



**Seattle Parks & Neighborhoods Committee
Department of Neighborhoods Director's Report
Thursday, September 6, 2012**

PRESENTATION OUTLINE:

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

- **Major Institutions & Schools**

- Virginia Mason Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Update
 - The CAC had its public hearing on both the Draft Plan and EIS at its August 22 meeting.
 - The CAC has worked through a number of issues and there seems to be agreement between the CAC and Virginia Mason on next steps.

- **Neighborhood District Coordinators (NDCs)**

- People's Academy for Community Engagement (PACE)
 - The next session is scheduled for September 27, and the graduation is scheduled for October 25th from 6:00 to 9:00pm, location is TBD.
 - Currently, the participants are working to complete a community based project that will be presented at the October 25th graduation.
- Neighborhood District Coordinator retreat
 - Scheduled for September (date and time TBD). NDCs will discuss the 2009 City Auditor report, Resolution 28115, and current work plan.
 - The goal of the retreat is to develop a common vision and develop practices for the NDCs to best serve the community.
- Neighborhood Projects Fund
 - On 8/20 DON, PARKS, and SDOT made preliminary decisions for the Neighborhood Project Fund for a total of \$1.2 million spent across 13 neighborhood districts. Recommendations have been forwarded to SDOT and Parks for final decisions.

- **Neighborhood Matching Fund (NMF)**

- Small and Simple Fund
 - The October round is now open; the deadline is October 8.
- Large Projects Fund (LPF)
 - The CRT orientation was held on August 21 and we have done half of the District Council Review Team meetings getting their input on LPF applications.





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- The CRT is scheduled to make its award recommendations on September 27; followed by CNC review and approval at the end of October.
 - In November, recommendations are sent to the Mayor for approval.
 - November 20th is the Special Parks & Neighborhoods Committee meeting for LPF Ordinance approval.
 - On Monday, December 3rd is the full Council vote on the LPF Ordinance.
- **P-Patch/Community Gardening Program**
 - American Community Gardening Association's National Conference in Seattle 8/8-11/2013
 - P-Patch Staff Julie Bryan and Rich Macdonald attended the American Community Gardening Association National conference in San Francisco; San Francisco Mayor Edwin Lee opened the conference.
 - Seattle is an admired national leader in community gardening. Other cities seek to emulate and learn from our model which provides a foundation of government support for community gardeners to work their magic.
 - Next August 8-11, 2013, the conference returns to Seattle, which last hosted in 1998.
 - Seattle Dept of Neighborhoods P-Patch Program is one of the organizing partners. The conference will be a chance to showcase our community gardening program and the city's work in urban agriculture.

II. Public Outreach & Engagement Services (POE) Overview (15 Mins)

Sebhat Tenna, Public Outreach & Engagement Advisor and James Bush, NDC/POE Services Manager will present and lead the discussion.

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

