



Councilmember Tom Rasmussen

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Parks Levy Citizen Advisory Committee Sets Community Meetings

Seattle — A citizen committee appointed by the Seattle City Council to advise the Council on whether to place a parks levy on the fall 2008 ballot will hold three community meetings throughout Seattle during the month of May. These meetings will provide residents with an opportunity to comment on the potential creation of a ballot initiative to fund parks, open space, boulevards, trails, green infrastructure and recreation projects.

Over the past eight years Seattle's system of parks, recreation and open space have been funded by two voter-approved levies that have expired, or will expire by the end of this year. The 1999 Community Center Levy and the 2000 ProParks levy have funded major parks and open space improvements, and leveraged additional funds to support Seattle parks.

"Seattle citizens treasure their parks and open spaces. We've asked a broad-based group of citizens to help us explore the possibility of putting a new levy on the ballot," said Councilmember Tom Rasmussen. "I strongly encourage residents from every neighborhood across the city to come out and share their ideas with the committee."

Community Meeting Times, Dates and Locations:

Monday May 12, 2008 - 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Bertha Knight Landes Room

Seattle City Hall

600 Fourth Avenue – 1st Floor

Seattle, WA 98104

*Enter building from 5th Avenue

Wednesday May 14, 2008 - 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Northgate Community Center – Multi-Purpose Room

10510 5th Avenue NE

Seattle, WA 98125

Thursday May 15, 2008 - 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Rainier Community Center – Multi-Purpose Room

4600 38th Avenue South

Seattle, WA 98118

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