

## South Park Campus Project Partnership

- In spring 2018, SPR finalized a concept design that includes: a relocated play area, spray park, full-size multi-sport synthetic turf field with a circular walking trail, an outdoor fitness zone, LED lighting, ADA accessibility, a sport court, off-leash area, renovated parking lot and mitigation of health impacts through landscaping.
- Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) and Seattle Academy have been working over the last year to develop a partnership that provides the funding needed for a synthetic turf field with lights for the South Park Community Center Campus Project.
- SPR has prioritized and evaluated equitable access and reducing health inequities throughout the process. The outcomes helped inform the agreement with the intent on providing equitable access to improved recreation facilities.
- Seattle Academy will contribute \$4 million to fund the playfield, including fencing, lighting, and other mutually agreeable elements of the turf field.
- This funding not only funds the playfield, but serves as a match for grants that will help fund the remainder of the South Park campus site plan.
- This collaboration will provide improved recreation space for South Park residents while allocating designated time in the afternoon during the fall and spring sports season for Seattle Academy students. This translates to about 375 hours annually, of the 5,110 hours the field will be open – or roughly 7.5%.
- The school will have priority use of the field from 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm M-F from the last week of August – to the second week of November and early March to mid-May. These times do not conflict with high demand times after 5:30 pm M – F and on weekends.
- SPR has committed, and something Seattle Academy negotiated as part of the agreement, to the South Park community keep the new field out of the field scheduling system as a pilot for up to five years to erase barriers to participation by enabling the community to utilize drop-in time, providing a process for the South Park community to schedule field use, and encouraging the formation of neighborhood sports programs.
- Seattle Academy will work with the SPCC and/or local schools, and/or nonprofit organizations to fill gaps in the community offerings and facilitate an on-going relationship between Seattle Academy and South Park residents. Examples could include mentorship programming, student tutoring after school, a soccer camp and STEM or art programming.
- Funding for this project relies on City grants and private resources. SPR and the South Park community have secured state and county grants, funding from the Seattle Park District Major Projects Challenge Fund and donations. This funding will be supplemented by additional investments from the Park District, Real Estate Excise Tax revenues, and the \$4 million donation from Seattle Academy for the athletic field and lighting.
- The partnership with Seattle Academy is a critical piece of the South Park Campus Project and will provide a safer, more accessible place for people to recreate and enjoy the outdoors.
- SPR recently worked with the community on refining the site plan design, developed in Spring 2018
- There were over 17 events in the South Park community over the past few years, reaching close to 700 individuals to gather input on a concept design and discuss the partnership. This included community celebrations, South Park Community Center programs, Concord Elementary events and meetings, and outreach SPCC day camp and late night participants.

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