

Board of Park Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2004

Present: Bruce Bentley, Chair
James Fearn
Terry Holme
Sarah Neilson
Kate Pflaumer

Excused: Joanna Grist

Staff: Ken Bounds, Superintendent
Sandy Brooks, Park Board Coordinator

Chair Bruce Bentley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. **Kate moved approval of the Consent Items including the June 10 agenda, May 27 meeting minutes, and acknowledgement of correspondence. James seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.**

Terry requested that the Navy housing at Discovery Park be discussed tonight under new business.

Superintendent's Report

Ken Bounds, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, reported on the following:

Sand Point Magnuson Park Update: City Councils' Parks, Neighborhoods and Education Committee has made a recommendation on the Sand Point Magnuson Park Athletic Field and Wetlands Project. Part of the recommendation is that the number of lighted fields in the proposed sportsfield complex be reduced to seven fields. The Committee also recommended that the lights on all lit fields be turned off at 10:00 pm and that no fields be lit on Sunday night, to give neighbors a break from the lights. The Plan goes before the full Council on Monday, June 14, for a possible vote.

Sarah asked if the unlit fields could be wired for lights during construction. This would keep costs lower in the possibility that, when Seattle's population grows and the demand for lit fields increases and City Council chooses to acknowledge the demand for sports fields, these fields would be lit. Ken said that the full Council could amend the plan in this way, if it chooses.

Parks Revenue Committee: A Parks Department committee has been created to brainstorm new revenue sources and enhance existing sources. The Committee will focus on marketing to create more after-hour rentals of Parks' facilities. The Committee is working on a short-term revenue plan and a plan for the 2006 budget year.

Southwest Community Center Closure: The Center will close on June 21 and reopen in March 2005. The work completed during this Community Center Levy renovation will add a teen center, computer room, relocated play area, new sprinkler system, and a family changing room for the pool. The pool will remain open until August 1 for all programs, and then close until March.

Langston Hughes Performing Arts Center: More than 250 teens auditioned for 60 slots for the 8th Annual Summer Youth Theatre Program. This young cast will receive ten weeks of professional arts training to study acting, singing, and dance. The program will culminate with four performances of the highly popular musical *GREASE!* to be performed at the Paramount Theatre. The Board will be sent information on the performance and are invited to attend.

Parks Specialized Programs Teams Compete in State Special Olympics: The Parks Specialized Programs will send several teams and individuals to the State Special Olympics. Participants qualified for the state competition based on previous efforts.

Green Lake Basketball Courts: The Board was briefed earlier this spring on this project. The Seattle Sonics have completed enhancing the basketball court next to Greenlake Community Center. The existing court was expanded to NBA size (94 feet long), a new half court was added, and the courts are now open for play. A dedication ceremony will be held on Monday, June 21, at 3:00 p.m.

Van Asselt Community Center/Sonics Basketball Court Donation: Seattle Sonics basketball team representatives met with Southeast Park Department staff to discuss a donation of two high school-level outdoor basketball courts as part of the Van Asselt Community Center Expansion project. If funded, the existing outdoor courts will be relocated south of the Community Center, thus easing the number of citizen complaints of late night noise from the courts. The Sonics are extremely interested in the location and the underserved population of this Southeast community.

Alki Community: Me-Kwa-Mooks Natural Area community celebration will take place on Saturday, June 12, at 10:30 am - 12:30 pm. Mayor Greg Nickels, City Council member David Della, County Council member Dow Constantine, and Superintendent Bounds will be there to thank the Alki community, generous individuals, the Cascade Land Conservancy, the voters who supported the Pro Parks Levy, and others who made it possible to permanently preserve this important open space.

Summer Beach Programs: June 19 will see the first day of operation for four of the life-guarded swimming beaches; the remaining three will open one week later. Of special note is the high quality of the water in Green Lake, which is expected to dramatically increase attendance at West Green Lake Beach.

