

City of Seattle Responses to South Park Action Agenda Recommendations

Executive Summary

Youth Development

City of Seattle Responses to SPAA Recommendations

Vision: Create and maintain a vibrant South Park community that provides unlimited opportunities for youth and families to thrive

Short – Term projects that need additional community direction are in bold. Projects that can be achieved by community applications to City of Seattle grants are listed at the end of the document

New and continued programs and projects for 2007:

South Park Community Center

- Parks has expanded community center hours and added a late night program for teens
- Parks will involve youth in South Park Community Center (SPCC) program planning and develop a Teen Council
- **South Park Library can partner with SPCC to offer programs that meet community needs and interests**

Community & Provider Partnerships

- **The South Park Library can partner with South Park providers such as COMUNIDADES and Vecinos Unidos to network and share information with other local service providers**
- Human Services Department (HSD) will continue funding the Concord Community Learning Center and the South West Youth & Family Services
- HSD, Parks & Recreation (Parks), and other City departments have initiated regular youth provider meetings with South Park providers and is setting up a webboard for provider announcements beginning April 2007
- **Parks will work with community organizations and other city departments to develop intergenerational programs for youth and seniors in South Park.**
- **The Building Excellence School Levy funds the Concord Elementary and Denny Middle Community Learning Centers (CLC) which offer after – school academic programs. CLC funds can be used to engage with local cultural organizations. Students can enroll in CLC through their schools.**

Academic Success

- South Park Library will create a new drop-in after school Homework Help program and a book discussion group for teens
- A new South Park coalition will coordinate services to prevent and reduce truancy among South Park youth (Consejo Counseling Services, Human Services Department, Parks, Chief Sealth and Proyecto Saber, Denny Middle, Sea Mar Boxing Club, Campaña Quetzal, El Centro through Seattle Team for Youth, and Denny Middle’s mental health coordinator from Seattle Mental Health)
- Mayor Nickels continued to provide city funds to support Consejo’s gang prevention services, the Sea Mar Boxing Club, Seattle Public School’s Technet Project, and El Centro’s literacy services through 2008.

Youth Employment

- HSD will continue funding Youth Garden Works, a summer work- based education project and Seattle Youth Employment Program youth internships at SPCC and Sea Mar (HSD, Consejo, others)

- South Park Library will hold an informational sessions about the Seattle Public Library’s Student Assistant program for youth.
- Parks will implement an expanded South Park Student- Teen Employment Preparation (STEP) program to provide youth job training and employment.
- **Parks will work with the Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition and ECOSS to collaborate implementing an Urban Youth Environmental Justice service program for South Park youth**
- **Department of Information Technology can offer career exposure tours for youth being trained at the SPCC technology center and other groups at their request. Tours of the Seattle Channel and DoIT are planned for April; existing companies and organizations in Seattle could also offer similar tours and share what technology skills are required in their work places. Contact Mike Toschi, 684-7451.**
- **OCR can provide presentations to community businesses on hiring immigrants and refugees, Youth employment, internships and apprenticeships. Contact Elliot Bronstein (685-4500) to schedule presentations.**
- HSD and Parks will continue targeting South Park youth to attend career and college fairs sponsored by HSD, and will advertise a certified nursing assistant training program to South Park youth.

Diverse Youth Programs

- **South Park Library would love to partner with South Park community groups to host an annual community “speak out” to receive feedback from youth and other library patrons. Contact Theresa Mayer, 615-0535**
- **Mayor’s Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs (ARTS) can act as a resource to connect arts and cultural providers (i.e. Youngstown Cultural Center) to youth in South Park. ARTS can also offer technical assistance for artist- youth and intergenerational projects.**
- **Parks will collaborate with community providers to expand recreational activities (sports, field trips, etc.) for South Park youth**
- **Parks will also collaborate with arts organizations to expand arts and cultural activities for South Park youth.**
- HSD will continue funding after-school cultural activities at Concord Community Learning Center

Responses that need more work by the City and community

2007

Parks will research funding options for:

- new vans for field trips
- new basketball court at the SPCC
- electronic reader board
- expanded parking lot at the SPCC
- morning daycare and early childhood education programs

2008

Parks department will research funding options for:

- A summer school program at Concord Elementary (Parks, Associated Recreation Council, Seattle Public Schools, Concord Elementary)
- Funding options to expand/ remodel the SPCC. Parks will research funding options by end of 2008 and will not be able to start design plans without project funding.

2009

- Several City departments will develop a youth job training and employment coalition to develop a strategy for expanding opportunities by the end of 2009.

- Parks will Identify lighting options, projects costs and funding sources to add lights to the South Park playfield and the River City Skate Park.by 4th quarter of 2009.

