

Seattle Children's PlayGarden Lease Agreement Amendment

City Council Civic Development, Public Assets and Native Communities Committee

September 18, 2019

Seattle Parks and Recreation

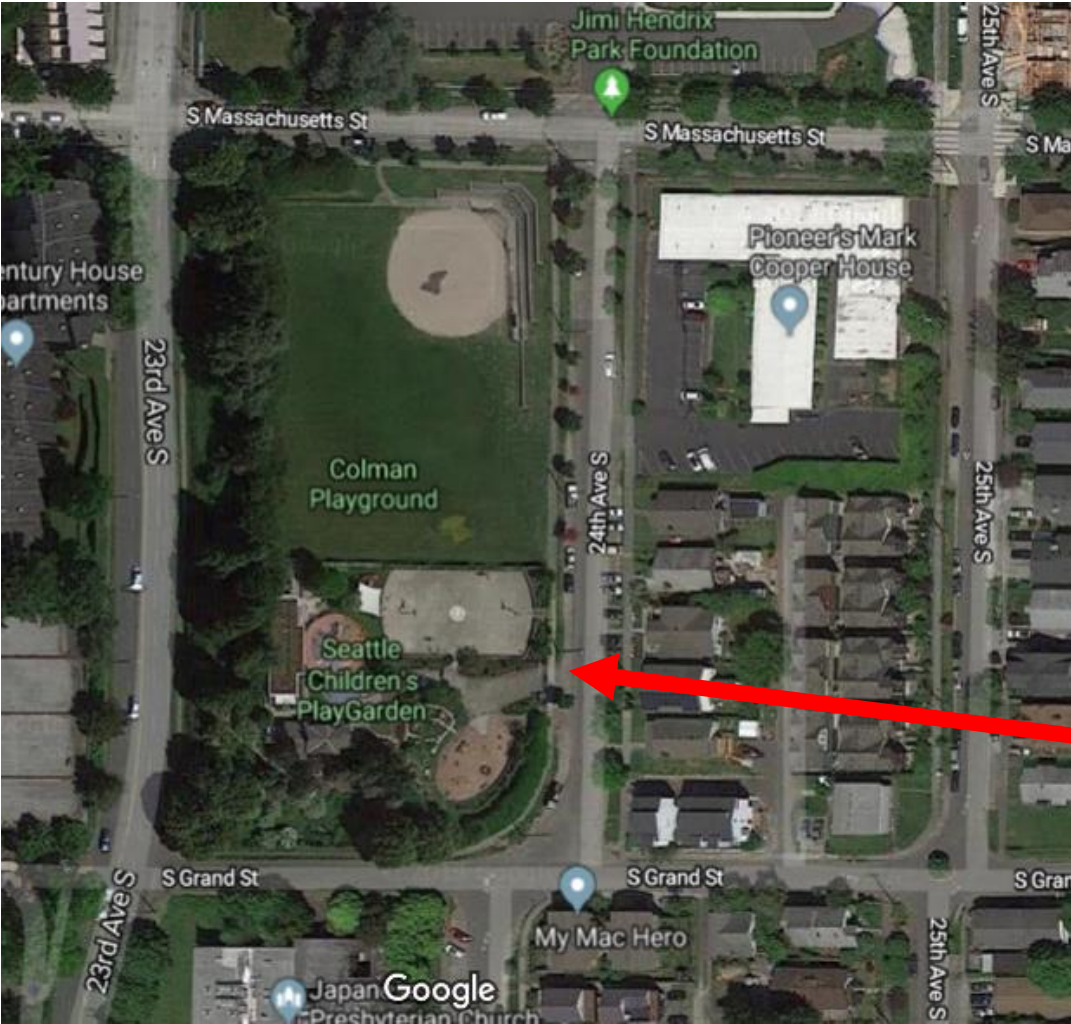


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The proposed ordinance authorizes Seattle Parks and Recreation to amend the existing lease with Seattle Children's PlayGarden adding an additional extended term of five years.

Seattle Children's PlayGarden Location: 1745 24th Ave. S



(Not to scale)

PlayGarden Background

- PlayGarden was founded in 2002 on the core principles of inclusion, adventure play and the “garden to table” experience that nourishes body and mind.
- Its mission is to provide children of all abilities a safe, accessible, and adventurous place to play.
- More than 7,000 people visit the park each year.



PlayGarden's Lease History

- 2006: the City and Seattle Children's PlayGarden executed a 10-year lease agreement with two five-year renewals.
- 2016: the original lease expired, and the first of two five-year extensions was activated (ending in 2021). The second five-year extension would end in 2026.
- 2019: proposed lease updates:
 - Amend existing agreement to add a third extension term of five years (ending in 2031)*
 - No changes to main terms and conditions
 - Establish a framework for annual reporting of public benefits

*Washington state grant funding requires a lease termination date 10 years from 2019.



