



Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services/ Tree Board

Regular Meeting Agenda Packet

May 28, 2020



**Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board
2020 Meeting Schedule**

June 25	7:00 p.m.	ZOOM Meeting
July 13	7:00 p.m.	ZOOM Meeting with City Council
July 23		TBD
August 27	7:00 p.m.	Shoreline City Hall, Room 303
September 24	7:00 p.m.	Shoreline City Hall, Room 303
October 22	7:00 p.m.	Shoreline City Hall, Room 303
December 3	7:00 p.m.	Shoreline City Hall, Room 303



AGENDA

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES/TREE BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

May 28, 2020
7:00 p.m.

ZOOM Meeting
Estimated Time

Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device:
Please click this URL to join. <https://zoom.us/j/91787403375>

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| 1. CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE | | 7:00 |
| 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
<i>Chair Christine Southwick</i> | Action | 7:02 |
| 3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS
<i>PRCS Director Eric Friedli – election of Chair</i>
<i>Chair Elect – election of Vice-Chair</i> | Action | 7:03 |
| 4. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES
<i>Chair Elect</i> | Action | 7:08 |
| 5. PUBLIC COMMENT
Pursuant to Governor Inslee’s Proclamation 20-28, in an effort to curtail the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the PRCS/Tree Board’s Regular Meetings will take place online using the Zoom platform and the public will not be allowed to attend in-person. Written comments received by 6:00 p.m. on May 28, 2020 will be entered into the Public Comment portion of the meeting for Board consideration. Instructions for submitting written comments can be found at www.shorelinewa.gov/parkboard | | 7:10 |
| 6. DIRECTOR’S REPORT
<i>PRCS status in the era of COVID-19</i> | Information | 7:15 |
| 7. KING COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM UPDATE | Information | 7:45 |
| 8. PARK NAMING PROCESS
<i>Eric Friedli, Director</i> | Discussion | 8:05 |
| 9. POSSIBLE PARKS BOND MEASURE 2020
<i>Eric Friedli, Director</i> | Discussion | 8:15 |
| 10. FAREWELL TO ERIK AND IVAN | | 8:45 |
| 11. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD | Discussion | 8:55 |
| 12. ADJOURN | Action | 9:00 |



Memorandum

DATE: May 28, 2020
TO: Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services/Tree Board
FROM: Eric Friedli, PRCS Director
RE: Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Requested Board Action

The Board should receive nominations and elect a Chair and Vice chair.

Project or Policy Description and Background

The Park, Recreation, and Cultural Services/Tree Board by-laws (Section 3:C) calls for election of a Chair and Vice-chair each year in May. The May meeting is conducted by the outgoing Chair or Vice-Chair until the election is held, after which the newly elected Chair conducts the remainder of the meeting.

Section 3: A & B describe the duties of the officers as follows: The Chair shall preside at all meetings and call special meetings when necessary. The Chair shall be a full voting member of the Parks Board. The Chair shall sign minutes and official papers and may delegate duties to other Parks Board members with the consent of the Parks Board. The Chair shall speak on behalf of the Parks Board before the City Council and to the public.

The Vice-Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair in the absence of the Chair.

In the past, the Board has taken verbal nominations followed by a vote. If more than one nomination is made for either position, the vote will be conducted by anonymous ballot. Instructions will be given during the meeting.

Additional Information

Eric Friedli
206-801-2601



Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services/Tree Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order/Attendance

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

Park Board members present: Christine Southwick, John Hoey, Sara Raab McInerney, Bill Franklin, Elizabeth White, Erik Ertsgaard, Ivan Brown

Absent: Jeff Potter, Bruce Amundson

PRCS Staff present: PRCS Director Eric Friedli, Parks Superintendent Kirk Peterson, Senior Parks Maintenance Worker Tony Hamilton, Administrative Assistant III Lynn Gabrieli

Approval of Agenda

Chair Southwick called for a motion to approve the agenda. So moved by Mr. Franklin and seconded by Ms. White. The motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Southwick called for a motion to approve the January minutes. So moved by Mr. Franklin and seconded by Mr. Hoey. The motion carried.

Public Comment:

Janet Way, Shoreline

Save Shoreline Trees & Shoreline Preservation Society

Ms. Way requested the PRCS/Tree Board convene a committee of Board members and residents to study alternative sidewalk designs aimed at preventing conflicts between sidewalk development and tree preservation. She described places in Shoreline that have implemented alternative sidewalk designs for a variety of reasons; i.e.: Ronald Bog's 3 ft gravel paths which she suggested would be appropriate for the sidewalk project on Dayton. The ideas of the committee would be presented to the City Council for consideration.

Ms. Way described the history of the chapel at the Fircrest site and asked the Board to consider endorsing the chapel as an historical landmark and to protect the forest around the chapel.

Bergith Kayyali, Shoreline

Westminster Neighborhood

Ms. encouraged the Parks Department to work with the Washington Department of Transportation (WashDOT) to save trees and consider alternatives to sidewalks that preserves trees. She supports the idea of the establishment of a sidewalk committee and she requested ADA accessible parking lots in the vicinity of Richmond Beach Saltwater Park's bluff trail. Lastly, if trees need to be removed, please notify the neighbors with lots of time to be able to act to save trees and birds.

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Derek Blackwell, Shoreline

Mr. Blackwell does not see a reason to construct a walkway along Dayton given that it is underused and already a safe, beautiful mini-park with plenty of room for pedestrians. There are no driveways and plenty of room to get by. Gravel would make it dangerous for bikes and a raised walkway would be absurd – it is best left as is. According to King County Metro, the bus stop at that area has only 30 riders a day, low use to justify the removal of so many trees for something that is perfectly useful as is. Riders along that line do not exit the bus to travel along the route in question. Mr. Blackwell supports improvements along 160th.

Director's Report

Director Friedli will be attending the Save Shoreline Trees meeting next Tuesday evening at Highland Terrace Elementary School.

