



City of Seattle

Office of City Auditor

Susan Cohen, City Auditor

City of Seattle Office of City Auditor

Parks Public Involvement Audit

Preliminary Findings and Citizen Questionnaire Results September 2006

Executive Summary

City Councilmember David Della asked the Office of City Auditor to review Seattle Parks and Recreation's (Parks) public involvement practices due to his concerns about controversies in the spring of 2006 regarding Parks projects.

In this first phase of our review, we examined current Parks processes for public involvement, and we polled Seattle residents on their views. We received 846 responses to our web questionnaire (See Appendix B).

Based on this work, we identified three areas for improving Parks' public involvement processes:

- Reaching Hard-to-Reach Communities
- Using Tools and Technology for Better Public Involvement
- Maintaining the Integrity of the Process.

Within these areas, we found nine specific opportunities for improving Parks' public involvement practices.

We collaborated with the Department of Finance and Seattle Parks and Recreation to develop an action plan with 16 recommendations to address the issues uncovered in the first phase of our review. Parks plans to implement 14 of these with existing resources, while the remaining two will require additional funding.

The second phase of our review will be completed in the spring of 2007. It will focus on Parks' adopted Public Involvement Policy itself, and it will include a case study review of the recent Parks project at the Loyal Heights playfield. This second phase review may reveal additional potential improvements to the Public Involvement Policy.

Contents

Executive Summary.....	1
Background.....	3
Preliminary Opportunities for Improvement.....	3
Reaching Hard-to-Reach Communities.....	3
Using Tools and Technology for Better Public Involvement.....	7
Maintaining the Integrity of the Process	7
Parks' Proposed Action Plan.....	9
Reaching Hard-to-Reach Communities.....	9
Using Tools and Technology for Better Public Involvement.....	10
Maintaining the Integrity of the Process	11
Appendix A: Scope and Methodology	13
Scope	13
Methodology.....	15
Parks Public Involvement Citizen Web Questionnaire	15
Testing of Documentation of Public Process	16
Geographic Analysis	16
Interviews with Parks staff	17
Appendix B: Parks Public Involvement – Preliminary Questionnaire Results	19
Appendix C: Parks Public Involvement. Questionnaire - Responses to Open Ended Questions	29

This document can be found on our website at:

<http://www.seattle.gov/audit/2006.htm>

If you have any questions about this document, please contact the City of Seattle Office of City Auditor at 206/233-3801.

Background

The mission of Seattle's Department of Parks and Recreation (Parks) is to work with all citizens to be good stewards of our environment, and provide safe and welcoming opportunities to play, learn, contemplate and build community. To accomplish these ends, Parks solicits and considers public input into any decision that, in the judgment of the Parks Superintendent, will substantially modify the use or appearance of any of their properties. To ensure that this is done consistently and fairly, in 1999 Parks adopted a formal public involvement policy (amended in 2002) for proposals to acquire property, initiate funded capital projects, or make changes to a park or facility.¹

City Councilmember David Della asked the Office of City Auditor to review Seattle Parks and Recreation's (Parks) public involvement practices due to his concerns about recent controversies concerning Parks projects. We worked, in collaboration with Parks and the Department of Finance, to evaluate how well these community involvement processes have worked in the past and to identify possible ways for Parks to improve their public involvement processes. We hope that this review will help the City Council and public gain a better understanding of how Parks engages the community in their decision-making processes, and will lead to improvements in Parks' public involvement practices.

Preliminary Opportunities for Improvement

Based on our fieldwork (as described in Appendix A: Scope and Methodology) and on the preliminary results of the citizen questionnaire regarding Parks' public involvement processes (see Appendix B), we identified three areas for improving Parks' public involvement processes:

- Reaching Hard-to-Reach Communities
- Using Tools and Technology for Better Public Involvement
- Maintaining the Integrity of the Process

Reaching Hard-to-Reach Communities

All Parks staff that we interviewed expressed a strong desire to ensure that Parks' public involvement processes include those in hard-to-reach communities such as the elderly, immigrants, refugees, and the economically-disadvantaged. However, Parks' efforts to date on this issue have shown modest success. Parks' current translation funding is limited, and our findings suggest that translated materials might not be broadly reaching their intended public.

¹ Parks Public Involvement Policy can be found at <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/Publications/policy/PIP.pdf>

1. **Strategies for Overcoming Cultural Challenges** - Numerous Parks staff directed us to the Parks development project at Van Asselt Community Center as an example of Parks' use of creative outreach efforts to reach a diverse community that includes immigrants and refugees. Parks' efforts included coordination with the Seattle Housing Authority, translation of meeting notices into nine languages, translators for five languages available at the public meeting, and free pizza dinner offered to meeting participants. Despite these significant efforts, our review of Parks records indicated that only nine and six adults attended the two public meetings (an additional approximately 20 children ate pizza).

2. **Geographic Trends in Parks Public Involvement** – Our geographic analysis indicated that there was at least some participation in recent Parks public processes from within every zip code area in the City (See Appendix A for the results). The participation rate (number of participants/total population per zip code area) for Parks' public involvement processes ranged from .2% (98178 – Rainier Beach/Lakeridge Park) to 2.7% (98112 – Madison Park/North Capital Hill) for residential zip code areas over a nine-year period (1997-2006).

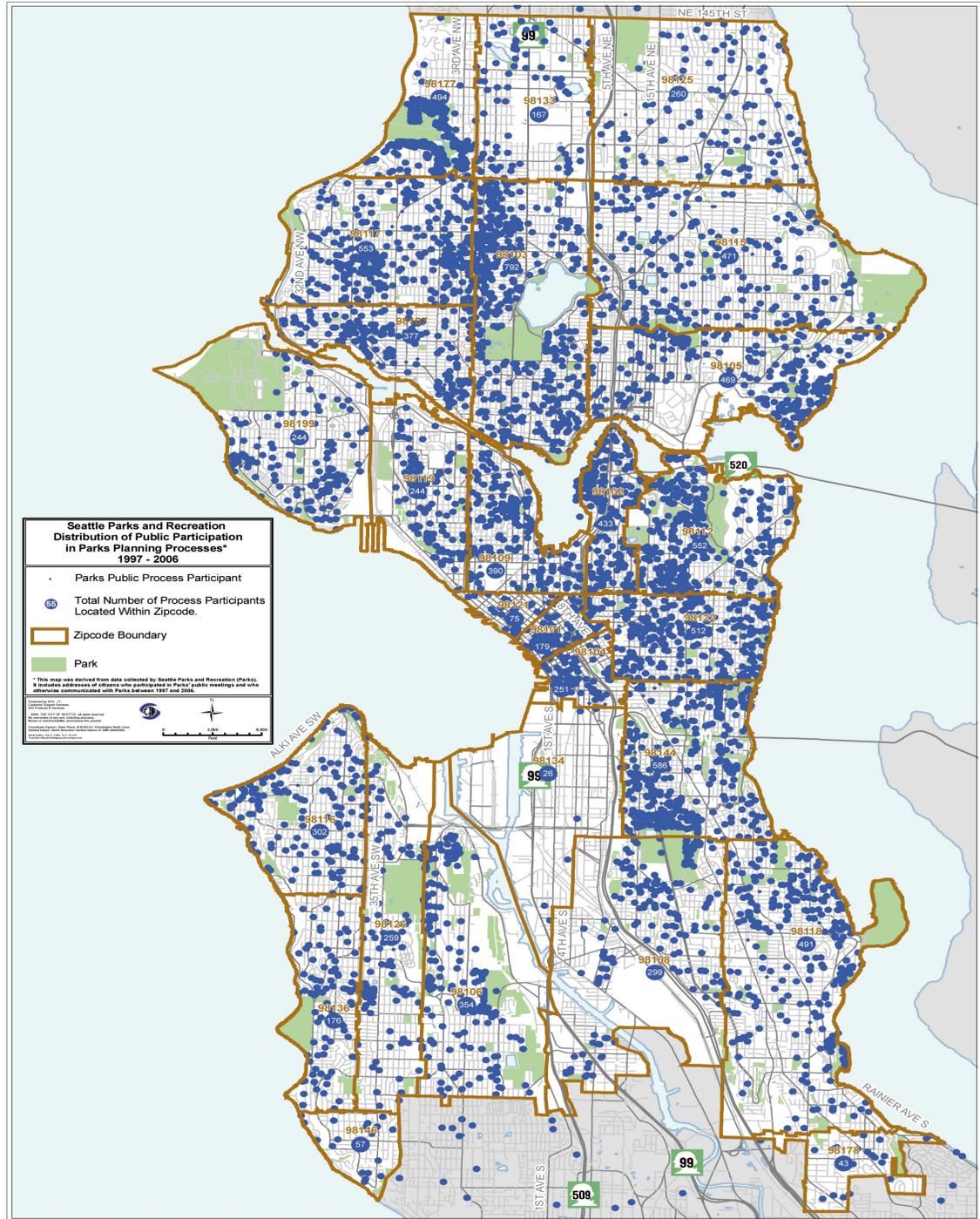
Four zip code areas had participation rates under 1%:

Area Description and/or Local Park(s)	Zipcode	Population	# of Parks Public Process Participants	Participation Rate
Belltown	98121	8558	75	0.88%
Thornton Creek (zip code area includes some Shoreline)	98125	34994	260	0.74%
Bitter Lake/Haller Lake (zip code area includes some Shoreline)	98133	42896	167	0.39%
Arbor Heights (zip code area includes some of White Center)	98146	25574	57	0.22%
Rainier Beach/Lakeridge Park (zip code area includes some of Renton)	98178	21860	43	0.20%

Six zip code areas had participation over 2%:

Area Description and/or Local Park(s)	Zipcode	Population	# of Parks Public Process Participants	Participation Rate
Madison Park/N Capitol Hill	98112	20480	552	2.70%
Carkeek Park (zip code area includes some of Shoreline)	98177	18920	494	2.61%
South Lake Union	98109	16018	390	2.43%
Leschi/Judkins Park/Mt Baker	98144	24913	586	2.35%
Fairview Park/ Lake Union	98102	19424	433	2.23%
Ballard Commons	98107	18516	377	2.04%

The lowest participation rates were in zip code areas in the northernmost and southernmost sections of the City. These zip code areas cross into Shoreline in the north, and White Center (King County) and Renton in the south, and these residents may be involved in parks planning efforts in these communities. However, the numbers suggest that outreach efforts could be strengthened in these areas.



3. **Language/Cultural Barriers** –25% of those who responded to our questionnaire indicated that they felt that language or cultural barriers prevented themselves or others in their community from participating in Parks’ public involvement processes (75% felt that language and cultural barriers did not prevent themselves or others in their community from participating in Parks public involvement processes). Respondents identified 17 zip code areas in which they felt that language and cultural barriers inhibited public participation. The top two zip code areas identified were 98144 (5% of respondents), which includes Judkins Park and Mt. Baker neighborhoods, and 98118 (3% of respondents), which includes Columbia City, Rainier Beach, and Seward Park neighborhoods.

We recognize that our electronic audit questionnaire might not have reached those individuals for whom language and cultural issues present barriers to Parks public involvement.

4. **Translated Materials** –

Printed Form: Evidence suggests that even after Parks materials are translated, hard-copy printed materials might not be broadly reaching their intended public. In 2006, the mid-term Pro Parks Levy report, for example, was translated into eight different languages on the web. Press releases and copies of the report were sent to organizations, community centers and libraries. Yet, to date, Parks has only received one request from a citizen for a translated report.

On the Web: The same materials translated and available on the web, have received nearly 1,700 page-views to date. However, we were unable to determine the number of repeat views and the number of views on computers outside the Seattle area. So, it is difficult to determine if these materials are reaching their intended audience. Here are the page views for the translated mid-term Pro Parks Levy report on the web:

<u>Language</u>	<u># Page Views</u>	<u>Percent of Total Page Views</u>
Tagalog	572	33.69
Spanish	393	23.14
Amharic	162	9.54
Chinese	146	8.6
Oromo	132	7.77
Vietnamese	101	5.95
Somali	100	5.89
Tigrina	92	5.42
Total	1698	100

Using Tools and Technology for Better Public Involvement

The 8.8% response rate (846 responses out of 9640 questionnaires sent) for the audit questionnaire is an indicator that citizens interested in Parks issues are receptive to the use of new tools for public involvement.

5. **More E-Mail Communication Requested** -- Among our questionnaire respondents, e-mail was the most preferred option for notification regarding Parks' public processes. Notifying neighbors beyond the current requirement of 300 feet from a park and making greater use of e-mail were the first and second most popular suggestions from citizens for improving opportunities for public comment. Parks currently maintains a database of citizens who have participated in or expressed an interest in participating in Parks' public involvement processes. Our own use of this database for our audit survey suggests that it might not offer the flexibility and ease of use to make it an effective tool for public involvement e-mailing.

6. **Parks Technology and Innovations** -- Some Parks staff expressed willingness to introduce tools currently owned by the City, such as web surveys and automated polling devices, in their planning processes. The Board of Park Commissioners agreed at their August 24, 2006 meeting to webcast an upcoming meeting, and to explore the possibility of webcasting all future Park Board meetings.

Maintaining the Integrity of the Process

7. **Managing Process Details** – We found evidence that some of the elements of the public involvement process for some projects have not been completed or are not completed in the timeframe described in the Parks public involvement policy. These elements included posting public meeting notes on the web and installing notification signs in a timely fashion. We also found that Parks supervisors do not have adequate tools in place to ensure that process details do not slip through the cracks. The changes to Parks' Public Involvement Policy adopted by the Board of Park Commissioners on August 24, 2006² create additional process elements that will require adequate oversight to ensure completion.

² The changes to the Parks' Public Involvement Policy can be found at: http://www.seattle.gov/parks/projects/public_involvement_policy.htm

8. **Notification Practices** – The top three suggestions (from citizens who responded to our questionnaire) for improving opportunities for public comment centered around notification practices:

1. Notify neighbors beyond the current requirement of 300 feet from the park
2. More/better use of e-mail
3. Solicit public input earlier in the life of the project.

9. **Disconnect with Public on Decision-Making** – 85% of questionnaire respondents indicated they felt comfortable or neutral expressing their viewpoint during the public process³ and 88% indicated that based on their previous experience with Parks, they would be willing to (or were neutral to) participate in future planning processes.⁴

However, a significant number of respondents felt that Parks:

- Did not provide sufficient information about the rationale for Parks final decision (46%)
- Did not provide sufficient information about input from all sources that influenced Parks’ final decision (46%).

3

Expression of Viewpoint - I felt comfortable expressing my viewpoint during the public process.		
Strongly Agree	134	19%
Agree	284	40%
Neutral	185	26%
Disagree	57	8%
Strongly Disagree	48	7%
Total	708	100%

4

Future Participation - Based on my previous experience with Parks, I would be willing to participate in future Parks' planning processes.		
Strongly Agree	141	19%
Agree	291	40%
Neutral	215	29%
Disagree	44	6%
Strongly Disagree	39	5%
Total	730	100%

Parks' Proposed Action Plan

We developed an action plan to address the issues identified by the audit. This action plan represents a consensus among the Office of City Auditor, the Department of Finance, and Seattle Parks and Recreation. Fourteen of the sixteen recommendations will not require additional funding for 2007-08 and will be incorporated into Parks' existing budget and processes. Two recommendations, noted below, will require additional funding for 2007-08.

Reaching Hard-to-Reach Communities

Parks Action Items:

1. **Use Census Information:** Parks will use the results of a recent Parks report, Census 2000: A Demographic Overview of Seattle's Communities, prepared pursuant to Seattle Parks and Recreation Plan 2000, to determine the unique populations in various Parks service areas in order to identify and reach out appropriately to those populations.
2. **Consultant Study of Unique Populations:** Parks plans to hire a consultant to examine unique populations in service areas and make recommendations about how to do effective outreach to each, based on study of cultural customs, traditions, and relationships with government. The results of the study would bring benefit all City departments. An example of a similar study performed in Boston can be found at:
http://www.barrfoundation.org/usr_doc/Immigrant_Engagement_in_Public_Open_Space_final.pdf

Budget Implications: \$50,000 for a consultant study in 2007. In addition, depending on the consultant's findings, there may be budget implications for 2008 and beyond.

3. **New E-Mail Lists:** Parks staff have developed new e-mail lists that include the chairs of the city neighborhood councils, and are developing e-mail lists of contact people for community organizations, in an effort to increase participation in Parks processes, especially in neighborhoods where participation is sparse.
4. **Citywide Effort on Public Engagement:** Parks is participating in a citywide effort on public engagement, coordinated by the Office for Civil Rights that will include recommendations on translations and other efforts to reach out to underserved populations.

5. **Citywide Effort on Translation:** Parks is participating in a citywide effort now under way, led by the Office of Policy and Management, to draft and implement a policy and procedure to guide translation and interpretation by city departments.
6. **Outreach to Organizations Serving Unique Populations:** Parks will, after identifying the unique populations in various service areas, search for organizations representing these populations, and will contact them to let them know of Parks happenings in their sectors of the city.

Using Tools and Technology for Better Public Involvement

Parks Action Items:

7. **Create E-mail Groups:** Parks has already begun to expand and improve upon its e-mail lists, and plans a citywide survey that will invite citizens to sign up for e-mail groups for which they indicate interest: a group for each of the city's 13 neighborhood districts and a group for each major interest area (open space, athletics, etc.). Parks will post an invitation on its web home page, inviting citizens to sign up for one or more of the above-mentioned e-mail lists. These lists, along with contacts with city neighborhood councils and community organizations, will help with outreach for planning processes.
8. **Web-casting Park Board Meetings:** Parks plans to webcast Park Board meetings and will be testing this at an upcoming meeting in the Boards and Commissions Room at City Hall, which also has the benefit of access to a "listen-line." Parks staff are currently exploring technical options. Some of the options would cost less than the average \$5,600 per year paid in overtime to the Park Board staff person to prepare detailed minutes.
9. **Electronic Polling Devices for Selected Meetings:** Parks will test electronic handheld devices that "poll" meeting attendees on preferences, tabulate results instantly, and generate a report. These devices can be useful to draw out people not used to talking in a public setting and to gather "outlying" opinions. Parks will also consider use of the Zoomerang web survey tool for planning processes that cross neighborhoods and areas of interest.
10. **Newspaper Ad to Announce Meetings:** The Park Board has asked the Mayor to look into the possibility of a weekly paid ad in one or both of the daily newspapers, announcing all City-sponsored meetings and events taking place in the upcoming week. Parks found examples of other cities that do this. Should the City decide to do this, there would be a budget impact in the future.

- 11. Scrolling Information on Seattle Channel:** Parks will speak with Seattle Channel staff to investigate the possibility of a “crawler” tape running along the bottom of the viewer’s screen, much like CNN and other news channels do, with pertinent information about upcoming meetings.

Maintaining the Integrity of the Process

Parks Action Items

- 12. Redesigned Public Involvement Tracking Tools:** Parks has created a new template specifically to accommodate all of the written information the revised Public Involvement Policy requires in preparation for each public meeting: project history (source); factors that may have an impact on it (safety, City Council actions, voter-approved measures, prior adopted plans); an explanation of how decisions are made and how public input will be incorporated in them; how “majority” opinions will figure in decisions; details of the process to date on the project; a reminder that input is welcome in any form; details of whatever process(es) led to an adopted plan that was the source of the project (e.g., neighborhood plan, park master plan); and a summary of outreach efforts for the current meeting. This will be used in conjunction with a checklist for each project to identify completion of each element in a project’s Public Involvement Plan. These materials will be distributed at public meetings and made available on the web.
- 13. New Position to Support Parks’ Public Involvement Processes:** Parks is requesting the creation of a new position to support public involvement activities. The responsibilities for this position would include:
- Ensuring that elements of the public involvement process for each Parks project are completed in compliance with the Parks’ public involvement policy.
 - Ensuring that information about public involvement for each public process (including information available on the web) is appropriate and of consistent quality.
 - Ensuring that Parks staff have access to and utilize appropriate public involvement tools including e-mail lists, outside facilitators, translators, desktop publishing support, etc.
 - Supporting Parks’ efforts to reach hard-to-reach communities.

Budget Implications: Parks is currently exploring options for the position. Total costs range between \$75,000 and \$120,000.

- 14. Expand Notification through E-Mail.** A 2004 study sponsored by the City’s Department of Information Technology indicated that 83% of Seattleites have access to the Internet, and 83% have a personal computer. In addition, the City

is looking for efficiencies in paper use, staff time, and postage costs, so Parks will rely heavily on e-mail and will take extra steps to reach populations who do not have it.

- 15. Outreach for Citywide Planning Processes:** In the revisions to the Public Involvement Policy approved by the Park Board on August 24, Parks added sections that address outreach for planning processes (the original policy spoke only to funded capital projects). These planning processes generate records of desired improvements by various constituencies, including neighborhood groups and user groups—often long before any of those improvements is funded as a project. Parks believes that this will provide citizens with an opportunity for public input earlier in the life of a project.
- 16. More Information About How Decision Are Made:** Included in the revisions to the Public Involvement Policy recommended by the Park Board is language that calls for the presentation of a variety of information in documents that Parks staff present at public meetings and publish on the web. It calls specifically for:
- a. A history of the project that includes all factors that may have an impact on the nature and issue areas open to public participation including: safety issues, City Council actions, Mayoral priorities, voter-approved measures, inclusion in an adopted plan and the public process that led to that plan, the project’s budget limitations, and regional need;
 - b. An explanation of how decisions are made during the process, including how Parks uses information from the public and how it affects decisions, and how “majority” opinions will figure in decisions;
 - c. A detailed description of the process to date, including milestones and decisions made to date and the number of people who attended previous meetings, so that the public is “caught up” on decisions possibly made at meetings they did not attend;
 - d. A reminder that written, telephoned, and e-mail comments bear equal weight with attendance at a meeting;
 - e. A detailed description of the public process that led to the plan that is the source of the project;
 - f. A summary of outreach efforts for the current meeting;
 - g. The project budget (amount and sources) and how it may limit the project scope;
 - h. The timeline for the process;
 - i. The points at which comment has been/will be invited;
 - j. If applicable, the elements of the project that are open to public comment (e.g., required elements such as ADA-accessibility elements, are not negotiable; levy projects have been approved by the voters and adopted by ordinance); and
 - k. A statement acknowledging that even if there is disagreement within the community, Parks will need to make a decision and move forward on the project, and that some participants may not be satisfied with the decision.

Appendix A: Scope and Methodology

Scope

To ensure that the City Council has an opportunity to consider improvements to Parks' public involvement process in their budget decision-making, this audit work was divided into two phases. Phase 1 was concluded with this document published in September 2006, and Phase 2 will conclude with another document published in the spring of 2007.

This document focuses on internal Parks processes (Audit Objective A below) and includes a set of Action Items developed by Parks, including recommendations for the City Council to consider for the 2007-08 budget. The spring 2007 report will focus on the public involvement policy itself, and it will include a case study review of a recent Parks project (Audit Objectives B and C below).

Audit Objectives

(Objective A is addressed in Phase 1 and Objectives B & C will be addressed in the Phase 2 report.)

Objective A: Parks Processes. Determine the adequacy and effectiveness of Parks' internal processes that support public involvement. Methodology included incorporation of citizen input, coordination with Board of Parks Commissioners and Parks staff. It also included examination and testing of Parks public involvement process elements such as: staffing, management oversight, supporting tools and systems, and processes for collecting and communicating public input.

Objective B: Public Involvement Policy. Determine the appropriateness and effectiveness of Parks' current public involvement policy. Methodology will include incorporation of citizen input, coordination with Board of Park Commissioners and Parks staff, and information-gathering from other jurisdictions. This will include ideas already generated by Parks staff and Park Board members. It will also include a review and reporting on the detailed comments and letters offered by citizens during Phase 1.



Objective C: Case Studies. Develop a “lessons-learned” report based on a detailed case study of public involvement for a selected recent Parks project. We will begin with a case study of the Loyal Heights playfield project, and possibly include additional case studies.

Aerial photo of Loyal Heights playfield from Parks' website at:
<http://www.seattle.gov/parks/proparks/projects/loyalheightsplayfield.htm#overview>

Methodology

To identify potential process improvements for Parks public involvement that might be incorporated in the 2007-08 biennial budget, the scope for our Phase 1 report was restricted to:

Objective A: Parks' Processes. Determine the adequacy and effectiveness of Parks' internal processes that support public involvement. This included incorporation of citizen input, coordination with Board of Parks Commissioners and Parks staff. It also included examination and testing of Parks public involvement process elements including: staffing, management oversight, supporting tools and systems, and processes for collecting and communicating public input.

