

Department of Parks and Recreation

Seattle Board of Park Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2009

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Board of Park Commissioners:

Present:

Neal Adams, Vice-chair
John Barber
Terry Holme
Diana Kincaid
Donna Kostka
Jackie Ramels, Chair

Absent:

Jourdan Keith

Seattle Parks and Recreation Staff:

Christopher Williams, Deputy Superintendent
Sandy Brooks, Coordinator

Commissioner Ramels called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and reviewed the meeting agenda topics.

Commissioner Holme moved approval of the agenda as presented, the July 23 minutes, and the record of correspondence received by the Board since its July 23 meeting. Commissioner Barber seconded the motion. The vote was taken, with all in favor. Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Gallagher was at another event. Deputy Superintendent Williams reported on several park items. For more information on Seattle Parks and Recreation, visit the web pages at <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/>.

Green Lake Bathhouse Vandalism: The Bathhouse Theater was the site of vandalism and crimes the first week of August. This occurred during the week of very hot weather and included extensive tagging on the exterior of the building next to the lake and minor damage inside the restrooms. Beach patrons reported that personal items were stolen while they were swimming. Theater staff also reported a break in on Tuesday night, with the front door being kicked in and a safe carried from the facility containing receipts with credit card numbers.

MRSA: MRSA or methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus is a staph bacterium that is resistant to methicillin and related antibiotics. One confirmed case of MRSA is associated with an individual who visited Rainier Beach Community Center and Pool, though it is not known where the person contracted the infection. There is no outbreak or emergency situation, but Parks will comply with the protocols recommended by Public Health and by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

The pool and locker rooms were completely cleaned last Saturday morning using chlorine. The community center hallway, restrooms, reception counter, door knobs, and entry doors were cleaned using a bleach solution prescribed by the Health Department. The rest of the community center (gym, computer room, teen

room, arts and crafts room, childcare room, and multipurpose room) was also thoroughly cleaned with the bleach solution. Over the next one to two weeks, every Parks facility and work space will undergo the same cleaning.

Commissioner Barber has observed Parks maintenance staff at work and believes they have really improved cleaning practices. He also complimented Department staff for doing a good job of painting and hosing the restrooms. However, he has noted that some of the wash basins are in very poor condition and appear to be grimy. Deputy Superintendent Williams responded that the Parks Department has a green ethic for purchasing and using cleaning supplies. An unintended consequence is that the cleaners take much longer to kill MRSA bacteria and may not be on the surfaces long enough to do so. He agreed that many of the restrooms are old and need to be re-designed or re-built.

After the meeting, Commissioner Adams asked that the Department brief the Board on the re-model/re-build schedule for its restrooms. For more on MRSA, see <http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/mrsa/DS00735>.

Rainier Beach Plaza/SouthShore Grand Opening: The dedication and community celebration for this Pro Parks Levy-funded project is on Tuesday, September 8, at 9:30 am. The Levy provided \$.5 million for plaza improvements in this joint project with Seattle School District.

Mr. Fearn Goes to Washington: Mickey Fearn, Seattle Parks Community Connections Manager, has been appointed as Deputy Director for Communications and Community Assistance for the National Park Service, by Director-designee Jon Jarvis. The two met when Jarvis was the Superintendent of Mt. Rainier National Park. In his new Washington, D.C. position, which he will start on September 7, Mickey's responsibilities will include Partnerships, American Indian Liaison, International Affairs, Public Information, Policy, Strategic Planning, State and Local Assistance Program, and Higher Education and Park Initiatives. It is an honor to have one of the Department's staff members appointed to the national park system. A farewell party is scheduled on August 26, 3-5 pm, at Miller Community Center. For more information on the National Park Service, see <http://www.google.com/search?hl=en&source=hp&q=national+park+service&aq=f&oq=&aqi=q10>.

Grant to Grow Foods: In mid-July the US Department of Agriculture notified Seattle that the City had been awarded a grant to implement elements of the Local Food Action Initiative. The funds will also go to community-based organizations, with Solid Ground as the lead agency. The project "transforms unused City land for farming by low-income residents, volunteers and project staff, with the produce going to local food banks and community nutrition programs such as community kitchens, night teen programs, and child care programs; creates market opportunities for low-income residents by increasing market capacity for the Clean Green Farm and Market, which grows culturally appropriate produce to sell in low-income communities; provides gardening education for low-income residents at community centers, senior centers, and other locations through the work of the southeast Seattle Garden Education Initiative; and supports a Healthy Corner Store Initiative that will increase the availability of healthy, locally-grown foods by connecting convenience stores with producers, and by providing assistance to the stores in making fresh foods available." Solid Ground's partners include Seattle Parks, Department of Neighborhoods, Seattle Tilth, King County Health, and Delridge Neighborhoods Development Association.

Responding to a question from Commissioner Adams as to whether Solid Ground, a non-profit agency, will serve as a "pass-through" for the grant funds, Deputy Superintendent Williams agreed that it will. Seattle Parks' role will include providing P-patches and community gardens. Commissioner Kostka asked if any specific park areas are being considered. Deputy Superintendent Williams responded that there is interest in space at Jefferson Park. Parks staff is also looking for opportunities in the Parks and Greenspaces Levy.

Commissioner Holme stated that members of the public have approached him twice in the past few weeks to discuss using park land for additional P-patches, and are especially interested in using the Parks-owned Atlantic City Nursery, scheduled for closure at the end of 2009, for this purpose. Deputy Superintendent

Williams responded that the Department will have public meetings on the future use of the property to gather ideas and suggestions. The property may include some open space and some garden space.

For more information on this grant, see <http://www.solid-ground.org/Pages/Default.aspx>. For more information on the City's P-patches, see <http://www.cityofseattle.net/neighborhoods/ppatch/>.

Greening of Bell Street: Nineteen proposals were received for this project. The winning proposal will be determined in the next 10 days. For more information on the Green Street project, see <http://www.seattle.gov/mayor/newsdetail.asp?ID=9762&dept=40>

Rainier Beach Playfield Garden: The Department just entered into an agreement for Seattle Tilth to operate a learning garden at the playfield. The Learning Garden will facilitate garden programming and outdoor learning for youth in the area ages 3–18 who are participating in programs at South Shore School, Kids Company, the Rainier Beach Community Center's child care and teen programs. It will also include other community members and organizations.

Park Rangers Update: Recently the Park Rangers received authorization to begin issuing citations for dogs off-leash and other infractions in the parks and have issued two civil infractions.

