



Minutes|Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners

100 Dexter Ave N/Kenneth R. Bounds Boardroom

Remote accessibility via Zoom

Thursday, March 14, 2024

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Attendance

Present: Amy Brockhaus, Joshua Seyfried, Marlon Herrera (co-chair), Jessica Farmer, Pasqual Contreras

Absent: Phillip Meng, Lauren Lanham, Justin Umagat (co-chair), Stafford Mays

SPR Staff and Presenters: AP Diaz, David Takami, Colin Campbell, Kevin Bergsrud, Paula Hoff

Welcome, Introductions & Land Acknowledgement

Herrera calls the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and provides logistical instructions for in-person and remote attendees.

Commissioners and SPR staff introduce themselves around the table.

Herrera reads the land acknowledgement.

Seattle Parks and Recreation acknowledges and affirms the indigenous Coast Salish as the original caretakers of our waters and landscape, who nurtured and shaped today's parkland. We honor their legacy with gratitude and appreciation and will safeguard their knowledge and stewardship as enduring treasures to promote community welfare, cultivate inclusive expressions of nature and recreation, and commit to land acknowledgment for each ensuing generation.

Herrera introduces the consent item for approval: meeting minutes from the 1/25/24 BPRC meeting, and tonight's meeting agenda. Brockhaus moves to approve both items; Farmer seconds. The motion passes by unanimous consent.

Adopted: 1/25/24 BPRC Meeting Minutes

Adopted: 3/14/24 BPRC Meeting Agenda

Public Comment

Tony She – In 2022, I moved into a new apartment on Capitol Hill and I was looking for a way to meet people in my neighborhood. I decided to check out the local pickleball court at Miller Park and try joining multiplayer pickleball. Despite going by myself, without knowing anyone, I was instantly invited to join a game. Fast-forward to today. I've met some of my closest friends through the sport, and made connections with people of all ages and backgrounds. After seeing our community so closed off after COVID, it's so refreshing to see people being active and forming new friendships every day. A problem that we have seen lately is overcrowding, when two of the available four courts are privately reserved for the majority of the evening. In the summer, it's not uncommon to see over 40 people waiting on the remaining two courts. Sometimes, the wait can be over an hour between games. As

I see it, there are two solutions. The first is to paint lines for six pickleball courts. A couple of years ago, this was demonstrated to be feasible to SPR, but has not been implemented yet by the City. I want to reiterate this request, because it would greatly increase the number of people who can enjoy the park. The second is for SPR to designate free open play hours on weekday evenings. There is already precedent for this in the daytime for Seattle courts, where SPR was able to set aside free open play time via the Lifelong Recreation program. This is already happening in practice at Miller Park, as well as other parks in Seattle, where private members of the community have raised funds for reservations dedicated to open play. But this is a lot of work for individuals, and puts a financial barrier on access to a public facility. According to its mission statement, SPR strives to create a thriving environment and community that is accessible to all, and I feel that doing these two things would be a huge step in that direction, at very low cost. I personally know many people who would benefit from this, and this could also be an example for other parks [in the state?]. Thank you for your time and consideration. Let's work together to enhance the quality of life for [our people].

Soohee Kim – I have been playing pickleball almost daily, rain or shine, since my 82-year-old chaplain's friend introduced me to it a year and a half ago. I have played pickleball at numerous parks, including Miller, Mt. Baker, Mt. Rainier, Rainier Beach, Beacon Hill, etc. and indoor courts, as well. I have met more than 100 people, and I have quite a few of their numbers in my phone. Thank you, SPR, for making this possible, and for listening to us today. Thank you also to the young people for being here after work hours instead of being on the highly prized Miller pickleball court on this beautiful day. The reason I am standing here is the same as many; because I think that pickleball is fun and healthy, and we need more space for it, but mainly because I'm evicted. Quips aside, I'm here to support the young people's ardent desire to create a pickleball hub at the Miller court. One of the simplest ways to achieve this goal is to designate Miller for more open play. Some people in the community raised money to reserve it to simulate open court situations, but as you can imagine, with great limitations and complications, and in such a way that is not as equitable as the City might be proud of. What we want is more courts where everyone, be they ride share drivers or library book shelvees, like me, can play pickleball like Miller is their backyard. Whatever their gender, race, age, or job title, no one should wait more than 30 minutes to play just one game. I'm hoping Parks and Recreation of the City of Good Will can be moved to make a decision that welcomes all our citizens to their public parks. We wholeheartedly appreciate this dedication to our outdoor recreation and public enjoyment literally translating our "Miller as a pickleball hub" vision into a reality.

