

Board of Park Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
July 22, 2004

Present: Bruce Bentley, Chair
James Fearn
Joanna Grist
Terry Holme
Sarah Neilson
Kate Pflaumer

Excused: Joanna Grist

Staff: Ken Bounds, Superintendent
Sandy Brooks, Park Board Coordinator

Chair Bruce Bentley called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. **James moved approval of the Consent Items, including a consent permit on Burke Gilman Trail, the July 22 agenda, June 24 meeting minutes, and acknowledgement of correspondence. Terry seconded the motion. The vote was taken and was unanimous in support.**

Superintendent's Report

Ken Bounds, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, reported on the following:

Victory Creek Park: Parks has acquired another park, and the money to maintain it too! Long delayed by legal complexities, multiple corporate changes in ownership, and the need for a street vacation ordinance, the deed transferring Victory Creek Park to the City was recorded on July 9. For eight years this one-acre property next to the Northgate Way QFC has "looked like" a City park. QFC has maintained the children's play area and the improved part of the land, and Parks Department crews have helped neighborhood volunteers periodically in working on the habitat along the creek. Along with the transfer of the land, QFC will provide an additional 12 years of funding for maintenance of the park.

Polynesian Luau: On July 30, Bitter Lake Community Center will host "Polynesian Paradise," a luau at Golden Gardens for youth and teens throughout the city. They will learn about the Polynesian Islands through hands-on exhibits, live entertainment, games and activities, and Polynesian foods. A teen Polynesian dance troupe from Hiawatha Community Center will perform. This is the second event Bitter Lake Community Center has put on as part of a Youth/Teen Development Fund grant titled "Celebrate Culture Project."

Bergen Park Ribbon Cutting: On July 19, Bergen Park's ribbon cutting was hosted by Ken Bounds, with City Councilmember David Della and King County Councilmember Larry Phillips adding welcoming and congratulatory remarks. The Norwegian Women's Choir sang songs commemorating the Scandinavian and marine heritage park salutes. More than 40 people attended.

Langston Hughes Performs GREASE: This summer marks the eighth year of Langston Hughes Performing Arts Center's Summer Youth Theatre Program. The program culminates in a unique production of *GREASE! The Way We Do It!*, performing at the Paramount Theatre on August 19, 20, and 21.

Pow Wow Days at Discovery Park: Another successful Seafair Indian Days' Pow Wow was celebrated on July 16, 17, and 18 in Discovery Park. An estimated 10,000 participants and guests gathered to experience and celebrate Native American culture. All who attended were treated to a wide array of traditional dances, spectacular costumes, and regalia; as well as native arts, crafts, and a favorite of many — the salmon bake.

Northgate Groundbreaking Canceled: Seattle Parks and Recreation and The Seattle Public Library canceled the planned groundbreaking ceremony for the Northgate Community Center, Library and Park, which had been scheduled for Saturday, July 24. The cancellation was due to the fact that bids for the project came in at an estimated \$2 million over the construction amount budgeted. The community and media have been notified, a sign indicating the canceled groundbreaking has been posted on site, and Park staff will be on site Saturday to notify any citizens who show up. The designers, Miller/Hull Partnership, are analyzing bid prices and will recommend revisions where appropriate. The team will evaluate materials, finishes, program needs, durability, and aesthetics. Parks and the Library are committed to keeping the community informed of the re-bid process and any changes to the project design.

Sand Point Magnuson Park:

Sports Meadow: On Thursday, July 29, at 6 p.m., Mayor Greg Nickels will join members of the Sand Point and sports enthusiast communities in breaking ground on the Sports Meadow. The meadow, unlike the controversial lighted fields project, will not have any lighting and very few structures. The project will renovate the existing fields into a multi-purpose activity field with a natural grass surface that will not include bleachers, base path cutouts, back stops, and goal cages. The Cumulative Reserve Fund and the Pro Parks Levy allocate \$2.6 million for this project, which is expected to be complete by summer 2005.

Wetland, Habitat, and Athletic Fields Master Plan Appealed: As expected, late last week the Friends of Magnuson Park filed an appeal with King County Superior Court on the wetland and habitat and athletic fields' master plan. They claim the environmental impact statement is inadequate and the Council decision should be voided. A court date has been set for December 20, 2004.

