



June 7, 2011

Dear Citizens of Seattle,

In 2008 the citizens of Seattle passed the Parks and Green Spaces Levy. Included in the levy is an inflation allowance intended to ensure that, should there be inflation in the construction industry, projects built in the later years of the Levy would have sufficient funding. To date, levy projects have not experienced inflation and have benefitted from a very competitive bid climate.

Based upon the absence of construction industry inflation, the Parks and Green Spaces Levy Oversight Committee has discussed ideas for spending the inflation allowance at its last five meetings. At the Oversight Committee meeting held May 23, 2011, the Committee made a preliminary recommendation to Seattle Parks and Recreation to re-allocate \$10 million of the \$13 million Neighborhood Parks inflation allowance.

The recommendation is to re-allocate these funds to high priority projects in the Park Department's major maintenance backlog. Major maintenance projects are replacement or significant repairs that are sorely needed. A specific set of projects is being proposed. (Please see the attached document for details.)

The Oversight Committee's recommendation to spend inflation allowance funds for roof replacement at community centers, comfort station (restrooms) repairs and replacement of leaky water lines is based on the recognition that in a time of stretched public dollars, this money is best spent reinvesting in the integrity of park facilities.

The Parks and Green Spaces Levy Oversight Committee will hold a public hearing on the Committee's recommendation to fund major maintenance projects with funds from the levy inflation allowance. The public hearing will be Monday, June 27, 2011. The public hearing will begin at 7:00 p.m. and be held at **Jefferson Community Center: 3801 Beacon Avenue S.** The public is invited to give the Parks and Green Spaces Oversight Committee input on this proposal at this public hearing. The Committee will meet again on July 25, 2011 to make a final recommendation.

Sincerely,

Pete Spalding, Chair
Parks and Green Spaces Levy Oversight Committee

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Possible Levy Development Category Inflation Fund Projects

<u>Category/Project</u>	<u>Sector</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
Neighborhood Parks		
Garfield CC roof replacement	CE	\$ 465,000
QA Pool plaster liner	CW	140,000
Matthews Beach Park bathhouse renovation	NE	350,000
Ballard CC roof replacement	NW	635,000
Van Asselt CC roof (gym)	SE	225,000
Fairmount Park PG comfort station renovation	SW	200,000
Beacon Hill PG comfort station renovation	SE	200,000
Madrona PG comfort station renovation	CE	200,000
comfort stations (TBD)	all	300,000
Loyal Heights boiler and electrical	NW	852,000
Evers Pool roof repairs	CE	1,600,000
Rainier Beach PF Play area	SE	300,000
total		5,467,000
Cultural Facilities		
Green Lake Bathhouse roof replacement	NW	456,000
total		456,000
Playfields		
Rainier Beach PF tennis courts, lights	SE	1,300,000
Lower Woodland PF tennis court lights	NW	310,000
Fairmount Park PG fence replacement	SW	25,000
total		1,635,000
Major Neighborhood Parks		
Seward Park water system	SE	2,200,000
total		2,200,000
Trails		
none	N/A	
total		
Grand TOTAL		\$ 9,758,000