Lee-Lee Miao – Jerry Adams was going to speak tonight, but he has a conflict, we just learned this, so I'll offer just a couple of short comments. Jerry Adams is a senior citizen with Parkinson's, and he plays pickleball whenever and wherever he can. He plays in the morning, he plays, and-- we saw him last night and asked him if he could come and speak, and I said, yeah, sure. The main difference I see between morning play and evening play is it's a totally different client population. In the daytime, it's retirees, people on flex schedule. Evening, it's students, people who work during the day. And he said, you know, it's kind of not fair that in the daytime people tend to have more flexibility and they have Parks-sponsored open play. In the evening, we have to scramble and reserve, so he wanted to make a statement that, to be equitable to students and people who work during the day, it would be great if the City and SPR would give open play hours to evening players. So I'm kind of filling in on what Jerry was going to say, but he would have said it much more eloquently.

Diaz asks the public comment participants for clarification regarding the current open play hours at Miller Park.

Farmer suggests that the Superintendent's Report be deferred until after the Off-Leash Area (OLA) Plan Public Hearing so that commenters can leave early if they do not want to stay for the duration of the meeting. Herrera agrees; there are no objections from the Board or SPR staff.

Off-Leash Area (OLA) Plan Public Hearing – Public Comment

Paula Mueller – I'm here representing members of the Queen Anne community, Queen Anne Community Council Parks Committee, and the Queen Anne Community Council, to ask you to reconsider our proposal to [reappropriate] a portion of the East Queen Anne Playfield as an off-leash area in this current round of funding and development. The reasons are simple. The site meets the criteria established by Parks for such sites, including the availability of year-wide off-street parking. The site is already partially developed, and additional investments would be less expensive than those required for other sites. There's also strong support to contribute to the effort through volunteer time. The proposal has strong support from the greater Queen Anne community and express support from youth sports leaders, from both youth soccer and Little League who currently conduct activities at this site. The plan is in place to relocate those activities to the West Queen Anne Playfield, a mere four blocks away, upon completion of installation of artificial turf at that site in 2027. We already have commitment from COLA (Citizens for Off-Leash Areas) to assume responsibility for clean-up of any area that we can get established as an off-leash area. Queen Anne is second only to the downtown neighborhood in Seattle in population growth and increased density. It's critical that we make improvements in these highly-populated neighborhoods to support the City's vision of dense, livable neighborhoods where adults and children can thrive. The failure to do so will create neighborhoods stressed for amenities that make them viable. Queen Anne has [verb] an off-leash area as housing density has allowed our community to grow, as more families with children and pets have moved in, and the need to preserve other parks and green spaces has become even more important to support this growth. As our population now exceeds 44,000 people, and by extrapolation approximately 9,118 dogs, it's essential that we bring this development to Queen Anne. Failing to do so puts our parks and green spaces at continued risk of destruction as they are used as unsanctioned off-leash areas. I could go on to reiterate the other specific features of this location that make it a smart choice, but that information has been provided in previous communications and packets to the department. We respectfully ask you to give [our proposal] serious consideration for development in this first round.

Emily Thompson – I am a resident of Othello; the proposed Othello OLA is about 75 feet from my house. The reasons that I don't think it's a good idea to site it there are, one, parking; the street is already really underparked. I realize it's near transit, but being near transit and people not using their cars to get to a place are not the same thing, unfortunately. Also, noise, just because I work from home, I'm worried that 75 foot away OLA is going to be too loud. And then, of course, dog poop is kind of already an issue at this park – people just don't pick up after their pets, so I'm worried that would get worse. My requests are, one: I know a lot of work was done to site this where it is, but I think it could move north; I didn't see any information about that in the report, but if the OLA just kind of slid north it would be next to commercial areas and I think a church instead of people's houses. My second thing is I think a temporary pilot would make sense – just build it with temporary construction fence and see how it goes for a while; maybe it'll be fine, but maybe it won't.