National Champions: High school-age athletes from Mount Baker Rowing and Sailing Center won the boys four-oared shell event at the National Youth Rowing Championships in Cincinnati this past weekend. Other crews from Mt Baker and from Green Lake Small Craft Center gained places in the finals with finishes ranging from second to eighth. Congratulations to the youth who have truly earned this special award!

Oxbow Park: A "Clean and Green" event will be held in Georgetown at the new Oxbow Park on Saturday, June 12. Volunteers will put together part of the P-Patch and pick up litter around the housing core, which is still under construction.

Cascade Playground: A festive groundbreaking for the Cascade Playground project was held today, June 10. This project, funded by \$515,000 in Pro Parks Levy funds and by a \$600,000 combined gift from Vulcan, Inc., PEMCO Insurance, and Harbor Properties will be completed late this fall. This park, which already features a P-Patch, the People's Center, and the Garden of Happiness, will be a true focal point for this rapidly-evolving historic neighborhood.

Oral Requests and Communication from the Audience: None

Briefing: Mount Baker Park Greenbelt Management Plan

The following Parks Department staff came before the Board to give a briefing on a Phase Three Permit in the Mount Baker Park Greenbelt Management Plan: Woody Wilkinson, Director of Facilities and Maintenance; Mark Mead, Sr. Urban Forester, and Duane Penttila, Horticulture Manager. The Board received a full copy of the permit, a copy of the letter written to the permittee, and the permit summary—including below in these minutes.

Written Permit Summary

Summary - Mt. Baker Park Greenbelt Management Plan

Phase Three Permit

Background:

On February 12, 1997, Seattle Parks and Recreation approved a vegetation management plan submitted by Seattle Tree Preservation on behalf of a group of homeowners (applicants) residing along the west border of Mt. Baker Park. The phased plan evolved into a series of permits which allow the applicants to undertake tree-related work to reestablish views from their private residences. Phases 1 and 2 allowed the pruning and/or removal of trees, the planting of smaller native trees and large shrubs, and required the removal of non-native invasive plants. Upon completion of Phase 1 and 2, Phase 3 would allow for some additional tree pruning/removals. It was agreed that up to 20 additional trees could be removed in Phase 3. It was also agreed upon that at least 10 large trees would be retained within the project area.

The Phase 1 and 2 permit and associated agreements related to the 1997 Baker Park Greenbelt Vegetation Management Plan predate the Department's current Tree Policy. Based upon the applicant's good faith negotiations for the Phase 1 and 2 permits, plus their responsible completion of all Phase 1 and 2 requirements, the Department is honoring the 1997 agreements and will proceed with a Phase 3 permit.

Analysis of Phase One and Two Work:

The initial tree removal work was undertaken in 1997. The new native plants have enjoyed a high survival rate and most are very healthy. Invasive plant removal throughout the project has been successful, but re-sprouting of invasive species is evident. The Department agrees that the requirements of Phases 1 and 2 have been met by the applicants.

Long-Term Site Management:

This permit provides substantial benefit to private residences. The benefit to the public is the removal of non-native invasive plants and the creation of a low forest with substantial native species diversity providing habitat value. A long-term maintenance and management commitment is required for this forest transition to be successful. Phase 3 lays out the requirements for long-term management of the project area to be paid for by the applicants.

Relationship of the Plan/Permit to the Department's Tree Policy:

At the time this Plan and associated permit was written, the Department's tree policy was in transition. The Mt. Baker Park Greenbelt Management Plan, and three others like it, was designed to provide long-term view relief for residents in exchange for their long-term management of the public forest. For their view relief, residents would agree to remove invasive plants and replant with suitable native species and promise to maintain the new forest in perpetuity.

Control of Other Competing Plants and Trees:

Another threat to the success of the new plantings within the project area will be the establishment of new faster growing trees like alder and big-leaf maple. Consistent with the Department’s “Tree Management, Maintenance, Pruning and/or Removal Policy” sections listed below, within the project area alder and big-leaf maple seedlings will be removed while in the sapling stage in order that they don’t out-compete the newly established mixed species shrub and tree plantings. Conifer saplings shall not be removed.