Park Namings:

- After reviewing the community's input, the Parks Naming Committee recommendations, and discussing the naming with Mayor Nickels, the Superintendent has decided to name the community center building at Sand Point Magnuson Park the "Magnuson Community Center" and name the Brig "The Brig at Warren G. Magnuson Park."
- Department staff members are working to find a date that will work well to schedule an event later this summer to formally announce "Warren G. Magnuson Park" as the name for the entire park facility.
- "John C. Little Park" will be announced as the name for the new park site at 37th Avenue South, in the next few weeks. Staff members are working with the family to figure out a time to schedule a public event and get media attention.
- Other parks named recently are "Lake People Park (Xacua'bs)" and "6th Avenue NW Pocket Park".

New Park Board Members: The Superintendent announced that Mayor Nickels has nominated three new Commissioners to the Board. Once confirmed by City Council vote, these new members will fill one position vacant since last year and two positions currently filled by Bruce Bentley and James Fearn. The three nominees are: Angela Belbeck, Jack Collins, and Debbie Jackson.

Oral Requests and Communication from the Audience

Bruce explained that this portion of the agenda is reserved for topics that have not had, or are not scheduled for, a public hearing before the Board. One person signed up to give testimony.

Stephanie Dailey-Watson: represents Queen Anne Park Stewards. She distributed a copy of a letter discussing the Stewards' concerns with the proposed vegetation management plan at Betty Bowen Viewpoint/Marshall Park. The Queen Anne Community Council's Parks Committee considered the proposal at its July 13 meeting and voted

unanimously to recommend it to the full Queen Anne Community Council at its next regularly-scheduled meeting. Stephanie commented that the area below this viewpoint is a very steep slope and those who live below are concerned. The Stewards believe their proposals would protect the slope.

Demonstration: Youth Involvement Programs

A teen program presentation was presented to the Board. Patti Petesch, Parks and Recreation's Arts & Athletic Administration Manager, led an exciting array of Department-sponsored programs that youth are/can become involved with. Along with Patti, 30-40 teen development leaders and youth participated in the program. Each introduced themselves to the audience and to the Board. Displays were set up all around the Board Room, with 1-2 teen leaders and several teens at each. Board and audience members were invited to visit each booth and learn more about the programs. The next half hour was spent talking with the enthusiastic teens and leaders, asking questions, and viewing photos and displays of the many programs. Prior to the meeting, the Board received an outline of the presentation from Patti, as follows:

Written Briefing

The teens and teen leaders will be on hand to discuss with you some of our programs and partnerships that have been very successful and are aligned with the Mayor's Children and Youth Strategy, the goals of the proposed Families and Education Levy, and to support Seattle Public Schools Learning Standards. Our commitment through the Pro Parks Levy-funded Teen Development Leaders at our community centers and the partnership with the City's Office for Education, the YMCA, and Seattle Public Schools developing Community Learning Centers at seven middle schools have allowed us the resources to produce these Parks and Recreation "signature programs" which support today's research on best practices for teen development.

We have also partnered with the Human Services Department and hired Dr. Paul Heckman, from the Education Department at the University of Washington, to research best practices in teen development programs and to evaluate our current programming and provide an outcome and process evaluation. We expect the final report in two weeks. I look forward to sharing his findings and recommendations with you later this year.

Program Displays

Citizenship and Leadership

- Prudential Youth Leadership Institute (PYLI) is a youth leadership training
- Teen Trainers
- Leaders In Training (LIT)
- 4-H Youth Leadership

Youth Employment

- Steps Toward Environmental Partnerships (STEPS)
- Youth Engaged in Service (YES)
- Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)
- Lifeguard Training Team

Arts and Culture

- Power of Hope
- Langston Hughes Performing Arts Center Summer Musical
- Spoken Word at the Rainbow Book Fest
- AWOL at the Brick House

Special Events and Social Recreation

- Citywide Teen Talent Show
- The Amazing Race
- Central Area Teen Community Festival

Sports and Fitness

- Willie Austin Fitness Program

Community Learning Centers

- Denny Middle School
- McClure Middle School
- Mercer Middle School

Board Discussion

Terry asked if any of these programs are at risk of being reduced/eliminated under the current budget process and commented that these funds go a long way, because of all the volunteer hours. Ken answered that some of these programs may have some budget trimming; however, none will be eliminated. Pro Parks and Levy dollars are designated for these programs.

