

CIP Project Suggestions, by District Council

District Council Southeast

Project Title

4400 Block – 42nd Avenue South

Project Location

4400 block of 42nd Avenue South, Seattle 98118

Project Description

Repair and improvement of street, sidewalks, storm drainage and connection to neighboring parks (Genesee Meadows, Genesee Playfields, Rainier Community Center). I propose a re-design of this block to provide safe sidewalks, and 9-10' wide strips of pervious parking and planting which will act as a storm water cleanse (similar to the Seastreet example as set by SPU). See attached sketches. Due to the high pedestrian traffic our block receives, I see this as a perfect opportunity for some interpretive/educational signage explaining the stormwater cycle, and to highlight the City's efforts to clean up Lake

Washington (which is only a few blocks away). This location also provides a natural connection between the existing parks and trail systems. As a participant in the Seattle 2100 Open Space Charette, I have connected with the Rainier Valley team to make this CIP part of a bigger picture – please see the Unity Trail proposal by Jay Rood and team.

Project Justification

Our block sees a lot of vehicular as well as pedestrian travel, particularly in the summer months when Seafair, the Danskin Triathlon and other events are scheduled in the surrounding parks. I don't know the exact figures, but Seafair alone brings tens of thousands of people down our street. Of course the block residents will be served, and our neighbors walking to the bus on weekdays, and the many weekend strollers and bicyclists will benefit as well. Currently the sidewalks peter out short of connecting with the park trail system. This proposal is aimed at providing this missing link between Columbia City and the lake. The Columbia City Business Association has been advised of the bigger picture and is in support of the connection. This block is without a proper curbed sidewalk (see attached pictures). Furthermore, the street does not have proper drainage (see attached) which frequently results in potholes. Even though 42nd is not classified as an arterial, it appears to serve that purpose. I believe that the proposed

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Funding for this type of street improvement is primarily available only through state or federal grants, and non-arterial streets are not eligible for grant funding. There may be some opportunities to fund this type of project in phases through the Neighborhood Matching Fund or the Neighborhood Street Fund/Cumulative Reserve Fund program, both of which are administered by the Department of Neighborhoods.

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upgrade will provide another positive step in the development of a struggling neighborhood, which has already come so far in the 7 years I have lived here. I have shared these plans with my neighbors and

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Project Title

Amy Yee Tennis Center Facility Major Maintenance and Expansion

Project Location

2200 Martin Luther King Jr. Way South

Project Description

In 2006, Amy Yee Tennis Center Tennis Center Advisory Council (TCAC) engaged a Seattle Parks and Recreation Department capital projects planner to develop a preliminary plan for a major capital expansion of the City's only public indoor Tennis Center. The primary goal of the proposed expansion is to meet unmet service demand through a 50% increase in both indoor and outdoor tennis court capacity at the Center. The Parks plan included substantial required improvement costs to bring the existing facility to current code and safety standards. These required upgrades, safety improvements and other major maintenance costs for the current facility include:- fire prevention for the entire facility, - roofing improvements, - restroom upgrades,- elevator to the second floor viewing area, and - parking expansion to meet current parking code requirements. Therefore the TCAC respectfully requests that the Mayor's 2007-8 CIP include the \$5 million recommended by Parks in their design pertaining to required upgrades to the City's flagship tennis facility, Amy Yee Tennis Center.

Project Justification

The active tennis playing community in Seattle is estimated at 250,000. Currently, AYTC serves 102,000 people per year. Amy Yee patrons reflect the age, ethnic and economic diversity of the tennis going public both in southeast Seattle and throughout Seattle. However, with just ten indoor courts for its large audience, AYTC's current turn away rate for court access and programs is 75%. This means:1) AYTC is serving less than 1/3 of the people who seek access to quality tennis courts year round, and those served tend to be the most avid, 2) During rainy months, tennis is difficult to access for people – such as youth -- who are learning the sport, 3) Spectator and amateur competitive tennis events are held elsewhere in the Puget Sound region for lack of viewing areas and sufficient courts, and 4) Revenue potential of the facility, even at current staffing levels, falls far short of potential. To continue to foster tennis among its diverse public, AYTC must add courts. Five more indoor and two more outdoor tennis courts would enable it to serve 50,000 more people per year without additional overhead. New users would include school-based and other youth programs, competitive leagues, and tournament

