



Minutes|Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners

100 Dexter Ave N/Kenneth R. Bounds Boardroom

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Thursday, September 11, 2025

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Attendance

Present: Diamond, Lerer, Flinn, Haile-Leul, Chisholm Clare, Baum (co-chair), Nakamura (co-chair), Bakker, Zhang (non-voting)

Absent: Mays, Meng

SPR Staff and Presenters: Williams, Plympton, Look, Ciecko, Shelton, Murphy, Bazinet, Hoff, Burtzos

Welcome, Introductions & Land Acknowledgement

Nakamura calls the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and provides logistical instructions for in-person and remote attendees.

Commissioners and SPR staff introduce themselves.

Nakamura reads the land acknowledgement.

Nakamura introduces the consent agenda: meeting minutes from the 8/14/25 BPRC meeting and tonight's meeting agenda. Board members vote unanimously to approve both items.

Adopted: 8/14/25 BPRC Meeting Minutes

Adopted: 9/11/25 BPRC Meeting Agenda

Public Comment

The BPRC heard public testimony on the following topics:

- Location of proposed Magnuson Park pickleball project

Superintendent's Report

Christopher Williams, Sr. Deputy Superintendent and Chief of Staff, delivers the report. Williams notes that this will likely be his last BPRC meeting before his upcoming retirement, and thanks the Board for their service.

Baum thanks Williams on behalf of the Board for his service and leadership over his years with Seattle Parks and Recreation.

Recreation Staff Training Day

Recreation Division Staff Training Day: Many Seattle Parks and Recreation facilities and programs will be closed Thursday, September 25, 2025, due to a Recreation Division staff training day.

These facilities and services are CLOSED:

- All recreation programs
- Community centers and teen life centers
- Environmental learning centers
- Indoor swimming pools
- Amy Yee Tennis Center
- Green Lake Small Craft Center
- Mount Baker Rowing and Sailing Center

These facilities are OPEN on regular schedules:

- Parks
- Volunteer Park Conservatory and Japanese Garden
- Boat ramps
- Golf courses and ranges

New Racquet Sports Court Hours and Open Play Pickleball Pilot

As you may have heard, we will be implementing updated operating hours for racquet hours at Gilman Playground, Laurelhurst Playfield, and Mt. Baker Park. This change follows noise studies conducted in partnership with Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SCDI) that show that play at these locations is producing sound levels that exceed the limits established under the Seattle Municipal Code.

Under the new schedule, courts at the three locations will be open for play from **7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on weekdays, and from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday and City-observed holidays.**

These hours bring the facility use into alignment with the City's noise ordinance, while continuing to provide broad public access. You can learn more about the framework to established to ensure compliance with the new court hours for these locations, as well as at Open Play Pickleball Pilot at Green Lake East at <https://www.seattle.gov/parks/about-us/projects/racquet-sports>

Mentorship Partners for Youth Empowerment Program

Seeking Mentorship Partners for Youth Empowerment Program: SPR is excited to announce an opportunity for local professionals and industry leaders to make a difference in the lives of Seattle's youth. Through the Seattle Mentors Empowerment Exchange, SPR is seeking qualified mentors for the 2025-2026 school year to guide and inspire young individuals at designated Parks and Recreation sites. Professionals and industry leaders should apply by September 22. Please help spread the word!

Summer Park Activation in Action

Summer Activation 2025: For 36 years GreenStage, a local live theater company, has provided free Shakespeare in the park performances for the Seattle community. In partnership with the Park Activation Unit, GreenStage provided 53 performances in 17 Parks with an overall attendance of

11,600 people enjoying free live theater. Performances took place both in amphitheater spaces and grass lawns across the city including Lincoln Park, Seward and Volunteer Park. GreenStage also utilized the Magnuson Brig for all of their rehearsals. The Park Activation Unit is excited to be a supporting partner in another successful summer!

Twilight Movie Night at Discovery Park: The Park Activation Unit, in collaboration with the United Indians of All Tribes Foundation, kicked off the first of five Twilight Movie Nights on August 27 at Discovery Park. The event attracted an impressive crowd of over 800 attendees, fostering a lively and welcoming atmosphere where guests were fully immersed in the movie experience.

