



Date: September 13, 2013
 To: Councilmember Sally Bagshaw
 From: Christopher Williams, Acting Superintendent
 Re: Superintendent's Report, Parks and Neighborhoods Committee

Pools cost recovery data: The data below differs from the information that was provided in the Parks Legacy Plan. There was a math error in the plan. The following information is the correct data.

	Revenue	Expenditure	% Cost Recovery
OUTDOOR POOLS			
Colman Pool	140,729	165,149	85%
Mounger Pool	460,031	461,602	100%
	600,760	626,750	96%
INDOOR POOLS			
Ballard Pool	673,116	772,819	87%
Evans Pool	472,395	760,595	62%
Evers Pool	401,086	719,330	56%
Madison Pool	367,202	746,122	49%
Meadowbrook Pool	413,546	735,114	56%
Queen Anne Pool	507,035	710,215	71%
Rainier Beach Pool	-	-	
Southwest Pool	433,934	744,060	58%
	3,268,315	5,188,255	63%
TOTAL POOLS	3,869,075	5,815,006	67%

Outdoor feeding programs. Seattle Parks and Recreation participates in three outdoor feeding programs: 1) Human Services Department funded lunch programs for kids in our parks in the summertime; 2) Summer Meals for Kids Program operated by Project Darfur; and 3) the work done by the Human Services Department to organize unofficial, drop-in feeding programs.

Program Name	Department	Description
Parks Summer Food Service	Administered by: Seattle Parks and Recreation Funded by: Human Services Department	The Summer Food Service Program sites offered free lunches from noon to 1 p.m. every weekday from June 24 through August 16. These parks included: Beacon Hill Playground Beer Sheva Park Brighton Park Playground EC Hughes Playground Highland Park Judkins Park Playground Lakeridge Playground Little Brook Park Playground Maplewood Park playground Othello Park Playground Peppi's Playground Pratt Park Playground Data on the number of meals served will not be available from HSD until Sept. 20.
Summer Meals for Kids	Permitted by: Seattle Parks and Recreation Administered by: Project Darfur	This program offers lunch to up to 50 children per site per day from 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., from July 29 through August 23. Lunches were offered Monday through Friday. The sites included: Denny Park Roxhill Park Powell Barnett Park Cascade Playground Cal Anderson Park
Seattle Serves and Shares	Administered by: Human Services Department Partners: Union Gospel Mission Operation Sack Lunch Bread of Life Mission El Centro de La Raza Latino Hot Meal Program Lazarus Day Center Recovery Café ROOTS Friday Feast Millionair Club Queen Anne Food Bank at Sacred Heart Seattle Indian Center The Service Board Angelines's Center for Homeless Women	The City of Seattle, led by HSD, has a great network of meal providers to serve the un-housed and food insecure in the downtown corridor, whose goals are to provide meals in a safe and respectful way. The program works with community partners to shape the future of feeding people outdoors. The program encourages people to work within parameters set to encourage safe, healthy feeding guidelines. Operation Sack Lunch is the lead organization, and operates a feeding program under the freeway at 6 th and Cherry. We encourage volunteers to work with our partners there. We are meeting with this group to determine other options for feeding people outdoors. Here is a link to the website helps community members understand how they can contribute: http://serveseattlemealsafely.org/

Parks Legacy Plan. The Parks Legacy Citizens' Advisory Committee continues to meet. The July and August meetings included in-depth review of the Parks Legacy Plan and the Committee's development of the Assessment Criteria they will use to evaluate projects that may be included in a future funding measure. In August and September, the Committee is conducting a thorough analysis of potential funding projects (termed Investment Initiatives). At the Sept. 19 meeting, they will develop an initial priority ranking of the projects, based on the Assessment Criteria. In October, the Committee will focus on the types of funding mechanisms that could be used for future Parks funding. The meetings have been well-attended by members of the public, with public comments heard at each meeting, plus additional materials submitted in writing and distributed to the Committee. In addition, the Nov. 7 meeting will be a public hearing – an opportunity for the public to comment on the Committee's initial project prioritization.

