

**Welcome** –with Kelly McCaffrey, Park District Oversight Committee Chair

**Public Comment:**

**Tim Motzer- Chair, LCNA Parks, Open Space and Community Center Committee**

Tim urges PDOC to attend the June 24 Council meeting where they can recommend the changes outlined in their cover letter to the Seattle Park District mid0cycle Report and his three recommendation below. Tim asked that the following three recommendations be considered during the next Seattle Park District financial planning process.

1. Approve the remaining \$501,000 for the Community Center Operations initiative, transferring the funds from the Community Center Rehabilitation initiative.
2. Allow for mid-6-year cycle corrections that would allow increases to the spending plan if needed.
3. Retain the current 2018 property tax rate of 24.5 cents through 2020 to minimize the amount of tax increase that may be needed to fund needed improvements in the second funding cycle.

**Mike Shaughnessy- Member, Southwest Seattle Historical Society**

Urges PDOC to recommend Seattle Parks and Recreation to preserve the last remaining beach cottage, “The Rockhouse” or “Eva’s Stone Cottage”. Mike proposes the West Seattle community donate the building, fund the restoration, and place the building in Alki Beach Park. The proposed site would be used as a visitor/interpretive center, staffed by the Southwest Seattle Historical Society and maintained by an operation and maintenance endowment.

**Wil Look- Beacon Hill Community Member for Amy Yee Tennis Center**

Wil share information about the 50-year history of free tennis instruction at Amy Yee Tennis Center. Wil attributes life skill development and health in youth to their participation in tennis programs at Amy Yee. Highlights the demand in Seattle for access to tennis facilities and that most are other facilities are exclusive. Wil urges the PDOC to support the expansion of Amy Yee Tennis Center.

Gary Epstein- Member, Amy Yee Tennis Center Advisory Council

Gary highlight the following benefits of the expansion of Amy Yee Tennis Center:

- Increased participation in popular programs
- Increase capacity for new program such as wheelchair tennis
- Offer a greater opportunity for kids and families to benefit for tennis
- Offer non-profit who work with children the opportunity to increase capacity
- Support area high schools and universities
- Make Amy Yee a Southeast tennis hub with an equity-focus

**Jane Stonecipher- Executive Director, Arboretum Foundation**

Jane cited Arboretum foundation in the Parks and Rec Fest outreach efforts. Jane expressed interested in and excitement about Seattle Parks and Recreation’s strategic planning process on behalf of the Arboretum Foundation.

### **Michelle Messmer and Amy Davis- Potential Fresh Meat (PFM) Roller Derby**

Michelle responded to questions PDOC posed about roller derby programs in community center gyms. Michelle provided the following information:

- Roller-skating has been supported by Seattle Parks and Recreation at multiple community center locations since 2010 and the need is growing. Roller-skating has been offered at Bitter Lake community for 40 years.
- In facilities hosting roller-skating activities, the wooden floors are refinished on a 12-18-month schedule, which is much higher than in roller rinks.
- PFM Roller is requesting 5% of the available gym time at Magnuson I support of an activity that serves predominantly women and members of the LGBTQ community. Cites a discriminatory bias nationwide toward roller derby.

Shared findings about why roller derby lines were removed from the gym floors in locations they previously existed. Michelle urges the PDOC to recommend restatement at those sites.

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

Given the public concern that parkland would be used as housing, Tom requested the issue be a future agenda item for PDOC and/or Board of Park Commissioners.

Speaking before the Seattle Park District Board on June 24 PDOC Meeting with Councilmember Juarez

- A Doodle poll went out and two members have confirmed they will attend. More members are encouraged to attend if they are able.
- The Seattle Park District Board meeting will be on June 24, 2:30 pm at City Hall
- One letter with recommendations from the PDOC and one from Board of Park Commissioners have been sent to the Seattle Park District Board. The hope is to use the public comment opportunity on June 24<sup>th</sup> to express those recommendations.
- Jessica, Marlon, Tom, and Dewey can attend. Steve and Kelly may be able to attend.
- A pre-planning call will be coordinated by Kelly.

