



Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes

Thursday, March 2, 2023

4:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting
City Council Chambers

Members: Present: Absent: Commence: 4:00 PM
Adjourn: 5:11 PM

Iris Guzmán, Chair x
Mohamed Egal x
Senayet Negusse x

Other City Council Members Present: Peter Kwon

Staff Present: Brian Tomisser, Acting Parks & Recreation Director; Gwen Rathe, Administrative Assistant III; Michael Fitzpatrick, Parks Projects & Operations Manager; Will Appleton, Public Works Director; Gwen Voelpel, Deputy City Manager

Others Present:

1. Call to Order	Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Councilmember Iris Guzmán.
2. Approval of Minutes	Minutes from the February 2, 2023, meeting were approved as written.
3. Public Comment	None
4. Islamic Center of Seattle Project Update	Will Appleton, Public Works Director provided Committee members an update on the status of discussions with the Islamic Center of Seattle (ICS) related to the planned redevelopment of their properties which are adjacent to the Riverton Heights Park. Staff have recently met with ICS twice for the purpose of refining a lot line adjustment approach that will meet both the needs of the City and ICS. An agreement is being finalized and is scheduled to be complete and ready for Council consideration in April 2023.

	<p>No Committee action is being requested as this presentation is for informational purposes only.</p>
<p>5. Bow Lake Springs Acceptance of Conservation Futures Tax Levy Funds</p>	<p>Will Appleton gave an update on the status of the Bow Lake Springs Project concept. Seeking a Committee recommendation to Council to accept King County Conservation Futures Tax Levy grant funds that have been awarded to the City in the amount of \$630,000 for the purpose of property acquisition.</p> <p>The City identified the opportunity to create a passive use park in a densely developed and under-served area within the city. He shared several photos of the current state of the property and explained the benefits of wetlands restoration and how it can benefit the community, local schools, and environmental benefits.</p> <p>The Committee unanimously supports moving this item forward to the Regular Council Meeting Consent Agenda.</p>
<p>6. SeaTac Des Moines Creek Park Update</p>	<p>Michael Fitzpatrick, Parks Projects & Operations Manager presented an update on the SeaTac Des Moines Creek Park project including design, budget, and timeline.</p> <p>Project goals include relocating the trailhead to 18th Ave. S., urban forest and restoration preservation, and to provide new amenities including park signage, nature themed playground, pavilion space for gatherings, restroom, and connector trail to existing trail.</p> <p>Committee members would like the park to be fully accessible to people with disabilities.</p> <p>No Committee action is being requested as this presentation is for informational purposes only.</p>
<p>7. Directors Update</p>	<p>Brian Tomisser gave an informational update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian thanked Will Appleton for his presentations this evening. • Parks & Recreation Director position update. Received several applications and they have been narrowed down to nine. • Upcoming events at SeaTac Community Center: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Community Kitchen Night, Thursday, March 9 ▪ 30 Year Birthday Party for SeaTac Community Center, Saturday, March 11 • Seattle Children’s Hospital will provide lifejackets and staff to show how to properly fit them at the Make Music Day event. They will also provide 100 bike helmets for the Family Bike Rodeo. • We anticipate the YMCA providing more lifejackets this summer.
<p>8. Adjourn</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 5:11 PM.</p>