

# CIP Project Suggestions, by District Council

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**Project Title**

A new park in Uptown without ugly utility poles

**Project Location**

" Northeast corner of QueenAnne Ave North and Roy Street"

**Project Description**

"he City of Seattle and King County bought the .25 acre parcel at thenortheast corner of Queen Anne Ave N and Roy Street in 2004. The designconcept for our urban park is completed and fundraising is underway. BUTThe City's right of way contains four ugly utility poles. We requestrenovation of an existing asset.The Uptown Alliance, a neighborhood plan stewardship organization,supports this request. Staff at the Parks Department supports theproject. Murase Associates, project designers, lived up to their regionalacclaim with a design that is unanimously praised. BUT The City's rightof way contains four ugly utility poles. At public meetings, design reviews, committee meetings, and fundraisingefforts, the subject: The City's right of way contains four ugly utilitypoles is voiced. The Uptown Alliance requests that government entitiesstudy the ""pole problem"", produce a solution, report to the neighborhood,and invest CIP funds. Land, design, and construction of the park cost\$2.5 million. It is a fact that: the City's right of way contains fourugly utility poles and as of March 2006 there is no plan or funding toalter this ugly fact. Justification of project in 300 words or less: Please also describe whoand how many people will be served, why the project is needed, and whythe

**Project Justification**

**Reviewing Department**    SDOT

**Dept Recommendations**

Still under department review.

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existing condition or facility is not adequate. Take a walk into the future in the Uptown neighborhood. It's Memorial Dayweekend 2008, Northwest Folklife weekend. You park on the south slope of Queen Anne Hill and walk down Queen Anne Ave. At the corner of Queen Anne Ave and Roy Street you glimpse a new park. You've read that Seattle Design commissioners called the 2005 Murase Associate's design "compelling, beautiful, restrained and elegant." You heard that Architectural Record, international professional magazine in its February 2006 issue, featured the park's lighting artist Iole Alessandrini. But, first your elevated viewpoint features four assorted utility poles in the public right surrounding the park. Two metal poles support electric trolley wires and traffic signage...an ancient, old-growth-size wood pole carries electric power lines and more trolley wires. A wood pole on which hang a cobra light, a flood lamp, three transformers, communication cables, trolley wires and traffic signage pierces the corner approach to the park (with a guy wire into the park parcel). You wonder, how could this happen? Why weren't the lines put underground to relieve this ugliness? Or, maybe one decorative pole could have met the needs of utilities. Return now, to March 2006, when there is still time and opportunity to prevent the above 2008 scenario. The Uptown Alliance previously talked to appropriate City departments, but, no one will assume responsibility for the fact that The City's right of way contains four

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Interbay park

**Project Location**

W Dravus and approx 18th Ave W

**Project Description**

In the interbay area there are no children play areas. Can some simple play equipment be added to the sports fields area off of Dravus (where SPU plays soccer)? Or is there another city-owned property near to Dravus where a small play park can be added?

**Project Justification**

In our area we have mostly apartments and condos, but there are a number of children. The other areas of Queen Anne and Magnolia are rich with parks within walking distance of their homes, but we have none closer than a mile+ from us, too far to walk often and not accessible by bus. Just a few simple climbing structures would be enough to be a destination for those children living in Interbay.

**Reviewing Department**

Parks

**Dept Recommendations**

Do not consider (no land is available at Interbay). Possible improvements to Bayview PG may meet this need.

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Open space for small dogs

**Project Location**

Pioneer Square Park or the new forthcoming park on the corner of Roy and Queen Ann Avenue N

**Project Description**

This is a suggestion to add an area within the park itself for “small dogs to congregate and roam unleashed. This space would have a short fence or hedge or some type of boundary surrounding it so that the little dogs can roam freely but not get out easily.

The little dogs that are allowed in this area can be no taller than 12 inches or so. A fixed measuring stick outside of the entrance to this area should be provided in order for the dog owners to measure the height of their dogs. Any dog over the designated height will not be allowed to enter. It should also have benches for people to sit on while they are enjoying watching these little animals play. Essentially, this is a miniature park within a park. The size and location is not yet determined since we do not know what other features these parks are going to have.

