



Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services/ Tree Board

Regular Meeting Agenda Packet

February 24, 2022



**Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board
Meeting Schedule**

2022

March 24	7:00 p.m.	TBD
April 28	7:00 p.m.	TBD
May 26	7:00 p.m.	TBD
June 23	7:00 p.m.	TBD
July 28	7:00 p.m.	TBD
August 25	7:00 p.m.	TBD
September 22	7:00 p.m.	TBD
October 27	7:00 p.m.	TBD
December 1	7:00 p.m.	TBD



AGENDA

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES/TREE BOARD REGULAR MEETING

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7:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting
Estimated Time

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The PRCS/Tree Board is providing opportunities for public comment by submitting written comment. Your written comment must be received by 6:30 p.m. the night of the meeting. Please see the information listed below to access all of these options:



Attend the Meeting via Zoom Webinar: <https://zoom.us/j/97515984680>



Call into the Live Meeting: (253) 215 8782 - Webinar ID: 975 1598 4680



[Click Here to Submit Written Public Comment](#)

Written comments will be presented to PRCS Tree Board and posted to the website if received by 6:30 p.m. the night of the meeting.



[Click Here to Sign-Up to Provide Oral Testimony](#)

Pre-registration is required by 6:30 p.m. the night of the meeting.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER / ATTENDANCE / WELCOME** 7:00
Land Acknowledgement: We acknowledge the land on which our work started as the traditional home of the Coast Salish and Snohomish peoples. We take this opportunity to thank the original caretakers and storytellers of this land who are still here, and to recognize the immense culture of these peoples by remembering their history and traditions. We invite you to recognize our government's history of unfair treatment and lack of accountability against Indigenous communities as we push to raise visibility and education about them.

- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Action
Jeff Potter, Vice Chair

- 3. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 27, 2022 MEETING MINUTES** Action
Jeff Potter, Vice Chair

- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT** 7:05
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5. DIRECTOR’S REPORT <i>Mary Reidy, RCS Superintendent</i> <i>Dan Johnson, Parks, Fleet and Facilities Manager</i>	Presentation and Questions	7:15
6. PUBLIC ART ENGAGEMENT PLAN <i>David Francis, Public Art Coordinator</i>	Discussion	7:25
7. COMMITTEE CHARTER ADOPTION <i>Jeff Potter, Vice Chair</i>	Action	7:45
8. URBAN FORESTRY ADVISORY PANEL RECOMMENDATION <i>Jeff Potter, Vice Chair</i>	Discussion/ Potential Action	8:10
9. STREET TREE STRATEGY DISCUSSION <i>Jeff Potter, Vice Chair</i>	Discussion	8:30
10. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD <i>Jeff Potter, Vice Chair</i>	Discussion	8:45
11. ADJOURN		9:00



Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services/Tree Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order/Attendance/Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Franklin.

Park Board members present: Chair William Franklin, Vice Chair Jeff Potter, Genny Arredondo, Hayley Berkman, Jean Hilde, Dustin McIntyre, Sara Raab McInerny, Noah Weil.

Absent: David Lin

City Staff present: Recreation, Cultural and Community Services (RCCS) Director Colleen Kelly, Recreation and Cultural Services Superintendent Mary Reidy, Administrative Services Director (ASD) Sara Lane, Parks Superintendent Kirk Peterson, Public Art Coordinator David Francis, Parks, Fleet and Facilities Manager Dan Johnson, Urban Forester Joseph Callaghan, RCCS Administrative Assistant III Lori Henrich

Land Acknowledgment read by Hayley Berkman

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Approval of Agenda

Chair Franklin called for a motion to approve the agenda. So moved by Vice Chair Potter and seconded by Chair Franklin. The motion carried.

Approval of December 2, 2021, Meeting Minutes

A correction to page 6 of the December 2, 2021, Agenda Packet (page 2 of the meeting minutes) was noted. The location of the ecology block placement is at the Innis Arden Reserve/Open Space, not Saltwater Park.

Chair Franklin called for a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Weil made the motion and Ms. Raab McInerny seconded. Ms. Hilde abstained as she was not in attendance at that meeting. The motion carried.

Public Comment

Chair Franklin called for public comment. Ms. Henrich stated that there were three people signed up to give public comment.

