

CIP Project Suggestions, by District Council

District Council North

Project Title

Homeless Shelter Facility

Project Location

Suitable location within Lake City Civic Core

Project Description

Capital funds for the planning and construction of a shelter facility are requested to provide temporary transitional housing for homeless citizens who have taken up residence in and around local businesses, Lake City parks, vacant lots, and in automobiles and vans around the Civic Core. It is hoped the facility could house up to 25 individuals and also have space to provide social and rehabilitation services to residents with assistance from the King County Program to End Homelessness. Connections to a relocated North Help Line, Food Bank, and Medical Clinic would be ideal.

The Greater Lake City Community Council has met with City Council members, SHA, LIHI, Dept of Neighborhoods, the Parks Dept., local churches, and the North Help Line to look for possible resources and partnerships to address this concern.

Project Justification

Lake City's homeless are living in conditions outdoors that degrade their health. We have no shelters of any kind for them, and it is difficult for them to consider going the distance to downtown Seattle shelters. They are also creating the perception, or in some cases, are making our parks, streets, and businesses in Lake City unsafe and trashy. They return to our streets and parks because the current system of placing them in jail, or shoving them off

to other sites around the city, does not address the real reason they are homeless. Seattle Housing Authority plans to build new family housing on 33rd Avenue NE and the community is working in partnership with them to develop a new park in the vicinity. The Low Income Housing Institute is planning to build new housing at the southeast corner of the intersection of 33rd Ave NE and NE 130th across from the Solara apartment building complex. Kauri Investments has plans to build mid-range to somewhat higher end condominium housing on both the north and south sides of NE

Reviewing Department

Parks, Housing,

Dept Recommendations

OH does not recommend capital funds for a new shelter. Per Mayor's priorities, OH is making increase \$\$ available for transitional and permanent housing for homeless. 10 year plan to end homelessness is moving our approach from shelter-based system to housing, so we can support housing that will be an option for people now in Lake City open space.

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125th. Land may come available on 33rd Avenue NE when the Aqua Dive property and facility finally go on the market. Vacant lots on 30th Ave NE are scheduled for new senior housing units and services. New retail spaces will be going in the northwest corner of NE 125th and Lake City Way. These new business and housing

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Project Title

New Park Acquisition for 33rd Avenue NE

Project Location

Ave NE between NE 125th and NE 130th

Project Description

Lake City is a designated Hub Urban Village and residential densities are increasing dramatically. We request capital funds to form a partnership project with the Seattle Housing Authority to acquire space for a small park including a mid-block pedestrian passage and children's play area on SHA property at 12513 33rd Ave NE. We would want it to include trees and planted areas. This park will serve existing and new SHA residences abutting the park, for low-income families and seniors. It is expected to also be used by residents living in new multi-use buildings scheduled for construction on 33rd Ave NE and NE 125th. The mid-block passage would encourage pedestrian access from surrounding single-family neighborhoods to the Lake City commercial district. Once the site is acquired for park purposes, the Greater Lake City Community Council would apply for a Department of Neighborhood matching grant and other funds to develop park landscaping, paving, play areas and seating. SHA has expressed support for the park and interest in maintaining it.

Project Justification

New condominiums and retail are planned by Kauri Investment Co. for the south end of the block. New affordable housing by the Low Income Housing Institute is planned for the north end of the block. SHA is planning new family housing for a mid-block location. An open space will be needed to break up the resulting density. Although family housing is planned for this location on 33rd Ave NE, there is no play area for children close by and Lake City Way must be crossed to get to the nearest play area. This eastern side of the Lake City Hub Urban Village has been designated on Seattle Parks and Recreation maps as a "Gap Area" that does not meet open space requirements of the Seattle Comprehensive Growth Management Plan. There is also potential to include a shallow daylighted portion of Little Brook as part of the landscape on the SHA site that would augment the habitat and hydrologic value of Little Brook. Currently there is not a complete east/west passage way for pedestrians to traverse from 35th Avenue NE, across Lake City Way to 28th Ave NE without going south or north to major arterials. Including passage in this project would provide safer, more convenient connections to the Civic Core, local retail,

Reviewing Department

SDOT, Parks, SPU

Dept Recommendations

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

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Farmer's Market, Lake City Library, Albert Davis Park, and the Neighborhood Service Center. Pedestrian surveys by Sustainable Seattle and community volunteers are scheduled for March 25th to ascertain the number of people who would potentially use a mid-block east-west passage way from 35th Ave NE to 28th Avenue NE. Land for this park is currently vacant in a zone where 65 and 85 foot buildings are already being planned and built. The opportunity to set aside a small green oasis and pedestrian corridor amidst this dense