**Project Justification**

Animals in general bring people together. We thought this would be a valuable asset to especially Pioneer Square park to make it more friendly for people to enjoy. Since this space is for small animals, it would not take up much room. We visited a “little dog” park in Van Couver BC near Robson street which is a very busy part of the city. It was a real joy and delight watching the small dogs play and indeed they did play! This area can be appreciated by all who use the park -whether you are a dog owner or not. Also since it is an area for little dogs only, it poses no threat to adults or kids. Animals are good for people..this would be way where people can connect with animals in the city in a friendly setting. Incidentally, we are not dog owners but we appreciate the little critters.

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Parks

**Dept Recommendations**

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

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**Project Title**

Pedestrian Bulbs for Queen Anne Avenue

**Project Location**

3 intersections--Galer and Queen Anne Ave N., Crockett and QA Ave N, and McGraw and QA Ave N

**Project Description**

Please provide as best as possible an exact location (e.g., address, park, or location within a park) and physical description of the improvement you are suggesting (e.g., new restroom, renovated kitchen, additional play equipment, etc.). Please tell us if your request is for a new facility or repair of an existing asset. Picture Perfect Queen Anne will be

submitting the Queen Anne Streetscape Master Plan to the Department of Neighborhoods April 1. It will be available to be viewed at PPQA.com by mid April. One of the key elements recommended is increased pedestrian safety. Three key intersections have been identified as a cause for concern due to the heavy volume of vehicles and the heavy pedestrian traffic use in the 6 block business corridor on top of the hill. Additionally, the Crockett intersection is used by the students of McClure Middle School and there is not even a painted crosswalk for their safety. Only 2 intersections along the Avenue are currently striped.

**Project Justification**

Installation of pedestrian curb bulbs to shorten the crossing distance for pedestrians has been recommended by ZGF Partnership, the firm designing our neighborhood revitalization project. Curb bulbs reduce the number of lanes at an intersection down to one in each way thus eliminating the ability of impatient cars to pass on the right vehicles stopped to turn left. Pedestrians crossing in front of these stopped cars frequently have to dodge the impatient cars coming around the stopped car. Pedestrians at our 3 well-attended meetings spoke clearly about the need for increased pedestrian safety crossing the street. Adding curb bulbs is one way SDOT recommends increasing pedestrian safety. The Queen Anne business corridor serves the entire community of Queen Anne of over 30,000 people. We request that the city to earmark funds to install these curb bulbs and also stripe the crosswalks of the other intersections between Galer and McGraw as soon as possible. Only two of these intersections have stripes currently and they are wearing off. Adding curb bulbs is an expensive project and PPQA would have a difficult time raising funds for this part of the Streetscape Project. QA is currently on the city list for replacing some

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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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of our badly broken sidewalks. Perhaps the curb bulbs could be installed at the same time the sidewalk work is done thus saving money. PPQA is committed to increasing the functioning and attractiveness of the business corridor and will be raising funds for many other aspects of the Streetscape Project over the next

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**Project Title**

Re-forestation of the Stevens Property Addition to Kiwanis Ravine

**Project Location**

4441 Brygger Dr. W., Seattle 98199

**Project Description**

LOCATION: The Stevens property is located at 4441 Brygger Dr. W. It is a ¾ acre addition to the 10-acre Kiwanis Ravine park, home to Seattle’s largest nesting colony of Great Blue Herons. The property is a key addition, as it will protect and re-forest buffering land where the East and West Forks of Wolfe Creek meet in the park. IMPROVEMENT SOUGHT: Re-forestation is sought for the site with limited public access for educational purposes. HHH seeks funds for: Conceptual planning and design w/ public meeting(s), Implementation by volunteers on the flat street-side portion of site, Implementation by professionals on steep, erosion-prone slopes on rear portion of site. NEW OR EXISTING: This property is a new park acquisition in process with Pro-Parks funds. EXISTING MANAGEMENT PLAN? Yes, Seattle Parks has approved the “Kiwanis Ravine Management and Monitoring Plan/Report” as a guide for this parcel’s restoration as part of the Kiwanis Ravine.