1. Nancy Morris, Shoreline, on behalf of the Tree Preservation Code Team, expressed support for proposed code Amendment 12.
2. Rebecca Jones, Seattle, supports proposed code Amendment 12, Item C.
3. Kathleen Russell, Shoreline, on behalf of the Tree Preservation Code Team, expressed support for proposed code Amendment 12.

Director's Report

Colleen Kelly, RCCS Director

Mary Reidy, Recreation and Cultural Services Superintendent

Dan Johnson, Parks Superintendent

(See Attachment A for the PowerPoint presentation)

Ms. Kelly provided general updates on the following:

- The City will not move to Phase 2 prior to March 1
- Captain Ryan Abbott selected as Interim Police Chief
- Reminded Board members to submit vaccination booster verification
- [PRCS/Tree Board Public Comment Document Library](#) established on the website

Recreation and Cultural Services

Mary Reidy, Recreation and Cultural Services Superintendent

Ms. Reidy provided updates on the following:

- Currently planning programs and events for 2022
- Developing programs for summer Special Events with community partners
- February and March website updates will include links to events on partner websites
- Youth and Teen Development Program (YTDP) is moving back into the Teen Center Feb 11
- Public Art Program – artist in residency is open for applications, residency begins in April
 - Mr. McIntyre volunteered to be the PRCS/Tree Board representative on the review panel
- Surveys are being finalized for the Public Art and Cultural Services Plan
 - Staff to work with the Public Art Committee to review the final draft
 - Seeking Board input for the development of focus groups and materials
- Winter recreation program registration has started
- Staff currently reviewing a draft of the Spring/Summer Recreation Guide
- Summer Camp and other program registration begins in March

Park Operations

Dan Johnson, Park, Fleet and Facilities Manager

Mr. Johnson provided updates on the following:

- Demolition of the Shoreline pool is progressing
- The Recreation Center is nearly completed
- Clean-up damage caused by vandalism at the Greenhouse

- New border installed around the play equipment at Paramount School Park
- Large native trees transplanted from the pool location to the south end of the tennis courts at Shoreline Park
- Pavilion update
 - While grant funds were approved for the project, the cost of reintegrating the beams was cost prohibitive for grant dollars available. Staff will move forward with prefabricated design structure
 - Meeting onsite with vendor on February 2 at 1pm
 - Staff is engaged in Joint Use Agreement (JUA) discussions with the Shoreline School District
- Park Bond Implementation
 - Council discussion planned for February 14, assuming a positive vote
 - Seek approval for budget amendment and creation of Parks Bond Project Manager position
 - The Consultant would appear before the Board in March to provide a high-level project overview and to discuss the Public Engagement Plan

Questions/Comments:

- The [Lantern Festival](#) display runs February 1-15 at several Ridgecrest community businesses
- The Contractor is reviewing options to repurpose the beams from the Pavilion

Proposed Amendment to [SMC 12.30.040](#)

Kirk Peterson, Parks Superintendent

(See Attachment B for the PowerPoint presentation)

Mr. Peterson provided updates on the following:

- Reviewed the background of the proposal submitted by the Tree Code Preservation Team (TCPT)
- Proposed Amendment 12 provides recommendations related to Public Notice for Removal of Street Trees. The Amendment requests an extension of the notification period for tree removal on public Rights of Way from 14 days to 90 days. The recommendations would apply only to trees removed under the Tree Code.
- The Planning Commission recognized that the proposed amendment was outside of their purview as it addressed the Tree Code rather than the Development Code and declined to act
- The PRCS/Tree Board requested to review the proposal and make its own recommendation. Staff concurred that Amendment 12 should be reviewed by the PRCS/Tree Board.
- Staff will take this item to the City Council separate from the Planning Commission batch.

Clarifying the Code that relates to tree removal:

- Permits issued under each part of the code are issued under the authority of a specific staff member designated by the City Manager.
- 20.70.320 Frontage improvements, current oversight authority is the Public Works (PW) Director.
- This code addresses standard frontage improvements, including landscaping that may be required for various types of development.

- Frontage trees removed due to development are approved by the Public Works Director and are not covered by the Tree Code. [FACTUAL CORRECTION: Staff were advised by City Attorneys after this meeting that these trees are also covered by the Tree Code].