Indigefolk Music Festival: The Park Activation Unit, in partnership with Windz of Chage, Office of Arts and Culture and Daybreak Star Radio Network, presented Indigefolk Music Festival at Victor Steinbrueck Park. The event drew more than 1000 during the peak of the event.

Westlake Park Improvements Coming Soon!

Construction coming soon to Westlake Park: Over the past year, Seattle Parks and Recreation, in collaboration with Seattle Parks Foundation, has convened a cross section of residents, public agencies, businesses, property owners and community service providers to improve Westlake Park and reinvigorate Downtown Seattle's community commons. We are excited to announce that construction on this project will begin in early October 2025. The park will be closed during construction and will reopen in the spring of 2026.

This project will enhance park visitors' experience and serve families, tourists, locals, businesses, and property owners by creating a more open gathering space and providing amenities to encourage people to spend more time in the heart of the City.

Occidental Square Cleaning

Occidental Square Cleaning: The SPR Custodial Enhanced Cleaning Team recently took on the task of giving the Pavilion at Occidental Square a thorough, top-to-bottom deep clean as part of our annual refresh. Their hard work not only makes the space shine but also creates a cleaner, safer, and more welcoming environment for everyone who visits. A big thank you to the team for their dedication to keeping our community spaces sparkling with pride!

Upcoming Events

Bicycle Weekends on Lake Washington Boulevard: There is still time to enjoy this popular program which will run on Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00am to 6:00pm through September 21st.

Camp Long Movie Night: It is not too late for Movie night at Camp Long. On September 19th, at 7:30 pm, Jumanji will be the feature film. There will be first come first serve free Rock Climbing before the movie, from 5 to 7pm.

Making the World a Little Less Horrible Art Gala: Tomorrow night at Miller Community Center from 5:30 – 7:30 pm, Miller & Montlake Community Centers will be hosting an art gala, silent auction and community fundraiser. This delightfully offbeat silent art auction will feature fun and quirky pieces from local and aspiring artists to raise money for a brand-new drum kit for our music lesson program. There will be art, food, raffle prizes, music and more.

Filling BPRC Vacancies: This week three new BPRC members were confirmed at the City Council Committee meeting. They will be going to full Council next week and we are excited to bring them on-board.

Williams pauses for questions from the Board.

Flinn asks about correspondence regarding pickleball court reservation practices. Williams affirms that policies regarding business and league reservations are in progress. Baum encourages the department to revisit and learn some lessons from the implementation of the athletic field historical use policy. Williams agrees.

Baum notes upcoming planned maintenance on the Burke Gilman Trail. Williams confirms, and notes that the trade-off for maintenance is that it will affect commuters during the project.

Recreation & Aquatics: Summer Season in Review

Mike Plympton, Aquatics Manager, and Daryl Look, Recreation Strategic Advisor, deliver the presentation.

Big Day of Play 2025 took place August 18 at Rainier Community Center. This year's Big Day of Play was a tremendous success, drawing thousands of community members to celebrate diversity, community connection, and active lifestyles. The event featured more than 85 vendors, live cultural performances, youth sports tournaments, new community sports competitions, free water activities at Mt. Baker Rowing & Sailing Center, the second annual Big Day of Play Fun Run, appearances from 4 local Seattle sports teams, and a wide range of family-friendly activities that welcomed people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities. Despite inclement weather the day before, participation remained strong, and feedback from attendees, partners, and sponsors was overwhelmingly positive.

Notably, this year was a record-breaking milestone for partner engagement and sponsorship investment as we welcomed our first title sponsor since 2017 with King County Metro. The event not only highlighted the power of recreation to connect communities but also showcased our team's ability to deliver a large-scale, inclusive, and engaging experience for Seattle residents on an even bigger and grander platform. BDOP was featured on Good Day Seattle with an interview with Besa Gordon.

Look presents event highlights from BDOP.