6.0 CRITERIA FOR DEPARTMENTAL ACTION

6.1 Trees, shrubs, and vegetation that will be considered for **REMOVAL** will include:

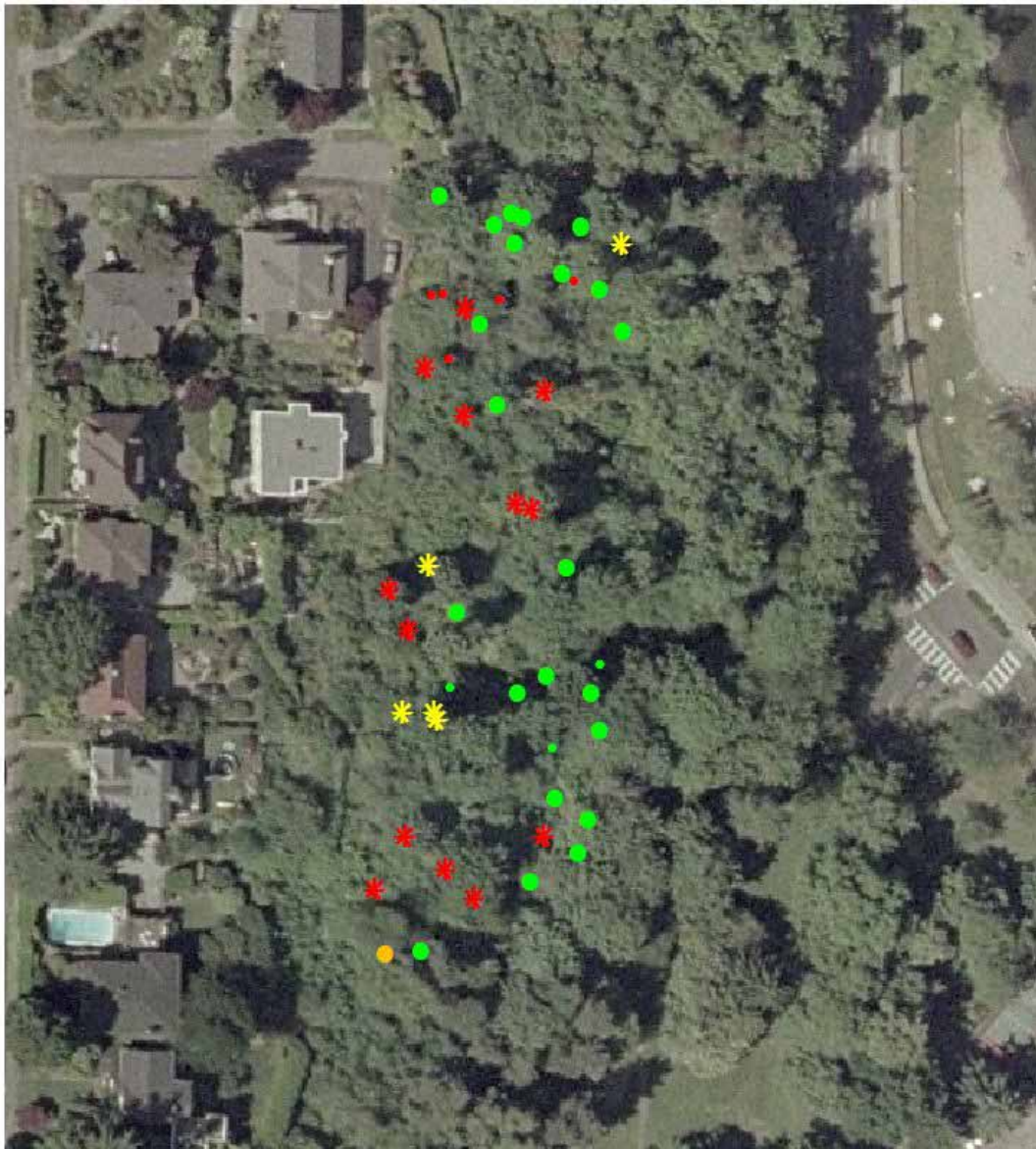
6.1.8 Trees in undeveloped landscapes as part of forest management to create light gaps, snags or other restorative features.

