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1	FIX IT FIRST		
1.1	Major Maintenance Backlog and Asset Management		
	Major Maintenance Backlog and Asset Management (Encroachments)	Ensure that city parkland is available for the public to use and enjoy through the removal of 25 property encroachments.	Resolved 12 encroachments to date.
	Major Maintenance Backlog and Asset Management (AMWO)	Preserve long-term use of Parks and Recreation facilities through capital investments. In 2017, reduce the backlog of major maintenance projects by planning, designing, bidding and constructing projects in the following categories. Provide more efficient tracking and forecasting through a new integrated asset management work order system.	Deployed the Work Order portion of the new AMWO system to Shops and NRU, and Grounds staff.
	ADA Compliance Projects	Make ADA improvements at a number of parks facilities. Work will be focused on select community centers and will consist of adjustments to signage, door closures, restroom fixtures, and other features. Signage will be added as needed.	Completed design for three community center ADA projects. Projects will be built in the fall.
	Brighton Ballfield Renovation	Begin planning and design for converting playfield to synthetic turf to improve playability and increase use by the public.	Completed infiltration testing and developed strategy for storm code compliance in preparation for permit submittal.
	Burke-Gilman Trail Repairs	Repair trail at prioritized sites as determined by 2015 condition assessment currently under way in collaboration with Seattle Department of Transportation. 2017 focus will be on the northeast section of the trail.	Completed design documents. Review and bidding will take place in Q3.
	Camp Long W. C.S. Accessible Path Renovation.	This project funds improvements to the west ADA accessible path at Camp Long. This includes accessible pathways from the lodge, picnic shelters, and cabins 1-7 to the west comfort station. Improvements include regrading and resurfacing.	Design team completed 100% documents. Review and bidding will take place in Q3.
	Comfort Station Renovations	Invest in priority projects based on condition assessments completed in 2016; department has more than 115 comfort stations. 2017 projects focused on Pratt CS (new in 2017) and completion of Peppi's CS (begun in 2016).	Peppi's Comfort Station is under construction. Riverview is in design and construction will start in late Q2.

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	Denny Park Path and Irrigation Replacement	Supplement the 2008 Parks and Greenspaces Levy-funded drainage project at Denny Park for work on the walking paths.	Contractor completed punch list items and project is in the close-out phase. PDOC members toured the park during their July Meeting.
	Discovery Park Water Line Repairs	Repair and bring the water lines up to current code at Discovery Park. SPR is not authorized to operate utilities so repairs will be completed and turned over to Seattle Public Utilities (SPU).	Completed in-house construction of Daybreak Star Center water line upgrade. Additional funding needed to complete SPU and other in-house construction tasks. Will be requesting additional budget allocation in early Q3.
	Emergency Management Program	Design and install emergency standby generators at select sites.	Completed construction documents for Garfield & SW Community Centers. Bidding is scheduled.
	Interbay Golf Landfill Gas System Replacement	Fund either the replacement or renovation of the of the gas system at the Interbay Golf Course, pending the results of a current study by Sound Earth Strategies, to determine the systems condition. The gas collection system removes gas from the former landfill that the Interbay Golf Course was built on. Funding for this project includes replacement of all wells, a new manifold, cleanouts, vaults, blowers, and related work.	Surveyed and evaluated the existing system. Design and contracting processes are currently underway.
	Irrigation Replacement	Invest in priority irrigation maintenance projects based on condition assessments currently; the department has irrigation in nearly every Parks facility. Parks has revised the planning list of upcoming 2017 projects and is engaging with shops to determine what work they will take on in 2017 and what will go out of house. Smaller controller and system improvements that can be executed with the water off are underway.	Awarded construction contracts for Othello and View Ridge Parks.
	Magnuson Building 11 Seismic Repair	This project provides seismic retrofits to bring the building up to current code requirements.	Completed 100% construction documents. Obtained permits. Awarded construction contract.
	Meadowbrook HVAC Replacement	2017 project focus is on replacing Meadowbrook Pool HVAC system.	Advertised in late Q2. Bids opened in late July.
	Olmsted Parks Landscape Restoration	Renovate the existing track and site components. It will address ADA issues as funds allow.	Hired consultant and completed contract negotiation.
	Piling Major Maintenance	Improve and maintain in-water pilings at priority sites at Green Lake and at swimming beaches along Lake Washington Blvd.	Added scope to be completed during fish window in fall.

