

Seattle Parks and Recreation

2021 Proposed Budget Overview

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2020 OVERVIEW AND PENDING LEGISLATION

➤ 2020

- **COVID-19 Response - Focus on Mission Essential Functions**
 - Community showers and shelters
 - Childcare for those furthest from educational justice and teen hub support
 - Enhanced cleaning of facilities and restrooms
 - Focus on keeping parks open while supporting public health and safety
 - Virtual programming aimed at those most isolated
- **Financial Impacts**
 - August Ordinance related to General Fund impacts – passed
 - Q3 Supplemental related to Park Fund Impacts – pending
 - Approach – Capture savings and mitigate with flexible Park District resources

2020 Q3: PARK FUND REBALANCING

Estimated Park Fund Revenue Shortfall

\$19.2M

\$3.3M One Time Park Fund Expenditure Savings

(\$3.3M)
Vacancies, temp labor, other non labor

Less \$2M CARES and \$7M General Fund to Offset Park Fund

(\$2M) CARES To Support SDA Program

(\$7M) General Fund Support

Less \$6.9M MPD Savings to Offset Park Fund

Major Maintenance: (\$2.5M)

Smith Cove Phase 1: (\$2.8M)

Savings our Forests: (\$287K)

Maintain and Activate Waterfront Park: (\$310K)

Art in the Park: (\$311K)

Urban Park Partnerships: (\$133K)

Community Grant Programs: (\$275K)

Better Programs for Young People: (\$253K)

2021 OVERVIEW

➤ 2021 Budget and COVID-19

○ COVID-19 Response

- Remain responsive in provision of Mission Essential Functions
- Prioritize using an equity lens
- Retain highly skilled workforce

○ Financial Impacts

- **Ongoing Changes:** General Fund and REET reductions
 - Approach – Capture savings and mitigate with flexible Park District resources
- **One-Time Changes:** Park Fund revenue loss
 - Approach – Capture one-time savings and mitigate with flexible Park District resources

BEING ANTI-RACIST AND EQUITY CENTERED

- **2021 COVID-19 Planning**
 - Retain resources to respond to vulnerable communities
- **Equity and Community Centers**
 - Offer Alternative programming (Outdoor Programming/Activation)
- **Equity and Pools**
 - Mitigate closures
- **Equity and Capital Planning**
 - Prioritize diminished resources

BUDGET SUMMARY (\$000s)

	2020 Adopted	2020 Revised		2021 Proposed	
General Fund Appropriation	\$105,556	\$98,367		\$97,263	
Change from 2020 Adopted		\$(7,189)	(7%)	\$(8,293)	(8%)
Change from 2020 Revised				\$(1,104)	(1%)
Other Appropriation (REET, Park Fund, Park District, Etc.)	\$156,381	\$298,977		\$130,806	
Change from 2020 Adopted		\$142,596	91%	\$(25,575)	(16%)
Change from 2020 Revised				\$(168,171)	(56%)
Full-time Equivalents (FTEs)	939.68	939.68		938.68	
Change from 2020 Adopted		0	0%	(1.0)	(0.1%)
Change from 2020 Revised				(1.0)	(0.1%)

ADDS, REDUCTIONS & COST SAVING MEASURES (\$000s) – OPERATING BUDGET

HIGHLIGHTS

#	Program	Fund	Appropriation Change		FTE Change	Council Priority
			(from 2020 Adopted)			
1	Park Maintenance Division Efficiencies	General Fund	\$ 34,402	\$ (250)	0	N/A
<p>This item makes an ongoing reduction to SPR's General Fund contribution by reducing the department's budget by 1-2% across non-labor accounts within the Park Maintenance Division. Service level impacts are not expected.</p>						
2	Facilities Maintenance Division Efficiencies	General Fund	\$ 13,993	\$ (250)	0	N/A
<p>This item makes an ongoing reduction to SPR's General Fund contribution by reducing the department's budget by 1-2% across non-labor accounts within the Facility Maintenance Division (\$100,000) and reducing the division's budget for temporary labor (\$150,000). SPR will mitigate the loss of temporary labor by using Seattle Conservation Corps members to support skilled craft work as available.</p>						
3	Capital Labor Budget Realignment	General Fund	\$ 2,576	\$ (408)	0	N/A
<p>This change reduces SPR's ongoing General Fund contribution to better align the budget for four positions to where the work is occurring. These positions were previously funded by the General Fund but will now instead be charged to projects in SPR's Capital Improvement Program.</p>						
4	Leadership and Administration Non-Labor Efficiencies	General Fund	\$ 839	\$ (143)	0	N/A
<p>This item makes an ongoing reduction to SPR's General Fund contribution by reducing the department's non-labor budget in the Finance Division. (Excludes Central Costs)</p>						

ADDS, REDUCTIONS & COST SAVING MEASURES (\$000s) – OPERATING BUDGET

HIGHLIGHTS

#	Program	Fund	Appropriation Change (from 2020 Adopted)		FTE Change	Council Priority
5	Alki Community Center as Childcare	General Fund	\$ 100	\$ (100)	0	N/A
	Alki Community Center is currently designated as a full-service community center, though its primary uses are for licensed childcare and early learning. This proposal achieves ongoing savings by converting Alki from a full-service community center to a childcare and preschool hub.					
6	Realign Volunteer Programs Unit	General Fund	\$ 360	\$ (144)	(1.0)	N/A
	This proposal achieves ongoing General Fund savings by abrogating a vacant Volunteer Coordinator Supervisor position from the three-person Volunteer Programs Unit. This team provides volunteer recruitment and management support for the department and will be consolidated under other existing supervisory resources within the department.					
7	Adjust Community Learning Center Funding	Park Fund	\$ 1,371	\$ (486)	0	N/A
	The 2021 Proposed Budget reduces SPR's revenue and expenditures in the Park Fund associated with Community Learning Centers; this change is a technical adjustment to align the budget with distribution changes from the Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise levy and Seattle Public Schools.					
8	General Fund Balancing: General Fund/ Park District Realignment	UPCOMING SLIDE				
9	Park Fund Balancing: Park Fund/Park District Realignment	UPCOMING SLIDE				

