



Seattle Board of Park Commissioners Discussion Outline: Retreat Summary and Next Steps

@ April 27, 2017 Park Board Meeting

DISCUSSION PART I

Recap retreat discussion. Review and comment on the draft with Retreat Summary and Next Steps document. Set the framework for the next 3-4 Park Board meetings.

Discussion Topics

Retreat Summary and Next Steps: Does the Retreat Summary and Next Steps document capture the spirit and intent of last month's retreat discussion? **30 minutes.**

- What if anything is missing from the retreat summary?
- What if anything is missing from the Strategic Issues section?
- What if anything is missing from the Operating Principles section?
- Discussion and agreement on Next Steps: Summarize decisions for this area in 3 sentences

Role Clarity for the Board of Park Commissioners: As a result of the retreat do board members share a uniform understanding regarding the desired direction? **30 minutes.**

- Tom Byers leads a discussion framing a vision for what the future work of the board will look like a year from now. What will future board agendas look like using the Healthy, Healthy, Strong framework?
 - Identify examples of both long- and short-term strategic initiatives the board will focus on over the next 18 months.
 - How would the general public benefit from the board's shift in focus?
- Summarize the big picture aspirational goals for the board in 3 sentences

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DISCUSSION PART II

Discussion Topics

Operating Principles and Core Values: Discuss and agree proposed Operating Principles and Core Values, determine how these ideas will be shared with the public. **60 minutes.**

Principles

- Do board members share uniform understanding and agreement on a common set of core values and operating principles to guide the work of the board?
- Are the proposed operating principles reasonable, are there new/additional principles that should be added to this section?
- Why are the operating principles important?
- Are there one or two principles proposed here that if practiced would elevate the image and effectiveness for the board?
- What if anything is missing?
- Are the principles important to the public, if so what steps should be taken communicate and gain public support?

Core Values

- Are the proposed core values reasonable, would they make sense to the average park user?
- How are core values different from operating principles?
- How will board members use proposed core values assuming they are adopted?
- Are the values broad enough to address future board decisions?
- What if anything is missing?
- Are the principles important to the public, if so what steps should be taken communicate and gain public support?

Summarize decisions for this section, list additional operating principles and core values.

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DISCUSSION PART III

Strategic Areas of Focus: This section proposes strategic areas of focus where the board can be influential and have a positive impact on the department. The board will discuss and agree on an approach to develop future meeting agendas based on interest and influence. **60 minutes.**

Discussion Topics

- In terms of board interest and desire to have to have the most positive impact on the system, how would the board prioritize its top 3 strategic areas of focus listed in the summary document?
- What if anything is missing?
- How should future agendas be structured to promote the strategic areas of interest for the board?
- What are areas where the board would like to exert the most influence?
- How can “Healthy People, Healthy Environment and Strong Communities” be used to frame future Park Board agendas?
- Is there a meeting formula the board would like to adopt, e.g., 60% strategic discussion, 20% traditional board work related to changes of use and new uses and 20% dedicated to (Healthy, Healthy, Strong) innovation, new ideas and hearing from partners?

The following table is an examples of what future Park Board agendas might look like based on a shift in strategic direction for the board:

60% strategic discussion	20% traditional Park Board role related land use	20% Healthy, Healthy Strong innovation, new ideas, new/existing partners
Partnerships	Wi-Fi in parks	Introduce the Friends of Denny Park
Discuss priorities for the next 6-Year Spending Plan (Park District)	Provide guidance on electric charging stations in parks	Presentation on summer programs
Develop an Advocacy and Public Engagement Plan	Seattle Library partnership	Introduce Recreation for All/ Get Moving partners
Discuss SPR role in the livability/density framework for Seattle	Provide policy direction on drones in parks	Introduce Mami Hara, SPU Director, discussion on public open space.
Discuss SPR role mitigating climate change and promoting resiliency	Evaluate new off-leash area proposal	Jessica Fin-Coven, Citywide Resiliency and Climate Change
Golf Financial Sustainability	Cheasty Next Steps	Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs
Fort Lawton Reuse		

- Discuss and finalize decisions related to the proposed example of future agenda items.
- Summarize (list) decisions for this area.
- Determine if more meetings are required on overall board direction.