Seattle Parks & Recreation kicked off the **2025 Teen Summer Musical** - "The Wiz" on August 22-24 at Benaroya Hall! The Teen Summer Musical continued its transcendent tradition of community uplift with dynamic dance, infectious songs, and a meaningful message wrapped in the magic of musical theater! This iconic program brought together 79 talented young performers, youth employment interns, and numerous volunteers to reimagine the timeless classic with soulful storytelling and vibrant energy.

Youth Employment Interns learned the vast array of skills associated with putting on a production. This provided multiple career building opportunities within the performing arts and beyond! 4 performances took place with attendance of over 3,000. Produced by Acts On Stage Theatre (Black founded and led) and directed by the longtime production director and leader with Seattle Parks & Recreation (SPR), Isiah Anderson, who truly embodies what it means to engage youth in a dynamic, intentional, and meaningful way.

The **Amy Yee Legacy Clinic** launched on June 7 at Amy Yee Tennis Center, bringing together 140 kids and dozens of volunteers to celebrate and learn the game of tennis. This is a collaboration between Amy Yee Tennis Center and the Amy Yee Tennis Foundation.

Amy Yee's legacy traces back to the 1960s when she shared her love for tennis with South Seattle youth by offering free lessons at the local parks. Revived in the 1990s by her son Gordy, these clinics continue to inspire new generations. Many participants from Amy's original clinics and lessons now volunteer at this event or bring family members to experience the joy of tennis for the first time.

The event was graced by Amy's living children—Joyce, Linda, and Gary—and grandchildren, Jami, China, and Kyle, who traveled from across the country to honor her legacy.

The clinics ran every Saturday in June from 9 AM to 2 PM on the outdoor courts of the Amy Yee Tennis Center drawing numerous participants.

Plympton provides update on summer aquatics.

SPR had 140,000 visitors to beaches this summer. King County water quality testing went through some changes this year, so we were adjusting to changes in that program, but the water quality in Seattle was about the same as in years past.

Flinn asks what the timeline for beach reopening is currently. Plympton clarifies that currently it takes about a week for a beach to be re-tested and reopened; SPR is looking into ways to accelerate the reopening process.

Plympton notes a few temporary closures throughout the summer due to vandalism and other maintenance issues, but in general attendance and participation at swimming and boating programs was strong this summer.

Look provides a brief overview of SPR and ARC summer camp programs.

- **Summer Camp for school-aged children:** 5,146 enrolled Through the exceptional hard work and collaboration of our colleagues in ARC and the Recreation Division who made this year's summer camps possible, children participated in robust programs, activities, and field trips over half of which utilized financial assistance. Staffers fostered an environment that emphasized community as well individual achievements, creativity, and original thinking.
- **Activity Camp:** 3,345 enrolled Campers experienced pottery, engineering, sports, music in these part day themed camps
- **Preschool:** 277 enrolled Camp staff helped build emotional, social, physical, and cognitive skills to prepare them for success in school and life 252 enrolled in SPP Summer Preschool
- **Nature Camps:** 869 enrolled children had the opportunity to explore
- **Citywide Youth Athletics Camps:** 24 camps with 2,829 participants enrolled –due to very limited scholarship funds, citywide athletics significantly increased the number of FREE camps this past summer from 3 last summer to 24 this summer made possible through multiple partnerships. Some examples of camps include boxing camps all pro sports camps, running camps, ultimate frisbee camps, tennis camps and multi sports camps.
- **Specialized Programs Camp:** 330 enrolled provides access to both day and overnight camps for participants with disabilities. Campers experienced adaptive rock climbing, scavenger hunts, games, music, crafts. naturalist programs, and more.

We are proud of our colleagues' efforts, who provided engaging, safe, and fun environments for our City's youth to learn and grow all summer long in our care.

Baum encourages Look, Diaz, and SPR generally to seek ways to announce summer camp offerings earlier in the year, to better align with other providers' calendars.

The **Community Hub Pilot** is part of the Mayoral Youth Mental Health Initiative: This pilot aims to offer accessible and culturally responsive mental health and wellness services focused on cultural wellness, enrichment, social emotional learning, and coping skills, as well as increased access to clinical supports for Seattle youth during Out of School Time that are reflective of diverse youth-identified needs, particularly those furthest from race and social justice.

