

Resolution No. 31055

A RESOLUTION relating to the Department of Parks and Recreation; creating a citizens' advisory committee to ensure citizen participation in the development of a potential package of parks, open space, boulevards, trails, green infrastructure, and recreation projects and a proposed set of options to fund the package of projects.

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3 A RESOLUTION relating to the Department of Parks and Recreation; creating the Parks and
4 Green Spaces Levy citizens' advisory committee to ensure citizen participation in the
5 development of a potential ballot package of parks, open space, boulevards, trails, green
6 infrastructure, and recreation projects and a proposed set of options to fund the package.

7 WHEREAS, the City's Department of Parks and Recreation has developed Seattle's Parks and
8 Recreation 2006 Development Plan adopted by City Council Resolution 30868 to replace
9 Seattle's Parks and Recreation Plan 2000, previously adopted by Resolution 30181, to
10 inform acquisition and development efforts over the ensuing six years; and

11 WHEREAS, the City Council has adopted a Comprehensive Plan for the City of Seattle and
12 approved 38 neighborhood plans that contain significant recommendations relating to
13 parks, open space and recreation facilities to serve the community; and

14 WHEREAS, the City Council has endorsed the 1997 Joint Schools/Parks Athletic Development
15 Program identifying priority athletic field and gymnasium improvements on City and
16 School District property consistent with applicable adopted plans and the public process
17 conducted by the Department's Sportsfield Review Committee (Resolution 29681); and

18 WHEREAS, the City Council has endorsed the work of Open Space Seattle 2100 in developing
19 concepts to integrate green infrastructure and urban sustainability efforts (Resolution
20 30934) and has embraced the goals and principles of Open Space Seattle 2100 by
21 proclamation in May 2006; and

22 WHEREAS, in February 2007 the Seattle Parks Foundation released an updated Bands of Green
23 report with recommendations to expand and connect City parks through a network of
24 pedestrian and bicycle trails, boulevards and linear parks; and

25 WHEREAS, the City's 2008 Adopted Budget supports the work of the Green Seattle Partnership,
26 a multi-year effort to restore and enhance the urban forests throughout Seattle; and

27 WHEREAS, over the past eight years approximately \$175 million for Seattle's Department of
28 Parks and Recreation capital program has been funded by two voter-approved levies that
recently expired or soon will expire – the 1999 Community Centers Levy (\$36 million)
and the 2000 Pro Parks Levy (\$138.8 million), which have leveraged significant
additional funds from private foundations and organizations and government grants; and



1 WHEREAS, the City Council has identified significant unmet park, open space, and recreational
2 facilities needs from the above referenced planning and documents which have yet to
receive funding; and

3 WHEREAS, a recent opinion survey found strong public support for renewal of a parks levy for
4 capital projects; and

5 WHEREAS, the City Council is seeking citizen involvement in developing a potential parks and
6 green spaces levy proposal and strategies for funding this proposal; NOW, THEREFORE,

7 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE THAT:**

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9 Section 1. The City Council hereby creates the Parks and Green Spaces Levy Citizens'
10 Advisory Committee (Committee), and hereby appoints the persons named on Attachment A to
11 serve on this committee, to propose options for a potential package of parks, open space,
12 boulevard, trail, green infrastructure, and recreation projects and to identify strategic funding
13 options for these potential improvements and acquisitions.

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15 Section 2. The City Council directs the Committee to undertake the following:

- 16 a. Review data and information about potential park, recreation, and open space
17 capital projects for all ages.
- 18 b. Review and comment on criteria for project selection and assist in combining
19 projects into various options for Council's consideration.
- 20 c. Review draft project packages prepared by Council staff and consultants and
21 provide comments and/or recommendations for Council consideration.
- 22 d. Conduct outreach to the broader public to gather recommendations and
23 comments.
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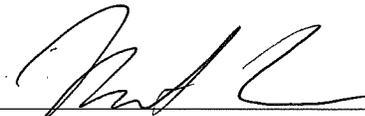


1 e. Advise the Council on the pros and cons for moving forward with a possible
2 ballot measure in 2008 to replace the current parks levy, which expires at the end
3 of this year.

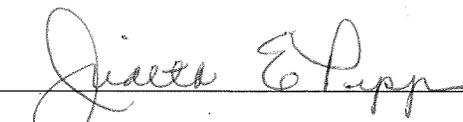
4 f. Prepare and submit a final report with findings to the Council by June 30, 2008.

5 Section 3. The Committee shall sunset on August 12, 2008, unless extended by the
6 Council. Committee members may be added, removed, or replaced by subsequent resolution of
7 the Council.
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10 Adopted by the City Council the 21st day of April, 2008, and
11 signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 21st day
12 of April, 2008.
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16 President _____ of the City Council

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18 Filed by me this 21 day of April, 2008.

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21 City Clerk

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23 Attachment A: Parks and Green Spaces Levy Citizens' Advisory Committee

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FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS

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Legislation Title:

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• **Summary of the Legislation:**

This resolution creates a committee of 25+ citizens to advise the council on whether to pursue a new parks levy, and what types of projects to propose for funding, if such a levy is proposed. The committee includes representatives from a wide range of interests.

- **Background:** *(Include brief description of the purpose and context of legislation and include record of previous legislation and funding history, if applicable):*

The 2000 PRO Parks Levy expires at the end of 2008. Over the last eight years, the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has received nearly \$200 million in funding from this voter-approved excess property tax levy. These revenues have primarily been used to fund a variety of capital projects, but have also supported various operations and management (O&M) activities. At this stage, sufficient resources have been found within the City's core budget to continue these O&M activities, but not to maintain the level of capital investments that have been possible over the last eight years. Within this context, the Council is seeking the advice of a citizens' committee on whether to pursue a subsequent parks levy.

- *Please check one of the following:*

This legislation does not have any financial implications.

This legislation has financial implications.

The resources needed to staff the advisory committee created by this resolution are available within the Legislative Department's current budget. The committee will be supported by both Department staff and contracted consultants.

If a levy is ultimately pursued, additional fiscal impacts would arise. However, such impacts would be explored as part of the subsequent legislation needed to authorize a levy.



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2 facilities needs from the above referenced planning and documents which have yet to
receive funding; and

3 WHEREAS, a recent opinion survey found strong public support for renewal of a parks levy for
4 capital projects with 67 percent favorable for renewal of a \$140 million levy; and

5 WHEREAS, the City Council is interested in obtaining citizen involvement and input in
6 developing a potential package of parks, open space and recreation projects and strategies
for funding this potential package; NOW, THEREFORE,

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8 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE THAT:**

9 Section 1. The City Council hereby creates the Green Legacy Levy Citizens' Advisory
10 Committee (Committee), and hereby appoints the persons named on Attachment A to serve on
11 this committee, to propose options for a potential package of parks, open space, boulevard, trail,
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President _____ of the City Council

Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2008.

City Clerk

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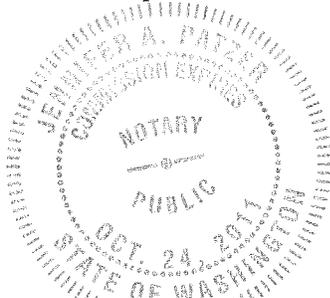
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A RESOLUTION retiring introduced Council Bills, Resolutions and Clerk Files which have received no further action.

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