City Center Parks Follow-up Committee: In 2006 Mayor Greg Nickels established a City Center Parks Task Force charged with making recommendations on strategies to revitalize and activate the city's downtown parks and public open spaces. Since the Task Force recommendations were released in March of 2006, Parks has implemented a number of the recommendations to promote safety and deter inappropriate park behaviors in the downtown parks. This includes active programming and events, strengthening partnerships with downtown organizations, hiring Park Rangers to provide information and security to park visitors, increasing coordination with Seattle Police Department, and implementing capital improvements.

The implementation of these programs has resulted in positive results. However, serious issues are still occurring at Occidental Square, Westlake Park, Victor Steinbrueck Park, and City Hall Park. The Department is now setting up a follow-up committee to the City Center Parks Task Force. The Task Force will meet over the next six to eight months, with the charge of going over the report from the prior Task Force, examining if there are other recommendations to help deter problematic behaviors in downtown parks, developing a strategy to capture private-sector funding to help address the challenges at these parks, and establishing an explicit set of recommendations for managing the parks that present significant challenges with appropriate uses for a city Park.

Commissioner Holme requested that a member of the Park Board be selected for this committee and Deputy Superintendent Williams agreed.

Street Car Placement: Commissioner Kostka referred to a recent newspaper article in the Daily Journal of Commerce describing plans to build a streetcar plaza in the Westlake area. Two of the City's parks, McGraw Square and Westlake Square Park, are included in these plans. The article states that more information on the plans will soon be posted at the City's Seattle Department of Transportation web page, <http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/>. Deputy Superintendent Williams commented that Parks has not yet heard a great deal about these plans.

Capehart Housing at Discovery Park: The Navy has contracted Forest City Enterprises to demolish the military houses at Discovery Park. The current schedule is for Forest City to remove the buildings down to the concrete slabs and perform abatement of any hazardous materials. This work is expected to take until near the end of 2010. In 2011, Parks staff will remove the concrete slabs and re-vegetate the area.

Commissioner Holme asked if Forest City will remove any subterranean oil tanks and Deputy Superintendent Williams responded that it will.

Magnuson Park Update: In response to a question from Commissioner Ramels, Deputy Superintendent Williams described the recent City Council action that transfers a deed restriction from Magnuson Park's Building 11 to the recently-acquired Crown Hill School property. City Council had endorsed this action in an earlier resolution. For more information on projects at Magnuson Park, see <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/Magnuson/historicDistrict.htm>.

Oral Requests and Communication from the Audience

The Chair explained that this portion of the agenda is reserved for topics that have not had, or are not scheduled for, a public hearing. Speakers are limited to two minutes each and will be timed, and are asked to stand at the podium to speak. The Board's usual process is for 10 minutes of testimony to be heard at this time, with additional testimony heard after the regular agenda and just before Board of Park Commissioner's business. One person testified.

Andrea Dwyer: Ms. Dwyer is a member of Seattle Tilth and commented on the scheduled Seattle Tilth/Meridian Playground legislation briefing on tonight's agenda. She only recently became aware of the legislation. Seattle Tilth has been using this property for 30 years and she voiced concern that the legislation includes wording to renew the lease for only three years, with a potential to renew.

Seattle Tilth has operated children's activities for 21 years at the playground and the space for that activity, under the terms of the legislation, can only be renewed for one year. This makes it difficult for long-term planning for the organization. She has met with Parks Superintendent Gallagher and Parks staff and requested a longer term. She has received some assurance that this is possible. She asked that the Board support Seattle Tilth in this effort.

Commissioner Ramels clarified that the Board is hearing an update briefing tonight and isn't being asked to make a recommendation to the Superintendent on the legislation.

Old/New Business

August 27 Meeting Canceled: The next meeting of the Park Board will be on Thursday, September 10.

Green Lake: Mr. Rod Thornley, President of the Lake Sammamish Waterski Club, recently wrote the Board asking that it revisit the Superintendent's decision to no longer allow waterskiing on Green Lake. [Note: The Park Board held a public hearing process on this during Fall 2008. The Board recommended to the Superintendent that water skiing no longer be allowed on Green Lake, the Superintendent agreed with the recommendation, and the policy is now in place.] Mr. Thornley wrote that not all members of the current Board had all the information. [Note: two of the current members joined the Board in 2009.]

Commissioner Holme commented that the Board had a full deliberation before making its recommendation to the Superintendent, who agreed with the Board's advice. The Board took a clear position on this policy. Commissioner Kostka added that she has heard no new reason to revisit this decision. Commissioner Adams asked if it is the Board's policy to revisit topics that it has made a recommendation on and that the Superintendent agreed with. Commissioners agreed that it is not the policy. Commissioner Kincaid, who joined the Board in May 2009 read the minutes from the public hearing process and believes the Board made a good decision. Commissioners asked Parks staff to respond to Mr. Thornley that the Board does not plan to revisit this issue.

Board Mini Retreat: Commissioners Adams and Ramels recently met with Superintendent Gallagher and Deputy Superintendent Williams to discuss how the Park Board can best help and advise the Department. One outcome of the meeting was the suggestion to have quarterly mini-retreats in the form of an extended Park Board regular meeting. A date for the first has been tentatively scheduled for October 8. The Coordinator will verify Commissioners' and Parks staff availability.

Commissioner Ramels suggested these mini-retreats are a good opportunity for the Board to discuss operations. It could also provide time for groups like Friends of Olmsted to present Powerpoint programs, for the Board to see the historical slides that Gary Gaffner has on Luna Park, and other such presentations. At least once each year, the Department's executive leadership team would be invited to further develop relationships with the Department's directors and the Board. Commissioner Kostka was especially interested in meeting with the leadership team.

Commissioner Holme commented that it is laudable to add more variety to the Board's meeting. However, along with the two public monthly meetings, the Board already holds an annual six-hour retreat. He recommended that the Board hold only three quarterly mini-retreats. The Board has also committed to holding some of its meetings in the community and these usually include a tour before the regular meetings. He voiced some concern with the time commitment required for additional retreats, as it is difficult to hold all the Board's regular meetings, the community meetings and tours, and four-five yearly retreats. [Note: most Commissioners also represent the Board on other committees and attend a number of community events.] He understands that the intent of the mini-retreats is for the Board's self-improvement and he sees that as being the responsibility of the individual Board members.