Bell Street Park. Construction crews have begun work on the final blocks (2nd – 3rd) of the Bell Street Park project. Work has been delayed on the blocks between 3rd – 4th and 4th – 5th due to Puget Sound Energy (PSE). PSE needs to do an emergency service main replacement. This work is impacting the park construction schedule by 20 working days. Parks anticipates the park being completed by the end of the year.

Potential Seattle School Strike. Seattle Parks and Recreation, working with the City's Emergency Management Team, mobilized to potentially open Park community centers for drop-in care in the event of a Seattle Public Schools strike. We planned to open 20 community centers serving 2,220 students with the ability to surge the capacity to 3,980 students. Planning included: scheduling staff, working with HSD to provide breakfast and lunch, setting up a registration system and form, coordinating with our custodians, coordinating with the Associated Recreation Council (ARC) to help provide staffing, and creating a schedule for the community center days. Our Parks Strike Leadership Team included: Michele Finnegan, Recreation Director; Patti Petesch, Emergency Manager; Karen O'Connor, PIO; Lori Chilsholm, Out of School Time Manager.

Maple Leaf Reservoir Park and Maple Leaf Play Area Renovation. This reservoir lid park is funded by the Parks and Green Spaces Levy. Last week we created a punch list of remaining work items for the contractor. Most of the major work is complete.

Hing Hay Park Development. This is one of the final Parks and Green Spaces Levy projects. This project will renovate the existing park and develop the adjacent land (post office) acquired with 2000 Pro Parks Levy. We held interviews of four shortlisted design firms on August 14, 2013. Our selection panel consisted of two park professionals, Jeff Hou (UW Professor) and Paul Wu (Architect). The panel chose SvR + Turenscape to lead the design process. The community and design team are very excited to move forward. We anticipate having the first community meeting in late November.

Benefit Park Skate Dot. The planning for this project took place in 2011 with many youth turning out and providing suggestions for the design. Park upgrade funding allowed Conservation Corps to prepare the base and formwork for the skate area. Grindline Skateparks is currently installing the flatwork and skate features. The project will be complete by the end of September 2013.

Jefferson Park. Parks and Red Bull have agreed on a site for the Red Bull SkateSpace in the northeast corner by the new path. Sculpture artist C.J. Rench will create art that has some skateable elements. The project should be complete in November 2013.

Montlake Play Area Improvements. We awarded the construction contract to L. W. Sundstrom to renovate the play area. The Parks and Green Spaces Levy provides \$550,000 for planning, design and construction.

Bitter Lake Reservoir Adult Exercise Equipment. Parks has partnered with Seattle Park Foundation and MOMentum to install four pieces of adult exercise equipment near the recently built play area. The Conservation Corps installed the concrete panels for the pieces to sit on. Equipment will be installed in October 2013.

Illegal tree removal. At Matthew's Beach Natural Area, a swath of 15+ trees that have been removed opens up a narrow view of the lake for possibly up to two parcels. Mark Mead, Park's Urban Forester, will likely investigate and advise on next steps.

Alki Beach Park. Seal Sitters hosted a dedication of a bronze seal sculpture just north of the Alki Beach Bathhouse this Sunday, Sept. 8. "Sentinels of the Sound" is a harbor seal mom and pup in bronze, and was designed and fabricated by artist Georgia Gerber who also designed the Pike Place Market pig. This project was paid for by Neighborhood Matching Funds and community fundraising.

Queen Anne Bowl User Parking Preservation. Seattle Parks and Recreation and Aegis Senior Living Communities completed a land trade that will preserve dedicated parking for users of the heavily used Queen Anne Bowl facility. Historically, Queen Anne Bowl users have parked across the street, in a lot formerly owned by Seattle Pacific University (SPU) under agreement with Parks. SPU sold this property and property to the north of Queen Anne Bowl to Aegis Senior Living Communities and the City faced the loss of parking in a neighborhood where on-street parking is in short supply. The City lacked funding to purchase the entire parking lot; however, we were able to negotiate, with community support, a trade of property (small, little-used strip of Queen Anne Bowl property in exchange for the preservation of approximately 10 of 34 parking spaces across the street). The remainder of Aegis' property is slated to be sold for redevelopment.