Specific components of our methodology included:

1. Parks Public Involvement-Citizen Web Questionnaire
2. Testing of Parks public involvement process documentation
3. GIS Analysis
4. Interviews with Parks staff

Parks Public Involvement Citizen Web Questionnaire

We consulted with Parks staff and other City officials on the development of a web questionnaire regarding Parks public involvement. We used a group of nine citizens to pre-test the questionnaire. The names of the citizens were offered by Councilmember Della's office, Seattle Parks and Recreation, and also included three citizens who had volunteered their time to the City Auditor. We were pleasantly surprised to receive 37 responses to our pre-test, and discovered that our pre-test group had circulated the questionnaire to others for comment. We reviewed all of the comments from the pre-test group, and incorporated their ideas, to our best ability, within the questionnaire.

The questionnaire was sent out on July 27, 2006 and closed on August 24, 2006. The questionnaire was sent by e-mail to a total of 9,640 addresses from databases maintained by Parks, the Department of Neighborhoods, and the Seattle City Council. The questionnaire was publicized with a press release from Councilmember Della, and it was available on the Parks website. We received 846 responses including at least one response from every zip code in the City. The questionnaire results are included in their entirety (names of respondents have been excluded) in Appendix B.

Firefox Issue: We consider the questionnaire results preliminary. Due to a browser problem that may have affected some responses, we are encouraging respondents to contact us by October 31, 2006 to verify that their questionnaire results are complete. The potential problem is limited to respondents that use Firefox as their Internet browser and who did not initially complete the mandatory zip code question. These conditions may have created a

problem with the data for questions that indicate “check all that apply,” by dropping some of the respondent’s check marks. This problem was called to our attention by a citizen questionnaire-respondent. We reported the problem to Zoomerang, the company that makes the software tool that we used to develop the questionnaire. They indicated that the issue is unique to the Firefox browser’s security settings. To estimate the potential extent of the data problem we considered that approximately 12% of the page views on the City’s website are performed using Firefox, and assumed that 25% of Firefox users missed the mandatory zip code question. This would result in an estimated exposure risk of 3% for incomplete data on questions 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 19, and 20.

Testing of Documentation of Public Process

We reviewed Parks’ documentation of public involvement processes for three recent Parks projects: Van Asselt Community Center, Homer Harris Park, and Dakota Place Park. These selections were made to capture projects managed by different Parks staff, projects that changed as a result of public input, and projects that reflected diverse community stakeholders. We reviewed both electronic/web, and paper files to understand the chronology of public involvement for each of these projects and to assess whether there was adequate information available for citizens who might wish to become involved in the project or to understand how project decisions had been made.

Geographic Analysis

We determined participation based on the 9,568 street addresses captured by Parks in their public involvement database from 1997 to present. We asked the City’s Geographic Information Systems (GIS) unit to plot the physical addresses of citizens in Parks’ public involvement database on a map of the City. We also calculated a “participation rate” which considered the population of the zip code area and the number of participants. The results are below:

Area Description and/or Local Park(s)	Zipcode	Population*	# of Parks Public Process Participants	Participation Rate
Duwamish/SODO**	98134	636	26	4.09%
Madison Park/N Capital Hill	98112	20480	552	2.70%
Carkeek Park (zip code area includes some of Shoreline)	98177	18920	494	2.61%
South Lake Union	98109	16018	390	2.43%
Leschi/Judkins Park/Mt Baker	98144	24913	586	2.35%
Fairview Park/ Lake Union	98102	19424	433	2.23%
Ballard Commons	98107	18516	377	2.04%
Downtown/First Hill Park	98101	9010	179	1.99%
Downtown	98104	13095	251	1.92%

(Table continued) Area Description and/or Local Park(s)	Zipcode	Population*	# of Parks Public Process Participants	Participation Rate
Greenlake	98103	41971	792	1.89%
Loyal Hts/Golden Gardens	98117	29667	553	1.86%
Madrona Park	98122	28790	512	1.78%
Central Area/Madrona	98122	28790	512	1.78%
W Duwamish/ Longfellow Creek	98106	23317	354	1.52%
Alki/West Seattle Junction	98116	20826	302	1.45%
Jefferson Park	98108	21223	299	1.41%
Camp Long/Roxhill	98126	18906	259	1.37%
Discovery Park/Magnolia	98199	19156	244	1.27%
Fauntleroy/Seaview	98136	14138	176	1.24%
Interbay/Queen Anne Bowl	98119	19662	244	1.24%
Ravenna/Laurelhurst	98105	38963	469	1.20%
Seward Park	98118	40791	491	1.20%
Magnuson Park	98115	43567	471	1.08%
Belltown	98121	8558	75	0.88%
Thorton Creek (zip code area includes some Shoreline)	98125	34994	260	0.74%
Bitter Lake/Haller Lake (zip code area includes some Shoreline)	98133	42896	167	0.39%
Arbor Heights (zip code area includes some of White Center)	98146	25574	57	0.22%
Rainier Beach/Lakeridge Park (zip code area includes some of Renton)	98178	21860	43	0.20%

Total

9568

* Population from US Census 2000 <http://factfinder.census.gov/>

** Considered non-residential for this analysis

Interviews with Parks staff

We conducted interviews with 16 Parks staff members and managers. In these interviews, we inquired about the following control objectives:

Control Objective 1: Staffing

C.1.1 Staffing level should adequately support current public involvement processes.

C.1.2 Staff should have appropriate skill sets to promote effective public involvement.

Control Objective 2: Management Oversight of Public Involvement

C.2.1 Management oversight should adequately support current public involvement processes.

C.2.2 Management oversight should ensure that the Parks public involvement policy is appropriately followed for each Parks project.

C.2.3 Management tone should promote effective public involvement processes.

Control Objective 3: Supporting Tools and Systems

C.3.1 Staff should have appropriate procedures to promote effective public involvement. These include procedures related to public notice, public meetings, and gathering and communicating public input.

C.3.2 Staff should have appropriate systems and technology to promote effective public involvement. These include systems and technology related to public notice, public meetings, and gathering and communicating public input.

Control Objective 4: Processes for Collecting and Communicating Public Input

C.4.1 Parks should adequately collect input from stakeholders who can attend public meetings and from those who cannot attend meetings.

C.4.2 Parks should strive to collect input appropriately from stakeholders that may experience language, cultural, or other potential barriers to participation in Parks public processes

C.4.3 Parks should strive to mitigate cultural or language barriers to collecting input from stakeholders.

C.4.4 Parks should effectively communicate public input to City decision-makers.

C.4.5 Parks should effectively communicate public input to community stakeholders.

Appendix B: Parks Public Involvement – Preliminary Questionnaire Results

Zip Code		
98103	92	11%
98115	75	9%
98117	79	9%
98105	52	6%
98112	53	6%
98107	41	5%
98118	32	4%
98144	33	4%
98199	33	4%
98102	25	3%
98108	23	3%
98109	25	3%
98116	29	3%
98119	22	3%
98122	28	3%
98125	24	3%
98126	23	3%
98101	17	2%
98104	17	2%
98106	17	2%
98133	21	2%
98136	16	2%
98177	15	2%
Other (Out of City)	21	2%
98121	9	1%
98134	6	1%
98146	6	1%
98178	8	1%
Total	842	100%

How do you typically use Seattle parks? (check all that apply)

Nature walks/hiking	637
Passive enjoyment/picnics	608
Planned events/parties	403
Running/exercise	399
Playground	360
Swimming-beach	342
Swimming-pool	292
Biking/rollerskating	272
Dog walking	266
Organized sports/teams	236
Classes/lessons	227
Other, please specify (See Appendix C)	161
Drop-in sports	133
Indoor activities	129
Skateboarding	36

How have you participated in Parks' planning process(es)? (check all that apply)

Went to a series of Parks meetings about a specific project	336
Wrote a letter/e-mail regarding a Parks project	307
Went to meetings about more than one Parks project	247
Participated in a process through my community organization	241
Provided input to the City Council	235
Went to one Parks-sponsored meeting about a specific project	226
Found information on Parks' web site and sent comments	169
Participated through City neighborhood councils	157
Provided comments at a Parks event or Parks booth	153
Attended/testified at a Board of Park Commissioners meeting	148
Other, please specify (See Appendix C)	112
Participated in a citywide planning process	106
Participated as a member of a Project Advisory Team (PAT)	64
Participated through Associated Recreation Councils	42
Participated through the Parks Foundation	33

Parks Project(s) - Please list the Parks project(s) in which you participated in the public involvement process. --- Or, if you **have not**** participated in Parks' public involvement processes, please tell us why not.**

729 Responses – See Appendix C

What were you most satisfied with about the Parks' public process(es)? (check all that apply)

Meeting times and locations	257
Notice of public meetings regarding the project	237
Options for offering your comments about the project (meetings, e-mail, phone, etc.)	237
Information provided by Parks at public meetings	204
Ongoing communication with Parks staff	111
Facilitation at Parks' public meetings	110
Format of Parks' public meetings	105
Information from Parks on the status of the project	105
Other, please specify (See Appendix C)	93
Final process outcomes	91
Notice of other meetings that affect the project (Park Board, Project Advisory Team, etc.)	89
Information from Parks on how and when decisions will be made	80
Notification of decisions made	58
Feedback received from Parks about your comments	54
Information from Parks about your role in the decision-making process	51
Information received from Parks about public input from others	42
Information from Parks on why decisions were made	40
Composition of the Project Advisory Team (PAT)	37
Contribution/Role of the Project Advisory Team (PAT)	30

What were you least satisfied with about the Parks public process(es)? (check all that apply)

Information from Parks on why decisions were made	262
Information from Parks on how and when decisions will be made	247
Final process outcomes	214
Notice of public meetings regarding the project	212
Feedback received from Parks about your comments	210
Notification of decisions made	202
Information from Parks about your role in the decision-making process	199
Information from Parks on the status of the project	187
Information received from Parks about public input from others	173
Other. See Appendix C	156
Ongoing communication with Parks staff	154
Notice of other meetings that affect the project (Park Board, Project Advisory Team, etc.)	148
Information provided by Parks at public meetings	127
Facilitation at Parks' public meetings	127
Format of Parks' public meetings	123
Meeting times and locations	92
Composition of the Project Advisory Team (PAT)	90
Contribution/Role of the Project Advisory Team (PAT)	90
Options for offering your comments about the project (meetings, e-mail, phone, etc.)	88

Language or Cultural Barriers - Have language or cultural barriers prevented you or others in your community from participating in Parks' public involvement processes? If so, please indicate the zip code where language or cultural barriers exist.

Not applicable	165	75%
98144	10	5%
98108	6	3%
98118	7	3%
98102	4	2%
98103	4	2%
98199	4	2%
98101	2	1%
98106	3	1%
98107	2	1%
98112	3	1%
98115	2	1%
98122	3	1%
98133	2	1%
98104	1	0%
98105	1	0%
98109	0	0%
98116	0	0%
98117	0	0%
98119	0	0%
98121	0	0%
98125	1	0%
98126	1	0%
98134	0	0%
98136	0	0%
98146	0	0%
98177	0	0%
98178	0	0%
Total	221	100%

Improving Opportunities for Public Comment - Which of the following would improve Parks' ability to capture public comments related to Parks projects? (check all that apply)

Notify neighbors beyond the current requirement of 300 ft from park	457
More/better use of e-mail	396
Solicit public input earlier in the life of a project	394
Use of electronic questionnaires	324
Greater advance notice for meeting dates	299
More/better information on the web	296
Better/more consistent use of on-site signage	246
More information about schedules for comments and decisions	246
More maps and drawings	189
Add a public hearing if sufficient number of citizens request it	185
Other. See Appendix C	182
More project background materials	165
Webcast Park Board meetings and other citywide Parks forums	128
More translated materials	47
More translation at meetings	34

Information About Process - Information about Parks' planning process is easy to find and easy to understand.

Strongly Agree	32	4%
Agree	150	19%
Neutral	296	38%
Disagree	201	26%
Strongly Disagree	101	13%
Total	780	100%

Decision-Making - Parks clearly described how, when, and by whom decisions would be made about Parks projects that I was involved with.

Strongly Agree	28	4%
Agree	141	19%
Neutral	244	33%
Disagree	200	27%
Strongly Disagree	133	18%
Total	746	100%

Type of Input - The type of input and comments that Parks was looking for was clear to me.

Strongly Agree	43	6%
Agree	209	28%
Neutral	243	33%
Disagree	156	21%
Strongly Disagree	84	11%
Total	735	100%

Expression of Viewpoint - I felt comfortable expressing my viewpoint during the public process.

Strongly Agree	134	19%
Agree	284	40%
Neutral	185	26%
Disagree	57	8%
Strongly Disagree	48	7%
Total	708	100%

Consideration of Public Comments - My comments were considered by the advisory group or decision-making body (Project Advisory Team, citizen advisory committee, Board of Park Commissioners, Parks Superintendent, or City Council) before decisions were made.

Strongly Agree	43	6%
Agree	150	21%
Neutral	271	39%
Disagree	103	15%
Strongly Disagree	135	19%
Total	702	100%

Influence on Decisions - Parks provided sufficient information about input, from all sources, that influenced their final decision.

Strongly Agree	23	3%
Agree	108	15%
Neutral	251	36%
Disagree	183	26%
Strongly Disagree	140	20%
Total	705	100%

Rationale for Decisions - Parks provided sufficient information about the rationale for their final decision.

Strongly Agree	28	4%
Agree	127	18%
Neutral	230	33%
Disagree	182	26%
Strongly Disagree	139	20%
Total	706	100%

Final Decision - Although I may disagree with the final decision on a Parks project, I feel that my comments have been considered.

Strongly Agree	36	5%
Agree	169	24%
Neutral	237	34%
Disagree	133	19%
Strongly Disagree	122	18%
Total	697	100%

Future Participation - Based on my previous experience with Parks, I would be willing to participate in future Parks' planning processes.

Strongly Agree	141	19%
Agree	291	40%
Neutral	215	29%
Disagree	44	6%
Strongly Disagree	39	5%
Total	730	100%

Parks Process Improvements - Which of the following would improve public involvement in Parks' planning processes? (check all that apply)

Solicit public input earlier in the life of a project	416
Provide more/improved information for public participants on project impacts	372
More information about how Parks' strategic planning affects individual parks	348
More/improved information about Parks' decision-making process	338
More/improved reporting on the public opinion collected during the process	324
More clarity about the scope of the project for which public input is being sought	323
More information about the planning process	320
Improved public meeting facilitation	207
Improved public meeting structure	178
More information about the discussion and decisions of the Project Advisory Teams	178
Other. See Appendix C	161
A larger role for Project Advisory Team members in public meetings	151

Notification of Public Process – How would you prefer to be notified of Parks' public processes? (check all that apply)

E-mail	577
Sign at the site	530
Seattle newspaper story	399
Parks postcard	372
Flyer in community	366
Community newspaper	364
Parks website	361
City neighborhood council notification	158
Community council notice	153
Seattle Channel	77
Automated phone call	61
Other. See Appendix C	56
Parks' View from Denny Park publication	47

21. Additional Information - Is there anything else that would be helpful for us to know about Parks' public involvement processes? The space for comments on the questionnaire form is limited. So, if you have additional comments or questions, please send them to: parksaudit@seattle.gov

292 Responses -- See Appendix C.

Appendix C: Parks Public Involvement Questionnaire – Responses to Open Ended Questions

Please see the responses to the open-ended questions on our website at:

<http://www.seattle.gov/audit/2006.htm>

If you have any questions about this document, please contact the City of Seattle Office of City Auditor at 206/233-3801.

Appendix C:

Parks' Public Involvement Preliminary Questionnaire Results – Open-Ended Comments

3. How do you typically use Seattle parks?	1
4. How have you participated in Parks' planning process(es)?.....	5
5. Parks' Project(s)- Please list the Parks' project(s) in which you participated in the public involvement process. --- Or, if you **have not** participated in Parks' public involvement processes, please tell us why not.....	8
6. What were you most satisfied with about the Parks' public process(es)?.....	30
7. What were you least satisfied with about the Parks' public process(es)? (check all that apply)	32
9. Improving Opportunities for Public Comment - Which of the following would improve Parks' ability to capture public comments related to Parks' projects?	35
19. Parks' Process Improvements - Which of the following would improve public involvement in Parks' planning processes?.....	39
20. Notification of Public Process - How would you prefer to be notified of Parks' public processes?	42
21. Additional Information- Is there anything else that would be helpful for us to know about Parks' public involvement processes?	44

3. How do you typically use Seattle parks?

- 1 Beach walks at Golden Gardens, Matthew beach, etc
- 2 gardening
- 3 community meetings
- 4 my organization rents park space for day camps
- 5 Unstructured play: throwing Frisbees, playing tag
- 6 For my Children to play
- 7 Green stage
- 8 Before and After School Care
- 9 enjoy open space, green, plants, relieves concrete
- 10 SALMON BAKE EVENT
- 11 off leash dog play
- 12 Had our wedding at Kubota Garden
- 13 before/after school & summer camp programs
- 14 tennis
- 15 sailing, theatre, observing competitions/exhibits
- 16 walk through on way to work
- 17 environmental education; habitat restoration
- 18 picking berries at Discovery Park
- 19 Bird watching, nature study
- 20 People Watching, Art

21 P-Patch
 22 kayaking
 23 Outdoor water fountain/wading; open air
 24 star-gazing (w/o lights), meditation, canoe put-in
 25 our little boy takes his bike
 26 Stewardship, restoration activities
 27 Attend meetings, AC/ ARC and other supportive role
 28 canoeing
 29 play rooms,
 30 Tot's Gym, Playroom
 31 For a space to conduct meetings.
 32 Beautiful environment, to responsive nature park.
 33 beachcombing, kite flying
 34 Off leash areas!
 35 Special Population Activities
 36 Home school classes
 37 relaxing, reading
 38 natural history studies, community-building
 39 church events
 40 Tennis, Tennis Center, Open space
 41 CREW
 42 Organizing First Amendment, Free Speech Events
 43 anything for toddler-age children
 44 reading a book
 45 rowing on green lake
 46 indoor play parks during the winter
 47 walking the loop at Seward Park
 48 low-tide walks, the naturalists
 49 wading pool
 50 Rowing at Green Lake
 51 My son attends summer camp @ QA Community Ctr.
 52 volunteering with Freeway Park Association
 53 Rowing program on Green Lake
 54 Brownfield remediation & wildlife conservation
 55 P-Patch
 56 Before/after school care, summer day camp
 57 walking, people-watching, chatting with neighbors
 58 Relaxation; Community, Cultural enrichment
 59 Ballard CC - Summer Camp
 60 Use park space for youth program
 61 off-leash dog parks mostly
 62 day camp for children
 63 Senior Activities at many areas
 64 Day Camp.before and after school care
 65 p-patches
 66 boat launch-Magnuson
 67 Historical value, world-class park design
 68 Compliance inspections for work
 69 Community meetings
 70 low tide exploration
 71 Bird watching
 72 habitat restoration, monthly bird survey
 73 After school daycare for my children
 74 bake races
 75 Environmental restoration
 76 Golf (West Seattle) (Why isn't this included)

77 bird watching
 78 meetings
 79 tennis courts
 80 tennis
 81 Locations for videos and film projects
 82 to access scenic locations open to the public
 83 Tennis
 84 Forest, wildlife habitat restorations
 85 Bird watching
 86 Boat destination / moorage
 87 jazzercise, book discussion group, meetings
 88 Organized Friends of . . . Work Parties
 89 Pre-school
 90 Gardening and park maintenance
 91 wading pool
 92 bird watching
 93 Bird-watching, Green stage performances, kayaking
 94 Roller skating - more dog parks!!!
 95 summer camps
 96 DOG PARKS--- OFF LEASH AREAS= 90% of my usage
 97 Maintenance, Trolley Hill, MacLean, Greenbelt
 98 toddlers play & learn at community center
 99 kayaking where you can at least launch a kayak
 100 Lodging rental at Camp Long
 101 to look at trees and greenery (plant more
 102 gardening
 103 Stewardship activities
 104 Use them as pedestrian routes to and from work.
 105 communities gardening
 106 restoration/environmental education
 107 put down blanket/chair and read, people watch
 108 Collaborative Service Learning Events
 109 Senior Pickle Ball
 110 tennis
 111 community service projects
 112 meetings at community centers
 113 Wading pool--Volunteer Park
 114 Meeting neighbors and enjoying each other
 115 Concerts and FISHING!!!!
 116 lunches, relaxing
 117 Wading pool for my child
 118 kayak access
 119 Sailing on Green Lake
 120 indoor toddler playgrounds
 121 Community meetings
 122 Restroom stops while cycling
 123 Sailing North Shore Magnuson Park
 124 Woodland Park Zoo
 125 sailing at Sail Sand Point
 126 Blackberry picking
 127 off-leash dog parks
 128 Volunteer in Japanese Garden, WPA
 129 senior exercise classes
 130 Tree climbing, teaching son to ride a bike
 131 TENNIS!
 132 taking children to the zoo

133 photography
134 Urban Parks; lunch, coffee, etc.
135 meetings, theatre performances, festivals
136 I live two blocks from Woodland Park
137 nature/forest outdoor classroom/restorations
138 Habitat Restoration volunteer
139 Law Enforcement training
140 Red Hat, Senior Trips
141 Conservatory
142 Boat launching
143 Model airplane flying.
144 Outdoor viewing of Tour de France
145 Concerts and other arts events
146 Outside Reading
147 Work parties, neighborhood gatherings
148 preschool activities
149 dedicated SP&R open space parkland restorations
150 Open Space enjoyment-aesthetics
151 education
152 visiting the ships at S. Lake Union
153 relaxing, enjoying the view & quiet at Gas Works
154 view locations for out-of-town visitors
155 tennis courts
156 plant observation
157 visiting gardens. I play soccer in co-rec.
158 concerts
159 touring historic ships, maritime music events
160 I use the Sail Sandpoint facilities at Mag. Pk.
161 tennis

4. How have you participated in Parks' planning process(es)?

- 1 Arboretum
- 2 Pursued public disclosure requests
- 3 I work for the Seattle Parks Department
- 4 Found information about events difficult to obtain
- 5 Led meetings about parks projects
- 6 none
- 7 never knew there were options to help plan parks
- 8 Long term participant in fund-raising, special eve
- 9 None yet, but may in future.
- 10 Volunteer work projects, fundraising, and more.
- 11 Email comments to parks and other city staff
- 12 Coordinated a neighborhood park renovation
- 13 NMF grant reviews large&small fund committees
- 14 I teach classes at Delridge
- 15 nothing
- 16 I have not heard any participated planning.
- 17 Information presented to local sports organization
- 18 Spoke at the city council
- 19 Not at all.
- 20 telephoned Parks Dept.multiple times
- 21 met with parks about public safety issues
- 22 Protest Dept banning bonfires at GoldenGardens
- 23 helped raise money for a park
- 24 I lead planning as a member of a "Friends" group
- 25 also led neighborhood playground const. project
- 26 Founding President Freeway Park Association
- 27 Offered to provide funds to pay for projects
- 28 Comments on Northgate to Mayors Office
- 29 decision making, project oversight
- 30 Kubota Garden Foundation
- 31 Board member on a new P-Patch
- 32 I have not participated in such a process.
- 33 A survey at a park.
- 34 Appealed Park's DNS; letters to papers
- 35 Called Ken Bounds
- 36 Pro Parks Committee-boy wasn't that fun! (It was)
- 37 senior center site council
- 38 telephone calls with Parks staff
- 39 Eight years worth of meetings--Occidental Corridor
- 40 none
- 41 non participation
- 42 Indirectly through CO-REC soccer. And COLA.
- 43 Found it impossible to communicate w/Parks Commiss
- 44 contact with park employees
- 45 attended open house on waterfront projects
- 46 None
- 47 citizen's oversight committee ProParks Levy
- 48 led the development of Cormorant Cove Park
- 49 donated money for our community lawyer
- 50 Attended Discovery Park annual meeting
- 51 Filed a petition with King Co. Superior Court
- 52 legal mitigations park/private property boundaries
- 53 Stakeholder / Investor

54 Invited parks dept to speak at Association Meeting
 55 Board Member of Friends of Seward Park
 56 Planning a wedding ceremony at Parson's Garden
 57 Meetings & e-mail w/individual Parks personnel
 58 Wasn't aware-would have tried to attend if known.
 59 Protested several parks projects
 60 I have not participated
 61 helped redesign a playground
 62 taking survey--I recommend accessibility testing
 63 Protested double-cross re Zoo Parking Garage.
 64 Am acting as a consultant to a Parks project
 65 Only in my capacity as Director RCA and dog issues
 66 None
 67 Neighborhood Matching Grant on Wallingford Steps
 68 Never participated in any event.
 69 DON Citywide Review Team
 70 None
 71 contacted Parks Dept. about safety concerns
 72 applied for Pro-parks levy funding as friends of g
 73 Lead n'hood organization to create new park
 74 Was a proparks oversight committee member
 75 called Parks Department and DPD
 76 submit the park use application for the DSA
 77 Am fundraising for Counterbalance Park
 78 Burk Gilman trail meeting
 79 Attended City Council meetg, unable to give input
 80 Member of the Arboretum Botanical Garden Committee
 81 Contacted Zoo & David Della re; stop sign to zoo
 82 SEPA and land use decisions; levy election support
 83 Safety advocacy in park
 84 It's hard when Parks refuses to notify me
 85 none of the above
 86 Participate in "Friends of Discovery Park" events
 87 Have not participated
 88 Have not participated
 89 participated thru local athletic & advocacy groups
 90 Gas Works Park One Reel - Community Representative
 91 I have never been involved in any parks planning
 92 Planned a series of charity runs/walks
 93 Through Community Soccer Club
 94 Open space Advocates
 95 volunteered on 76th St pocket park
 96 Ran public input meetings
 97 volunteered for the save the geese program
 98 One meeting with a 'neighborhood organizer'
 99 read e-mail updates about neighborhood parks
 100 don't know what a PAT is - means process is murky
 101 CORE (now closed to public)
 102 none
 103 Steward in Green Seattle Partnership
 104 mitigation for
 105 I have not participated
 106 raised money door to door for Gas Works lawsuit
 107 visited City Council Members offices
 108 wawona project at the wooden boat center
 109 spoke KC council mtg re sea parks issue

- 110 Heard about the Woodland park fiasco thru media.
- 111 Pro Park Levy funding for a street end park
- 112 appealed Parks' decisions w/Hearing Examiner

5. Parks' Project(s)- Please list the Parks' project(s) in which you participated in the public involvement process. --- Or, if you **have not participated in Parks' public involvement processes, please tell us why not.**

- 1 I believe it was Sand Point re the baseball fields
- 2 Regarding the plan to have concerts at GasWorks—emailed my opposition
- 3 only wrote a comment on the proposal to cut trees in gas works and also the proposal to gas geese in Green Lake.
- 4 Homer Harris
- 5 Marra Farm
Bradner Gardens
Interbay P-Patch
- 6 Montlake Community Center renovation
Seattle Prep Proposal to renovate Montlake Playfields
- 7 Ballard commons
- 8 Washington Park Arboretum
- 9 Montlake Community Center
Skate Board Park
- 10 Homer Harris Park
- 11 Meadowbrook Athletic Fields, Meadowbrook Wetland Restoration, Daylighting of Ravenna Creek, Northgate CC and Library, MLK Park, Neighborhood Planning, and many others.
- 12 The Master Plan for the Washington Park Arboretum and the implementation projects of that plan.