SMC 20.50 Subchapter 5. Tree Conservation, Land Clearing and Site Grading Standards (20.50.290-20.50.370; Development Code)

- Under the Development Code, current oversight authority is the Planning and Community Development (PCD) Director.
- A permit is needed to remove trees unless exempt under SMC 20.50.310. Permit types vary by scope of work and include Building Permits, Clearing and Grading Permit, Site Development Permits, and Tree Removal Permits. Trees removed under this section of code are trees on private property; they are not covered by the Tree Code.

SMC 12.30 Public Tree Management (referred to as the Tree Code)

- Current oversight authority is the Parks, Fleet and Facilities (PFF) Manager
- Right of Way (ROW) Use Permits required for:
 - Planting trees in ROW
 - Must be approved street tree
 - Nonexempt pruning and removal
 - May not remove trees from unimproved ROW
 - May not remove trees that are on the approved [ROW Street Tree List](#) (Appendix G of the 2021 Engineering Development Manual) unless they are deemed hazardous
 - Permit may be issued for removal of a street tree not on the approved Street Tree List
- Trees deemed hazardous by the City do not require a permit for removal
- A limited number of trees are removed under this authority. These are the situations that are the focus of staff review and recommendations.

Next Steps:

- TCPT made several recommendations related to the Development Code. Those have been reviewed by the Planning Commission and will be going to Council on February 28. Discussion will not include proposed Amendment #12.
- Staff will take this item to Council following the PRCS/Tree Board discussion and determination regarding a Board recommendation.
- Proposed Amendment #12, 12.30.040 (C)
 - Extend public notice to 90 days
 - Require the City to publish requests in Currents and notify interested parties, and post all arborist reports on the website
 - Require PCD Director to respond to any questions/concerns raised by the public

Current Process:

- Staff reference various sections of Shoreline Municipal Code (SMC) and Engineering Development Manual (EDM)
- Prioritize retention and preservation, balance with safety

- Perform risk assessment. Only remove if there's a significant/imminent risk
- Post 14-day notice of removal for significant/imminent risk

Tree removed under authority of SMC 12.30 (Tree Code) in 2021:

- 94 trees were removed after being found to be hazardous, no permit required
- 33 nonhazardous trees removed by private parties that met the permit requirements of the Tree Code

Staff Response to proposed amendment:

- Staff recommends updating the language in the SMC to reflect current authority (PFF Manager)
- Staff supports updating posting to include date of posting and planned removal as proposed
- Staff recommends retaining current noticing practices

Discussion and Questions:

- Trees can't be removed for development unless they're not on the [Street Tree List](#)?
 - Trees not on ROW Street Tree List can be removed if requested.
- Is there a secondary Street Tree List? What is unimproved ROW?
 - The second list is for the unimproved ROW (no curb, gutter, sidewalks or amenity zones)
 - Mr. Callaghan noted that the unimproved [ROW Street Tree List](#) is on page 12 of the approved ROW Street Tree List
- What is the Public Notice period for nonhazardous trees?
 - Staff would review and write an arborist report. If the tree wasn't on the Street Tree List, it could be a candidate for removal, depending on the situation (trip hazard etc.).
 - 14 day posting period

Multiple Board members support lengthening the notice period for nonhazardous trees.

The Board discussed the verbatim language from the amendment regarding how posting is done and how trees can be under the jurisdiction of multiple codes.

- What is the ratio of hazardous vs nonhazardous tree removal?
 - Hazardous tree removal outweighs nonhazardous tree removal due to safety concerns. The data from the presentation tonight noted that in 2021, 94 hazardous trees were removed, 33 were removed by meeting permit requirements as trees not on the approved Street Tree List.
- Could the notice period for hazardous and nonhazardous trees become a more public forum/make staff discussions with residents more public? Similar to noticing done for a new development in a neighborhood/Town Hall/PRCS Tree Board Meeting.
- Do staff have concerns with extending the notification period and is it feasible from a staff perspective?
 - One staff member currently manages Shoreline's urban forest. Staff receive very few comments/concerns regarding trees covered under the Tree Code. It would be onerous due to current volumes of work, and staff still must assess risk and ensure public safety.
 - From an operational perspective, adding time to the notification period does not change tree removal in the ROW because removal is based on location, species, and purpose

under the purview being discussed. The code is very clear about what can be removed. The extension lengthens the process but would not change the outcome.