John Rossi – I'm strongly opposed to the East Queen Anne proposal. I've lived here all my life. There's absolutely no parking already. It's in the middle of a residential neighborhood, much quieter than what Queen Anne [unclear]. And frankly, we have a playground up above the proposed site for little kids – I can't take my girls over there right now because the dogs have already taken over. And when I hear this idea that you can't afford maintenance – we've called repeatedly because these people pay no attention to the signs, they chase the children. So the cause of the increased maintenance is the fact that nobody comes out and enforces the laws. And if you were to make this a dog park – if they don't obey the laws now, I mean, already, dogs bark at 6:30 in the morning, they bark at 8:00 at night, and balls fly from up above down to the lower area, kids get chased, and this idea that this has been talked about in our community is not true. The Queen Anne Community Council has not talked to anybody in our neighborhood. And furthermore, the idea that you can stick this in the middle of a residential neighborhood, surrounded by houses – to me it doesn't make any sense whatsoever. And the idea that, all of a sudden, if you make Queen Anne 1—it sounds like they want to push this from Queen Anne 1 over to East Queen Anne—there are already signs up at Queen Anne 1, they don't pay any attention to them! They've taken over Howe Field! If you think that all of a sudden those people are just going to drop what they're doing and come over to East Queen Anne, you're nuts! They don't pay any attention – it's already posted everywhere. They take over, we call you repeatedly, nobody comes out. So this idea that you're going to have some neat, organized dog park, is a complete fallacy. And we will fight this. This is, in my opinion – it's absurd. There's no parking. Anyways, I could go on and on. We can't even take our kids over there now, what's it going to be like when they take over all that lower park? Balls go over the fence from up above, kids come down there, they get chased by dogs.

Jace Fischer – My wife and I have lived in our house for 47 years, we live directly across the street from the lower Queen Anne Playfield. Locally, we call that Little Howe Park, and it's divided into two sections, as you probably know, there's an upper elevated area that contains a wading pool, Parks building, and playground equipment. The lower section is a play area, a grassy area. It has a basketball court at one corner of that lower area. Now, I can appreciate the Parks and Recreation's problem to maintain that lower park, and I know it's certainly frustrating and demoralizing, for I've spoken to the parks service people there on many occasions. And I can offer a couple reasons why that park is difficult to maintain, and why it is in such poor condition, the lower park we're referring to here, at this point. One is the sports activity that goes on there. The children wear cleated shoes, and when the ground is soft, the cleats just tear it all up. In addition, the dog activity that John referred to is frequent, and there most of the day. The dogs are running up and down; of course, dogs don't have sheathed claws, and their feet dig up the turf just as well. The third reason would be that that turf never gets a chance to rest. It's always busy, it's always being trod on or pawed on. It never gets a chance. The only time that that turf was in good condition was after the Parks department reseeded it and then separated it by a fence from the walkway so that no dogs or people could play on it for a while, and it grew and looked good, it looked very nice. As soon as they took the fence down, and the children and the dogs came back, that area just turned into a mud hole all over again.

Alec Rodenhauser – Good evening, my name is Alec Rodenhauser, I'm the Board Chair of Seattle COLA – Citizens for Off-Leash Areas. For over 20 years, through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), we've provided stewardship of the existing OLAs in the city, and have also been consulted as far as expansion goes. While we support the plan being proposed tonight, we also feel that it falls

short. My concern personally is carrying capacity; a 16,000 square foot OLA in a heavily-populated area where they only continue to build more high rises. Also, having lobbied for the funding that led to this proposal, \$3.5M now, seeing that that may only result in less than one acre of expansion to the off-leash system in a system that's currently 30 acres, when SPR owns 6400 acres of land is just a little bit concerning. I understand the idea of having smaller, more localized OLAs that people can walk to, but the expansion study that brought us here disqualified many of those neighborhood sites that were thought to be viable options. I think without appropriate sizing of new OLAs, the issues of unsanctioned off-leash activity will persist. Furthermore, there's no water access for any of the dogs. King County, for example, has Marymoor Park; that single park is larger than all of Seattle's OLAs combined. I appreciate your time and consideration; I think this is a step in the right direction, but we could do more.

Superintendent's Report

Anthony-Paul (AP) Diaz, Esq., delivers the report.

Japanese Garden Reopens: A sure sign of spring approaching is the re-opening of the Seattle Japanese Garden! The Garden closes every winter for maintenance. First Viewing was on Saturday, March 2. Please come visit!

