



INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

TO: Community Development & Neighborhoods Committee

FROM: Rick Still, Parks & Recreation Director

CC: Mayor Ekberg

DATE: December 4, 2019

SUBJECT: Parks and Recreation Department Update

ISSUE

Parks and Recreation 2019 Initiatives Update

BACKGROUND

Throughout 2019, Parks and Recreation facilitated several projects that positively impacted Tukwila. Staff is attending the Community Development and Neighborhoods Committee to provide an update and answer questions.

DISCUSSION

The following updates are items listed within the CDN workplan.

Senior Levy: Staff applied for a King County Veterans, Seniors, Humans Services Levy grant to support community outreach and social services in May 2019. Unfortunately, funding was not awarded, however Parks and Recreation will receive a one-time \$90,000 grant to support outreach efforts to expand older adult recreation opportunities (no match is required). Staff are strategizing how to implement recommendations identified in the Older Adult Recreation Services assessment. The one-time grant must be expended by December 31, 2020.

PROS Plan Update: The Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan Update is into the third of four phases. The project began with Phase 1, development of a "Community Engagement Plan" and implementation of the various engagement strategies throughout phases two and three. Community engagement strategies included; park pop-ups, one-on-one interviews, listening sessions, online survey, advisory group meetings, community workshop, Park Commission workshops, staff strategy sessions, and Council Committee. Phase one culminated with the "State of the System Summary" document. Phase two then moved into "Needs Assessment" and analysis which identified ten "Key Needs". Phase three is focused on "Capital Projects and Priorities", which will help guide decision making to meet the identified needs. The fourth and final phase, is reviewing the draft plan, and the council adoption process, which is slated for 1st Quarter of 2020. The PROS Plan consultant is also updating the Parks and Recreation Elements for inclusion in the next update of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Artist in Residency: There were two Artists in Residence in 2019, one focused on Tukwila International Blvd activation and the other focused on the Duwamish River corridor. Over the last year the artists developed a variety of projects, activities and events with the goal of determining

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what sort of art interests were most appealing in Tukwila. CDN received a mid-term report in July 2019 and a final presentation will be going before City Council in early 2020 to share successes, challenges and recommendations. On December 6th the Artists in Residence are hosting a party to celebrate with the community (TCC Social Hall 6-8pm).

Creative Consultancy (Southcenter District) – Community Engagement, Updates: In early 2019 staff applied for and received a Creative Consultancy grant from 4Culture. This funding was used to hire an artist to develop a community arts project. The project that was developed was for art in the Southcenter District in the Baker Boulevard area. Everyone that was granted a Creative Consultancy planning grant had an opportunity to apply for funding for their projects. This was a very competitive process and limited funds were available. Our Creative Consultancy project wasn't selected by 4Culture; however, the Tukwila Lodging Tax Advisory Committee was interested in supporting the project and recommended to City Council to fund the project using LTAC funds. City Council subsequently approved the funding and the artist is working with City staff to implement the project.

Tukwila South Trail Study: Blueline Landscape Architects firm was hired early in 2019 to perform high level master planning of the Tukwila South Trail. Their work included trail feasibility study and preliminary design. The study is 90% complete and gives the City a great plan for future trail layout that includes rest areas, access points, trail loops, potential open spaces and connection to the neighboring agency (Kent) trail system.

Fort Dent Parking Lot Overlay/Curbing Update: Parks and Recreation have been partnering with Public Works Department since 2001 to restore the Fort Dent Parking Lot via the city's overlay public works project. The parking lot has been repaved in portions as funding has been available and is now almost completely done. This year we were able to repave a large portion, apply slurry to another section, and repair a significant amount of broken curbing, as well as new ADA sidewalk entryway approaches.

Foster Golf Links Reclaimed Water Update: Staff are continuing the two-year test plot area on the 18th Tee and communicating monthly with King County Reclaimed Water on usage.