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	Play Area Renovations Program	Renovate play areas with new play equipment and make any necessary safety and ADA improvements. Complete Lincoln Park (North), Webster Park and Gilman Park play areas. Begin the following seven renovations: Prentis Frazier, Georgetown, High Point, Dearborn, Discovery, Hiawatha and South Park play areas.	Prentis Frazier - completed 100% construction documents and advertised for bid. Georgetown and Discovery - completed bidding and awarded construction contracts. High Point - completed infiltration testing; developed strategy and revised 30% design for storm code compliance. Hiawatha - on hold; considering using funding for new play area at Lincoln Park south. South Park - initiated master planning process for park.
	Roof Fall Arrest Protection Compliance	Meet new worker safety standards by installing fall protection on numerous Parks and Recreation roofs. 2017 roof projects to be completed include Alki CC, Hutchinson CC, and Ravenna Eckstein CC.	Projects are underway. Work is being accomplished by SPR Shops.
	T1 to Fiber Conversion	Replace outdated T1 line infrastructure with fiber in conjunction with other projects.	Identified for 2017 work on track for completion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed fiber installation at the Arboretum including the Graham Visitor's Center, Japanese Garden, and Maintenance Shop. Awaiting connection to the grid. • Completed fiber installation at Jefferson Park Club House, Lawn Bowling, and Maintenance Shop. • Installations also planned for this year include: Meadowbrook, Athletics office, Central East Parks District, Central West Parks District, NE Parks District, Southwest Parks District and Discovery as well as buying into grid to the north and west portions of Seattle.
	West Seattle Stadium Park Athletic Field Renovation	This project provides funding to renovate the existing track and site components. It will address ADA issues as funds allow.	Completed construction documents.
1.1a	Phase 1 Pier 62/63 Redevelopment	The Waterfront Park and Pier 62/63 need a full seismic upgrade and significant access improvements. The Central Waterfront Improvement Fund will pay for the rehabilitation. This project is part of the overall waterfront improvement program.	Design is on hold until 2018.
1.2	Community Center Rehabilitation and Development	Complete condition assessments and finalize the scope of stabilization plans for the following eight community centers: Green Lake, Hiawatha, Jefferson, Loyal Heights, Magnolia, Queen Anne, South Park, Lake City.	Completed site reviews and finalized the scope of stabilization plans for eight community centers.

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1.3	Saving Our City Forests	Expand capacity to restore forest land and to provide the ongoing monitoring and maintenance work necessary to keep restored areas from being overrun by invasive plants. A healthy urban forest contributes significantly to the health of the environment by cleaning air and water, filtering and retaining storm water, and providing a respite from the built environment.	Supported 30,575 hours of volunteers. Planted over 93,000 native plants; removed 32.75 acres of invasive plant species; mulched 12 acres of parkland; and weeded 50 acres.
1.4	Aquarium Major Maintenance	Provide operating support to the Seattle Aquarium while the waterfront is under construction and then support major maintenance work at this Seattle Parks and Recreation facility.	Received one billing for \$28.9K in Q2, which was paid.
1.5	Zoo Major Maintenance	Support the Woodland Park Zoo Society in making improvements to buildings and animal facilities including an exterior renovation of the Conservation Aviary and additional work on irrigation systems, sidewalks and mechanical systems.	Signed the interagency agreement with the Zoo. Bills from the Zoo are being reviewed for payment.
2	MAINTAINING PARKS AND FACILITIES		
2.1	Increase Preventive Maintenance	Mobilize the new Third Shift Crew of journey-level trade positions (electricians, painters, carpenters and plumbers) who maintain recreation facilities at night to avoid disruption to the public during operating hours and to work more efficiently. Because much of the work is done at night, there will be fewer 2-3 week closures and fewer interruptions of child care programs, before- and after-school care, sports and many other activities.	Completed repair and preventive maintenance work on several community centers. Q1 - Bitterlake, Garfield Teen Life Center, High Point, including High Point, Jefferson, Magnuson, Meadowbrook, Medgar Evers Pool, Queen Anne Pool, Magnuson bldg. 11, Hiawatha CC, Alki Beach Bath House, Mt. Baker Rowing and Sailing Center, Discovery Park ELC, Rainier Beach CC, Jefferson Community Center, Southwest Pool, Southwest Teen Life Center, Amy Yee tennis center, Southwest TLC, Seacrest Marina Park, and Westbridge. Q2 - High Point, Jefferson, Magnuson Brig, Meadowbrook Teen Life Center, etc.
2.2	Provide Clean, Safe, Welcoming Parks	Improve parks grounds maintenance, landscaping, and tree work by adding a third tree crew to protect the long-term health of park trees (decreasing tree maintenance cycle from once every 50 years to once every 14 years); increasing support for the Seattle Conservation Corps; and increasing park maintenance including doubling weekly cleanings of comfort stations during peak season at 41 locations.	Focused on Park District projects at Denny Blaine, Van Asselt, Camp Long, Bell Street Blvd., Bhy Kracke, Pratt, Greenwood, and Sandel Parks. Doubled weekly cleaning at 41 comfort stations throughout the City. Maintained and inspected 1,125 trees. Established new maintenance standards for diving boards and developed operating manuals for spray parks. Hired a 0.75 FTE Pool Operator to maintain and enhance the quality of aquatic facilities; geared up for the summer at Mounger and Colman pools; supported running of nine spray parks and eight indoor pools.

