

**SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE\***

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**1. BILL SUMMARY**

**Legislation Title:** AN ORDINANCE relating to Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR); authorizing the acquisition of real property commonly known as 3638 34th Avenue South; authorizing acceptance of a recording of the deed for open space, park, and recreation purposes; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

**Summary and background of the Legislation:** SPR has assembled and land-banked almost an acre of property in the North Rainier Hub Urban Village since 2011, to meet the goal of providing a large park to a growing community experiencing service gaps. These gaps are defined as 1) insufficient parks within a 5- to 10-minute walking distance and, more importantly, 2) insufficient parks in an area experiencing among the highest occurrence levels in the city of obesity, diabetes, and lack of physical activity, based on socio-economic data correlated with health data. This park site is nestled within a series of affordable family and senior multi-family housing projects developed over several years by Southeast Effective Development, whose focus is to improve the quality of life in Southeast Seattle by creating partnerships and inspiring investments in housing, arts, and economic development – with a special focus on residents with fewer opportunities and resources.

Currently, there is a privately-owned parcel between the park and a multi-family senior housing project on the north end of the block. Community members participating in SPR’s public design process suggested the City consider acquiring this site to improve the size and utility of the park and to create a transition between the park and the senior housing to the north that would facilitate access to the park. Currently occupied by a vacant warehouse, this parcel was recently placed under contract to a townhouse developer. The developer is willing to sell the property to the City – and even demolish the existing obsolete building and export some contaminated soil in order to deliver a vacant site to SPR. If not purchased now, the park will lose the ability to create an important connection and add park elements that could help reverse the urban village’s negative health statistics.

**2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project?**      \_\_\_ Yes X No

### 3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

**Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget?**                                    Yes   X   No

The subject property will be acquired with existing appropriation from the Park Fund 10200 backed by future CFT grant revenues..

**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?**

SPR will incur increased operating costs for maintenance of the property after it is developed.

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

The property owner is willing to sell the property to the City at this time and, in doing so, is foregoing his development plans for the property. If the City does not acquire it at this time, the owner will continue with planned development.

### 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. **Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**  
No.
- d. **Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**  
Yes, see Summary Exhibit A – Site Map
- e. **Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? What is the Language Access plan for any communications to the public?**  
This legislation will enlarge a park site that will benefit an underserved community.
- f. **Climate Change Implications**
- 1. Emissions: Is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way?**  
This acquisition is likely to decrease carbon emissions at this site in that impervious surface will be removed after the existing vacant, obsolete warehouse is removed and the site is redeveloped for park use. The open space will help sequester carbon, and reduce heat island effects.

- 2. Resiliency: Will the action(s) proposed by this legislation increase or decrease Seattle’s resiliency (or ability to adapt) to climate change in a material way? If so, explain. If it is likely to decrease resiliency in a material way, describe what will or could be done to mitigate the effects.**

The City will work with community on site planning and conceptual design for the potential expansion of the North Rainier land-banked site in ways that advance their priorities for multi-generational recreation uses of the site that advance health equity.

- 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)?**

Not applicable.

**List attachments/exhibits below:**

Summary Exhibit A – Site Map