

CIP Project Suggestions, by District Council

District Council East

Project Title

Conservatory and Children's Area restroom improvement

Project Location

The restrooms at the Volunteer Park wading pool area, between the wading pool and greenhouse.

Project Description

This restroom area is rundown, unattractive and inadequate. It needs expansion and a general clean up both inside and out. It is the facility for the childrens play area, the wading pool and the conservatory. It is unpleasant and rather dark and foreboding. The actual building has the potential to be welcoming if the 'walkway' seating area between the mens and womens restrooms were to be updated and perhaps enhanced with planter boxes or hanging baskets of color in the spring/summer months.

Project Justification

This is the primary restroom for a lot of Volunteer Park users. I really have no idea how many but if you go to the play area in the summer there are dozens of children, the conservatory is always open and there are many visitors every day. This is a Seattle tourist attraction and yet the bathroom is awful. Young children should always have an adult with them in a public restroom but even the older ten set would be discouraged from going into the bathroom without accompaniment on all but the most crowded days.

Reviewing Department Parks

Dept Recommendations

Do not consider (recently renovatted).

District Council East

Project Title

Miller Playfield Surface Replacement

Project Location

330 – 19th Ave E. (19th & John, Capitol Hill)

Project Description

Miller Playfield, 330 – 19th Ave E. (19th & John, Capitol Hill). We propose that the existing “sand” playing surface on Miller Playfield be replaced with a modern synthetic grass surface, such as “SportsTurf”, similar to that recently installed at the nearby Bobby Morris Playfield. Existing drainage issues should be investigated and repaired if possible. This proposal is contingent upon: 1) setting aside, as a renewable one year test, 5% of scheduled play time for unscheduled neighborhood use, with rules similar to those used at the Queen Anne Bowl. 2) Signage and team/player outreach to encourage parking in the lower Meany/Miller parking lot.

Project Justification

Miller playfield, with its lovely new field lights, is tremendously popular, because of its central location and easy access. The field surface [a light colored dirt material] is far from ideal. In the winter it easily gets waterlogged and is barely playable. In freezing weather it sets rock hard and is unusable. In the summer it gets very dried out (despite all the efforts of Parks staff to keep it watered) and blows around in tremendous clouds of dust which envelop the players and must be bad for their health. Many youth teams refuse to play there, because of the hazardous surface. The dust also invades the surrounding neighborhood and is a tremendous nuisance and potential health hazard. A new field surface will benefit the many organized teams, both youth and adult, who enjoy organized soccer and baseball games, as well as the students of Meany Middle School (adjacent) and all the neighbors, young and old alike, who use the field for pickup games and other outdoor recreation. An E-mail survey of the neighborhood association showed that most respondents enthusiastically supported a new synthetic surface at Miller. For neighbor’s comments see: <http://home.jps.net/~tayles/ballfield.html#neighbors>

Reviewing Department

Parks

Dept Recommendations

Current unfunded project in the Asset Management Plan.

District Council East

Project Title

New Miller Community Center Multipurpose Room

Project Location

330-19th Ave E., Seattle 98112

Project Description

Construct a new, full-sized multipurpose room on the NE corner of Miller Community Center, to physically replace the inadequate and undersized Kidspace Room, and to provide additional space for Center programs and for rentals.

Project Justification

Miller Community Center is centrally located, served by six bus lines, and has off-street parking for about 75 cars. Hence the Center's facilities are in great demand both for Community Center sponsored programs and for rentals by the public for many purposes. The full-sized kitchen and adjacent patio and water play fountain make the facility especially popular for weddings, birthdays and other social occasions. The existing (dividable) multipurpose room is frequently fully booked. The Kidspace room on the NE corner of the Center is too small and has outlived its usefulness: new Federal regulations preclude its use for most child-related activities. A full-sized multipurpose room, created by extending that room along the Center's (blank) NE gym wall would connect with the kitchen and would provide much needed, extremely versatile, additional space at the Center. The new multipurpose room will serve both participants in Center programs, and renters of the facility, will provide additional rental income to the Center, and will provide more suitable facilities for the youth who frequent our Center.

Reviewing Department

Parks

Dept Recommendations

Consider in a Parks and Recreation Plan Update. (Major capital development investment.)

District Council East

Project Title

New Police Station for Cal Anderson Park

Project Location

1625 11th Ave. Seattle

Project Description

The Cal Anderson Park has long been in need of a permanent police unit stationed in the park. I suggest a NEW Station be built in the park with an access road to it, along with a few parking spaces for police cars only. There is currently no police station in the park. The Mayor has indicated he is adding some more officers to the East Precinct and I hope a few would be assigned to this new facility. Additional parking for police cars can be placed along Nagle Place, just west of the park.