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2.4	Make Parks Safer	Add one maintenance worker and one Humane Animal Control Officer to educate the public and enforce dog leash and scoop laws at "Hot Spot" parks -- locations with complaints, violations and impacts to users and/or natural resources; one of the top complaints received by Seattle Parks and Recreation is unleashed dogs disrupting community use and enjoyment of parks and open spaces.	Dedicated over 1,100 labor hours resulting in 325 citations for off-leash and license infractions issued, 46 verbal warnings issued, 10 trespass warnings issued, and one missing child located. The majority of citations were issued to first-time offenders.
2.5	Improve Dog Off Leash Areas	Improve existing off-leash areas through increased maintenance and updates to aging infrastructure.	Established the 2017 work plan, budget and project team. Began the completion of the People, Dogs, and Parks Plan.
2.6	Rejuvenate Our P-Patches	Enhance P-Patch support and the improve P-Patches through updates to aging infrastructure.	Completed the scoping at all five sites. The design and cost estimates are complete for the Hawkins and Ravenna sites, and 50% design has been completed for the Longfellow, Roosevelt, and Thistle sites.
3	PROGRAMS FOR PEOPLE		
3.1	Restore Community Center Operations	Improve the customer experience at community centers (3.5 million visits each year) by adding hours for custodians, customer service and program staff; also includes \$400,000 for scholarships. Establish a system wide recreation scholarship program in alignment with the department's values of access, opportunity, responsiveness and sustainably; \$400,000 in scholarships will be available with the goal of not turning away people who want to participate but can't afford it.	Accounted for 1,043,454 community center visits in Q1 (an increase of 4% from Q1 2016) and 938,053 visits in Q2 (an increase of 3% from Q2 2016). Six sites that received additional funding to expand operating hours had an overall increase of 8% in visits. With most drop-in activities being now free to the public, we are tightening data collection efforts on drop-in usage across the community centers. Gathered customer feedback from 132 participants in Dance, Fitness and Martial Arts programs with a 94% satisfaction rating. Hired two senior coordinators. Allocated \$301,564 of scholarship funding.
3.2	Recreation Opportunities for All	Work on establishing 25 new partnerships in undeserved communities with the goal of serving an additional 2,500 participants.	Contracted with 25 community partners to offer programs, classes and events. Two partners have completed their work while six will be offering programs this fall. Hired, trained and engaged 14 Community Engagement Ambassadors whose role is to perform culturally relevant outreach and technical assistance to partners and participants.