Community may achieve or supplement some recommendations by applying for grants from the City:

Recommendation	City Department Grant
Install electronic reader board like the one at Chief Sealth to better advertise SPCC activities	<i>Neighborhood Matching Funds</i> via Department of Neighborhoods
Parent involvement opportunities, i.e. Parent Teacher Student Association projects	<i>Neighborhood Matching Funds</i>
Add lights to South Park playfield and River City Skate Park	<i>Neighborhood Matching Funds</i>
Develop intergenerational programs for youth and seniors	<i>Youth Arts and smART Ventures</i> funds via ARTS department
	<i>Neighborhood Matching Funds</i>
Provide arts and cultural activities, including all types of dance and field trips	<i>Youth Arts and smART Ventures</i> funds via ARTS department
	<i>Neighborhood Matching Funds</i>
Develop parent involvement opportunities	<i>Neighborhood Matching Funds</i> , especially for Parent Teacher Student Association projects

Environment & Physical Improvements

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Vision: Seek a variety of improvements designed to improve the quality of life in South Park, promote economic development, and protect public health and safety

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Make South Park drainage improvements a top priority for the City of Seattle.

- Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) will design and construct Middle Basin flooding and water quality improvements. Design will be from '06-'07 and construction will begin in 2009
- SPU will design and construct a pump station (at the end of Seventh Avenue South at Duwamish River). Design will be from '06-'07 and construction will begin in 2009
- **Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs (ARTS) will discuss with SPU the possibility of allocating 1% for Art funds to include artwork associated with drainage/water quality related work in South Park**
- SPU will complete evaluating drainage fixes in Lower Basin of South Park in 2007. They are working closely with the business community to better define problems there
- SPU will complete near- term flooding improvements at S. Riverside Drive

Improve both the quality and quantity of open space

- **SDOT is scheduled to complete the Duwamish Bike Trail through South Park by end of 2007. Once the trail is complete SDOT will clean up the trail system, refresh old signs and add new ones where needed. SDOT would like to meet with the community in the 1st quarter of 2008 to get input about where new signage should be located and if there any specific points of interest that the signs should direct people to.**
- **SDOT's Neighborhood Street Funds can be used for street end improvements. SDOT contact is Shauna Walgren (684-8681)**
- SDOT will evaluate route signage and possible lane markings on 8th Ave. S. in the context of the citywide system. This is a designated bike route. There are actually no existing bike lanes on 8th Ave. S. In 2007, SDOT will be evaluating bike routes and connections in South Park.
- The stairway at 10th and Trenton is on the SDOT's 2007 stairway rehabilitation program list (~ \$30k). We will check on the existing light levels and review for upgrade. The cost to replace the stairs at 12th/Trenton is estimated to be in excess of \$500,000; there is no funding for this.
- **\$50,000 has been allocated for a public design process for a new park at 12th & Trenton. Parks will start the public outreach and design process in late 2007.**
- **SDOT's has looked at creating an urban forest buffer on the 500 block of Sullivan and found minimal opportunities for plant survival. The community should contact Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) if it wants to pursue an urban forest buffer alongside State Routes 99/599 and 509**
- **Community should contact City of Seattle Arborist Nolan Rundquist (615-0957) to discuss all tree planting opportunities.**

Support completion of the South Park Marra Desimone Park Coalition Master Plan

- The Marra Desimone Park Coalition is still finalizing its Master Plan. Until its completion, no new fencing will be constructed around Marra Farm. They are currently using temporary fencing.
- Parks will help install English, Spanish, and Vietnamese Multi-lingual welcome signs at three Marra

Park entry points in 2007

- Parks will work with Marra Park starting no earlier than 2010 to explore long- term funding opportunities for:
 - A farm-themed and natural play area at Marra Park
 - ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) accessible paths in and around Marra Park
 - Composting toilet or alternative sewage conveyance
- Parks and the Marra Desimone Park Coalition are developing a Memorandum of Understanding to address shared concerns
- SPU’s drainage project could potentially achieve some rough grading to create the “Hill” picnic area, portions of the design framework, and a central gathering area. New funds are needed to complete these projects.

Improve the health of the Duwamish River,

- The City of Seattle is helping to fund the Superfund cleanup of Terminal 117, which the Port of Seattle is leading and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is regulating.
- **SPU is participating in a Duwamish River visioning process led by the Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition (DRCC). The Department of Neighborhoods’ (DON) Neighborhood Matching Fund grants could be a resource for the visioning process.**
- **Neighborhood Matching Fund could provide some funding to develop a DRCC –led comprehensive map showing amenities along the river. SPU can assist by providing information for the map.**

