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To: Seattle City Council
From: Jesús Aguirre, Superintendent, Seattle Parks and Recreation
Subject: Community Center Hours

Overview: Thanks to Seattle Park District funding, six community centers (International District / Chinatown, Magnuson, Miller, South Park, Yesler, and Van Asselt) have received additional staffing to support expanded operating hours beginning in 2017. This document outlines those new hours, their benefits, and the process used to set specific operating hours.

Methodology: Our goal in deciding how the additional hours should be allocated at each center was to best reflect community needs and interests. Center coordinators and their managers had the primary role in assessing community interest and in determining appropriate hours, and they followed a standardized process in doing so. This process asked them to consider several kinds of information including:

- People Counter data to assess current busy times
- Center Business Plans to frame the strategy for additional hours
- Needs of existing and planned programs, activities, and partnerships
- Stakeholder input from advisory councils and other partners

Balancing community interests, available funds, and citywide needs led to the allocation of hours shown in the tables on pages 2-5.

Throughout the year, Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) staff will track the People Counter and class registration data and consult with advisory councils and other partners to ensure the new hours are meeting community needs. In addition, we will continuously monitor data and community interests at all centers to identify where there may be a need to adjust hours at other facilities.

Benefits of Additional Operating Hours:

- *More programming and more access:* With additional staff and additional hours, many centers will add programming for seniors, teens, and people with special needs. Combined with the elimination of drop-in fees funded by the Seattle Park District, SPR will provide more accessible programming to more people.
- *Community partnerships:* By considering information from a variety of sources, including partners, new operating hours will allow centers to better serve their community. For example, by opening at or



before 2:00 p.m. on all weekdays, Magnuson Community Center can better serve youth ending the school day at nearby Sand Point Elementary.

- *Consistency:* Centers will now have more consistent hours than in past years allowing for community members to drop in with more certainty.

Community Center Operating Hours, 2016 vs. 2017: The tables below detail the specific operating hours for six centers for 2016 and 2017. Due to the logistics of adding additional staffing, some centers began expanded operating hours on January 1, 2017 and others began on February 1, 2017. Throughout the year, we will review People Counter data and solicit public and partner input on the expanded schedules. Hours may be adjusted based on public or partner input or as program needs change.

The final 2017 operating hours reflect the methodology described above which included community input. As a result, the hours in the tables below differ from those initially proposed in the Community Center Strategic Plan.

Community Center Operating Hours, 2016 vs. 2017

International District / Chinatown Community Center: 20 hours added

Added Saturday hours and more programs (badminton, mahjong, Tai Chi, ESL) and weekday hours were made more consistent.

Day	2016 Operating Hours	Strategic Plan Proposed Hours	Final 2017 Operating Hours
<i>Monday</i>	11am-9pm	10am-8pm	11am-9pm
<i>Tuesday</i>	3-6pm	10am-8pm	10am-7pm
<i>Wednesday</i>	12-9pm	10am-8pm	11am-9pm
<i>Thursday</i>	11am-2pm	10am-8pm	10am-7pm
<i>Friday</i>	11am-9pm	10am-8pm	11am-9pm
<i>Saturday</i>	CLOSED	CLOSED	10am-5pm
<i>Sunday</i>	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
<i>Total Weekly Hours</i>	35	50	55



Magnuson Community Center: 30 hours added; building staff capacity for an additional 5 hours later in 2017

Afternoon hours were expanded to engage students leaving Sand Point Elementary School. Friday evening was added to expand a popular tot gym and much-needed late-night programming.

Day	2016 Operating Hours	Strategic Plan Proposed Hours	Final 2017 Operating Hours
<i>Monday</i>	4:30-9 pm	9am-9pm	2-9 pm
<i>Tuesday</i>	4:30-9 pm	9am-9pm	2-9 pm
<i>Wednesday</i>	4:30-9 pm	9am-9pm	2-9 pm
<i>Thursday</i>	4:30-9 pm	9am-9pm	9 am-9 pm
<i>Friday</i>	9:30 am-4:30 pm	9am-9pm	9 am-11 pm
<i>Saturday</i>	CLOSED	CLOSED	9 am-5 pm
<i>Sunday</i>	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
<i>Total Weekly Hours</i>	25	60	55

Miller Community Center: 15 hours added

Expanded afternoon hours to retain and build on core programs for toddlers and families.

Day	2016 Operating Hours	Strategic Plan Proposed Hours	Final 2017 Operating Hours
<i>Monday</i>	4-9 pm	1-9pm	12-8pm
<i>Tuesday</i>	9:30am-2:30 pm	1-9pm	9am-5pm
<i>Wednesday</i>	4-9pm	1-9pm	12-8pm
<i>Thursday</i>	9:30am-2:30pm	1-9pm	9am-5pm
<i>Friday</i>	4-9pm	1-9pm	12-8pm
<i>Saturday</i>	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
<i>Sunday</i>	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
<i>Total Weekly Hours</i>	25	40	40



South Park Community Center: 15 hours added; currently discussing with partners about adding 3 more hours

Added morning hours to serve more seniors and families who tend to come to the center in the mornings.
Added evening hours to serve teens.

Day	2016 Operating Hours	Strategic Plan Proposed Hours	Final 2017 Operating Hours*
Monday	12-8:30pm	10am-9pm	10am-9pm
Tuesday	12-8pm	10am-9pm	10am-9pm
Wednesday	12-8pm	10am-9pm	10am-9pm
Thursday	12-8:30pm	10am-9pm	10am-9pm
Friday	12-7pm	10am-9pm	10am-7pm
Saturday	9am-3pm	CLOSED	9am-5pm
Sunday	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Total Weekly Hours	46	55	61

* Beginning February 1, 2016

Yesler Community Center: 17 hours added

Expanded morning hours to increase programming for seniors. Added Saturday and Sunday hours to accommodate adult basketball and additional youth programs.

Day	2016 Operating Hours	Strategic Plan Proposed Hours	Final 2017 Operating Hours
Monday	1pm-9pm	10am-9pm	10:30am-8pm
Tuesday	1pm-9pm	10am-9pm	10:30am-8pm
Wednesday	1pm-9pm	10am-9pm	10:30am-8pm
Thursday	1pm-9pm	10am-9pm	10:30am-8pm
Friday	1pm-7pm	10am-9pm	10:30am-8pm
Saturday	10am-5pm	CLOSED	10am-5pm
Sunday	CLOSED	CLOSED	9:30am-5pm
Total Weekly Hours	45	55	62



Van Asselt Community Center: 20 hours added

Opening earlier in the afternoons to accommodate earlier Seattle Public Schools' bell times. Added Saturday hours and programming at the community's request.

Day	2016 Operating Hours	Strategic Plan Proposed Hours	Final 2017 Operating Hours*
<i>Monday</i>	3-8pm	12-8pm	2-8pm
<i>Tuesday</i>	3-8pm	12-8pm	10am-8pm
<i>Wednesday</i>	3-8pm	12-8pm	2-8pm
<i>Thursday</i>	3-8pm	12-8pm	10am-8pm
<i>Friday</i>	3-8pm	12-8pm	2-8pm
<i>Saturday</i>	CLOSED	9am-3pm	9am-4pm
<i>Sunday</i>	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
<i>Total Weekly Hours</i>	25	46	45

* Beginning February 1, 2016