6.4 **PERMITS:** Consideration will be given to requests made by a Seattle property owner for pruning, and/or removal, of trees, shrubs, and vegetation on park property including, but not limited to, open space, undeveloped landscapes, greenbelts, and boulevards. Such requests will be reviewed by the Senior Urban Forester or designated representative. Overall public benefit of the proposed work will be evaluated by the Senior Urban Forester, including, but not limited to the following criteria:

6.4.11 Potential environmental impacts on soils, slope stability, water quality, native wildlife, and wind exposure.

6.4.13 Special consideration for native vegetation in undeveloped landscapes.

The removal of invasive weeds and other undesirable vegetation shall be done at the same time and annually. Regular ongoing vegetation management will result in a reduction in the volume of work and costs.



- Monroe Request
- Brush (<4" dia.)
 - Leave Tree
 - Planted tree
 - * Remove
 - * Remove/Previously Topped
 - Trim

Monroe Removal Request March 2004

40 0 40 80 120 Feet



Letter written to Permittee

Reference: Tree Work Permit 2004-01 Mt. Baker Park Greenbelt

This permit is in response to your request to trim and remove trees on Seattle Parks and Recreation owned lands known as Mt. Baker Park. The work area is immediately south of the Dose Terrace unopened street end and east of your property. The area is described in the attached maps.

This permit is for work allowed upon satisfactory completion of all conditions found in Permit 97-003. The new permit is considered Phase III of the original plan as submitted by the permittee.

From the proposed work and current site conditions the following determinations have been made:

1. The slopes and soils in this area appear stable at this time. The significant slope of the site and previous slides in the immediate vicinity require the retention of as much lower canopy as possible.
2. Tree removals are consistent with the agreement, as the previous Permit has been completed to the Departments' satisfaction.
3. Planting has been planned for areas with limited vegetation.
4. The request is primarily for view enhancement.
5. Improvements to the low forest health, retention of low forest canopy, and limited impacts to slope stability are proposed.
6. The proposed work area is not readily visible to traffic and pedestrians along Lake Washington Boulevard or Dose Terrace St.

It is the Department's policy to review Tree Permit applications in light of hazard reduction, improvements in forest health, slope stability, and potential for developing sustainable natural environments. Although the Departments' current Tree Policy does not allow the removal of trees solely for private view, the previous agreement with the permittees takes precedence over the new policy. As this proposal will plant additional understory plants, it will be allowed under the following conditions:

- All tree pruning, climbing, removal, and thinning will be done by an International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist.
- The Tree Service provider is required to have an onsite meeting with the Senior Urban Forester before commencement of work.
- The Tree Service provider is required to perform the work within the scope of this permit as directed by the Senior Urban Forester.
- All pesticide applications will be done by bonded Washington State Licensed Pesticide applicators.
- All pesticide applications will be performed in accordance with State, County and City regulations, including Parks and Recreation's pesticide use policies and best management practices.
- All plantings will be placed in appropriate locations regarding available light and soil moisture per a plan developed by the permittee and reviewed by the Senior Urban Forester.
- Restoration plantings will be of species as approved by the Senior Urban Forester.
- Additional shrub plantings may be required if work exposes the site to erosion. A determination will be made after the pruning and removal work is completed.
- If work under this permit causes unanticipated damage to the site, site restoration will be undertaken at the direction of the Senior Urban Forester.
- All efforts will be made to retain existing native shrub vegetation in the area. No brush clearing, other than invasive species and approved tree species, shall be done during removal activities.
- All plantings will be maintained for three years, with a bond posted to assure maintenance of the site.
- Signage describing the work will be placed along Dose Terrace and Lake Washington Blvd.

