

Parks and Recreation Committee

Renaming Des Moines Creek Park – Survey Results

March 3, 2022



PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

PURPOSE OF PRESENTATION

Seeking recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Committee to bring forward to City Council renaming Des Moines Creek Park to include “SeaTac” in the name.

WHY IS THIS ISSUE IMPORTANT?

1. Including “SeaTac” in the name of the park is to reflect the financial contribution of purchasing the surplus WSDOT property.
2. In accordance with Resolution #94-017.
3. Recognition of ownership of park and trail head.



BACKGROUND

- Since 2018, the City of SeaTac has expressed an interest in acquiring approximately 8-acres of forested WSDOT surplus land adjacent to Des Moines Creek Park.
- Expands open space to allow for an improved trail system.
- New trailhead to include education and outreach elements, recreation amenities, safer ingress and egress and expand capacity.
- Preserves high value conservation property adjacent to one of the City's salmon bearing streams.
- Listed in Parks Recreation & Open Space (PROS) Plan to increase recreation opportunities and trails.



BACKGROUND

- In 2019, City Council authorized staff to pursue grant funding opportunities.
- City was awarded funding through the King County Conservation Futures Tax Levy grant program in 2019, 2020, and 2021.
- Secured \$5.5M to acquire property. The City matched the grant funding with 301 Capital Improvement Program funds, 403 Surface Water Management funds, and the sale of surplus property.



TIMELINE

- May 24, 2021, former Councilmember Clyde Hill submitted a Council Request Form (CRF).
- August 5, 2021, Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting
 - The proposal was introduced to the Committee.
 - The Committee unanimously supported the name change and will follow the procedure as outlined in the Resolution regarding naming/renaming City parks and facilities.
 - Lawrence will consult with the Legal Department on the next steps and will report back to the Committee.
- October 7, 2021, Parks and Recreation Committee
 - Cindy Corsilles, Assistant City Attorney, provided a memo that outlines the criteria and procedure for the naming/renaming of City parks and City facilities.
 - Community engagement is required.



TIMELINE

- November 29, 2021 through January 31, 2022 – Online Survey Open to SeaTac Residents
 - A survey was conducted that asked the question “Do you support changing the name of *Des Moines Creek Park* to *SeaTac Des Moines Creek Park*?”
 - The survey was advertised through the City’s social media accounts and in the winter edition of the Recreation & Services Guide.
 - 64 responses were received. (40 Yes; 24 No)



POTENTIAL COMMITTEE ACTION

Recommending the Parks and Recreation Committee to forward item to City Council.



Questions?