- 13 Orchard Street Ravine
- 14 Greenlake Skateboard Park
- 15 various Gas Works Park projects and events, Wallingford Playfield
- 16 Arboretum
- 17 Attended informational meeting on closure of Dahl Playfield in 2001. Attended community forum on proposal to build skatespot on Dahl Playfield in 2005. Attended informational meeting on Dahl Playfield playground renovation in 2005. Attended design meetings concerning Dahl Playfield skatespot in 2006.
- 18 Jefferson Park Improvements
- 19 Homer Harris and Powell Barnett
- 20 Participated with letters about Pro Parks levy work at Magnuson Park. Found information about hearings difficult to obtain. Read about them day of in the news paper, not very helpful when you already have prior obligations. Never received mailings regarding my neighborhood's park improvements.
- 21 Southwest
- 22 6th avenue pocket park
Fremont peak Park
MLK park
Mount Baker view Park
- 23 Have not participated. Full-time work, mothering, and volunteering for my son's activities keeps me very busy.
- 24 I-5 Open Space
Delridge Parks
Hiawatha Park Improvements
Cheasty Blvd.
City Hall Park
Occidental Square
Columbia Park
John C Little Park
Laurelhurst Community Center
Montlake Community Center
High Point Community Center

Washington Park Arboretum

Lake City Mini Park

Cascade Park

Horiuchi Park

25 Skateboard parks

26 I've never known of an opportunity to participate (neither have I sought out such opportunities).

27 HAVE NOT BECAUSE OF NO TIME.

28 Wrote e-mail requesting that Magnuson Park be preserved as it is, without a brightly lit playing field.

29 I attended one of the meetings in Queen Anne regarding the future location of the Seattle Skatepark (the one now in the future location of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation).

30 Loyal Heights

Magnuson

31 Ballard bowl

Lower Woodland Park skatetrack

32 I have not felt either sufficiently outraged at some aspect of Parks or inspired with original ideas to contribute

33 Cal Anderson Park, Volunteer Park, Arboretum, Magnuson Park, West crest park

34 King County Courthouse Park between 3rd and 4th Ave, south of the courthouse

35 Marra Farms Park; Queen Anne Roy St Park planning

36 ENOVATION OF LAURELHURST C. CENER

37 Off-leash dog parks

38 never been asked

39 not sure why

40 haven't participated - single working mom . . . all of my spare time is spent with my kids.

41 Lynn Street Park (may have a different name now)

42 West Seattle Stadium Improvements

43 City Hall Park

44 Northacres Park development

Ingraham High School playfield development

45 Haven't really been aware of ways to participate and/or that there were methods open to the general public.

46 Magnuson

Laurelhurst

47 Ballard Commons

Gas Works-concert series 2006

48 Yesler Community Center.

49 I have not, because I never knew they existed before today.

50 Magnuson, Beacon Hill Reservoir, Hiawatha, Loyal Heights, LW baseball diamond lights, Ravenna, pro parks levy, etc

51 Laurelhurst Community Center

52 South Lake Union Park Development; Discovery Park, Daybreak Star Cultural Site

53 building improvements, fund raising, various special events

54 Not aware of them in my area

55 Volunteer Park (Conservatory), Green Lake (alum treatment), Ballard (skate park), Gas Works (One Reel debacle), Ravenna Park (design), Woodland Park (lighting)

56 Dahl Playfield and Ravenna park

57 Mayfair Park Improvements project

58 City Hall Park

Freeway Park

Occidental Park

59 I haven't been involved because I haven't been sure how to get involved. It all seems rather mysterious, frankly - or for only a small, select group on people.

60 I've never really felt the need to be connected to the process. I might for a local park, though.

61 Crown Hill
Whitman play field

62 Not aware of ongoing parks projects, not sure what the needs are or how to participate.

63 I live in Georgetown and am currently involved in Gateway Park North (on the Duwamish River) which is not yet a formal city park, but we are working with the Parks Dept on making that happen.

64 Seward Park Vegetation Management Plan
Seward Park hatchery plans
Seward Park Audubon Center plans
Lake Washington Blvd parking plans
Columbia Park renovation

65 **have not** - due to time constraints, but email is great method to voice opinions good and bad.

66 To date, there have been no such processes which I felt compelled to join, given other demands on my time. We have a Parks Board, and an elected City Council. I expect them to do their job with respect to reviewing City and Parks Department policies and activities. Sometimes they fail, as in the recent attempt to put a major series of noisy, big-crowd concerts at Gasworks Park. This failure is not going to be remedied by setting up more citizen involvement processes and institutions.

67 the planning stuff I heard about wasn't stuff I was that concerned about

68 I missed the meeting about our local playground play structure, unfortunately. I would have been more than happy to attend. I believe I had a conflict.

69 My involvement has been in renting facilities for work related events.

70 Pop Mounger Pool planning in Magnolia, soccer fields

71 I have not heard about any park projects, but would like to.

72 Don't really know about any

73 did not know about

74 Columbia Park, Hitt's Hill Park

75 Not sure if Parks' public involvement process is a specific formal process or all just all public involvement.
ProParks Hearing
Parks Planning/Public Input events
Pratt Park Play Area
Pratt Park Gardens
Pratt Park Tree Bench Installation

76 Fauntleroy Park Veg. Mgmt. plan

77 I don't live in Seattle and I don't have much time to use the parks. I planned a summer picnic for my work.

78 Crown Hill Playfield, Soundview Playfield, Westcrest Park

79 I-5 Collonade, Oxbow Park, Ballard Commons, Gateway Park North, Georgetown Playfield

80 Jefferson park remodel (don't remember exact title!)

81 have participated in the process for the proposed parking garage at the zoo

82 Magnuson Park Northshore Boating

83 Northgate Community Center

Various Swimming Pools

84 Loyal Height's Playfield

85 completed surveys when solicited; did not know about meetings, city-wide planning process

86 Renovation of Soundview Terrace, Meridian Park, Wallingford Park, Green Lake Playground

87 Have not because I didn't know there was such a process.

88 Sandpoint, Genesee, Miller, all the ball field issues and turf installations, plus the JAFDP

89 I have never known how to get involved. I just relocate here and don't know the process to input my opinion.

90 Arboretum
City Hall Park

- 91 Off leash parks project. Lighting related issues at ball fields, I'm for lights by the way!
- 92 Northgate Community Center/Park
- 93 pub meeting on proposed changes for Magnuson Park
- 94 Discovery Park Trails assessment sponsored by Friends of Discovery Park;
attended several Parks Advisory council meetings re Discovery Park
Dahl field playground neighbor
- 95 Ballard Commons;Ballard Corner;Magnuson;Lake Union; First Hill; skateboard planning &
implementation; many others as community representative/advocate
- 96 have not
- 97 Ella Bailey Park
- 98 Not aware of Parks' public processes
- 99 Seattle Prep Use of Montlake Park
- 100 we are too busy with other responsibilities
- 101 Was not aware of the process.
- 102 Loyal Heights Playfield
- 103 Amy Yee Tennis Center expansion
- 104 GasWorks
- 105 I didnt know i could. and from what i see happening in loyal heights(the destruction of the grassy
field, killing off the bat and bird habitat, and a coolplace for my daughter to run around) it doesnt seem like
i have a voice that matters anyways.
- 106 Brandon Mini-Park, Longfellow Creek Legacy Trail, Westcrest Dog Park, Riverview Trail,
Greenspace at Thistle Street.
- 107 Green Lake Sjate Park
- 108 Pro Parks / SW Community Ctr / SLU / Arboretum / Gas Works Park / Renovation of SW Comm
Ctr / ARC Board / North Gate Comm Ctr / Licton Springs / Original Public Involvement Process Criteria.
and many more
- 109 No. Unaware of process.
- 110 Crown Hill Community Center
- 111 little time with family and work
- 112 Van Asselt Community Center Renovation
- 113 was not aware of any
- 114 I've been busy with other planning group's issues, specifically, homeschool support groups in the
Seattle area.
- 115 I wrote in about the cutting of the Gasworks trees a few years ago
- 116 I am very involved in various issues/politics, but have not had the time to attend additional
meetings. I think Seattle does a GREAT job with parks, though! Thanks to those who devote time!
- 117 Lower Woodland and Dahl parks proposed skate parks
- 118 Doesn't have an interpreter, I can't go.
- 119 Playfields, playgrounds, tree trimming, general park funding, off-leash areas,
issues regarding Discovery Park and planning for Jefferson and Volunteer Parks
- 120 West Raye Bowl
- 121 I have not participated but would have liked to. I simply have not been aware of the meetings and
events which is mostly my fault.
- 122 Have not, I want my elected officials to represent my interest in park's projects and work tirelessly
to assure that the parks best suit the needs of the people. They are paid for this and should do all the work.
- 124 Processes to establish new off leash areas and to make pilot parks permanent.
- 125 time constraints, no knowledge of opportunity for participation
- 126 sorry-i have not participated in parks planning. i have 3 kids, one with special needs, and work
inside and outside the home. by the time evening hits i and my husband are so exhausted that we barely get
the basics done.
- 127 Magnuson OLA, Daylighting Ravenna Creek to Lake Washington
- 128 One Reel in Gas Works Park
- 129 Do not remember the exact name. It was a "restoration" project along Lk. Wa. Blvd. S.
- 130 Madison Park
- 131 I have not been involved in planning projects because of my busy schedule.

- 132 difficult to find the time to stay informed and get involved.
- 133 Installing plastic turf at the Loyal Heights play field.
- 134 occidental park
downtown wide park planning
city hall park
pioneer square park
- 135 Ballard Commons
- 136 Ballard Commons development and planning
- 137 Green Lake projects such as water quality issues
- Lower Woodlawn skatepark
- 138 Daylighting Creek in Cowen/Ravenna plus design and changes to of Cowen and Ravenna Parks.
- 139 Carkeek Park safety, Carkeek Park trail improvements, Gasworks Parks improvements
- 140 Montlake Playfield - Seattle Prep proposal
- 141 Loyal Heights Playfield
- 142 Cheasty Blvd. Improvements-Pro parks. Jefferson Planning Process--Pro Parks
Jefferson Community Center Expansion.
- Various others
- 143 Green Lake Crew proposed new crew house
Mt Baker Crew House Rebuild
- 144 Magnolia park, soon to be named Ella Bailey park
- 145 Recalling the CLOSED sessions re re-writing the Seattle Special Event Ordinance a couple years ago and having it then rushed through city council - there doesn't seem to be much interest in hearing from the public re use of the public parks for the political activities that are one of their intended uses.
- 146 have not participated-- didn't know there were ways to do so!
- 147 Magnuson Park Sports Fields, Dahl Skatepark, Greenlake Skatepark, Loyal Heights Elementary field
- 148 I have not participated due to time limitations.
- 149 Loyal Heights Playfield
- 150 I am raising two small children alone and work full time. My limited free time is devoted to my family for now.
- 151 Proposal by Seattle Prep to renovate Montlake Playfield
- Boyer/Lynn improvements (don't know title)
- 152 Ballard civic square (former Safeway site)
- 153 The park that is associated with the I-90 bike trail.
- 154 haven't known about opportunities to participate. only been in Seattle one year.
- 155 MB rowing & sailing expansion
- 156 too busy with two toddlers!
- 157 ravenna-eckstein
- 158 Kubota Garden Foundation and the building of the
sound barrier fence-worked many a plant sale
- 159 I wrote a letter saying how great I thought the Wallingford Park design was. Also, I'm somewhat oblivious, being very busy, but I wasn't aware of public involvement processes.
- 160 Proposed new park in Interbay
Proposed OLA(s) in Magnolia
Regrade Park OLA, submitted comments
- 161 Told other friends/colleagues about potential ban of the bonfires which they have so enjoyed watching every year at our annual picnics. they joined me in writing letters of protest. One of the best things about Golden Gardens summer evenings is the lovely fires with happy groups enjoying being together, families, church groups, ethnic kinship groups etc. All this community-building would be destroyed for the sake of what?
- 162 Too busy with young children- babies and toddlers
- 163 uptown park, skate park, flow ware park, magnuson,
- 164 I never knew when/how to be involved.
- 165 Ravenna Playground

166 othello park
 167 Ravenna Park Play Area Renovation
 Ravenna Creek Daylighting Project
 168 Saving Green Lake and the alum treatment with the ongoing monitoring.
 169 Loyal Heights Playfield
 170 Magnuson OLA, Northacres OLA
 171 Northgate Park & Community Center
 172 Laurelhurst community center renovation project
 173 not sure I've ever been offered the opportunity to participate
 174 ProParks projects
 Nantes Park
 Statue of Liberty at Alki
 Alki Trail project
 Alki Community Center remodel
 others
 175 Ross play field building renovation
 176 have not--have not been a part of the process, and was not educated that I could be. But I would be interested in joining in.
 177 Not a lot of action in my neighborhood, and if there was, didn't feel my input would affect any action
 178 Sand Point, Bitterlake
 179 Loyal Heights Playfield Renovation
 180 New Ballard park
 181 Not aware of opportunities
 182 I have not participated in any park project because I haven't heard about them or known that public input was wanted.
 183 don't know about this
 184 Whale Tail Park renewal
 185 Ballard Commons design
 186 Linden Orchard
 pesticide use in Seattle parks
 187 I would like to be involved in Parks' Project(s), however I wasn't sure how to go about becoming involved.
 188 Crown Hill playground makeover
 189 discovery park peoples lodge
 discovery park sewer plant
 magnolia park vegetation plan
 magnolia park madrona plan
 190 Back in mid 90's participated in the process to expand Montlake Community Center. The portable was built for the teen program and other events/meetings.
 191 Magnuson Park, Loyal Heights, Zoo, Georgetown Playfield
 192 Magnuson, Bobby Morris, Montlake
 193 DOn't have time.... or the energy
 194 Dahl Field
 195 I just never get involved politically I guess. But I have appreciated the request for involvement of the community. I guess I don't get as much notice as I'd like to get involved.
 196 Lonfellow Creek Legacy Trail, Camp Long, Brandon Mini-park, Brandon Street Natural Area, Thistle Street Natural Area, Roxhill Park.
 197 too busy to participate in planning
 198 Rogers Playground
 199 Proposed skateboard park at Greenlake/Lower Woodland
 200 Since moving to Montlake two years ago for school, I've been concerned about the Seattle Prep proposal because a city tax assessor told me that new lights or other nuisance factors will affect my investment.
 201 Have not because I don't have time.

202 I have not participated in any type of Park's project for more than 5 years - but when I lived in Loyal Heights elementary school area - as a member of the local neighborhood myself and family members helped to change a major portion of the school yard into a local park by cleaning up, building play scapes and planting shrubs, trees and lawn. As well as donate to the funding of it. When I moved to the Northgate area I attended the meetings related to the changes for 5th Ave NE and the Northgate Mall. I realize it really wasn't Park's related, but more community related.

203 Sara Bailey Park (magnolia)

204 Haven't participated...interested, but to overscheduled already

205 Water treatment for Green Lake

206 Catital projects in Freeway Park

207 Judkins Park

Coleman Playground

Seward Park Audubon

Garfield Playfield

Miller CC

208 I do not have the time.

209 Actually never thought about it

210 Magnuson Park -- various issues/projects

Dahl Field

Northgate Rec Center and Park

211 Have not. Only to set up employee picnic.

212 My spouse is involved in P&R projects, community projects, etc. up the wazoo. One out of two ain't bad

213 Gasworks Park noise/music issue, 59th St Park and Playground, Baker Park in Crown Height/Ballard, Latona School Playground, Linden Orchard Park and P-Patch (community garden), Loyal Heights Playscape, Cedar Park in Meadowdale/NE Seattle, Ravenna Park Tile Project and stream redirection, University Playfield Landmark Fence, new parking garage at Woodland Park Zoo.

214 Dahl Field, Green Lake water quality, Northgate CC, MBRSC Expansion

215 all acquisitions with remedial, abatement

all projects with remedial, abatement

all neighborhood matching fund with r&a

216 i have not. I never really thought about, though i should because we go to parks often.

217 I have not been aware of any public process in my neighborhood regarding the parks.

218 Thornton Creek daylighting and flood control projects

219 Ballard Commons / Original Ballard Bowl, SeaSkate Design & Re-Location, Lower Woodland Skatepark Design & Location

220 Magnuson Offleash area

221 Never occured to me - no one ever asked

222 Madrona Park - Woods,

Ravenna Park Daylighting

Wolfe Creek Daylighting / Commodore Park

Gasworkd - Concerts

223 Ravenna Creek Daylighting; Magnuson Park ballfields

224 have not, as I work two jobs and have marginal spare time.

225 We've been happy with the quality of the facilities and classes. We did not (and still do not) know about the planning processes that affect the pools/parks we use most.

226 Meeting on Montlake Park / South Portage Bay shoreline

227 was not aware of any Park public involvement processes

228 I really don't know much about the public involvement processes.

229 Cal Anderson park on Capitol Hill.

230 Seattle Parks is doing a fantastic job! My only concern is for low income people to be able to access the parks and park programs.

231 Volunteer Park Conservatory

South Lake Union Park

232 Seward park

233 Zoo Parking Garage

- 234 Skateboard policy process
- 235 Martha Washington Park, Seward Park and mostly Kubota Garden (multiple projects)
- 236 Ross Park upgrade. 42nd & Baker NW P-Patch.
- 237 I participated in the development of Rainier Vista Park.
- 238 Skateboard park development
- Mtn bike park under I5
- 239 Skate board parks
- Mtn bike park under I5
- 240 Not well publicized when meetings/hearings were and not convenient times.
- 241 I have not participated in a planning process because I have been unaware of any projects going on in my neighborhood requiring public input. Perhaps some way to reach the general public would be most beneficial to the Department.
- 242 Not aware of meetings or how to be involved.
- 243 I was a participant in the SAVE THE BALLARD BOWL hoodwinking that (named a Parks staff member)orchestrated to castrate any hopes of getting decent skateparks in your town.
- 244 save the Ballard Bowl
- 245 Seattle Center Skate Park/Elliot Skate Park
- 246 Coleman School Parking Lot
- 247 Gas Works Park -- I support placing a dog park there, as did many people who attended the city park's department public hearing I attended. But the park department officials clearly shined on the pro-dog residents. The officials were not interested in a dog park there -- even though many citizens wanted one.
- 248 Participated in the debate over the irrigation system at Camp Long.
Participated at Discovery Park regarding the planned Native American Center.
- 249 Mainly development on new playing facilities (soccer, base/softball
- 250 skate parks, dogs of leash
- 251 Volunteer Park Neighborhood Watch
- 252 one survey. Otherwise I've never been asked or have seen any notices at park locations.
- 253 Often too busy to participate
- 254 lower Queen Anne, restoration of ponds at Volunteer Park
- 255 jefferson park: every part of planning. 10 years ago the master plan, the current reservoir park PAT team, the gymnasium expansion, the soft path around the golf course, off leash dog parks, lit ball fields meetings, and a few others.
- 256 Loyal Heights Play Field "renovation".
- 257 Lower Woodland Skatepark siting, Zoo Demonstration, Loyal Heights fake grass, Dahl Playfield Skatespot siting, many flyer questionnaires over the 32 years I have lived near Lower Woodland Playfield.
- 258 Cleaning park area
- 259 Haven't found a convenient time to attend meetings.
- 260 1. Nantes park in West Seattle on Admiral Way.
2. Parks in general (all parks).
- 261 Harborfront Project (1988)
- Central Waterfront Project (1992-6)
- Peoples Lodge at Daybreak Star (1999)
- Dexter Pit (2005)
- 262 Magnuson Park, 520 impacts to Arboretum, Seward Park VMP, various other tree cutting issues in Parks...
- 263 Seattle Center
- 264 Seattle Prep/Montlake fields project
- 265 Senior activity planning session at Ballard Community Center and attended a public meeting with a City Council member about Senior programs.
- 266 Have not heard how to be involved
- 267 Skateboard Park
- Council hearings on FAEL funds, including programs funded by Parks
- Outreach meetings to SE Asian communities
- 268 Loyal Heights Playfield Improvements

269 Not aware of opportunities to participate.

270 Destruction of Loyal Heights Playfield - currently installing plastic grass and huge lights against the expressed wishes of the majority of our neighborhood. Decision made by Parks prior to public meetings- just went thru the motions.
I will not vote again for any public improvement projects in Seattle.

271 Building of the new Garfield community center .Parks and Seattle Public School FSW Program 17 year partnership.

272 Ballard Park Old Safeway site

273 Renovation of the playfield at McGilvra Elementary School (2000)
Renovation of Madison Park playfield

274 I went up to Seattle a few times to go to meetings regarding the Ballard Bowl

275 I have not participated because I was not aware of the planning/meetings.

276 do not support dog unleash areas in magnolia small parks

277 Gasworks Improvement Project

278 skateboard

279 Pro Parks Committee, Levy Committee Electioneering, endorsement assistance

280 P-Patch Advisory Board and Site Council
Ballard & Dahl Field Skateboard parks
Golden Gardens CleanUp
Good Shepherd Center Meridian Park Advisory Board Loyal Heights Playground
CleanUp Gas Works Park
Olmsted Fairview Parks Commission for East L.Union
Review and Development of Magnuson Park

281 1. Coleman Parking Lot

2. Park improvements behind Washington Middle School

282 I haven't been able to find regular information on park project initiatives.

283 Lower Queen Anne park at Roy and Queen Anne, Bridge to Myrtle Edwards Park

284 Flo Ware Park

285 Magnuson Park and Woodland Park Zoo

286 current proposal for off-leash areas in Queen Anne Magnolia; Green Lake improvements years ago

287 Magnuson PAT Athletic Fields & Wetlands

288 Magnuson Park Phase II PAT

289 I've participated in most Park projects initiated in the Magnolia Neighborhood for the past five years; to varying degrees.