Before work may commence, the following conditions must be met:

- The Urban Forestry office must receive a signed acknowledgement and agreement with the conditions of this permit before this permit is valid.
- You must inform the contracting firm to provide the Department with a rider to the firm's existing liability insurance naming the City of Seattle as additionally insured, in minimum amounts of \$1,000,000 general liability. The insurance rider and copy of Applicator's license must be filed with the Department's Senior Urban Forester, 1600 South Dakota Street, Seattle, WA 98108, before work may commence.
- Additionally, the contracting firm shall submit a refundable \$100.00 performance assurance check to the Senior Urban Forester before beginning work. Once it has been verified that all permit work is complete, the \$100.00 check will be refunded to the contracting firm.
- The firm must notify the Senior Urban Forester, (206) 684-4113 at least 48 hours before it begins work. Failure to do so will delay permission to begin work. The firm must also sign this document to acknowledge the conditions of the permit.
- A maintenance plan for the establishment of the new plantings must accompany the signed Maintenance Agreement. The cost to maintain and establish the new plantings for a three year period must also be identified and agreed to by the Senior Urban Forester.

Any work not spelled out in this letter of permission is expressly prohibited and may lead to the imposition of civil and/or criminal penalties.

This permit for tree removal and pesticide application will be valid for up to 12 months. A new permit must be obtained after that time for additional sapling removal and pesticide application and will be let contingent upon successful completion of all elements of the permit. Activities related to plant establishment and maintenance of the site are required as outlined in the Maintenance Plan after the initial six month period. The permit will not be considered to be complete until all areas cleared of vegetation are well established with new vegetation.

Verbal Briefing

Woody explained that, until recently, Parks Department Director of Strategic Policy Fritz Hedges handled view permits. Woody has now taken on this role. Superintendent Bounds has secluded himself from view permits, as his home is located in a view area. Woody stated that this issue will most likely come back before the Park Board.

Over the years, the City's policy allowing tree cutting for view purposes has changed. This permit was initiated under the old policy, before the current policy was adopted in 1997, and will allow some tree removal that would not be allowed under the current policy. However, Parks staff believe that the Department has a contractual relationship with the permittees. The Department used to cut/trim trees (except for conifers) to provide "view relief" to nearby residents. In the mid-1990s this policy was questioned and changed to the current policy. (To view the current policy online, please see <http://www.ci.seattle.wa.us/parks/Horticulture/treemaintenance.htm>)

Phase 1 and Phase 2 of this permit have been successfully completed. An expected outcome of Phase 3 is creation of a different look on the hillside. When homes are located on a hillside next to a park, there is usually an area between the homeowner's property and the canopy area of the park that contains blackberries and other invasives (hillside transition.) The hoped-for outcome of this project is that the hillside transition area will consist of a variegated canopy of non-invasives. This would help stabilize the slopes. The permittees are responsible for this area to ensure that the non-invasive plantings succeed. If successful, this model may be used in other parks.

Board Discussion

James asked about the controversy of cutting trees for views. Mark answered that some of the trees to be cut are healthy, some are not, and some have been previously topped. Under the Department's current policy, the cutting would not be allowed.

Sarah asked how the Department is ensuring the permittee will perform the future maintenance. Mark answered that it is in the permittee's best interest to do so: an escrow account has been set up and the permittee would forfeit their funds; and the permit is renewed on a yearly basis — and only after the requirements of the permit have been satisfied.

Sarah asked if the Department has other permits like this. Mark and Duane answered that there is one other older permit in the Sand Point area; however, it is different from this permit. All new permits are issued under the Department's current policy. Sarah asked what would happen if the Department decides to enforce the new policy at this site. Woody answered that Parks staff entered into a good faith agreement with the permittee and wants to honor that agreement. Duane answered that another reason is the hillside transition efforts, if successful, would help ensure that invasives are removed and won't come back.