- Ronald Bog Park is nearing completion and is currently scheduled to open mid-April.
- Sunset Park Playground design – There was a successful public meeting and additional online comments. Highlights include swings, accessibility, and climbing structures. The public comment period ends on the 29th. A final design will take comments into account.
- The Council gave approval to purchase 709 N. 150th in the Westminster neighborhood to be developed into a park. Negotiations with a willing seller will take place in the coming months.
- New changes to the summer camp registration process that allow registrants to pay an initial deposit at the time of registration and pay the balance prior to the start of camp. This is intended to make camps more accessible and equitable.
- Theater Under the Stars at City Hall will take place in August. This year's group is Joy Street, a Japanese dance (Butoh) group. Free performances in July and August at the City Hall plaza.
- Calls for artists in residency will be published soon for the caretaker's cottage at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park. Each artist will receive a stipend for a 2-month residency. Some of the art produced will become part of the City's permanent collection.
- A call is active for site-specific poetry that will be on display in outdoor locations in Shoreline parks. The deadline for submission is March 10.
- The April Board meeting is confirmed for April 23 at Kruckeberg with the Kruckeberg Garden Foundation Board of Directors.
- PRCS/Tree Board youth members, Erik Ertsgaard and Ivan Brown, are graduating and will no longer be on the Board as of June. Applications to fill these two vacancies are live at shorelinewa.gov/Parkboard.
- March meeting - Procedures for facility rentals have been written and will be reviewed by the Board along with the proposal to add permanent Pickleball lines to existing tennis courts at Shoreline Park. KCLS is also scheduled to present their annual report for 2019.

Mr. Hoey requested a status report on the development at 160th. WashDOT submitted their project proposal; the City Engineer reviewed the plans and requested a revision to save more trees. The preliminary arborist report and the Planning and Permitting Department asked them to do additional analysis. We are waiting for the final report from the developer related to tree preservation and sidewalk development. We are in the middle of that process now.

Richmond Beach Saltwater Park Pollinator Garden Proposal

Kay Lakey, Martha Foster, Brian Larson
Friends of RBSW Park

The Board heard a presentation by the Friends of RBSW Park regarding their proposal for a neighborhood mini grant. Pesticides and loss of habitat resulted a reduction in honeybee colonies by 40% last winter. The goal of the garden is to provide a safe and healthy habitat for bees and other pollinators, to attract pollinators, and to work toward a zero-waste Shoreline using Oyas for watering in dry soils. Oyas have been used at RBSW Park for the past 5 years, producing an extreme rise in survival rate of new plantings in the park's dry soil.

The garden is planned to be 400 square feet with a split-rail fence, a small sign with a QR Code that will direct to a City website for educational purposes. Site preparation, planting, and maintenance will be conducted by volunteers. The site was selected because of its proximity to water, natural drainage collection from the grasses, naturally protected area, and the bee habitat already in that area.

Following questions and discussion with the Board regarding the plant list, existing conditions, location, and public accessibility, the motion was made as follows: **Mr. Hoey moved to support the mini-grant application as presented. Seconded by Ms. White. The motion passed with unanimous ballot.** A letter of endorsement will be signed by the Board Chair and entered into the mini grant application process.

2019/2020 Tree Report

Tony Hamilton, Senior Maintenance Worker/Urban Forestry;
Kirk Peterson, Parks Superintendent

The Board received a summary of canopy maintenance goals from the Urban Forest Strategic Plan which include increasing safety by increasing sightlines and protecting trees from vehicles.

- 2019 Canopy Maintenance - 185th corridor from 1st.
- 2019 – 38 contracted removals of hazardous trees
- 2020 – 64 contracted tree removals of dead and hazardous trees
- 2020 Canopy Maintenance - 155th from Aurora to Bagley
- 2020 tree planting – Along 6th Ave NE 65 planting zones have been identified, and the right of way along 9th Ave NE will be replanted with trees.

In-Lieu of fees collected from development in the city where trees were not able to be replanted in the area of development (\$2,500 per tree) in the amount of \$61,000 will be used to replant trees in appropriate neighborhoods throughout Shoreline in the coming years. James Keough Park has also been identified as a viable option for tree planting.

Volunteers:

Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust at Ballinger Open Space has completed 2.3 acres of restoration, planted 150+ shrubs and ground cover, 1,200+ native trees, logged 266 volunteer hours over 4 work parties, enlisted a 6-person restoration crew, and completed 13 days of weeding, mulching and planting.

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Native Stewards cleared and mulched 1.69 acres of invasive vegetation in Shoreline parks, restored 2.28 acres, and planted 800 native plants and 200 native trees. 370 Native Plant Steward hours plus 1100 volunteer hours from community members contributed to these projects in 2019.

RBSW Park Stewards cleared and mulched 1.55 acres, planted 1.75 acres with 350 native vegetation plants. The PRCS Department supports volunteer stewardship programs through steward coordination, logistics, and supplies. 850 hours of staff support time in 2019 and 400 hours of staff time spent in Steward coordination.

3.4 acres of Ronald Bog have been restored as part of the Sound Transit Link Light Rail project. 3,632 trees have been planted, as well as over 23,000 shrubs and ground cover plants. Sound Transit will be maintaining the park for 1 year followed by 10 years of maintenance by Sound Transit subcontractor SKH.

Sandbags will be in place until mid-July to protect the pond, after which time the park will be fully functional. Gravel paths have been installed through the arboretum and from the parking lot to the shelter, around the sculpture, and around an additional restoration site.

Green Shoreline Partnership 20-year Urban Forestry Plan

Nicole Marcotte, Forterra / Green Cities Project Manager

Kirk Peterson provided background information about Forterra and the Green Cities Partnership. Threats to the urban forest include urban growth, loss of large canopy trees, invasive non-invasive plant species, aging canopy, invasive and non-invasive insects and disease, improper tree care, and climate change. If forested parklands are not restored, there will be no urban forests in 100 years. The Green Shoreline partnership aims to reverse the trend toward an increasing urban forest through community-based stewardship programs.

15 Green Cities/Counties are part of the Green City partnership. The goal is to restore 13,000 acres serving more than 1.6 Million people. The 20-year Green Shoreline Partnership Plan is a collaboration between Forterra and the City of Shoreline. It is consistent with the City's Urban Forest Strategic Plan. The Green Shoreline Project Area encompasses 271 acres in Shoreline.

The Board received information about the matrixes that were developed to guide decisions about restoration priorities and methods. Cost projections were presented for the maintenance and preservation of the Shoreline urban forest over the next 20 years.

