

Emails received at PKS_SPRStrategicPlan@seattle.gov August 27 - August 29

Date Received	Topic	Email Body
		<p>I play outdoor pickleball 3 times/week at Miller playfield. Often 30 or more people show up to play on the very limited available courts which are available for only two hours.</p> <p>Before Covid I played indoor drop-in pickleball at Queen Anne, Ballard, Magnolia - all are locations much closer to my home and NONE of them are open. Why?</p> <p>Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the US and ideal for all ages, seniors in particular. The number of Indoor and outdoor pickleball courts must be significantly increased to accommodate the hundreds of players seeking to participate.</p>
8/29/2021	Pickleball; reopening facilities	<p>I know that SPR has received this message many times. Please show us that you are acting on it.</p> <p>Please vet the vendors who offer outdoor children's nature programs and make certain that their curriculum does NOT include building semi permanent structures from harvested deadwood (both fallen and standing) and live branches, ferns, and other vegetation. There is at least one group doing this in Seward Park. Their activities over the last number of years have utterly destroyed a good deal of valuable native habitat, and without any observable consequences they are now moving their activity into still intact areas.</p>
8/27/2021	Protect habitat from children's nature program activities	<p>Hi there,</p> <p>Just saw your post asking for feedback! The absolute number one thing you can do is to remove homeless encampments from parks. I've observed drug deals, people with guns, people shooting up drugs, violence, tents on fire and have been harassed. The damage done by the encampments is severe in some cases and I no longer feel safe in many parks. The main focus of your efforts should be making parks safe again and repairing the damage that's been done.</p> <p>Hi, I just took the survey for the strategic plan, and it failed to address some of the issues that are most important to me.</p>
8/27/2021	Homelessness	<p>One of my primary forms of recreation involves exercising my dog, and we are woefully short on off-leash areas. Why do we have so many playgrounds and so few off-leash areas? Don't we have more dogs than children in Seattle?</p> <p>Also, why is it so hard to find a public bathroom in this town? Every single park should have one, and it should be kept clean. Yes, that means some will have to be cleaned multiple times a day. So be it.</p>
8/27/2021	More off-leash areas, more public restrooms	<p>Also, the Olmsteds had a great idea to connect our parks with pleasant parkways, which have now all turned into commuter raceways. Can we get those back, please? And since we're a bigger city now, with new parks, can we add new walking and biking paths between more parks?</p>