

Board of Parks & Recreation Commissioners Superintendent's Report

AP Diaz, Superintendent

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Department Update



First Tee at Bill Wright Golf Complex



Dr. Jose Rizal Park



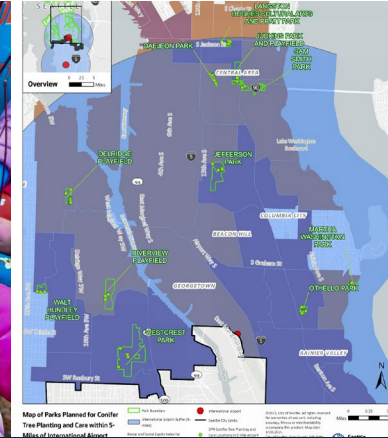
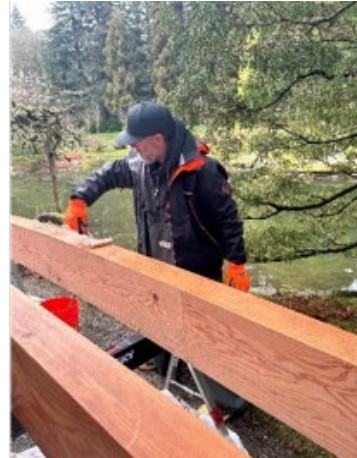
Judkins Park Inclusive Playground and
Spray Park

Seasonal Concessions

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Parks & Environment Division Natural Resources Unit



SPR Urban Forestry

Tree Planting Demo with school students at Cowen Park

IIAF Grant Award of \$61,000 to fund for the establishment care of 121 Conifers within 5 miles of Sea-Tac Airport area.

Park Name	Newly Planted Conifers	Distance from King County Int'l Airport (miles)
Dasjeon Park	7	3.8
Delridge Playfield	15	3.3
Jefferson Park	12	2.2
Judkins Park and Playfield	9	3.9
Langston Hughes Cultural Arts	6	4.4
Martha Washington Park	10	2.0
Othello Park	21	1.2
Pratt Park	10	4.4
Riverview Playfield	8	2.1

- **Urban Forestry - Tree Planting Crew**

- **Horticulture and Specialty Gardens**

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Facilities - SPR Maintenance Staff Hard at Work



Facilities Division: SPR Metal Shop Fabrication Shop



Parks & Recreational Services: Recreation



Empowerment Exchange Fall Pilot

Youth-led Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Celebration



Visionary Voices: Igniting Your Potential



Parks & Recreational Services: Recreation

Lifelong Recreation formal partnership
with Seniors Creating ART



Tet New Year Celebration at High Point
Community Center



Park Project Updates



**Cheasty Mountain
Bike/Pedestrian Trail
Pilot Project**



**Be'er Sheva Play Area Phase II Renovation
community engagement**

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Thank you!



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Use and Scheduling of Outdoor Athletic Facilities

Policy Development Review, Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners

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Review: Why Update the Policy?



Better align the policy to our current use and scheduling processes.



Create clarity for our community organizations on how SPR schedules and allocates athletic field time on our SPR and SPS field inventory.



Five Critical Points:

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|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1) Field maximization | 4) Joint Use Agreement |
| 2) Historical use | 5) Scheduling prioritization |
| 3) Capital improvements | |

Proposed Updates

1) Disaggregate policy components from procedure and remove outdated, specific and irrelevant information

2) Clarify historical field use and scheduling prioritization

3) Incorporate capital improvement accommodations

Disaggregation of Policy and Procedure

Retained in Policy Document

- Prioritization of youth
- Scheduling prioritization
- Historical use
- General scheduling guidelines

Moving to Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)

- Regular and special hours for certain athletic fields
- Permitting seasons and seasonality of sport use on fields
- Expanded detail of JUA
- Expanded detail of historical use
- New field time allocation process

Use and Scheduling Hierarchy

Seattle Public Schools (JUA Times)

- Priority during times established through the Joint Use Agreement.
- Details are determined through the Joint Use Agreement between SPS and SPR

Community Historical Use

- After JUA times, priority for outdoor athletic fields shall be granted to permit holders with a documented history of regular or long-standing field use.
- Historical use will be determined based on the frequency and duration of previous bookings.

Remaining Field Capacity

- Priority given to requests based on the order in which they are received.
- SPR youth programs
- Community youth programs
- SPR adult programs
- Community adult programs

Additional Information: Commissioner Questions

- Historical user groups are a wide spectrum of organizations ranging from:
 - Youth leagues providing neighborhood soccer, baseball, frisbee and other recreational and athletic activities
 - High school club sport teams
 - Adult recreation leagues
 - Religious or minority ethnic groups
- Previous SPR efforts to support access:
 - Accessibility through fee structure
 - Significantly lower youth rates
 - Prioritized youth (70% of historical use)
 - Scheduling time for emerging user groups when and where available



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Wrap-Up Review

- Key adjustments bring the Use and Scheduling of Outdoor Athletic Facilities policy into alignment with current practices and scheduling procedures
- Current historical user groups:
 - No change to current field allocations
- New approach to added field capacity from CIP projects
 - Anticipate positive impact for new or emerging user groups (ideally minority and underrepresented) gaining field time
 - First implementation – Soundview Playfield conversion
 - Added process for scheduling team



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Questions?