Project Justification

Cal Anderson Park has long been a magnet for drug addicts, drug pushers, alcoholics, prostitutes, and seasonal vagrants along with some homeless people. A volunteer group, Friends of Cal Anderson Park, has been trying to get the City to clean up the park with much more police presence in the park. The City has invested millions of dollars to completely reconstruct the facility so that the park is now a beautiful addition to Seattle. But it can quickly revert to its former squalor, without adequate police surveillance and action. What a waste of city resources it would be, to let Cal Anderson Park and the Bobby Morris Playfield revert to its former dangerous wasteland.

Reviewing Department Parks, SPD

Dept Recommendations

Do not consider. There is space in the shelterhouse for paperwork storage.

District Council East and Central

Project Title

21st Ave E and E John curb bulb

Project Location

Northeast corner of intersection of 21st Ave E and E. John

Project Description

This proposal is for a new curb bulb at the south end of the 200 block of 21st Ave E on the northeast corner of the intersection with East John Street. The project site is located adjacent to the southeast corner of Miller Park. 21st Ave E is a one way street heading south in this area. The neighborhood would like the city to build out a curb bulb to narrow 21st Ave E to one lane to prevent a chronic problem of vehicles heading the wrong way down the block. We would prefer that the structure was not solid concrete, but rather contain a planting area that we would maintain to enhance the beauty of the block. Two nearby intersections, 17th Ave E and E Aloha and 17th Ave E and E Galer, provide excellent examples of curb bulbs built out to narrow one way streets to one lane at intersections with arterials.

Project Justification

This project is needed to address a chronic problem of vehicles traveling the wrong way down 21st Ave E. At least two dozen vehicles a day drive the wrong way down the street, despite that fact that the one-way street is well signed. Several accidents have occurred as a result. With the high level of development one block south, the problem will only get worse. The high number of drivers turning the wrong way onto a one-way street likely results from the high number of little league games scheduled at Miller Playfield. They bring a constant stream of new people to the area that are not familiar with the neighborhood. While there have only been fender benders so far, I fear that a child from the field, playground or Meany Middle School will be hit if the problem is not addressed. The neighborhood has been pushing for this project since 2003. The mayor's office and SDOT had indicated that the neighborhood would receive additional funding for traffic control because of the hundred of new development units going in along Madison Street. So far, we haven't seen much. I discussed the project with John Marek at SDOT several times and he was supportive. He looked for funding, but none was available. He has now moved on to a new

Reviewing Department SDOT

Dept Recommendations

There may be opportunities to fund this request through the Neighborhood Street Fund/Cumulative Reserve Fund which is administered through the Department of Neighborhoods.

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Project Title

Future P-Patch

Project Location

3628 24th Place West #203, Seattle, WA 98199

Project Description

Purchase vacant land located in the Miller Park neighborhood at the NW corner of Madison Avenue, 24th Avenue East and East John. The property is zoned L3. It is a good sized lot (5,760 square feet) with good sun exposure. The estimated purchase price is \$750,000. The Property has been reviewed by the P-Patch Program staff and it fits the criteria for a community garden. Currently there are no P-Patch gardens nearby.

Project Justification

The property is adjacent to low income housing managed by the Capital Housing Improvement Program. Local residents have e-mailed the P-Patch Program staff to express their interest and desire for a neighborhood P-Patch. The proposed garden would be located in a dense and low-income area shared by the East and Central districts. There is currently no P-Patch garden nearby to serve this community. A community garden in this area will enable 40 to 50 families to have access to nutritious and healthful food. It is equally important to note that community gardens build community through volunteerism and neighborhood work parties that bring people together to maintain the site. Inter-block communications will be improved through gardening interaction such as neighbors encountering, greeting, and visiting with each other, borrowing or lending tools, and making each other aware of neighborhood happenings. Community gardening empowers citizens to believe they can make a difference and builds a sense of community pride and ownership, which leads to greater community involvement. The purchase of this site would provide a permanent place for ongoing community activities and interaction. P-Patch

Reviewing Department

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Dept Recommendations

The Department of Neighborhoods does not have a CIP budget; however, P-Patch staff has worked with communities to look at a wide range of funding options both internal to the City and external for the purchase of a P-Patch, if appropriate. P-Patch must consider a number of factors including staff capacity in these discussions. Staff will discuss this proposal with the P-Patch Trust and the community to decide next steps.

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gardens build communities beyond those that garden. The gardens become places people interact with each other while relaxing on a community “patio”. As open space gardens provide opportunities for people to engage in restorative activities, making for a more livable environment. Gardens also provide opportunities for local