Terry stated, as a possible conflict of interest, that he lives 1-1/2 blocks from this park and these are his neighbors. One of his clients is Seattle Tree Preservation and Kate commented that she also does business with this company.

Terry asked if the \$100 performance assurance amount fee is an effective amount. Duane agreed that the fee should be higher. Terry asked, with the Department's current tight budget, how are staff being remunerated for their work on this project (staff time spent reviewing the permit, overseeing the work, etc.) Woody answered that volunteers are doing part of the work and the Department looks at this as an investment in the future. Terry stated that these oversight costs must be transparent and suggested as the Department issues similar permits, that the neighbors who are benefiting also fund these costs.

Terry asked how long it will take to see the benefit of the work in the hillside transition area, where the goal is that more tree canopy will mean less invasives. Mark answered that the canopy cover will mature in 10-15 years. A benefit is already being derived from plantings that were installed five years ago. Duane stated that the neighbors will continue to pull the English ivy on a yearly basis (as nothing can control/contain this invasive). Terry said that a benefit to the Parks Department will be the lessons learned at this site that can be used at other sites.

The Board thanked Woody, Mark, and Duane for the briefing.

Briefing: Pioneer Square/Occidental Park Plan and Programs

Lori Chisholm, Central West District Senior Coordinator, came before the Board to give a briefing on the Occidental Park plan and program. Superintendent Bounds stated that \$893,877 in Pro Parks Levy funds are earmarked for Occidental Park, along with a \$240,730 grant from the South Downtown Foundation. Parks staff worked with the community on ways to improve the park and took these ideas to Mayor Nickels. The Mayor asked the staff and community to expand the plan, to plan for a transformation of the park. Staff went back to the community and hired Project for Public Spaces (PPS), which has worked on public spaces worldwide. PPS has suggested both programmatic and physical changes at the park.

Lori is the lead in programmatic changes. David Goldberg, who was at another community meeting tonight, is the Parks Department project manager for the physical changes to the park. The Board received both a written and verbal briefing, both of which are included in these minutes.

Written Briefing

BACKGROUND

Initial Direction of Pioneer Square Improvements

Parks worked with the Pioneer Square Community Association (PSCA) and the South Downtown Foundation (SDF) in 2002 to produce *Pioneer Square Parks Improvements: Implementation Plan*. The Plan prioritized improvements for Pioneer Square, Occidental Square and Occidental Corridor to be completed with Pro Park or SDF funds including:

- plaza paving repair and replacement;
- accessibility improvements;
- lighting;
- fountain repair;
- tree maintenance and landscaping; and
- upgrading and relocating some site furnishings.

The improvements were funded by \$893,877 Pro Parks Levy and \$240,730 South Downtown Foundation grant. Additional South Downtown Foundation grant funds were expected. At a briefing to the Mayor during schematic design, the Mayor directed Parks to take a bolder look at the potential improvements to Occidental Square. Implementation of Pioneer Square upgrades continued.

Project for Public Spaces Recommendations (to be distributed)

Parks hired Project for Public Spaces (PPS) to engage stakeholders in the question, “What can we do to transform Occidental Square into an active, vibrant, and neighborhood-enhancing public space so enjoyable that it is sought out by the people who live in, work in, and visit Pioneer Square?”

PPS worked with Parks and the community to draft recommendations that include short- and long-term actions regarding programming, management and physical improvements. The physical improvements largely build on planned improvements with a few significant changes.

Short-Term Recommendations:

- **“A Square For All Seasons”** Activate the park all day with activities including bocce, chess, bingo Fridays, board games, art and craft fairs, movies, and music. (See attached program of events) “Square for All Seasons” begins with June 3 “First Thursday Art in the Park” and inauguration of the bocce courts with Mayor Nickels pitching the first ball.
- **Partnerships with PSCA, Mayor’s Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs,** and other partners to manage this year’s activities.
- **Support activities** by increasing movable seating and building temporary bocce courts.