290 I've never had a reason to get any more involved than enjoying them as a visitor when I have free time.

291 hear about them too late. Would prefer more detailed information in mail including plans and proposals rather than being asked to attend a meeting. Information can come via US Mail, Email, or referrals to a website which has all the detailed information

292 Occidental Corridor, Occidental Park

293 No time and generally happy with proposals I have seen.

294 Participated in the Friends of the Junction Parks and Open Space Committee to identify and recommend future parks.

295 Generally, for work purposes I work through the IAC. On a personal level, I haven't heard of any park specific public events.

296 Cowen/Ravenna Park projects

297 have not. Didn't know how.

298 Have not. Not sure how to be involved in ways that don't involve meetings which I have no time for.

299 N/A

300 The Park's department and Seattle City Council pulled a fast one in the mid eighties. With no public debate or notice that I was aware of, dogs were banned from beaches. Some day we will get that law defeated. I did call the city council and complain about the law.

301 lower woodland skate park

302 University Playground Park; Pro-Parks Levy for University District

303 South Lake Union Park
 Montlake Community Center
 Washington Park Arboretum
 304 Uptown neighborhood Park (Counterbalance Park...)
 Rogers Park
 4th and Ward Park
 Queen Anne Boulevard DPR sidewalks
 Queen Anne Waterfront Access Bridge
 305 Loyal Heights plastic Grass field
 306 Pier 62/63,Denny Park,Aquarium,Sand Point
 307 already involved in too many other things
 308 Washington Park Arboretum Japanese Garden Entrance
 309 Downtown Parks Renaissance, City Hall PAT, Freeway Park safety project
 310 Protest against putting in night lights at Magnusson Park for night time Soccer games.
 311 Magnuson Park
 Discovery Park
 312 South Lake Union Project Advisory Team; various other neighborhood meetings
 313 Wasn't really aware of the process
 314 Seward Park
 315 Have not - wasn't aware of the process.
 316 arboretum projects
 317 have not
 318 Flow Ware Park
 Powell Barnett Park
 Van Asset Community Center & Park Improvement
 319 Loyal Heights Community Center preschool public involvement meetings, Loyal Heights
 Community Center baseball/football field Plastic Grass Public Involvement Meetings.
 320 I lead environmental restoration projects in Magnuson and Interlaken Parks
 321 Haven't had any concerns or issues as to what was being done at the parks I frequent and I do read
 the reader-boards describing activities.
 322 Creation of off-leash dog park(s) in Magnolia/Queen Anne
 323 was not aware of opportunities
 324 The Greenwood park project, when it was being built.
 325 am interested and hope to attend in the future if invited
 326 No time
 327 Solstice Park planning and development
 Orchard Street Ravine Park
 New Park at California & Beveredge
 Schmitz Park
 328 Lower Woodland baseball field lighting; LW skatepark project
 329 MARTIN LUTHER KING MEM. PARK
 330 Marra farm in South Park
 331 Wallingford Playfield
 332 Annie's Playground in Meadowbrook
 333 Seward Park Vegetation Management
 Lake Washington Trail
 Bradner Gardens Park
 Mt. Baker Viewpoint
 Colman Park trails
 Jimi Hendrix Park
 Martin Luther King Park
 334 Gasworks
 335 Northgate CC; New Maple Leaf park volunteer - I constructed the garden building and Victory
 Heights Park
 336 have not - not aware of public involvement process.
 337 Member of Pro Parks 2000

Discovery Park
 South Lake Union
 Myrtle Edwards
 Street End Parks
 Commented on park policies regarding off-leash areas
 338 dog parks, lower woodland skate park
 339 skate board park
 340 Cormorant Cove Park, Luna Park, Whaletail Playground
 Magneson Park, Dakota St Park,
 Constellation Park & Marine Reserve
 341 Greenlake benches
 342 Friends of Magnuson Park through Hawthorne Hills Community Council
 343 Laurelhurst Park Community Center renovation
 344 Plan for Laurelhurst Playfield
 345 Made comments at a meeting about the coming removal of natural grass and the replacement with Astro-turf.
 346 Ballard Commons, Crown Hill School, Golden Gardens
 347 skatepark lower woodland park
 348 Contributed funds, wrote letters urging officials to limit development of Discovery Park.
 349 have not
 350 not interested and too busy to take an interest in the parks issues
 351 Lower Woodland Park proposal for a skate boarders park
 352 Zoo, Magnuson Park
 353 Soundview Park Project
 354 Have not felt concern about a parks issue, which would have propelled me to action. Also, I've been pleased with results and haven't felt I could add anything.
 355 lack of awareness of how I might help given limited time
 356 Lighting for public ball fields at Magnuson Park.
 357 Magnuson expansion of boat launch parking lot meetings
 Maguson Charette
 Magnuson PAT
 Magnuson off-leash
 Magnuson athletic field lighting
 358 Gas Works Park--for 8 years
 Occident Park
 359 Ravenna Daylighting, Magnuson Park
 360 Open Space 2100 Magnuson, Arboretum - Montlake Community Center - shoreline park
 361 Wallingford Steps
 Medidian Playfield planning
 Gas Works Park - proposed concerts
 Lower Woodlawn - dogs, skateboards, lighting, etc
 Zoo - parking garage and expansion
 362 Ernst Park in Fremont
 Ross Playground
 Fremont Peak Park
 363 proposed Lower Woodland Park skatepark project - design meetings and comment on DNS

 City-wide skatepark siting criteria meeting
 364 Magnuson Park
 Seward Park
 Cheasty Greenbelt
 365 South lake union park design
 366 Loyal Heights - opposition to plastic grass
 Woodland Park Zoo - garage opposition
 367 not aware of options and not time

368 Benefit Park, CounterBalance Park, Seward Park, Kubota Gardens
369 Move of Summer Nights Concert Series to Gas Works Park
370 Magnuson Parks soccer fields (opposed)
Jazzercise at Meadowbrook (supported)
371 1) Carkeek Park Visitor Center
2) Bat houses donated
3) Salmon Spawning Areas in Carkeek
4) Playground Equipment in Carkeek
372 Ravenna Park
Gas Works Park
373 Dog Off Leash Areas
374 Jefferson Park Development
Genessee Park
Magnuson Park
Georgetown
375 Lack of communication about when and where.
376 Counterbalance Park - Uptown Neighborhood of Queen Anne, and continue to contribute to the Kinnear Park Safety Project now in process. Attended briefings on Waterfront Park/new tunnel to replace viaduct.
377 I have not been aware of any opportunity to participate in parks projects or to provide feedback. The only involvement I have had was to send a letter/email with feedback on taking down some trees in our neighborhood.
378 Sam Smith, Powell Barnett
379 Magnuson Park (requested that an outdoor pool be included in future expansion plans.)
380 Magnuson Phase II
Loyal Heights playfield conversion
Georgetown playfield
381 3 Children. 2 Jobs. No time.
382 Audubon and city's MOA
Proposed trail changes along Lk. WA. Blvd. (8 years ago and current) several more over the years...all involving changes around Seward Park.
383 Montlake renovation; Proposal to resurface Washington Park Playfield; Sand Point/Magnuson field project
384 Ballard Skate Park
Greenwood Skatepark
Elliot Bay skatepark
385 Ballard Park
386 Magnuson Park, Different Small Grant Projects through the NEDC, just getting started on the Arboretum.
387 S. Lake Union
Loyal Heights
388 California substation
389 Not aware of public meetings
390 Not a priority for me. Much more important things to be involved in.
391 Orchard Street Ravine
392 Wasn't aware.
393 Zoo parking garage, Occidental Park clear cutting, Loyal Heights plastic grass, Gas Works Parks concerts, Magnuson Park lighting
394 Pioneer Place Park, Occidental Park, City Hall Park, Piers 62 & 63, Seattle Aquarium
395 Wasn't aware of the process or the purpose.
396 Proposed Lower Woodland Skate Park
397 Have not - didn't know about it.
398 Discovery Park proposed parking lot re-position.
Gasworks/Music in the Parks
399 Westcrest improvements
400 Magnuson Park athletic fields

Magnuson Park Building 5 construction

401 Why have I not? That seems an odd question. I enjoy using my neighborhood parks, but do not feel the passion to be involved in the planning process as long as things are going fine. That being said, I would call or get involved if I did not like the direction my neighborhood parks were going. Also, no one has ever asked me to be involved. Your average citizen would have to take the initiative. And many won't unless they have a prompt.

402 It was so long ago, I don't remember. Not much public input is solicited for the parks these last few years.

403 Montlake "tot lot" (small playground adjacent to arboretum)--helped design remodel
Montlake Community club remodel--filled out questionnaire

404 Went to several meetings regarding the new playfield at Salmon Bay School (not sure that this is part of Parks' & Rec).

405 Ernst park, Ross Park, Fremont Peak Park

406 Ballard park at 57th & 22nd.

Zoo Parking Garage

407 Whale Tale Park, Alki Bath House, Alki Bike Trail,

408 Laurelhurst Community Center

409 Off leash areas and enforcement in the parks as part of my responsibilities as Director of RCA/DEA.

410 If I were retired from Seattle Public Schools, I would have a life, maybe.

411 Luna Park

412 Have not due to scheduling conflicts or not knowing of events.

413 Jefferson Park & Community Center

414 -Meridian Playfield renewal

-Wallingford Playground renewal/re-do

-Wallingford Steps design, art and construction

-Gasworks Park NW quadrant design

415 The remodel of Paul Barnett Park on Martin Luther King Way

416 Have not--too busy with my 2-year-old

417 Westcrest off-leash park renovation.

418 too busy

419 Smith Cove, Ursula Judkins Viewpoint, Discovery Park, West Magnolia Playfield

420 I participated in the University Playfield entrance project. I was solicited by the area school by which I am employed to attend the meetings. However, until then and since that time, I have never heard of how to become involved in park projects.

421 South Lake Union Park, I-5 colonnade, Uptown

422 dog off leash area

423 Created Trolley Hill and MacLean Parks through Dept. of Neighborhoods grant programs. "Turn keyed" to parks.

424 Greg Davis Park, Puget Blvd parks, Delridge Neighborhood Planning, On-Ramp Computer Center, Community Center Policy Update

425 Magnuson Park

426 Duwamish Area Plan, Jefferson Park Plan

427 Pioneer Square redesign

Zoo Parking Garage

428 Ravenna Park and Magnuson Park

429 Lower Woodland Park Skatepark

430 The opportunity never presented itself

431 Flo Ware Park

432 I-5 colonnade, Gas Works Park

433 I haven't made the time to participate.

434 I attended a community meeting in Ballard re: use of park funds in 2005.

435 Ballard Commons, and Bergen Place

436 my focus has always been around the need of moorage for historic vessels like the Zodiac, Martha and Adventuress. I have also been involved in trying to keep One Real from having concerts on Lake Union beings that I have been a 10 year resident of Lake Union

- 437 Baker Property, Betty Bowen Viewpoint at Marshall Park, Big Howe Improvement Project, Off-Leash Areas
- 438 MLK Park, one meeting only
- 439 Alki boardwalk improvement, rails along the bulkhead.
- 440 Anacortes ferry terminal -
- No others because I was not aware of any invite to comment
- 441 New Miller community center
- Ball field lighting
- 442 Colonade Park, Arboretum, Eastlake Bouledrome
- 443 new park in Ballard n'hood at the old Safeway site (don't know name of park!)
- 444 Madrona Park/Playground renovation
- 445 I have worked from the beginning in the creation of Homer Harris Park and we are working on the final phase of the project, the Art/History Wall and game table tops. With all the problems we have had working with Parks & Rec and Seattle Parks Foundation, I will be hard press to do this again.
- 446 Marra Farm
- 447 * Westcrest Park Off-leash Area
- * Westcrest Birdhouse Project
- 448 Lake People (Xacua'bs) Park
- York Park
- Hitt's Hill
- 449 First Hill Park, "Harborview Park," Freeway Park and the possible site for a new park for the First Hill neighborhood.
- 450 Downtown City Parks
- 451 Ballard Skate Park, Bergens Park
- 452 6th Ave. NW Pocket park.
- Golden Gardens dog park.
- Changes at zoo.
- 453 I was not aware of how to be involved.
- 454 Magnuson Community garden, various other NE garden projects
- 455 Beacon Hill lighted fields
- Loyal Heights playfield
- Gasworks Park concerts
- Zoo parking garage
- Skateboard parks
- 456 Loyal Heights Playfield
- Jefferson Park Lights
- 457 Unsure of what parks' project means. I help coordinate events at parks, but through the DSA.
- 458 Occidental Park
- 459 Marra Farm, River City Skate Park, Cesar Chavez, Duwamish Waterway
- 460 Pritchard Beach restoration
- Community Council
- Seward Park
- Others
- 461 Pro Park Levy / Board of Park Commissioners meetings
- 462 Colman Playground (Play garden Project); what is now the "Jimi Hendrix Park" next to the old Colman School
- 463 very involved with Parks levy open space locations in the U District
- 464 South Lake Union Park, Lake People Park, Volunteer Park, Benefit Park, and many more
- 465 Off leash dog park - 3rd & Bell
- 466 Have helped plan and conduct all public meetings about the acquisition and design development for Counterbalance Park.
- 467 Magnuson park fields improvement project
- 468 I went to several Lake Forest Park meetings regarding the Burk Gilman Trail and would attend the same for Seattle if I new of them.
- 469 1. Woodland Park Rabbit Rescue

470 I have not participated in the public involvement process. Although I have been aware of certain issues (such as parking at the zoo), my family and I have felt that our limited time must unfortunately be spent elsewhere.

471 Teen Outreach
Service Learning
Signature Projects
Volunteer Park Conservatory
Volunteer Park
Interlaken Park (many times)

472 Marra Farm, Leschi salmon farm
473 Garage construction at Woodland Park Zoo
474 Van Asselt Community Center
475 Seward Park Audubon center
476 PAT member of Jefferson CC. Initial meeting for Van Asselt CC remodel and ground breaking ceremony. Attended meeting about starting times for Senior activities.
477 Rose Garden at Woodland Park Zoo

Counter Balance Park
LakeWood Triangle Park
Bailey Gatzert Playground build

478 Rogers Playfield, Collanade Park
479 The refurbishing of the First Hill park at Seneca and Minor
480 Cascade, Denny, South Lake Union
481 Washington Park Arboretum - Master Plan, Implementation of Master Plan, South End Project, etc.

Magnussen Park

482 Magnuson Park Soccer Fields, Preserving Greenlake's North field for drop in sports, ongoing support of field turf improvements at city and county parks
483 We have participated in the process regarding the zoo parking garage.
484 Colman Park
485 tennis center at Magnuson Park
486 Magnuson Soccer Fields/Meadowbrook Park Projects/Dahl Playfield Renovation
487 Seward Park

Ravenna Park
Lake Washington Boulevard Vegetation Plan

488 parks planning projects on Magnolia or in Magnolia/Interbay area; various meetings on Off Leash Areas around the city
489 Participated in the Big Howe Park B-HIP fundraiser
490 Never heard of ways to do this.
491 Loyal Heights Playfield
492 not aware of how to be involved in projects near our house
493 Interlaken
494 Occidental Park, Magnuson Park
495 Greenwood Park

Lynden Orchards Park
Woodland Park Zoo
Victor Steinbrueck Park
South Lake Union Park
Greenlake Park

496 Friends of Cal Anderson Park
Cal Anderson Park Events Planning Committee

497 Signed beginning petition for renovation of a Ravenna Park. The Loyal Heights community center I was not involved in mostly because I felt that I was notified of the changes there after decisions were made. I live two blocks away from the site and I am opposed to the plastic grass on the multi-use field that was originally there.

498 Ballard Commons, Zoo, Loyal Height Playfield
499 Boren Park - aka Plymouth Pillars Park

500 Appealed to Board of Commissioners to retain beachfires at Alki Beach Park
 501 Ravenna Creek Daylight Project
 502 Summer Nights
 503 Woodland Park Zoo Long Range Development Plan
 Gas Works Park Summer Concerts
 504 Occidental, City hall,
 505 Ravenna Creek Daylighting
 506 The massive, poorly planned Zoo Garage
 507 Modifications to our neighborhood park were not of great interest to me.
 508 Day lighting the creek in Ravenna Park
 509 Ballard Commons
 Loyal Heights Playfield
 510 Sustainable buildings and maintenance
 511 Duwamish river access, street end access
 512 Cascade Playground
 513 Carleton Strip
 514 I have not participated because I don't know about them.
 515 Magnuson Off-Leash
 Gasworks Off-Leash (proposed)
 Westcrest Off-Leash
 Probably several other off-leash areas
 516 Orchard street Ravine
 517 Ravenna Park, Magnusen Park
 518 The Ballard Bowl
 519 Discovery Park meetings on vegetation and Navy housing issues.
 520 Woodland Park Zoo
 521 "Have Not" - not interested until I began using the parks regularly with my young children.

 522 Have not: didn't know about the process.
 523 just moved into our first home on Beacon Hill. Former apartment renters outside Seattle.
 524 Seward Park Audubon Nature Center; discussion regarding the old hatchery.
 525 Woodland Park Advisory Council
 526 Magnuson Park redevelopment/field design and the Zoo
 527 Long range plan of the Zoo
 528 The recently completed Ballard park
 529 Westcrest Park and other dog parks
 530 I live next to the Judkins playfield at 20th Place and Nye Street and have had involvement in trying to resolve parking & use issues in the neighborhood
 531 Ravenna Creek Daylighting
 532 North Shore, Magnuson Park. Proposed development of Building 11.
 533 Woodland Park Design build process
 534 Annie's Playground --aka The Meadowbrook Playground
 535 zoo garage, city wide rally on parks process, occidental park
 536 Meetings not well advertised or I had conflict as was unable to attend
 537 Crown Hill School open space proposal
 538 Cheasty Boulevard
 539 Ravenna
 Magnuson/Sand Point
 540 Development of the north shore of magnuson park - sail sand point
 541 Zoo Garage
 Skatepark
 542 The parks department does not listen to what normal people want. They have their own agenda

 543 Loyal Heights Playfield renovation
 544 Jefferson Park projects
 545 Roxhill Park

Longfellow Creek Trail
546 Development of Arboretum Master Plan; ADA compliance in Japanese Garden: Shoreline Restoration of Japanese Garden; Development of new S. Entry for Japanese Garden; Friends of Magnuson Park (oppose huge sports fields and aggressive lighting)
Plan for Laurelhurst Community Center expansion
547 Skateboard Park - an info/planning meeting
548 JAFDP
Magnuson Park athletic fields project
Loyal Heights athletic field upgrade
Seattle Schools athletic fields (BTA 1 & 2)
549 Friends of Gas Works Parks
Roger's Park, Eastlake
550 Gas Works Park One Reel - Community Representative
551 Zoo parking garage scandal.
552 Zoo garage
553 No visibility on projects or meetings, lack of time to go
554 Loyal Heights Playfield
555 Loyal Heights Playfield
556 Zoo Garage
557
Woodland Park Zoo Garage
558 Never received any notice that input was being requested.
559 Ballard Commons park
Waterfront/Open space planning
560 Columbia City Recreation Center
Treemendous
561 I PARTICIPATED IN THE VAN ASSELT PLAYGOUND PROJECT
562 Well, after the switch of the zoo parking garage, I participated. But it was clear that the parks, Zoo and City council had already decided what they wanted despite what was needed or reasonable.
563 queen anne park on roy st
skate park on elliot
564 entryway to Japanese Garden
565 Sand Point/Magnuson
566 ~ever new I could be involved, would not know where to find out about it
567 Magnuson Park
568 Did not know about the meeting, or was not able to attend.
569 Lack of ongoing hard mail to my zip code re: my zip code projects, with more than one meeting about one topic. Rarely can make THE meeting that is scheduled - need at least two options re: meeting.

570 Alki Bathhouse, Alki Whale Tail, Westcrest Park and Off leash area, Van Asselt CC Renovation, High Point CC Renovation, Hiawatha Play Field, Roxhill Play Area
571 The zoo additions and the monorail through Seattle Center
572 City Hall Park
573 Planned new buildings at Woodland Park Zoo - Parking Garage in particular.
574 Friends of Fremont Peak Park - park development
Gas Works Park - concerts
Volunteer Park - park modification review
575 Magnuson, Loyal Heights, Genessee, Woodland Park Zoo
576 I have not attended any Park's Projects, because I wasn't notified of any.
577 magnuson park rebuild
578 Off Leash Parks
579 Busy with a small child and only have a single car...my husband commutes to work one hour each way by bus
580 I have never felt really connected to the process. Though I like to think of myself as a relatively informed citizen of Seattle, I feel I have a difficult time finding avenues to get more involved.

581 Zoo Parking lot proposals, Phinney neighborhood meetings, and Design Commission evaluation, and email discussion groups

582 discovery park and new park on 27th in Magnolia

583 not asked to participate

584 Occidental Park

585 Cowen Park playground

586 Orchard Street Ravine, Lincoln Park Annex (Solstice Park), Lowman Beach, Myrtle Reservoir Pro Parks Open Space, Morgan Substation Pro Parks Open Space

587 jefferson cc
van asselt cc

588 Currently participating in a community committee regarding planned modifications to underground sewage pumps at Lowman Beach Park (Murray Pump Station); established a Friends of Lowman Beach Park group; attended at Park's meetings regarding off-leash dog areas; constantly commenting to Park's officials and administrators about irresponsible dog owners and how badly off-leash dogs have degraded the park experience at Lowman Beach Park

589 Lack of time/don't know about them.

590 Lack of awareness

591 Pro Park Opportunity Fund Round 2 process

592 SP Mag

593 something near 117th and Roosevelt

594 Have not--due to time limitations

595 Light pole installation at Miller playfield; design of Miller Community Center

596 I participated in the public meetings on the Arboretum Master Plan led by Margaret Ceis.

597 Have not participated - don't know how to get involved, haven't seen/received any notice of involvement opportunities

598 Have not participated, because I have not heard of any opportunities to participate.

599 I am participating in our neighborhood Assn. plans to improve Othello Park, bring events there, bring more families into the park.

600 Parking garage process in Woodland Park Zoo

601 Torch Run for Special Olympics at Myrtle Edwards Park

602 Tremendous a long time ago, and due to numerous other community responsibilities I work through organizations

603 The Loyal Heights Playfield Project

604 Myrtle Street Ravine

605 Northgate community center siting and advisory board, couple of annual budget planning gatherings, numerous contacts with Parks over the years.

606 Cityside Openspace 2100 charrette - Laurelhurst/Magnuson
Arboretum/Lk Washington

607 Orchard Street Ravine - ProParks Levy

608 Planning for North Beacon Park improves, Municipal Golf Board member.

609 Magnuson/Sand Point

Occidental
Heron House

610 I have not had time nor seen an issue that was immediately important to me. I do know some parks employees, though, and I frequently complement them on the new artificial turf fields and stress the need for more of them.

611 Recently, letters and testimonials in favor of adequate and better of-leash areas.

612 Counter Balance Park

613 1) Discovery Park 500 Area design process
2) Discovery Park Capehart housing acquisition
3) Kiwanis Ravine EarthCorps project planning
4) Discovery Park West Point Settlement agreement planning
5) DayBreak Star restoration project

614 Eastlake neighborhood planning of the columnade green space.

615 Green Lake playground

76th St. pocket park
616 gasworks park concerts
617 skate park at lower woodland
618 Delridge and Garfield Community Centers
WP Zoo Carousel Building
Camp Long Wash House
Central Waterfront Park Planning Study
Parks Historic Preservation Plan
North Downtown Parks Plan
619 Did poop scooping at Green Lake to save the beautiful Canadian Geese from the heinous gassing by Parks & Rec
620 Gasworks Park plan for concerts
621 Northgate Community Center
622 Do not drive.
623 Regarding Dog Areas
624 Had hoped to have a Dog Park at Gas-Works.
625 Luna Park Reconstruction
Citywide Urban Forest Plan
Soundway Property
Croft Place acquisition
626 Conservatory- No Admission charge
Gas Works- No concerts
Greenlake - No parking fees
627 Fremont Solstice Park (next to Fremont Library), Fremont Peak Park, many more
628 Dakota Place Park

629 All uses at Magnuson Park, including housing, athletic fields, and other park uses.
630 Zoo planning - parking garage/office building/carousel
Dog areas in parks
631 Warren G. Magnuson Park
632 I'm only interested in very local parks and I have a time conflict with the neighborhood association meetings
633 Montlake Playfield--Seattle Prep proposal. I presented from the point of view of a Montlake resident affected by the proposal.
634 I've participated in Parks planning projects professionally through a community organization, but have not done so within my neighborhood. My lack of participation is largely a reflection of time constraints and other priorities.
635 magnuson park
636 unable to attend evening meetings but wanted to participate in the recent Fremont parks (Ernst park and Peak park)
637 Orchard Street Ravine
Belltown Park
638 I was very active in the early stages of establishing off-leash areas for dogs.
639 Most recently, development plans at Woodland Park Zoo (including but not limited to the proposed garage).
640 Ballard park planning (old safeway site - I can't remember the official name!)
641 Soundview Park is a failure!!! Dangerous at night!!! City knew, did nothing from my observation. However, it is very pretty and safe in day time till the drugs pick up again.
642 Meeting times not convenient.
643 zoo
644 Have not: Not enough free time this year, between work and flight school. I try to review public announcements to at least maintain awareness of projects and services.
645 Skateparks, South Lake Union, Magnusson, Dog off leash
646 We're busy with young children AND have not been invited to participate.
647 I was unaware of such projects and/or too busy with Fremont Neighborhood or 43rd Dist Demos

648 I like what we have and am not sufficiently motivated to work for change.

649 Have not - because I wasn't aware there was a PIP in place, or if I knew the time of the meeting(s) it wasn't convenient for me to attend.