Commissioner Adams asked that the Board first define its goals of what it wants to achieve by holding mini-retreats. It should also discuss whether it wants to do three or four this year only, or whether this would become part of the regular schedule.

Commissioner Barber is willing to put more time into Park Board operations if necessary and a mini-retreat is one way to do so. However, these could be scheduled on an ad hoc basis and not be rigidly scheduled.

Commissioner Holme requested that the Chair and Vice-chair keep all Board members informed as this concept is developed. Commissioner Kostka believes this is a result of the Board's discussion of synthetic turf policy where the Board voiced that it wants a different and more effective way to handle complicated policy/issue discussions. She asked that the mini-retreats be scheduled when most, if not all, of the Commissioners will be present.

Park Board Meet with Community: Another outcome of the Chair and Vice-chair's special meeting was the suggestion that the Board hold a public meeting where the community could talk to Commissioners without the two-minute time constraint to discuss concerns. Commissioner Adams stated that he thinks the Board should hold the meeting; however, it is challenging to structure it so that the Board listens to the public and asks questions of them. In addition, Parks staff should be on hand to answer policy and other Department-related questions, as the Board cannot speak for the Department or the City.

Responding to a question from Commissioner Barber whether this meeting would be separate from a regular meeting, Deputy Superintendent Williams answered that it would be. He suggested that the Board select three overall questions/concerns for discussion at the meeting. Commissioner Adams added that he would want these questions to reflect the concerns of the public. Deputy Superintendent Williams added that Parks staff would attend to answer questions, as needed. The meeting would be structured to create a dialogue and not a debate. The purpose is to have the public feel that it has been heard by the Board. He noted that the Superintendent regularly meets with the community to create dialogue.

Commissioner Holme voiced some skepticism. This is a broad concept and he believes it will take a great deal of work to design a format that will be effective. Commissioner Adams agreed that it will need a lot of work, Parks staff support, and possibly a facilitator. In addition, the Board and staff must determine how best to engage the public to ensure a broad representation at the meeting. Commissioner Holme suggested a format where part of the meeting would be an "open house" format and Commissioners would interact individually with the public.

Commissioner Kostka suggested that the Department's public involvement policy be re-evaluated by the Board. Commissioner Holme, who has been a Board member since 2003, responded that about three years ago the Board spent nearly 1-1/2 years reviewing the policy. With new leadership in the Department, it is important to recognize what the Board has worked on during the past few years.

Commissioner Adams stressed that the Board and staff plan this meeting carefully to ensure its success.

Breakfast meeting with Former Park Board Chairs: Board members have expressed interest in inviting the former Park Board chairs to a breakfast meeting to listen to their perspective on previous Park Board operations and issues the Boards faced. Friday, December 4, was selected as the date. The Coordinator will send an invitation to the former chairs.

Future Agenda Topics: The Board has developed a list of agenda items it would like to consider for future briefings from Parks staff. Commissioner Kincaid had suggested an update briefing on the Washington State Department of Transportation's SR520 replacement project. This briefing is scheduled for September 24, with Parks project manager David Graves presenting a briefing, as well as Seattle's Friends of Olmsted Parks.

Agenda Analysis: The Board has voiced some concern that too many agenda topics are being scheduled, leaving inadequate time for its discussion. The Board's coordinator reviewed the agendas for the past 15 years and determined that 33% of the meetings have had three topics and 37% have had four topics. The Coordinator will keep the topics to three or less topics when the Board has discussions on more complicated topics. Commissioner Ramels thanked the coordinator for this research.

Briefing: New Partnerships

Charles Ng, Seattle Parks' Concessions and Grants Manager, briefed the Board on the Department's efforts to develop new partnerships. Commissioners received a written briefing several days prior to this meeting, which was also posted to the Board's web site and is included below.

Written Briefing

Requested Board Action

The purpose of this briefing is to provide the Board of Park Commissioners with early information about the development of a new policy regarding partnerships. One task in Parks and Recreation's Strategic Action Plan (SAP) is Goal 6.A.5 which states, the department will:

"Identify opportunities to partner with organizations that can more effectively provide services by leveraging skills and resources."

With that in mind, staff has been working on drafting new policies with procedures that will provide a template and criteria for partnership development with public and private entities.

Project Background

Parks and Recreation is developing a new policy with procedures to provide an expanded framework for the development of key partnerships with public and private entities. Parks has a long history of entering into short- and long-term partnership contracts. One of the earliest "concession agreements" was for the operation of the Green Lake Boat Rental Facility in 1918. Contractual relationships have helped the Department not only to provide a variety of programs and services to the public, but reduce cost in delivery of services. Long-term agreements with partners are typically written for a minimum of five years to maintain Department program objectives or initiatives for a consistent period of time, and to ensure non-interrupted provision of services to the public. Some of the contractual relationships include financial commitments while others are non-monetary, such as a simple exchange of services.

The Strategic Action Plan supports the importance of continuing to build and develop partnerships. More importantly, it recognizes the importance of actively seeking new partnership opportunities with public and private entities that may not fit the profiles of our traditional partners. These new partnerships will assist the Department in carrying out new initiatives and in meeting the growing diverse needs and interests of potential user groups. A copy of new partnerships currently under short term-contracts is attached (see Attachment A). This list partly reflects the Department's commitment to promote healthy lifestyles as part of the Healthy Parks Healthy You Initiative.

Public Involvement Process

Staff will come back to the Board with a recommended Partnership Development Policy and we anticipate the Board will hold a public hearing on this policy. Staff expects to have a final draft policy for the Board's review in early 2010. The City Council may also hold public meetings on this policy. Key stakeholders are:

- Seattle Parks and Recreation management and staff
- Mayor's Office
- Board of Park Commissioners
- Seattle City Council
- The public
- Potential public and private sector partners

Issues

Staff anticipates that many of the issues will revolve around public concern over privatization or commercialization of parks and potential loss or limiting of access to park facilities. Once public meetings are held, issues and concerns will be reviewed and staff will respond to these concerns.

Environmental Sustainability

Potential new partners will provide services and programs that promote, advocate, and implement the City's green and other environmentally friendly initiatives.

Budget

Current Department resources will be used to implement this process. No additional funding is requested at this time.

