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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 14, 2018

TO: Councilmember Lisa Herbold

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RE: Update: South Park Public Safety Task Force recommendations

The Department of Neighborhoods is coordinating the City of Seattle's response to the South Park Safety Task Force recommendations, which were released in 2017. As part of this work, we are managing the community prioritization process for \$500,000 in transportation safety improvements, the hiring of a Public Safety Coordinator, and partnering with the Parks Department for youth programming opportunities in South Park.

Below is a recap of what was accomplished this week, a look ahead to next week, and information about additional investments the Department of Neighborhoods is making in the Duwamish Valley. Supportive documents are outlined below and attached to this message.

What We Did This week

\$500,000 Prioritization: DON has begun to implement a community process to prioritize funds for neighborhood safety improvements based on recommendations from the South Park Public Safety Taskforce.

- DON finalized user friendly map resource that indicates current capital projects slated for the South Park neighborhood in 2018 as well as projects that are part of the prioritization process. It is available in English, Spanish and Vietnamese. The Vietnamese version will be available by end of day 3/14.
- DON has finalized an online survey that is available in English, Spanish and Vietnamese. The Vietnamese version will be available by end of day 3/14.
- DON has developed paper ballots available in English, Spanish and Vietnamese to collect community priority information during in person meetings and events.





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- DON is conducting outreach in the South Park community throughout the months of March and April. DON has confirmed the following direct outreach opportunities:
 - Concord PTA Meeting on 3/8 (12 residents attended)
 - Seattle Parks and Recreation event at the Community Center on 3/9 (100+ residents attended)
 - South Park Neighborhood Association on 3/13 (20 residents attended)
 - South Park Neighborhood Information and Resource Center on 3/14
 - Senior Center Community Conversation on 3/14
 - Duwamish Valley Youth Corps meeting on 3/15
 - Duwamish Safe Streets on 3/20
 - South Park Community Center Easter Egg Hunt on 3/31
 - South Park Arts on 4/9
 - Concord PTA Meeting for Spanish speaking families on 4/19
 - Duwamish Valley Youth Corps meeting on 4/26
 - SDOT Pavement to Parks outreach event in April TBD
- DON will be hosting office hours in South Park throughout the months of March and April. DON will be available at:
 - South Park Library Branch on 3/21, 4/3 , and 4/17
 - South Park Community Center on 3/30, 4/6, and 4/20
 - Via Vaddi Caffe on 4/9 and 4/23
- DON is developing outreach materials (poster, postcards, online) to help promote our South Park office hours and the survey. These will be available in English, Spanish and Vietnamese. We will be dropping these resources off at various locations throughout the neighborhood and sharing them online by Friday, 3/16.

Public Safety Coordinator: DON continues to work closely with SPD on the hiring process for a Public Safety Taskforce Coordinator.

- The RFQ soliciting community based organization to serve as hiring agent was released on 2/28. Deadline for RFQ responses is on 3/13. One RFQ response was received via email prior to the deadline. Notification to successful respondent will be completed by 3/16 with a contract completed by 3/30.
- Members of the South Park Public Safety Taskforce were notified of Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission's response to questions regarding ethics code considerations on 3/9.

Next Week Look Ahead

\$500,000 Prioritization:





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DON will work to confirm the following direct outreach opportunities:

- South Park Service Providers on 4/18
- Karaoke Night with Vietnamese Seniors TBD
- Marra Farms Coalition TBD
- South Park Retail Merchants Association TBD
- DON will promote office hours with residents and begin hosting them in South Park.
- DON is working with the Concord PTA to develop outreach strategies to parents beyond PTA meetings. We will finalize a plan this week and develop whichever materials may be required.

Public Safety Coordinator: DON will continue to support the RFQ process and encourage timely contract negotiations.

Youth Programming: SPR has requested a meeting with CM Herbold to review current programming at the South Park Community Center. DON will participate in this meeting once scheduled and follow-up on identified opportunities.

Additional Investments in the Duwamish Valley

Neighborhood Matching Fund, 5th and Cloverdale Streetscape Design (Contract expected to end April 30th, 2018)

- The goal of this project is to improve this west gateway to South Park by adding sidewalks, street trees and plantings, bioretention areas, bike racks, and other amenities. This would help make the area more pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly. The Friends of 5th and Cloverdale community group, aided by the Toole Design consultant firm, is finishing up a conceptual design process. It has hosted one public meeting, presented at nine other community events and meetings, and has completed a community survey in English and Spanish that gathered over 188. SDOT has recently added \$12,000 to the consultant contract for more analysis of potential bicycle facilities in the area. This added work, along with analysis of survey results, a final report with the preferred design concept, and suggestions for future coordination with SDOT, including funding sources for implementation, is due to be completed by the end of May 2018.

Neighborhood Matching Fund, Duwamish Waterway Park Improvements Phase II (Contract is set to end June 29th, 2018)





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- The goal of this project is to add improvements to Duwamish Waterway Park. The current NMF grant is for construction documents. Midway through the grant, property issues arose between the City and King County. Resolution has been reached in the form of a 35-year-lease from the County to the City, with an option for the City to buy. This lease will take one to two years to go through City and County legislative processes. In the meantime, an MOA is allowing the improvements to go forward. Both Seattle Parks and Recreation and the Seattle Parks Foundation have made this project a top priority. SPR will soon work with the ELM Environments design firm to coordinate and submit for the many permits required due to the proximity of the Duwamish River. Once the permit conditions are known, the construction documents can be finalized, hopefully by mid-June 2018. In the meantime, SPF is fundraising for construction. The Friends of Duwamish Waterway Park community group plans to apply for a June or September CPF to help fund construction.

Additional Outreach, Georgetown Steam Plant

- DON is supporting Seattle City Light's community engagement effort to identify a Community-Based Organization to manage the Georgetown Steam Plant and work to increase community participation in building activation. A statement advertising the opportunity was released on 3/13.

Supporting Documents (attached)

\$500,000 Prioritization:

- Map Resource in English
- Map Resource in Spanish

Public Safety Coordinator:

- Public Safety Coordinator Selection Timeline

Youth Programming:

- SP Community Center Job Description

DON Investments:

- Georgetown Steam Plant News Release