The pilot is a partnership between the Department of Education and Early Learning (DEEL), Arts, and Seattle Parks and Recreation. Summer pilot programming took place at 7 locations (Teen Life Centers (TLC), Late Night, Summer of Safety) providing youth with an array of arts based programming taught by 17 teaching artists.

89 youth completed a feedback survey.

- 92% agreed the program gave them a chance to express their ideas or creativity.
- 86% agreed that they could be themselves in the Community Hub session they participated in.

At SW Teen Life Center, youth in focus groups described the space as different from school, where they could express themselves without judgment: "I wouldn't do it in school, I wouldn't feel comfortable."

Summer Youth Employment

Career Explorations provides both mentorship, training, and internship opportunities to teens 15-19 years. Participants support the Summer Meals and Summer Playgrounds Program.

Community Learning Center Internships: Aims to reduce learning loss over the summer. Students participate in both academic and enrichment activities. CLC interns support enrichment activities

Late Night Internship: Provided support to Late Night activities

Youth At Work (YAW): Offers a paid summer internship opportunity for young people aged 15-17 in partnership with Seattle Parks and Recreation, the Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle, Seattle King County NAACP, and the Associated Recreation Council (ARC). Interns are placed at various SPR and ARC sites, where they gain practical work experience, attend professional development workshops, and explore potential career paths. The internship provides dedicated mentorship and ongoing support to help them succeed.

Teen Summer Musical Artist and Residence Interns ages 16-18: Interns learned the vast array of skills associated with putting on a production. This provided multiple career building opportunities within the performing arts and beyond!

OSPREY High school internship is an employment program for teens with disabilities. Specialized Programs employed 15 interns who are teens with disabilities who worked a total of 1,278 hours gaining valuable job experience while supporting camp. 3 others volunteer their time in our internship program to gain valuable job experience.

Environmental Education Internship: Worked 492 hours to reach more families and kids with Environmental Education programming.

In addition to youth employment, there were several programs that teens could participate in to earn a stipend.

Stipend Based Programs:

- **Teen Summer Musical Minis** (ages 9-12): - 25 participants, \$300 stipend , 9,375 hours
- **Teen Summer Musical Mains** (ages 13-15): - 21 participants, \$599 stipend, 7,875 hours
- **Youth Leadership Committee:** 16 participants, \$500 stipend, 1,000 hours
- Total of 18,250 participant hours across programs receiving a stipend

Lerer asks if the youth employment opportunities, as well as the summer camp opportunities, reached their capacity levels, or if more recruitment was needed to reach those levels. Williams and Look address the balance of advertising availability and scholarship opportunities with providing the space for families who need the opportunity most.

Flinn clarifies with Look that internships are a mix of paid and stipend-based.

Outdoor Activation, Summer Meals, Summer of Safety

Summer Meals At Playgrounds and Community Centers: FREE meals at 9 community centers and 7 parks (down from 13 parks last summer due to federal funding cuts) as well as FREE recreation activities at parks.

A highlight from Outdoor Recreation and mobile recreation were classes developed and led by teens participating in the career explorations program, which included crocheted pets, Ultimate Frisbee, BBoyDanceFit, and the Stroller Brigades.

Summer of Safety (SOS), a FREE drop-in program that provides structured activities and a safe space for young people not connected to other supervised programs over the summer. The program is geared towards diverse groups of tweens and teens, ages 12+, from low-income neighborhoods. SOS operated at 9 community center or teen life center locations on various days throughout summer. Most sites provided a free lunch through the City's Summer Food Service Program. Regular SOS activities included field trips, arts and craft, as well as sports and athletics.

Community Learning Centers work in partnership with Seattle Public Schools and receive funding through our department, Seattle Public Schools, DEEL, and additional grants. This summer programs took place at the following CLCs: Aki Kurose, Denny, Mercer, Washington, and James Baldwin. Programs were registration based, and ran Monday through Friday from 9am-2pm, for 4-6 weeks throughout the summer.