PDOC and Board of Park Commissioners Merger

- There has been some discussion about combining the two commissions
- Members consider this proposal and ideas about how the commissions and their work might be restructured.
- Seattle Parks and Recreation will provide background information and some proposals.

PDOC Vice Chair and Chairperson Openings

- PDOC needs both a Chair and Vice Chair
- Interested PDOC member should inquire with Shanyanika McElroy

Marc requested PDOC agenda time to discuss community member recommendation to retain the current 2018 property tax rate of 24.5 cents through 2020 to minimize the amount of tax increase that may be needed to fund needed improvements in the second funding cycle.

## Innovative Programs in Recreation – with Justin Cutler, Recreation Director, Seattle Parks and Recreation

**Summary:** SPR's Recreation Division is a leading provider in traditional recreation activities and programs in support of Seattle's diverse community. As we grow in our program offerings, we have become creative in expanding our reach and providing increased services to specific demographics.

At the presentation the Recreation Director shared some of the emerging best practices related to the Programming Opportunities below and how Seattle Parks & Recreation can capitalize on their benefits.

This included, but was not limited to:

- **Current Innovative Programming-** Seattle Parks & Recreation is a leader in Lifelong Recreation for people 50+; The Food and Fitness program which reaches the East African, Korean, and Vietnamese community; Rainbow Recreation for LGBTQ adults 50+; Parks Activation programs, Community Engagement Ambassadors (CEA's) to bridge the gap between city services and underserved communities; and Citywide Teen and Young Adult programming.
- **Programming Opportunities-** SPR's Recreation Division strives to be at the forefront of innovative programming by researching local and national trends, exploring new ways to reach our non-active community, and implementing best practices from our colleagues at other Parks and Recreation departments.
- **Adaptations for the Future-** As resources become more finite in Seattle, we are challenged to consider our investment and impact related to the use of scarce public resources. Within the Recreation Division we are challenged to consider the results and outcome of our work related to community center hours, program planning, grants distributed, and staffing resources. It is important that we review our work and our outputs on a regular basis to ensure that we are achieving our intended outcomes in alignment with Mayoral, Council, Parks & Recreation Board, Partner, and Neighborhood priorities.

[See the presentation](#) (Starts at 1:01:00, Ends at 1:31:00)

### Q&A, Comments- Innovative Programs in Recreation

None

### Recommendations/Decisions Made

None

## **Strategic Plan Update and Goals Development– with Kathleen Conner, Seattle Parks and Recreation, Strategic Advisor**

### **Summary:**

The PDOC discussed, in small groups the context within which we management our parks and recreation system and priority strategies. The groups were asked to consider these questions specifically relating to context and priority strategies:

1. What are the drivers we should pay attention to in our Strategic Planning effort?
2. Given context, what’s working, and needs, identify strategies SPR should employ?

In addition to the assigned context driver, each group was asked to consider the overarching context of resource limitations and the need to drive toward equity in this exercise.

After small group discussion the large group examined which listed strategies address their assigned context driver with the additional layer of existing strengths and articulated needs and identify new strategies if needed.

PDOC and Park Board members were invited to identify programs, facilities, and current practices for the “compost bin.” A key part of our strategic planning process will be grappling with the tradeoffs inherent to a resource-constrained environment and identifying what SPR’s may need to stop doing in order to achieve our goals.

### **Q&A, Comments- Initiative 0.0: Name**

#### **Q1: How are we prioritizing the mitigation of the effects of climate change?**

*A1: The mandate to develop strategies that are responsive to climate change is built into our process through our mission, vision and values.*

#### **Q2: In this time of constraint due to so much growth and so little space, how are we balancing “dreaming big” with catching up with where we are as a city?**

*A2: We will explore that question together in the exercise planned for this evening.*

[See the presentation and discussion](#) (Starts at 1:32:00, Ends at 2:07:00)

[See feedback from the exercise](#)