Chair Franklin asked to hear from Board members.

Mr. McIntyre made a motion to accept the staff recommendation for the amendment except for supporting the TCPT recommendation for amendment C.1 'Notice of Proposed Removal of Public Trees.' Our recommendation amends that to be applicable to healthy trees only. Vice Chair Potter seconded.

Vice Chair Potter proposed an amendment to the motion to extend the notification time frame to 45 days rather than 90 days. Ms. Hilde seconded.

Mr. Weil proposed an amendment to use the term “nonhazardous tree.” Vice Chair Potter seconded.

Chair Franklin stated the amended motion would extend the noticing timeframe for nonhazardous trees to 45 days.

Chair Franklin called for a vote for all in favor of the motion as amended. Six members voted in favor. Ms. Arredondo abstained.

Urban Forestry Update

Kirk Peterson, Parks Superintendent

Joseph Callaghan, Urban Forester

(See Attachment C for the PowerPoint presentation)

Staff updated the Board on the following:

- New spaces added to the Parks system in 2021
 - Westminster Park
 - Edwin Pratt Park
 - Rotary / 185th Park
 - Paramount Open Space
- Urban Canopy
 - Based on metrics that are tracked in the Parks Operations, Mr. Callaghan reviewed:
 - Data on tree removals and installations
 - Data on ROW tree watering and maintenance
- Partnerships
 - Evergreen Carbon Capture grant (Forterra)
 - 200 native conifers installed in three parks in Q1
 - Green Shoreline Partnerships (Forterra)
 - Volunteer hours donated across six parks
 - Arbor Day / Tree City recertification
 - Celebrated contiguously with Green Shoreline Day in November 2021
 - Onboarded new community park stewards
 - Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust
 - Part of a Carbon Offset Program
 - Restored riparian habitat in Ballinger Open Space

- Kaleidoscope Inc.
 - Donated many volunteer hours, hosted work parties to clear trouble areas and replant with native species
 - Part of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)
- Vendor Partnerships
 - Seattle Tree Care
 - Provided hazardous tree removals services, created habitat snags, installed signage
 - Morgan Geographics
 - Pilot study completed in Meridian Park neighborhood; Parkwood neighborhood is 90% complete
 - Will help establish a baseline of known ROW trees
 - Will help with cross departmental collaboration and public response
- Response to Recent Public Comment
 - Climate Action Plan Objective 10
 - All trees (public/private) are included for consideration
 - Resilient Communities
 - Promotes equitable socio-economic development
 - Tree removal in 2021 under the Tree Code

[Urban Forest Strategic Plan](#) (UFSP)

- Developed priorities for Urban Forestry Management
- Helps guide programs and policies and aligns with other adopted plans
- Plan to be updated in 2022
- Summarize progress
- Reassess priorities
- Seek public comment
- Grant applications and secure funding
- Contract renewal for a variety of partners and vendors
- Street Tree pruning and trail maintenance

Questions: None

Comments from the Board

Bill Franklin, Chair

- Chair Franklin requested a staff summary of the acoustic engineer report related to pickleball.
 - Staff will follow-up.
- Chair Franklin gave notice that he will not attend next month's Board meeting. Vice Chair Potter will lead the meeting.
- Mr. McIntyre asked where the [Urban Forest Strategic Plan](#) (UFSP) is located on the City's website and if it feeds into the Climate Action Plan.
 - Staff will follow-up. Plan is linked above.
- Mr. McIntyre commented that he would like to see that type of update more regularly to increase visibility.

- Chair Franklin reminded Board members to work on their committee charters and be prepared to possibly share them at the next Board meeting.
- Mr. McIntyre is the only one currently on the Public Art Committee. Chair Franklin asked for interested Board members to join him.

Adjourn

Hearing no further business, Chair Franklin moved to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Arredondo. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:57pm.

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Signature of Chair	Date	Signature of Minute-Writer	Date
William Franklin		Lori Henrich, Administrative Assistant III	

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Attachment A

**PRCS/Tree Board
Director's Report**

JANUARY 27, 2022



WELCOME TO 2022!