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Project Title

Pinehurst Natural Drainage System-Sidewalk Improvements

Project Location

On 117th Street NE between NE 16th Avenue and NE 23rd Avenue

Project Description

"SPU is currently constructing a natural drainage system in the Pinehurst neighborhood that is estimated to be completed by May 2006. This is a needed improvement to the City's drainage infrastructure and will enhance drainage in the Pinehurst area, reduce overland flows, and improve the quality of stormwater runoff to Thornton Creek. The project is being constructed on twelve street segments within Pinehurst. Cement sidewalks with curb are being constructed on one side of each of the north/south streets. However, the sidewalk segments running east/west on 117th Street NE between 16th to 23rd Avenues NE have only been budgeted for compressed gravel. Cement corner returns with ADA access ramps have already been constructed on 117th at the intersections of 23rd, 20th, 19th, and 17th Avenues NE and will be connected with compressed gravel sidewalks. In order to make these sidewalks ADA accessible and safe for residents and those who travel to and from bus stops on 15th Street NE, the PCC recommends that the City provide cement sidewalks between these street segments. SPU estimated project costs at \$85,000. This project would be a new facility. "

Project Justification

"Pinehurst is a small community north of Northgate Way, south of 125th Street NE, east of Roosevelt Way, and west of Lake City Way. It is a low-to-moderate income community of about 10,000 residents and new families moving in and a high number of senior multi-family housing units. We have many walkers in our neighborhood, including parents with strollers, dog walkers, seniors walking for exercise, kids walking to school, folks who walk to meet the bus on 15th Avenue NE, a high capacity bus corridor. 117th is a heavily traveled and has several intersections with traffic circles to slow traffic down. The street leaves little area for pedestrians to walk safely. While the SPU drainage project includes cement sidewalks on the north/south streets, this is not the case on the east/west segments on 117th Street. SPU did not have the budget to install cement sidewalks between the corner returns at 23rd, 20th, 19th, 17th, and 16th Streets. Keith Ward, SPU Project Manger stated that "I'm glad to hear that there may be some interest in getting a concrete sidewalk on the south side of NE 117th St. I believe that this would be important asset for the neighborhood and a nice link with the work we're doing, the upcoming pocket park, and

Reviewing Department

SPU

Dept Recommendations

"1) This project is currently not included in the CIP budget.2) This is not a viable CIP project. SPU estimated the construction cost for the sidewalk in this area to be \$85K. Upon further investigation into placing the sidewalk SPU found a fair amount of design and regarding work would be required in order to make the sidewalk ADA accessible. The resulting cost of sidewalk placement was substantial and since sidewalk construction is not a primary role of SPU we could not justify the costs."

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15th Ave. NE.”PCC will begin the construction of Pinehurst Pocket Park in about May 2006 and essentially complete it by Fall 2006. The pocket park is at the northeast intersection of 117th and 19th. We anticipate that kids and adults alike will use the pocket park, as it is the only community park in Pinehurst. We believe

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Project Title

Replacement Sidewalk to John Rogers Elementary School

Project Location

: the ½ block on north side of NE 105th Street between 39th Ave. NE and the SW corner of John Rogers Elementary School

Project Description

Install a raised stamped asphalt sidewalk with concrete curb and short pedestrian bridge on the north side of NE 105th Street between 39th Ave. NE and the SW corner of John Rogers Elementary School. There is an existing “at grade” sidewalk in the street consisting of a painted white line on the north edge of the street

Project Justification

Starting at the southwest corner of the elementary school’s property line (on the north side of NE 105th Street), the “sidewalk” continues west as part of the street asphalt, with only a painted white line to separate the students from vehicular traffic. When leaving the school property heading west on this “sidewalk”, first there is a wooden guardrail on the north side of the asphalt, creating a “sidewalk” narrower than the City standard. Then the narrow sidewalk continues with a 9’ high evergreen hedge along the north side of NE 105th Street heading west toward 39th Ave. NE. As a result of the hedge and guardrail, school children and other pedestrians are forced to walk right next to vehicular traffic on this “sidewalk” that is narrower than City standards and is not raised to fend off invading vehicles. In addition, the northern edge of the asphalt roadway/sidewalk is slightly raised in some areas. This stops water draining from the crown of the road and creates long puddles in the area of the “sidewalk”. School children and other pedestrians cannot leave the asphalt roadway on the north side due to the hedge and must either walk through the water filled trough that is the “sidewalk” or veer south into the vehicular traffic.

Reviewing Department SDOT

Dept Recommendations

There may be opportunities to fund part of this request through the new sidewalk program, or the Neighborhood Street Fund/Cumulative Reserve Fund which is administered through the Department of Neighborhoods. Additional local funding will likely be required.