**Project Justification**

WHO: The Seattle City Council has designated the Great Blue Heron as its official “city bird.” All Seattle residents potentially value the City’s largest nesting colony in Kiwanis Ravine. There, urban residents can observe parent birds in courtship displays, incubating eggs, and feeding the chicks in the over 40 nests of the colony. Viewing is done from a remote location without disturbing the birds. HOW: The Heron Habitat Helpers (HHH) is a non-profit volunteer organization serving as the official adopt-a-park steward for Kiwanis Ravine. Over 700 on HHH’s mailing list are kept up-to-date with group activities, including volunteer work parties, educational events, fund-raising opportunities, etc. HHH coordinates its work with many other City environmental groups, such as Seattle Audubon, People for Puget Sound, Washington Native Plant Society, Green Seattle, etc. and publicizes in newspapers, web, signposts. WHY: The Stevens property is in the process of being purchased as a ¾ acre addition to the 10-acre Kiwanis Ravine. Pro-Parks funds will pay for purchase of house and land, and demolition of the house. But no funds are available for native re-forestation. WHY RE-FORESTATION IS NEEDED: A

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**Dept Recommendations**

Add project to the Asset Management Plan. Possible NCRF funding.

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flattened house site, grassy lawn, and steep ravine slopes covered with invasives will not contribute wildlife habitat. Re-

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**Project Title**

Rehabilitation of Historic Galer Steps

**Project Location**

Queen Anne Avenue N at Galer Street (Galer Street from QA Avenue N up to 1st Avenue N

**Project Description**

Renovation of a historic staircase known as the “Galer Steps” located on a public right-of-way at the top of the historic Counterbalance where Queen Anne Avenue North meets Galer Street. The proposed project will repair disintegrating steps and landings, replace missing handrails and install appropriate lighting. The project will also install ancillary amenities such as natural seating, transforming an area overgrown with brambles and blighted by trash and graffiti into a public amenity that will be used by citizens and visitors alike.

**Project Justification**

The Galer Steps are a significant historic landmark announcing the southern entrance to the upper Queen Anne Urban Village. The steps are actively used by both Queen Anne residents and visitors. Unfortunately the staircase is deteriorated and presents a variety of pedestrian hazards. Further, the area surrounding the steps has become an eyesore, overgrown, littered and covered with graffiti. This site should be a source of community and city pride. Picture Perfect Queen Anne, with a funding award from DON, has worked with the community to develop a comprehensive design plan for the revitalization of the streetscape of Queen Anne Ave between Galer and McGraw Streets. The Galer Stairs is an important component of this plan. The goals of this project are:

- \* Address safety problems on a heavily trafficked staircase
- \* Preserve a historically significant staircase located on a highly visible site
- \* Transform areas around the staircase into a public amenity where citizens and visitors gather and enjoy the view from the top of the Queen Anne Counterbalance
- \* Bring historical context and public art to enhance the neighborhood vision of the Galer Steps as the gateway to upper Queen Anne Hill. The goal of this capital project is the restoration of the steps as a safe and inviting gateway to upper Queen Anne. Picture Perfect Queen Anne is willing (or perhaps use the word prepared?) to

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**Dept Recommendations**

The Galer St stairway is over 90 years old, and although it shows its age, structurally it is in good condition. Rebuilding the stairway would lose its historical significance to the community. SDOT discussed the project with the Magnolia-Queen Anne Association. They will review the proposed project.

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**Project Title** **Project Location**

Thomas Street Overpass

Elliott Avenue West at West Thomas Street

**Project Description**

The SDOT and ABKJ Engineers have already begun design of a new pedestrian and bicycle overpass that would provide a key connection to the Myrtle Edwards Park from the Lower Queen Anne and Belltown neighborhoods. This pedestrian bridge was proposed in the neighborhood plans for both areas. At this time the project needs an additional \$2,000,000 in order to construct the bridge.

**Project Justification**

This project was supported in both the Belltown and Uptown neighborhood plans. Elliott Ave W is 7 lanes wide and extremely dangerous for pedestrians or bicyclists to cross (especially at rush hour). With increased density, it is critical to provide access to open space and this project would provide improved access to Myrtle Edwards Park and the Olympic Sculpture Park.

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