

DRAFT Seattle Parks Neighborhoods Committee Work Program
To be adopted via City Council Resolution, February 2012

SEATTLE PARKS AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE			
SALLY BAGSHAW, CHAIR			
#	Issue	Description	Chair, CS
PARKS			
Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)			
1	Admissions Tax Funded Programs	Review and evaluate Department of Parks & Recreation response to 2012 Statement of Legislative Intent 81-1-A-1, which requests a report on continued funding for arts-related programs at DPR in 2013, including funding plans for Downtown Arts in Parks and Outdoor Neighborhood Parks and a potential alternate operating proposal for the Langston Hughes Performing Arts Center.	CS
2	Athletic Field Fee Policies	Review and evaluate DPR Athletic Field Fee policies, including field reservation priorities, cost-recovery goals and all other aspects of Athletic Field fee, use and scheduling protocol. Provide direction on evaluating Field Use policy changes or IT system enhancements, if appropriate, in 2014.	CS
3	Community Center Planning	Review and monitor implementation of the 2012 Community Center Reorganization, proposed in response to the 2011 Community Center Planning and Partnerships SLI. Review impact of new Geographic Team and Tiered Service Level operational model.	CS
4	Current Use Taxation / Public Benefit Rating System	Review and take action on applications (submitted to King County under its Public Benefit Rating System (PBRs)) for current use taxation for open space property in the City of Seattle.	CS
5	Development Processes - Establishment of Standards	Convene work-group of City Council, Parks Department and City Budget Office staff to draft guidelines for City Council review of development and lease proposals for Parks Facilities. If warranted, expand work-group to include all City facilities and draft policy resolution to establish long-term guidelines.	CS
6	Environmental Learning Centers / ELCs	Review status of public and school-age programs at the City's three Environmental Learning Centers, at Carkeek Park, Discovery Park and Camp Long. Evaluate legislation for Carkeek Park ELC operator, and review impacts to ongoing ELC operations.	CS

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7	Magnuson Park	Monitor ongoing redevelopment activities at Magnuson Park and review related legislation, including sign code updates and land use legislation. Review and assess potential 2012 update to Park Redevelopment Plan.	CS
8	Miscellaneous Parks Legislation	Review miscellaneous Parks and Recreation related legislation including lease agreements, concessions, grant applications, easements, property acquisitions, operating agreements, improvements, facility expansions, etc.	CS
9	Municipal Golf	Monitor financial performance of the golf program and implementation of the capital improvement program.	CS
10	Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI) Agreement/Other Lake Union Park Agreements	Monitor MOHAI's activities under MOA.	CS
11	Parks Department Budget and Capital Improvement Program (CIP)	Review Implementation of Parks Budget and CIP quarterly reports	CS
12	Parks for All Levy Implementation	Review and act on legislation/appropriation requests for Parks for All Levy program and projects; monitor Parks Levy Oversight Committee meetings and review its recommendations; and monitor planning and implementation of Opportunity Fund.	CS
13	Parks Long-Term Funding Options SLI	In coordination with the Parks Department, the City Budget Office and the Mayor's Office, develop, review and evaluate response to 2012 Statement of Legislative Intent 83-1-A-1, which requests a report and proposal on Parks Dept service levels and stable, long-term funding sources for operations and maintenance expenses for the City's parks system.	CS

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14	Review of Parks Initiatives	Review Parks and Council staff-generated analyses on Parks programs, budget, contractor relationships and organizational structure, including: a) program-level implementation of 2012 Adopted Budget, b) Parks-Associated Recreational Council-Advisory Council relations, c) Rowing & Sailing Centers SLI, d) the proposed Lake to Bay Trail connecting Lake Union Park through Seattle Center to the Olympic Sculpture Park, e) use of volunteers at Parks programs and facilities, f) assessment of Aquatics programs and facilities, and the potential for enhanced operational partnerships, g) advisability on establishing a "Park Zone" designation in the City's Land Use Code, h) the potential to establish 2012 athletic field fees by July 1, 2011, i) continued development of neighborhood greenways and other inter-park neighborhood connections, and other topics.	CS
15	Seattle Aquarium	Review continuing issues regarding Aquarium transition to non-profit management, which occurred in July 2010, including implementation of employee transition plan, annual work plan, and annual report.	CS
16	Woodland Park Zoo	Monitor agreement between Woodland Park Zoo Society and City.	CS

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17 NEIGHBORHOODS			
18	City grant programs	Assess potential opportunities to improve efficiency of the City's grant programs operated by DON and other city agencies.	CS
19	Neighborhood Plan Updates	Monitor progress on neighborhood plan updates under development.	CS
20	Other Neighborhood Programs	Monitor neighborhood programs related the Neighborhood Matching Fund (NMF), and track the DON budget. Approve NMF grant awards.	CS
21	Review of Department of Neighborhoods	Review DON's current and historical mission, goals, outcomes, programs, services, budgets, and staffing to determine if changes to the department are warranted. Staff will also review reports and analysis produced in recent years regarding the Department.	CS
22 GENERAL SUPPORT			
23	Committee Coordinator	Coordination of committee's work program.	CS
24	Consulting	Reserve Central Staff days for unanticipated committee issues.	CS
25 EXTERNAL COMMITTEES AND BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OVERSIGHT ASSIGNMENTS			
26	Boards and Commissions - Oversight and/or Appointment Authority	Monitor and make recommendations on appointments as needed for the Board of Park Commissioners, Parks Levy Oversight Committee, Seattle Youth Commission, Zoo Board.	Chair
27	External Committees - Council Participation	Participate as a member of the following regional committees: Enterprise Seattle, King County Regional Transit Committee, King County Regional Water Quality Committee, Seattle Convention and Visitors Bureau, Trade Development Alliance.	Chair