Schedule

Staff is proposing the following schedule:

Complete draft and internal review of proposed policy	4 th quarter 2009
Presentation to the Park Board of recommended policy	1 st quarter 2010
Public hearings	1 st quarter 2010
Park Board recommendation	2 nd quarter 2010
Mayor and Council review	3 rd quarter 2010
Additional public hearings	3 rd quarter 2010
Final policy review and adoption	4 th quarter 2010
Policy implementation	1 st quarter 2011

Additional Information

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- Attachment A Current list of contractual partners
- Attachment B Short-term new partners list

Attachment A

**Partnerships Unit--Superintendent Division
New Contracts/Partners Programs Report**

Partner/contract Program	Brief Description	Department initiative or program priority	Term of contract	Public Benefit
Kaboom/Bank of America contract	Delridge Playground installation and work party on 7/17/09	Building community and capacity	1 year	Improved park facility
City Year MOA	Agreement with City Year for exchange of services	Building community and capacity	1 year	Program delivery efficiency
Washington Service Corps/ AmeriCorps Summer Youth Program	Pilot program to engage at risk youths by partnering with Washington Service Corps and Americorps	Anti violence Prevention and building community	1 year	Reducing youth gang violence and increase program delivery
Seattle Adaptive Sports physically challenged recreation	Program to provide programming to physically challenged populations by hosting "special Olympic events."	Building Community	1 year	Increasing program delivery
Puget Sound Basketball	Rental agreement that provides access to adult basketball populations	Healthy Park and Healthy You/Building Community and capacity	1 year	Increasing program delivery and access/promoting healthy activities
NW School	Rental agreement that provides access to private middle schools populations	Healthy Park and Healthy You/Building Community and capacity	1 year	Increasing program delivery and access/promoting healthy activities
Seattle Girls School	Rental agreement that provides access to private middle schools populations	Healthy Park and Healthy You/Building Community and capacity	1 year	Increasing program delivery and access/promoting healthy activities
Seattle Volleyball	Rental agreement that provides access to adult volley ball populations	Healthy Park and Healthy You/Building Community and capacity	1 year	Increasing program delivery and access/promoting healthy activities
Stroller Strides	Rental agreement that provides exercise program to mothers with children.	Healthy Park and Healthy You/Building Community and capacity	1 year	Increasing program delivery and access/promoting healthy activities
Children's Banner and School of Fish Scholarship program	Advertising agreement that promotes swimming safety and advocates for swim lessons for populations that are more at risk in drowning incidents		1 year	
Fitness permits--	Fitness recreation at Golden Gardens; Boot camps; Jazzercise	Healthy Parks Healthy You	1 year	Increasing program delivery and access/promoting healthy activities
UK, Kidz Love Soccer, and Lil Kickers	Agreement provides programs for youth soccer	Healthy Parks Healthy You	1 year	Increasing program delivery and access/promoting healthy activities
Orbiter Lap Counters	Agreement promotes walking and running	Healthy Parks Healthy You	1 year	Increasing program delivery and access/promoting healthy activities
WSU 4H Ropes course	Agreement provides ropes course recreation at Camp Long	Healthy Park and Healthy You/Building Community and capacity	1 year	Increasing program delivery and access/promoting healthy activities

Center for Wooden Boats Wharf Contract				
ARC Print shop				

Attachment B

Contract Name/Partner	Nature of Partnership
Amy Yee Tennis Center (No current operator)	Food Concession Agreement
Arboretum Foundation	Use Agreement for Graham Visitor's Center at Arboretum in Washington Park
Arena Sports	Tenant Agreement
Artist Studios	Tenant Agreement
ASCAP Licensing	Share cost w/Seattle Center
Audubon Use & Occupancy Agreement - Seward Park	Environmental Programming Partner at Seward Park Ord# 121190
B111X: Seattle Police Officer David Marley #6053	Informal
B111X: Seattle Public Utility Biologist Laura Reed	Informal
Bats Northwest	Tenant Agreement
Bergen Place Park (Dante's Inferno Dog)	Food Concession Agreement
BMI Licensing	Licensing Agreement_Share cost w/Seattle Center
Carkeek Park Advisory Council	Informal
Carkeek Watershed Community Action Project (CWCAP) 2396:	Informal
Cascade Bicycle Club	Tenant Agreement
Cascade Park Building/Lutheran Church Services	Lease Agreement_Programming partner
Cascade Swim Club	MOA
Children's Hospital	Parking Agreement
Chinook Book	Marketing Coupon Agreement
Chinook Day Camp – Totem Council Girls Scouts of Seattle	Yearly ask for a fee waiver
Christmas Ship Trademark/Seed IP Ref # 200042.205WA	Patent Agreement_regulatory
Civic Light Opera	Tenant Agreement
Colman Pool (Cow Boyz)	Seasonal Food Concession
Colman Pool/Caretaker (Mark Sears)	Use and Occupancy
Discovery Park-Playtime, Inc. (Pending Contract)	
Divers Institute of Technology	MOA
E. Queen Anne Wading Pool & Field (no current operator)	Food Concession Agreement
Earthcorps	Tenant Agreement
Entertainment Book	Marketing Agreement
First Investor/Vulcan contract for General Motor site	Use and Occupancy Agreement_Programming partner

Friends of Disco Park	Friends of Agreement
Friends of the Seattle Public Library	Tenant Agreement
FSH Communications (Formerly Qwest) Pay Phone	Payphone agreement_City Wide - Mark Peterson
Gasworks Park	Seasonal Food Concession Agreement
Golden Garden Bathhouse (Renu Singh-Sunrise Foods)	Food Concession Agreement Ord# 122169
Green Lake Aqua Theater-Special Events (Tim Hunt-Healthfit)	Food Concession Agreement
Green Lake Boat Rental (Clarke Gray-5th Ave. Sport)	Boat Rental Concession Agreement Ord# 121451
Green Lake Food (Tim Hunt-Healthfit Distribution)	Food Concession Agreement Ord #121776
Green Lake Golf/Pitch & Putt (Marlene Taitch-Interbay Mgmt)	Golf Management Concession Agreement Ord #122440
Green Lake North Swim Beach	Seasonal Food Concession
Gymboree	Tenant Agreement Programming partner
Heron Habitat Helpers	Informal written
Hiawatha Advisory Council and ARC Seattle Recreation – South	Formal/ Long Term MOA
Historic Seattle PDA	Operation and Management of Good Shepherd Center at Meridian Park
Historic Seattle PDA	Operation and Management of Belltown Cottages
Historic Seattle PDA	Ownership of Egan House on City ownership of St Marks Greenbelt
Hobie Cats Northwest	Tenant Agreement Programming partner
Homeless Shelters	MOA Program Agreement/
Human Services	Interdepartment MOA Programming partner
Jay Mirro, Longfellow Creek Watershed Council, B-111 key and storage of Watershed Council tools at Camp Long	Informal
Jefferson Park Lawn Bowling Club	Management Lease Programming Partner Ord# 122100
K-11: Seattle Parks Matt Axling, Outdoor Opportunities	Informal
King County Health Condom contract	Inteagency Agreement _health and pregnancy prevention
Lake City Community Center (Lake City CC, Inc. formerly Lions Club)	Management Lease Programing Partner Ord #122383
Lake City Junior Football	Tenant Agreement
Lake Union Armory Agreements	series of tenant agreements
Lakewood Moorage/Schober & Assoc.	Moorage Concession Agreement Ord # 122365
Leschi Moorage/Schober & Assoc.	Moorage Concession Agreement Ord # 122365