PlayGarden Public Benefits

Since the beginning of its lease with the City the PlayGarden has provided public benefits including:

- Providing public access and maintenance to the one-acre site that includes a garden, orchard, ball court, playground, farm, musical play and a tree fort.
- Providing programming that includes a preschool (75 youth) and summer camps (20+ youth per week). Seattle Children's PlayGarden provides approximately \$50,000 in scholarships annually.
- Conducting ongoing community outreach and hosting volunteer service events to maintain the space.
- Raising funds for capital improvements and construction projects to improve the site.



Pathway for Play Project

Project Features

- Front gate signage
- Entry art elements
- Self-latching gates
- An informational kiosk
- Ground-level pathway lighting
- Interactive play features

Construction Timeline

Fall – Winter 2019

Grand Opening: Winter 2019

Project Budget: \$420,172

Funding Secured:

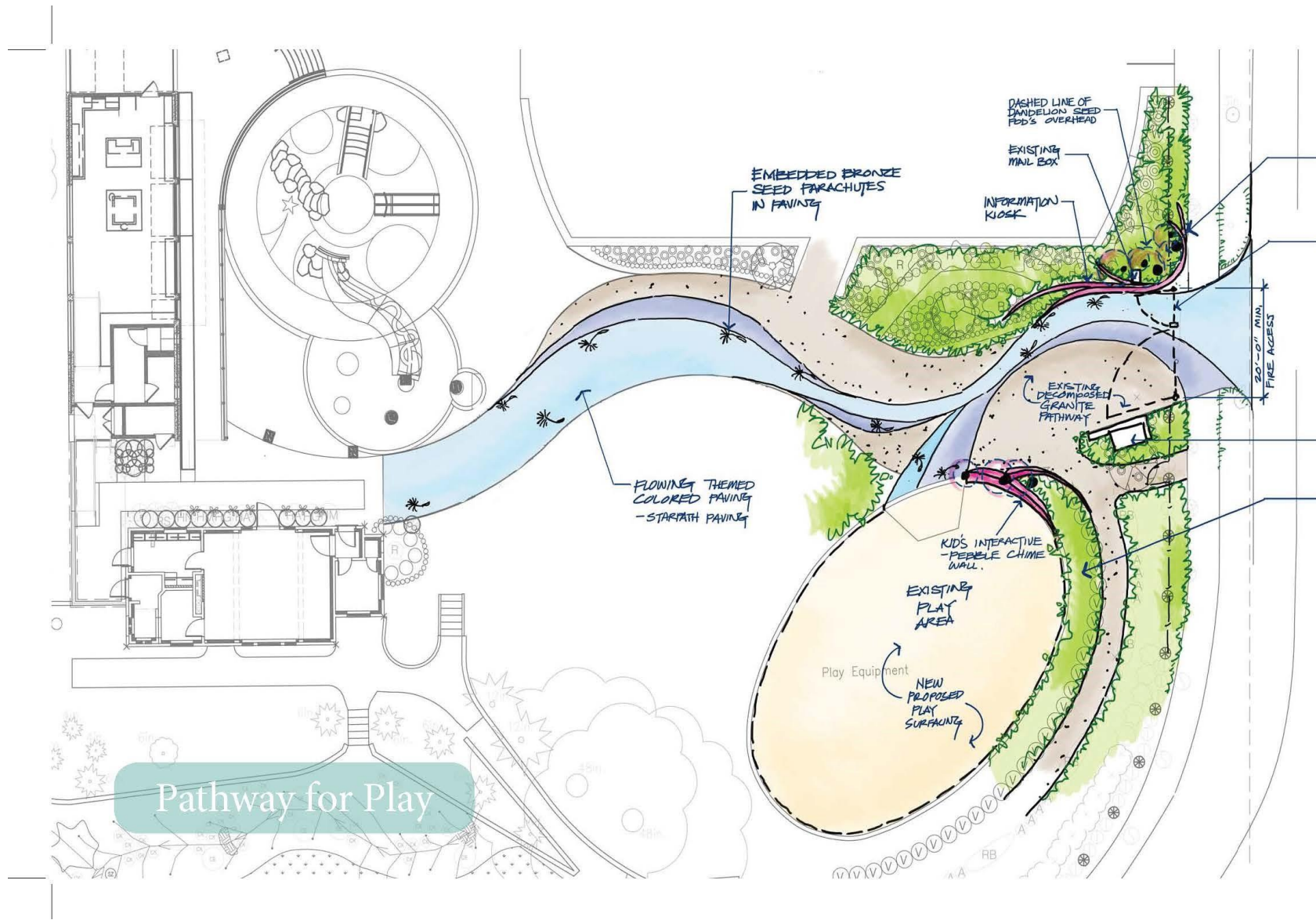
WA State grant: \$305,550

King County grant: \$35,000

Private foundations: \$89,375

Private donations: \$17,681

Total funding available: \$447,606



Pathway for Play

Thank You!