Mayor's State of City Address: In late February, Mayor Harrell delivered his annual State of the City address and it was interesting to note that he mentioned Seattle Parks and Recreation and our work in the community several times. In particular, he highlighted:

- The ramping up of the Park Rangers Program
- Progress on the Waterfront Park
- The update of the tree ordinance to protect more trees
- Fort Lawton development adjacent to Discovery Park including the plan to build housing and expand parkland
- Replacing gas-powered leaf blowers

Labor Agreement reached: Last week, Mayor Harrell and the Coalition of City Unions announced that they have reached a tentative agreement on labor contracts impacting more than 7,000 City workers represented by 16 unions – including a significant number of SPR workers. Two key points:

- **Strengthening City Services:** The proposed four-year agreements cover wages, benefits, hours, and other working conditions for the period from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2026. The proposed contracts include a 5% annual wage increase retroactively applied for 2023 and a 4.5% increase for 2024.
- **Wage Equity for Lowest Paid Employees:** The contract also raised wages for an array of positions that have historically been paid below market rate, including a 22% wage adjustment for Park Maintenance Aides

Cal Anderson Park Garden Update: As you know, we removed the temporary garden located in Cal Anderson Park in late December 2023 due to concerns over public health and public safety and the need for maintenance, including reseeding the area and turf restoration. As an update, I wanted to report that we have started a community process to relocate the garden to Martin Luther King Jr.

Memorial Park in Southeast Seattle. We are also planning to install some kind of memorial to the garden within Cal Anderson Park.

City Council Presentation: Yesterday we got the chance to brief our new Parks committee at the City Council – the Parks, Public Utilities and Technology Committee, chaired by Councilmember Joy Hollingsworth. This was our first meeting with the committee and we provided an introductory overview of Seattle Parks and Recreation that included:

- Mission, vision and commitment to equity
- Our leadership and organizational structure
- Budget and funding
- Community partners
- And many photos and descriptions of what we do in park and facility maintenance, recreation programming, and capital project delivery

Toro Award: I'm proud to announce than earlier this week, the City Parks Alliance and the Toro Company named the Rainier Community Center's new urban garden as the recipient of the 2024 Toro Urban Park Innovation Award. The award recognizes innovation in park management and practices and recipients receive a \$50,000 grant in support of their project. Our own Paris Yates with the Parks & Environment Division spearheads this project, which uses an urban farm model to provide space for community members to grow their own food. The award will be presented at the Greater & Greener conference that will be held in Seattle this June.

Park Ranger Hiring: Our Emergency Management and Security team is hard at work preparing for the onboarding of 15 new Park Rangers. Their training academy will include everything from de-escalation techniques and bike safety to defensive driving and effective community engagement.

Continuing Education: The week of February 26th-March 1st, our Parks and Environment Division sent 9 employees (first and second year) to the Pacific Northwest Resource Management School in Pt. Townsend to continue the education and training for better, more equitable, and environmentally sustainable maintenance practices and standards of our parks and other natural area spaces.

Spring Prep: Our crews are preparing our parks, fields and courts for spring! Ballfield season starts March 1st. The recent heavy rains were challenging. At Montlake Playfield, the high lake levels backed up the drains and caused flooding to the synthetic turf. Preparation and maintenance of baseball and softball fields continues throughout our system. Tennis Courts are being cleaned and prepared for use.

Tree Crew: Wet and windy weather in February prompted a speedy storm response and our fantastic tree crew to help keep our parks and greenspaces safe after downed trees and tree limbs. Our tree crews work to remove dead trees, respond to weather events, plant new trees, and nurture tree establishment.

Lunar New Year: We recently celebrated Lunar New Year at the Volunteer Park Conservatory.

Registration for Spring 2024 Classes and Activities: Registration for Spring 2024 programs, classes and activities is now under way. This includes in-person, drop-in and virtual programs. For details and to see program brochures visit our website at www.seattle.gov/parks.

Swim Seattle: As a part of the Swim Seattle initiative will serve more than 500 individuals with free swimming lessons this spring between April and June. Spring is a critical time for swimming lessons as we head into the summer season. Open water remains cold, so increasing swimming skills and water safety awareness are critically important.

Seattle Mentors: An update on the Seattle Mentors program:

- In preparation for the launch of programming, Seattle Parks & Recreation Teen Programs staff completed training in Wyman's Teen Outreach Program. They will facilitate group mentorship sessions during teen programming at community centers. In the first month of implementation, Teen Late Night Staff facilitated group mentoring sessions with youth participants on the topic of confidence at Rainier Beach Community Center, Garfield Teen Life Center, Bitter Lake Community Center and Meadowbrook Teen Life Center.
- In other news, we've hired a Youth Opportunity Fund Strategic Advisor (Rebecca Milliman) who has been extremely beneficial to our team.
- We've begun outreach meetings to explore external partnerships as well as internal strategic planning.
- And we've developed a process for recruiting and screening mentors.