GENERAL UPDATES—Colleen Kelly, Director RCCS

- **City will not move to Phase 2 reopening prior to March 1**
- **Captain Ryan Abbot has been selected to serve as the Interim Shoreline Police Chief**
- **If you have not yet submitted booster verification please do so as soon as possible**
- **Lori has completed a project to create a public comment catalog for the Park Board. Both comments and responses are uploaded here: [PRCS/Tree Board Public Comment Document Library](#)**

RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES UPDATES—Mary Reidy, RCS Superintendent

Special Events

Working with community partners to develop a full slate of events this summer. Due to shifts within organizations we are revisiting what this looks like and anticipate having a more concrete list at the February meeting. The Lantern Festival, a partnership event with ShoreLake Arts, will be held on February 12th with the exhibit itself open for 2 weeks after.

Youth and Teen Development (YTDP)

Very exciting news that The Shoreline Teen Center is set to re-open after an 8- month closure for the roof repair and fire suppression installation and complete interior refurbishment. Spread the word that February 11th is the date when the building will be humming with the energy and laughter of Shoreline youth, which is music to our ears.

RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES UPDATES

Public Art

The Artist in Residency at RBSWP Cottage is currently open for applications and we look forward to having our first Residency start in early April. David would still be interested in adding a Board member to the selection panel.

The Public Art and Cultural Services Plan survey is getting close to final draft. Staff would like to work with members of a Public Art Committee to review the draft. Staff will next be seeking PRCS Board input on the development of the focus groups and associated questions.

General Recreation

Winter registration is humming along and staff are prepping for spring/summer with the first draft of the recreation guide already out for review. Summer camp registration will happen March 15th with other program registrations starting March 22nd.

PARK OPERATIONS UPDATES—Dan Johnson, PFF Manager

Work continues with the pool demolition and roofing remodel at RHRC.



Richmond Rec Center fire suppression and alarm system will be completed January 28th and the completely refurbished building will be open again for programming beginning February 11.

PARK OPERATIONS UPDATES

**Richmond Highland
Recreation Center --**

**Green House Vandalism
Repair and clean-up will
be done by February 4th
in time for re-opening**



PARK OPERATIONS UPDATES

Paramount School Park

Staff installed new borders around the play equipment



PARK OPERATIONS UPDATES

Shoreline Park

With the pool demolition occurring, staff worked to save large native trees (American hornbeam) by transplanting them from the pool site to the south end of the tennis courts.



PARK OPERATIONS UPDATES

Pavilion Update

- **Quotes for utilizing the reclaimed beams from the original structure proved to be prohibitively expensive for the grant dollars available.**
- **Staff have reverted to plan B which will involve a pre-fabricated design structure. We will present options for Board feedback at a later date.**
- **Entire plan is pending a Joint Use Agreement Amendment with the Shoreline School District. Staff are actively engaged in this conversation**

PARK OPERATIONS UPDATES

Parks Bond Implementation

Council discussion planned on February 14th assuming positive vote

- Contract with Parametrix for Project Management
- Budget Amendment and creation of Parks Bond Project Manager
- Adoption of the Budget Amendment would occur after official validation of the vote

Parametrix Update to PRCS Board in March

- High level Project Overview
- Public Engagement





QUESTIONS??

Attachment B

Proposed Amendment to the Tree Code

Presented by Kirk Peterson, Parks Superintendent

Requested Board Action

- Review Proposed Code Amendment
- Review Staff recommendations
- Discuss and determine if the Board wishes to make its own recommendation



Background

- This proposal was submitted by the Tree Code Preservation Team (TCPT)
- Discussed by Planning Commission during November 18th meeting
- Planning Commission declined to take action as the proposal addressed the Tree Code rather than the Development Code
- PRCS/Tree Board requested the opportunity to review the one proposed amendment to the Tree Code
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In Summary

The amendment proposed by the Tree Code Preservation Team (TCPT) is specific to trees removed under the authority of SMC 12.30 (Tree Code)

Staff's discussion and review is focused on those trees.

TCPT has made a number of other recommendations related to other sections of the code and those have been reviewed by the Planning Commission and will be going before council on February 28th.

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Current Notice

Hazardous Tree Removal Notice Example



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206-801-2615

Proposed Notice

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Posted: _____ Removal: _____

Questions?

