

Welcome –with Kelly McCaffrey, Park District Oversight Committee Chair

Public Comment:

Tim Motzer, Lake City Advisory Council- Proposed three recommendations for the Committee to include in their Mid-cycle recommendation:

1. Approve the remaining \$501,000 for the Community Center Operations initiative, transferring the funds from the Community Center Rehabilitation initiative.
2. Allow for mid-6-year cycle corrections that would allow increases to the spending plan if needed.
3. Retain the current 2018 property tax rate of 24.5 cents through 2020 to minimize the amount of tax increase that may be needed to fund needed improvements in the second funding cycle.

Motzer urged the Committee consider the race and social justice implications of current and proposed Seattle Park District fund allocations. Motzer encouraged the Committee to recommend mid-cycle changes, as allowed by the Seattle Park District interlocal agreement.

Mike Stanley, Green Lake Rowing Advisory Council – Request approval of Green Lake Small Crafts Center Major Project Challenge Fund (MPCF) proposal. Stanley shared a brief overview of the center’s history starting in 1948. Stanley the following accomplishments of the center: \$22K raised in 2017 to offer financial aid for participants, a high return rate of participants as volunteers and a program which offers recreation opportunities to diverse audiences. Stanley provided an update on the Green Lake Rowing Advisory Council’s other fundraising efforts proposed as a match in their MPCF application.

Scott Gannon, Volunteer for Green Lake Small Craft Center- Gannon shared his experience rowing and volunteering for three years at Green Lake. Gannon said, “it’s been a phenomenal experience” and cited the inclusiveness of the center’s programs as a reason for their continued participation. Gannon cited that MPCF funding will help bring more of those experiences.

Mary Ann Ward, Sail Sand Point Executive Director- Provided some historical context for Sail Sand Point’s MPCF application. Ward cited the \$80K spent by Sail Sand Point to abate hazardous substances and other improvements to boathouse that houses their programs. Ward shared that Sail Sand Point is a small nonprofit with a budget of less than \$900,000. Ward expressed that \$30K of their requested MPCF proposal, funds critical support for Sail Sand Point’s fundraising efforts needed to renovate the boathouse. Ward urged the Committee to consider recommending the entire \$80K requested in Sail Sand Point’s MPCF application.

Major Projects Challenge Fund (MPCF) Deliberation– with David Graves, Seattle Parks and Recreation, Strategic Advisor

Summary: Major Projects Challenge Fund is a matching grant intended to help fund a “major project” on Seattle Parks and Recreation property. Successful projects should significantly expand the life and usability of the subject facility.

The presenter shared additional information about the 2018 MPCF staff recommendations for funding requested by the PDOC during their July 17th meeting. Additional information was shared regarding the South Park Community Center Campus Plan. Per the Committee's request, the presenter itemized the amenities not funded in the July 17 staff recommendations.

Per the Committee's request, presenter also shared updated cost estimates for the Volunteer Park Amphitheater proposal, a potential funding strategy supporting an additional \$30,000 for the Sail Sand Point fundraising plan and an additional \$1Million for the South Park Community Center campus plan. The proposed strategy would allocate the remaining funds from the 2016/2017 MPCF round and the appropriations for 2018, 2019 and 2020.

Selected Q&A, Comments- Major Projects Challenge Fund (MPCF) Deliberation– with David Graves, Seattle Parks and Recreation, Strategic Advisor

Q1: What were the results of the Daybreaks Star Feasibility Study, in terms of total project costs?

A1: Daybreaks Star Feasibility Study found an estimated \$3.5 million in total project costs.

Q2: Why is the South Park project not CIP? Doesn't feel like it should be a MPCF.

Q3: What was the total amount of match generated by all projects funded in the last MPCF round?

A3: The feasibility studies funded did not require matched. Kubota Gardens was the only construction project funded and the had a 50/50 match.

Q4: Regarding the RCO information provided, we have no idea based on chart how many are going to get funded? If applicants don't get the RCO match what happens? Is some of your match assuming they will get the RCO funding?

A4: There is the opportunity to recommend a suite of projects, with the caveat that the matching funds be secured before the project go out to bid for construction. Significant cost is the construction piece. No projects are ready to go to construction for another year to 18 months. We have time to sort things out before we get to that point.

Q5: If we allocate all the funds now, does that mean none of the feasibility studies awarded will have access to the MPCF until the next 6-year cycle of the Seattle Park District?

A5: Yes. In the meantime, they could identify and seek other funding opportunities. The feasibility studies funded by this cycle's MPCF will strengthen any future applications for funding.

C6: Motion to approve staff recommendation the revised staff recommendation contingent upon SPR staff's offer to help applicants identify other funding opportunities.

Recommendations/Decisions Made

1. The Committee did not have a quorum to support the voting process MPFC recommendations on 9/18. The Committee has requested SPR staff investigate an electronic public meeting option for voting on MPCF recommendations before the October PDOC meeting.
2. If no electronic option can be found, the Committee will hold an official vote on MPCF recommendations at the October 16th meeting.