



## PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Item 3  
December 1, 2022  
Regular Business

### AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

<b>TITLE:</b>	Bike Skills Area Update & Conceptual Design	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b>	Review and discuss Bike Skills Area project update and conceptual design.	

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<b>EXHIBITS:</b>	N/A

### SUMMARY

At the July 19, 2022 City Council meeting, the City Council appropriated \$75,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund balance to begin community engagement and commence 30% design of a Bike Skills Area in Deane's Children's Park. Since July, American Ramp Company has been retained to facilitate the public engagement process and begin design. The conceptual design, based on survey responses and general feedback from the first community meeting, will be presented at the December 1 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting for discussion and feedback.

### BACKGROUND

The Bike Skills Area (BSA), formerly known as the BMX park, was originally created by neighborhood riders in the 1970s in the Upper Luther Burbank Park area. At the time, the area was owned and managed by King County. Use of the area continued over the years, with users creating and shaping jumps and trails within the ravine area. The name of this location was changed in 2021 to reflect changes in the use of the facility over the past five decades to include other biking styles.

#### Bike Skills Area Closure

Over the years, increased use and unauthorized expansion of the Bike Skills Area caused damage and degradation to the surrounding hillsides and vegetation. On October 7, 2021, the Bike Skills Area in Upper Luther Burbank Park was temporarily closed due to significant operating challenges and safety concerns. Challenges included repeated unauthorized expansion of the course, damage to soils and established vegetation, and construction of jumps that exceeded park rules. The closure allowed the City to restore vegetation and to evaluate whether the park area could operate safely and sustainably as a Bike Skills Area location.

On July 19, the City Council appropriated funds to commence community engagement and design of a new Bike Skills Area in Deane's Children's Park. The former BSA in Upper Luther Burbank Park remains closed.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Tonight, the Commission will discuss and provide feedback on the conceptual design. Staff will provide a project update and outline the next steps, including additional public engagement opportunities for this project.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Review and discuss the conceptual design, if desired provide additional recommendations.