Lions Club	Program Operation Agreement - Lake City Community Center
Longfellow Creek Watershed Council, meeting once a month, use of Lodge.	Interdepartment Agreement Part of SPU partnership intent
Madison Community Club	Informal (implied and assumed over the years)
Madison Park Bathhouse Preschool	Management Lease Programming partner Ord# 122642
Madrona Beach (A. Banks-Mama Williebell)	Seasonal Food Concession
Magnolia Park	Seasonal Food Concession
Magnuson CC/ Enterprise Division	Verbal Understanding
Magnuson Park (Dante's)	Seasonal Food Concession
Magnuson Park (Popsicle Paris)	Seasonal Food Concession
Magnuson Park Agreements	
Maintenance & P&R; SPU, Fire, City Light	Interdepartment MOA
Matthews Beach (Popsicle Paris)	Seasonal Food Concession
Microplanet	Tenant Agreement
Mid-Sound Fisheries	Tenant Agreement
MPLC Licensing	Add Seattle Center Location
MPN	Agreement for ownership and use roof of parking garage at Pike Place Market Victor Steinbrueck Park
Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle (now King County)	Agreement for City Sewage Treatment
Museum of History & Industry	Management Lease Programming partner
Music of Remembrance	Tenant Agreement
Nature Consortium Arts-in-Nature Festival co-sponsored by CLAC	Special Event with ARC
NE Seattle Little League	Tenant Agreement
Neighborhood House	Public Benefits Agreement Civic support
Neighborhood House use of High Point childcare space – Seattle Recreation – South	Formal Contract/ 2 years with option 3rd year.
Northwest Crafts Alliance	Tenant Agreement Programming partner
Northwest Runner	Tenant Agreement Programming partner
Northwest Solar Center	Tenant Agreement Programming partner
OO Denny Park (Finn Hill Park & Rec. District) Ord# 121599	On Site management Agreement - Ord#121599
Outdoors For All	Tenant Agreement Programming partner
Outside Agency - Seafair	Special Event Use Agreement
P & R, SPU	MOA
P&R, ??	Pre-Agreement
P&R, CDOO	Formal Agreement
P&R, Pioneer Square Bus., & Community Council	Draft (1990) – MOA – All downtown Parks

P&R, Seattle School District #1	Formal - MOA
P&R, SPU	Master MOA
P&R, SPU	Formal – MOA
P&R, SPU,	MOA
P&R, Westin Hotel	Formal Agreement
Pinehurst Community Club	Informal Agreement
Plant Amnesty	Tenant Agreement Programming partner
Playtime, Inc	Formal Contract
Pocock Racing Shells	Trailer use MBRSC
Point of View Telescopes (Gary Warhaftig)	Concession Agreement Ord #121531
Pratt Fine Arts Center	Management Lease Programming partner
Pro-Motion Events	Tenant Agreement Programming partner
Puget Sound Neighborhood Health Clinic at Highpoint, 905 Spruce St. #300 Seattle 98104 Contact: Kathleen Perex-Hureaux	Billed Use MOU
Puget Sound Neighborhood Health Clinic/45th Contact: Ruth Egger1629 N 45th Seattle, WA 98103egger@washington.edu 633-3350	Billed Use MOU
Puget Sound Neighborhood Health Clinic/Greenwood Contact:Marigrace Becker415 N 85th St Seattle, WA 98103beckem@psnhc.org 782-8660 Puget Sound Neighborhood Health Clinic/	Billed Use MOU
Puget Sound Watershed Council	Informal
Rainier Beach Medical Clinic (PSNCH) 8444 Rainer Ave S Seattle WA 98118, Contact MaryLou Anderson, 4400 Rainier Ave S 461-6957 x155	MOA
Rainier Park Medical Clinic 4400 Rainier Ave S Seattle WA 98118 Contact: See Above	MOA
Rainier Vista Boys & Girls Club	Public benefits Agreement Civic support
Rainier Vista Boys and Girls Club Seattle Recreation – South	Formal MOA
Red Barn Ranch (Steve Altick, Camp Berachah Ministries) [RFP]	Management Lease On Site management
Remote Medical International	Formal Contract
Roxbury Clinic – Highline Medical Group, 9635 17th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98106. Contact: Collen Concannon	Memo of Billed Use
Sail Sand Point	Tenant Agreement Programming partner

Salmon Bay Aquatics	MOA
Sand Point Community Housing	Interagency Agreement maintenance support
Sand Point Gym	Tenant Agreement Programming partner
Sand Points Arts and Cultural Exchange	Tenant Agreement Programming partner
Sanislo School	Yearly ask for a fee waiver to do overnight and programs
SE & SW Athletic Fields (Cow-Boyz Food Concession)	Seasonal Food Concession
Sea Mar Boxing Club at South Park	Informal verbal agreement
Seacrest Boathouse(E. Galanti-Alki, Crab & Fish Co.)	Concession Agreement ORD#120748
Seafair Hydroplane Races	Concessions
Seattle Art Museum	Maintenance and Operation of Seattle Asian Art Museum (Volunteer Park)
Seattle Asian Arts Museum	Management Agreement Programming partner
Seattle Canoe Club	Annual Agreement
Seattle Children's Play Garden	Lease agreement for playground and Shelter at Colman Park
Seattle Chinatown International District Preservation and Public Development Authority	Condominium Agreement International/Chinatown Community Center
Seattle Chinese Garden Society	Public Benefit Civic support
Seattle Civic Band	No Formal Agreement
Seattle Conservation Corps	Tenant Agreement Programming partner
Seattle Fire Dept.	Fitness Swimming MOA
Seattle Harbor Patrol	Fitness Swimming MOA
Seattle Historical Society	Maintenance and Operation of Museum of History and Industry at McCurdy Park (MOHAI)
Seattle Housing Authority	Operating Agreement for Yesler Community Center
Seattle Housing Authority	Condominium Agreement for Ravenna-Eckstein Community Center
Seattle Pacific University	MOA
Seattle Play Garden/Colman PG	Management Lease Programming partner
Seattle Public Library	Tenant Agreement
Seattle Public Schools "School Parks Joint Use Agreement"	Interagency Agreement Formal
Seattle Public Theater	Management Lease Programming partner
Seattle Public Utilities	Interdepartment Agreement Maintenance support
Seattle Public Utilities – Land & Water Education Program Support	Formal MOA
Seattle Raft and Kayak	Tenant Agreement Programming partner

