

May 29, 2019

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Housing, Health, Energy, and Workers' Rights Committee
From: Traci Ratzliff and Ketil Freeman, Council Central Staff
Subject: Legislation related to the Fort Lawton Redevelopment

On Thursday, June 6, the Housing, Health, Energy, and Workers' Rights (HHEWR) Committee will discuss and may act on three pieces of legislation (described below) related to the Fort Lawton Redevelopment Plan. The HHEWR Committee discussed the proposed legislation on April 18, May 2, and May 16. The committee held a public hearing on May 21 on the proposed rezone legislation and proposed Fort Lawton Redevelopment Plan.

- [Resolution 31887](#) would adopt and approve an application for surplus federal property at Fort Lawton, including a redevelopment plan.
- [Council Bill 119510](#) would approve a legislative rezone of portions of the Fort Lawton site from Single-family 7,200 (SF 7,200) to Lowrise 2 Multifamily with an M1 mandatory housing affordability suffix (LR2 (M1)) to allow for development of multifamily housing.
- [Council Bill 119535](#) would authorize a Memorandum of Agreement between the City and the Seattle School District (SSD) regarding development of multi-purpose athletic fields at Fort Lawton.

One amendment will be proposed to the Fort Lawton Redevelopment Plan (see Attachment 1). The amendment commits Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) to reducing the size of the parking area for the Parks Maintenance Building facility at Fort Lawton by approximately 30 percent and convert that percentage to open space. SPR will work with community members to develop a plan for the open space, thereby addressing a community concern to increase the size of the open space at Fort Lawton. SPR is comfortable with the proposed amendment.

Following consideration of the amendment, the Committee may choose to act on the package of legislation related to the Fort Lawton Redevelopment Plan as described above.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

Attachments:

1. Proposed Amendment to Attachment 1 to Resolution 31887

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Attachment 1

Proposed Amendment to Attachment 1 to Resolution 31887 - Fort Lawton Redevelopment Plan
(Sponsor: Councilmember Mosqueda)

5.2.4. Parks Maintenance Building

Existing OMS-Building 245 and the associated surface parking area and driveways in the north part of the Fort Lawton site will be retained under the redevelopment plan. These facilities will be used for maintenance purposes by SPR. No new infrastructure will be required for the building. Access to the maintenance building parking area will be available from a driveway off of Texas Way.

SPR ~~analyzed~~ will analyze the feasibility of reducing the parking area for the maintenance building and converting this to open space. Based on usage requirements at other similar facilities, SPR determined that it can reduce the parking area by approximately 30 percent. The intent is to convert the northern portion of the parking lot to open space (approximately 100 feet), but the exact configuration will be determined by circulation and drainage constraints. SPR will consult with community partners regarding development of open space at this location.

Effect of Amendment: SPR will reduce the parking area for the Parks Maintenance Building by 30 percent and convert this area to open space. SPR will work with community partners in developing this open space.