Kate asked how many middle schools are involved and Patti answered 10 traditional middle schools and some non-traditional ones.

Bruce commented that he has been involved with STEP and has found it to be a great program. He believes the future is in good hands. Bruce suggested that the Board receive this type of presentation each year on its youth programs.

Patti stated that the Board will soon have a presentation on the Department's Day Camp and After School Program. The Board and audience gave the youth and teen leaders a hearty round of applause and thanked all for the excellent presentation.

Briefing: Family Youth Levy

Patti next briefed the Board on the Mayor's Family Youth Levy. No action is requested from the Board at this time. The Board received both written and verbal information. The written briefing included the press releases distributed by both the City Council and Mayor's Office and a copy of the ordinance, included below.

Written Briefing

COUNCIL COMMITTEE PASSES FAMILIES AND EDUCATION LEVY PACKAGE (PRESS RELEASE)

Final Council vote expected Monday, July 12

The Seattle City Council Committee of the Whole unanimously passed the Families and Education Levy renewal package, setting up a final vote before full Council on Monday, July 12. This package provides over \$116 million for children and youth programs through a 7-year property tax levy.

The Council of the Whole Committee deliberated the size of the levy, during several meetings. The debate centered on continuation of middle school programs and current levels of family support workers and nurses. Councilmembers emerged from the final discussion pleased at the package, pledging to work hard with the Mayor, schools, parents, and families to pass the levy in September.

"Renewal of this levy is critical to supporting our children as they attend our public schools," according to Councilmember David Della, chair of the Council's Committee of the Whole on the Family and Education Levy. "What Council has done is ensure that we cover health, family support, counseling, before and after school activities, and even kids who have dropped out."

"This is a levy package that the public can enthusiastically support" said Councilmember Peter Steinbrueck, who has been involved with the Families and Education Levy for the past four years. "It is a results-oriented levy that covers Seattle's children and youth all the way from birth to age eighteen with programs that enhance such areas as quality childcare, family involvement, and support for middle school students."

The size of the levy was an early sticking point for the Council. Councilmember Richard McIver, current budget chair, made an effort to keep the levy amount lower than \$116 million. Councilmembers were concerned about

providing a constant source of funding for current programs while being sensitive to having a levy that voters might reject. “I enthusiastically support everything in the package we adopted today,” according to Councilmember Richard Conlin. “I want to remind the Council that we placed \$3 million worth of school support programs onto the upcoming city budget and I would hope we give every consideration to those programs.”

The Families and Education Levy was originally passed by voters in 1990 and again in 1997. It is aimed at promoting academic achievement, strengthening families, and enhancing school readiness among children and youth ages birth to 18. The levy package that will go before the full Council includes the following allocations:

Preschool and Early Childhood Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$3,003,000 Preschool w/1/2 day childcare for 4 yr olds (350 children) • \$125,000 for Parent Child home visits. • \$250,000 for supporting childcare quality in early learning networks (ages 0-3) • \$213,000 for career wage ladder program • \$74,000 for preschool/ kindergarten transition. • (\$80,000) Parent child home visits reduced • 8% program management costs
Family Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2,330,247 for 50 FTE family support workers, includes inflation adjustment and 7% program management.
Family Involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500,000 - \$250,000 to school-based Family Partnership program and \$250,000 to community-based organizations. 10% program management.
Middle School Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce \$87,000 for program management costs. Program management costs to be absorbed within the \$1million annual amount plus inflation.
Out-of-School Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2,520,000 Partnership for Student Success (PSS). • \$330,000 for after school activities. • \$250,000 for program management (8%)
Support for High-Risk Middle and High School Youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,195,700 for case management (program management at 8%)
Student Health Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2,605,000 for school-based health clinics. • \$699,300 for 11 FTE school nurses. • \$344,600 program management (10%)
Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$200,000
Adult School Crossing Guard Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$513,900 for 3.5 years
Central Levy Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500,000
Program Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8% program management

The total cost of the levy is \$116,788,000 with a total annual cost of \$16,684,000. Average cost of the levy per household per year is \$65.