Seattle School District	Shared site: no formal agreement; Alki CC
Seattle School District	Joint Construction and Use Agreement for (OLD) Bitter Lake Community Center
Seattle School District	Joint Use Agreement Garfield Community Center
Seattle School District	Garfield Teen Center Agreement
Seattle School District	Joint Construction and Use Agreement for Laurelhurst School gymnasium
Seattle School District	Agreement for Laurelhurst parking lot on Helene Madison Pool property and Parks maintenance of some Ingraham green space
Seattle School District	Joint Construction and Use Agreement and lease to SSD Magnolia Community Center
Seattle School District	Joint Construction and Use Agreement; (OLD) Meadowbrook CC, now Teen Center
Seattle School District	Joint Construction and Use Agreement for (Old) Miller Community Center
Seattle School District	Joint Construction and Use Agreement Rainier Beach Community Center
Seattle School District	Southwest Community Center and Pool - lease from District for Parks for parking lot and circulation purposes
Seattle/King County Dept of Public Health - HIV/AIDS Program (HAP) Condom Machines	La07-2551-002
SESAC Licensing	Share cost w/Seattle Center
Seward Park (A. Isadore-Perfection Ice Cream)	Food Concession Agreement
Seward Park Art Studio	Management Lease Programming partner
Seward Park Caretaker	Management Lease Use and Occupancy
Shoreline Community College	Memo of Billed Use
Special Populations Adult and Youth Camps	Yearly reservation of facility for summer camp
Spectrum Dance Theatre	Management Lease Programming partner
State Department of Natural Resources	Harbor lease for Waterfront park/Aquarium
Summit Vending-Parks Wide	Concession Agreement Ord # 121904
SW Youth and Family Services	Tenant Agreement Programming partner
The Mountaineers – Seattle Chapter John Wick	Attempts at formalizing an Agreement since 2005. For years prior, this group received a discount on rental use of the facility in the off season

Thistle Theater	Tenant Agreement Programming partner
United Indians of all Tribes	Lease agreement for Daybreak Star Indian Cultural Center at Discovery Park
United Indians of All Tribes	Programming partner
United Indians of All Tribes Foundation	Informal
University of Washington	Interagency Agreement maintenance support
Victory Heights Preschool	Management Lease Programming Partner Ord#122643
Volunteer Park- NO CURRENT VENDOR	Seasonal Food Concession
Washington Native Plant Society	Tenant Agreement Programming partner
West Seattle Sportsman Club (Dahl Rifle Club)	Management Lease Programming Partner Ord# 121290
Woodland Park Lawn Bowling Club	Management Lease Programming partner Ord#122638
Woodland Park Lower Fields	Seasonal Food Concession
Woodland Park Zoo Society	Interagency Agreement Programming partner
Woodland Park Zoological Society	Operations and Management Agreement for Woodland Park Zoo
YMCA	Tenant Agreement Programming partner

Verbal Briefing/Discussion

Mr. Ng introduced himself and reviewed information in the written briefing and gave some additional details. Parks looks at this policy as being proactive and welcoming. He noted that Parks staff checked with other jurisdictions and few have a Partnership Policy.

Commissioner Kostka commented that renewing 200 contracts every one-three years sounds like a lot of work. Mr. Ng responded that if the contracts go well and are mutually beneficial, and approved by City Council legislation, they may be written for as much as 10-15 years.

Commissioner Kincaid asked if there is a cost analysis for how the Department determines whether staff should do the work or contract with a vendor. Mr. Ng responded that nine analytical questions/filters are used to answer this question and cost analysis is one of those. Deputy Superintendent Williams added that a number of the Department's staff are union members and that is also a consideration on whether to do the work in-house or contract with a vendor. Commissioner Kincaid also recommended that the Department include price caps during the negotiations to ensure facilities remain available to the public — beyond providing scholarships. Mr. Ng responded that this is also part of the analysis. The key is to not price out the public or limit their access to facilities. The contract language reads that the contracts must not displace existing programming. Commissioner Kincaid asked if vendors could open facilities for a free day, much like Seattle Art Museum and Mr. Ng responded this is entirely possible. This is looked at on a case-by-case basis and negotiated.

Responding to a question from Commissioner Ramels as to whether the Associated Recreation Council is a partner, Mr. Ng responded that they are and should have been on the list. He will make this addition.

Commissioner Holme referred to the discussion of contract terms. He recommended that the policy include language that the initial contract is always a pilot contract and if things go well, the policy could then be extended upon mutual agreement. Commissioner Holme asked if Parks is sending a questionnaire to its current contractors to gather their feedback on this new policy. Mr. Ng stated this is a good idea and he will do so. Commissioner Holme asked why some individuals, rather than vendors, are referenced on the list. Mr. Ng responded that these were one-time contracts and he will remove those.

Responding to a question from Commissioner Barber whether the new policy will apply to both existing and new contracts, Mr. Ng answered that it will apply to both. Commissioner Barber referred to the Friends of Parks groups and believes those groups are also partners. Mr. Ng answered that the intent is to broaden the Department's list of partners and he will add those groups to this list.

Commissioner Barber referred to the public paying to use public property and hopes that Parks will strive to be a no-cost provider. Let private companies find their own non-public property and offer their services from there.

Superintendent Williams commented that there are many definitions of partnerships. While some partners may manage a pier, others give broad, overall benefit to the Department. The Department must hold its partners accountable. Commissioner Barber responded that the Department must also keep a clear focus on its mission. Mr. Ng responded that one of the nine filters for awarding contracts is the Department's objectives and mission.