Long-Term Recommendations:

- **Develop longer-term programming** and consider a market on Washington St.
- **Pursue long-term management partnership** in coordination with Downtown Parks Initiative.

- **Create active edges and enliven park by:** removing pergola and adding a café; removing trees to south of totem area; creating permanent bocce courts; developing a feasibility plan for a market along S. Washington St.; developing an active use in the parking lot; and improving Occidental St. (from Jackson to Yesler).

Parks has met with key community stakeholders and property owners during the past two weeks to gauge their reception to recommendations, and to build support for the approach. There is a mix of opinions from strong support to skepticism. Some are concerned about the City’s ability to support and fund improvements and manage proposed activities.

Management Policy Revisions

Staff has proposed revisions to management policies that would enhance our ability to program the park and include commercial activities. Staff is currently reviewing these with community stakeholders, including PSCA’s Economic Development and Open Spaces committees. There is support for programming, but some resistance to inviting “competition” for existing businesses. Staff will be meeting with businesses around the park in the coming week. Following community discussions, staff will bring the recommended changes to the Board of Park Commissioners, which will make a recommendation to the Superintendent.

Pioneer Square Park Improvements

Parks began the first part of a two-part project to improve Pioneer Square. Work includes: removal of cobblestones and replacement with new accessible pavers approved by the Pioneer Square Preservation Board; removal of two unhealthy trees; improvements to drainage; relocation and repair of benches; relocation of the phone booth; and provision of electrical outlets for events. The first part of this work will be completed by the end of June, before the height of tourist season. Crews will return in the fall to complete the work.

TIMELINE

- **Current** — Mayor has reviewed the PPS plan and direction of Park actions. The plan will form the basis of redesign of proposed improvements and potential 2005 budget request.
- **June 14** — Final community meeting to present recommendations.
- **June 15** — Pioneer Square Preservation Board Briefing.
- **Summer** — Revision of design for park improvements and presentation to Pioneer Square Preservation Board for review and approval.

Verbal Briefing

Lori distributed several handouts to the Board, including a color map of the proposed activity areas, a flyer listing all upcoming summer events to be held in the park, and a copy of “Creating a Square in Pioneer Square”, a 35-page paper prepared by PPS. Lori reviewed the four areas viewed by PPC as primary considerations: (1) edges of the park; (2) management — 80% of success of the park depends on this; (3) programming; and (4) physical improvements. Ken stated that removing a portion of the trees, recommended in order to let light in and to expand the plaza space, will be controversial. Other controversial recommendations are: remove pergola and replace with a smaller structure with food services, located a bit to the south; replace the cobbles with a flat surface, and relocate the totems.

Lori stated that staff had six weeks to plan for the summer programming and will monitor which ideas succeed and build on those. The poster and flyer, jointly sponsored by the Parks Department and Pioneer Square Community Association, are the main marketing tools to publicize the summer events taking place at Occidental. The scheduled events listed on these publications include:

- Bocce ball/bouhles (grand opening, tournaments, and daily drop-in games)
- “Out to Lunch” concert series (weekly)
- Drop-in board games
- “Be fit be healthy” — monthly first aid demonstrations, massage, injury screening
- Art in the Park (first Thursdays, July & August)
- Occidental Funky Market (Saturdays in July & August)
- Cruise and Culture Days (July & September)
- Bingo Fridays (August)

- Movies in the Park (August)
- Occidental Park Family Fun Zone (August 11)

The bocce ball courts are already installed and operating.

