

SEATTLE PARK DISTRICT 2017 UPDATE

Park District Board Meeting

June 26, 2017



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2016 Report to the Community

SEATTLE PARK DISTRICT 2016 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



2017 Park District Spending Plan

Adopted with the 2017 Budget

Total: \$49.8 million



Fix It First

Community planning processes initiated for new projects:

- High Point Community Center play area renovation
- Victory Heights play area renovation
- Soundview Playfield renovation
- Smith Cove Park



Fix It: 2017 Major Maintenance Projects

- Comfort station renovations: Pratt Park, Peppi's Playground
- Irrigation replacements
- Piling maintenance: Green Lake & Lake Washington beaches
- Roof fall protection compliance: 4 sites
- ADA compliance projects, including Camp Long ADA path
- Seismic repair: Magnuson Park Building 11
- Burke-Gilman Trail repairs
- Brighton Playfield renovation
- Interbay Golf landfill gas system replacement
- Meadowbrook Community Center HVAC replacement
- Discovery Park water line repairs
- Play area renovations: completing Lincoln, Gilman and Webster parks; beginning Prentis Frazier, Georgetown, High Point, Dearborn, Discovery, Hiawatha and South Park
- West Seattle Stadium field and track renovation

Fix It: 2017 Forest Restoration to Date

- 30,575 volunteer hours
- Equates to \$703,225 in sweat equity --
 - Well on our way to the 2017 goal of \$1 million
- Worked at 97 different park sites
- Planted 49,022 native trees, shrubs and groundcover plants
- Weeded over 32 acres of forested parkland
- Removed 26 acres of invasive plant species



Maintaining Parks and Facilities

Third Shift (night) Maintenance Crew: 9 sites through June

Jan. 2-13	Bitter Lake Annex
Jan. 23- Feb. 3	Discovery Park Env. Learning Center
Feb. 13-24	Garfield Community Center
March 6-17	Garfield Teen Life Center
March 27- Apr. 7	High Point Community Center
Apr. 17-28	Jefferson Community Center
May 8-19	Magnuson Park Community Center
May 29-June 9	Magnuson Park Brig
June 19-30	North Teen Life Center

Night Crews at Work



Programs for People

Recreation for All: \$483,000

Get Moving: \$262,000



2017 RECREATION FOR ALL GRANT AWARDEES	
Organization	Amount Allocated
Aaron Brooks Foundation	\$15,000
Adefua Cultural Education Workshops	\$15,000
Atlantic Street Center	\$10,120
Baile Dior Studio	\$10,000
Boys and Girls Club	\$5,000
Children's Home Society of Washington	\$10,000
Deaf Spotlight	\$5,720
Delridge Neighborhood Development Association	\$11,000
Duwamish Rowing Club/ South Park Area Redevelopment Committee	\$10,000
Entre Hermanos/ Circulo de Mamas Seattle	\$10,000
Hiawatha D.	\$24,000
J Salon	\$5,000
NW Black Pioneers	\$2,500
OUT There Adventures	\$5,000
Palmares Consulting	\$25,000
Somali Family Safety Task Force	\$15,000
South Park Information and Referral Center/ South Park Area Redevelopment Committee	\$10,000
The Mahogany Project	\$12,670
Three Dollar Bill Cinema	\$10,000
United Negro College Fund	\$5,000
Van Lang Vietnamese Cultural School	\$7,400
Wonder of Women	\$10,000
Your House Boxing and Community Club	\$15,000
Youth in Focus	\$10,000

Get Moving 2017 Grant Awardees Organization	Amount Allocated
Fathers and Sons Together	\$ 7,500
Nailah Harris	\$ 10,000
Franchesska Berry	\$ 7,500
Urban Native Education Alliance	\$ 10,000
Austin Foundation	\$ 10,000
Garinagu Hounga	\$ 5,000
Lao Community Service Center	\$ 5,000
Lao Women Assoc	\$ 3,500
SeaMar	\$ 6,000
Ultimate Age Up	\$ 10,000
Skate Like a Girl	\$ 7,500
Young Women Empowered	\$ 5,000
Capoeira Life	\$ 7,500
Vision Loss	\$ 10,000
Puget Sound Futsal	\$ 10,000

Programs for People

Meeting the Needs of People with Disabilities

- Serving an additional 55 youth this summer with expanded overnight camp
- Serving an additional 32 youth in teen activity club

More Programs for Older Adults

- 4 new dementia-friendly programs in first quarter
- Served 4,508 meals to immigrant and refugee elders in first quarter



Building for the Future: Land-Banked Sites

14 Land-banked sites

5 projects in community planning phase:

- North Rainier
- Christie Park
- Lake City
- Baker Park Addition
- Greenwood/Phinney
(pictured)

2 projects in design phase:

- Ernst Park Addition
- Westlake & Lenora



Building for the Future: Major Projects Challenge Fund

- **Amy Yee Tennis Center (\$1.3M):** enclosure for 6 outdoor courts allowing for year-round play. Planning phase.
- **Kubota Garden (\$925K):** garden walls, accessible path, more parking. Design phase. Construction by end of year
- **Planning/feasibility:** Day Break Star Center, Madrona Theater, Magnuson CC, Magnuson Park Playfield Development (synthetic turf), Green Lake Small Craft Center, South Park CC Playfield & Play Area



Building for the Future: Downtown Park Activation

Continued Activation of Downtown Parks:

- Occidental Square
- Westlake Park
- Hing Hay Park
- Freeway Park
- Cascade Park
- Belltown Park



2016 Community Center Strategic Plan: 2017 Progress Report



Community Center Plan: Hours & Staffing

The Community Center Plan funded additional staffing to add hours at 6 community centers.

Because of this, we no longer have centers open only 25 hours/week and are better able to serve communities:

- International District/Chinatown CC: + 20 hours
- Magnuson CC: + 30 hours
- Miller CC: + 15 hours
- South Park CC: + 15 hours
- Yesler CC: + 17 hours
- Van Asselt CC: + 20 hours

Visits up 8% at these locations: 1st quarter 2017 vs. 1st quarter 2016

Community Center Plan: Programming

Eliminated drop-in fees

- Warmly received by public
- All centers: visits up 4% 1st quarter 2017 vs. 1st quarter 2016
- Data collection challenges
 - Because there is no fee, people don't check-in at counter
 - Therefore, difficult to quantify increase in drop-in program participation

Added staffing to increase customer service, safety and programming

- Added staffing at Alki, Bitter Lake, Delridge, Green Lake, Jefferson, Rainier, and Rainier Beach community centers: 3.5 FTE additional staff

Community Center Plan: Scholarships

- 2016: distributed \$425,000 in recreation scholarships
- Applications continue to exceed available funding
- Improved scholarship application process
 - Now using the Utility Discount Program in determining eligibility – meaning eligible participants need only bring in a utility bill to qualify for a scholarship
 - Increased technical assistance and communication to staff from Scholarship Office, shortening turnaround time

Community Center Plan: Hub Model

Goal: create hubs for particular programs at some community centers

Examples of hubs that could be created:

- International-focused center
- Adult enrichment
- Teen-focused center
- Senior-focused center

Progress to date:

- Two senior coordinators hired in June
- Hub implementation scheduled for January 2018
- Work is underway

Community Center Plan: Hub Model

Currently assessing:

- Community center needs gap
- Facility capacity
- Partnership opportunities
- Access issues (transit, walking, biking)
- Operational alignment
- Measurable outcomes



Questions?



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