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SEATTLE PARKS SEEKS NAMES FOR THREE PARKS

Seattle Parks and Recreation invites the public to submit potential names for parks in the Capitol Hill and Lake City neighborhoods. **Suggestions for names are due to the Park Naming Committee by Monday, November 16, 2009.**

The following parks, characterized here by their working names, are undergoing the naming process:

Capitol Hill Park Acquisition: This .39 acre property, located at the northeast corner of E Howell St. and 16th Ave. E, was purchased in 2007 with Pro Parks Levy funds.

Parks held several public meetings to solicit ideas on the program and design for the park. The approved plan consists of an open lawn in the middle of the site that is bordered by a collective garden to the north and a crushed rock plaza and a pathway lined with trees to the south. Other elements include a garden walk, steps, a plaza and benches, barbeque, picnic table, and an art element. The art element includes a grouping of seven boulders for creative play and seating. It is intended to represent the "Seven Hills of Seattle."

Construction on the site is scheduled to begin in November 2009 and to be completed by spring 2010. For more information, please visit <http://seattle.gov/parks/proparcs/projects/CapitolHillDevelopment.htm>

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John and Summit: This project, located on the NE corner of E John St. and Summit Ave. E, will provide a new neighborhood park on the western slope of Capitol Hill. Funding for the acquisition comes from the Pro Parks Levy and a matching grant from King County Conservation Futures Tax revenues. This .22 acre property was purchased in 2007.

The Pro Parks Levy funding supports a construction budget of \$140,909 and the P-Patch program has provided \$150,000 toward construction. The site incorporates P-patches in the overall design. Construction on the site is projected to begin next spring.

For more information, please visit

<http://seattle.gov/parks/proparks/projects/JohnSummitParkDevelopment.htm>

Lake City Playground: Parks acquired this site from the School District in 1987. It had been the playground for Lake City elementary school; when the School District declared the site surplus to its needs, the playground was established as a separate land parcel. It is located at 12312 - 26th Ave. NE.

The Park Naming Committee is comprised of one representative designated by the Board of Park Commissioners, one by the Chair of the City Council Parks and Seattle Center Committee, and one by the Parks Superintendent. Criteria the committee considers in naming parks include: geographical location, historical or cultural significance, and natural or geological features. A park may be named for a person no longer living (deceased a minimum of three years) who made a significant contribution to parks and/or recreation. The Park Naming Committee will consider all suggestions and make a recommendation to the Superintendent, who makes the final decision.

Please submit suggestions for park names **in writing by November 16, 2009**, and include an explanation of how your suggestion matches the naming criteria. Send suggestions to Seattle Parks and Recreation, Park Naming Committee, 100 Dexter Ave. N, Seattle, WA 98109, or by e-mail to paula.hoff@seattle.gov. In keeping with Seattle's "Paper Cuts" program, Parks encourages electronic submissions.

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