

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE*

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** 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 Seattle Parks and Recreation to enter into an agreement with Seattle Preparatory School to replace the Montlake Playfield and continue an ongoing relationship in the Montlake community consistent with the Non-Government Agreement in Attachment 1 to this ordinance.

Summary and background of the Legislation:

The proposed legislation authorizes the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation to enter into a 12-year Agreement with Seattle Prep. Under the terms of the Agreement, Seattle Prep will undertake the replacement project at its own expense. Seattle Prep will pay and be responsible for all costs related to the planning, design and construction of the new athletic field.

In 2011, SPR entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOA) with Seattle Prep to install synthetic turf on the natural grass field at Montlake Playfield at its own cost. The MOA also required Seattle Prep continue to pay field fees at its historical rate.

The proposed agreement allows for Seattle Prep to continue its use of the playfield during the indicated times and dates outlined in the new Non-Government Agreement. The priority access dates and times may be changed by mutual agreement of the Parties.

The terms of the agreement are consistent with existing SPR 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.

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?

This legislation will allow for future replacement funds to be moved to other priority field replacement projects. Seattle Prep will be responsible for the full cost to replace Montlake Playfield.

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

SPR would forego at least \$850,000 in the cost to replace the Montlake Playfield which is up for replacement in the next three years.

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, please see Exhibit A to this Summary and Fiscal Note.

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?

Allowing Seattle Prep to replace the Montlake Playfield will enable SPR to use athletic field replacement funding for fields in underserved communities. As outlined in the Non-Government Agreement and part of the Terms of Agreement, Seattle Prep will provide a minimum of 50 hours of public service a year with the goal of helping to fill gaps in community offerings and facilitate relationships with the Montlake community and/or children (non-Prep) from marginalized and underserved populations. Programming could include the following: Creation of lacrosse programs for middle school-aged children from low-income families; partnering with Montlake Community Center to provide tutoring services by Seattle Prep students for children from low-income, marginalized backgrounds; assisting Northwest Child, a program dedicated to supporting members of the disability community and providing recreation opportunities for its students.

f. Climate Change Implications

1. Emissions: Is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way?

While the science is not clear on this issue, natural turf has the potential to sequester carbon through the development of biomass in the grass structure. However, natural turf athletic fields are sand-based and do not maintain as much organic matter as other turf. In addition, maintenance of natural turf with fossil-fuel-based equipment increases carbon

emissions. In contrast, artificial turf emits some degree of carbon via production, but does not require the same level of mowing and other maintenance, and thus has a low carbon footprint. In all, we expect this conversion will be a positive benefit to carbon emissions in Seattle.

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.

Artificial turf does not require irrigation, which will help direct diminishing water resources to other living assets. However, natural turf holds and retains water in living plants that can reduce heat islands. With the use of cork infill in artificial turf (per SPR standards), we expect to mitigate the heat island impacts of traditional products (mainly crumb rubber) that have a notable health impact on field users. Overall, we feel that there will be a neutral impact on climate resiliency with this project.

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)?

This answer should highlight measurable outputs and outcomes.

N/A

List attachments/exhibits below:

Summary Exhibit A – Site Premises Map