

BPRC Subcommittee 1, Meeting #1

April 13, 2022

Notes

Meeting Location: Webex

Members: Andréa Akita, Stafford Mays, Justin Umagat; **BPRC Co-Chair:** Marlon Herrera

SPR Staff: Shanyanika McElroy, David Takami

Subject Matter Experts (SMEs): Donnie Grabowski, Joey Furuto, Justin Cutler, Andy Sheffer, Michele Finnegan

Subcommittee	Strategy (<i>introduced by subcommittee facilitator</i>)	Proposals	Staff	Notes
#1 Enhancing Access and Services Facilitator: Shanyanika	<i>Improving Park Safety & Activation</i>	Park Safety Program Park Concierges Neighborhood Park Activation	Joey Justin	<p>Q (Stafford): Is there any overlap between the Park Safety and Park Concierges proposals? A (Joey): Some overlap but these are separate and distinct proposals with different training, outcomes.</p> <p>Q (Justin U): Partnerships increase return on investment. For this proposal how do you work with partners? A (Justin Cutler): We work closely with community organizations near the park in focus. We also provide technical assistance. We work with the community to determine what the needs are, what the anti-social behavior is in the park. Our staff uses SPR resources (tents, stages, etc.) to assist in putting on events and programs to activate space.</p> <p>Q (Stafford): Is there a community committee working with staff? A (Cutler): Yes, staff form a committee comprised of neighbors and businesses and community groups.</p> <p>Q (Stafford): Do staff use Healthy People, Healthy Environment, Strong Communities in their work? A (Cutler): Yes, especially healthy people and healthy environment</p> <p>Q (Andrea): How do Parallel Crises (Guiding Principles) fit in? A (Cutler): Public health and well being and economic recovery apply in particular. We work with local businesses on activating the parks.</p>
	<i>Enhancing Recreation Facilities & Programming</i>	Community Center Operations	Justin	<p>Q (Justin U): Can you expand on reclassifying front desk support positions. How would that help? A (Cutler): The current Recreation Attendant position does much more than handing out balls and leading recreation programs. It's evolved to become go-to person at front desk, managing phones, emails, ActiveNet, registration, requiring higher-level computer and customer service skills. Lots of turnover at that position.</p>

			Q (Stafford): Does staff turnover occur more in the summer? A (Cutler): Turnover is constant throughout the year.
	Custodial Support	Carson	
	Environmental Education	Justin	
	Rec 'N The Streets	Justin	
<i>Restoring Trails & Improving Access to Open Space</i>	Business Systems & Customer Service Unit	Donnie	Q (Justin U): Would the 5 additional FTEs support every center? A (Donnie): Yes, 5 new FTEs would stand up a call center would take questions from anywhere. Through telephone, chat, social media, this team provides customer support.
	Trails Program Support	Joey	
	Trails Major Maintenance (Capital)	Andy	Andy: In the development and maintenance of trails, we frequently partner with local youth organizations to perform work, receive mentorship. Q (Justin U): Is this proposal in response to folks getting hurt on trails? Is there a liability issue? A (Andy): We have received reports of incidents; we close down trails if, for example, a bridge is damaged. It's important to have an asset management plan for trails so we can identify trails needing improvement and be proactive. So we can increase access to places that don't have access. As simple as a viewpoint. Q (Justin): Any partnering opportunities with King County? A (Andy/Joey): Yes. SPR leverages County funding/grant programs as much as possible. Development funding will serve as grants for match. Q (Stafford): who has jurisdiction over the Burke-Gilman Trail? A (Andy): SPR, SDOT, UW, King County all have pieces; we each maintain our areas. We coordinate closely with SDOT and other partners. Traffic control plans are an issue.
	Trails, Connectivity, and Access (Capital)	Andy	
	Teen Development Program	Justin	
	Youth Mentorship & Employment Opportunities	Justin	Q (Andrea): Does SPR have goals related to workforce development related to youth mentorship and employment? A (Cutler): yes, SPR serves on interdepartmental team with Human Services Department, Office of Economic Development, Office of Arts and Culture, Department of Education and Early Learning and Seattle Human Resources to collaborate in support of youth employment. Our "North star" goal: young people will be self-sufficient by age 26. The idea behind this proposal is to bring the program under one central person who would coordinate/manage program metrics
<i>Expanding Youth Employment & Mentorship</i>			

GENERAL NOTES/QUESTIONS

The subcommittee discussed the Guiding Principles in more detail and how they could be applied to individual proposals. SMEs provided some examples of how they applied, especially in the park safety section. Andrea noted there was some overlap between the Guiding Principle categories.

Andrea: We have the most FTE in our group. Are there opportunities across these areas to consolidate hiring?

Joey: We can reach similar goals after you suggest changes in staffing.

Justin U: Do dollar recommendations for packages A and B need to be exact?

Michele: Ballpark is fine.

Justin: I request that we receive more guidance and structure in advance for the work we will do at the next meeting.

Andrea: Yes, we need a better sense of where we're going and how to prepare for our task. Also, how public comment figures into decision making.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 20, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Homework for Next Meeting: Please review and prioritize each proposal against the Guiding Principles. Be prepared to discuss \$ allocations and rationales.