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December 4, 2025

Convened – 8:30 am

Adjourned – 11:00 am

Projects Reviewed

Commission Business

Judkins Park renovation

Commissioners Present

Phoebe Bogert

Kate Clark

Ray Gastil

Ben Gist

Shirin Masoudi

Kevin O'Neill

Zubin Rao

Molly Spetalnick

Commissioners Excused

Eric Alipio

Brian Markham

Staff Present

Michael Jenkins

Robin Magonegil



Commission Business (8:30 – 9:00 am)

The Commission adopted three sets of minutes from October 2, October 16, and November 6, 2025. The Commission also received a briefing on the day's agenda. This was also the last meeting for Molly Spetalnick, who resigned her position on the Commission.

Judkins Park renovation (9:00 am – 11:00 am)

The Commission received its first briefing on a proposal to renovate portions of Judkins Park. Judkins Park is a 14-acre park located on a lidded section of Interstate 90 in the Judkins Park neighborhood. The proposal is to renovate key portions of the park including existing restrooms and playfields.

Presenters:

- Rachel Banner, Seattle Parks and Recreation
- Rebecca Fuchs and Clayton Beaudoin, SiteWorkshop
- Margo Jones, community activist

Attendees:

- Zack Machardy

Commission deliberated over a variety of topics including:

1. Overall project scope and program and its deployment
2. Design concept
3. Community engagement and its role in refining design concepts
4. Access to nature
5. Arts and artistic outcomes

Commission action:

The commission voted 8-0 in support of the project, with the following recommendations:

1. Assess current lighting conditions; seek additional funding to enhance lighting where needed with future funding requests.
2. Conduct an early constructability assessment for restroom renovation.
3. Integrate bicycle parking into project, due to proximity to local and regional bicycle investments and nearby transit/light rail investments.
4. *With the recognition that artificial play turf is desired, ensure the current design is compatible with the change in surfacing.*