We have developed 5 objectives for Seattle Mentors:

1. Engage the Seattle community and recruit mentors for young people.
2. Introduce youth mentorship into spaces where it has not been an active component and strengthen youth mentorship in spaces where it already exists.
3. Assist young people in successful transition from middle school to high school, and from high school to postsecondary education and/or career preparation.
4. Promote meaningful support and opportunities to young people within the City of Seattle.
5. Support youth-adult partnerships that foster opportunities for young people to recreate, rejuvenate, strengthen our environment, and build community.

Dance Team! Pictured is our dance team at Washington Middle School Community Learning Center program. They part of our after-school program in partnership with ICan, which provides the program with a dance instructor to teach students dancing and dance routines over a period of 12 weeks.

We are excited about a number of **capital projects** that are under construction or recently completed! All of these projects will make a huge difference to the community and neighborhoods they serve.

Completed

Dearborn Park Play Area: The Dearborn Park Play Area on Beacon Hill is officially OPEN! We had a blast at the ribbon-cutting ceremony on Feb. 29 and can't wait for everyone to experience the new and improved play area!

Almost Done

Ribbon cutting for the long-awaited renovation of the **Green Lake Small Craft Center** is coming in April.

Just Started Construction

Two projects just started construction: Hiawatha Community Center stabilization project and the Bradner Gardens Restroom, which was badly damaged in a fire a few years ago.

Projects Under Construction and will be completed later this year.

- South Park Plaza
- N. Rainier Landbank Site
- Little Saigon
- Bitter Lake Play Area
- Urban Triangle Park Play Area

Golden Gardens Bathhouse Concession: Seattle Parks and Recreation has awarded the long-term food concession at the Golden Gardens Bathhouse to The Kite Café following an extensive Request for Proposal process. The Kite Café is a local food business owned and managed by Tony Meyer and Matt Kelly. The Kite Café will be a beachside counter-service cafe and concessionary, supporting park-goers with east-coast style sandwiches, salads, drinks, and snacks, while providing a warm and welcoming space and providing job and training opportunities for youth. Please come by and welcome The Kite Café to Golden Gardens when it opens in May!

Online Scholarships: The SPR scholarship office is transitioning to using mainly an online application process instead of printed/hardcopy applications. The online application went live for the upcoming scholarship cycle (Summer 2024-Spring 2023) at the end of February. The secure online option is available in several non-English languages, provides detailed status updates to the customer, and can be accessed on smart phones. Go to civiform.seattle.gov

2024 Fees and Charges: We've recently posted updated fees and charges for our programs, classes, permits, facilities and more. Please visit parkways.seattle.gov for more information. Scholarships to many of our programs are available.

Lottery System for Day Camp Use of Parks: Our Event Scheduling Unit implemented a new lottery system in 2024 for Day Camp request to use parks. A total of 18 applications were received by the closing deadline at end of January. SPR staff permitted 15 of those requests for a total of \$50,245 across 8 parks. The day camps will mostly be using picnic tables and shelters, though if unavailable Event Scheduling staff worked to find other park use permit options in alternate areas of parks.

Upcoming Events

Spring Egg Hunts: One of the highlights of the season are Seattle Parks and Recreation's annual Spring Egg Hunts at more than a dozen community centers and parks throughout the city, most of them taking place on Saturday, March 30. Visit parkways.seattle.gov to find a location near you.

Bike Maintenance at City Hall Park April 2 and 16: The Bike Mobile heads to City Hall Park at 450 3rd Ave to provide free and low-cost bike maintenance and bicycles on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, 1 to 3 p.m., through the end of the year.

Summer Camp Registration Opens April 16. Mark your calendars!

I'm happy to answer any questions Board members may have.

Contreras expresses his excitement about the concessions activation at Golden Gardens.

Herrera notes that with the difficult 2025-26 city budget years approachin, he is looking forward to hearing Mayor Harrell's advice to City departments, and asks Diaz to keep the BPRC apprised of any developments on that front. Diaz agrees to provide a detailed report when that becomes available.

Brockhaus expresses her appreciation for all the hard work being done in the department.

Off-Leash Area (OLA) Plan Public Hearing – Discussion

Diaz introduces the discussion.

So, we just had the public hearing a little bit ago. As a reminder, Cycle 2 of the MPD provides funding for two new off-leash areas in Seattle, as well as the design of a third. One of the requirements was that one of the two funded parks be in West Seattle; that was a mandatory provision. You have heard the presentation and the plan [at the 2/22/24 BPRC meeting]. If there are any further questions, or if the Board wants to discuss further or make a recommendation on the proposed plan, now is your time.