Address litter control, stewardship, and education

- **SPU’s preliminary investigation of South Park public areas indicated there does not appear to be a serious litter problem in the neighborhood related to a lack of litter cans. There appear to be sufficient trash cans in the main Right of Way areas; however, SPU is certainly willing and able to discuss with the community a partnership to combat litter. It would need to be something small scale since there are no dedicated funds for such an effort.**
- Public trash cans in use do not accommodate painting or other decoration due to the design of the litter can
- **SPU can work with the local school to develop an anti-litter campaign**
- **SDOT Street Maintenance can work with community to identify a set street sweeping schedule. SDOT contact: Roxanne Thomas at 386-9060.**
- **Office of Economic Development’s Neighborhood Business District Improvement grant with ECOSS could be used to fund garbage cans, and also to expand clean- up efforts of business owners since the City cannot perform improvements or maintenance on private property**

Improve streets and sidewalks

- All crosswalks were inspected. Crosswalks at the following locations were repainted: 14th Ave. & Cloverdale, 14th Ave and Henderson and 8th Ave S/S Cloverdale
- **SDOT requires letter of approval from VFW before moving forward with the recommendation to “renew the street trees of the neighborhood by replanting the war memorial trees to honor South Park residents who have served or are serving in wartime.” If approval granted from VFW, SDOT can supply trees if homeowners will fund tree and stump removal.**
- **SDOT is currently evaluating sidewalk opportunities in South Park and requests that a community representative call Mike Hendrix (684-5102) to assist with prioritization.**
- **SDOT will determine if there is a program to complete pedestrian lighting along Cloverdale**

and 8th Ave S, non-arterial streets, the community center, etc. SDOT does not normally fund pedestrian lighting

- Tree Fund could provide trees for community planting projects (DON)
- Any improvements to alleys like paving are the responsibility of adjacent property owners. The primary purpose of alleys is to provide for access to adjacent properties, utilities and service functions. Thus, SDOT does not approve speed humps installation in alleys due to many factors including access, lighting and drainage. In addition, the low-level lighting in alleys may increase the speed humps' liability for pedestrian tripping hazard. Drainage is also a concern. Most alleys are sloped towards the center and the catch basins are typically located at both ends of the alley. This means that if speed humps are installed, there is likelihood that there will be puddling at the humps.
- There is no funding to reconfigure S. Concord between 14th Ave S. and 12th Ave S. and between 15th Ave S. and Boeing facility.
- SDOT completed inspections of all street/sidewalk repair requests that had an address or location attached. SDOT made many of the repairs and is scheduling several other future repairs. SDOT contact: Luke Korpi (684-5069)
- WSDOT owns the Henderson pedestrian 99 overpass. Community needs their approval to replace the fence at that location.
- SDOT requests assistance from the community to identify specific problem areas regarding facilitation of safe industrial traffic. SDOT contact: Luke Korpi (684-5069)

Establish a civic center in the area of Eighth Avenue South and South Cloverdale Street, which includes Cesar Chavez Park, murals, skate park, fire station, library, Community Center and playfield, and walking and bicycle routes

- SDOT received money (\$900) from South Park in Dec. 2003 to install three "South Park Business District Welcomes You" signs, the money is still available and we have been waiting for a sign design. Neighborhood contact was Charlie Cunniff.
- Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs (ARTS) will discuss with SDOT possibility of allocating pooled 1% for Art funds to include artist-designed signage, contingent on SDOT agreeing to use of funds
- Existing sidewalks under SR 99 bridge are wide and in good condition. No guard rail is warranted in this location. SDOT contact: Luke Korpi (684-5069)

Revitalize & Beautify the South Park Business District

- ARTS will discuss with SDOT the possibility of allocating pooled 1% for Art funds to include art on utility poles along 14th Ave S and S Cloverdale Streets (dependent on City Light approval to use poles) and other permanent art structures, contingent on SDOT agreeing to use of funds.
- This could also be a Neighborhood Matching Fund project along the lines of the Dragon Poles in the International District.
- SDOT has requested that community gather business input / approval while working with SDOT on tree identification & placement on 14th Ave S. SDOT. SDOT contact: Frank Yanagimachi (601-4296)
- Seattle Police Department (SPD) has met with the Seattle Neighborhood Group (SNG) to work on establishing a core business group that will address public safety issues. SNG has contacted all businesses handing out surveys in three languages. SNG and SPD went to each business establishing a contact list and picking up public safety surveys. SNG has recently completed an analysis which will be available on March 15th
- A project including incorporation of a public promenade and commercial development into the

bridge property development would be King County's jurisdiction. It is outside the City's jurisdiction though we are happy to help the community make contact with King County staff.