Recommendations include:

1. Support the active, adaptive management of Shoreline's urban forest
2. Enroll all 271 acres of forested parkland and natural areas in active restoration and maintenance
3. Maintain an inclusive and successful volunteer program
4. Engage long-term volunteers by providing a high level of training and expertise
5. Reward and celebrate volunteer service
6. Engage and diversify the volunteer base to include a variety of skill sets

Goals include:

1. Identify priority sites for restoration and active management

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2. Host community events
3. Recruit, retain and support volunteers
4. Support and maintain a stewardship program
5. Identify areas where skilled field crews are necessary
6. Build collaborative relationship,
7. Establish resources
8. Celebrate accomplishments

Next steps include a partner meeting to share the Plan

1. Utilize data to prioritize work in parks
2. Develop a draft budget
3. Connect local volunteer groups
4. Support the Green Shoreline Steward program
5. Streamline volunteer and restoration tracking

Chair Southwick inquired about a plan to educate the public about the value of greenspaces on privately owned land. As the program grows, the connection between public and private land will be strengthened.

Information from the Plan will be used to create a proposal for the next biennial budget this summer. Advocacy for this vision by the public will be important. The plan is visible online at www.shorelinewa.gov/parkboard

Emerging Trends

Eric Friedli, Director

In the interest of time, Mr. Friedli recommended the following websites for information:

www.DiscovertheForest.org

www.nps.gov

Comments from the Board

- Mr. Franklin requested an update on Hidden Lake.
- Chair Southwick participated in a meeting with Dan Stevens from the Shoreline School District regarding the Kellogg School construction project which resulted in fewer tree removals and public input into tree plantings.
- Ms. Raab McInerney attended the public meeting for the Sunset Playground equipment. Mr. Hoey appreciated having multiple online images available for those who were not able to attend the meeting. Ms. Raab McInerney inquired whether the proposed turf materials use crumb rubber athletic field surfacing. Mr. Peterson explained that the surfacing will be rubberized as opposed to artificial turf.
- Mr. Hoey acknowledged the number of members of the public present and expressed appreciation for the level of community initiative in Shoreline related to trees and community wellbeing.

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Adjourn

Hearing no further business, Chair Southwick called for a motion to adjourn. So moved by Ms. McInerney and seconded by Mr. Franklin. The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

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Signature of Chair	Date	Signature of Minute-Writer	Date
Christine Southwick		Lynn Gabrieli, Administrative Assistant III	

DRAFT



Memorandum

DATE: May 28, 2020
TO: PRCS/Tree Board
FROM: Eric Friedli, PRCS Director
RE: King County Library System Update and Discussion

Requested Board Action

No action is requested. This is an annual update about the activities of the King County Library System (KCLS) provided by Elsa Steel (KCLS Assistant Manager) and Katie Boyes (Librarian Services Manager) with the King County Library System via Zoom.

Project or Policy Description and Background

The King County Library System operates two libraries in the City of Shoreline and provides extensive services to Shoreline residents. KCLS, as a cultural services provider in Shoreline, traditionally provides an annual update to the PRCS Board on its programs and services.

Attachment A provides a summary of KCLS decisions about library service levels and public access during the COVID-19 health emergency.

Additional Information

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- King County Library System: <https://kcls.org/>
- Shoreline Library: <https://kcls.org/locations/1535/>
- Richmond Beach Library: <https://kcls.org/locations/1532/>

Attachment A: Letter to advisory boards from Lisa Rosenblum, KCLS Executive Director.

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Dear Library Advisory Board members,

As Governor Inslee has announced plans for slowly reopening the State, I am writing to inform you about KCLS' plan for a phased reopening of libraries.

Our buildings have been closed during Phase One with staff working remotely to create online programs, services and resources for patrons. Phase Two will involve bringing staff back to work locations but keeping buildings closed to the public. Phase Three will offer limited public services and a staggered reopening of buildings. KCLS will resume full operations in Phase Four.

The decision to progress to each Phase will align with the Washington State Safe Start Plan, but decisions about library service levels and public access are made by KCLS. Staff and public safety remain our number one priority.

Here is a more detailed summary of each phase:

Phase 1 – All KCLS Buildings Closed to Non-Essential Staff, KCLS Is an Online Library Based on direction of Seattle and King County Public Health, all buildings are closed. KCLS is providing online services only and all staff are working from home except those deemed essential to work at Service Center to maintain operations.

Phase 2: All KCLS Buildings Remain Closed to Public, Staff Return to Assigned Work Locations

Staff return to the buildings to resume workflow in preparation for Phase 3. Physical distancing is in effect; staff in high risk groups remain at home and others who are able may continue to work from home to ensure physical distancing can be enforced in buildings. Hours, staffing and work projects may vary depending on location.

Phase 3A: All KCLS Buildings Remain Closed to Public, Limited Public Services Offered

Staff are working in buildings and social distancing is still in effect. KCLS begins to offer limited circulation options, such as *Curbside To Go* holds pickup, material returns, and potentially contactless outreach delivery.

Phase 3B: KCLS Opens Some or All Buildings to the Public, Modified Public Services Offered

When deemed safe by public health and governing officials, the public is invited back to some or all buildings with modified operations. This phase will likely include sub-phases of services based on KCLS' ability to maintain appropriate standards set forth by ongoing guidance from Public Health. Capacity limitations on hours, services, and access to technology may vary by location.

Phase 4: Full-Service Resumes

KCLS returns to full operation while continuing to offer online programs and services that were introduced during the pandemic for those users who may not be able to return to a physical library.

Sincerely,

Lisa G. Rosenblum, Executive Director
King County Library System



Memorandum

DATE: May 28, 2020
TO: PRCS/Tree Board
FROM: Eric Friedli, PRCS Director
RE: Park Naming Process Recommendation

Requested Board Action

The Board is asked to concur with the proposed process for soliciting and recommending names of several potential, new park properties.

Project or Policy Description and Background

The City of Shoreline is actively negotiating the purchase or long-term development agreement of several parcels of land for addition to the city parkland inventory. While several properties are adjacent to existing parks and will be incorporated into the adjacent park, several others will constitute new stand-alone parks. These new park properties need names.

The City of Shoreline Parks and Facility Naming Policy

Attachment A: *City of Shoreline Parks and Facility Naming Policy* outlines the procedures and criteria for naming parks and recreation facilities. The procedures state that “All suggestions, solicited or not, shall be recorded and forwarded to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Advisory Committee for review and consideration.” They also state that “The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Advisory Committee after review of public and staff input shall make a recommendation to the City Council for consideration.” The City Council will make the final naming decision.

There are three properties for which it is timely to solicit names.

