

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE*

Department:	Dept. Contact/Phone:	CBO Contact/Phone:
Seattle Parks and Recreation	Paula Hoff/615-0368	Anna Hurst/733-9317

** 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 authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to enter into an agreement with Seattle Academy of Arts and Sciences to renovate the South Park Community Center site and develop an ongoing relationship in the South Park community consistent with the Terms of Agreement in Attachment 1.

Summary and background of the Legislation: This legislation authorizes the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to enter into an agreement with Seattle Academy so it can begin fund raising \$4 million for the South Park Campus Playfield, consistent with the terms laid out in the Terms of Agreement: South Park Campus Field Project (Attachment 1 to the ordinance).

The terms of the agreement are consistent with existing DPR policies that allow the department to establish scheduling priorities specific to a particular site in return for major facility improvements or other considerations of benefit to the public.

DPR engaged with South Park residents using a targeted approach to ensure access to historically underrepresented community members. Outreach was done at the South Park Community Center Late Night Teen Program, Summer Day Camp, the playground and wading pool, evening family events, as well as several special events throughout the South Park neighborhood. DPR was able to reach over 500 South Park residents and receive feedback on what they wanted to see in the South Park Community Center site design.

DPR will move forward the site plan design, finalized in Spring 2018 (Attachment A), to install and relocate a play area, install a spray park, mitigate health impacts through landscaping, create a full-size multi-sport synthetic turf field with a circular walking trail, an outdoor fitness zone, LED lighting, ADA accessibility and a renovated parking lot.

The conceptual level cost estimate for the project is approximately \$9.8 million, which will be funded by City and private resources. DPR, along with the South Park community, has worked to secure state and county grants and donations (\$1.2 million pending), and funding from the Seattle Park District Major Projects Challenge Fund (\$2 million). This funding, combined with additional capital investments from the Seattle Park District (\$800,000) and Real Estate Excise Tax (\$1.8 million), and the \$4 million donation from Seattle Academy for the athletic field and lighting, will enable us to move forward on the South Park Community Center Sitewide Design.

DPR and Seattle Academy have been working over the last year to develop a partnership that provides the funding needed for a synthetic turf field with lights for the South Park Community Center campus. This on-going community partnership establishes recreation space for South Park residents while allocating designated time in the fall and spring sports season for Seattle Academy students. DPR has committed to leaving the new field out of the field scheduling system for up to 5 years, to provide drop-in use hours and enable the community to work with partners to develop additional outdoor recreational opportunities for local youth. Additionally, Seattle Academy has committed to provide at least 25 hours annually of programming in the South Park community (to be identified in collaboration with South Park CC, local schools and nonprofit organizations) that fills a gap in the community offerings and facilitates an on-going relationship between SAAS and South Park residents.

The design firm SvR/MIG is working with DPR to finalize the design of the South Park Playfield and prepare a schematic design/design development plan. This will include engaging the public, completing the Racial Equity Toolkit in accordance with the City's Race and Social Justice Initiative, refining cost estimates, presenting to DPR Project Design Review Committee, planting selection, permitting and other require site studies. DPR hopes to begin construction by the end of 2020.

This ordinance enables Seattle Academy to kick off its fundraising campaign with an assurance that the project is moving forward. This funding will enable DPR to complete the South Park Playfield site design.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? Yes No

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? Yes No

Does the legislation have other financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above, including direct or indirect, short-term or long-term costs?

DPR will incur new maintenance costs when the project is complete and may request General Fund support in a future budget process consistent with annual requests for new facility costs.

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

The project is dependent on the \$4 million financial contribution from Seattle Academy.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a. **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**
No.
- b. **Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**
No.
- c. **Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?**
No.
- d. **Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**
No.
- e. **Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**
Yes, as shown in Summary Attachment A: Site Plan
- f. **Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities?**
Yes. The South Park community is a vulnerable and historically disadvantaged community without access to quality parks and open space. This project will bring them a safer, more accessible place for people to recreate and enjoy the outdoors. We are currently working to finalize the design of the South Park Community Center site plan and prepare a schematic design/design development plan. This will include engaging the public and completing the Racial Equity Toolkit in accordance with the City's Race and Social Justice Initiative.
- g. **If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program's desired goal(s).**
N/A

List attachments/exhibits below:
Summary Attachment A – Site Design