Support beautification and economic development by supporting SPARTS activities and initiatives

- Neighborhood Matching Fund could be used for design and creation of murals to support the recommendation to: "Coordinate a mural strategy to discourage graffiti and beautify the neighborhood." ARTS can also provide technical assistance.
- ARTS can provide technical assistance as needed to support any development of a South Park Center for the Arts in the business district.
- **ARTS can act as a resource to connect SPARTS, Concord Elementary and SPCC to arts and cultural providers. Parks Dept will also collaborate with arts organizations to expand arts and cultural activities for South Park youth**
- **ARTS has Youth Arts funding plus technical assistance as needed for out- of- school artist-training projects. They have no funding for in-school artist-in-residence programs**

South Park Bridge

- City of Seattle is working with King County to secure funding for the South Park Bridge through federal, state and regional funding sources.
- The City of Seattle officially designated the North Highline Area as a Potential Annexation Area (PAA). The process involved separation of the bridge issue from overall North Highline PAA designation.

Support zoning/neighborhood changes

- Department of Planning & Development (DPD) will conduct an analysis of zoning along the 1200 block of Cloverdale St. S. to determine appropriate zoning that would allow commercial-residential mixed use up to three stories in height by the end of 2008
- DPD can begin the process of preparing a code amendment to allow detached accessory dwelling units (DADU's) in South Park in 2008

Support Environmental Programs

- DON's P-Patch staff will work with Marra Farm Coalition to develop a neighborhood gardens proposal. Currently, the coalition is very involved in master planning and organizational development. As it becomes a strong community-based organization, this type of project should fit within its mission.
- **Neighborhood Matching Fund could be used for Farmer's Market projects.**
- **SPU can support a "Toxic Free South Park" campaign through their Local Hazardous Waste and Natural Yard Care Programs**

Increase Economic Development and Public Safety by supporting, funding and developing neighborhood services

- DON staff will have limited office hours at the ECOSS Information Center/ Centro de Información Hispano, which successfully applied for Neighborhood Matching Funds to recruit and train a core 12 community volunteers to operate the Center, carry out community-building programs, and expand the network of relationships with service providers and other agencies.
- Major expansion of the Neighborhood Center/ SPARC building would trigger extensive building upgrades and code improvements. There are no funds for this. A supplemental budget request is needed.
- Office of Economic Development (OED) is working with ECOSS to develop a contract for staffing the Information Center/ Centro de Información through 2008

- HSD outreach staff could provide PeoplePoint services at the Information Center/ Centro de Informacion regarding eligibility and enrollment in state and City funded public assistance programs for 3hrs/wk at the Information Center.
- HSD has renewed funding for the SP Community Technology Center's TeenTech program through 2007. Parks is working with other departments to expand access to technology classes, programs and services supporting youth academic achievement
- Rehab at Consejo's recently purchased 8,250 sq ft building at 8715 14th Ave S is scheduled for completion in early 2007. Through a competitive process, HSD awarded Consejo funding for 2 FTE mental health youth counselors to provide individual, family, and group counseling services with an emphasis on Latino youth and families in South Park and Southwest Seattle. In addition, the Mayor allocated funds to Consejo in 2006 and renewed those funds for 2007 and 2008.

Community Engagement

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Vision: Create and maintain a neighborhood where all community members feel welcome, are informed and educated about the decisions impacting the neighborhood, and have a voice and vote in the decision making process. Educate and train community members and providers so they are able to outreach to residents in a language appropriate and culturally competent manner. Create and maintain an environment where the great diversity, culture, history and traditions of South Park residents are valued and appreciated.

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New and continued programs and projects for 2007:

Overcoming Language, Cultural & Class Barriers to Encourage Participation in Community Meetings/ Events

- **The Mayor’s Office, Parks, Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs (ARTS), Department of Neighborhoods (DON), and Seattle Police Department (SPD) have continued to work with the South Park community to develop an Action Agenda implementation structure. The structure is intended to create a consistent and sustainable community forum that enables the City to regularly interact with a diverse, representative community group, to develop leadership and increase community engagement in the South Park Action Agenda. These departments will continue to have a strong presence during Action Agenda implementation, but the community must take on the role of creating and sustaining the structure.**
- Surveys completed through Living Room Forums during development of the Action Agenda contain valuable information/ community feedback identifying several common barriers.
- **Seattle City Light (SCL) will partner with community organizations to identify and print materials in multiple languages to residents South Park neighborhood. They will also participate in neighborhood events to promote City Light’s Green Up program**
- South Park Library will continue translating library-related information/signage to facilitate library use
- **Civil Rights (OCR) can present “know your rights” presentations for immigrants, refugees and communities of color in South Park**
- **Parks’ South Park Community Center (SPCC) Teen program staff and teens will work with DON, HSD and South Park providers to assist with community asset mapping**
- DON staff will have limited office hours at the ECOSS Information Center/ Centro de Información Hispano, which successfully applied for Neighborhood Matching Funds to recruit and train a core 12 community volunteers to operate the Center, carry out community-building programs, and expand the network of relationships with service providers and other agencies.
- Office of Economic Development (OED) is working with ECOSS to develop a contract for staffing the Information Center/ Centro de Información through 2008
- DON and other City departments have several native foreign language speaking staff and use translation services when needed. The South Park Library has three bilingual staff (Spanish & Vietnamese). Parks will look to hire and place staff at the South Park Community Center.
- **Human Services Department (HSD) will continue funding the South Park Area Redevelopment Committee for the senior center operation, work with community partners to increase outreach for the Utility Assistance Program, and recommend to Councilmember Rasmussen that the South Park Senior Center be included in the second phase of the city- wide Senior Center Study**
- **The City of Seattle will commit to putting on language appropriate quarterly meetings to give full Action Agenda updates: 2 Town Halls, and 2 meetings focusing on community designated priorities.**