Commissioner Adams recommended that Mr. Ng add a preface that clearly describes why the policy is being developed and why it is needed at this time. He also suggested that the preface describe the Department's relationship with the unions and give examples. Deputy Superintendent Williams and Mr. Ng responded that the policy will help staff to be consistent as they develop partnerships and will result in clear benefits for the partners and the Department.

Commissioner Ramels thanked staff for bringing this to the Park Board early in the process, as the Board's usual involvement in policies is usually when the policy is much further developed. Mr. Ng will present an update briefing following by a public hearing at the Board's November 12 meeting. The Board plans to discuss the New Partnership Development at its December 10 meeting and make a recommendation to the Superintendent.

Commissioners thanked Mr. Ng for the briefing.

Update Briefing: Seattle Tilth/Meridian Playground

Marylou Whiteford, Seattle Parks Senior Property Agent, presented an update briefing on an agreement with Seattle Tilth regarding Meridian Playground. The agreement is being submitted to City Council for its consideration on September 11. Prior to this meeting, Commissioners received a written briefing which was posted on the Board's web page and is included in these minutes.

Written Briefing

Requested Board Action

This briefing is for informational purposes. It is a follow-up to a briefing provided to the Board of Park Commissioners on March 12, 2009.

Project Description

Legislation concerning Meridian Playground has been submitted for City Council consideration (tentative agenda September 11, 2009). The legislation:

- clarifies and confirms jurisdiction over areas currently occupied by Seattle Tilth and the Good Shepherd P-Patch;

- revises the Comprehensive Site Plan slightly, renaming one area; and
- authorizes the Superintendent to enter into leases/agreements for use of certain areas, including those areas currently used by Seattle Tilth and the P-Patch.

Background Information

In 1976, the City purchased a former religious facility known as the Home of the Good Shepherd, located at 4649 Sunnyside Avenue North, using Forward Thrust and federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) monies. The westernmost six acres of the 11.5 acre site was to be used as a playground, now known as Meridian Playground, under jurisdiction of Parks and Recreation. The remainder of the site was to be used for “general municipal purposes,” under jurisdiction of the Fleets and Facility Department (FFD), as a self-sustaining multi-purpose community center, now known as the Good Shepherd Center. Title to the building itself was given to Historic Seattle and the entire site was designated a landmark in 1984.

Over time, the site has had a very complex legislative history (see attached Meridian Playground background information). A 25-year Comprehensive Site Plan, adopted by Ordinance 111865 in 1984, established two complementary uses on a portion of the land: a P-Patch, a program administered now by the Department of Neighborhoods (DON); and a demonstration garden under a private non-profit organization, Seattle Tilth. Both these land areas have been under jurisdiction of FFD since implementation. The Comprehensive Site Plan directed that at the end of 25 years (September 2009), the areas occupied by the P-Patch and the demonstration garden are to come under jurisdiction of Parks and Recreation as part of Meridian Playground.

Both Seattle Tilth and the P-Patch would like to continue activities at Meridian Playground. Additionally, Seattle Tilth would like to expand its use to another area of the park, identified on the Comprehensive Site Plan as “Formal Lawn.”

Effects of Proposed Legislation

The proposed legislation clarifies and confirms the directive of Ordinance 111865 to place the land under jurisdiction of Parks and Recreation. It modifies the Comprehensive Site Plan slightly by re-naming an area labeled “Formal Lawn” to “East Entrance and Outdoor Education Area.” This area was never improved as a formal lawn. The new name reflects its function as an entrance to Meridian Playground from the parking lot to the east that the park shares with Historic Seattle; and it sets aside a small area for activities that teach children and adults ways to enjoy outdoor recreation. The legislation authorizes the Superintendent to enter into short-term agreements (less than one year) for use of the area. The first such agreement is expected to be with Seattle Tilth to teach children about gardening. The legislation also authorizes the Superintendent to enter into a new three-year lease agreement, with provision for two three-year extensions, to allow Seattle Tilth continued use of the demonstration garden area.

Relationship to Strategic Action Plan

Creation of the new small outdoor education area and continuation of the demonstration garden and the P-Patch are all closely aligned with Goal 2 of Parks and Receptions Strategic Action Plan, encouraging recreation and learning opportunities for healthy living.

Public Involvement Process and Other Department/Agency Coordination

Parks staff have involved FFD, DON, the Landmarks Board, and Seattle Tilth in researching the background and preparing the legislation. The proposal was presented in a public meeting of the Board of Parks Commissioners on March 12, 2009. The matter of re-naming the Formal Lawn to East Entrance and Outdoor Education Area was presented at a public meeting of the Landmarks Board Architectural Review Committee on March 27, 2009. The Landmarks Board determined that a formal amendment action was not necessary to simply change the name of the area on the Comprehensive Site Plan. A full review and a Certificate of Approval will be required if any physical changes are made to the site.

Additional Information

For additional information please contact Marylou Whiteford at 206-684-7388 or marylou.whiteford@seattle.gov

Attachment

Meridian Playground, Legislative History - Background Information

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Ordinance 105956

11/08/1976

- Authorizes acquisition and development of entire 11.5 acre site as a playground and self-sustaining multi-purpose community center
- Title to buildings goes to Historic Seattle; City retains fee title to land
- Department of Parks and Recreation and Superintendent of Buildings to work with Historic Seattle to develop a Comprehensive Site Plan to be in effect for 25 years
- Funded by Forward Thrust and HUD monies
- Unless otherwise directed by Comprehensive Site Plan, westernmost 6 acres of entire site, not including roadways, to be reserved for playground; remainder of site for general municipal purposes under Superintendent of Buildings

Ordinance 111828

08/21/1984

- Re-apportions the grounds defining some areas other than the entire westernmost 6 acres of the site to playground
- Includes detailed map identifying discrete parcels and indicating square footage of each
- Resolves audit exception
- Defines areas for P-patch and demonstration garden and transfers jurisdiction of these areas to Department of Administrative Services
- Compensates for reduction in area within westernmost 6 acres by transferring jurisdiction of Formal Lawn area south of main building, northeastern most area of entire site, and edges of back access driveway (from Bagley Ave N) to Parks
- Assures use of parking lot within easterly half of site (Historic Seattle's area) available to entire site
- Results in 6.62 acres for playground
- Includes *"restrictive easement to prevent use and development of the remainder of the general municipal purpose property in any manner which is inconsistent with Comprehensive Site Plan or which would interfere with use and enjoyment of Meridian Playground for park and playground purposes"*