10-Minute Walk: Staff worked with a property owner to develop a long-term lease which would eventually lead to purchasing a property near Tukwila International Blvd. In May, after months of time and effort, the site became unavailable. Staff amended the 10-Minute Walk scope of work and applied grant funding towards additional community outreach for the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan (PROS) update. The additional funding enabled PROS Plan consultants to attend several See You in the Park events, host one on one discussions, and participate in community listening sessions. The additional engagement provided staff with new strategies for engaging with Tukwila's diverse community and develop additional policy framework for recreation, park maintenance, and capital investments.

Green Tukwila: In 2019, work on the Green Tukwila Program continued to implement the 20-year Stewardship Plan. The annual Green Tukwila Day event occurred on October 5, 2019 at Tukwila Park where 50 volunteers removed invasive ivy and planted native plants for several hours. There are great photos of this event that can be viewed at the following url: <https://flic.kr/s/aHsmHGmFUz>

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As of the end of October, there were 756 volunteers that had spent 1,521 hours restoring the native landscape in Tukwila parks. Work consisted of planting, mulching, removing English ivy, Himalayan blackberry, and other invasive plants. In the past 10 months, volunteers planted 472 trees, cut 35 survival rings, and planted 1,384 native plants to re-establish the environment and support Tukwila's urban forest.

Foster Golf Links: A Green Fees Ordinance will be brought forward to Community Development and Neighborhoods Committee on December 10, 2019 that will align the fee structure and process the same as how they are managed for Recreation; in short, it will allow for dynamic pricing so Foster Golf Links may be current with the market which could increase revenues annually to keep up with inflation. The resolution and ordinance are scheduled for CDN on December 10, 2019 and consent on the next available Regular Meeting, January 6, 2020.

Lake to Sound Trail: King County is working with local agencies to develop the regional trail that will connect Lake Washington to the Puget Sound through Des Moines, SeaTac, Tukwila, and Renton. The project is being managed by King County and developed in Phases. The portion of the trail in Tukwila is currently in construction. The project is slightly behind schedule due to sensitive area wetland restorations in Renton however, the Tukwila section of the trail has been moving forward and was recently paved in November 2019. Landscape work will occur later in the project along the shoreline between the railroad and the existing trail.

146th Play Space – Lease, Acquisition, Design Update:

See 10-Minute Walk note above.

Afterschool Programs: Afterschool programs continue to operate at full capacity at the Tukwila Community Center with 100 children registered. Funding for this program is allotted by City Council and enables staff to serve 100 kids vs. 35. Staff provide an array of engaging activities including arts and crafts, games, homework help, and pick up physical fitness activities and sports.

Parks Grant Applications and Agreements: Staff brought forward two applications during the first half of 2019, a Recreation Conservation Office (RCO) grant and a Conservation Futures Tax Levy grant. The funding requests supports the purchase of the S.116th St. property.

CIP Update: As part of the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan Update, the capital projects list and priorities are being updated to reflect the needs and desires of the community. The list will include life cycle replacement items as well as capital projects. New CIP sheets will be drafted upon completion of the PROS Plan that will reflect the priorities of the community and needs of the parks infrastructure system.

Property Donations/Naming Update: The naming of the S. 128th St parcel as "Cottonwood Corner" was presented at the November 12, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting and forwarded to the January 6, 2020 Regular meeting for final Council approval after the required 30-day review period.

Staff have been working diligently over the year on multiple potential acquisitions, most of which were by property owners interested in donating. Unfortunately, several became unavailable and

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will not be acquired. There is one property owner, however, still currently interested in donating to the city, staff are working on that site which is in the Ryan Hill area. A site survey and short plat are underway and a necessary step in the process.