650 Laurelhurst community center expansion project

651 I am participating now by completing a flier. Also, my daughter and I pick up litter and pull weeds when visiting. Is there an email address where I can send comments? That would be super!

652 freeway park upgrades, magnolia/queen anne off leash areas, green lake upgrades, magnolia park bench siting

653 Northgate Community Center, Ravenna Park Daylighting, Cowen Park Shelterhouse renovation, Gas Works Park renovation/expansion, Wallingford Steps

654 Fremont Peak Park

655 South Lake Union Park

656 BEAN, Seattle Works

657 off-leash areas

lower woodland park skateboard park

658 The neighborhood council-zoo plans

659 Bradner Gardens Park, Colman Park, Colman Playfield, Colman Parking lot, Mt Baker viewridge park, Seward Park, Lake Wash. Blvd.

660 the creation of the SWAC

661 It is difficult to attend public meetings because they are always held in the evening or on week-ends. This time is not convenient for those who work early in the day and on week-ends.

662 Sent letters regarding the Loyal Heights Playfield and the removal of the natural grass.

663 My family and I participated in the fund raising/community awareness meeting for the future park in the Uptown neighborhood.

664 I attended a meeting at the old Magnolia Elementary school

665 Orchard Ravine

666 Arboretum, Gas Works Park, Interlaken Park

667 Orchard Street Ravine Project

668 Loyal Heights Playfield

Loyal Heights skate park proposal

669 Forgot

670 Orchard Street Ravine

671 Haven't seen and haven't actively sought out information on how to participate.

672 unaware of planning processes

673 Magnuson Park Wetland Planning

674 Orchard Street Ravine Openspace Acquisition, Orchard Street Ravine Pro Parks Levy Project, West Seattle and Delridge Open Space Acquisition Projects, Various West Seattle Projects through the years

675 Gas Works, Roxhill,

676 Orchard Street Ravine Natural Area Restoration

New Morgan Junction Park

677 Openspace 2100, Olmsted Park VMP

678 Not enough time/interest

679 Jefferson, Cheasty, Sound Transit, Winthrop, Mt Baker Blvd.

680 Loyal Heights Playfield

681 I have not participated mostly because I don't make myself aware of any planning. Unless I am emailed about it, I just don't know what's going on.

682 Northgate, Ravenna Creek, Longfellow Creek/Camp Long, TC Park #6, TC Park #1, Jackson Park, Magnuson Park

683 S. Lake Union Park

684 disposition of Wawona

685 Concerts at Gas Works

686 Orchard Street Ravine, Morgan Junction Monorail property conversion to park space, Delridge neighborhood trails, Parks Levy meetings, Longfellow Creek meetings

687 Northacres Park, Dahl field, Ingraham Field, Haller Lake beach.

688 Didn't know about opportunities to participate

- 689 JEFFERSON PARK, AND OTHERS ON BEACON HILL
 690 Eastlake Neighborhood council-input on Collonade park
 Wawona/Northwest Seaport/Maritime heritage meeting with park dept reps
 691 Ballard commons, burke Gilman
 Webster Park, sunset hill View Park, thyme Patch Park
 692 Orchard Street Ravine - Pedestrian Train Connection Feasibility Study
 693 South Lake Union Park
 694 Open Space 2100, Loyal Heights Park Development
 695 Jefferson Park Expansion; Cascade Playground Improvements
 696 I would have liked to participate in Parks planning for Woodland Park Zoo, but it seemed that the planning process was entirely run by the Woodland Park Zoo Society. I attended a many meetings and open houses on this topic.
 697 wawona
 698 Jefferson Park renovation.
 699 Jefferson Park
 Magnuson Park
 700 Jefferson Park expansion
 701 South Lake Union park design planning
 702 South Lake Union, sent emails to city council and parks dept regarding keeping park and Wawona there.
 703 Jefferson Park plan. It's hard to be involved as the timelines to respond seem to be very short. Often meetings are scheduled with short notice. And the message is that the decision has been made before the meeting for "comments" is being held.
 704 Soundview, Crown Hill
 705 I haven't because I didn't know they existed.
 706 Lower Woodland skate park
 707 play equipment improvements Loyal Heights in about 1994

The ram rod through of "field turf" at "Loyal Heights" athletic field.

General planning of Salmon Bay park

General planning for construction the Park behind the 85th and 14th Safeway, (sorry don't remember its name)

- 708 Orchard Street Ravine
 709 I attended a meeting that discussed the Parks Department's plans for the South end of Lake Union. I believe it was sometime last year. I also sent an e-mail regarding the future of the schooner Wawona shortly afterwards.
 710 I haven't participated. I guess I take the parks for granted. I don't recall noticing opportunities for input before.
 711
 Loyal heights play field/plastic grass
 712 Jefferson Park expansion and field lighting plan.
 713 Magnuson
 Zoo
 Open Space 2100
 Parks and open space issues
 714 I have never known about them.
 715 South Lake Union Park
 Northlake Site
 716 Gas Works Parks Concerts
 Occidental Park Tree Cutting
 Zoo Parking Garage
 717 Until the Nickels administration I have generally been pleased with the operation of Seattle City Parks, and wouldn't touch a thing.
 718 Worked on committee to get street end park funding from the levy funds.

North Acres Clean up and also off leash area cleanup.

719 Orchard St. Ravine Project

720 Pro Parks: Gas Works Park

721 orchard street ravine

722 Lower Woodland Skate Park

723 lower woodland proposed skateboard park.

724 Magnusson tennis center

725 Lower Woodlands

726 Jefferson Park Concept Plan, Site Plan, and Expansion plan. Cheasty Blvd plan.

727 Magnuson Park fields

Loyal Heights Playfield

Gasworks Park Concert Series

Zoo parking garage

728 Gasworks Park concert series

Zoo Parking Garage

729 I went to one community meeting on one specific topic (skatespot being proposed). It was a meeting requested by the pro-skatespot people, not by Parks. I have been eagerly awaiting the opportunity to participate in planning for Dahl Playfield, as I use it multiple times daily, but have heard of no such opportunity proposed by Parks.

6. What were you most satisfied with about the Parks' public process(es)?

- 1 Can't think of one I am very satisfied with.
- 2 The 2001 process was well handled
- 3 Overall not very satisfied
- 4 nothing to be satisfied about
- 5 No satisfaction - this is my first contact w. Park
- 6 Haven't participated in any because I have not see
- 7 Did not participate
- 8 Willingness of line staff and (named Parks' staff member) to respond to Qs
- 9 not much satisfaction/done deal/public processed
- 10 I don't ever ember being notified of the project
- 11 No Advertisements? No Flyer? Where will I find this info?
- 12 Recent OLA meetings-good notice, well run
- 13 quick response time, detailed answer
- 14 Actually, I never even received a response.
- 15 If I wasn't involved, how could I be satisfied?
- 16 diversity of citizens involved
- 17 No single favorite, Parks does an excellent job
- 18 I am sorry, but I have not been involved in any.
- 19 When I offered to pay for projects, I heard back
- 20 I never received notices
- 21 SPARC Online bill-pay - does this count?
- 22 Emails letting us know what is going on.
- 23 I didn't really find much to be satisfying.
- 24 I am not particular satisfied with any thing Park
- 25 Not satisfied with anything parks has done lately
- 26 Received no notice of projects in my area.
- 27 Not satisfied with a (expletive deleted) thing.
- 28 (named a Parks' staff member)
- 29 none were satisfactory, several were quite frustrating
- 30 MY ABILITY TO MAKE CHANGE.
- 31 Others could use more work - feels "directed"
- 32 Parks could improve tremendously on communication
- 33 Totally dissatisfied with the entire process.
- 34 I didn't receive much information
- 35 NA-I don't know how to be involved
- 36 N/A
- 37 Outreach activities vary widely in quality from pr
- 38 NOT SATISFIED
- 39 None of the above.....
- 40 Meetings are business like.
- 41 The departments focus to meet the public's needs
- 42 Especially pleased about concepts for Kinnear Park
- 43 doesn't apply to me
- 44 Gradual building of workable relationship w/individuals
- 45 Not satisfied with any of the above
- 46 I have not been involved with any of these.
- 47 the fact that our opinions were solicited/mattered
- 48 Thrilled with the result! (Salmon Bay playfield)
- 49 I found this survey in the news releases
- 50 No opinion.
- 51 None

52 frankly, not satisfied with ANY of these aspects
53 Madrona Community Council meetings
54 amount of consideration for natural habitat
55 Parks staff did a fantastic job....they are great
56 Way too much focus on process.
57 Every viewpoint listened to and acknowledged
58 some satisfaction on some project but others
59 Ken Bounds' willingness to listen and chg course
60 Parks Department staff were very courteous to all
61 NONE - it's a JOKE!
62 Local park planning is on going and no changes yet
63 Nothing. They were all a waste of time.
64 These were handled well regarding Magnuson Project
65 Very displeased with whole public input process
66 I received responses from some city council member
67 Responses from some city council members
68 Project seems to be going forward regardless
69 NONE !
70 Not satisfied.
71 not inclusive
72 Permit process worked out well
73 Nothing: Parks comes with a foregone agenda
74 none
75 WHAT IS PAT?????
76 Not satisfied due to arbitrary canceling of event
77 Its seems politics come first, community last!!!
78 Generally poor satisfaction
79 Knowledge and professionalism of arborists
80 na
81 Staff has gone out of their way to answer all questions
82 info on web
83 wasn't satisfied with their process at all
84 I am completely dissatisfied with the Park's process
85 Mostly my neighborhood organization provided info
86 I think I am seeing progress toward openness
87 I wasn't satisfied with any part of the field turf
88 honestly can't check any of the above
89 Sorry, none of the above.
90 (Involvement began too recently to comment.)
91 Professionalism of Parks Board of Commissioners
92 poor performance not accountable to public
93 All of these were better in the past then now

7. What were you least satisfied with about the Parks' public process(es)? (check all that apply)

- 1 Don't feel I've been involved enough to make opinion
- 2 Park staff, e.g., (named a Parks staff member) was horrible.
- 3 Meetings do not occur in early planning stages
- 4 How every item has to be consensus oriented by the
- 5 Do not pay much attention to most of this.
- 6 Inconsistency; broken promises; misrepresentations
- 7 Having a diversity represented
- 8 the length of it
- 9 not having had the opportunity, don't know
- 10 The lies that you have repeatedly made.
- 11 Assumption that trees will need to be cut down.
- 12 Everything - never had contact with Parks before
- 13 Staff refusal to respond to organizations concerns
- 14 Multiple layers of process due to Council!
- 15 community members that would not compromise
- 16 Willingness to ignore prior planning decisions
- 17 we were point blank told our concerns could not/wo
- 18 website info is rarely updated
- 19 Need posts of progress at the park in question
- 20 City denied Magnolia an indoor pool unjustly
- 21 Lack of oversight. No respect of community goals
- 22 Didn't receive notice -- how could I participate?
- 23 Just WAY too much process and lack of leadership
- 24 lack of resource information to have opinion heard
- 25 I was really satisfied!
- 26 doing a great job- no concerns
- 27 Parks naming process is too secret and arbitrary
- 28 my paycheck
- 29 Decisions appear made prior to public process...
- 30 the neighborhood said no to the project
- 31 Non
- 32 Recent skateboard meetings-lack of notice
- 33 No problems
- 34 lack of transparency
- 35 Nothing of any importance is open for public review
- 36 not an issue
- 37 yearly compliance with CPTED/pruning vegetation
- 38 Meeting room was jam packed with no sound system
- 39 dealing with the Park's dept is terrible
- 40 a few angry neighbors has more weight then whole
- 41 City council lack of vision, decisiveness
- 42 Condescending and sarcastic staff
- 43 meetings often held far away from project park
- 44 Same as above.
- 45 I still have money to give but have heard nothing
- 46 decision makers not qualified for technical decision
- 47 I never received notices.
- 48 SPARC needs improvement - account detail
- 49 Parks' Elitist attitude and the perception THEY know
- 50 Your propensity for sweetheart deals.
- 51 I was patronized and info was misconstrued

52 Park folks didn't fully consider a dog park
53 really nothing
54 satisfied with process
55 we were 'processed'; decisions were already made
56 No complaints!
57 Parks limited input to league sports organizations
58 Decision to destroy playfield already decided by K
59 NO INPUT ON LEADERSHIP OF PROJECTS AND BUILDERS
60 Felt that decisions were already made
61 it takes so much time
62 Parks Dept functions as an autocracy
63 All lacked accountability
64 Follow up took 7 years, and I sought it.
65 N/A
66 The law banning dogs from beaches is WRONG!
67 This was a stacked deck against our neighborhood
68 Our objects were ignored and it was decided to put
69 Parks does not follow the process
70 listening to unreasonable uses or non uses for par
71 They don't listen!
72 Park Board Meetings are at terrible time
73 1) Done deal before any public meeting held. The
74 Continuing efforts by groups to "develop" park.
75 Process is broken. Decisions are made before proc
76 What role other City Depts. have in the project.
77 I would like to send an email exchange..where?
78 The above applies to Fremont Peak Park
79 Domination of the process by organized sports
80 post involvement outcome fundraising opportunities
81 There was no honest public process
82 neighbors not notified directly
83 Slow beginning process for Counterbalance Park.
84 Inability of Parks to stand up to public pressure
85 doesn't apply to me
86 Honesty and fairness in responding to concerns
87 No neighborhood input sought early in process
88 didn't know about it
89 What Ken Bounds wants, Ken Bounds gets. One sided
90 ProView and its process
91 excessive use of pro parks funds for "planning"
92 Lack of continuity with previous outreach efforts
93 No issues
94 decisions already made by Parks ahead of time
95 Input didn't matter, decision was already made
96 I was completely satisfied.
97 Way too much process.
98 too much talk - too little doing...
99 intentionally concealing information from public
100 the park looks grim despite community efforts
101 without ECC I wouldn't know. No city postings
102 They do take comments - but don't listen!
103 Parks response to public comments, public ignored
104 People's input was ignored.
105 Decisions were made before the public input
106 Wasted tax payers money to move perfect bowl
107 These were handled poorly regarding zoo project

108 No follow up to compliance or changes
109 Timely Notification of material changes to plan
110 e-mail notifications on projects and ongoing activities
111 no public process: decisions were already made
112 no public process: decisions were already made
113 Head of Parks is too commercial, must listen public
114 NO RESPONSE FROM CITY COUNCILMAN DELLA
115 Lack of a real consensus Process
116 I
117 out of loop for other park projects
118 High impact of bait and switch Zoo Parking lot
119 No project alike, wildly uneven in staff approach
120 to be determined when plans are implemented
121 Park Dept's predetermined agenda for the garage.
122 Few stopping the many. Summer Nights Concerts
123 Behavior of Parks employees during meetings
124 You again fail to provide no room here for input.
125 favoritism of certain park users over others
126 No public involvement in decision process
127 Everything: Parks comes with a foregone agenda
128 Parks has already decided what to do!
129 Naming a local Park after some guy no one knew
130 "Process" was a formality. Decisions made already
131 information via e-mail about park progress
132 Lack of transparent process.
133 Park is a cesspool of illegal activity at night!!!
134 Neighborhood impact is not an issue for parks.
135 no clear decision-making process or standards
136 decisions are made in advance and don't change
137 Gas Works decision
138 Public meetings lacked organization and structure.
139 SPD&R denials of known facts
140 none
141 decisions and process being "pre-decided"
142 Park's does not involve the community
143 Parks staff seem to work hard, Parks mgmt doesn't
144 PARKS DID WHAT THEY WANTED, DISPITE COMM. INPUT
145 unclear use of public comment, wasted effort
146 Why project budget funds were radically changed.
147 haven't been to enough meetings to compare
148 Tried to change Jefferson plan at last instance
149 opaque and bureaucratic (we don't really value...
150 decision were made before input was asked for
151 Lack of true consideration of community input
152 (Again, at this early stage I'm reticent.)
153 Nothing is final as yet but our input not used
154 Interference from local neighborhood associations
155 bureaucratic disassembling
156 All better done in the past than now

9. Improving Opportunities for Public Comment - Which of the following would improve Parks' ability to capture public comments related to Parks' projects?

- 1 More information in the media
- 2 better use of mainstream media
- 3 The staff assigned have been the problem.
- 4 Definitely try harder to notify the neighborhoods.
- 5 ?? What 300 ft from park????
- 6 Honesty; consistency
- 7 Diversity
- 8 More funds for taking meeting notes, questionnaire
- 9 Explain to public other factors shaping project
- 10 more maps and pictures - worth 1000 words!
- 11 biased decisions based on organized sports
- 12 Follow neighborhood guidelines closely
- 13 reduce bottlenecks in decision making
- 14 professional outreach by neutral 3rd party
- 15 Listen to us! What we want doesn't count
- 16 notices in newspapers, like the Times/PI weekend s
- 17 "transparency" was promised ---what a joke!
- 18 Public comment at events rather than just meetings
- 19 better notifications of operating hours
- 20 be more direct or honest - things seemed slippery
- 21 comments don't appear to matter
- 22 Actually consider citizens' input.
- 23 Clarifying decisions to be made by public
- 24 More information on how and why decisions are made
- 25 Ways to reach folks who can't go to meetings
- 26 ASL interpreter.
- 27 Spend your efforts completing parks projects!!
- 28 Meetings that don't conflict with an 8-5 pm work schedule
- 29 Neighborhood Forums: Greenwood News web groups-
- 30 Any and all would be useful
- 31 discuss reasons and criteria that parks uses
- 32 public comments must be gathered not manipulated
- 33 Require every employee to memorize the 1st. amend.
- 34 how about sending folks to the parks to gather com
- 35 Allow people to take a number to speak in order
- 36 Early warning re changes in park rules
- 37 meetings with community leaders and churches
- 38 group individuals according to level of knowledge
- 39 SPP does not listen, they drive towards their goal
- 40
- 41 notices posted at local grocery store etc
- 42 notify user groups, leagues etc, that use site
- 43 Focus on city wide vision/planning, not "local".
- 44 I would be involved if the info was convenient
- 45 Staff training for public dealings
- 46 allow public to submit "wish list" of projects
- 47 Less process more action!
- 48 More direct communication with a real person.
- 49 Everything should be available on the Web
- 50 more upfront info on budget reality & design wishes
- 51 Include info in parent packets for school age care
- 52 notification through radio, tv, newspapers

53 Childcare at meetings
 54 I'd like the dept. to stop tearing down skateparks
 55 Listen to and pay attention to THE PEOPLE!!
 56 Fire (named a Parks staff member)
 57 Park folks need open minds re: public desires
 58 easier to understand material in lay men's term
 59 Survey All citizens on desired Park Amenities(5 yr
 60 public hearings are formalities, need working group
 61 more HONEST information
 62 A more coherent, user friendly activities website
 63 Parks must listen to neighbors
 64 more oral communication
 65 Moderator and rules for public meetings
 66 More trust in process - less controlling pls.
 67 Live person in the park - feedback from actual use
 68 Have Ken Bounds available for questions
 69 Remove secrecy and Mayoral dictations/decisions
 70 Contact people who were previously involved
 71 A regular column in the two local newspapers.
 72 Ch. 21 carry Park Board meetings, meet in City Hal
 73 Collect feedback before project is complete
 74 People that want the info get it
 75 parks obey their own bylaws and transparent decision
 76 We do not need translated material, spend the time
 77 Better information in newspapers
 78 Lack of room to comment on this form; see #7.
 79 follow due process
 80 Survey users/neighbors to determine demand
 81 Not hearing about it on KIRO or in the P-I first.
 82 Staff should be trained on how to work with public
 83 More centralized meeting location and times
 84 Neutral parties for facilitating meetings
 85 Listen to neighbors not just interest groups
 86 Flyers/Leaflets/Invites direct to Apts, Businesses
 87 Answering the question "Why" the decision was made.
 88 Too much process
 89 Respond to "How input is used in Decisions"
 90 More room for comment on questionnaires!
 91 Prioritizing neighborhood considerations
 92 NOT IN MY BACK YARD CRAP AT EVERY MEETING!
 93 disabled citizens need their voice heard also.
 94 check that future surveys work w screen readers
 95 Being honest with public re Parking Garage.
 96 Less process. More process not related to outcome
 97 Better use of newspapers through press releases
 98 Work with the schools to communicate w/ citizens
 99 meetings during non-business hours
 100 Notice in area papers about upcoming meetings
 101 smaller scale focus group sessions vs. comm. mtgs
 102 Providing info regarding how input will be used
 103 Use the Seattle Times
 104 Possibly stream the meetings on the internet
 105 I can't come to many meetings but enjoy commenting
 106 section in newspapers including neighborhood news
 107 Community signage and notice in commty paper/news
 108 Acutally using the public input

109 All outreach, no implementation...people give up
 110 Soliciting comments earlier in the planning proces
 111 as long as one is on lists, info is easily shared
 112 Not sure what else can be done
 113 Involve public, not just organizations
 114 email if there is info on web
 115 Act on public advice
 116 Using public input, rather than brushing aside
 117 whats this 300 ft requirement, never heard of.
 118 Survey actual park users
 119 Start doing SEPA and you won't need this question
 120 publish public comments
 121 Lack of predetermined outcomes and staff bias
 122 Ensure that Parks Supt is responsive to input
 123 Listen to neighborhood folks
 124 more oversight of projects before approval
 125 quit relying so much on electronic communication.
 126 Heeding the wishes of participants
 127 Better city-wide notification; I travel!
 128 POST DECISIONS WITHIN PARK FACILITY OR PARK.
 129 no "switcheroo" regarding parking lot plans
 130 expectations for sports leagues using space
 131 Don't arrive at public with pre-conceived outcomes.
 132 Unbiased facilitators
 133 More meetings for projects that prove controversial
 134 Clarity & decisiveness on the part of Parks people
 135 more info on project status
 136 Officials need a public service demeanor
 137 Get public input at first discussion of a project
 138 solicit input from neighbors, not just special int
 139 solicit input fr neighbors, not just spec interest
 140 Listen to people, head of parks is too commercial
 141 Learn to listen to what people are saying
 142 Lack of evidence that anything said means anything
 143 have meeting flyer, minutes, etc translated
 144 At least two date options for a meeting
 145 Incorporate response of neighbors involved
 146 Don't change project site after public meetings
 147 Better responsiveness from Park's employees
 148 define how & if the public will have power
 149 Be genuinely interested in input
 150 Gather advice, and make tough decisions, review.
 151 Provide accurate info earlier on the proj. impacts
 152 Here again you fail to open space for comment.
 153 post @ schools, libraries, neighborhood coffee hubs
 154 Genuine attempt at public input, now lacking
 155 Parks need come without an agenda and listen
 156 Real sense tht mngt & designers care abt our thots
 157 new director and staff
 158 More information about projects in city newspapers
 159 Explain better what the role of public comment is
 160 Stop the obnoxious small group breakout routine
 161 Complete, competently prepared & presented info.
 162 More accurate, truthful and complete information
 163 No politics. Community first --- politics last.
 164 more honesty. Decisions were made before meetings

165 set comment deadline and make a clear decision
166 Info: project budget, be real @ what it can buy
167 Limit the "professional commentators" input.
168 Not allow loud, rude individuals to dominate mtgs
169 providing resource materials and case studies...
170 if PAT input will not be considered
171 No solicitation of public input
172 Include real opportunities to present alternatives
173 actually listening to what people have to say
174 Be accountable to the community
175 Improve actual process, not the image.
176 USE WHAT WE GIVE YOU, OTHERWISE IT'S A WASTE OF TI
177 Parks Board should make decisions, not WPZS
178 forbid substantial changes without reopening process
179 Century 21, dontcha know...use the tools
180 Stop interference from neighborhood advocacy groups
181 park board doesn't serve all citizens equally.
182 Have any public input at all.