Strengthening Multi- Media Capabilities between South Park Organizers and Providers

- **COMUNIDADES has received a Neighborhood Matching Fund grant to create a bilingual South Park website.**
- Parks will explore developing a communications training program at the SPCC through South Seattle Community College

Create Opportunities for South Park to Celebrate its Diversity, Culture, History & Traditions

- The South Park Library is sponsoring the Luis Rodriguez poetry program for teens.
- **Parks will continue working with city departments, community members and providers to support neighborhood social events that are family-oriented and welcome all cultures, languages and people with special needs. Parks will host cultural celebrations like Fiestas Patrias, Hispanic Heritage Month, etc.**
- **Parks, South Park Library and other city departments will expand upon Community Voices, Neighborhood Diaries and other historical exhibits to help celebrate South Park’s community and history.**
- The South Park Library will sponsor and develop programs and events that celebrate the diversity, culture, history, and traditions of the South Park community.

Create Opportunities to Unify South Park’s Diverse Community Groups

- South Park will be the location for a neighborhood disaster preparedness workshop and organizing effort by DON in collaboration with the Office of Emergency Management (OEM). Contacts are JoAnn Jordan (Joann.Jordan@seattle.gov) and Tracy Connelly (Tracy.Connelly@seattle.gov)
- **SPD will work to increase the number of Block Watch programs in South Park and utilize this program to expand neighborhood interaction and interaction with the police department. SPD contact: Officer Benjamin Kinlow (684-7724)**
- **OCR can work with community-based organizations to apply for a grant and hire a consultant to provide cultural competence training**
- **ARTS may be able to help facilitate community-school partnership around arts in education components.**

Recommendations that must be community led and driven:

- Recruit, cultivate and strategically place residents whose second language is English to actively participate with in the organizations such as the South Park Neighborhood Association and the South Park Business Association

Community may achieve or supplement some recommendations by applying for grants from the City:

Neighborhood Matching Fund opportunities* :

- ✓ Support development of organizers for the Community Engagement Committee’s Action Agenda efforts and activities (*This grant could be used to hire an organizer to assist with community efforts to develop capacity, provide leadership training, and help coordinate multiple community projects amongst different organizations*).
- ✓ Fund seed money to nurture new organizations, help develop leadership programs and expand organization capacity
- ✓ Conduct Asset Mapping and share information to address needs in the community
- ✓ Facilitate multilingual and quarterly resident, merchant, provider and industrial coalition meetings with child care
- ✓ Develop multi-lingual multi- media access including print and radio for dissemination of information. Help establish a local radio program and mini-broadcast system for the South Park area
- ✓ Develop a mobile broadcast unit for public announcements
- ✓ Build cross-cultural competence capacity among community partners

* NMF grants available throughout the year. www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/nmf/

- ✓ Promote civic activities and educational opportunities- e.g. a Taste of South Park-within the South Park community and provide the opportunity for communitywide participation and contribution

Neighborhood and Community Arts or smART Ventures funding programs**

- ✓ Create a permanent South Park History Museum or Exhibit so that residents both new and old will know South Park's history. Expand upon exhibits such as Community Voices type or the Neighborhood Diaries of South Park and support the collection of local oral history for a museum
- ✓ Build community partnerships with schools and programs like Young Authors, Young Scientists, Young Artists

Opportunities for BOTH grants:

- ✓ Support social neighborhood events that are family-oriented and welcome all languages, cultures, special needs
- ✓ Celebrate holidays and events across all cultures and religions and make sure everyone feels welcome to participate, such as Hispanic Heritage Month, Black History Month, the Vietnamese New Year (Tet), etc.
- ✓ Support a diverse Art Walk, more diverse in both audience and the art itself

Neighborhood Business District Support Program opportunities***:

- ✓ Acquire updated demographic information about South Park residents. Reallocate resources based on the updated demographics. *Neighborhood Business District Support Program annual award via OED could fund a demographic report for marketing and investment purposes. Next grant available March 2007*

** ARTS grants information available at www.seattle.gov/arts/fundingapplications/default.asp

*** Neighborhood Business District Support grant info: www.seattle.gov/economicdevelopment/support_funding.htm#RFPGGrant

Business & Transportation

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VISION : To create and maintain a neighborhood where frequently purchased items are available in the neighborhood; where there is robust access to mass transit or an alternative to driving into and out of South Park; and where there is a successful industrial sector