709 N. 150th Street. This 0.43-acre, single family residence property is located in the Westminster Triangle neighborhood. The property owner approached the City in late 2019 stating his interest in selling the property to the City for a public park. The City had the property appraised and has made an initial offer to the property owner. This is a wooded site with an unoccupied single-family home. The Westminster neighborhood has been very supportive and are anxious to see the property developed as a neighborhood park. There have been no plans developed for how it might be improved.

1341 N. 185th Street: This 0.70-acre property consists of five separate parcels with the same owner. It is currently vacant and overgrown with blackberries. This property is located in the Meridian Park neighborhood and its acquisition is supported by the Meridian Park and Echo

Lake Neighborhood Associations. The City received a King County Conservation Futures Tax (CFT) grant for 100% of the appraised value. The City has made a formal offer. There have been no formal plans developed for how this property might be developed although it will be limited to passive park due to the restrictions of the CFT program.

1221 N 192nd Street: This -.67-acre property is owned by Seattle City Light (SCL) and is adjacent to the Interurban Trail. It is vacant property that is not formally part of the SCL right-of-way. The City does minimal maintenance, it is partly mowed lawn and partly invasive plants. Several years ago, a group of neighbors, in coordination with the Echo Lake Neighborhood Association, approached PRCS about clearing out heavily overgrown invasive plant that had become home to homeless encampments. The City has worked with the neighborhood to clean the overgrown portions of the property. The neighbors have developed a plan for a community garden. The City reached out to start negotiations for a long-term use agreement with SCL which has slowed due to the COVID-19 health emergency. Some neighbors have been using the working name of Midvale Gardens' to refer to the site.

It is highly likely that all of these properties will become part of the Shoreline park inventory. The Park Naming Policy encourages naming facilities early "since temporary designations tend to be retained."

Naming Process Recommendation

Staff recommends the following schedule for soliciting and recommending names for the potential park properties. This process assumes that purchase and sell agreements have been signed for the acquisitions and that SCL agrees to the naming process prior to starting the process.

- July 1: Release a Call for Park Naming Proposals. Proposal need to be consistent with the Park Naming Policy and provide details on why the name would be appropriate. Letters of support would be allowed. The PRCS Board would review the Call at its June meeting.
- August 14: Deadline for Naming Proposals
- August 17/18: PRCS Subcommittee (if needed/desired) reviews Naming Proposals
- August 27: PRCS Board reviews proposals and develops recommendations to the City Council.
- September: City Council adopts park names.

Additional Information

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Attachment A: City of Shoreline Parks and Facility Naming Policy

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PP-02-001

City of Shoreline		POLICY & PROCEDURE	
Subject: Parks and Facility Naming Policy		Department: Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Number: 01-02	
Effective Date February 11, 2002	Supersedes Not applicable		Approved By: 2/11/02 City Council

1.0 PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to outline the procedures and criteria for the official naming of parks and recreation facilities.

2.0 POLICY:

It is the policy of the City of Shoreline for designation of names for park and recreation facilities to be in accordance with the following criteria:

- a. The naming of parks and facilities should be approached with caution, patience, and deliberation.
- b. A name, once adopted, should be permanent, and changes should be strongly resisted.
- c. Existing facility names shall be reviewed in order to avoid duplication, confusing similarity and/or inappropriateness.
- d. A prospective park or major facility name should be one likely to be widely accepted and used by the public.
- e. Whenever possible, a facility shall be named prior to construction of the improvement. Timing is important in naming facilities, since temporary designations tend to be retained. In the development of facilities, a number designation shall be used until formal naming of the facility is complete.
- f. A park's interior features and/or facilities may have names other than that of the entire park.
- g. If a park or sub-element of a park is named after an individual, family or organization, the final recommendation shall include a narrative describing or quantifying in some detail, the contribution. The qualifying achievement should be the result of extraordinary dedication, significant donation or contribution to the City parks and recreation system, over and above the satisfactory performance of normal duties.

- h. There should be a lapse of at least six months between the receipt of the name proposal and the final recommendation for its adoption.
- i. In cases where the person is deceased, the person shall have been deceased for a minimum of two years.
- j. Elected/appointed City of Shoreline officials and currently employed City staff shall not be eligible for consideration until they are no longer in office or have retired from city service.
- k. Length of service, in and of itself, does not meet these criteria.
- l. Names may reflect:
 - 1. Neighborhood or geographical identification
 - 2. Community name or widely accepted name,(e.g., North City Park, Richmond Beach Saltwater Park, Innis Arden Reserve, Meridian Park, Ballinger Open Space)
 - 3. Natural or geological feature (e.g., Boeing Creek Park, Twin Ponds Park)
 - 4. Historical or cultural significance
 - 5. The name may include an individual, family, or organization that has made a significant land and/or monetary contribution to the park and recreation system, or has performed significant public service which made a tangible contribution to the parks and recreation system justifying a permanent memorial.

3.0 PROCEDURES:

- a. Suggestions for names for any park, or public facility may be solicited from individuals and/or organizations. All suggestions, solicited or not, shall be recorded and forwarded to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Advisory Committee for review and consideration.
- b. Staff may review suggestions for names and make a recommendation(s) to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Advisory Committee for consideration.
- c. The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Advisory Committee after review of public and staff input shall make a recommendation to the City Council for consideration.
- d. Following adoption of the facility name by the City Council, the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department shall develop facility signage using the name.



Memorandum

DATE: May 28, 2020
TO: PRCS/Tree Board
FROM: Eric Friedli, PRCS Director
RE: Potential Park Improvement and Property Acquisition Funding

Requested Board Action

No action is requested, although the Board may decide whether to offer a recommendation on a future ballot measure for Park Improvement and Property Acquisition funding.

Project or Policy Description and Background

In 2019 the City Council approved placing Proposition 1 on the 2019 General Election ballot. If approved by Shoreline voters, Proposition 1 would have authorized the construction of the Shoreline Aquatics, Recreation, and Community Center (ShARCC) and improvements to four neighborhood parks. The ShARCC would have replaced the almost 50-year-old Shoreline Pool and the 70 plus year-old Spartan Recreation Center. Because it was a bond measure, Proposition 1 required 60% voter support to pass. The final vote tally showed that 54% (10,134) of the voters supported the Proposition and 46% (8,630) opposed. It did not pass.