19. Parks' Process Improvements - Which of the following would improve public involvement in Parks' planning processes?

- 1 advance notice of issue in the media
- 2 more outreach to local neighborhood park users
- 3 Assign better staff to the projects.
- 4 Large paper for comments to consider
- 5 Honesty; consistency
- 6 Diversity
- 7 Less influence by self appointed neighb"watchdogs"
- 8 Actually telling me about projects would be good
- 9 Parks should have an open mind.
- 10 weigh information equally
- 11 Stronger role for PAT. Ours was fired.
- 12 Don't dictate to us as was done re: pool
- 13 Come to the table without a predetermined agenda
- 14 Public comment at events rather than just meetings
- 15 more clarity about what feedback is requested
- 16 Tell the truth
- 17 Did I miss anything? trained facilitators as nec
- 18 build what the neighbors want not what Parks wants
- 19 Remember that Parks works for the Public!
- 20 Use public input, don't just collect it
- 21 Just before work actually begins, notify attendees
- 22 on-line notice and information about park planning
- 23 See comment on Q9
- 24 Just go to work and complete a project.
- 25 better public meeting locations
- 26 Any or all of the above
- 27 Not much to improve upon the meetings I attended.
- 28 Some honesty regarding who/when makes the decisions
- 29 much more budget accountability
- 30 Don't let special interest groups hijack meetings
- 31 solicit input re changing park rules
- 32 I think parks does a fine job. Give them more \$\$\$
- 33 input that doesn't involve meetings (email surveys
- 34 decisions are made too slowly
- 35 City wide planning, not local projects
- 36 Make is simple for vendors to use parks -change!
- 37 Notify all within 1 mile of specific local parks
- 38 On-site polling during peak-use hours
- 39 decisions are made before input is requested
- 40 Use of the web, so people can participate off site
- 41 More news coverage of what Parks is doing
- 42 Less talk more action. More efficient use of funds
- 43 Get more parks members active in community
- 44 Fire (named a Parks staff member)
- 45 Don't hold "public" process w/ outcome predetermin
- 46 Really listen to public; don't just pretend
- 47 More weight, larger groups from impacted neighbors
- 48 provide more detailed information to the public
- 49 more HONEST communication!
- 50 Is Parks request for input only to rubber stamp?
- 51 It was not the community made the major decisions
- 52 Timely Parks presentations to community groups

53 Publish a timeline and then accomplish in time.
 54 Use objective criteria, not public popularity
 55 More from neighborhoods; less from sports lobby
 56 Identify accountability
 57 Stop listening to park neighbors so much.
 58 Let City of Seattle Employees to serve on the PAT!
 59 televise park board meetings, provide for pub.comm
 60 More project info available online.
 61 Collect public comments before project completion
 62 Help the public feel their input is valuable
 63 have a backbone and make a decision
 64 same as previous question: #9
 65 You say one thing and do another; mislead public.
 66 More information in media--tv, newspapers
 67 Survey users and neighbors before project planning
 68 Involve local neighborhood media sources
 69 More facts and data about choices
 70 adding public fundraising meetings thru the dept.
 71 More neighborhood input
 72 Public meetings appear to be window dressing.
 73 email excludes many in the neighborhood,yetgoverns
 74 What is a PAT? Citizens? If so, a larger role, yes
 75 It's not about more, more, more. try quality ofmsg
 76 more reflection of public input in final decision
 77 Attitude change re. neighborhood impact and input
 78 including input from the disabled community.
 79 Being honest with public.
 80 More informative PR releases by Parks (not reporte
 81 for my population, small, informal multilingual gr
 82 More infor on impact and implications of options.
 83 I will not attend a meeting, I will email
 84 Parks staff coordination btwn planning & implement
 85 Online meetings
 86 valuing the formally adopted neighborhood plans
 87 An objective Parks Superintendent
 88 Announce which factors influenced final decision
 89 be more timely in turn around of information
 90 A cap on \$\$ that can be spent on "planning"
 91 Too much intimidation at public meetings.
 92 Implementation of already stated improvement list
 93 Why restrooms aren't a priority for urban parks.
 94 Parks staff learning better use of email
 95 in summary "transparency"
 96 time and location for Central District participati
 97 Don't know - no comment
 98 less public process it costs too much
 99 I am pleased with the current process
 100 Listen to zoo neighbors and consider their input!
 101 Too much process. Invest more in work vs process
 102 less mayoral input
 103 Provide very clear opportunity for project input
 104 More honesty; Parks Board should not just rubber s
 105 nice taking comments,i know bugets,feel patronized
 106 Survey how the parks are actually being used
 107 do SEPA to evaluate impacts of events & stop lying
 108 Fair, honest and unbiased processes

109 Ensure that Parks Supt. is responsive to input
 110 Involve the neighborhoods
 111 Giving the people what they ask for.
 112 STREAMLINE WEBSITE "SEARCH" FOR SPECIFIC INFO
 113 This town can be too obstructionist by public
 114 if plans change drastically, start process over
 115 Don't arrive at mtgs with pre-conceived outcomes.
 116 Better attitude by Park Admin Staff
 117 Solicit input before making decisions.
 118 stick with the timeline - quit the foot dragging
 119 Dont treat people as though they are stupid
 120 Little & unspecific response from Parks on next st
 121 Actually heeding public input
 122 Get public input at first discussion of a project
 123 A New head of Parks, who would be less commercial
 124 Stop the demeaning patronization
 125 politics of COuncil , Mayor and PARks
 126 e-mail opportunities for public involvement
 127 Competent Process, not a Charade
 128 translated information
 129 good job so far
 130 Maintain open agenda to public. Be honest.
 131 Better communication from Park's officials
 132 No more "switcheroos"
 133 Truthful, honest communication from Parks
 134 There is insufficient room here for my input.
 135 retire/rotate district park managers more often
 136 Parks need to put aside their own agenda & listen
 137 keep public involved in decision-making for whole
 138 Cut off the negative long speeches
 139 Don't pretend that public input will have effect.
 140 paying attention to the local community desires
 141 More value placed on the views expressed by com'ty
 142 Neighborhoods are first, parks are second...
 143 Electronic input is great. I'm happy to give ours
 144 set the standard for the decision and meet it
 145 Once decision is made don't go back & revisit it
 146 Don't know what Project Advisory teams are?
 147 Limit the extreme persistent views.
 148 neighborhood vols on planning team
 149 need more structure at meetings
 150 Case studies of like-kind successful projects
 151 Need process for citizens to input suggestions.
 152 more attention to what the public wants.
 153 remove the money making arm of Park's
 154 in general, a more OPEN process
 155 More basic honesty!
 156 USE PUBLIC INPUT FOR OUR PARKS
 157 More dialog/clarification between public meetings
 158 Solicit input with intent to act not rationalize
 159 Aren't this far yet
 160 Make the decision-making process more fair
 161 Identifying the purpose of a public meeting

20. Notification of Public Process - How would you prefer to be notified of Parks' public processes?

- 1 Newspaper OK if well in advance of action!
- 2 not the unrepresentative community council
- 3 Direct mail, greater than 300 feet
- 4 radio ad
- 5 Notifications sent before decision has been made
- 6 CfDP ltd distribution; SEATV is now propaganda
- 7 KPLU
- 8 special mail to a WIDE area of residents impacted
- 9 Avoid the community councils!
- 10 through my community council leadership
- 11 keep email to bare minimum with link for more info
- 12 TV News
- 13 Don't WASTE tax payer money
- 14 You have people's email from past comments, use th
- 15 repeated radio and tv notices
- 16 notice on website
- 17 TV News coverage
- 18 Door-to-door for 2-blocks in all directions.
- 19 I find unsolicited personal contacts intrusive.
- 20 Flyer to all within 1500' of Park Boundary
- 21 Parks must honestly describe the scope of intent
- 22 NO ROBO-CALLS NO NO NO
- 23 More Televised discussions by Parks Committees
- 24 Thank you for not sending junk mail or spam. :-)
- 25 I go to neighborhood meetings-provide info there
- 26 TV coverage
- 27 large sign at site- follow the 300 ft rule-NOTICE
- 28 notice by US mail to all residents in neighborhood
- 29 Do not cut the lead-time short to the public.
- 30 post in local community, park kiosks
- 31 radio is used by hispanic population
- 32 Notices at Department of Neighborhoods
- 33 notices in languages of people around affectd park
- 34 multilingual community postings
- 35 Notification to parents through schools
- 36 Wow, a newspaper story would be great!
- 37 please don't waste paper & \$\$ by mailing me stuff
- 38 Distribution list for park info by neighborhood
- 39 Be sure the notice goes out early enough
- 40 known stakeholder/interested persons lists
- 41 know info on net but everything is, more time walk
- 42 any way you can
- 43 Broad distribution and engagement
- 44 Park project was in process before I was aware of it
- 45 PSA on radio and TV
- 46 translated in non-english newspapers, newsletters
- 47 notices on neighborhood kiosks
- 48 Communicate to local Chambers and Rotaries
- 49 Please remember not all residence are online
- 50 Why are you restricting space here for expression
- 51 neighborhood coffee hubs

- 52 City website -all projects in City being planned
 - 53 POSA and other large group list serves
 - 54 In sufficient time instead of too late!
 - 55 Put information in qtrly Community Ctr schedules
 - 56 Very visible, and thorough, on-site info
-

21. Additional Information- Is there anything else that would be helpful for us to know about Parks' public involvement processes?

The space for comments on the questionnaire form is limited. So, if you have additional comments or questions, please send them to: parksaudit@seattle.gov

1 increased volunteer opportunities at neighborhood parks would connect people, community, parks, and our taxes. a sense of community is key and a belief of effective use of tax \$ is key to ongoing funding.

2 The public process could be more culturally competent if they explored more alternatives to gathering public input. The traditional meeting, in the evening, with three weeks notice, not necessarily near a bus line, without a lot of interpreters is not going to draw a lot of folks out.

Also, I think Parks should pay more attention to the community's needs. It is deeply disturbing to watch a project go the direction of one Parks' staff person because they have the power and influence to change the direction of a project, even after all of the public comment and user groups' requests and needs were collected.

3 Parks staff has made participating in parks planning very difficult.

4 I feel that Parks often uses public meetings to defend a scheme that has already been decided on, rather than engaging the community in a constructive dialogue prior to the decision-making process.

5 Although citizen input is important, it must be remembered that there is such broad thinking that this can paralyze the project. Solicit input and then let the professionals do their work. Otherwise, nothing can get done.

6 I am most familiar with the Greenlake Skateboard Park Project, so I can comment on that. I was surprised that there was not a "Proposed Notice of Land Use Action" at the site from the beginning of the evaluation process, like I would have to do for any private property project. I am still saddened as I walk that site to know that this project is being "shoehorned" into the small pie shaped piece of property there. The parks department should be ashamed of what was done, as I am sure they will be once hundreds of thousands of dollars are poured into the project.

7 Make an effort to publicize these processes where the people are! Coffee shops, grocery stores, at the site itself.

8 Development process by Arboretum worked well

9 Parks has manipulated its "Public Advisory Teams" to disregard neighborhood interests to favor certain, city-wide constituencies (organized athletic teams, for example). The \$ 350,000+ ballfield development at Dahl Playfield is a prime example. There has been no public process, but the project has been undertaken for the express purpose of increasing the ballfields' usage by people from outside the community.

10 I just think that there needs to be a diverse group informing changes or someone who has a good understanding of that community.

11 Fix the 300ft. neighbor rule, I live within a mile and half of 6 parks that I use. I've never recieved any information about the improvements planned for ANY of those parks.

12 This audit should confirm that Parks' public involvement during is the most extensive and inclusive of any departments. Efforts are made to go well beyond the usual suspects. Much of the outcry comes not from a lack of input, but no liking the decision. The most difficult decisions involve projects where adjacent resident oppose citywide facilities. Parks does a great job listening and respecting opposition, but is ultimately faced with meeting the citywide need somewhere. There will be less frustration if the City can clearly articulate when a project is meeting Citywide needs, and seek input that is appropriate. It's hard to be clear about decision making when end runs change the rules of the game.

13 Sometimes too much public involvement is a bad thing.

14 This is the first time I've been asked anything about Seattle parks after living in the city for 20 years.

15 I attended one meeting regarding the said skateboard park. Upon signing up and giving my email address, I thought I would have been notified on the status of the project and where/when I could attend further meetings. I was never contacted.

16 Parks does a good job balancing multiple users needs. Some users do not accept compromise, so when they do not get 100% of what they want, they say they were not listened too. This is frustrating and allows the small but vocal minority to poison successful park planning efforts.

17 I feel that the whole process is a smoke screen to hide your hidden agendas. All you are doing is making the public FEEL like they are part of the process. Smoke and Mirrors.

18 Thanks for asking. This is the first time a city department has asked me my opinion.

19 Parks personnel seems to have made their decision up prior to meetings, dismiss community comments/concerns

20 I supported Parks use of Gas works, but not the notice process. And the Ballard Commons park process was terrible--fraught with anguish caused by Parks ignoring the neigh. plan. All the planning went into the skate park issue and none into the park, which shows in its blandness.

21 Wish parks had final say on projects- delays in approving parks plans are outrageous at times.

22 Parks occasionally considers the "process" as a obligation to be endured rather than an opportunity for improvement. When this happens, arbitrary decisions or blatant errors can be made, and then committed to by Parks management in the name of the "process", which was intentionally perfunctory from the outset.

23 Better communication between different Parks divisions and with the public is needed. For example, a picnic pad was put in Seward Park that is not in keeping with the Olmsted legacy and which not even the southeast crew chief knew was coming. Now that it is in, Parks refuses to take it out. This could have been prevented or designed in accordance with Olmsted guidelines if any communication happened.

At the hatchery, lawn grasses were put in to prevent erosion during the winter, but if Parks had consulted its volunteers, they might have known that lawngrasses are serious weeds in the adjacent forest.

Again, salmon habitat restoration wiped out a stand of native tules (bulrushes) because the project managers apparently have limited botany skills. When I tried to met with them during a second phase of restoration to help prevent the same mistake, they failed to show up because it was raining lightly.

In all these cases, communication would prevent mistakes and misunderstandings.

24 I have not participated in any planning projects, or parks projects per se. However, I have had dealings with the Parks Dept on property acquisitions in our area, and on problems related to use of greenbelt properties. In these instances, communications tend to be one-way only - it is very unusual for Parks personnel to do any followup communications with citizens.

On a more general note, I also should say that I am not a big fan of extensive public involvement processes, since they tend to elicit participation only from those whose ox might get gored. I think we need to have better judgment on the part of City decision-makers generally, especially when it comes to high-impact activities such as music shows, motorized (and therefore noisy) activities, and those that draw large crowds.

To me, it is a no-brainer to provide that major events should be staged at Seattle Center, not at neighborhood parks. It is a no-brainer to provide that noisy concerts drawing large crowds do not belong at Gasworks Park, Lincoln Park, Cowen Park, etc.

If there are problems associated with park uses (and clearly there are), then I believe that marks a failure on the part of the Parks Board, the Council, Parks Department management, and the Mayor. I do not believe that creating more review processes and institutions is a solution.

25 My experience with the parks staff and process for use of the parks has been very positive and we plan as a group to continue use of Seattle Parks.

26 I have no confidence in City after the way the Mounger pool design was handled---we were forbidden to discuss an indoor pool at the meeting I attended. Staff was ARROGANT. Especially disheartening because this was the neighborhood's money, not city funds--due to a Metro lawsuit. More recently, the mayor has ramrodded a development project through our neighborhood and subjected us to a

condescending planner (DCLU, not Parks), which reduces my confidence in city government in general. HATE the mayor's bullying. The Gasworks concert situation is another example of how Parks has disregarded neighborhood's concerns. Also the proposed Daybreak Star Center expansion---this shouldn't even be considered. Out of scale with the neighborhood, inadequate parking.

27 Parks has stopped listening to the community. Parks has an agenda and a plan before the first planning meeting is even announced. Public comment is honored if it fits parks agenda. I won't vote for future Parks bonds based upon Parks glaring failure to respect community goals. They're our parks, not yours!

28 I think the park reservation webpage is great and I appreciate getting a notice that it is time to reserve a spot for the upcoming year. My input on the Park's public involvement processes is probably not very helpful.

29 Thank you for this opportunity to give input.

30 The Parks Dept. has it's own agenda and could care less what the public wants or thinks. It panders to developers and sports association lobbyists under the guise of "It's for the kids". The Parks Dept. is corrupt, period. They have a process but don't follow it. They hold public meetings and request "input" but they've already made up their minds long before hand and only "hold public meetings" to appear to be following the process. The whole thing is a sham. Fire them all and start over. Limit the head of the Parks Dept to a 4 year term limit.

31 I would just like to know when and where parks or recreations area's where I live will be affected and how so. Also completion times will be helpful. I have a very active little boy who just loves the parks here. Thank you for keeping them so attractive. Your'e great.

32 This survey is a great start! I look forward to more.

33 Yes I have been very heavily involved which has allowed me to find channels of communication and influence not normally available to others, which should be less convoluted. The PAT process was a major disappointment on my major project, as it was biased and limited in scope and goals, poorly facilitated, and frankly was convened after having been initially rejected by project staff and only then after the project was substantially changed from the initial levy description.

Notification by email seems to be working best but one has to be a subscriber and get a lot of other unrelated information. Networking in the community frankly fills in the gaps, which is OK, stewards are necessary to watch their own projects. Parks board is rather inflexible, and the naming process is really too obscure and arbitrary. Council involvement with the DPR staff, management and board work is very confusing to the laypersons and well informed both, one never knows who has the most influence. The entire Enterprise Division is overdue for a specific audit of its function, efficiency, and cost effectiveness. The strategic planning is too dependent on the levy process, as we are about to go down that road again there will be closer examination on how some of the discretionary funding is determined and managed. That should do for now.

Best regards and thanks for doing this survey.

34 All appearances make clear that Mayor decides, Bounds implements, THEN public is processed as a formality with no real effect. Sorry.

35 The project I was involved in merely collected public input, but told the area affected the decision had already been made. Don't just say you have a public process, use it for valuable input.

36 Need to be absolutely clear about what elements can be influenced by public and what can not and why. Need to review process so far at each meeting. Need to give role to the public for participating further.

37 SHADE!!! You are building Ravenna Playground and also Dahl playground - where are the provisions for SHADE!! Shall I send you stats on melanoma? Look to Australia to see how it should be done. I only go to the Ravenna-Eckstine Community center during hot summer days because those swings specifically are in the shade. Viewridge wading pool is also shaded. Does the city need to be sued, and its insurance companies nervous about liability before you prospectively plan playgrounds with shade? I did speak directly with the landscape architect commissioned with the new Ravenna playground, and he was dismissive. Frankly, I don't care what kind of equipment is installed in the new playgrounds (it is all good) - but I do care if the hide on the children on the playground is getting baked into a burn and possibly into cancer...

38 The Parks Public involvement Process Is working just fine. It is and has been a MODEL that other Depts have adopted. Don't condemn it...improve it!!

39 I think the Park's Board of Commissioners meetings are intimidating and run like a trial. Apparently, out of town lobbyists are very effective at swaying park projects ie. Skaters for Public Skateparks. This is very disappointing to longtime Seattle residents such as myself- neighborhoods are the heart of Seattle and the people who live close to the parks are the ones who use them most. Lower Woodland neighbors were given no notice of the scope of this proposed skate park- I believe it was hidden intentionally. The outcome of the 28 skate park plan will help me decide if I will be further involved in Seattle's parks.

40 Thank you for Email to me, and I really please to hear a news from you.

41 EIS threshold for change of park use and negative impact of park development must be respected. Park development projects must have greater scrutiny for there negative impacts. Parks must uphold the policies in the Parks COMPLAN. Superintendent must be made more accountable to the City Council.

42 Public hearings are usually not worthwhile. Well-facilitated meetings and open houses are more effective. I am wondering if the people doing this audit have public involvement expertise.

43 This is a survey was a waste of my time. It never asked me what I want in a city's park system, just how I want to give input. This is obvious. If you want public input, go out a elicit it. But I think the elected official should put out a vision of what the parks should be like in Seattle and then complete it. Here's one project: the 400 meter running track across for Greenlake could use an upgrade. This facility is in constant use, I sure more people from Seattle exercise there than in both stadiums the city helped build. When was the last time the city built a new pool? Cleveland High School needs a community rec center with a pool. Parks need to be a priority, we need more!!

44 I was not involved in the Parks' public involvement processes so I could not respond to many of these questions.

45 Very happy with the process and the outcome!!

46 It was abundantly clear that the parks department decided to put in plastic turf at Loyal Heights before there were any public meetings. The whole decision making process was an insult to the community. The parks department chose to take away Loyal Heights one green space. It was previously an area everyone could enjoy (including bats and birds) around the clock. Now it is an area only a small group of people can enjoy and they only use it a few hours a day. My neighborhood has been ruined and I am deeply saddened by this soulless act.

47 I love the new park, Ballard Commons. Sure the trees are still small, but the park gets used alot and people seem to have fun there. The bowl is fun to watch and it is always being used by kids and adults alike when I stop by on the way to yoga class. Great job even if compromises were necessary.

48 Why is there so much bad blood/publicity for parks in the press? Gasworks Park concerts, Woodland Park parking garage, etc. Negative press coverage and conversations with neighborhood leaders give me the impression that public input is an after thought.

49 I think that Ken Bounds is a superior Park Director.

50 (Parks staff name deleted) at Carkeek Park has been a joy to work with, is very competent, and exudes trustworthiness. Thank you for placing her in her current position.

51 Levi projects already approved and funded should not be held up by a voice of a few who are opposed. The needs of many outweigh the concerns of a few...

52 In making your review, do consider that Parks must go forward with decisions and not spend all the time in public participation

53 I may send addl comments but in brief I felt the process was perfunctory only intended to validate PARKS DEPT HOPED FOR OUTCOME. Many questions, concerns and issues were outright ignored. Many requests for an accounting of budget and costs were ABSOLUTELY IGNORED. The Parks Dept has become a powerful force that taxpayers are ill equipped to challenge. They need to commit to a mission statement that requires them to honor the neighborhoods and citizens of the city. Way too many special interests are served ,no accountability for budgets, spending, etc.

Seattle is blessed with many park sites, some suitable for multi use; others not, but there does not seem to be any master plan guiding the work of the parks dept. The public process is a smoke screen for what the parks dept wants anyway. The process is so challenging it becomes an impediment to any productive process. Again, this is a dept that should exist to enhance the lives of the citizens and improve the environment of the city instead we have a growing number of neighborhoods and citizens banning together to challenge the parks department. This is not a situation that would foster the best outcomes.

54 I do believe Parks is doing a good job getting input - I think you just need to be clearer about process upfront, and be more authoritative within the process - don't bow down to community groups - think of the greater good.

55 This was a terrible process and I am not alone in feeling disrespected throughout the process. I had to force the project manager to write my input on the flip chart because she was not willing to add it into the other comments on her own. The majority of the community was against the synthetic turf and it appears that special interest groups won out over the community. The field is the heart of our community and will now be a single use area. I am very disappointed in the process and the outcome. I wish (Parks staff name deleted) and Ken Bounds were in elected positions so a campaign could be run to remove them from their jobs.

56 I appreciate Ken Bounds. I think he is fair, thoughtful and can see the big picture. I think (Parks staff name deleted) needs some help in community relationships. I found her arrogant toward community representatives and citizens. She single-handedly was the most unpleasant part of dealing with the Parks Department.

57 Plant more trees, example: both Ballard parks are severely lacking in shade.

58 I live near the zoo and have heard that the public opinion was not heard or honored in the planned parking facility. I also here there are more building projects for the zoo, but have not heard of any public meetings about them.

59 some of the other agencies, especially around transportation do a great job of communication. Have you looked at what they are doing?

60 once your are known to parks their response is very timely-my one criticism is pruning of vegetation at parks with limited line of sight and crime issues.