Urban Forestry

Program activities and plans for 2021/2022

Contents

- New Spaces
- Urban Canopy
- Partnerships
- Vendors
- Response to public comment
- Urban Forestry year in review
- 2022 work plan

New Spaces Being Added to the Parks System

- **Westminster Park**
 - 0.45 acres
 - site abatement / demolition complete early August
 - Hydroseeded late August
 - 9 native trees installed. 4 hazardous removals
 - temporary fence removed; entrance bollards installed



New Spaces Being Added to the Parks System

- Edwin Pratt Memorial Park
 - 0.70 acres
 - Future funding is being identified for design and development (Prop. 1)
 - Due to receive 60 native conifers (Evergreen Carbon Capture) in Q1, to be planted Q3 of 2022



New Spaces Being Added to the Parks System

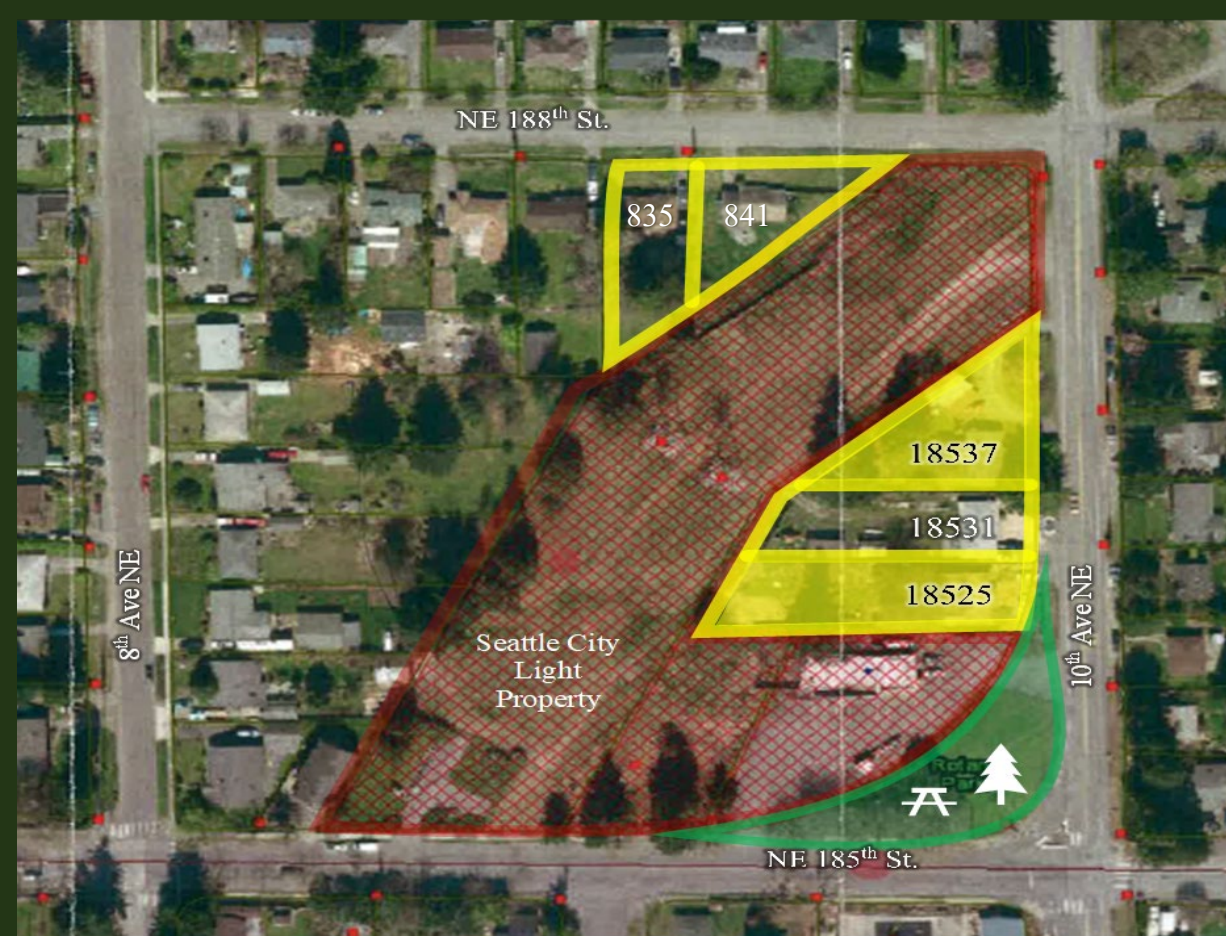
- **Rotary / 185th Park**

- **4.37 acres**

- On October 18th, City Council approved acquisition of three Rotary Park expansion properties