During summer school our programs aim to create safe and supportive environments for students during summer, mitigate summer learning loss, provide a space for students to make new friends, but also create opportunities for students to have free meals daily and engage with various staff to create a village of support throughout their elementary and middle school journey.

Students were provided with educational support including math, ELA, and STEM classes each morning taught by certified staff, then transitioned to recreational and enrichment-based activities in the afternoon. Additional support was provided to Spanish speaking and multilingual students, as well as small group mentoring. Field trips were a highlight for students rewarding all of their hard

work! Some sites also provided mental health resources. Total students served across all programs: 695 unique participants.

Williams notes that SPS no longer conducts summer school, so SPR's programs fill a need in Seattle's education landscape.

Our **Environmental Team** faced multiple challenges this summer due to closures at Camp Long due to fire and Discovery Park due to flooding. Despite these challenges our creative and motivated staff implemented a wide array of nature-based programs with an emphasis on serving high equity needs communities.

Summer Programs

- Summer in the Parks: Nature learning activity booths adjacent to the summer free meals program at 3 parks this summer – Pratt Park, South Park Plaza and Northacres Park
- Garfield Family Gardening Series: a partnership between Environmental Education and Garfield CC, run once a week all summer, teaching families to grow, harvest and eat fresh produce from the Garfield Garden
- World School Partnerships: This summer was our 21st year of Seattle World School Summer School partnership; we organized field trips around Seattle to learn about the area and the nature and art in Seattle
- Wonder Wednesdays: a partnership with Seattle Public Library and Highpoint SHA – Families from the Highpoint SHA came to Camp Long for fun nature activities, hiking, and storytelling.
- Nature field trips- we host summer programs for community center camps and private summer camps that take field trips to Discovery Park.
- Nature Day Camps: 869 campers were provided nature day camp experience this summer at Carkeek and Discovery Parks during our 8-weeks of programming in July and August. Many of our campers return week after week. Our camp for 4–6-year-olds opened a second classroom this summer for the first time, so instead of serving 16 children per week max we averaged 25 campers per week.
- Discovery Park Shuttle: Provided rides into the park for 3,629 riders across 13 Saturdays.

Specialized Programs

Youth Camp: This summer Specialized Programs served 270 youth with disabilities ages 4-21 at both day camp and overnight camp over a period of 9 weeks. The team consisted of 17 counselors, 5 supervisors, 1 nurse, 1 chef, and 15 high school interns with us at overnight camp.

Adult Programs: 164 adults with disabilities attended weekly outdoor-based programs:

- 60 adults with disabilities enrolled in Day Camp at Camp Long
- 11 adults with disabilities utilized the scholarship program
- 34 adults with disabilities utilized DSCS funds

The OSPREY High school internship employed 15 interns who are teens with disabilities who worked a total of 1,278 hours gaining valuable job experience while supporting camp. We had 3 others volunteer 148 hours of their time in our internship program to gain valuable job experience.

Lifelong Recreation (LLR) celebrated its 50th Anniversary serving people 50 and older this past June with a party at Garfield Community Center. In 1975 Seattle Parks and Recreation created a unit specifically to serve older adults called 'Senior Adult Programs', which was born out of the

S.P.I.C.E (School Program involving our City Elderly) program with funds from a Block Grant. The day was filled with cheer with past and present: staff, advisory council members, participants and volunteers. About 120 were in attendance to pay honor to the success of Lifelong Recreation over the years.

The celebration consisted of a performance by Silver Sounds entertaining the audience. A performance group and a program with Lifelong Recreation providing a variety of songs and skits and a lot of humor. A rolling photo montage reminded all of memories gone by. A history of Lifelong Recreation was given.

Lifelong Recreation programs provide purpose and meaning through social activities that bring people out of their homes into the world and experiencing their life with their neighbors and making new friends and connections. Knowing that aging in a healthy environment is critical, we provide affordable fitness programs and exceptional social activities to bring people together.