Ordinance 111865

09/05/1984

- Adopts Comprehensive Site Plan, including a Supplemental Agreement with Historic Seattle, a map illustrating the Plan, and Landscape Management Goals and Policies
- Agreement with Historic Seattle to expire *"no later than the rights and occupancy of Historic Seattle to occupy the Good Shepherd Center buildings as a self-sustaining multi-purpose community center or 25 years, whichever is greater"*
- Use by Seattle Tilth *"expiring upon the soonest of 25 years or the discontinuation of the demonstration program"*
- Establishes rights in common to use driveway
- Recognizes Good Shepherd Advisory Board, under Historic Seattle
- Places P-Patch under Department of Human Resources

- P-Patch to occupy space *“for a period of 25 years or until discontinued, whichever is sooner . . . [thereafter] this area shall become part of the Meridian Playground”*
- *“The Superintendent of Parks and Recreation is designated as the City’s representative to administer the foregoing agreements; to compel compliance with the Comprehensive Site Development Plan; and to enforce the servitudes in favor of the Meridian Playground and to administer the Conveyance, Site Development and Property Use Agreement with Historic Seattle . . . ”*

Ordinance 111882

09/17/1984

- Designates entire site a landmark
- Places controls upon alterations to the site; requires Certificate of Approval from Landmarks Commission for changes to:
 - exterior of all buildings
 - the site
 - the formal gardens character of the site;

“decisions on Certificate of Approval on site and gardens shall be made in conformance with the Landscape Management Goals”

Agreement for Demonstration Project in Urban Agriculture

09/11/1997

- Agreement between Seattle Tilth and Department of Administrative Services
- Expires 09/30/2009

Verbal Briefing/Board Discussion

Ms. Whiteford introduced herself, reviewed information in the briefing paper, and gave some additional details. She also displayed two large maps and pointed out the layout of the property and buildings. The reason for this legislation is that the 25-year Comprehensive Plan that was adopted in September of 1984 expires at the end of September 2009 and Parks must determine how to deal with the property. Additional City Council legislation is expected that will focus on how to program the land. Ms. Whiteford noted that this type of Comprehensive Plan would be unusual today; however, it was not unusual in the 1980’s when the original Comprehensive Plan was written.

Commissioner Kincaid stated that Seattle Tilth is such a valuable resource and asked if the length of the contract can be extended to longer than three years. Ms. Whiteford responded that Parks values its partnership with Seattle Tilth and that up to nine years can be contracted under the current legislation. The contract term could be lengthened in subsequent legislation. She noted that during tonight’s Partnerships briefing, Mr. Ng stated that some contracts are extended for 10 or more years.

Commissioner Barber referred to Bradner Gardens. Community members integrated several different approaches to gardening at this park and he asked if that process might be used as an example for how to handle this site. Ms. Whiteford responded that Bradner Gardens was a very strong and organized neighborhood effort, with many creative and dedicated people. The Bradner Gardens is different from the Seattle Tilth/Meridian model.

Commissioner Ramels asked how the community feels about this legislation. Ms. Whiteford answered that Historic Seattle runs the Good Shephard Center, which convenes the Good Shephard Advisory Council. Seattle Tilth and other tenants attend these meetings, as well as Parks’ North Resources Manager. Commissioner Ramels asked if others in the community are aware of the expiring contract and the legislation, or only those who attend the Advisory Council meetings. The general community should also be aware of this legislation and these changes. Deputy Superintendent Williams responded that there will be very minimal change to the gardens, so the public won’t see that one plan has ended and another has begun. Commissioner Holme asked if there are any community objections to the current uses at the garden. Ms. Whiteford responded that while staff have not solicited opinion like they would do if this were new property, no one has been waiting in the

wings to develop new projects at this site. The Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public, the Park Board briefing is a public process, and the legislative process is also open to the public. Commissioner Holme recommended that Parks staff also post signage at the site that the City Council is taking action on this in September. Ms. Whiteford agreed to do so.

Commissioner Kostka understands from the testimony tonight that Seattle Tilth is anxious about its long-term planning capabilities at the site, with the contract being only one year and opportunities for three-year renewals. She urged Parks to have further discussions with Tilth on what type of planning framework it needs for the renewal of the ordinance. Ms. Whiteford agreed with this suggestion. The next ordinance will go through the same review process; however, it will be focused on site programming.

Commissioner Adams asked if Parks has any concerns that the ordinance won't pass City Council's vote. Ms. Whiteford responded that Parks expects that Council will pass the legislation. There are no physical changes to the site in this first legislation. Because the Children's Garden is being renamed, Parks went to Historic Seattle with the name change. If the site's physical structure were being changed, Historic Seattle would hold a more arduous process.

Commissioner Adams noted that the City and Parks has made some interesting agreements over the years, such as this one and some Magnuson Park contracts. He hopes the new Partnership Policy will ensure that the contracts are more formal and structured to take to City Council. Commissioner Ramels agreed and added that it is difficult to determine how some of these complicated contracts came about. She believes that providing this type of information for the public will be very helpful.

Commissioners thanked Ms. Whiteford for the briefing.

Additional Old/New Business

Next Meeting: The next Park Board meeting is on Thursday, September 10.

Compost Burning: Commissioner Kincaid reported that her neighbors' wooden compost bin recently caught on fire from spontaneous combustion. She noted that compost bins catching fire is not an infrequent event and those who compost should be forewarned.

Downtown Public Spaces: Commissioner Ramels attended a tour with Councilmember Nick Licata and others of a number of the public downtown spaces. A new map is available that lists all the areas that were built by developers in exchange with the City. For more information on these sites and a location map, see http://www.seattle.gov/council/issues/public_space.htm

SR520 Information: Commissioner Barber noted that several committees, such as the Park Board and the Arboretum and Botanical Garden Committee, have information in their minutes on the Washington State Department of Transportation's SR520 replacement project. He asked if there is a way to link the public to these various sets of minutes through the Park Board. This led to a brief discussion of whether minutes from all the Department's advisory groups and the Associated Recreation Council (ARC) are online and available for the public to read. Commissioner Adams will check on ARC, as he is the Board's representative to ARC.

There being no other new business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Jackie Ramels, Chair
Board of Park Commissioners

DATE _____