th</sup> needs more activation.
- R: SPR can highlight that location in programs, and recommend additional events/activities.