

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 relating to the Department of Parks and Recreation; authorizing the acceptance of a donation of real property in Seattle from the Madison Valley Park Foundation for open space, park, and recreation purposes.

Summary and background of the Legislation: This proposed legislation authorizes the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to acquire, by donation, the property located at 2701 East Harrison Street. The legislation also allows for the acceptance of the deed to the subject property for open space, park, and recreation purposes.

Julia Lee Park was established on the southwest corner of East Harrison and Martin Luther King Jr. Way in 1993 as a memorial to Julia Lee Roderick Knudsen, by her husband C. Calvert Knudsen. The park holds an Italianate garden with handsome wooden benches and has become a green and peaceful meeting place for Madison Valley residents of all ages. The Knudsen family would like to donate the property to the City with the condition that it maintain its name and current character. Any changes to the park will be consistent with the architectural and landscape design of Julia Lee Park including the prominent trees, open plaza, and arboretum character of the park.

The park will also provide us with a unique opportunity to recognize the Perugia sister-city relationship. This relationship will help foster new park stewards to help maintain the spectacular gardens and wonderful gathering space for Madison Valley residents of all ages. Any Perugia sister-city recognition in the plaza area will be of a size, scale, and design that reflects the current design of the park. Final approval will be given by DPR, in consultation with Julia Lee's family.

Shrub removal and replacement, requested by DPR and agreed to by the Knudsen family will take place in the fall of 2016, to give new plants the best chance for survival. Replacement plants will be of the same character and density of the removed plants, taking into consideration cost, sustainable upkeep and maintenance.

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.**

Although this legislation does not appropriate any funds, additional general fund appropriation will be needed to provide maintenance at this park when the donation is accepted. The annual amount in 2016 dollars is estimated at \$27,000 per year and will be requested during the upcoming budget process.

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?**

Yes. Although Julia Lee Park would come to the City at no cost, there will be ongoing maintenance costs.

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

We would lose an opportunity to add a valuable piece of park space to the City of Seattle's Parks and Recreation system. This will not only preserve a valuable piece of green space in a very dense neighborhood, but also provide an opportunity to recognize our sister-city relationship with Perugia, Italy and create a built-in constituency to help steward this unique park.

- 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?**

This will provide an additional public park space for a diverse community in the Madison Valley.

- 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:

Attachment A: Map of Julia Lee Park