At its goal setting workshop on February 28, 2020 the City Council asked staff to prepare a proposal and recommendations for placing a bond measure before the voters in 2020 for priority park improvements and property acquisition. The Council goal setting workshop was held prior to the Declaration of Health Emergency for COVID-19. At its March 30, 2020 meeting the City Council delayed consideration of a potential bond measure to summer 2020 in hopes that there would be a better understanding of the impacts of the COVID-19 health emergency on the local economy. The Council is scheduled to review the possibility of putting a bond measure on the General Election ballot in 2020, or a future ballot, at its June 15, 2020 meeting.

The staff report prepared for the City Council discussion at its March 30th meeting is included as Attachment A. Attachment A provides a detailed description of alternatives for a ballot measure.

Bond Measure Alternatives (March 30, 2020)

Staff developed several alternatives for the make-up of a potential ballot measure. The alternatives are as follows:

Alternative 1a - \$38.5M

Alternative 1a, which was the staff recommendation as of March 30th, would place a 20-year \$38.5M bond measure on the ballot at some point in the future. As noted above, this alternative

includes in the ballot measure \$19.2M for the four priority parks that were included in the 2019 Proposition; \$5.3M for park amenity improvements at James Keough, Town Center, Ridgecrest, and Shoreview parks and Kruckeberg Botanic Garden; \$10M for park land acquisition; and \$4M in improvements on newly acquired park land. This recommendation may change prior to presentation to the City Council on June 15th.

Alternative 1b: Priority Park improvements, minimal park acquisition and 17828 Midvale Ave N (Storage Court) acquisition- \$38.1M

Alternative 1b would include the same items as Alternative 2 below but would also add the cost of paying off the \$17M Bond Anticipation Note used to purchase the 17828 Midvale Ave N property.

Alternative 2: Priority Park improvements and minimal park acquisition - \$21.1M

Alternative 2 would include the four priority park improvements as described above in Alternative 1a. In addition, Alternative 2 would include \$1.2 million for property acquisition and \$0.77 million for improvements to the acquired land. Property included for acquisition would be Westminster Triangle and Paramount Open Space providing the match for a Conservation Futures Tax grant.

Alternative 3: Priority Park improvements and park acquisition to total \$26 million bond measure - \$26M

The intent of Alternative 3 is to have no net change in the amount that taxpayers are paying for a park related bond measure. The current parks and open spaces bond measure (approved by voters in 2006) is set to be retired in 2021 and removed from property tax bills in 2022. A property owner of a median priced home has been paying approximately \$72 per year in property tax towards the repayment of the 2006 bonds. Maintaining a property tax impact of \$72 per year would allow for \$26.0 million in bonds.

Alternative 3 would include the priority park improvements and the amount allocated to park land acquisition would be adjusted to maintain a no net change in property tax levels. The result is \$4.5 million available for park land acquisition and \$2.25 million available for improvements to newly acquired land.

Cost (millions)				
Bond measure component	Alternative 1a (Staff Recommendation)	Alternative 1b	Alternative 2	Alternative 3
Priority Park Improvements	\$19.2	\$19.2	\$19.2	\$19.2
Priority Park Amenities	\$5.3			
Park land Acquisition	\$10.0	\$1.2	\$1.2	\$4.5
Improvement to Acquired Property	\$4.0	\$0.7	\$0.7	\$2.3
Storage Court Acquisition		\$17.0		
TOTAL	\$38.5	\$38.1	\$21.1	\$26.0
Net Monthly Impact of 20-year bond measure on median valued home	\$3	\$3	(\$1)	\$0

Next Steps

The City Council will consider whether to place a bond measure on the ballot at its June 15, 2020 meeting. If Council gives direction to staff to prepare a bond measure for the 2020 general election, staff will prepare the appropriate legislation for discussion on July 13, 2020 and possible action on July 27, 2020. If a measure is going to be placed on the 2020 August Primary Election, the measure must be submitted to King County Elections no later than Tuesday, August 4, 2020.

Additional Information

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Attachment A: March 30, 2020 Staff Report to the Shoreline City Council

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Council Meeting Date: March 30, 2020

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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: Discussing Park Improvements and Property Acquisition Priorities and Funding

PRESENTED BY: Eric Friedli, PRCS Department Director

ACTION: _____ Ordinance _____ Resolution _____ Motion _____
Public Hearing X Discussion

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

In July 2017, following an 18-month community engagement process, the City Council adopted the 2018-2023 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan (PROS Plan) via Resolution No. 412. The PROS Plan identifies a 20-year vision and framework for Shoreline’s recreation and cultural programs, and for maintenance and investment in park, recreation and open space facilities. Strategic Action Initiative (SAI) #3 in the PROS Plan established a goal to “expand recreation facility opportunities” and SAI #7 established a goal to “ensure adequate parkland for future generations”. Since the adoption of the PROS Plan, staff have developed concept designs for selected parks and reviewed opportunities for property acquisition to achieve those goals.

The Council Goals for 2020-2022 includes an action step to “Implement the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan, including priority park improvements and acquisition of additional park properties.” At its goal setting workshop on February 28, 2020 the Council asked staff to prepare a proposal and recommendations for placing a bond measure before the voters in 2020 for priority park improvements and property acquisition. Tonight, staff will be asking Council for guidance on next steps towards potentially placing a bond measure before the voters. Several policy questions and four potential ballot measure alternatives are presented for discussion.

The Council goal setting workshop was held prior to the Declaration of Health Emergency for COVID-19. One of the key issues for Council is to determine if the City should delay moving forward on a ballot measure until the impacts of COVID-19 are more fully understood on the local economy. This may mean delaying the issue until potentially the 2020 November General Election or until a future year.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

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ranging from \$21.1M to \$38.5M. Detailed analysis of the financial impact on taxpayers is included in the Discussion section of this report.

RECOMMENDATION

Prior to the outbreak of COVID-19 and the health emergency it has created staff would have recommended that Council direct staff to prepare legislation and other materials necessary for placing a funding measure on the 2020 primary election for \$38,500,000 for park improvements and park land acquisition. Given the health emergency that currently exists, and the potential devastating impacts it may have on the local and regional economy, staff would recommend that Council delay putting this on the ballot until either the November 2020 General Election or until a future time if the economic impacts from the COVID-19 Health Emergency are determined to be severe for the Shoreline community.