The City Council will meet in Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall, 600 Fourth Avenue (entrance on Fifth Avenue) on Monday, July 12 at 2 p.m. The meeting will be cablecast live on Seattle Channel 21 and Web cast live at www.cityofseattle.net/council.

Mayor Greg Nickels' Statement on the City Council's approval of \$116.8 million Families & Education Levy (Press Release)

"I am pleased the Council adopted my recommendation for a new direction for the Families & Education Levy. If passed by the voters, this Levy will help close the achievement gap and bring accountability to our public schools. We must give every child and every family a chance for success in Seattle schools."

ORDINANCE _____

AN ORDINANCE relating to regular property taxes; providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City at a special election called on September 14, 2004, of a proposition authorizing the City to levy regular property taxes for up to seven years in excess of the 101% limitation and any other limitation on levies in Chapter 84.55 RCW for the purpose of providing City services, including providing Seattle School District public school students, Seattle youth, and their families with educational and developmental services; authorizing the creation of a new subfund; creating an oversight committee; and authorizing implementing agreements.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. **Findings.** The City Council makes the following findings:

- a. Providing City services, including the Educational and Developmental Services described in Section 5 of this ordinance, is a City purpose.
- b. The Educational and Developmental Services to be funded with Proceeds are intended to support student academic achievement and are supplemental to the basic education financed by the State of Washington and will not displace or reduce state funding for the public schools in the Seattle School District.
- c. In 1990 and again in 1997, the voters of Seattle approved measures that provided funding for educational and developmental services to Seattle's children, youth, and families. These programs have proven successful at providing child care and out of school activities for more than 70,000 children and youth, providing parent education and support services to at least 110,000 families, providing academic support and intervention to more than 150,000 students, and other critical services aimed at keeping Seattle's children and youth safe, healthy, and ready to learn.
- d. An urgent need exists to continue the provision of City services, including Educational and Developmental Services to be funded with Proceeds of regular property taxes, and its urgency requires submission to the qualified electors of The City of Seattle of a proposition authorizing regular property tax levies in excess of the levy limitations in Chapter 84.55 RCW, as it now exists or may hereafter be amended, for up to seven years at a special election to be held in conjunction with the state-wide election on September 14, 2004.

Section 2. **Definitions.** As used in this ordinance, the following words when capitalized have the following meanings:

- a. "City" means The City of Seattle.
- b. "Central Administrative Support" means the City's administration and oversight of the expenditure of Proceeds and monitoring the overall effectiveness of the Educational and Developmental Services funded with the Proceeds, and identifying unmet needs for future services.
- c. "Educational and Developmental Services" means the array of programs and activities referred to in Section 5, with such modifications as the City Council may from time to time authorize by ordinance.
- d. "Proceeds" means that portion of regular property taxes levied and collected as authorized by voter approval pursuant to this ordinance that are above the 101% limit on levies in RCW 84.55.010, and all interest and other earnings thereon, all of which shall be deposited in the 2004 Families and Education Subfund of the Educational and Developmental Services Fund.
- e. "Seattle School District" and "School District" mean Seattle School District No. 1.

Section 3. **Levy of Regular Property Taxes - Submittal.** The City hereby submits to the qualified electors of the City a proposition as authorized by RCW 84.55.050 to exceed the limitations on regular property taxes contained in Chapter 84.55 RCW, as it now exists or may hereafter be amended, for property taxes levied in 2004

through 2010 for collection in 2005 through 2011, respectively. In addition to funding regular City services without reduction in the regular tax levy, this proposition would allow raising \$116,788,000 in aggregate over a period of up to seven years solely to provide Educational and Developmental Services for Seattle School District students, Seattle youth, and their families. The proposition shall be limited so that the City shall not levy in any year more than \$16,684,000 in addition to the maximum amount of regular property taxes it would have been limited to by the 101% limit in RCW 84.55.010 in the absence of voter approval under this ordinance, plus other authorized lid lifts. Pursuant to RCW 84.55.050(4), the maximum regular property taxes that may be levied in 2011 for collection in 2012 and in later years shall be computed as if the levy lid in RCW 84.55.010 had not been lifted under this ordinance.