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3.3	Better Programs for Young People - Seattle's Future	Use the Youth Program Quality Assessment, a nationally recognized evaluation tool that will assess how we are doing in terms of making a difference in the lives of young people; department is piloting this evaluation methodology in 3 programs in 2015 and will apply it to at least 10 more programs in 2016 to improve program quality for more than 1,500 participants.	Reviewed 23 programs using the YPQA tool for future improvement and additional technical assistance.
3.4	Meeting the Needs of People with Disabilities	Serve an additional 79 youth each summer through expanding overnight camp (55 youth served) and a teen activity club on Fridays (32 served); also serve 200 additional participants during the school year through new programs such as a baking club, a community service club, creative dance, pottery and flag football.	Registered 58 youth for a variety of programs for teens with disabilities. Some of these programs included Teen Club Fridays at Meadowbrook, Baking Club at Bitter Lake, Community Service Club, Pottery, Creative Dance, etc.
3.5	More Programs for Older Adults	Expand dementia-friendly programming, increase participation of elders from immigrant and refugee communities.	Served 9,039 meals to immigrant and refugee elders. Offered a new pilot program in partnership with the East African Senior Meals Program and partnered with Asian Counseling & Referral Services for organizing a field trip. Offered 10 dementia-friendly recreation programs and increased participation by people living with memory loss.
3.6	Arts in Parks	Working with the Office of Arts and Culture, recruit and select artists to "activate" parks through approximately 40 community events, performances, and temporary art installations. While not limited to these sites, the following parks have high priority for activation: Cal Anderson, Dr. Blanche Lavizzo, First Hill, Judkins, Flo Ware, Powell Barnett, Denny, Ballard Commons, Lake City Mini Park, Mineral Springs, Salmon Bay, University Playfield, Hutchinson, John C. Little, Othello, Pritchard Beach, Delridge, Duwamish Waterway, Roxhill.	Awarded funding based on the RFP process held in 2016 with a goal of hosting 34 events and 7 installations in Q2 and Q3, 2017. Hosted 4 temporary art installations and kicked off 10 Arts in Parks projects, 3 one-time events and 4 event series, providing over 70 hours of outdoor arts programming thus far.
3.7	Get Moving Fund	Create/leverage partnerships with community groups to provide up to 10 new programs, services, or events to help at least 1,000 participants to "get moving" with healthy activities.	Identified 15 partnerships through a competitive RFP process. Contracted with partners for culturally relevant health and fitness programs. Hired and trained 14 Community Engagement Ambassadors who were matched with 40 community groups. Conducted community outreach to identify and address health disparities.

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3.8	Customer Service and Technology	Update the registration, facility booking and point of sale system to improve customer experience.	Contracted with Active.net to replace the registration system with a goal of launching the new system in 2018. Currently working to build interface functionalities with a new accounting system coming on line in 2018.
4	BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE		
4.1	Park Land Acquisition and Leveraging Funds	Acquire 3 or 4 parcels with up to \$4 million in Park District funding and the King County Conservation Futures funds that it leverages.	Currently negotiating for a purchase (Lake City). Aiming to reach agreement in 2017.
4.2	Major Projects Challenge Fund	Launch the Major Projects Challenge Fund process allowing community groups to apply for \$1.6 million in funding for park projects.	Began four facility assessments to be completed in Q3. Kubota Garden project will be bid out in Q3. Planning work at South Park is currently underway, while the work at the Amy Yee Tennis Center will begin in Q4.
4.3	Maintain & Activate Seattle's New Waterfront Park	Provide a baseline level of maintenance service for the new Central Waterfront Park and activate the park with festivals, events, artwork, classes, musicians, etc.	Maintenance funding on hold until the park opens. Anticipate project activities starting in 2019.
4.4	Develop 14 New Parks at Land-Banked Sites	Start planning and design from 2016 to 2018 for 14 new parks all over the city on land acquired with 2008 Parks and Greenspaces Levy.	Started planning work at Baker, N. Rainier, Christie, and West Seattle Junction land banked sites. Lake City, Westlake & Lenora, and AB Ernst are currently under design.
4.5	Maintain 14 New Parks at Land-Banked Sites	See 4.4	Anticipate project activities starting in 2018. Submitted a request to transfer funds from 4.5 to 4.4 in the Proposed 2018 budget to better align with the updated project schedule.
4.6	Develop Smith Cove Park	Begin planning and design for Smith Cove Park improvements.	Completed schematic design. Currently deciding on priority elements to implement with existing budget.
4.7	Maintain Smith Cove Park	See 4.6	Anticipate project activities starting in 2019. Submitted a request to transfer funds from 4.7 to 4.6 in the Proposed 2018 budget so to better align with the updated project schedule.

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4.9	Activating and Connecting to Greenways	Collaborate with Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) to mark and activate greenways where they enter parks with signage, programming, seating for pedestrians, and other ideas.	Completed 30% of design.
4.10	Performance Monitoring and Strategic Management	Develop a performance management system that will establish a baseline and ongoing performance dashboard and serve as the basis for an annual report to the community.	Published the Seattle Park District Report to the Community and the 2016 Residents Survey. Hired staff and updated performance management Socrata sites for 2017.
4.11	Urban Parks Partnerships	Activate Hing Hay, Freeway, and Victor Steinbrueck parks with the help of community partners	Signed agreements with the Freeway Park Association, Cascade Playground Committee, Interim Community Development Association, and Belltown Parks and Arts Committee to offer programming in the parks. Signed a multi-year agreement with the Downtown Seattle Association. Summer programming is underway.