Approved By: City Manager **DT** City Attorney **MK**

INTRODUCTION

The 2017-2023 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan (PROS Plan), adopted by the City Council on July 31, 2017, establishes a 20-year vision and framework for Shoreline's recreation and cultural programs, and guides maintenance and investment in park, recreation and open space facilities. The PROS Plan includes a series of Strategic Action Initiatives with goals and objectives, including:

- Strategic Action Initiative #3 established the objective to “Expand recreation facility opportunities by adding at least one community garden, two basketball courts, two multi-purpose/pickleball courts, one playground, one swing set, one paved loop path, one spray park, and one adventure playground.” Strategic Action Initiative #7 established the objective to “Ensure adequate parkland for future generations by adding five acres on new parkland by 2023 and 20 additional acres by 2030.”

The City Council re-emphasized the importance of park improvements and land acquisition in its 2020-2022 City Council Goals and Workplan.

- Goal 2: Continue to deliver highly valued public services through management of the City's infrastructure and stewardship of the natural environment.
 - Action Step 2: Implement the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan, including priority park improvements and acquisition of additional park properties

The Council's guidance from its February 28, 2020 goal setting workshop was for staff to develop a proposal for a voter approved bond measure to fund improvements to parks and park land acquisition. Since this time however, the global Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) emergency has affected City services, including City Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services programs. Whether now is the right time to present a ballot measure to the public for park improvements and land acquisition has become a new policy questions for Council to consider.

Tonight, Council is being asked for guidance on several policy questions. First:

1. Given the COVID-19 incident that is affecting the City and the region, should the City proceed at all with a ballot measure for public consideration in 2020? If Council is not prepared to answer this question now, would Council like staff to bring this topic back for future discussion sometime later this year, likely in the summer of 2020, to figure out the potential timing and other policy considerations for the ballot measure?

If Council is interested in moving forward with a ballot measure now, staff would like guidance on these additional policy questions:

1. What park improvements should be included in a bond measure?
2. What is an appropriate amount to include for park land acquisition?
3. What should the overall bond measure cost?
4. What should the duration of the bond be?
5. When should the bond measure be put before the voters in 2020, if the City moves forward with the ballot measure this year?

There are staff recommendations associated with each of these policy questions outlined in the Discussion section below.

BACKGROUND

Park Improvements

The City Council included improvements to four parks in the 2019 Proposition 1 general election ballot measure – Brugger’s Bog, Briarcrest (Hamlin Park), Richmond Highlands, and Hillwood. Those priority park improvements accounted for \$17.9 million of the \$103.6 million Proposition 1. Those four parks were selected by the Council after considering the recommendations of the 2019 Park Funding Advisory Committee (PFAC). The PFAC, which was a Committee of 16 community members from a diverse cross-section of Shoreline residents, met 10 times from September 2018 to March 2019 releasing its final recommendations in April 2019.

The proposed improvements to the four parks were identified as the result of concept designs that were completed for selected parks to guide the implementation of the PROS Plan. General information about the concept designs for expanding recreation amenities can be found at: www.shorelinewa.gov/parksdesign.

The cost of the priority park improvements included in Proposition 1 was estimated in 2019 at \$17.9 million. The estimate has been revised to account for cost inflation (\$501,000) and increases in the projected cost of acquiring necessary property for improvements at Brugger’s Bog Park (\$750,000). The 2020 estimated cost for improvements to the four parks is \$19.2 million. The amenities to be included in the priority park improvements included as part of Proposition 1 remain unchanged and are listed in Table 1.

Table 1: Amenities in Priority Park Improvements

Park	Improvements	2020 Estimated Cost (millions)
Briarcrest – Hamlin Park	Play area, splash pad, community garden, picnic area, enhanced entrance form 25 th Ave NE	\$5.1
Brugger’s Bog	Relocated play area, multi-sports court, picnic shelter, landscaping,	\$4.8
Hillwood	Renovated play area, splash pad, perimeter trail, picnic shelter, adventure play area,	\$3.8
Richmond Highlands	Fully accessible play area, multi-sport court, picnic shelter, perimeter trail, sensory trail	\$5.5
TOTAL		\$19.2

The Council identified the four parks as the highest priority for improvements in 2019 from a longer list of possible park improvements based on the desire to limit the impact to taxpayers of Proposition 1. The concept design process and the PFAC considered a larger list of park improvements. The PFAC prioritized list of park improvements is presented in Table 2 below.

Table 2: PFAC Prioritized Park Investment Opportunities List

Investment Opportunity		2019 Estimated Project Cost (in millions)
1	Trails	\$2.4
2	Brugger's Bog Park	\$5.4
3	Property Acquisition	\$15.0
4	Park at Town Center	\$3.0
5	James Keough Park	\$4.3
6	Richmond Highlands Park	\$5.6
7	Hillwood Park	\$4.2
8	Briarcrest Community Park	\$6.7
9	<i>Forest Restoration</i>	\$1.0
10	Ridgecrest Park	\$3.4
11	Shoreview Park	\$1.8

Park Land Acquisition

The Council did not include funding for general park land acquisition in the 2019 Proposition 1. Funding in the 2019 Proposition 1 was only included for acquisition of property at 17828 Midvale Ave N for the proposed aquatics, recreation and community center.

Table 3: Potential Park Land Acquisition (PROS Plan Table 6.6 + Westminster Triangle)

Park or Area for New Park Land	2020 Estimated cost	
	Acquisition	Development
Paramount Open Space Acquisition	\$1,070,000	\$257,000
185th & Ashworth Acquisition	\$1,076,900	\$520,000
Westminster Triangle	\$620,000	\$310,000
Rotary Park	\$4,975,000	\$1,406,000
Cedarbrook Acquisition (1/4 of Full cost estimate)	\$2,779,000	\$503,000
145th Station Area Acquisition	\$6,291,000	\$1,113,000
5th & 165th Acquisition	\$7,041,000	\$4,456,000
Aurora-I-5 155th-165th Acquisition	\$9,931,000	\$1,615,000
DNR Open Space Access Acquisition	\$2,027,000	\$616,000
Total	\$35,589,000	\$10,769,000

Note: Acquisition of property at Brugger's Bog Park is included in the project budget for improvements at that park and is not included here.

DISCUSSION

Should the City Proceed at all With a Ballot Measure for Public Consideration in 2020?

As discussed in the Introduction Section of this staff report, the COVID-19 incident that is affecting the City and the region began to accelerate following the Council's Strategic Planning Workshop in late February. This was the last time where the potential park bond ballot measure was discussed. Given this current reality, staff is interested in understanding from Council whether the City should proceed at all with a ballot measure for public consideration in 2020?

