

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE*

Department:	Contact Person/Phone:	Executive Contact/Phone:
Parks and Recreation	Chip Nevins/233-3879	Michael McVicker/727-8516

** Note that the Summary and Fiscal Note describes the version of the bill or resolution as introduced; final legislation including amendments may not be fully described.*

1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to the Department of Parks and Recreation; authorizing the acquisition of real property commonly known as 4451 33rd Avenue W; authorizing acceptance and recording of the deed for open space, park, and recreation purposes; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

Summary and background of the Legislation: This proposed legislation authorizes the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to acquire the property located at 4451 33rd Avenue West by negotiation. The legislation also allows for the acceptance of the deed to the subject property for open space, park, and recreation purposes.

On August 5, 2014, Seattle voters approved the formation of the Seattle Park District, for the purpose of providing stable funding for operations, maintenance, development and acquisition of parks and recreation facilities and programs.

The Seattle Park District provides funding to acquire park lands, including acquisition of properties to fill gaps in existing public ownership and preserve continuity within the City's greenspaces. The proposed Council Bill authorizes DPR to acquire a 4,400 square-foot property located within Kiwanis Ravine Natural Area. The subject property is vacant.

In 1956 the Kiwanis Club of Seattle offered to donate "a very scenic natural glen" located just to the east of Fort Lawton to the Seattle Parks Department. This area was acquired for the benefit of the children in the area and they thought it would be better if it was owned and managed by the Parks Department. Over the years the City has added to this original gift and now owns and manages 16.5 acres. The ravine is home to the largest Blue Heron rookery in the City. The City has been trying to buy this property since the mid 1990's, but the original owner was unwilling to sell. The current owners are moving and contacted the City to see if we were still interested.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

 This legislation creates, funds, or amends a CIP Project.

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

X This legislation does not have direct financial implications.

Appropriations Notes: Funding from the Park Acquisition and Leverage Fund (Investment Initiative 4.1) of the Seattle Park District will pay for this acquisition. The current budget for this

project is \$185,000. The purchase price is \$158,000, with an additional budget of \$27,000 for staff time, title insurance and closing costs, and environmental testing. The acquisition is scheduled to close January 13, 2017. The funding for this acquisition was appropriated by Ordinance 124927.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a) **Does the legislation have indirect or long-term financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above?**

No

- b) **Is there financial cost or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?**

If this property is not acquired, there will be a new house within the boundaries of the Kiwanis Ravine Natural Area which will affect the Heron habitat and the City will lose the ability to purchase this property.

- c) **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**

No.

- d) **Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**

No.

- e) **Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?**

No.

- f) **Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**

No.

- g) **Does this legislation affect a piece of property?** Yes.

- h) **Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities?**

N/A

- i) **If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the long-term and measurable goals of the program? Please describe how this legislation would help achieve the program's desired goals.**

N/A

- j) **Other Issues:** None

List attachments/exhibits below:

Summary Attachment A – Map of Kiwanis Ravine Acquisition