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

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players and spectators. AYTC has the usual wear of a nearly 30 year old building plus other problems. The roof leaks. Interior staff support spaces are significantly undersized by Park standards. The upper mezzanine (intended for viewing) has no elevator for ADA access and lacks a second exit for public assembly (relegating it to use as a storage area). In addition, the upper mezzanine has developed a load deficiency that disallows its use for public viewing without structural improvement. The bathrooms, locker and shower areas are tiny for a facility with this much use. By funding required upgrades

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Columbia City Historic Lighting Extension

Project Location

Columbia City business district, including Rainier Avenue and connecting side streets South Edmunds, South Ferdinand, and South Hudson

Project Description

Extension of the existing historic-style pedestrian lighting for the purpose of filling in missing locations on Rainier Avenue and extending the lighting about one-half block east and west of Rainier on the side streets of the business district. Procure and install 14 single-globe historic light poles at selected locations. The specific locations have been identified and discussed with City Light engineering staff on December 13, 2006 (contact: Richard Ohashi). City Light estimates the cost of the light poles (exclusive of installation) at \$34,000. Please coordinate final pole locations with the CCBA Business Development Committee.

Project Justification

The Columbia City business district has experienced important revitalization. Nonetheless, the district is economically vulnerable due to the district's dependence on the very busy Rainier Avenue, where almost all commercial buildings are located. It has been a key goal of the Columbia City Business Association to "widen" the district by promoting commercial activity up the commercially-zoned side streets, east and west of Rainier Avenue. The existing historic-style pedestrian lighting is very important in defining the business district and supporting its landmark status. Completing the existing lighting system and extending it about one-half block east and west of Rainier will greatly contribute to the strengthening of the district by expanding the perceived limits of the district and the sense of safety. In so doing, the project will help solidify the economic vitality of Columbia City, and help it become a strong core of the urban village. The project will serve all people from the surrounding neighborhoods, as well as visitors from throughout the City. The project is responsive to the Columbia City/Hillman

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City Light,

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Installing additional historic lighting for the business district is practical. The project can be easily done in stages to reduce costs that year.

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City/Genesee Neighborhood Plan, which calls for "extending the signature streetscape pattern/elements of Columbia

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Hillman City Curbs and Sidewalks

Project Description

As shown in Figures 1 and 2, this project encompasses several blocks and streets within the Hillman City neighborhood. We propose building new curbs and sidewalks on those streets and blocks that have neither. On other blocks where adequate sidewalks are provided, but without the accompanying curbs, we propose building new curbs. Hillman City Neighborhood Alliance members are currently obtaining signatures of support for the project from the residents of Hillman City.

Project Location

The project covers various streets in the area defined by 39th Ave S on the West, 48th Ave S on the East, S Brandon St on the North, and S Graham St on the South. For a graphical depiction of this area, please see the attached map (Figure 1).

Project Justification

"This is something everyone already knows: A well used city street is apt to be a safe street."-- Jane Jacobs
The Death and Life of Great American Cities
The members of the Hillman City Neighborhood Alliance have given many different reasons for needing more curbs and sidewalks in the neighborhood. Many of these echo the sentiments of various sections of the Columbia City/Hillman City Neighborhood Plan that was drafted in 1999. The increase in pedestrian safety and friendliness that would result is one such reason, since curbs would clearly differentiate the pedestrian right-of-way from the street, and prevent existing sidewalks from becoming parking lots. The prevalence of this phenomenon is clearly illustrated in Figures 3 and 5. Since the Hillman City neighborhood is home to Graham Hill, St. Edwards, Whitworth, and Aki Kurose schools, as well as the Brighton Playfield and several churches, pedestrian safety is of paramount importance. Several citizens have cited the general feeling of disrepair that the lack of sidewalks and curbs gives to the neighborhood, a concern that is addressed in the Neighborhood Plan, Section 3, page 20: "Deteriorating or nonexistent infrastructure. A number of streets within