Tukwila Pond Update: As part of the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan Update, a preliminary [current] conceptual rendering of Tukwila Pond will be created to serve as a starting point for moving into larger master planning efforts. The master plan will be funded through the Lodging Tax as approved by Council on June 17, 2019 for \$125,000. Parks & Recreation Staff are working closely with MIG, the PROS Plan Update consultant, for the initial conceptual rendering. Upon completion, staff will advertise a Request for Proposals to contract a consultant for the overall Master Planning of the site, which will include elements of connectivity between Tukwila Pond and the Southcenter District.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Discussion Only

RECOMMENDATION

Discussion only

ATTACHMENTS

A. Tukwila City Council Community Development & Neighborhoods Committee – 2019 Workplan



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	Description	Qtr	Dept	Action or Briefing	Status/Notes
1.	Sound Transit TIBS Redevelopment	1	DCD	B	
2.	Tukwila Village CDA Board – City Role	1	ED	A	
3.	PROS Plan - Consultant Contract	1	PR	A	
4.	S. 146th Play Space - Lease	1	PR	A	
5.	S. 146th Play Space - Acquisition	1	PR	A	
6.	Sullivan Center Service Agreement	1	PR	A	
7.	Senior Levy - 2018 Funding - Capital Improvements	1	PR	A	
8.	Senior Levy - 2018 Funding - Needs Assessment Contract	1	PR	A	
9.	Economic Development Plan Outreach Strategy	1	ED	A	
10.	Homestead Land Trust Development Agreement	2	DCD	A	
11.	Shoreline Master Program Code Update	2	DCD	A	
12.	Sensitive Areas Code Update	2	DCD	A	
13.	PROS Plan - Community Engagement Strategy	2	PR	B	
14.	S. 146th Play Space - Design Consultant and process	2	PR	A	
15.	Senior Levy - 2019 Funding Contract	2	PR	A	
16.	Foster Golf Links - Marketing Plan	2	PR	B	
17.	TIB Plan Implementation	2-3	DCD	A	
18.	Permit Tracking Software Briefing	3	DCD	B	RFQ results in 2019
19.	Economic Development Plan Adoption	3	ED	A	
20.	PROS Plan - Draft Plan Review	3	PR	B	Adoption 2020
21.	S. 146th Play Space - Community Engagement	3	PR	B	
22.	AiRs (River and TIB) - Community Engagement, Updates	3	PR	B	
23.	Creative Consultancy (Southcenter District) - Community Engagement, Updates	3	PR	B	
24.	Tukwila South Trail - Study Consultant	3	PR	A	
25.	Fort Dent Parking Lot Overlay/Curbing - Update	3	PR	B	
26.	Foster Golf Links - Golf Cart Replacement Update	3	PR	B	
27.	Foster Golf Links - Reclaimed Water Update	3	PR	B	
28.	HealthPoint Site Land Sale	3	ED	A	
29.	Short Term Rental Regulations	4	DCD	A	
30.	Residential Definitions Code Update	4	DCD	A	
31.	BECU Development Agreement	4	DCD	A	
32.	10-Minute Walk - Update	4	PR	B	
33.	Senior Levy - 2019 Funding - Implementation Update	4	PR	B	



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34.	Green Tukwila - Update	4	PR	B	
35.	Foster Golf Links - Green Fees Ordinance	4	PR	A	
36.	Lake to Sound Trail - Construction Update	4	PR	B	
37.	Southcenter 50 th Briefings	1-2	ED	B	Ongoing through Summer 2019
38.	Lodging Tax Funding Applications/Contracts	1-4	ED	A	Applications accepted on rolling basis
39.	King County Modular Units		DCD	A	KCHA land in Tukwila
40.	Census Plan Outreach & Engagement		AS	B	
41.	Equity Policy Implementation Update		AS	B	
42.	Grant Application – Port of Seattle Economic Development		ED	A	
Standard Reports/Briefings		Dept.			Notes
Tukwila Works		Admin Services			
Community Connectors		Admin Services			
Code enforcement Updates		DCD			
Afterschool Program Updates		Parks			
South King Housing & Homelessness Partnership		DCD/Admin Svcs			
K4C Updates		DCD			
Parks Grant Applications & Agreements		Parks			
Parks Capital Projects Updates		Parks			
Potential Items		Dept.			Notes
Changes to multi-family property tax exemption program		Economic Development			Pending developer requests
Development Agreements		Economic Development			Pending developer requests
Property Donations/Property Naming		Parks & Recreation			
Sponsorship agreements		Economic Development			
Branding and wayfinding projects and contracts		Economic Development			
Legislative positions related to tourism and economic development		Economic Development			