61 Parks needs to stop carving park master plans in stone. For example, the Discovery Park master plan is a couple of decades old. Parks needs to develop a spine when it comes to siting new OLAs in neighborhoods that don't have one. When Parks wants to, it will not hesitate to ram unpopular and/or controversial project elements right down people's throats (e.g., the relocation of the waterfront concerts from the central waterfront to Gasworks Parks, the attempt to cram zillions of ball fields into Magnuson park at the expense of sensitive habitats), but can be very timid about standing up to special interest groups such as the Friends of Discovery Park, who claim that DP's ancient master plan must be followed to the letter, otherwise FDP will sue. Parks is also heavily tilted toward active recreation and will not hesitate to leave bright lights on ballfields and tennis courts on even when these facilities are unoccupied, but finds all kinds of excuses not to place adequate lighting in OLAs, thereby making them unusable after work in the winter, with the single exception of Regrade Park, which does have good evening lighting. I am sick of havig to drive a half hour round trip to take my dogs to an OLA. I am very disappointed that the two best potential OLA sites in Magnolia (Discovery Park and the new park in Interbay) have been taken off the table while tiny, unsuitable parks (e.g., Thorndyke Park) have been proposed in spite of the lack of parking and vehement opposition by nearby residents. 90% of my use of parks consists of OLA visits, yet my taxes pay for ballfields and a lot of other park facilities I NEVER use. The public meetings I have attended in Magnolia were extremely crowded and chaotic, with no clear sense that my comments made any difference. In spite of trying to speak at the top of my lungs, many people in the room demanded that I speak louder. Can't Parks take a portable PA system to these meetings. A cheap, portable karaoke system would do the trick nicely, but the way the meetings were set up it seemed like the Parks staff were just going through the motions rather than trying to solicit effective solutions to citizens' legitimate needs for park facilities.

62 No.

But while I have the chance to tell you let me tell you how much I enjoy our Parks. And how much i appreciate the facilitated reservation process for park usage!

63 City council should hear all sides of the issue and make their decisions based on facts. If funding were increased, parks could do more public outreach and enhance consensus building.

64 Pay attention

65 Group individuals according to their level of knowledge on issues so that the elementary matters can be handled differently from the more sophisticated or complex matters.

This would provide for opportunity for a more meaningful contribution by others i.e.

a facilitator took almost a whole meeting explaining schematic diagrams to some people when many people were ready to move on to a more detailed aspects of the project...

- 66 I am very frustrated with the outcome of the laurelhurst community center process and the final plan, which i feel ignores the neighborhood comments.
- 67 I would like to be more involved and volunteer where you need it most--and will look up myself how I go about doing so. Honestly I have not been involved enough to answer a lot of the questions above. My daughter attends swimming classes at the Ballard Pool and has for the last year. I think when you changed the system to an online system and got a new computer system, the employees were not trained well enough and there was poor communication. Teachers were asked questions by parents that they were not able to answer--and it created confusion. You should always educate and inform those that are in direct contact with the people that are using the service.
- 68 I will submit comments to the email -this form is not useful for providing my feedback.
- 69 In this world capital of "process" where people are experts in finding fault, we want to applaud the Parks dept for the wonderful job that they do. The huge community potential in our city is tapped in many more ways these days, and the results speak for themselves. We are so proud of the park we helped create! Thank you!
- 70 thanks for asking!
- 71 people in the seattle parks dept do not return calls. (Parks staff name deleted) is the worst.
- 72 Make sure a small group that has time and is motivated doesn't take control of the public process to dominate their own agenda and comprise the park for the larger communities and all users.
- 73 This survey is ridiculous, the problems with parks planning aren't with the parks department, they are with the spineless city council members who are way too responsive to the very vocal demands and objections of VERY small narrow minded interest groups. In a city our size, there should be a city wide planning process and local groups should have input only on the city wide vision. Details should be left to the professionals in the Parks department and they should be shielded from local interest groups. Good luck
- 74 I suppose if a questionnaire was sent via email or by mail, I would be more inclined to be involved due to convenience. I'm not inclined to go to meetings.
- 75 I have not participated in the process so I am afraid I am of little help.
- 76 I'm responding to this purely because of City Parks staff literally rolling their eyes and being abrasive, automatically shuttling concerned neighbors into the NIMBY category. Yes, I know that some do fall into the NEVER category, but most of us just wanted information and I think the way (named Parks' staff member) ran the meetings was elitist and condescending. Of special concern was when representative of Prep, City, and Parks walked out of a public meeting and literally said so that we'd hear that "these people" were demanding the City turn down a \$2M gift...in fact, all most neighbors are concerned about were very valid concerns of traffic and lighting. You know?
- 77 I originally come from an area where there were few to NO parks around and I absolutely fell in love with Seattle because of all the beautiful parks. When my children were younger I was a 2-3 times a week visitor at the local parks in the north end from Greenlake to Shoreline, Shilshoe to Lake Washington. I think the Parks Department does a great job of updating - like Greenlake - and maintaining our parks - THANKS!!!!
- 78 Entire process is too complex 2-3 years to accomplish anything. Institutional resistance to change of any kind.
- 79 Create a database of prior participants, what they commented on or did, and what they generally said or did. Then notify us the next time you need our input. It is called MARKETING and CUSTOMER SERVICE. You can also get lists of people who have voted in the last 20 elections from county auditor. We are more likely to offer our opinions if we have voted.
- 80 Environmental impact statement is vague and confusing. It needs updating and revision to better reflect specifics.
- 81 in making decisions, the full extent of issues to be considered should be make clear to the public, so that public input and comment can take into account the range of factors that will influence decisions. Don't treat the public involvement process as one more step before the project can be completed--this is supposed to be a democracy. Public comment should be considered as a form of voting and carry similar weight.
- 82 This is the first time I've been approached - kind-of disheartening to see that school age care is not even an option in answering question #3

83 Process should be clear and schedule can be condensed considerably, as it takes way too long to get to go-forward decisions. Run it like a business--perform business case analysis, solicit input, deliberate briefly, make decisions quickly, and move forward with velocity. Public involvement process should end when decision makers know enough to make an informed decision; everyone's time is wasted after that.

84 I think it works well. If it gets too extensive projects schedules and costs can get compromised. There will always be objectors.

85 IT seems as if the public involvement process is used only to placate the public. I have yet to get the feeling that the public input is taken into consideration. It's appears as though a decision is made prior to public input and the dept. only solicits public input so that it can say that they got the public input. I've sat in too many meetings where person after person asks for one thing and yet the dept goes against these wishes. There is a HUGE community of skateboarders that is not getting the level of service that they deserve from the parks department. The destroyer (not builder) of perfectly good skate parks.

86 Parks staff know a lot about the communities in which they work. Especially if they've working in the same park over a long period of time.

87 Check out the SPU public involvement process. It is effective and progressive.

88 This is Typical of Parks operations. Ask a ? And then cut the answer short. Can they be any more condescending?

89 they lied about saving the Ballard Bowl, distorted the perception of the public opinion, made decisions behind our backs

90 I actually am happy with the outcome but it is despite the public process. The parks dept came to the public forums with a clear agenda - to put a skateboard park there. Neighbor concerns were consistently dismissed, belittled and misconstrued. They consistently denied that putting a skateboard park there was a done deal, but each alternative plan they drew up had a skateboard park in it. Requests for a skateboard park siting criteria were ignored (they still don't exist- 3 years later). It wasn't until activists concerned about the impact of a skateboard park on the African American Heritage Museum mobilized a bunch of people in protest that the skateboard park was removed from the plan.

91 It seemed like the parks department had a preconceived vision for Gas Works Park, which meant public desire (for a dog park) was essentially ignored. Why not hold a meeting seeking comments BEFORE you come up with a grand plan? Thus, our true wishes could be taken into account. To me, the half-million dollars spent on Gas Works' renovations were a waste of money. It largely went toward leveling land, beautifying passive space and lowering a concrete wall -- which, to my mind, benefited the handful of neighbors in the condos across the street, not the public at large.

92 I would like to see enforcement regarding the park rules. For example "NO DOGS ALLOWED ON PLAYING FIELDS". This is completely ignored by the public and whomever is responsible for enforcement.

93 it seems to me that often the public process is done as a mere formality, and that the parks department has a preconceived idea for the outcome of a planning process, or ignores public input if it is not what they want to hear.

94 See BofPC notes of 4/28/05 & 6/9/05 indicating Park Dept KNEW it was not engaging in Public outreach re:Lower Woodland Skatepark. Deliberate exclusion of Park neighbors took place. Intolerable situation.Because of this and other problems, we will leave Seattle within 3 yrs. I no longer trust the Park Dept at all, nor the City Council. Many Community Councils are useless to help Park neighbors. Parks Dept is in thrall to sport user groups. BoPC needs neighborhood and non-sport oriented members too and better geographic representation(Most are So ends now.) This hurts North Seattle when decisions are made.Park neighbors are usually the most common Park user. They need a MUCH stronger voice in decisions especially since Parks bases many decisions on hot air from specific sport promoters because it wants their user fees.

95 Citizens should receive the same information that Council members receive.

96 our participation seemed like a formality; I felt 'processed'. It was not good faith communication on the part of the Parks.

97 Between the JAFDP and the Revised JAFDP, Parks listened to "User Groups" (organized league sports teams) only. The decision to replace natural grass with plastic grass was a "Done Deal" (quoting Parks' PM) before the public meetings were held.

98 Currently I feel the public process has no bearing on what is decided. The process is to give the appearance of input when in fact issues have already been decided by Parks staff.

- 99 Thanks for the opportunity to share.
- 100 Disclosure of privatization, limiting public use. Public accountability by 4 yr. elected Director
- 101 Facilitating meeting training, diversity training including institutional racism training, basic communication skills, honesty - transparent process, knowledgeable facilitators/presenters; criteria for decision making
- 102 The process for Parks decision is indecipherable - improve it. Use objective criteria - not public opinion.
- 103 I think the organized sports lobby has too much sway with the Parks Dept. Parks should weight local neighborhood input more highly than non-local opinions about park development.
- 104 I'm glad we have parks! And I prefer that parks info be available on the web or at the park, where i can access it when i choose. NO automated phone calls, please! thanks
- 105 Parks planning process is a sham if the Mayor then decides that our eight-year long process 'wasn't good enough', so he just made another decision with no public involvement. This is inexcusable.
- 106 We need more skateboard parks. We want kids to be active but we aren't providing them places to be active. Not all kids like organized sports.
- 107 You should use a web tool called "Breeze" meetings (by Adobe) for meetings, then I could watch a meeting from home and post questions to a moderate in real time. Also, it can record the meetings so I could watch it later as well as see what "chat" questions were posted.
- 108 Parks is allowing too much citizen involvement. Parks shouldn't have backed down from the Gasworks concerts. Parks should tell the Woodland Park neighbors, WHO HAVE WANTED SOMETHING DONE ABOUT PARKING SINCE THE 1980'S, to go pound sand if they don't like the parking garage.
And don't ask the neighbors for opinions on non-park infrastructure like water towers! The Queen Anne people shouldn't have had any say in that.
- 109 Overall Parks planning staff is excellent. Unfortunately one individual's performance is well below satisfactory. I encourage the Parks Department to move her to a different position.
- 110 The Parks Board (Commission) works behind the scenes, yet is the DPR final decision-maker in many cases. Board members don't hear much public comment, nor do they seem to respond or read letters of e-mail.
They should meet at City Hall in the Boards and Commissions Room and should be televised. The current lack of TV pick-up facilities in this room is no excuse for not televising this important Board.
- 111 Parks Dept shouldn't be blamed for Mayor's or Council's decisions. Everyone should take appropriate responsibility.
- 112 Overall, I believe that the Parks Department is committed to involving the community and actually implementing what the community wants and needs.
- 113 During Loyal Heights Community Center playfield public process, the public wasn't notified of the cities plan to install plastic grass until right before the construction notification signs went up on the field. Even the Loyal Heights Community Center Council didn't know of this plan. I live right next to the community center and have only gotten one mailed notice that I could comment on the project to put in new lighting on the ballfield by August 8th. The notice said public comments on the rest of the project would happen at a later date. But all the grass has already been removed from the field and it is currently being graded for installation of plastic grass. When are these public comments on the grass going to be collected? After the installation is complete?
- 114 include neighbors FIRST
- 115 Please consider that there are many levels of participation, ranging from first-timers to experienced participants. The process should be transparent to all, easy to understand and participate.
- 116 Want clarification of the relationship between the Parks Foundation, Commissioners, and ARC.
- Also need outside performance reviews of teachers at community centers (some of whom have a very lucrative businesses with free rent and free advertising - ie: ballet teacher at Magnolia CC).
- 117 Parks is doing a fabulous job!
- 118 Many neighbors felt that their concerns about enlarging Laurelhurst Park community center without adding much parking were not taken seriously.

119 The latest pro-parks levy did not say anything about Astro-turf. Yet with no public input, you had a done deal.

120 Where this project has fallen apart is that it appears to have already been decided before the public had a chance to even make comment. Secondly, there isn't enough money do do the whole project citywide. Thirdly, lots of money for so few people to get use of the skateparks.

121 Seems like project decision made well before starting the public process. PAT consists of project cheerleaders, needs to accurately represent for and against project, just like the community. Let Demand pull projects into parks, not forced down on them against neighbors wishes. Work more with Community Councils. Survey current park users and neighbors before a project starts as once a project begins, Parks Staff becomes strong advocates, rolls right over neighborhood. Assess demand FIRST thru proper surveys. Don't let small, vocal groups steamroll projects into neighborhood parks; let neighborhoods demand new facilities for parks. Provide CCs info on what Parks can do with possibly unused Park space, survey users and neighbors, then let Community Councils work thru what best to place in the park. Pass their recommendation to Park's for final say.

122 Mixed/Use is a slippery slope. If you grew-up here you know Lower Woodland is for sports and Carkeek is for naturalists. The Park Dept. CANNOT be all things to all people, you don't have the staff or the \$.

123 Many meetings are pro forma to appease the public or just go through the motions after a decision has already been made. Less arrogance & more genuine interest would help.

124 I'll submit to email separately.

Thank you

125 I would like to have an honest representation of the issues, trade-offs and rationale for decisions.

126 The public process is a complete sham. The key decisions in the Lower Woodland Park (LWP) skatepark project - the need for a skatepark, its size, and siting it at LWP - were made without public input or notification. Input was only solicited on the design of the predetermined size of the skatepark at the pre-selected site.

127 I thought the parks department has and will continue to do a great job in addressing the publics needs. The departments ability to handle unforeseen objection by proper mediation is commendable. As example with the South Lake Union project there was objection to the removal of the migrating geese this organization voiced its opinion and was meet with compromise and proper mediation creating a solution to end the confrontation. I must add again that more attention must be made towards fundraising work by the public into the development of its open spaces.

128 The Parks officials who facilitated the 'public meetings' were hostile, rude and made it clear from the first meeting they were not interested in input. The meetings were simply a way to attempt to placate the people who would be most directly affected by decisions that had already been made between the Parks Department and special interest groups. The people who have invested in homes, businesses and live in neighborhoods near public parks should have at least equal input to those people on sports teams who visit a park 2-4 time a year for a few hours.

Since the beginning of the destruction of Loyal Heights our neighborhood has seen a rash of arsons and robberies, just an odd coincident?

129 I have been a park steward for years and never get any notice of park planning at my site. There has been no co-ordination for years. I do keep hoping it will get better.

130 Who finances the campaign for changes in the parks, organizations such as sports groups, or neighborhoods surrounding the park?

131 disappointing outcome ignores character of neighborhood. sorry to have to say it.

132 How Parks projects tie into other Department projects-for instance Kinnear & 10-year plan to end homelessness.

133 In some of the meetings I have attended, I felt that a decision had already been made. In another instance, concerning the paving project around the loop at Seward, there were enough questions from our group that warranted a public meeting but once again, the project proceeded w/o more public input. SE crew, however, is great to work with.

134 The biggest problem surrounding the public's role in the city of Seattle's parks planning is simply that citizens have no reason to believe their input is actually considered or even listened to. Anyone who participated in the public meetings regarding the future of the original Ballard skatepark Bowl witnessed

first hand hundreds of people making the same simple request: "Save the Ballard Bowl". The more cynical observers of the scene were not surprised when the Parks department later reported that "arguments for saving the bowl as well as for demolishing it were received at the public meetings". For the hundreds, perhaps thousands of participants in the Original Save the Ballard Bowl Campaign, an indelible impression was made that the City Parks Department operates under their own mysterious agenda, that they make their decisions in secrecy with apparently no regard for public input, that they misrepresent the public's input in order to justify their actions, and that ultimately they are not accountable to anyone.

135 I am so awestruck by the dedication and hard work that the Parks Department has in place. And I am sure that that is in large part due to having great leadership with a solid vision. The challenge that I have seen is that often input is solicited and then given the response that isn't what we are going to do. Or the response seems to state we have already decided and were hoping that everyone would agree. While there is no way the everyone will agree, if you want input your response to it must acknowledge, validate and explain how it was used in making a better Parks Plan.

136 It seems that this process has been one of delivering the decision before there is a process. If the plan is in place, and only minimal changes can be influenced by public input; why waste everyone's time?

Parks seems to be a fiefdom of a few individuals unaccountable to the public.

137 More info about Parks organization chart, where to direct queries, central receipt w/ courteous referral to appropriate person

138 I think the public involvement process is very "over done." I would rather my tax dollars be spent on more important things. Seattleites are too fussy about their amenities. We don't need more ballfields. We need more affordable housing and better schools, and social services for the mentally ill.

139 Parks attitude comes across as anti-neighborhood. How then can neighborhoods feel their input has been duly considered?

140 I strongly believe that the criticism of Parks Department is being created by individuals who disagree with the decisions that are being made. I personally know that many of the individuals who complain about Pioneer Square Parks process did not choose to participate fully in the public process until the decision was made. They then want to criticize Parks for not having enough "public process". This is so unfair to the Parks Department.

141 Special interests with strong lobbying skills (e.g., skaters) have too much sway with Parks, while Superintendent Bounds has openly expressed his disdain for "NIMBYs". This is not a good framework from which to create policy that will affect our city's parks and citizens for decades.

142 You solicit our input as required, but Parks decisions are made well before public comment is received and are implemented with disregard for our relevant and timely concerns.

143 Where the question about kids facilities are a topic...ask the kids what they feel. Ask seniors what makes them feel better about their walks in the parks. People who use these parks should have heavy input and weight on the decision.

144 I have just participated informally when something I care about comes to my attention. Some ethnic communities have bilingual points of contact. Helping them understand the process could key for participation and information dissemination.

145 I have been most discouraged by Park's lack of outreach to and consideration for affected park users. This includes everything from notifying neighbors about major park modifications (i.e. tree and shrub cutting) to working with the community on new park names. NO NEIGHBORHOOD WANTS TO HAVE A NAME IMPOSED UPON THEM (I.E. ERNST PARK).

146 People in our neighborhood are upset about the sneaky way Parks & City Hall moved the Zoo Garage site.

147 I think the Park Board is a great group with knowledge that should be used and respected. I think that the elected officials make decisions over and over.

148 I just think Parks needs some good press releases informing citizens of all the issues and why it thinks its decision is best rather than relying on reporters to put their own spin on things. I think most decisions by Parks are good decisions and are made after a good thought process. It is not sold to the average citizen enough so the radicals get the headlines.

149 I really hate the cutting down of trees.

150 -Need a better understanding of how maintenance of approved and constructed projects is handled, with desire to file complaints and to suggest action by "stewards" of places like Wallingford Step's landscaping upgrade and maintenance.

151 Four houses were recently torn down in Madison Valley (on 30th and John?), and will be turned into a storm drainage area. As there is no playground within walking distance, it would be nice to turn it into a play area. But I don't even know if that is under park jurisdiction or where to look for the status of this.

152 Parks does a great job. A lot of people complain, but at the end of the day, we want our City government to function efficiently and not waste resources and time by going through needless process. I think with better communication with the public and by giving people an opportunity to be heard, most people will find the process reasonable and will respect decisions made by Parks' leadership.

153 I think Seattle Park's needs to make sure that there projects do not only benefit special interest groups (such as skate boarders), but also the neighborhood that will host the project. And the PAT should somehow reflect the neighborhood(s) as well and not only consist of people that are part of the special interest group.

154 The park planning staff and project management need to coordinate more. Disconnect between plan process and implementation process, whole different departments.

155 I've been involved in one Parks process and seen the results of another. Abysmal. Rather than valuing the work of long-time residents and the extensive planning they've participated in, in both projects Parks ignored it in favor of vocal but organized newcomers to the process. I learned from my own and others' experiences that participating in long-term planning projects with Parks is an insulting waste of time and civic energy.

156 Decisions are often made by the Parks Dept before the public process begins. This is especially the case when it comes to off-leash dog areas.

157 MLK park renovation had a very quick turnaround. In the end I don't see it used any more than before. Had some residents' comments been influential, that might be different.

158 Make the process more streamlined. At times it appears that decisions can not be made without more input. Decision makers need to make decisions and not continually seek more advise. With more advanced notice and opportunity for public input hopefully the process could be sped up.

159 Parks did a great job going through a huge number of new projects.. Thank you! My only experience was participation on the Colonade Park project and it was sometimes tough to find the right place to give comments.

160 I am currently involved in a project which has been and continues to be a very negative and arduous experience. The types of information and other requirements for Parks & Rec projects need to be given to community and/or other project participates ahead of time so we can be properly prepared for Parks & Rec various processes.

161 Parks needs to be more transparent in its processes! Information is now presented cryptically. They're approach is NOT customer oriented rather it seems more interested in protecting antiquated aspects of their bureaucratic rules. Also, if a project receives Pro-Parks funding, no more than 1/2 should go to the "planning" documents. At least 1/2 should go towards tangible site improvements. Anyone running public input needs to regularly attend cross cultural-communication training--specifically, they need to know how to reflect back what they've heard from the community. We have not felt 'heard' despite helping to organize meetings, having numerous conversations, and talking ourselves blue. We think Parks has heard us and then they come back with an option that totally disregards our concerns. Marra Farm is still in process--we only hope they don't wreck the City's last working farm, the wonderful programming, the food security it offers just to protect their cryptic standards. Above, I answered that I would be involved again despite my negative experience with Parks--only because my first experience with their public input process has ruined my trust in the department.

162 Should be clear alternatives for public comment and followup about project once implemented and completed.

163 thanks for all you do

164 I was told restrooms were to expensive to be considered,

165 Seattle Parks Department, including the Board of Commissioners, has consistently fought off the public, rather than working with them as a partner. A complete paradigm shit and a change in leadership is needed to improve this adversarial relationship.

166 Parks has a militaristic mentality, and clearly attempts to "manage" the issues. There is a perception that they own the parks, know what's best, and just need to bring us along, allowing us to see the soundness of their decisions. It is a most paternalistic process.

167 Unfortunately, my involvement is singular, in that when I started, the process was neighborhood-directed, as opposed to mayoral dictate. It was a lot friendlier and less bureaucratic. Although Parks has a great community role, it now lacks community spirit. It's a shame.

168 Most of my negative experiences were on the park project on the old DOT staging lot next to the closed Colman School. Worst part was abysmal meeting facilitation and NO department support for the staff there. I am a professional facilitator and I was really sorry for her...

169 All in all, having participated in dozens of park-related meetings, I believe Parks is doing an excellent job regarding public involvement. If anything, Parks' policy is to involve the public borderline TOO much!

170 I have been very satisfied with the working relationship between Parks and the Uptown Alliance project.

171 Friends, I'm not sure how I got on this list, as I have never been involved in a parks planning process, and these questions really seem to target people who have been involved. I would appreciate receiving email in the future about parks planning and would hope to be involved in the future, but I am afraid that my answers here will not be of much use.

172 I'd like to know how to schedule "Special Events" that would be included in the park and recreation programs. We've just scheduled one "Next Steps for a Career in Construction" to share with the community about the high-skill, high-wage careers in construction in the Rainier Beach Community Center Fall Program guide. Fifteen trades/organizations are attending (Sound Transit/WA DOT and many trades) on Tuesday, September 12, 2006 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Our program benefits the local community and we'd like to bring our event to different Park and Recreation Centers around Seattle. These are resource tables, presentation format programs and the construction trades currently are hiring. My trade, Sprinkler Fitters (pipe trades) pays Journeymen \$37.04 per hour and \$7.85 per hour pension and full family medical.

Thank you for your time.

173 Too much public process. Put more into the project itself. less meetings.

174 Thanks for all the great work you do. Seattle parks are some of the best I've ever seen and I appreciate them.

175 I would like to clarify my comments about statements 7, 14, 15, 16, & 17.

176 My limited experience was very positive. I have found the city staffs to be helpful.

177 public parks should be 'public', and paid events should be limited if not out rightly prohibited. Thus, in the planning process, paid event usage should be heavily penalized in decision making 'scores'.

178 As a zoo neighbor, I have regularly felt left out of the planning and decision process. The zoo shouldn't make decisions based on \$\$ alone.

179 Parks spends way too much on process and consultants. I know Parks is "on the hot seat;" however, I would love to see more invested in on-the-ground work and less on giving cranking people a chance to slow projects that provide broad public good. Parks are a community resource and not an extension of private backyards.