Section 4. Application of Proceeds. The Proceeds shall be deposited in the City Treasury into a special 2004 Families and Education Subfund (the "Subfund") within the previously established Educational and Developmental Services Fund. Moneys in the Subfund may be temporarily deposited or invested in such manner as may be lawful for the investment of City money and interest and other earnings shall be deposited in the Subfund. The principal Proceeds and any interest or other earnings from their deposit or investment shall be applied solely for Educational and Developmental Services.

Section 5. Educational and Developmental Services. Educational and Developmental Services funded by Proceeds are services designed to help address the needs of Seattle's public school children and Seattle's youth and their families, with the intent of promoting learning, supporting academic achievement, and increasing access to services, and the administration of those services. Initially, Educational and Developmental Services shall be provided through the following nine program components:

1. Preschool and early childhood education. Plan and establish neighborhood-based early learning networks in low-income areas of the city that take a systemic approach to helping children be ready to succeed in kindergarten. Major program elements include preschool for low-income four year olds; access for low-income families to high quality childcare; school readiness support for children in home day-care situations, including home visits; a career wage ladder program; and preschool to kindergarten transition services.
2. Family support. Major program elements include school-based family support functions for elementary schools.
3. Family involvement services. Major program elements include family involvement programs.
4. Middle school support. Major program elements include school-based mental health and social/emotional support counseling and truancy/dropout prevention and intervention during school hours. Services in this component should be coordinated with services in the out-of-school activities and support for high-risk, middle and high school age youth components when possible.
5. Out-of-School activities. Major program elements include academically focused after school programs for middle school students, middle school athletics, and child care subsidies.
6. Support for high-risk, middle and high school age youth. Major program elements include case management services for high-risk youth.
7. Student health services. Major program elements include school-based student health clinics and nursing services at clinic sites.
8. Evaluation. Major program elements include evaluation of the individual programs in the foregoing components and the overall effects of Educational and Developmental Services funded by Proceeds.
9. School crossing guards. Major program elements include school crossing guards.

These anticipated program component descriptions are only illustrative examples. In the annual City budget or by separate ordinance, the City shall from year-to-year determine the budget and allocations among the nine program components, add or delete program components or program elements within a program component, change the scope of activities or the emphasis, and, within a budget year, reallocate unexpended and unencumbered funds from one program element or program component to another. Proceeds and appropriations unexpended at the end of any budget year shall automatically be carried over to the next budget year.

Expenditures from the Subfund for Central Administrative Support by the City shall not in any budget year exceed a total of five percent of that year's total expenditure authority from the Subfund.

Section 6. Oversight Committee. Conditioned upon voter approval of the ballot proposition submitted by this ordinance, there is established an Oversight Committee to advise the City Council concerning the implementation and evaluation plan called for by Section 7 and the Partnership Agreement called for by Section 9, to review the expenditure of Proceeds, to advise upon expenditures and allocations for the following year, and to make recommendations on the implementation of particular programs, on any reallocations of Proceeds, and on evaluations.

The Oversight Committee shall consist of twelve (12) members: the Mayor, the Chair of the City Council's Parks, Neighborhoods and Education Committee or its successor with respect to education issues, the Superintendent of the Seattle School District, a representative of the Seattle School Board, four (4) citizens who are not employees or board members of organizations having projects or programs eligible to be funded from the Proceeds, and four (4) citizens from the diverse constituencies served by and interested in the projects and programs to be funded by the Proceeds. The Mayor shall appoint two (2) of the four (4) members from each of the above two (2) categories of citizen Committee members, and the City Council shall appoint the balance. Those eight members shall be appointed to three (3) year staggered terms subject to reappointment, except that two of them (one mayoral appointee and one Council appointee) shall be initially appointed for a single year term, three (two mayoral appointees and one Council appointee) for a two (2) year term, and three (one mayoral appointee and two Council appointees) for a three (3) year term. Upon the resignation, retirement, death, incapacity or removal of an Oversight Committee member, the authority appointing such member may appoint a replacement for the balance of the term. All members not appointed by the City Council shall be subject to confirmation by the City Council. Subject to applicable law, an individual serving as an officer, director or trustee of an entity that receives or competes for funding under this ordinance, or who has an interest in such an entity, shall not thereby be disqualified from serving on the Oversight Committee, but shall fully disclose any such relationships and shall not vote on any matter in which the interest of such entity is directly involved. Notwithstanding the foregoing, neither the Superintendent of the Seattle School District nor the representative of the Seattle School Board shall, because of their relationship with the School District, be disqualified from voting on any matter in which the interest of the Seattle School District is involved.