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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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the neighborhood developed without curb, gutter, and planting strip improvements. This condition contributes to a perception of disorderliness." Some of the more pragmatic, yet no less important concerns expressed were erosion control, drainage, and the destruction caused by parking and/or driving on the edges of property. Each of these problems is illustrated as well in the attached photographs, all of which were taken within the region we have defined as Hillman City within the last two weeks (3/5/06 to 3/18/06). In many ways, we are asking the city to merely accomplish one of its own goals for the Hillman City area, as laid out in the Neighborhood Plan, Section 4, page 40: "Top Priority Housing and Residential Neighborhood Actions"... "2. Provide street, sidewalk, street tree and alley improvements to strengthen existing single-family neighborhoods." In addition to directly affecting more than 250 households by adding curbs and/or sidewalks that abut their property, this project would benefit the entire Hillman City neighborhood, by making the area a safer,

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Project Title

Hillman City Park

Project Location

Property at the T-intersection of 46th Ave. S and S Juneau St. as shown in Figure 1 (attached).
King County Tax ID number 8113101250

Project Description

This project would purchase land for a new park on a 0.72 acre vacant, wooded plot in Hillman City (46th Ave. S and S Juneau St). It would provide park planning and preliminary development of the site.

Project Justification

Why we need a park. Our neighborhood does not currently have a park, except for a rope swing at the P-Patch, where kids run through the patches disturbing gardeners. We are geographically isolated from Seward Park by a very large hill running along 51st St. (see Figure 3), and from Brighton Playfield by traffic on Rainier Ave. The new park would be within easy walking distance to about 375 properties in the area bounded by Rainier Ave. S, S Brandon St., 51st Ave. S (hill) and S Graham St., as shown in Figure 4. Other residents in the area could also use this park. Why this location? The proposed park location is the last large (0.72 acres) vacant property in the Hillman City neighborhood. Maps of the property and the vicinity are shown in Figures 1 and 2. It is owned by the person who lives next door, Roxine Grant. This property is under development pressure. A member of our neighborhood association has already made an unrequited offer on the property to develop it, and other nearby vacant property has recently been developed into townhouses. Currently the proposed property is overgrown with weeds. Trash and bottles accumulate at the site. Photos of the site are shown in Figures 5 and 6. What have we done so far? We

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are a new neighborhood association, and we just had our first meeting. At that meeting, attendees expressed support for a park. We have talked with the Parks Department about the feasibility of a park at this location. They were impressed with the size of the plot, but could not comment about

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Project Title

Martin Luther King Greenway & Path

Project Location

1450 Martin Luther King Way South to 3100 Rainier Avenue South

Project Description

This proposed Martin Luther King Greenway would run along the east side of Martin Luther King Way from the I-90 path to Mount Baker Boulevard. This new swath of green space would vary between 15 and 40 feet wide, featuring a bike/ped path and possibly a swale for natural drainage. To create this new green space, MLK Way would be narrowed from five lanes down to two (one lane each direction) in addition to bus pullout bays and left turn lanes where needed, and parallel parking between Massachusetts and Grand Streets. The street would be narrowed and re-designed to reduce speeds. Additional land (2000 to 6000 square feet) may be acquired from the western edge of the Franklin Playfield in order to complete the connection to Mount Baker Boulevard. Preliminary estimates (generated at <http://www.bicyclinginfo.org/bikecost/>) place the cost of this project at around \$650,000. This does not include costs of an optional land acquisition at the west edge of the Franklin Playfield (2000 to 6000 square feet).

Project Justification

This project is located in one of Seattle's hub urban villages, North Rainier, and provides bicycles and pedestrians with: * traffic calming * safe routes to schools, including Thurgood Marshall Elementary, Franklin High School, and Washington Middle School * safer crossings, especially for children, seniors, and the disabled (one block from Center Park, YMCA, Lighthouse for the Blind; within three blocks of Treehouse and FareStart) * access to Mount Baker light rail station (with 3500 estimated boardings per day) * access to open space at Sam Smith Park (I-90 lid), I-90 bike/ped path, Blue Dog Pond, Amy Yee Tennis Center, Martin Luther King Memorial Park, McClellan Hillside Garden, and Franklin Playfield. The North Rainier Neighborhood Plan suggests converting MLK into a boulevard with a median; however, unlike the boulevard plan, this greenway proposal will (a) create more usable open space by providing a more continuous path and (b) provide several direct connections to existing open space on the east side of the street.