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New and continued programs and projects for 2007:

Vision for the 14th Avenue South Retail Corridor

- **The Department of Information Technology (DoIT) is available to assist with wi-fi and technology strategic planning for the retail corridor.** There are currently no allocated funds for wi-fi expansion, but the city will present this as an opportunity when approached by private wi-fi providers and consider it as the city determines a citywide wi-fi strategy.
- The community can achieve various recommendations by applying for grants through the City of Seattle (see below)

Business Technical Assistance & Financing

- **Office of Economic Development (OED) will compile and disseminate information on existing resources for business technical assistance and financing**
- **Office of Civil Rights (OCR) can provide South Park businesses with civil rights information to prevent discrimination and avoid costly lawsuits. Contact: Elliot Bronstein (685-4500)**
- **South Park Library can provide informational programs relating to small business if co-sponsors can be found. Contact: Theresa Mayer, 615-0535 or Theresa.Mayer@spl.org**
- COMUNIDADES has been granted Neighborhood Matching Funds to create a bilingual neighborhood newsletter. Also, OED has a contract agreement in place with ECOSS that includes production of a bilingual neighborhood business district newsletter.
- OED/ECOSS contract includes 6 monthly business workshops that can include entrepreneurship and business start-up
- **Department of Planning & Development (DPD) can provide an overview of liquefaction areas and general information about development in those areas**

Marketing Strategy

- Seattle Neighborhood Group has created and analyzed a census of South Park businesses and organizations. Contact: Lois Grammon- Simpson, lois@sngi.org or 323-3150
- The community can achieve various recommendations by applying for grants through the City of Seattle (see below)

Physical Appearance of 14th Avenue South Retail Corridor

- Seattle Neighborhood Group (SNG) provides CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) assessments and training. Contact: Lois Grammon- Simpson, lois@sngi.org or 323-3150
- Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs (ARTS) can provide technical assistance in developing sidewalk art improvements for part of the retail district.
- **Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) can partner with the community to combat litter and can work with Concord Elementary to develop an anti- litter campaign;** OED/ ECOSS grant could be used

to fund garbage cans- however, Public trash cans in use do not accommodate painting or other decoration due to the design of the litter can

- SNG and Seattle Police Department (SPD) are working together to establish a core business group **that will address public safety issues**
- **Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) can work with the community to identify a set street- sweeping schedule. Contact: Roxanne Thomas (386-9060)**
- **DPD can provide a workshop on maintaining vacant buildings and properties; identifying common violations and when to report them to DPD; and some appearance principles the community can use to encourage landlords to maintain their properties.**
- **SDOT would like to work with business community for identification and placement of 6 trees on 14th Ave S during replacement project. South Park Neighborhood Association successfully applied for 6 tree pits.**
- SPD will use various locations in South Park for community meetings, including the ECOSS Information Center/ Centro de Información Hispano, Consejo and the South Park Community Center
- **SPD increased officers in South Park in 2005. Also, Officer Ralph Wilson has recently been added to the SW Community Policing Team and is spending much of his time in South Park as the liaison for Domestic Violence and Youth Outreach for Immigrant Communities. Contact: Officer Ralph Wilson, 733-9593 or Ralph.Wilson@seattle.gov**
- SPD increased the number and types of emphasis patrols (car, bike, foot) in South Park during the summer for the last two years and may be increased again in summer 2007
- SDOT and SPU are working together to rehabilitate drainage below the pavement and sidewalks on 14th Ave S.

Workforce Development Opportunities

- OED has partnered with the Manufacturing Industrial Council (MIC) and South Seattle Community College (SSCC) to identify and enhance industry-specific vocational training opportunities at the SSCC Duwamish Center. MIC will focus on direct outreach to industrial businesses to enhance their participation in and support for the SSCC Transportation Department, the Duwamish Apprenticeship and Education Center and the Puget Sound Industrial Excellence Center (PSIEC). The MIC will form a committee of manufacturing representatives to identify strengths and opportunities for improvement in existing training programs at the SSCC Duwamish Center
- South Park Library will co-sponsor Spanish- language programs relating to job seeking/ application skills development
- OED continues to support SSCC's apprentice programs which include partnerships with unions affiliated with the boilermakers, cement masons, painters, and electricians. Through the Puget Sound Industrial Excellence Center (PSIEC), SSCC will continue to focus efforts to build partnerships and identify training programs for youth in the surrounding communities, including South Park and Georgetown.