Herrera opens the floor for discussion.

Farmer notes that the presentation at the previous meeting was very helpful, in particular highlighting the discussion of future steps. The Board frequently hears a desire for more services from the public, so remaining creative moving forward is important. Generally, Farmer voices support for the recommendations.

Herrera takes a straw poll regarding the Board's readiness to motion and vote.

Brockhaus notes that SPR staff have more immediate expertise on this issue, and that she is inclined to defer to their judgment on these recommendations. Brockhaus also notes that park neighbors of all sites, whether selected or not, are likely to have strong and varied opinions on the project.

Diaz and Lotfi remind Board members of the selected sites:

- Proposed for development: West Seattle Stadium, Othello Park
- Proposed for design: Ravenna Park
- Already in development (pre-existing project): South Park CC, Georgetown Flume, Smith Cove Park

Citing Board absences at 2/22/24 and 3/14/24 meetings, Herrera proposes to defer the vote to the next meeting to allow Board members time to review. Diaz clarifies that Herrera is not asking for a second presentation; Herrera confirms. There is general agreement. The Board will continue this discussion at the 3/28/24 meeting.

Parks & Open Space Plan Discussion and Recommendation

Diaz introduces the discussion.

Over the last several meetings the Board has heard presentations and heard comments regarding the 2024 Parks and Open Space Plan (POSP). This plan informs how SPR prioritizes its funding for park

development and asset maintenance. The POSP serves to document SPR lands and facilities, review City demographics, recreation participation and needs, and defines the level of service standards. The POSP is also required by the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) to maintain the department's eligibility for state grants that will help fund outdoor recreation and park acquisitions.

Herrera opens the floor for discussion.

Brockhaus thanks the department and PSOP presenters for the detailed presentations, and expresses confidence in the current iteration of the plan to address the needs of the moment.

Herrera adds that the City's comprehensive plan calls for increased density in all neighborhoods, and notes that the draft PSOP's focus on walkability lends itself to helpful planning for future development.

Kevin Bergsrud, SPR Senior Planning and Development Specialist, provides overview of public engagement:

- 94 comments about preserving all SPR golf courses, do not repurpose for housing, depend on them for recreation, already loss of public and private courses and facilities over past 60 years.

We see indications that this is the result of a letter-writing campaign in response to one comment, which is useful, since it does reveal interest in golf as an activity.

20 other comments:

- Need more maintenance, "quality of use" of facilities
- Consider acquiring more property near higher density areas, like light rail
- Indigenous Advisory Council: provide policies for park access and park amenities for cultural uses; establish partnerships with tribes to educate public about historical and cultural significance of park sites
- Great to see walkability measured, how about bikeability? How to improve walking infrastructure to parks
- Provide wheeled accessibility to parks, to Fauntleroy
- Acquire underutilized ROW for parks
- Need trail renovation plan
- Provide more restrooms in parks
- Provide more enforcement of dogs not in OLAs
- Increase budget for property acquisition and maintenance
- Develop a city wide trails and paths master plan
- Excessive paved parking, investigate ways to reduce
- Include Roxhill Bog Natural Area as key capital project
- Include capital projects as listed in Kubota Garden Master Plan

Brockhaus notes the difficulty that can arise when discussing any change of use, especially with a large park such as a golf course. Herrera adds that the last discussion of golf, pre-pandemic,

revealed the immense complexity of golf as an issue, touching on equity and recreation, profitability, business models, school use of courses, and much more.

Seyfried asks what, if anything, has happened between the initial POSP presentation at the end of January and today. Bergsrud clarifies that the SEPA checklist and determination of non-significance (DNS) have transpired, as well as the public comment period. Herrera clarifies that all land use issues that come before the BPRC must go through the same process: presentation, public comment, and discussion/vote.

Farmer moves to recommend the adoption of the 2024 Parks and Open Space Plan as presented. Seyfried seconds the motion. Herrera calls for a vote. The vote is 5-0 in favor.

Adopted: The Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners recommends that Seattle Parks and Recreation adopts the 2024 Parks and Open Space Plan as presented.

Old & New Business

Farmer asks about new BPRC member recruitment. Hoff shares that the majority of vacant seats have members recruited, we are just waiting for paperwork to clear and Council to approve the nominations.

Brockhaus notes the upcoming ARC Fund the Fun fundraising breakfast on April 30.

There being no further business, Herrera adjourns the meeting at 7:39 pm.