Family Fun Week at Westlake Park. Seattle Parks and Recreation, the Downtown Seattle Association and the Metropolitan Improvement District teamed up for a weeklong celebration at Westlake Park. Beginning on Sunday, Aug. 11, and continuing through Saturday, Aug. 17, there were outdoor concerts, bouncy houses, kids entertainment, face painting and much more. The park was activated every day from either 11 a.m. or noon until the early evening.

Washington Park Arboretum – Waterfront Trail. Seattle Parks is developing an MOA with WSDOT identifying the design, permitting and construction costs for repair and maintenance of portions of the Waterfront Trail from the existing MOHAI parking lot to the western edge of Foster Island that require repair or maintenance due to existing conditions. Per the agreement, funding is not to exceed \$475,000, and will be transferred from WSDOT to Parks for the purpose of implementing this project. Parks is currently seeking grant funding to further augment the budget.

Summer Science Academy. The 2013 Summer Science Academy funded through the Family and Education Levy is a partnership in environmental education with World School, Seattle Parks and Recreation, Vietnamese Friendship Association and Refugee Women's Alliance. Parks staff create multidisciplinary curriculum based on the habitats and communities found throughout Seattle. During the summer, school teachers develop lesson plans based on the different habitats the students explore each week. Classroom work is designed to enhance and build upon the concepts explored in the field.

The field experiences in a variety of habitats are led by Seattle Volunteer Naturalists who engage the students in hands on learning. This summer 115 students speaking 17 languages and accompanied by 45 adults explored Me Kwa Mooks Beach Intertidal Community, Capitol Hill Human Urban Community, Seward Park Forest Community, Magnuson Park Wetland Community and Stewardship – Discovery Park Forest Community.

Specialized Adult Programs. July 27 was our regional Special Olympics tournament for softball and golf. Seventy-two people participated in the softball regional, which was held in Issaquah. Two teams and one individual skills participant qualified for the State Tournament. Four golfers also qualified for the State Tournament.

Magnuson Headwaters Pond project. The “headwaters” is the beginning of the entire wetland system at Magnuson Park, and is located northwest of the intersection of 65th Avenue and Sportsfield Drive, a major entry into the park. This project will create approximately one and a half acres of new wetlands by conveying water off the roadways into a bio-filtration swale, through a series of ponds, and through a culvert recently installed under the road to the “linked marshes.” The main construction will occur over the summer of 2013 by in-house crews.

Seafair Hydro Races. Attendance was approximately 115,000, despite sunny weather. There were no Blue Angels this year. Staff worked to resolve multiple restroom issues, and keeping toilet paper filled was a constant need.

Hubbard Homestead Park. The new skate park construction has begun at Hubbard Homestead Park and crews replanted several hundred plants that needed to be moved in the construction area.

Outdoor Play at Dr. Blanche Lavizzo Park. For a third year the Hello Earth production company has presented a community theater version of a Star Trek episode at the Lavizzo Park amphitheater. This year’s play was the “Devil in the Dark” episode from the original Star Trek series in 1967. The play tells the story of a mining colony on a distant planet being beset by troubles after opening a new layer in the mine. The play ran for four shows with capacity crowds at each; the amphitheater seats about 200 people at a time. Using very creative props and an open casting regarding roles – where any one of any sex or gender could try out for any character – Hello Earth created an engaging and successful experience. They are thrilled at partnering with the Parks Commons Program to be able to present the play at Lavizzo Park. Parks is thrilled to have the amphitheater at this park being used for Community Theater. Hello Earth plans to return next summer with a new episode.

Potential Levy acquisitions along Beach Drive SW. Staff have conducted a search of waterfront properties along Beach Drive to ascertain if there is the possibility of acquiring a property which would allow public access to the beach and water. A map which lists land values and improvement values of properties along Beach Drive has been produced. This will be evaluated for the most likely properties to consider. This was a result of a request from Councilman Rasmussen.

September	
Pacific Connections New Zealand Garden dedication Donor event (13) Public event (15)	Fri. 13 & Sun. 15
Rainier Beach Community Center and Pool Opening	Sun. 22

October	
Rainier Beach Community Center and Pool Grand Opening	TBD
Building 30 Celebration	Fri. 11