SPU Former Henderson Street Pumping Station Disposition ORD

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Transportation and Utilities Committee

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Purpose and Agenda

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• City Council consideration of Council Bill 120611, which authorizes SPU to sell a parcel of real property to Seattle Public Schools.

Agenda:

- Description of SPU-owned excess property.
- FAS disposition process and alternatives analyzed.
- Seattle Public Schools' Rainier Beach HS redevelopment project.

Property Background

- First acquired property in 1919 to construct the Henderson Street Pumping Station, which was completed in 1937.
- Pumping station was decommissioned in the 1970's.
- Address: 8817 Seward Park Ave S.
- Zoned LR3 (M) which allows for a low-rise residential development.
- Appraised value of \$1.25 million.



Workers on Henderson Street trunk sewer, 1937
Source: Seattle Municipal Archives

SPU Property Proximity to Rainier Beach HS

Rainier Beach HS

Site: 936,540 SF (21.5 acres)

SPU Property

Site: 10,000 SF (0.23 acres)



FAS Disposition Process

- Resolution 31837- Disposition Procedures
- Outreach:
 - FAS worked with DON SE Engagement Coordinator to notify 12 key Rainier Beach community organization with materials translated into seven different languages commonly spoken by the community.
 - FAS worked with Seattle Public Schools to post a physical sign on the property with information on the potential property sale.

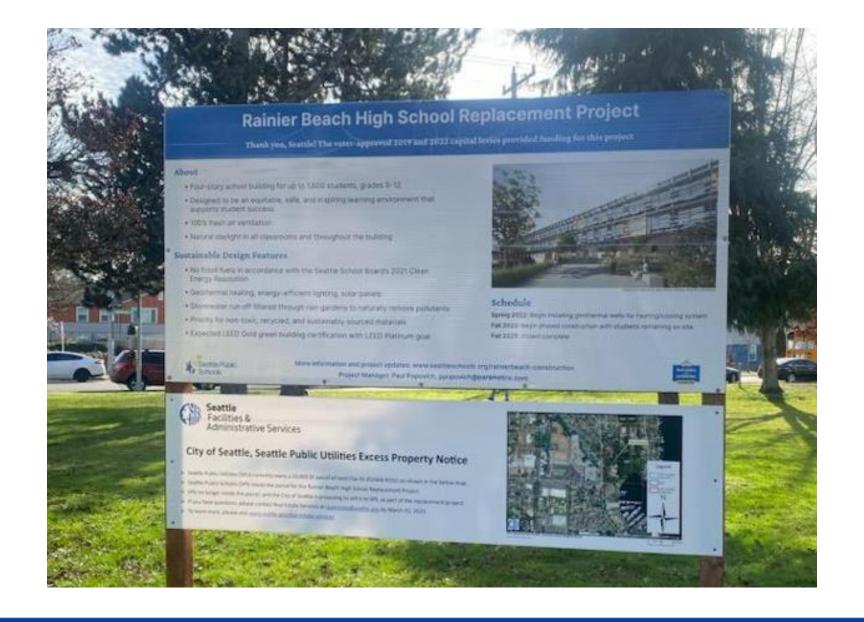














FAS Disposition Process



- As part of the Disposition Procedures, the Office of Housing reviewed the property for affordable housing development.
- Conclusion: Not a good candidate site.
 - Proximity to the High School: surrounded by campus and parking.
 - Size of property and zoning: limited number of units.
 - Capacity to achieve other policy priorities: redevelopment of the Rainier Beach High School campus.



Sale Terms



- Fair Market Value: \$1.25 million as appraised.
 - Funds to the Drainage and Wastewater Fund (44010)
- Sale must close on or before October 2, 2023.
- Contingent Purchase and Sale Agreement.
 - Seattle Public Schools Board (Approved June 7, 2023)
 - Seattle City Council (Approval pending passage of this Ordinance)

Rainier Beach High School Rebuild

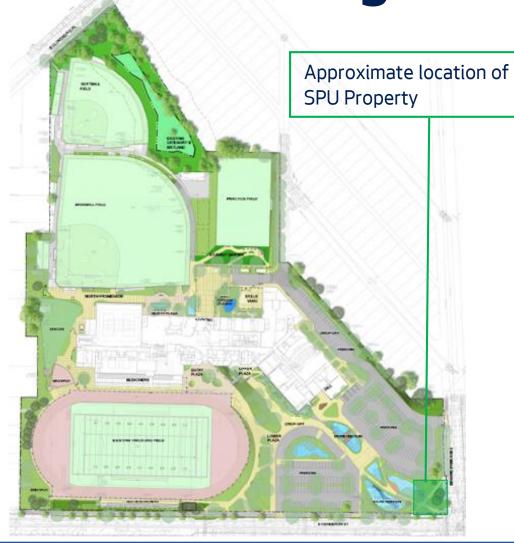
- Seattle Public Schools: ~\$276 million project
 - Funding from two SPS voter-approved levies
 - Seattle Times Article (4/2023):

New High School Could be a Crown Jewel for Rainier Beach

 SPS has collaborated with SPU as the partner agency, to solicit purchasing of the property. This purchase is reflected in the design.



Rainier Beach High School: Future Design







Questions?



Future Design Rainier Beach HS Rendering
Source: Seattle Public Schools