The Oversight Committee may adopt rules for its own procedures, including quorum requirements and the frequency of meetings. The Oversight Committee members shall select a Chair. The Oversight Committee will make annual reports to the Mayor and City Council and will prepare a mid-point report to the citizens of Seattle. The Office for Education shall provide staff and logistical support for the Oversight Committee. Members shall serve without pay, but may be reimbursed their expenses, including payments for child care while attending meetings. The Oversight Committee shall continue in existence through December 31, 2011, and thereafter if so provided by ordinance.

Section 7. Implementation and Evaluation Plan. Proceeds may be spent only in accordance with an implementation and evaluation plan (the "Plan") approved by ordinance. The Plan may be amended by ordinance.

The Plan will set forth the criteria, measurable outcomes and methodology by which programs funded by Proceeds will be selected and evaluated. The evaluation methodology will measure both individual programs and overall effects of the Educational and Developmental Services. The achievement of all stated outcomes will be evaluated and no one component will be determinative of an individual program's effectiveness or overall effectiveness of the Educational and Developmental Services.

Section 8. Implementing Agreements. If this proposition is approved by the voters, the City may carry out the Educational and Developmental Services with City staff or by agreements with the Seattle School District, with Public Health Seattle-King County, and with such other agencies and persons as may be appropriate. The Mayor or the Mayor's designee is authorized to enter into such agreements, consistent with Section 9 below. The City will, when soliciting businesses for goods or services agreements, perform outreach to small, economically disadvantaged businesses, including those owned by women and minorities. City agreements with other public entities will encourage those entities to actively solicit bids for the subcontracting of any goods or services, when such subcontracting is required or appropriate, from qualified small businesses, including those owned by women and minorities. City agreements with businesses for goods and services and with other public entities and non-profits will encourage these entities to employ a workforce reflective of the region's diversity. All City agreements for goods and services will require the contracting entities to comply with all then-applicable requirements for non-discrimination in employment in federal, state, and City of Seattle laws and regulations.

Section 9. **City of Seattle/Seattle School District Partnership Agreement.** There shall be a Partnership Agreement (“the Partnership Agreement”) developed by the City and the Seattle School District in which the roles and responsibilities of the City and the School District in developing the Implementation and Evaluation Plan, referenced in Section 7, and in implementing Educational and Developmental Services are established. The Partnership Agreement will set forth the parties’ roles and responsibilities for achieving the Educational and Developmental Services’ desired outcomes. It will outline, in a variety of areas, ways in which both the City and the School District will work collaboratively toward better results for children and youth. The Partnership Agreement may cover items including, but not limited to: data sharing necessary to implement program evaluations; standards for family support services, facility use, health service operating practices; and evaluating the feasibility of developing and implementing a school-readiness measurement system.

The City can not enter into the Partnership Agreement, or materially amend the Partnership Agreement, until the Partnership Agreement or the amendment, as the case may be, is approved by the Seattle City Council and the Seattle School Board. Proceeds may be spent on School District programs or functions only in accordance with an effective Partnership Agreement.

Section 10. **Reporting.** The Director of the Office for Education will prepare and submit to the City Council and the Mayor annual progress reports on the implementation of the Educational and Developmental Services covering each of the program components and the actions taken as a result of the adopted City of Seattle/School District Partnership Agreement.

Section 11. **Election - Ballot Title.** The King County Director of Records and Elections, as ex officio supervisor of elections, is hereby requested to conduct a special election, which the City hereby calls pursuant to RCW 84.55.050, to be held in conjunction with the state-wide election on September 14, 2004, and to submit to the qualified electors of the City the proposition set forth below.

The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed not less than forty-five days prior to September 14, 2004, to certify the proposition to the King County Director of Records and Elections in the following form or as modified by the City Attorney pursuant to RCW 29A.36.070:

THE CITY OF SEATTLE
PROPOSITION NUMBER ____
REGULAR TAX LEVY INCLUDING
FAMILIES AND EDUCATION

The City of Seattle’s Proposition __ concerns funding services, including Educational and Developmental Services supporting academic achievement.