Equity: LLR has been focused on increasing equity to serve those that need our programs the most. A few examples of this work include:

- Increasing FREE programming with limited scholarships and high demand. SE sector got sponsorship from ERA Living to cover the costs of a yoga class for a year. We have been using our .5 FTE temp Rec. Leader to provide 3 free fitness classes in equity zones in NE close to Meadowbrook and Northgate, these classes have been very successful with about 15 to 20 attending each day.
- SOAR hiking program- Partnering with UW Memory Hub to provide hiking programs for adults with younger onset Alzheimer's. This partnership is entering its 4th year.
- Our Community Engagement tickets with the 5th Ave Theater have been a big success. We can offer free of cost to patrons the opportunity to see musicals at the 5th Ave Theater. Staff have been very conscious of using the tickets in a manner to help serve those with the most equity needs and identifying those groups to offer tickets to. Lifelong Recreation has also been offered extra tickets, which staff have been using to show appreciation to the many volunteers who support our programs. We have been able to offer 1 show a quarter.

Look and Plympton pause for questions from the Board.

Lerer asks what strategic opportunities SPR sees for upcoming years. Look notes that review of the past summer is ongoing but one area that will likely see adjustments is scholarship allocation to meet the greatest need. Plympton notes that some scholarship funds are filled by grants. Look adds that partnerships with extant organizations can help stretch departmental funds, and SPR hopes to expand partnerships in future years.

Williams notes the effort expended in tailoring programs to their specific neighborhoods and circumstances.

Chisholm Clare asks where demand exceeds supply. Plympton and Look note that aquatic programs tend to have a large wait list, but gauging demand by wait list can be tricky. Youth employment is another area where demand is high.

Zhang asks if there are any multi-generational (i.e., parent/toddler) environmental education programs, or plans for similar programming in the future. Williams notes that SPR currently targets youth and older adults well, but future growth will likely target teens and younger professionals.

Haile-Leul commends SPR Recreation staff, and notes that he has observed youth grow through community center programs to become SPR staff, lifeguards, and community leaders.

Green Seattle Partnership Strategic Plan Update

Lisa Ciecko, Ecology Team Manager, delivers the presentation.

The overarching goals of the Green Seattle Partnership (GSP) are to restore and maintain the forested parklands and designated natural areas of Seattle, and to expand and galvanize an informed, involved, and active community around forest restoration and stewardship.

The City's greenbelts and natural areas provide many environmental and health benefits. We work in Seattle's parks, but also in other forested and green areas throughout the city.

The partnership model was developed between Seattle Parks as a lead agency, along with Seattle Public Utilities and the Office of Sustainability and the Environment. We partner with community members, organizations, and professional crews (such as SPR's Natural Area Crew) to perform our restoration work.

Our programming is transformative:

- **2,032 acres** in ongoing restoration undergoing weed management and planting
- **1.44M volunteer hours** since 2005
- **1.46M plants** including 354K trees
- **50K+** trees freed from vines
- **171** active Forest Stewards (25 new in 2025) leading in their communities
- In 2024, **210** paid and stipend participants received on-the-ground restoration and community-building experience

We do a large percentage of our work in riparian areas, on steep slopes, in protected wetlands, and in equity index priority areas. This work has positioned SPR as a national and international leader in forest restoration, including recognition in the Forests in Cities Network.

Our 20-year anniversary affords us an opportunity to:

- Make space for reflection and renewal, sharing stories to celebrate 20 years of forest care with community and deepening relationships across the partnership.
- Improve our framework for partnership governance, centering accountability and representation.
- Produce specific near-term actions that focus efforts and investments.

We aim to produce a 3-year action plan with vision for the next 10 Years, create new branding to reflect values and messaging priorities, and to celebrate the first 20 years of the GSP together!

We get feedback from the community through a variety of different engagement methods, including focus groups and public surveys, to understand how our programming is being seen and received. Ciecko shares examples of feedback and community interactions.

We have three pillars of the strategic planning process. "Pillar workgroups" representing a cross-section of experts and participants will meet to share context and to draft 10-year visions, 3-year outcomes, and strategies and action plans as we look ahead. We will go back to stakeholders and make sure that everyone feels invested and committed to the plan and project moving forward.