Attractive & Safe Alternatives to Driving

- SDOT and Metro King County staff are assessing bus stops in South Park and will put a scope and budget for improvement on 2 locations not yet identified.
- SDOT is scheduled to complete the Duwamish Bike Trail through South Park by end of 2007. Once complete, SDOT will clean up the trail system, refresh old signs and add new ones using community recommendations. Trail signage will be completed by 2008.
- SDOT will schedule tree pruning on 12th Ave S between Sullivan and Dallas to help light the street for pedestrians

- SDOT built a landscaped sidewalk on S. Henderson between S 7th and 8th St. through the Community Reserve Fund (CRF) program. SDOT is currently evaluating sidewalk opportunities in South Park and requests that a community representative call Shauna Walgren (684-8681) to assist with prioritization. The community may also apply for 2008 CRF funds through the Greater Duwamish District Council.
- The complete Duwamish Bike Trail will provide a downtown link via West Seattle Bridge. 1st Ave bridge has existing bike facilities. The Bike Master Plan will explore route alternatives North of Duwamish River

Street Improvements, Freight and Car Mobility

- SDOT will evaluate technical feasibility of adding a stop line on Cloverdale for cars turning North onto 14th Ave S. If found feasible the stop line could be completed with the 14th Ave S. project
- SDOT has no funds programmed for a transportation study with emphasis on freight/ trucking patterns. The community is strongly encouraged to call SDOT with specific locations. Contact: Ron Borowski (684-8370)

Responses that need more work

2007

- DPD has not budgeted for development of community design principles
- SDOT has no funds for re-paving non- arterial streets

2008

- DPD will conduct an analysis of zoning along the 1200 block of Cloverdale St. S. to determine appropriate zoning that would allow commercial-residential mixed use up to 3 stories in height by end of 2008
- SDOT has forwarded a recommendation to King County Metro's Service Planning section to expand Metro route 60 to include weekends, to increase frequency of Metro 132 bus route to every 30 minutes, and to examine Metro shuttle opportunities for South Park; however, Metro will not begin updating King County's Six Year Transit Development Plan for 2008- 2013 until next year.

Recommendations that must be community led and driven:

- Compile information on available space
- Work with existing property owners/ tenants to identify new business for 14th Ave S. retail corridor
- Promote available space and work with other business districts (i.e. Georgetown) to be identified as an alternative in the event they do not have desirable space
- Schedule community clean-up days that includes participation from store owners and tenants
- Explore possibility of pooled funds from industrial community on a trades-based scholarship for local youth
- Establish a South Park Bridge Committee
- Get commitment from Seattle City Council members involved with regional transit issues, boards or planning to replace the South Park Bridge.
- Alley improvements. Alleys are not funded by the City and are usually developed by adjacent property owners.

Community may achieve or supplement some recommendations by applying for grants from the City:

Neighborhood Matching Fund opportunities*:

- ✓ Utilize survey information to determine types of services/retail wanted by the community
 - ✓ Development of community design principles for use by Design Review Board
 - ✓ Participate in the bilingual community newsletter and feature South Park businesses
 - ✓ Compile information on why South Park is a great place to do business, work or live
 - ✓ Develop anti- litter campaign tied to South Park Arts and Concord Elementary school
- ✓ Community tree planting projects. *The Tree Fund is a component of Neighborhood Matching Funds*
- ✓ Secure small sparks grant to fund educational/ outreach materials regarding South Park Bridge

Neighborhood Business District Support Program opportunities**:

- ✓ Utilize technical assistance survey to determine needs/ opportunities for existing business
 - ✓ Develop a Marketing Strategy for South Park

Opportunities for BOTH grants:

- ✓ Establish/ reinvigorate the South Park Merchant's Association
- ✓ Hold series of community meetings to develop and outline realistic possibilities for the corridor
 - ✓ Conduct workshops in South Park on entrepreneurship and business start- up
 - ✓ Compile demographic information and trends for South Seattle

Public Safety

City of Seattle Responses to SPAA Recommendations

Vision: Ensure a neighborhood in which the community can safely live, do business, and interact with others, now and for generations to come. Must be founded on a cohesive community that is engaged, empowered, and focused on common goals and priorities

Short – Term projects that need additional community direction are in bold. Projects that can be achieved by community applications to City of Seattle grants are listed at the end of the document

New and continued programs and projects for 2007:

Prevention

- **South Park will be the location for a neighborhood based disaster preparedness workshop and organizing effort by Department of Neighborhoods in collaboration with the Office of Emergency Management. Contacts are JoAnn Jordan (Joann.Jordan@seattle.gov) and Tracy Connelly (Tracy.Connelly@seattle.gov)**
- **Seattle Police Department (SPD) will work to increase the number of Block Watch programs in South Park and utilize this program to expand neighborhood interaction and interaction with the police department. Contact: Officer Benjamin Kinlow (206-684-7724)**
- The Fire Department has home fire prevention materials in Spanish, Vietnamese, and Chinese and will continue to translate other important materials. Fire Department staff will attend community meetings whenever possible.
- SPD is supporting Seattle Neighborhood Group (SNG) efforts to work on establishing a core business group that will address public safety issues. SNG has contacted all businesses handing out surveys in three languages and has analyzed the survey data that can be shared with the community.
- A new South Park coalition will coordinate services to prevent and reduce truancy among South Park youth (Consejo, SPD, HSD, Parks, Chief Sealth and Proyecto Saber, Denny Middle, Sea Mar Boxing Club, Campaña Quetzal, El Centro through Seattle Team for Youth, and Denny's mental health coordinator from Seattle Mental Health). A Seattle police officer has been assigned to Denny Middle to help establish the program
- SPD is working with other City departments to increase lighting in vulnerable and high crime areas
- SNG is providing a Landlord tenant law workshop through the South Park Community Center
- Mayor Nickels 2007-08 budget contains funds to continue funding the TechNet program, Sea Mar Boxing Club, and Consejo's gang prevention and intervention programs

Community Outreach

- **Officer Ralph Wilson (206-733-9593) is leading implementation of a SW Precinct action plan called "Domestic Violence in Non- English Speaking Minority Families and Affected At- Risk Youth" and is interested in any opportunities to provide additional outreach and education about the program. He is currently working with SeaMar and Consejo, and interacting with Concord Elementary and Denny Middle School.**
- SPD continues to be active in local events and meetings including South Park Neighborhood Association, Latino Advisory Council, Fiestas Patrias, etc. Their presence increased community interaction and trust with SPD.
- SPD also participates in the Sea Mar Boxing Club, are active at Denny Middle and Chief Sealth, assists with the SPCC Late Night Program, and established the first Youth Police Academy in South Park, and have partnered with the SPCC on the Westside Story Project which is designed to create a dialogue about gangs, immigration, and youth/ police interaction.

- **Parks will work with South Park community, providers and city departments to increase the number and variety of youth activities. Parks will continue to meet and collaborate with community partners to identify program priorities.**
- **ARTS can provide technical assistance as needed and act as a conduit between the community, local youth and program providers to increase the number and type of youth activities**
- **The Mayor's Office, Parks, ARTS, DON and SPD have continued to work with the South Park community to develop a structure that provides a consistent forum for the community and city to interface and which prioritizes inclusive community engagement, leadership development and diverse representation. While the City will remain actively engaged in South Park, the community must take on the role of creating and sustaining the structure.**
- **The Latino Advisory Council (LAC), a council established by SPD, meets monthly and is hoping to establish regular quarterly meetings to be held in South Park. LAC is developing a larger membership that can be utilized for participation in other community groups. Contact: Mercedes Cordova-Hakim at me.comunidades@hotmail.com**

Enforcement

- SPD is using crime analysis data to determine times and places for deployment. The Neighborhood Policing Plan will allow the Southwest Precinct officers to work on priority issues in South Park like weekend emphasis to address early morning property crimes
- SPD increased the number and types of emphasis patrols (car, bike, foot) in South Park during the summer for the last two years and may be increased again in summer 2007
- SPD will set meetings in South Park throughout the 2007 year and utilize spaces that are central to the South Park Community, such as, Consejo, ECOSS and South Park Community Center
- **Officer Darin Chinn (386-1086) provides a weekly activity report on the SPNA website, has Increased patrol and interaction with local businesses, implemented a vice sting for prostitution, narcotics buy/busts and warrants, and transient camp enforcement. He is also a liaison with Sealth High School. Officer Chinn would be happy to share the written weekly activity report with other South Park organizations.**

Responses that need more work

2007

SPD will investigate the possibility of setting up a system that channels prostitutes through the existing Drug Court program by the end of 2007

2008

The Neighborhood Policing Plan calls for adding 105 patrol officers from 2008 to 2012 to all precincts, including Southwest (which serves South Park)

2009

Parks will conduct a public review process and research cost, lighting options and funding alternatives at South Park playfield and the River City Skate Park by end of 2009.

Recommendations that are community responsibilities

Speed bumps in alleys: The City does not build speed bumps in alleys. They are the responsibility of the adjacent property owner.

Video cameras in South Park business district: The City is prohibited by law from funding video cameras, even to prevent crime. Any video cameras must be purchased and installed by an outside organization or agency.

Increase the amount of Alcohol Anonymous (AA) meetings in South Park and make them available in Spanish: Community should contact South Seattle Community College. HSD or DON may be able to help provide a contact.

Research the possibility of rejuvenating the “Safe House Program”

Community may achieve or supplement some recommendations by applying for grants from the City:

Recommendation	City Department Grant
Support multicultural events	<i>Neighborhood Matching Funds via DON</i>
Encourage minority groups to actively participating in community organizations such as the SPNA and serving on public safety committees that meet with the Seattle Police Department	<i>Neighborhood Matching Funds</i>