- Grant request for funds supporting purchase of neighboring parcel

- 835 NE 188th is the last of five Rotary Park acquisitions prioritized in the PROS Plan



New Spaces Being Added to the Parks System

- **Paramount Open Space**
 - **0.025 acres**
 - Permit application initiated for demolition of existing domestic structures in Q2
 - Site to be graded and hydroseeded
 - Extant vegetation is mature and endemic any development will prioritize canopy retention



Urban Canopy

• Removals

- Trees removed associated with *clearing and grading permits*: 394
- Trees removed associated *ROW use permit*: 33
- Trees removed by Parks Operations: 94

• TOTAL: 521

• Installations

- Trees installed associated with *clearing and grading permits*: 614
- Trees installed associated with *ROW use permit*: 66
- Trees installed by Parks Operations: 2558

• TOTAL: 3238

Urban Canopy

- **ROW tree watering**
 - Averaged 20 hours/week
 - 550 gallons per route
 - **Storage tanks** setup at Twin Ponds and Richmond Beach Saltwater Park
- **ROW tree maintenance**
 - **Structural pruning** while immature to best establish street / sidewalk clearance
 - Top-soil and mulch amendments added
 - Anti-evapotranspiration spray applied experimentally



Partnerships

- **Evergreen Carbon Capture (Forterra)**
 - Non-competitive carbon sequestration grant awarded
 - Delivery of 200 PNW native conifers in Q1
 - To be installed across 3 parks in Q4
 - Pledged to leave trees undisturbed for 100 years



2021 EVERGREEN CARBON CAPTURE BY THE NUMBERS



Partnerships

- **Green Shoreline Partnership (Forterra)**
 - 2187 volunteer hours donated across 6 parks
 - 2558 native plants installed
 - 2 new stewards onboarded
 - Contract amended to incorporate volunteer vaccine mandate compliance
 - Steward orientation and plant installation instruction events hosted



GREEN SHORELINE PARTNERSHIP
FOREST STEWARD VIRTUAL ORIENTATION

October 6, 2021
6 PM - 8 PM

REGISTER AT: WWW.GREENSHORELINE.ORG



SAVE THE DATE!
GREEN SHORELINE DAY

RICHMOND BEACH SALTWATER PARK
PARAMOUNT OPEN SPACE PARK
NORTH CITY PARK

November 13, 2021
9 AM - 12 PM

REGISTER AT: WWW.GREENSHORELINE.ORG

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Another future
HEALTHY FOREST

Forest restoration is in progress here. Please help by staying on trails, leashing and picking up after dogs, and packing out trash. Do not dump yard waste in the park.

Everyone can join in by volunteering!
www.greenshoreline.org

Partnerships

- **Arbor Day / Tree City USA recertification**
 - Celebrated contiguously with Green Shoreline Day (November 13th)
 - Attended by City of Shoreline Mayor, 4 Councilmembers and staff from 3 departments
 - Recertification application completed in November





Partnerships

- **Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust**
 - City Forest Credits (CFC) program at Ballinger Open Space complete
 - Started in 2018. Removed trash and debris
 - Treated invasive species
 - Installed 2045 native wetland trees and shrubs
 - Carbon credits sold to businesses wanting to offset their footprint



Partnerships

- **Kaleidoscope Inc.**
 - Hosting monthly work parties at Darnell Park since March → 300 volunteer hours donated
 - Site is a known trouble area → Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)



Vendor Partnerships

- **Seattle Tree Care**
 - 9 habitat snags created
 - 21 removals remain on risk-tree list
 - \$124,157 one-time extra funds approved in mid-year adjustment
 - Contract amended to incorporate *certified arborist pruning*



