



**Seattle Parks & Neighborhoods Committee  
Department of Neighborhoods Director's Report  
Thursday, August 2, 2012**

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**PRESENTATION OUTLINE:**

*I. "What's Happening" DON Updates: (10 minutes)*

- **Historic Preservation**

- Fort Lawton Design Guidelines Adopted by Landmarks Preservation Board
- Review of North Lot E. Block Building by Pioneer Square Preservation Board

- **Neighborhood District Coordinators (NDCs) and Public Outreach & Engagement (POE) services**

- *Personnel Update* –
  - James Bush is our new OOC NDC & POEL Services Program Manager
- NDC/POEL Collaborations with City departments:
  - 150 participants attended the Multi Culture (RSJI) Event. POELs facilitated 9 language groups and an English- speaking group was facilitated by City staff.
  - POEL and District Coordinator staff assisted with the outreach on the SCL Chinatown/ID Alternative Feeder project.
  - Neighborhood Planning Outreach is working on implementation for both Broadview-Bitter Lake-Haller Lake and Rainier Beach and preparing for the next round of neighborhood planning projects.
  - NDCs are working on NATS in the Duwamish Greenbelt, Bell Town, the ID/Little Saigon and Pioneer Square.
- NDCs have formed working committees to support the Neighborhood Projects Fund and the DON Large Projects Fund processes.

- **Neighborhood Marching Fund (NMF)**

- Small and Simple Fund Update: As of August 1, online application is open for the October 8 deadline. Applicants can begin working on their proposal.
- Large Projects Fund (LPF) Update
  - LPF applications deadline was July 16<sup>th</sup>. Currently being reviewed to determine if eligible for funding. Consists of 40+ reviews by City depts. (SDOT, Arts, SPU) Parks?
  - 17 CRT members approved by CNC to review all LPF applications
  - 50 DCRT members to review LPF applications from their district
  - 6 week LPF review process which includes:





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- CRT Process: Orientation, Tour, Open Houses, Award Meeting (approximately 30 hours of meetings and 30 hours of prep work/reading applications)
- DCRT process: LPF applicant presentations in each district with applications
  - Award recommendations anticipated by 1<sup>st</sup> week of October
  - CNC review and approval end of October
  - Mayor and Council consideration October-December
- **P-Patch/Community Gardening Program**
  - Farm stands opened at NewHolly and High Point
    - The mission is to help establish safe, healthy communities and economic opportunity through development of Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) and Farm Stand enterprises in low-income neighborhoods.
    - To address local food security issues, gardeners grow organic vegetables for two weekly farm stands during the growing season from July through September.
    - EBT card payments are accepted.
    - The gardeners are all residents of SHA housing, and are Limited English Proficient (LEP).
    - This year, we have 50 households participating in the Farm Stand program.
    - Gardeners receive a small seasonal stipend from their garden work that is based on 60% of the generated income. Remaining 40% pays for supplies such as soil amendments, seed, signage, bags, etc.

*II. 2012 DON RSJI Work Plan Mid-Year Progress Report (15 Mins)*

**Grace Dygico, Change Team Co-Lead and Pat Hairston, Change Team Co-Lead will present and lead the discussion.**

Will keep presentation to 10 minutes and leave time for questions and answers.

