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BRIEFING MEMO

DATE: April 15, 2004

TO: Seattle City Council Members

FROM: Ken Bounds, Superintendent, Parks and Recreation
Eric Friedl, Director, Sand Point Magnuson Park

RE: Magnuson Park Wetland and Wildlife Habitat and Athletic Field Complex Master Plan – Amenities map and phasing

Attached for your information are three figures related to the Magnuson Park Wetland and Wildlife Habitat and Athletic Field Complex Master Plan proposal:

- 1) a corrected version of the master plan figure,
- 2) a figure highlighting related park amenities, and
- 3) a figure showing more information about possible phases one and two.

Figure 1: The foldout color version of the master plan included in your background materials for the April 5th briefing was, unfortunately, not the final version of the proposal. The figure attached here as Figure 1 is the correct version. The only difference is the orientation of field 11 which shows home plate in the northwest corner in this correct version.

Figure 2: Much of the focus of the recent briefings and discussions has been on the significant components of the proposal such as the fields, the ponds, the meadows, etc. This figure highlights the locations of some of the related park amenities such as the volleyball and basketball courts, restrooms, and view points.

Figure 3: Proposed phases 1 and 2 are displayed on figure 3 in the yellow highlighted areas. This figure shows the phases in the context of an existing conditions photograph.

- Phase 1 includes partial development of the multi-purpose sports meadow. This phase would develop approximately 11 acres of the 15-acre meadow. The remaining portion would be developed in a future phase. The estimated cost for phase 1 is \$3,200,000 and is fully funded. Construction would begin in late-2004.



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- Phase 2 includes partial development of the marsh and promontory ponds area of the wetland and habitat complex, one soccer field, one rugby field, one full size baseball diamond, and one softball/little league diamond, and demolition of the commissary complex of buildings. This phase utilizes the existing parking around the commissary and incorporates an existing structure as the restroom and maintenance facility. This phase only demolishes the commissary building structure, not the building foundation.

A portion of the existing Sand Point grass athletic fields remains. The estimated cost for phase 2 is \$13,100,000. There is currently \$8,869,000 available for phase 2. The existing funding is expected to leverage the additional \$4,231,000 in funding from a variety of sources that may include the U.S. Department of Defense Innovative Readiness Training Program, other state and federal grants, wetland mitigation banking, and private philanthropy. If the additional funding were not available then some components of phase 2 would be eliminated, such as demolition of the commissary, synthetic surfaces in the outfields of the ball diamonds, or some of the pedestrian improvements.