If a ballot measure is going to be placed on the 2020 August Primary Election, the measure must be submitted to King County Elections no later than Tuesday, May 8, 2020. If a measure is going to be placed on the 2020 November General Election, the measure must be submitted to King County Elections no later than Tuesday, August 4, 2020. Delaying a decision on whether the City should move forward at all until the summer of 2020, when the COVID-19 incident will hopefully be more under control in the region, would mean that placing a ballot measure on the 2020 Primary would no longer be a choice. A decision to place a ballot measure on the General Election could occur during the summer, when more is clear regarding the length of the COVID-19 Health Emergency and its economic impacts. Council may very well determine that 2020 is not the year to place a measure on the ballot.

Given the health emergency that currently exists, and the potential devastating impacts it may have on the local and regional economy, staff would recommend that Council delay putting this on the ballot until either the November 2020 General Election or until a future time if the economic impacts from the COVID-19 Health Emergency are determined to be severe for the Shoreline community.

What Park Improvements Should be Included in a Bond Measure?

As shown in Table 1 above, the cost of the improvements for the four prioritized parks would be \$19.2 million. The decision to prioritize these park improvements was based in part on the dollar amount the Council considered acceptable for the overall Proposition 1 measure in 2019. Staff recommends including \$19.2 million in funding for priority park improvements in a bond measure. An alternative would be to reduce the scope of priority park improvements, provide less funding or expand the scope and add more funding. If the Council wants to consider other park improvements for inclusion in a 2020 bond measure, Table 2 above presents the list of park improvements that were considered by the PFAC and Council in 2019.

The highest priority amenities have been identified from each park previously considered by the PFAC and Council and are presented in Table 4 below. These

amenities include off-leash areas at Ridgecrest and James Keough that would recognize the uncertain future of the Eastside Off-Leash Area at Fircrest. This proposal would also make permanent the off-leash area at Shoreview park that was established as a temporary facility and has not had permanent fencing or other amenities provided. It would also convert the unusable dirt soccer field to grass making it available for little league, softball and youth soccer. The Kruckeberg Botanic Garden was not included on the PFAC recommended list but is proposed here in recognition of the ADA needs at the Garden and to augment a \$200,000 bequest received by the garden for access improvements to the children’s garden area.

Based on this, staff recommends including \$5.3 million in funding for additional park improvements in a 2020 (or future) bond measure. An alternative would be to include fewer, different or no additional park amenities.

Table 4: Staff Recommended Park Amenity Priorities

Park	Improvements	Estimated Cost (millions)
James Keough	Off-leash area, play area, parking, landscaping, perimeter trail	\$1.8
Town Center	Landscaping, art, gathering plaza	\$0.75
Ridgecrest	Off-leash area, play area	\$0.75
Shoreview	Off-leash area upgrades, dirt soccer field conversion to grass for little league, etc.	\$1.5
Kruckeberg	ADA improvements to education center and children’s garden	\$0.5
TOTAL		\$5.3

What is an Appropriate Amount to Include for Park Land Acquisition?

At its Strategic Planning Workshop on February 28, 2020, the Council expressed interest in including funding for park land acquisition in a bond measure in 2020. Table 5 below presents optional levels of funding for park land acquisition. Costs are also included for making improvements to park land that is newly acquired. The associated improvement costs are included as general estimates given that no design work or community outreach has been done to identify what improvements might be desired or appropriate for these new park lands. The new park land improvements budget would provide basic park improvements and it is anticipated that park impact fees and grants would provide additional funding for a higher level of improvements.

Staff recommends \$10 million be included in a bond measure for park land acquisition and \$4.0 million for improvements to acquired property. An alternative would be to add more or include less funding for park land acquisition.

Table 5: Park Land Acquisition Options

Possible Acquisition	Funding Level (millions)	Associated Improvement Costs (millions)
Match for Conservation Futures Tax (CFT) grant for Paramount Open Space, Westminster Triangle	\$1.2	\$0.77
PLUS, a portion of property at Rotary Park	\$3.4	\$1.5
PLUS, additional property at Rotary Park, light rail station areas	\$10.0	\$4.0
Alternative: Acquisition of 17828 Midvale Ave N (Storage Court)	\$17.0	\$0

What Should the Overall Bond Measure Cost?

The current parks and open spaces bond measure (approved by voters in 2006) is set to be retired in 2021 and removed from property tax bills in 2022. A property owner of a median priced home is paying approximately \$76 in 2020 in property tax towards the repayment of the 2006 bonds. The staff recommendations for park improvements and property acquisition total \$38.5 million, which are outlined in Table 6 below.

Table 6: Staff Recommended Bond Measure

Bond measure component	Cost (millions)
Priority Park Improvements	\$19.2
Priority Park amenities	\$5.3
Park land acquisition	\$10.0
Improvement to acquired property	\$4.0
TOTAL	\$38.5

Table 7 below shows the impact of a \$38.5 million bond measure on a median valued home (\$517,000), a home valued at \$750,000 and a home valued at \$1,000,000. As shown in Table 7, the net impact, or difference between the current 2006 Parks Bond and the proposed Parks Bond, on the owner of a median valued home would be between \$0 and \$12 per month depending on the length of the bond issue.

Table 7: Impacts of an \$38.5 Million Bond Measure

	Amount of Bond Issue = \$38,500,000			Cost of Expiring Bond		Net Increase	
	Length of Issue (Years)	Annual Impact	Monthly Impact	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly
2020 Median Valued Home (\$517,000)	15	\$218	\$18	\$76	\$6	\$142	\$12
	20	\$112	\$9	\$76	\$6	\$36	\$3
	30	\$72	\$6	\$76	\$6	(\$4)	(\$0)
Home Valued at \$750,000	15	\$316	\$26	\$110	\$9	\$206	\$17
	20	\$163	\$14	\$110	\$9	\$53	\$4

Amount of Bond Issue = \$38,500,000			Cost of Expiring Bond			Net Increase	
	30	\$105	\$9	\$110	\$9	(\$5)	(\$0)
Home Valued at \$1,000,000	15	\$421	\$35	\$147	\$12	\$274	\$22
	20	\$217	\$18	\$147	\$12	\$70	\$6
	30	\$140	\$12	\$147	\$12	(\$7)	(\$1)

What Should the Duration of the Bond Be?

Longer bond terms result in lower annual impact on taxpayers, but taxpayers are impacted over a longer period of time. Additionally, a longer bond term also results in overall higher interest paid by the City. Staff recommends a 20-year bond term as shown below in Table 8.

