

Welcome –with Kelly McCaffrey, Park District Oversight Committee Chair

Public Comment:

Tim Motzer – Chair, Lake City Neighborhood Alliance (LCNA)

Tim discussed three items related to the next Park District Funding cycle: 1) the need for an implementation plan; 2) establishment of a six-year tax rate and; 3) the evaluation of the existing budget line items to be carried forward.

Jenny Frankl - Rainier Beach Resident and Co-Chair, Rainier Beach Link 2 Lake Steering Committee

Jenny shared information about the Rainier Beach community’s [Be’er Shiva Park improvement \(hyperlink here\)](#) efforts and addition community access needs at the property. Jenny described Rainier Beach Link 2 Lake Steering Committee’s inclusive public engagement process. This resulted in a community-led park improvement proposal. Jenny shared an article from Seattle Times regarding the project. Jenny reminded the PDOC that Rainier Beach Link 2 Lake Steering Committee is seeking 2 million dollars to realize the project. Jenny also requested additional information about the public involvement process for Seattle Park District Planning.

Superintendent’s Report– with Jesús Aguirre, Seattle Park and Recreation, Superintendent

City of Seattle Office of the Mayor Updates

- Seattle has welcomed a new Deputy Mayor, Casey Sixkiller.
- Mayor Durkan signed an executive order, [Advancing a Green New Deal for Seattle](#).

Seattle City Council and Legislation Process Updates

- Seattle has welcomed [new city councilmembers](#).
- [Public Assets & Native Communities Committee](#), where SPR-related legislative activities take place, will meet on 1st Tuesdays at 2:00 PM. This reflects a shift from two meetings of the committee per month to one meeting per month. In addition to a shift in meeting frequency, a quorum of the committee is required to move issues to full council.

The Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) Strategic Plan Update

- The plan has been finalized and being printed for distribution.
- The next steps the SPR strategic plan includes, distribution and a rollout for SPR staff.

SPR Emergency Planning and Response Update

- SPR hosted low-barrier inclement weather shelter at Bitterlake January 14-19.
- The response was positive.

SPR will work in partnership with the Woodland Park Zoo to rebuild the Woodland Park Zoo nocturnal exhibit.

Old/New Committee Business- with Kelly McCaffrey, Park District Oversight Committee Chair

The PDOC Mayor & Council Relations Subcommittee is drafting a charter at their January 28th meeting. The draft will be available for review and discussion at the February 18th PDOC meeting.

Seattle Park District Financial Planning Process– with Jesús Aguirre, Seattle Park and Recreation, Superintendent

Summary: An overview of the three primary phases of the 2020 Seattle Park District planning process was provided. For most of the first half of the year, SPR, the PDOC and the Board of Park Commissioners will steward the development and refinement of a set of Seattle Park District funding recommendation packages.

January – February: Before potential expansions are considered, a review of the initiatives SPR is recommending be continued as baseline services is needed. We will consider Seattle Park District funding in the larger context of SPR’s overall vision, mission and strategic plan.

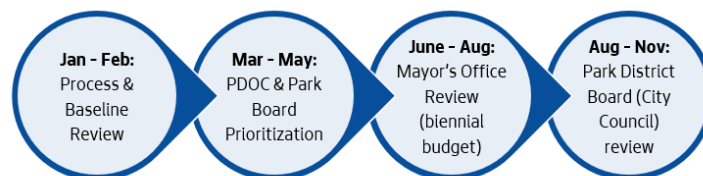
March – May: This marks the joint boards prioritization process. The boards will hear from the public and apply that input into prioritizing a set of possible expansions above the baseline Park District investments. This will be an intense few months, involving three public meetings, subcommittees that will dive deep into policy proposals, and a concerted equity analysis. This portion of the process will result in board generated recommendations to SPR’s Superintendent regarding Seattle Park District funding recommendation packages.

In addition to the public meetings, SPR will conduct online engagement, including a website where we will keep all pertinent information, a public survey, a dedicated email address, and frequent communications about what we’re hearing and what’s upcoming.

June – August: Seattle Park District funding recommendations will be apart SPR’s biennial budget proposal for 2021-2022. Over the summer, the City Budget Office and Mayor’s Office will consider the slate of Park District proposals with the budget.

August – November: Once the Mayor identifies her proposed package, the funding proposal for 2021-2026 will be submitted to the Park District Board (aka the City Council) for consideration and review. This provides another opportunity for members of the public, the Park District Oversight Committee, and the Park Board to engage with elected officials about these proposals.

2020 Park District Planning Phases



[Learn more \(hyperlink here\)](#) and [see the presentation \(hyperlink here\)](#) (Starts at 46:45, ends at 1:19:55).

Selected Q&A, Comments- Recreation Briefing: Recreation Grants

Q1: What is the board commitment for subcommittee work?

A1: We are hoping subcommittees will meet weekly during the month of March. The times and dates of those meetings should be determined by participating subcommittee members. SPR staff will announce the subcommittee options in early March.

Q2: How can we get larger groups with a similar message to consolidated?

Comment: Maybe we should set more time for public comment. We should also consistently advertise the many other opportunities for public comment.

Comment: Maybe we can establish a practice of assigning 2 minutes for individual commenters and 6 minutes for a group. Maybe encourage people to consolidated by suggesting other ways to contribute and providing incentives for combining their comment time.

Comment: We should consider establishing a public meeting focused on Equity seeking groups

Q3: How will SPR get the word out about the three public engagement meeting dates? Will there be signage at the Community Centers?

A3: SPR will develop website content, issue public notices using targeted social media outreach and leverage our listserves.

Q4: How will we accommodate public comment in the numbers it will come?

A4: This can be supported through strong meeting facilitation. We will also provide many outlets for public comment including an opportunity to submit written testimony. The three public meetings planned will go as long as needed to provide time for all community members who would like to speak.

Q5: Are the Seattle Park District Initiative Summaries based on 2019 data?

A5: Yes, this version is based on 2019 data. We will update these as we have new financial data for 2020 and beyond.

Q6: Comment: Can the Mayor & Council Relations Subcommittee coordinate their efforts with the 2020 Seattle Park District planning process calendar?

A6: Yes.

Recommendations/Decisions Made: NA