ADDS, REDUCTIONS & COST SAVING MEASURES (\$000s) – CAPITAL BUDGET

HIGHLIGHTS

#	Program	Fund	Appropriation Change (from 2020 Adopted)		FTE Change	Council Priority
1	Add Park Land Acquisition CFT Funding Match	Park Fund	\$ 0	\$ 300	0	N/A
	The 2021 Proposed Budget adds \$300,000 of ongoing funding in the Park Fund to support the Park Land Acquisition project. This additional \$1,800,000 total over the 6 years is supported by resources from the King County Conservation Futures tax (CFT).					
2	Feasibility Study for Pool at Magnuson Park	REET	\$ -	\$ 50	0	N/A
	This item adds \$50,000 to the existing Magnuson Park Community Center Improvements project and expands its scope to include a feasibility and needs assessment for a recreational pool at Magnuson Park.					
3	REET Balancing: Reduce Funding to Ongoing Programs	REET	\$ 21,225	\$ (7,057)	0	N/A
	Due to the significant shortfall in Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) revenues resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 Proposed Budget identifies a number of REET-funded projects that will be delayed or deferred within SPR's Capital Improvement Program (CIP). This proposal eliminates or reduces REET funding in the all of SPR's ongoing capital programs.					
4	REET Balancing: Delay Athletic Field Conversions	REET	\$ 5,952	\$ (5,952)	0	N/A
	Due to reductions in Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) revenues resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 Proposed Budget identifies a number of REET-funded projects that will be delayed or deferred within SPR's Capital Improvement Program. This proposal delays the project schedule for playfield conversion projects which SPR has identified as a lower priority than field replacements and other asset preservation projects. Magnuson Park Athletic Field 12 and West Magnolia Playfield South will be delayed.					

ADDS, REDUCTIONS & COST SAVING MEASURES (\$000s) – CAPITAL BUDGET

HIGHLIGHTS

#	Program	Fund	Appropriation Change (from 2020 Adopted)		FTE Change	Council Priority
5	REET Balancing: Out Year CIP Changes	REET	\$ -	\$ -	0	N/A
	<p>Due to the significant shortfall in Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) revenues resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, this proposal makes additional reductions to SPR’s REET funding contribution in the out years of the department’s 6-year Capital Improvement Program. Specifically, this change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reduces funding in 2024 for the West Queen Anne Playfield Conversion project (formerly named Queen Anne Turf Field Replacement) by \$6 million which will delay work beyond the six-year CIP, and • adjusts funding within the Major Maintenance Backlog Capital Project resulting in a net change of (\$12,167,561) between 2023-2026. 					
6	General Fund Balancing: Shift Debt Service Payments to REET	REET	\$ -	\$ 5	0	N/A
	<p>The 2021 Proposed Budget shifts approximately \$1.2 million of ongoing debt service payments for the Rainier Beach Community Center from the General Fund to the Real Estate Excise Tax I (REET I). This adjustment is budget neutral across funds. The balance of \$494 corrects a rounding error.</p>					
7	General Fund Balancing: Park District Realignment	UPCOMING SLIDE				
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2021 + GENERAL FUND/MPD REALIGNMENT (\$000s)

**General Fund
Reduction**

\$11.4M

**Less \$1.3 M One
Time General Fund
Expenditure Savings**

(\$1.3M)
Vacancies,
temp labor,
other non labor

**Less \$1.2M Swap of
Debt Service from
GF to REET**

(\$1.2M)
Rainier Beach
Debt Service

**Less \$8.9M MPD
Savings to Offset
General Fund**

Land Banked Site O&M:
(\$1.2M)

Park Land Acquisition:
(\$1.5M)

Major Projects
Challenge Fund:
(\$1.8M)

Major Maintenance
Backlog: (\$4.4M)

ONE TIME 2021 PARK FUND/MPD REALIGNMENT (\$000s)

**Park Fund Revenue
Shortfall (Phase 3)**

\$10.5M

**Less \$6.4 M One-Time
Park Fund Expenditure
Savings**

**(\$6.4M)
Vacancies,
temp labor,
other non
labor**

**Less \$4.1 M MPD
Savings to Offset Park
Fund**

Saving Our Forests: (\$175K)

Arts in Parks: (\$283K)

Better Programs for Young
People: (\$331K)

Urban Parks Partnerships:
(\$95K)

Central Waterfront (Fully
Backfilled with REET/OTH):
(\$3.2M)

NEXT STEPS/PARK DISTRICT BUDGET PROCESS

OCTOBER 19, 2020/Public Hearing

- ILA Amendments to Delay 2021-2026 Planning Cycle
- Overview of 2021 Proposed Budget

NOVEMBER 23, 2020/Budget Adoption

- 2020 Revised Budget (General Fund and Park Fund Realignment)
- Suspension of GF Floor for 2021
- Adoption of 2021 Budget

QUESTIONS?