180 I think the Parks Department's approach to public process is fair and thorough.

181 When I went to a meeting about Smith Cove/Interbay, even though it was an advisory meeting, the information given was, "parks has decided what to do with this space and we are informing you." The information on possible off leash areas on Magnolia was given to many neighbors, but they were a minority of the actual users of the parks. Better notice to users/consideration of comments needed.

182 PAT comments should be utilized, plans should not be finalized without PAT and public input. Organized sports DO NOT represent the public, they are a well connected special interest group that has an ongoing relationship with the Parks Department. DOPAR needs to look beyond that inner circle and solicit input from all users.

183 Parks cannot abdicate responsibility for honest dialogue with citizens just because they have turned over a park to a non-profit organization or other management group. Superintendent concealed information on moving zoo garage intentionally against Parks public involvement policy. Failed to notify Phinney Ridge CC when requesting a land use interpretation despite knowing we were on record as having an interest in same.

184 Please encourage or demand that parks realize that they are modifying and creating facilities in neighborhoods. These neighborhood should be consulted about the process from the start and should be able to influence the project, not as an afterthought following major decisions. It is extremely disheartening and discourages the process to hear that the proposal is a "done deal" and that the process cannot be modified regardless of input from the public. If this is the case please save my tax dollars and can the public meeting farce.

185 now there's more room to type. i gather most info about projects by walking the eastlake neighborhood, not surfing the net where im sure a lot of info is. also eastlake community council is great for info and action. lastly, there is always a budget and i feel patronized when lots of our info is taking yet just for the purpose of being taken and being able to say it was taken.

thanks

186 I participated in the Ravenna Creek Daylighting project. My opinion...the Park Project leader did not consider the actually users of the park in considering the design. The design was overly influenced by individuals who attended the planning meetings. The green space that was replaced by the daylighting was used primarily by students and families associated with low-income housing. These people were not at the public meetings. If Parks had visited the park and surveyed the users, they would have observed this and might have scaled back the footprint of the daylighting project. I also thought that the architects were more interested in aesthetics and did not consider functionality. It is a beautiful renovation but we'll miss the green open space especially with a 100-plus apartment complex being planned one-block away.

187 I use the parks regularly, and have not seen opportunities to become involved in the planning process. This survey is clearly geared for people who have already participated, and I was unable to respond to many items as a result. I think you need to reach beyond the existing group of participants & recruit some who have not participated in the process. Seattle has a great Parks system. Thanks for asking!

188 Parks Department is morally bankrupt

189 Listen to public input and make decisions based on that instead of going ahead with what the parks people want when differing from the public

190 When started by a special interest group, others feel left out.

191 Involving the community with specific information early in the process is crucial to avoid what happened at Loyal Heights.

For example: instead of informing the community that a park or facility will be upgraded or improved; the community should be informed about the specific changes proposed before they are moved out of the proposal stage!

192 More communication covering a broader area. While most time we walk to our neighboring parks, we also drive to those outside our area. Also earlier notification dates would make it easier for me to attend meetings/hearing. Email is also a great way to hit people who use the parks & services through organized events, but greater communication in community and city publications will help.

193 What the impact of neighborhood gentrification has on resources for youth and adults. Are ther programs to deal with street gangs that hang out in parks, is there surveillance and monitoring their use of park facilities? Safety concerns after hours.

194 Ken Bounds does what Ken Bounds wants. The meetings are a joke. They pay no attention to what the public wants. It's all just a charade; in the end, they do what they always intended to do and ignore the public's requests.

195 Re: Orchard Street Ravine, a placard at a dead end street that has no traffic is not sufficient to notify a neighborhood of a proposed project.

196 To feel as if the meetings happen before Ken Bounds has already decided what he wants to do

197 It was such a waste of money to move a perfectly good bowl(ballard bowl) simply because a previous plan didn't account for the bowl being where it was. We had the backing of the Mayor and others, but we were ignored. Listen to the people who your decisions are affecting in the future.

198 I'm glad you're asking.

199 I was on the Woodland Park Advisory Council in 1986 the parking garage was on the table. I supported the site on 50th St, just east of Aurora Av N. where an existing dirt lot was located. It could be used by Zoo and park visitors. Having on Phinney compounds the already heavy traffic there which is more of a neighborhood than 50th St. I am very unhappy with the decision and how it was arrived at. I do not support an RPZ parking program either. IT was not the intent of our founding fathers' (Phinney) to impact

home owners in this way. You set up a secondary arterial into a primary route to parking facility and turn n 59th St into heavy traffic street also. Many home owners use this park as a play yard for their children, many refer to it as 'my park' this was the intent of this gift of land.

200 My two experiences were so different that this survey was hard to complete.

201 My experience with the zoo is that they act like they're listening to community input but the big decisions are made behind closed doors with the key players. The process was skewed. All community concerns were neglected without compromise. The council meeting was held in such short notice we all felt bushwacked. There is no follow up from the city regarding issues still a concern to the community such as parking and compliance to esthetics of the garage. The process has left me angry and cynical. I don't speak alone when I state that the relationship between the zoo and the community has been poisoned by the process. I won't work with them directly. I don't trust the Parks Dept or the zoo. Next time I'm not going to be so naive. At the start of the process I'm going to treat them as an adversary, because I know they don't consider the community's concerns. It's still going on. What about the zoo changing RPZ rules to allow staff to park in the community if we're designated? Was the affected community notified?

202 It should be arranged so that the Parks person facilitating the decision will NOT be the project mgr overseeing the implementation. Such an arrangement presents a conflict of interest as the individual is then biased toward the project that he or she wants to oversee (due to the promise of a larger budget or an easier implementation or whatever).

203 I would like to understand the results of this questionnaire in terms of geographical distribution.

204 The arrogance and utter deafness of Ken Bopunds & Co. to the concerns of those most affected by Parks Department actions is overwhelming. Only from the Parks Board does there seem to be any semblance of a fair ear, and that group is only advisory. I wish that body had a stronger role.

205 These meetings are functionary to meet due process requirements, even though Parks has already made its decisions and really isn't interested in comments. Facilitators who are biased toward the Parks. Totally unsatisfactory process despite outcome being approximately what I favored.

206 Is it possible to actively survey a wide group of neighbors? Seems mostly NIMBYs go to meetings. Actual area-wide opinion may not be so negative.

207 Do not use open house format (walking around looking at drawings/pictures for presentations. Structured presentation better. Q&A then heard by everyone.

208 I am distressed at overdevelopment of Parks. We need green spaces and reduction of invasive species. Bright lighting defies nature. Too much building, paving, parking! Believe Park planning staff present well and are well-intentioned. Not glamorous to preserve rather than construct.

209 Why limit space here? I could tell you about the vague answers I get on how we are to proceed to get the skate park going.

210 I am generally pleased with the public process involved with Parks' projects. There is certainly no lack of opportunity to provide comments at the many public meetings and/or through email or mail to project managers. My biggest issues regard understanding what Parks' priorities are, obtaining info on project status and what decisions were made and how they were arrived at. There are many competing interests on every project and I understand that there will be "winners" and "losers" on every project. Some have chosen to blame the public process or Parks when decisions have not gone their way. The system isn't broken but could be improved.

211 As a strong supporter of the Pro Parks Levy, I am extremely angry that I was not listened to during the "public process" charade. I care about parks throughout the city, not just next to me, and want to be involved and have my opinion valued. I feel that only special interest groups influence decision making early on and that sets the tone for the project's direction. The most important change is to include a fair balance of citizen's in early decision making, and to be open to change if the majority of citizens oppose a project later as they become aware of what Parks really intends.

212 My belief is that the decision about the garage location had already been made based on the fact that the zoo wanted a garage near the proposed events center. Public input was a sham and the zoo swept away earlier studies that favored a south garage. Public input was a facade. I remember a mtg where our input was whether the garage should be angled or straight. That is an example of how little input the public really had

213 Hey, yeah... ask for input on innovative/different park facilities and/or features.

214 There were many people involved in the Columbia City Rec. Ctr. planning process that didn't live in the neighborhood and refused to divulge where they actually lived. The community was told they would

have a vote at the meeting and then were not . My distinct impression was that the community input was totally ignored and Parks had made a decision on what they were going to do before we even got there. The Parks representative did a very poor job....he posted notices 3 miles away at McDonalds and seemed to have a few memory issues. I wouldn't waste my time attending any more of these meetings again(went to about 15 or so).

215 The Van Asselt project was completed before it was started. Response from Parks was the same old boiler plate crap expected from bureaucrats whose minds are already made up. Cut out the cookies and cool aid and be up front. Van Asselt was a joke not only to me but my neighbor as well. Participation was a waste of everybody's time.

216 Be honest about neighborhood impact and not make the Zoo a money making venture. It is going to be ruined by the enormous concrete garage, new buildings and carousel. All not needed.

217 Council Must Reapprove Parks Director based upon performance record.

218 I need to voice my opposition to a parking garage above ground on the former pony riding site at Woodland Park Zoo - It will be a sad structure, in complete opposition to the automobile-free society we need to promote - there are so many other options - shuttles, away from site parking, utilizing the parking we already have. It is so clear that money has won the day - not environmental or animal concerns - not people concerns - not all the people-friendly plans the Mayor has so encouraged - instead, a football sized parking lot - on Olmsted Gardens land - so sad, so immoral, so unnecessary. Thank you if you read this.

219 There seems to be a mystery around what is actually going to happen when a project for improvement is underway. Case in point, the Ballard Pool Closure is for ventilation (this is all I know) there is much speculation and guesswork as to what is going to change...could there not be signage or a display of what the final outcome is going to look like or provide?

220 I feel that the Zoo process was dishonest and deceitful in it's dealing with the neighborhood and has rammed through the new Zoo Garage location despite a highly negative response from the neighborhood. Money saved in this new location would be better used in building a new below grade road to replace the viaduct. Since the neighborhood will not accept becoming a restricted parking zone (RPZ), the new garage will be used even less than the present pay parking lots. This garage is a money loser and will only direct more traffic into the Phinney Ridge Neighborhood resulting in the kind of traffic that we experience along 50th Street. Had the garage been located at the Zoo south entrance, it might have worked because of feeding off of Aurora, 50th St, and Phinney Ave from the south. Mayor Nichols for his part in this has lost my vote forever and so has city council members who have supported this slimy process. It is obvious that the those persons conducting the Parks public process do not have the best interests of the public in mind and do not deserve public trust and responsibility.

221 the area of shelters is always a concern of how to maintain the cleanliness...I usually need to scrub an area...tables,etc

222 The Parks Department hired a consultant with tax dollars, didn't follow or accept their advice, and then is now rebuilding a park that adds impervious surfaces and mechanical storm drainage devices which goes against all ideas of sustainable development.

223 If a majority of the people don't want something - such as cutting down trees - then the Parks Department should respect that feeling - period.

224 Parks should sponsor message boards for particular subjects so that they can gather more public information about issues and concerns that they may not think are priorities. It would help in assessing park priorities. I suggest a "Dogs in Parks" message board. Off-leash dog, on the beach and in the water dogs, and irresponsible dog owners have degraded the park experience substantially and parks needs to collect information about that. A backlash is brewing due to Park's inattention to non-dog owner park users.

225 It would be helpful to have postcards mailed to our zip code when parks Dept. personnel speak to Othello Neighborhood Assn. More people would come.

226 I think of some of largest and greatest parks in our country and the world. It would seem the public process in the development of those parks was tough, but I think we need to spend less money on the process of decision making and use tax dollars to do. Do it, then give time for a review of how things have gone versus not doing anything at all. Also seek more community service hour volunteer help from kids in local public schools so they become more positively linked with our parks.

227 My impression after being on the PAT for the Loyal Height project was that Parks did not take my input seriously, tried to control the group, and did not allow for creative ideas or community-building

conversation. The meeting minutes were edited by the Parks team to fit what they wanted to be communicated and were NOT approved by the participants. The final outcome of the PAT "decisions" were never documented by Parks, so I assume that no input was taken. The spokesperson for Parks lied on the radio about the cost of maintaining Loyal Heights Park with grass(1 million dollars a year!) and never came clean about the lie. Parks lies and manipulates to meet their agenda and does not care about the impacted community.

228 This exploratory track has merit but the restriction on "other" is troubling. Even at this spot I feel that you have already decided what my input will be allowed to be. Do you know that Seattle Channel is not fully available to computer users at Seattle libraries, that video record cannot be accessed on those computers?

229 broaden & update parks real-estate/legal/land use/borders/ parking enforcement/mitigation & public representation departments

230 When a project goes over-budget, who gets to pick what doesn't get done?

231 Parks secretly worked with a small group of immediate neighbors with political connections outside of the public process to undermine community planning process of many years. Parks falsified technical information and deliberately misled the community on the process used to make the decision. The result is a private park for a few individuals (no connections to the adjacent community were made) paid for with public money. A scandal, in short.

232 Even though Parks is subject to public disclosure laws, it is still hard to get information about Park revenues as well as Parks processes.

233 Parks needs a sea change in their attitude; a demonstrated track record of listening and acting upon public input; Parks needs to put aside their own agenda and serve the public.

234 My strong impression is that the superintendent gets designs from his staff, who design what they want, then he gets advice from the Parks Board and then goes with whatever he wants. The department has a lot to do to overcome this impression. I understand that they get input from all directions, but I can't shake the impression that they devalue and discount most of it. Thanks for asking!

235 Our interest is in the Counter Balance Part and we wonder how you will keep it clean and free of the awful urine smell that permeates lower QA?

236 PAT meetings are secret; no public notice.

Changes are made by Parks AFTER plans are presented to the public!

237 I appreciate the venue and the level of assistance of the individuals with whom we have worked to set up our training for our law enforcement organization.

238 Please think about health impacts when siting active parks near I-5 and other busy roads. High levels of particulate matter can affect sensitive populations like asthmatics.

239 Notices from the parks should be sent to "owner" of property not the tenant. These are not always the same.

240 I would appreciate it if Ken Bounds would continue the Canadian Geese control program which does not include inhumane gassing but does include volunteer cleaning up geese poop and adding their eggs. They were brought here from Canada and do not deserve to be killed just because they were transplanted here. They are a beautiful species and can be controlled by humane programs. Thank you David Della for being concerned. I voted for you and, hopefully, you'll continue this type of work for our friends in nature.

241 Despite my negative comments above, I think that P&R does a pretty good job with public involvement. I think the mistake is to portray a planning process as one where citizens are going to get to design the project. It would be better to be very clear that the consultant or expert is designing the project and citizens get to offer comment. Then there is not as much disappointment about having individual's ideas rejected. I do think that the Gasworks fiasco was a minority of the total, but it did cause me to distrust how decisions are made. Transparency is paramount. Mayor Nickels sets a very bad example for Mr. Bounds, and I urge Mr. Bounds to reclaim his credibility by acting more independently of the Mayor's office.

242 I hope that Parks regains their footing so that they can effectively implement programs again and stop serving special interests and eliminating the voices of the people who pay their salaries. It's not easy being Ken Bounds but he needs to start being his own person, while representing his constituency.

243 I have been involved in many attempts by the Parks Department to get citizen input, only to find that the Parks Department was simply "going through the process," largely ignoring the affected neighborhoods and doing whatever the Parks Department wanted.

244 I believe those responsible for any decision should explain the reasoning in writing to those concerned.

245 I should not have to file FOIA's to get info. Should be transparent on website -- not filled with biased marketing spin. Frustrating process. Not happy with DP&R AT ALL! Emphasis on organized sports/music too great. Should be renamed "Department of Recreation". Seattle can do better.

246 It seems like parks has a secret agenda to generate funding via sports teams, and that passive park users (hikers, picnickers) are given low priority because they aren't vocal & organized. Even if we nature people did get organized like the dog people, we'd probably get nowhere. I don't particular like dogs, but I will admit they're probably represent 80% of the parks usage, and they showed up to meetings in force, yet they got little. So even if I got a ton of people to show up and say 'we want another discovery park', there doesn't appear to be much chance parks would listen.

247 Public involvement process is extremely flawed because staff does not seriously consider public input, does not follow neighborhood plans, does not follow Parks's own meeting agendas and process, does not disclose relevant information the public is entitled to and presents incorrect information at meetings. Staff also meets privately with select citizens about Parks projects outside of public process and does not disclose discussions held in such meetings. Staff is extremely inefficient and uses more than 50% of levy funding for some projects for its own staff costs, leaving very little for construction of projects as intended and funded by public.

248 Wait to make decisions until after public review & comments. Currently it seems that decisions are made first, then public comment is invited but ignored. The officials who attend the public meetings seem to be there for the purpose of convincing the public that we're wrong or explaining why the public's will can't be granted, rather than hearing the public first and making decisions later.

249 The process for the Ballard park had a lot of community input, most in favor of retaining the existing skate bowl (both to save lots of city money, as well as because it was something people really liked), much of it from neighborhood residents. I'm glad there is still a skate feature, but disappointed that the old one was gone and the new one built. Why? I feel like our input was ignored.

250 Urban planning 101. A park is an important amenity. However, the surrounding neighborhood is where all the living takes place. Its not a good idea to place a nighttime alcohol and drug cesspool behind a person's back yard :) Just common sense. Only solution now is to FENCE in all parks.

251 Parks Dept has no regard for public opinion unless it goes along with the Dept's plans and visions. Public meetings are an exercise in deception for Parks and futility for citizens.

252 We would like for there to be better garbage cans at Seward Park. The current refuse cans are the old proto-type with lids that are easy for the crows to dislodge. The result is that garbage is strewn everywhere all too often.

253 More information provided in the P-I and Times

254 there is no accountability for decisions, and short of a lawsuit, the loudest most entrenched voices seem to win regardless of rational opposition to ideas that negatively impact park neighbors

255 The most frustrating thing is to go to a meeting, think there is a decision and then come back and have a new group of citizens have a discussion about what was decided earlier - and possibly having the original decision change. Get all the right people to one meeting, make a recommendation, and then go with that. Do not revisit processes because someone came late to the process.....this wastes time, money and frustrates people who showed up in good faith to the first discussion. Lay out the decision-making schedule and stick to it. Don't let johnny-come-lately's change the project direction in mid-stream.

256 Extra efforts need to be made to communicate with the communities most affected by decisions

257 The zoo was not open to suggestions. All was set in stone and too bad if you didn't like it. They want to make a little Disney World and have very little empathy for the neighborhood and the neighbors.

258 Equal consideration for all projects... not dependent on money. The rich and powerful still get their way AND special consideration in the current system. Better facilitation is VERY important!

259 I am pleased by the communication attempts.

260 Parks needs to make a much greater effort to earn public trust. No more misleading, late or lack of information!

261 I question the openness of the process. On the Orchard Street Ravine project there were some members of the community that were having private meetings with the parks dept. that was unknown and not publicly disclosed to the rest of the community. This is not a violation by public employees to the public process it should be.

262 There needs to be more information available in advance of public votes, specifically regarding the binding or non-binding nature of the projects that are included.

263 I have found that Parks staff have gone out of their way and beyond the basic process to meet all concerns expressed by the public in the Orchard Street Ravine Pro Parks Levy Project. However consensus is not always possible and hopefully the staff will base their final decisions on merit rather than the loudest voice.

264 We felt really blind sided (then vilified) by the Gas Works process- we think most parks should be public parks, and not rented out for the whole summer to a limited few.

265 My highest praise for Parks Staff. Unfortunate that the belligerent seem to be the most heard in meetings.

266 Case studies would be helpful for public, what may work in one place may not necessarily work in another...

267 Only involve citizen's if you truly are going to value their perspective.

268 Provide and publicize a process for citizens to submit suggestions for changes in regulations concerning park usage.

269 I felt that none of the comments at the public meetings I attended were taken seriously at all. We were completely ignored in the decisions.

270 The Parks Dept. did not take into account any of the community outrage at steamrolling the concerts into Gas Works, we were not involved or listened to.

271 I certainly support Parks Dept. activities and feel they are under great pressure but still feel the process needs to be more OPEN.

272 I participated in this survey largely to take the opportunity to complain about the Parks Department's overall willingness to cut down trees. Stop it! From hiring so-called "arborists" who report whatever is desired to justify tree removal, to caving into police concerns (Freeway Park) or alleged danger of falling branches (Greenlake) without overmuch concern about the department's responsibility to create a sense of nature itself. There is definitely an anti-tree theme to the department's management. And what trees you do plant tend to be lame "easy manage" trees that have no real beauty or stateliness.

That skate park in Ballard is nightmarish. If you guys created it, you should be ashamed.

273 The Parks Dept needs to rely less on public input to make decisions for park planning. It is important to listen and consider community input, but there is sometimes a greater good for a community that can occur from broader planning and design that is not always understood by the general public. Case in point, the PAT process that I was involved in exhausted the park budget on issues that were not relevant to the actual project. This time and money could have been better spent on actual park development with a re-defined role of the PAT and public input process.

274 While parks are for everyone in the city, it would seem that the smaller voices near the park should have more influence, and special interest groups less. Especially the lower income and ELL groups.

275 too little space is provided for comments on this questionnaire

276 One issue as the adding of lighting to a non-lighting meeting. Even though I play soccer and support having some lighted fields, it needs to follow the process -- not be surprisingly dropped into an agenda at the last minute for final decisions.

277 The last few projects -- especially involving skate parks -- have distinctly had the feel of being punched through as quickly and covertly as possible, in order to minimize public resistance until it was too late. (Please see my additional emailed comments.) Thanks!

278 At first meeting "field turf" for Loyal Heights. was ok; but at 2nd & on we were belittled & called racists by the facilitator. The P.A.T. meetings as run were a complete waste of time. The main problem was that the decisions had already been made with the sport teams at prior meetings before the neighbors were notified and asked for comment and input.

Thanks

279 It was never clear what impact neighbor's input would have on the decision making process.

280 There's a lot going on. It is possible I may just have missed the great job you are doing to solicit input.

281 What is most frustrating is that Parks will go through public process, then disregard what they have heard and proceed with what they had decided prior to the public process. This has happened with many projects in the city. I have also found the misinformation they have provided to be very disturbing. We have had to rely on public disclosure to find out what Parks is really planning. We have had hire consultants to provide us with accurate information. Recently, with the Magnuson PAT, they were reporting one plan to the PAT, but through public disclosure we discovered they had a different plan which contradicted what they were saying to the PAT.

282 Parks collects public input, and then totally disregards what the public wants. Parks does what they have already made up their mind to do. The Public Input Process is a sham.

283 My frustration at any Parks meeting is that Parks has a set agenda, follows protocol for community involvement, but does not meaningfully move off its agenda in the face of community input. Parks uses the input as a means to show engagement and to firm up its sound bites but not to change its course of action unless faced with strong legal or political opposition. It'd be great to have a process that truly welcomed and embraced community input and mandated community acceptance of its projects.

284 It would be helpful to have earlier warning of the intentions and activities of Ken Out-of-Bounds. (Correct spelling? I remember his name only by this mnemonic device.)

285 Pro parks is set up for a few dissident to interrupt the process but I don't have a remedy.

286 The Parks staff is wonderful and professional. However, I would like to help overhaul the process so that the comments of the average citizen are not paved over by narrow-focused special interest groups, and decisions are not reversed because a few powerful people have access to the Parks Commissioners. I would be happy to submit documentation to show why major changes along these lines are needed

287 Repeated failures of notification and lack of serious, proactive consideration of passive uses and neighborhood impacts needs to be fixed. The trust between the Parks Dept. and its surrounding neighborhoods is in a state of crises that will be a very unfortunate (and enduring) legacy for all parks users if not corrected.

288 why are SW Seattle youth asked to pay \$5,000.00 to use park when skateboarder small group get millions spent?

289 I've been involved for the past 10 years and have served on two PAT's. I have seen the communication from Parks degrade over the past since about 2001/2002. They were better about communications and facilitation at the meetings than now. It seems that now the decision is made up front and the PAT is put together to try to uphold the pre-made decision. The whole input process seems to just be motions that they have to go through, just something to get over with. I don't think that public input is being taken seriously within the department. I can provide detailed examples of this, but not on this form.

290 The Parks Department's understanding of the public process needs work. They hold public meetings, when required to, but do not actually use any of the input they get from the public. Often, the meetings are held after the decision has already been made. The public is tricked into thinking what they say at a meeting will be noted in the record, and in fact what they say goes no farther than the room at the time of the meeting. A basic understand of what public process is supposed to be is missing.

291 The Seattle Parks department does not seem to be genuinely interested in anything the citizens have to say.

292 It's hard to answer these questions when, as far as I can tell, there has been NO public process for my neighborhood park.