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This project is being actively pursued by SDOT. Some funding is available.

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Project Title

Mount Baker Rowing and Sailing Center Expansion, Phase II

Project Location

3800 Lake Washington Blvd South, Seattle, WA 98118(on Lake Washington at Stan Sayres Park, just north of Genesee Playfield

Project Description

The Mount Baker Rowing and Sailing Center Expansion Project renovates and enlarges the existing Sail House and Crew House at this popular City-owned boating recreation facility on Lake Washington at Stan Sayres Park. The expansion will provide over 15,000 sq. ft. of new and upgraded storage and activity space ADA-accessible locker rooms and showers for participants, and a large ADA-accessible multipurpose room. More than \$2.2 million for total project costs and Phase I construction has been raised by the Mount Baker Boating Advisory Council. City, county, and state government contributions amount to more than \$1.2 million, with the remaining funds coming from individuals, local businesses, and private foundations. Phase I of the project, which will break ground in summer 2006, completes all ground-level boat storage, program activity, and new locker rooms. An additional \$350,000 is needed to complete Phase II, which includes finishing the second floor multipurpose room and lavatories, and elevator installation. The multipurpose room will provide a 150-occupant meeting room and space for non-boating programs such as active seniors fitness. It will include a small kitchenette and be available for public rental. Our current meeting room holds at most 30 people and is not ADA-accessible.

Project Justification

This project benefits current and future participants of the Mount Baker Rowing and Sailing Center and the entire Southeast Seattle by upgrading an important community asset. Two-thirds of our participants reside in Mount Baker, Lakewood/Seward Park, Columbia City, and Rainier Valley. Remaining participants come from the greater Seattle area and nearby King County communities such as Renton and Mercer Island. Enrollment in all programs currently averages 2,400 annually (years 2000-2003), with youth ages 8-17 approximately 45% of that figure. Class hours for all courses totaled almost 3800, with attendance in all classes amounting to more than 33,400 participant hours of instruction. Enrollments in most programs increased from 2003 to 2004 by 8-12%. In requesting \$350,000 to complete Phase II of the project, The Mount Baker Boating Advisory Council respectfully asks the City to consider these factors: Our project is ineligible for the Pro Parks Opportunity Fund. Applications have twice been rejected on the grounds that our facility is outside (less than half a mile) a designated Urban Village, although many of our participants live in "underserved" areas. Apart from

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Extension of an existing project (would need additional funding).

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\$80,000 in maintenance expenditures (scheduled painting and roofing maintenance have been folded in with new construction), no capital improvement funds has been allocated for this project by Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation. The Southeast District has been historically under funded for capital expenditures by Seattle Parks. The following figures from the Seattle Parks Annual Budget Allocation for its Capital Improvement Program show total allocations for districts for 2000-2003. Central East 12% Northwest 13% Central West 26% Southwest 17% Northeast 19% Southeast 7% The Council has already raised almost \$1 million in private

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Project Title

Restoration of the Colman Playfield Shelter House

Project Location

Colman Playfield, 24th Ave S and S Grand

Project Description

We propose to refurbish the 1,185 sq. ft. shelter house at the south end of Colman Playfield. The shelter house was built by the Works Project Administration in 1936. The Italianate style of the building is significant in terms of the neighborhood history. Befitting the nature of the Rainier Avenue neighborhood, the shelter house served for many years as the headquarters of the Italian American Club of Seattle. The structure, listed on the historical registry, has been boarded-up since 1986. At least three requests for funding by the RainKing Neighborhood to restore the building were not successful. A refurbished Colman shelter house would serve as a keystone for the Seattle Children's PlayGarden, a collaborative effort with the Seattle Parks Department to serve Seattle children with special needs. It would also serve as a needed amenity for an underserved neighborhood. Presently there are no restrooms serving the playground. Engineering studies have determined that the structure is safe. Schematic designs have been approved by the Parks Department. Cost estimate for the project (by Balance Associates) is in the realm of \$230,000.