This proposition would fund City services, including preschool, early-childhood education, family support, family involvement, middle-school support, out-of-school activities, supporting high-risk youth, student health, program evaluation, and school-crossing guards, per Ordinance _____. This vote approves, for up to seven years, regular property taxes higher than the limits in Chapter 84.55 RCW, beginning with 2005 total regular taxes limited to \$3.20/\$1,000 assessed value. Not more than \$16,684,000 per year (\$116,788,000 total) can be collected for the Educational and Developmental Services.

Should this levy be approved?

Levy, Yes

Levy, No

Those in favor shall vote “Yes;” those opposed shall mark their ballots “No.”

Section 12. **Ratification.** Certification of such proposition by the City Clerk to the King County Director of Records and Elections in accordance with law prior to the date of such election on September 14, 2004, and any other act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this ordinance, are hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 13. **Severability.** In the event any one or more of the provisions of this ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this ordinance or the levy of the taxes authorized herein, but this ordinance and the authority to levy those taxes shall be construed and enforced as if such invalid provisions had not been contained herein; and any provision which shall for any reason be held by reason of its extent to be invalid shall be deemed to be in effect to the extent permitted by law.

Section 14. **Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its approval by the Mayor or, if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten (10) days after presentation, then on the eleventh (11th) day after its presentation to the Mayor or, if vetoed by the Mayor, then immediately after its passage over his veto.

Verbal Briefing/Board Discussion

Patti briefly summarized the information already sent to the Board regarding the Family Levy and reviewed the list of items the funds would be used for. Kate asked for further explanation on the total amount of the levy and Ken explained that it would collect \$16,684,000 per year for seven years, with a total of \$116,788,000. This would cost each household \$65 per year.

The Board thanked Patti for the presentation.

Park Board Business

Navy's Privatization of Housing at Discovery Park: Terry read the following motion: **The Seattle Parks Board joins the City Council and Mayor Nickels in opposition to any privatization of military-owned buildings and housing parcels located within the boundaries of Discovery Park. We encourage the Navy to collaborate with elected officials to enable the City, over time, to convey all remaining military buildings and land (excepting the military cemetery) in Discovery Park to the Seattle Parks Department. James seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.**

Ken gave an update briefing on what has happened with this since the last Park Board meeting. He recently met with Katherine Thompson, the managing partner for American Eagle and will meet with her again on July 23. Katherine described the process as a Limited Liability Corporation, with the Navy as a partner. American Eagle and the Navy have distributed conflicting information on what could happen during the privatization process. The City has its Law Department working to verify the information, and the Congressional Research Office is also working on verification. The community has the law firm of Preston Gates researching the process.

The City is currently in the process of identifying some property it could trade with the developer, American Eagle. The City met with community groups and their preferences are: (1) get possession of all three property parcels; (2) allow historical quarters to remain as housing, maybe privately owned; or (3) trade an undeveloped portion of Discovery Park, consisting of 5-10 acres, located east of the Daybreak Star Center. Terry asked about zoning for the area and Ken answered that it is zoned for single-family housing. Discussions will continue with American Eagle, the Navy, and community groups.

Betty Bowen Viewpoint/Marshall Park: Ken responded to the letter presented tonight under Oral Communications. When the vegetation management plan is developed, the Department will approach the community group to serve in a stewardship role. The person testifying tonight represents the folks who live below the Viewpoint and they oppose the vegetation management plan. The Board had also received a letter from Mr. Marshall, who wrote in support of maintaining the viewpoint.

Ballard Civic Center Park/Skatebowl: Sarah stated that she agreed to serve as the Park Board representative to the Project Advisory Team (PAT) for the design of the new skatebowl to be located at Ballard Civic Center. She has been attending the meetings, both in her role as a Commissioner and representing herself. She does not feel that the process is working.

She stated that she voted on the motion to remove the current skatebowl and build another one in a different part of the park, based on information that was presented to the Board. She did not realize that the Board was voting that

night on the design or location of the new skatebowl. Ken stated that the motion referred to the skate feature being located in the southwest corner.