Table 8: Impacts of an \$38.5 Million Bond Measure for 20 Year Bond

Amount of Bond Issue = \$38,500,000			Cost of Expiring Bond			Net Increase	
	Length of Issue (Years)	Annual Impact	Monthly Impact	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly
2020 Median Valued Home (\$517,000)	20	\$112	\$9	\$76	\$6	\$36	\$3
Home Valued at \$750,000	20	\$163	\$14	\$110	\$9	\$53	\$4
Home Valued at \$1,000,000	20	\$217	\$18	\$147	\$12	\$70	\$6

When Should the Bond Measure be Put Before the Voters in 2020, if the City Moves Forward with the Ballot Measure This Year?

As discussed previously in this staff report, the COVID-19 Health Emergency has significantly changed the environment for a potential bond measure in 2020. Council should consider whether the City should move forward with a measure in 2020. Staff no longer believes it is prudent to move forward with a ballot measure for the 2020 August Primary. It may be questionable whether it is realistic to consider a measure for the 2020 November ballot, but that decision could be put off for a couple of months until the full impact of COVID-19 is more understood. Table 9 presents a list of options that could be considered along with anticipated measures.

Table 9: Potential Ballot Measures 2020-2022

Election	Potential Measure
2020 Primary	King County Library Levy Lid Lift
2020 General	King County Harborview Hospital Bond
2021	Fire Department Fire Benefit Charge Renewal
2021	King County Best Start for Kids Renewal
2021	King County Family Justice Center
2022	Shoreline Levy Lid Lift
2022	Shoreline School District O&M Levy Replacement/Renewal

Election	Potential Measure
2022	Shoreline School District Technology Levy Replacement/Renewal

Given the health emergency that currently exists, and the potential devastating impacts it may have on the local and regional economy, staff would recommend that Council delay deciding on the timing for the ballot measure until the economic impacts from the COVID-19 Health Emergency are more fully understood.

ALTERNATIVES DISCUSSION

Staff has also created a couple of alternatives for the make-up of a potential ballot measure for Council consideration. The alternatives are as follows:

Alternative 1a (Staff Recommendation) - \$38.5M

Alternative 1a, which is the staff recommendation, would place a 20-year \$38.5M bond measure on the ballot at some point in the future. As noted above, this alternative includes in the ballot measure \$19.2M for the four priority parks that were included in the 2019 Proposition; \$5.3M for park amenity improvements at James Keough, Town Center, Ridgecrest, Shoreview parks and Kruckeberg Botanic Garden; \$10M for park land acquisition; and \$4M in improvements on newly acquired park land.

Alternative 1b: Priority Park improvements, minimal park acquisition and 17828 Midvale Ave N (Storage Court) acquisition- \$38.1M

Alternative 1b would include the same items as Alternative 2 below but would also add the cost of paying off the bond anticipation note used to purchase the 17828 Midvale Ave N property (Table 7). The Council authorized the purchase of the property using Bond Anticipation Note and using the proceeds of the storage business revenue to pay the interest. While staff anticipates that the business will generate some additional revenue that will be applied to the purchase price, staff is conservatively estimating that the full purchase price would need to be repaid. This alternative is roughly the same cost as Alternative 1a, but the \$17M Bond Anticipation Note payoff is included as opposed to funding for priority park amenities, greater park land acquisition and greater improvements to acquired property.

Alternative 2: Priority Park improvements and minimal park acquisition - \$21.1M

Alternative 2 would include the four priority park improvements as described above. In addition, Alternative 2 would include \$1.2 million for property acquisition and \$0.77 million for improvements to the acquired land (Table 7). Property included for acquisition would be Westminster Triangle and Paramount Open Space providing the match for a Conservation Futures Tax grant.

Alternative 3: Priority Park improvements and park acquisition to total \$26 million bond measure - \$26M

The intent of Alternative 3 is to have no net change in the amount that taxpayers are paying for a park related bond measure (Table 8). The current parks and open spaces bond measure (approved by voters in 2006) is set to be retired in 2021 and removed from property tax bills in 2022. A property owner of a median priced home has been paying approximately \$72 per year in property tax towards the repayment of the 2006 bonds. Maintaining a property tax impact of \$72 per year would allow for \$26.0 million in bonds.

Alternative 3 would include the priority park improvements and the amount allocated to park land acquisition would be adjusted to maintain a no net change in property tax levels. The result is \$4.5 million available for park land acquisition and \$2.25 million available for improvements to newly acquired land.

Table 10: Bond Measure Alternatives

Bond measure component	Cost (millions)			
	Alternative 1a (Staff Recommendation)	Alternative 1b	Alternative 2	Alternative 3
Priority Park Improvements	\$19.2	\$19.2	\$19.2	\$19.2
Priority Park Amenities	\$5.3			
Park land Acquisition	\$10.0	\$1.2	\$1.2	\$4.5
Improvement to Acquired Property	\$4.0	\$0.7	\$0.7	\$2.3
Storage Court Acquisition		\$17.0		
TOTAL	\$38.5	\$38.1	\$21.1	\$26.0
Net Monthly Impact of 20-year bond measure on median valued home	\$3	\$3	(\$1)	\$0

STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH

After the adoption of the PROS Plan staff actively engaged the community in development of park concept designs. The PFAC provided a forum for stakeholders to provide input into park improvements. The PRCS/Tree Board has consistently been kept informed and provided input at its monthly meetings.

NEXT STEPS

If Council is interested in moving a ballot measure forward now, staff recommends that the Council provide direction to staff to bring forward draft ballot language for Council review on April 13, 2020. Council's direction this evening will provide staff with the guidance on size, timing, and components to include in the ballot measure. If Council agrees, staff will prepare the appropriate legislation for placing a funding measure on the ballot for discussion on April 13, 2020 and possible action on April 30, 2020. If a measure is going to be placed on the 2020

August Primary Election, the measure must be submitted to King County Elections no later than Tuesday, May 8, 2020.

Given the COVID-19 outbreak, the City Council may want to delay making a decision on the timing of a ballot measure. Council could come to agreement on the contents of a ballot measure, but not decide on the timing of the measure. The measure could be placed on the ballot for the General Election in November 2020 or a future election date. If a measure is going to be placed on the 2020 November General Election, the measure must be submitted to King County Elections no later than Tuesday, August 4, 2020.

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