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There is no sidewalk on the south side of NE 105th Street which could be used as an alternate route. This is not safe and needs to be fixed! (The Seattle Public School District is finishing planning for the installation of a raised asphalt sidewalk along the southern border of John Rogers Elementary School, the north side of NE 105th Street, to connect to this requested

District Council North and Northwest

Project Title

"Little's Creek Restoration Projects"

Project Location

"NE145th and approximately 10th Ave NE through (approx) 135th NE and 15th."

Project Description

"Existing Asset-Littles Creek is a Class II tributary of ThorntonCreek which originates in Shoreline and connects withThornton Creek's North Branch. Currently it is pipedalong 15th Ave NE after leaving Shoreline. There aretwo significant culvert problems which currentlypresent fish passage barriers. It is a historic salmonstream, and is said to still harbor cutthroat. Thereach upstream through Paramount

Park is one of themost excellent reaches of stream in the entirewatershed.We would like to propose a two part project: 1) daylighting/water quality improvement on the reachnow culverted, which now runs beneath 15th Ave NE, andto instead be brought to the surface through a largelyunused section of Jackson Park Golf Course. Thisproject proposal would provide many benefits includingbut not limited to; fish habitat improvement throughbarrier removal and stream channel restoration,natural drainage and infiltration ,groundwaterrecharge, passive recreational values and many others.2)

This portion of the project would replace the "pitched culvert" which carries Littles Creek under NE 145th St. It is currently too high above the stream bank for fish to return upstream and is therefore an "illegal fish barrier". It would most likely requirecooperation with City of Shoreline and King Countysince it passes under a County Road."

Project Justification

"There are thousands of people who live around...-up or downstream... of Littles Creek. It is a major tributaryof Thornton Creek, the largest watershed in Seattleand Shoreline. Littles Creek was historically a salmonstream, however currently it has fish passage problemsdue to culverts. There are thousands of people whowould

benefit from clean water improvements to LittlesCreek, which would accrue by improving its fishpassability. This has great meaning to families andall residents of this watershed and the historic connection to our natural resources both culturallyand educationally.The existing creek is a well documented Class II Chinook Stream which historically was habitat tohealthy salmon runs. Many generation of residents inSeattle recall the salmon returning to Thornton Creek.The runs have declined partly due to water quality andfish passage barriers. Seattle has a responsibility tohelp restore these salmon runs and also has to meet requirements of the Clean Water Act to make steams"fishable and swimable". Thornton Creek is a water ofthe state, which connects to Lake Washington. It lies within the WRIA 8 or Lake WA/Cedar River watershed.Restoring Littles Creek would also bring recreationalvalue to open space by making it a water feature of Jackson Park Golf Course. Walking trails could beprovided nearby for low impact access for residents. Itwould help revitalize the neighborhood and bring educational opportunities to numerous

Reviewing Department SPU

Dept Recommendations

"1) This is not currently in the CIP budget. 2) The idea could be developed further in the future, but at this time there are many other identified creek restoration priorities. The assumed restoration area does not appear to conflict with golf use of the area."

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Project Title

Sidewalks in North Seattle

Project Location

North Seattle

Project Description

Project Justification

Reviewing Department SDOT

Dept Recommendations

Sidewalks are funded through the new sidewalk program and funds that come through the NSF and CRF process run by DON. To construct sidewalks on a larger scale, significant additional local funds are required.

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Project Title

Installation of Sidewalks on NE 95th St. between Lake City Way and Sandpoint Way NE

Project Location

NE 95th St.

Project Description

Installation of raised (above street level) concrete sidewalks along both the north and south sides of NE 95th St., between Lake City Way and Sandpoint Way NE and at the same time widening NE 95th St. This would be considered an improvement of an existing asset.

Project Justification

Because this is the only direct street between Lake City Way and Sandpoint Way NE, (two very busy streets), there is alot of traffic using this street. Also, because this street leads to entrances to the Burke Gilman trail and two Lake Washington Parks (Mathews Beach and Magnuson Park), foot traffic and bicycle traffic is also very heavy along this route. During the summer boating season traffic is worse with people towing boats up and down the street heading to/from the boat launch at Magnuson Park. As an aside from the sidewalks, NE 95th St. heads downhill towards Sandpoint Way and speed is always excessive from cars and bikes. It's only a matter of time.

Reviewing Department SDOT

Dept Recommendations

There may be opportunities to fund part of this request through the new sidewalk program, or the Neighborhood Street Fund/Cumulative Reserve Fund which is administered through the Department of Neighborhoods. Additional local funding will likely be required.