

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE*

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** Note that the Summary and Fiscal Note describes the version of the bill or resolution as introduced; final legislation including amendments may not be fully described.*

1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to Seattle Parks and Recreation; authorizing The City of Seattle to enter into a Non-Government Agreement with The Baseball Club of Seattle, LLLP, for the purposes of making improvements to the Rainier Playfield; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

Summary and Background of the Legislation: This legislation authorizes Seattle Parks and Recreation to partner with the Club of Seattle, LLLP (Seattle Mariners) to accept, execute and deliver substantial improvements to two infield baseball diamonds at Rainier Playfield. The project will convert two sand silt infields to synthetic turf, make improvements to the bullpen and include other renovations to improve playability of the fields for the public. The Seattle Mariners will fully fund design and construction costs. SPR will provide in kind support to the project including planning and design review (capital project established to track staff time only).

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? x Yes No

Project Name:	Project I.D.:	Project Location:	Start Date:	End Date:	Total Project Cost Through 2028:
Rainier Playfield	PRK730300-234	Rainier Playfield	3/1/23	12/31/23	N/A

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? Yes x No

Does the legislation have other financial impacts to The City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above, including direct or indirect, short-term or long-term costs?

No, the Seattle Mariners will be responsible for the full cost to replace the infields.

Are there financial costs or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?

SPR would forego partner funding to replace the infields at Rainier Playfield estimated to be at least \$1,000,000.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a. **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**
No, the legislation does not affect any other departments.
- b. **Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**
A public hearing is not required.
- c. **Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**
No, a notice is not required.
- d. **Does this legislation affect a piece of property?** Yes, as shown in exhibit A
- e. **Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? What is the Language Access plan for any communications to the public?**
Yes, these improvements are in an unserved community.
- f. **Climate Change Implications**
1. **Emissions: Is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way?**
While the science is not clear on this issue, natural turf has the potential to sequester carbon through the development of biomass in the grass structure. However, natural turf athletic fields are sand-based and do not maintain as much organic matter as other turf. In addition, maintenance of natural turf with fossil-fuel-based equipment increases carbon emissions. In contrast, artificial turf emits some degree of carbon via production, but does not require the same level of mowing and other maintenance, and thus has a low carbon footprint. In all, we expect this conversion will be a positive benefit to carbon emissions in Seattle.
2. **Resiliency: Will the action(s) proposed by this legislation increase or decrease Seattle's resiliency (or ability to adapt) to climate change in a material way? If so, explain. If it is likely to decrease resiliency in a material way, describe what will or could be done to mitigate the effects.**
Artificial turf does not require irrigation, which will help direct diminishing water resources to other living assets. However, natural turf holds and retains water in living plants that can reduce heat islands. With the use of cork infill in artificial turf (per SPR standards), we expect to mitigate the heat island impacts of traditional products (mainly crumb rubber) that have a notable health impact on field users. Overall, we feel that there will be a neutral impact on climate resiliency with this project.
- g. **If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program's desired goal(s)?**
N/A

Summary Attachments:

Summary Exhibit A – Map of Premises

Rainier Playfield Legacy Project



*Work may include other small upgrades to facilities