Project Justification

Three organizations are partners in this proposal. The RainKing Neighborhood Association has long been concerned about the absence of parks and recreation facilities in this notably underserved area. The Seattle Children's PlayGarden, a nonprofit (501-C-3) corporation was formed in 2002 by a group of Seattle residents, including physicians, therapists, designers, parents of children with special needs, and community members with expertise in gardening, child health, and working with children with disabilities. The Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation recognizes the need to provide recreational and educational activities for adults and children with disabilities, and the need to rejuvenate the south end of Colman Playground. The PlayGarden will be implemented in five phases: Phase 1 Completed. Construction of a new basketball court specially adapted for wheelchair athletes and young children. Phase 2: Construction of a garden house and renovation of the old, existing shelter house. Before program activities can begin indoor space must be available for children to be sheltered from the elements, have adequate (ADA) restroom facilities, equipment stored, and office space be

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Current unfunded project in the Asset Management Plan. Possible NCRF funding.

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available for staff. (Planned for 2006-2007). Phase 3: Construction of a Play Plaza. The Play Plaza is primarily intended for toddlers. It will contain some play specially designed play equipment, two climbing mounds, planters, a rainwater cistern with a water play feature, picnic tables, and seating walls. (Planned for 2006-2007). Phase 4: Installation of the upper PlayGarden. This is the main horticulture area on the flat area east of the Shelter House. (Planned for 2007-2008). Phase 5:

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Project Title

The Walk of Nations

Project Location

Along Martin Luther King, Jr. Way from Rainier to the north, to Henderson to the south

Project Description

To have street sculptures, designed by volunteer artists and Seattle District school children of southeast Seattle, constructed and erected along MLK Way which represent each of the cultures (believed to be 112) or each of the languages (believed to be 98) of the our very diverse Southeast Seattle. The sculptures will fit into the theme of the art being done by Sound Transit and would include plaques explaining the culture and significance of the work of art.

Project Justification

"The sculptures would compel riders of Sound Transit to get off the train, to walk and shop along MLK Way, rather than just pass through the neighborhood on their way to the airport or to downtown Seattle. The businesses along MLK Way are floundering during the construction phase of light rail. It is questionable how long it will be before businesses along the MLK corridor will appeal enough to consumers to make them shop in the Valley. The sculptures will serve as a source of pride for the citizens of the Rainier Valley and will invite drivers and light rail riders to learn more about what makes Rainier Valley great – it's incredible diversity, which is unsurpassed in the United States."

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Arts

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Our 1% for Art projects are typically tied to specific capital improvement projects and would not apply here. We recommend that the proponents apply for a DON Matching Grant for this project, the goals of the project are admirable and this appears ideally suited for that funding and we would review this project at the DON application level and if it were to trigger a street use permit. If there is a desire from SDOT to target this location because of street improvements they are performing there, we can consider discussing a future streetscape project using 2007 % for Art (SDOT funds are pooled). However, we do not use 1% for Art funds to implement community-initiated projects and we hire professional (not volunteer) artists to develop concepts.

District Council Southeast, Central, Downtown, East, Northeast and North

Project Title

Light Rail to Northgate

Project Location

Northgate Transit Center

Project Description

New Facility: Fund Light Rail to Northgate Transit Center as part of the first phase of light rail currently under construction.

Project Justification

Northgate, by the Mayor's excellent design, is already an urban center. New housing and shopping and community facilities are being added quickly. Congestion on I-5 often begins at Northgate. Most studies are completed to add light rail facilities and corridor choices have been made. Any available monies for capital improvements should be prioritized to bring light rail now. Thank you for taking this simple but crucial request seriously - I appreciate the Mayor's willingness to take public comment - It's smart!

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The City is working with Sound Transit to extend light rail north as soon as possible. Early this year, the Mayor and Sound Transit Board are expected to move forward with final design and construction of the first extension north of downtown, which will go as far as the University of Washington. When voters approved Sound Move in 1996, it only included funding to construct as far north as the University of Washington. Sound Transit has continued to plan for the extension to Northgate, but will need to go back for another vote to get the funding. This could happen as soon as fall 2006.