

## 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 Board of Park Commissioners; changing the name to the Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners; requesting that the Code Reviser revise the Seattle Municipal Code accordingly; amending the Board’s composition and processes; authorizing an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between The City of Seattle and the Seattle Park District; and amending Sections 3.26.010 and 3.26.030 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

**Summary and background of the Legislation:** In order to more efficiently utilize the time, knowledge, and expertise of community volunteers and address concerns about ambiguity and overlap between the Board of Park Commissioners (Park Board) and Park District Oversight Committee (PDOC), the co-chairs requested that SPR consider options for combining the two entities.

The Board of Park Commissioners was established in 1887 and was reconstituted as an advisory board in 1967 to advise the Superintendent and elected officials on Seattle Parks and Recreation planning, development, and use policies citywide.

Almost since the inception of the PDOC, members of the Park Board and PDOC have requested clarity of roles to help eliminate redundancy in scope of work, improve the sharing of information, and provide clarity to community members about their respective roles so they can be effective in their participation (for example, when to provide testimony at the Park Board versus PDOC).

This legislation combines the Board of Park Commissioners and PDOC to improve public accountability, diversity of representation, utilization of the expertise and knowledge of community volunteers in an efficient manner and to create a sustainable staffing model. Combining these two advisory bodies will allow them to consider resources in the full context of SPR’s overall funding, policies, and needs. The new combined board will retain the representative 15-member structure of the Park District Oversight Committee, and this body will be responsible for the traditional duties of the Park Board and oversight of programs, policies, and reporting specific to the Seattle Park District. It also renames the combined board to the Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners.

### **2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project?** \_\_\_ Yes X No

### 3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget?    \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_X\_\_\_ 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?

No, not applicable.

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

No, not applicable.

### 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?

No.

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?

The Board of Park Commissioners and the Park District Oversight Committee play a crucial role in providing advocacy and guidance on SPR policies, programs, and projects. Expanding the composition and membership of the Boards, through consolidation, will allow for broader representation of the communities we serve.

f. Climate Change Implications

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

No.

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.

No.

- 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 legislation does not include any new initiatives or programmatic expansions; it is combining two existing volunteer community advisory boards to increase efficiency and clarify roles and responsibilities.

**List attachments/exhibits below:**