Kate read a portion of the motion (*excerpted from the May 13, 2004, Park Board minutes*): **“Commissioner Terry Holme moved that the Superintendent of Seattle Parks and Recreation consider the Skateboard Study 2 as a guideline for the design of skate park features. The study proposes the construction of a new skate bowl, replacing the existing temporary skate bowl structure, located in the same vicinity as the existing structure in the southwest corner of the park. The Board also recommended that Parks staff work with the skateboard community on specific design elements. Sarah Neilson seconded the motion with the addition of a friendly amendment to consider a design of a roof or other ways to mitigate noise impacts. Terry Holme accepted the friendly amendment and the motion was approved unanimously.”**

Sarah stated that, at the first Project Advisory Team (PAT) meeting, the skate community was still not convinced that the current skatebowl will not last. The developer is also unhappy with the proposed location of the new bowl. Sarah believes that the Board forwarded a proposal that no one is happy with. Is there a creative approach that can be taken at this point — the current approach is alienating everyone.

Ken answered that he took the advice of the Park Board and made his decision. That decision is to locate the new skatebowl in the southwest corner of the park, which is not where the developer wants it. A part of Ken’s decision was based on the structural condition and another part was based on the need to move the skatebowl 5-10 feet away from the property line where retail development is planned. From a design and functioning point of view, the southwest corner is the best area to locate the skatebowl. The PAT is now asked to help determine how to make the southwest corner location work in the best possible way and help answer such questions as how large the bowl should be.

The developer has been going to individual members of the PAT and lobbying to move the skatebowl to the southeast corner. Community members don’t like the idea of the skatebowl in the southeast corner. At yesterday’s City Council Parks, Neighborhoods and Education meeting, Kate Martin (representing skateboarders) made her case that the current bowl should stay, while a representative of the developer urged that the bowl be located in the southeast corner. Ken sent an e-mail today to the PAT members that a landscape designer will design the skatebowl and then the PAT will be brought back together to give feedback on the design. Ken talked more about the design elements.

Kate stated that in the public testimony she heard on this subject, she heard that the current bowl was temporary, but she didn’t hear that the smart thing would be to remove the temporary bowl and build a permanent one. Ken stated that Parks staff presented this information in a written briefing to the Board (http://www.cityofseattle.net/parks/ParkBoard/minutes/2004/05-13-04_minutes.pdf, pages 5-10). Terry agreed with Ken. Ken stated that another concern was that the Department did not receive the “as-builts” from Gridline until May 2004. The largest issue for him, however, is that this park is being built for the long term and there is also a new development going in next door which affects the skatebowl’s location.

Kate asked for clarification on what will go back to the PAT from the landscape designer. Ken answered that PAT will receive a park design, with the skatebowl in the southwest corner. The exact size of the skatebowl is yet unknown; however, it will be at least the size of the current bowl.

Ken previously told Parks staff that, if the PAT has a unanimous consensus that the Department is totally wrong in locating the bowl in the southwest corner, then other ideas will be entertained. To date, however, it is his understanding that the lobbying for locating the bowl in the southeast corner is coming from the developer; other opposition is coming from those who want the temporary bowl to remain in its current location. If most of the PAT agree with the Department’s design, the project will move ahead.

Terry stated that he does have concerns about the construction of the temporary skatebowl structure. He also wants it on the record that he believes the street elements should fit the overall park design and grade and not impact the park

in a negative way. (The temporary bowl is raised four feet above the sidewalk.) His concerns are for the combination of the temporary structure and the overall design of the permanent park.

Sarah asked if the idea could be entertained to make the skatebowl a part of the new building, rather than making it part of the park. Ken stated that currently the developer wants the skatebowl further away from the building and not nearer to it. Kate suggested that such a design would eat into the proposed retail building space and Terry stated that it would also impact the sidewalks. Terry requested that the landscape designer consider Sarah’s friendly amendment from the May 13 meeting while designing the park and skatebowl, which read: ***“Sarah Neilson seconded the motion with the addition of a friendly amendment to consider a design of a roof or other ways to mitigate noise impacts).”***

The Board and Ken spent a few more minutes discussing this issue.

Old/New Business – None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

APPROVED: _____ DATE _____

Bruce Bentley, Chair