Vendor Partnerships

- **Morgan Geographics**

- 1,532 ROW trees identified in pilot survey of Meridian Park neighborhood
- Parkwood neighborhood (90% complete)
- Staff recommend continued funding
- Will provide common platform across all City systems



Response to Public Comment

- **Climate Action Plan Objective 10**
 - All trees (public / private) are included for consideration in this objective
- **Resilient Communities**
 - Promotes equitable socio-economic development
- **Tree removals in 2021**
 - 94 hazards by Parks Ops
 - 394 through clearing and grading permits
 - 33 through ROW use permits



Urban Forest Strategic Plan

- **What is our UFSP?**
 - Developed priorities for UF management in 2014 after consideration from City staff, the Tree Board and diligent residents
- **UFSP helps guide programs / policies and aligns with:**
 - PROS Plan (2017)
 - Environmental Sustainability Strategy (2008)
 - Climate Action Plan (2013)
 - City of Shoreline Vision 2029 (2009)



2022 UF Work Plan

- **Update the UFSP in Q3**
 - Summarize progress
 - Reassess priorities
 - Seek public comment
- **DNR UF grant application in Q2**
- **Secure funding for full tree inventory survey**
- **In-house ROW tree planting project in Q4**
- **Hazardous removal contract renewal (expires July 2022)**
- **Street tree pruning contract plan/execute**
- **Trail maintenance contract plan/execute**
- **Forterra (Green Shoreline Partnership) contract renewal (expires EOY 2022)**
- **Steward continuing education and community planting events**





Questions and Answers



Memorandum

DATE: February 24, 2022
TO: PRCS/Tree Board
FROM: David Francis, Public Art Coordinator
RE: Public Art and Cultural Services Plan Community Input Strategy

Requested Board Action

There is no formal Board action requested at this time. Board input is requested for various strategy components as noted below.

Project or Policy Description and Background

Community input provides an important framework for the Public Art and Cultural Services Plan, as the Plan reflects community needs, current resources, and vision. The proposed community engagement process builds on the information gathered in 2016-2017 (Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan; Public Art Plan 2017 – 2022) and includes a more robust outreach to include focus groups and in-depth interviews.

The public engagement process below reflects the City’s focus on equity and inclusion, with a broader and deeper effort to capture information from residents perhaps not captured in prior plans and to reflect cultural services in context rather than public art alone.

Public Involvement Process

The planned public involvement process ensures that the new six-year strategy will be grounded in community engagement by focusing the first half of the year on gathering information from a wide variety of residents.

The overall Board is engaged throughout the entire development and review process that follows the public engagement process in the second half of the year, with proposed focused involvement from the Board Public Art/Cultural Services Committee.

The chronological public involvement process follows below:

1. Survey

- Released February 15; Closes March 10
- Released in English and Spanish
- 21 questions on public arts and culture experience; 3-5 minutes in length
- Purpose is to gather baseline data
- Distributed on web, Currents, recreation program, schools, neighborhoods, equity and social justice news, Shoreline Area News

Board involvement: Additions to survey distribution list requested be sent to David Francis.

2. Focus Groups:

- Up to five 1-hour sessions on Zoom with up to 10 individual per group
- Ideas so far: Arts community; Seniors; Teens; General Community
- March 17 – Late April

Board involvement: Staff would like to work with the Public Art/Cultural Services Committee to finalize focus groups and develop focus group questions. Staff is especially interested in any suggestions Board members may have to increase the potential that each focus group represents the diversity of our community. In addition, Board member(s) will be invited to attend focus groups in order to hear community input first-hand. David Francis will send dates and times to the Board once those are confirmed later this month.

3. Individual and/or small group in-depth interviews to be conducted by the Public Art Coordinator as follow up to the survey and focus groups to fill gaps in information received.

Board involvement: Provide suggestions for in-depth interviews to David Francis.

Plan Completion

4. Research & Writing

- Council discussion September/October
- Council adoption October/November

Board involvement: Staff will work with the PRCS Board PA/CS Committee to review and edit chapter outline and plan layout. Staff will be responsible for the writing of the Plan and will present a draft to the PRCS Board later this summer for discussion and review.

Additional Information

Public Art and Cultural Services Survey Links:

- Spanish: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J2WMMWY>
- English: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J2NKN9X>