Board Discussion

Sarah asked if Mayor Nickels addressed where the homeless people who frequent the park are to go. Lori stated that the current pattern of the homeless is that when a large number of people come to the park for 1st Thursday Artwalk, the homeless move to another area and then return to the park after the crowds have left. Sarah asked, if the park becomes an active center, where will the homeless go – they just can't be “designed” away. She is concerned that this is becoming a trend in how the City is dealing with the homeless. Ken answered that the City's Human Services Department is working to develop a day shelter. He referred to Victor Steinbrueck Park (located near Pike Place Market) as a good example where the homeless, tourists, and others consistently share a park. Deputy Superintendent BJ Brooks stated that the Metropolitan Improvement District plans to establish a 501c3 (nonprofit) to help with the homeless and other issues. This will be a good role model to use for other downtown areas. James commented that park visitors feel frightened if the homeless outnumber them and exhibit antisocial behavior. The two groups can exist together.

Sarah asked if it is possible to leave the cobbles in one area of the park. Ken answered this is a possibility, but the entire surface of cobbles won't remain. Lori stated that one suggestion is to edge the bocce courts with a portion of the cobbles.

James commented that the activities planned work for summertime — what happens in winter? Lori stated that it is easier to program parks for summertime. An additional area to work on is what can be programmed for fall and winter. Staff and citizens are exploring the use of a portable ice skating rink with a cover. Kate asked if the Department is focusing on the programming for the summer months, rather than construction. Ken answered yes — after the public process is completed, construction will begin this winter.

Bruce asked what will happen to the fallen firefighters statue. Ken answered that it may be moved to the new fire station that is being built nearby. Sarah asked if it is okay to move the totem — are there symbolic/religious reasons that a totem should not be moved once it has been placed. Ken answered that staff will check on this.

Kate asked if the Board of Park Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the proposed changes. Ken answered yes, that after the public process is completed with the community, the recommendation will be brought back before the Board of Park Commissioners. There are a number of controversial suggestions.

Bruce asked how a retail/market section in the park would be buffered from the parking lot that currently delineates the east side of Occidental Square. Waterfall Park is on the other side of the parking lot and it would be good to somehow connect these two parks. Ken stated that it must be determined what does Occidental Park want to be.

Terry asked about the funding for the improvements. Ken answered that the suggested improvements would cost more than the \$247,000 from Seattle Downtown Foundation and \$893,000 from the Pro Parks Levy. Terry asked if the pergola was paid for by Forward Thrust Funds and Sarah suggested that the proposed café be placed in the pergola. Lori said that the supports are in the center of the pergola, making it difficult to adapt it to such a use.

Terry stated that natural light is important during the day and artificial light sources are important in the evening to brighten up this park. Ken stated that PPS is proposing to remove the ivy from the nearby buildings and paint the exterior walls bright colors. However, the buildings are part of the Pioneer Square historical district and any changes would have to be approved. Lori stated that another suggestion is to hang bright banners on the sides of the buildings. Kate suggested white mini-lights be installed in the trees as a pleasant way to light the area. Sarah suggested brightly colored umbrellas above the outdoor café tables.

Lori invited the Board and audience to attend the next 1st Thursday Artwalk. 85 vendors were there at the June 3 event. Ken said that lots of hard work is being done on this project by Lori, David Goldberg, Pioneer Square Community Association, and others. The Board thanked Lori for the briefing.

Park Board Business

July 8 meeting: As there are three Board members out of town on this date, the meeting will be cancelled.

Discovery Park and Privatization of Navy Housing: The discussion turned to property located within Discovery Park that currently belongs to the Navy and was formerly used as naval housing. The Navy recently selected — and is negotiating solely with — American Eagle to decide what to do with this property. So far, the process is being managed out of Washington, DC.

Terry asked what the Board of Park Commissioners can do to help assure this property becomes part of Discovery Park — and is not developed into residential housing. It was suggested that the Board write the Navy Admiral and congressional delegate. After some discussion, it was agreed that this would be premature. Mayor Nickels will be briefed next week on the latest developments. Superintendent Bounds will give the Board regular updates as events unfold.

Kevin Stoops, project manager for Discovery Park, and Linda Cannon, Office of Intergovernmental Relations, will be invited to the June 24 Park Board meeting to brief the Commissioners.

Old/New Business – None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

APPROVED: _____ DATE _____

Bruce Bentley, Chair