

## **Superintendent's Report December 10, 2020**

### **Clean Parks Initiative**

SPR will be working with SDOT on coordinating cleaning in parks and right of ways that include graffiti removal and trash pick-up. Folks are permitted to shelter in place due to COVID-19 restrictions.

### **Park District Annual Report**

I wanted to mention the completion of the Seattle Park District Annual Report for the year 2019, last year, when we got a lot done, including improvements funded by the Seattle Park District. I know that Park Board and PDOC members received notice and a link to the report, but for our listening audience and the general public, the report included highlights such as improving community center services; restoring our urban forest; working with partners to activate and enliven downtown parks; improving off-leash areas; and working with partners to provide culturally relevant programming to people of color, LGBTQIA, immigrants, refugees, and adults in neighborhoods with prevalent health and enrichment disparities. The report is available on our Seattle Park District Website, under projects.

### **Park District Board Convenes on Nov. 23**

As some of you know, we met with the City Council acting as the governing Park District Board on Monday, Nov. 23. At that meeting, the Board discussed and approved four resolutions to revise the 2020 budget to: reflect certain reallocations; adopt the 2021 Park District budget; and approve an increase in the property tax levy for 2021. This legislative action confirmed current and future financial realities allowing us to move forward with implementing Park District-funded programs and activities.

### **City Council Committee Approves Tennis Center Sand Point Agreement**

On Dec. 1, we met with the City Council's Public Assets and Native Communities Committee to present an amendment to our contract with Tennis Center at Sand Point in Magnuson Park. The amendment returns to SPR management Building 41, a former Navy gas station, which was included in the original agreement. There is interest in the community to converting the building into a visitor center. The amendment also updated and clarified public benefits offered by TCSP. The committee unanimously approved the amendment.

### **2 New COVID Testing Sites at SPR Sites**

The City of Seattle has contracted with Curative, a medical testing company, to provide additional COVID-19 testing sites for the public, including two walk-up kiosks in Seattle parks: **Northgate Community Center** (south entrance) and **Garfield Playfield** (near restroom). The kiosks will be open Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. beginning this Friday, Dec. 4. The tests are self-collected and painless through a mouth swab. People can schedule a time online or just show up. For more information go to <https://curative.com/>. SPR will continue to host a COVID testing site at the Atlantic City Boat Ramp.

### **Emergency Food Distribution Continues: #WeAreSPR**

The vital Mission Essential Function of food distribution continues. Food Lifeline has announced it will continue distributing free food at Rainier Beach Community Center until Dec. 31, 2020. For the past several months, Food Lifeline, in partnership with Rainier Valley Food Bank and SPR, has served more than 4,000 families, providing more than 15,000 boxes of fresh produce and dairy for those facing

hunger during the pandemic. Food Lifeline operates this distribution every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Rainier Beach CC. On Nov. 23, 1,500 food boxes went to 650 households for Thanksgiving and Native American Heritage Day holidays.

### **Indoor Shower Program**

From Nov. 18 through Dec. 1, we served 663 users. Delridge and Miller are closed on Saturdays. All centers were closed on Nov. 26 and 27 for Thanksgiving and Native American Heritage Day. Starting Nov. 18, we included the number of users at the portable shower program at Green Lake Community Center. This shower program is currently staffed by Uplift NW/Millionaires Club and is open from Tuesdays through Saturdays.

### **SPR Workforce Snapshot**

On Tuesday, Dec. 1, we had 693 employees who completed their timesheets, with 606 working and 87 on leave. Of the 606 working, 177 employees reported teleworking.

### **Social Distancing and Keep It Small & Simple Campaign**

The Social Distancing Ambassador (SDA) program has morphed since its summer peak. Data is now being collected by “Data Rovers” mostly from vehicles. Regarding compliance to public health guidelines, observations show that the vast majority of visitors are wearing masks and keeping socially distant, and our parks are able to support a high volume of use and users in a safe environment. From Nov. 28 through 29, the **highest average** numbers (per report) of Tier One/district park visitors were observed and reported at Green Lake, Golden Gardens, and Magnuson parks.