

July 2, 2018

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT

Resolution authorizing execution of all documents necessary for the acquisition of property located at 1233 and 1237 West Lake Sammamish Parkway SE, consisting of approximately 1.5 acres as an addition to Weowna Park.

FISCAL IMPACT

Adopting this Resolution obligates the City to a one-time payment of \$420,000 for the land plus related closing costs. This acquisition is funded by CIP Project P-AD-82, Parks and Open Space Acquisition, with 50 percent of the cost reimbursed by a grant secured from the King County Conservation Futures Program (KCCF Amendment N, approved under Ordinance 6075). The acquisition was anticipated and sufficient funding exists within the project.

STAFF CONTACTS

Patrick Foran, Director, 452-5377

Camron Parker, Parks Property & Acquisition Manager, 452-2032

Parks & Community Services

Laurie Leland, Interim Director, 452-4366

Ira McDaniel, Real Property Manager, 452-4182

Kim Bui, Real Property Agent, 452-5269

Civic Services Department

POLICY CONSIDERATION

Bellevue Comprehensive Plan; Parks, Recreation and Open Space Element:

- PA-1. Establish a coordinated and connected system of open space and greenways throughout the City that provide multiple benefits including preserving natural systems, protecting wildlife habitat and corridors, and providing land for recreation.
- PA-5. Obtain, for preservation, natural areas that are sensitive to urbanization or represent a valuable natural and aesthetic resource to the community.

2016 Parks & Open Space System Plan:

- OST-2 Lake to Lake Greenway Trails: Multi-use Connections
- OST-8 Connect / Extend Trails: Enhance Connectivity and Walkability

Bellevue City Code:

Under Bellevue City Code 4.30.010, City Council approval is required to purchase property or property rights when the acquisition is not a part of a previously approved project and the purchase price exceeds \$25,000.

BACKGROUND

Weowna Park was originally set aside in common ownership by a group of private property owners that lived along the shore of Lake Sammamish. The 80-acre park was acquired by King County as part of the Forward Thrust bond measure in the late 1960's. It stayed in King County ownership until being transferred to the City of Bellevue in 1996. Since that time, Parks & Community Services has worked diligently to enhance the trail system and protect the unique natural features of the remnant old growth forest and stream corridors that cross the park.

The property considered for acquisition consists of two parcels, totaling 1.5 acres, located within the West Lake Sammamish neighborhood. The site is bounded on two sides by Weowna Park (Attachment A). The property provides a valuable pedestrian connection from Weowna Park to West Lake Sammamish Parkway. The property also includes an informal trail along a utility maintenance road. With the acquisition, this trail would become part of the official trail system of the park and be maintained as such. The connection is also less than a quarter mile from the City's property on Lake Sammamish, which when developed for public access, will be the City's first public park site on Lake Sammamish and act as the terminus for the Lake to Lake Greenway Trail.

Joyce B. Johnson and her family have owned the property for several decades. They have discussed possible purchase by Parks & Community Services for many years. With the support of the Johnsons, Parks & Community Services obtained approval to use the King County Conservation Futures grant program to fund half of the acquisition costs. The remaining funds are available through the 2008 Parks & Natural Areas levy proceeds.

In June 2018, a purchase and sale agreement was signed by the owner, contingent upon Bellevue City Council approval. If approved, the property will be included within the boundary of Weowna Park by the end of September 2018.

EFFECTIVE DATE

If approved, this Resolution becomes effective immediately upon Council adoption.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing execution of all documents necessary for the acquisition of property located at 1233 and 1237 West Lake Sammamish Parkway SE, consisting of approximately 1.5 acres as an addition to Weowna Park.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

RECOMMENDATION

Option 1

MOTION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 9425 authorizing execution of all documents necessary for the acquisition of property located at 1233 and 1237 West Lake Sammamish Parkway SE, consisting of approximately 1.5 acres as an addition to Weowna Park.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Property Map
- B. 2017-2023 CIP Project P-AD-82 Description
Proposed Resolution No. 9425

AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL DOCUMENT LIBRARY

Copy of proposed purchase and sale agreement