Save the Date for **Seattle Forest Week**

- **October 25:** Green Seattle Day volunteer planting events at 15 locations citywide
- **October 30:** Green Seattle Partnership 20th Anniversary Party at Magnuson Hangar!

Ciecko pauses for questions from the Board.

Baum asks how GSP receives funding. Ciecko notes that GSP receives Park District funding, REET, and a handful of other funding streams, including from SPU.

Flinn clarifies that Ciecko is a SPR employee. Ciecko confirms.

Chisholm Clare asks if GSP events are listed on Parks literature; Ciecko clarifies where to locate these on the website.

Planning & Capital Development Quarterly Report

Jessica Murphy, Director of Planning and Capital Development, and Oliver Bazinet, Strategic Advisor, deliver the report.

Bazinet quickly walks through 2025 Key Performance Indicator highlights, including restroom renovations, new park development sites, accessibility compliance, synthetic turf replacement, infrastructure upgrades, facility decarbonization, and several others.

Flinn asks if the Cal Anderson Park restroom is now open. Bazinet affirms.

Lerer clarifies that all the noted goals are by 2028. Bazinet affirms.

Baum asks for clarification on court resurfacing. Bazinet clarifies distinction between “major maintenance” and lower levels of improvement.

Zhang asks how sustainability is incorporated in design, specifically with regards to pool projects. Bazinet provides details and notes collaboration with OSE.

Bazinet highlights projects carried over from Cycle 1 funding, as well as Green Lake and Lake City Community Center projects and several new dog off-leash areas.

Murphy shares project photos and highlights several specific major projects, including:

- South Park Community Center & Playfield: Field will be open in November, CC in January
- Soundview Playfield: brand new synthetic turf field with pathways, lights, and renovated restroom, planned to be complete by year end
- Victor Steinbrueck Totem Poles: are in Neah Bay being restored with plans to reinstall later this year
- Garfield Playfield: Notice to proceed was August 13th and demolition has begun at Garfield Playfield where we will be constructing a new play area, restroom and pathway per the community-driven site plan
- Rainier Beach Skatepark: Bid opening was on August 20th. Community-initiated project to develop a skatepark at Rainier Beach Playfield per the Citywide Skate Park plan. Finalizing documentation for construction contract to begin on-site work this fall
- Queen Anne Community Center: project team had community meetings in April and is working on design documents now, targeting construction in late 2026/early 2027

- Lake City Community Center: public meetings to show schematic design took place in August and Design Commission last week (Sept 4th), innovative project in partnership with Office of Housing and Mercy Housing to develop a community center with affordable housing above, Construction start in 2027. Opens early 2029
- New mural on the court at Othello Playground

Chisholm Clare asks what the target delivery date for Green Lake Community Center is. Murphy and Bazinet tentatively believe opening 2028.

Upcoming events:

Open Houses & Public Meetings

- Westlake Park (Sept 11)
- AB Ernst Park Addition (Sept 30)
- Kubota Gardens (Oct 17)

Ribbon Cuttings

- Cheasty Bike & Pedestrian Trail North Loop (Oct 11)
- Magnolia Community Center Ribbon Cutting

Other

- Lower Woodland Track Replacement (Lincoln HS/SPS – Sept 20)
- Lincoln High School Athletic Field Options Meeting (Lincoln HS/SPS – Oct 15)

Murphy concludes by highlighting over \$7M in recent grant awards to SPR for several projects.

Flinn asks where renovation of the Madison Park bathhouse would be considered. Bazinet provides clarification regarding the collaboration between SPR and community fundraising, and how this process fits into the asset management plan.

Old & New Business

Nakamura notes ongoing discussion regarding meeting time preference. Burtzos reports that a recent email poll did not provide clarity, as informal votes were exactly tied. The group discusses how to move forward with meeting times, noting that attendance has not been impacted during the 6:00 PM pilot times. Baum suggests keeping the meeting time at 6:00 PM for now but invites all members to communicate with chairs and SPR staff if this time will be prohibitive.

Lerer asks for follow-up regarding Maple Leaf playfield renaming; this had been suggested several meetings ago. Williams and Hoff confirm that this has been done.

Nakamura adjourns the meeting at 7:54 PM.