

[EXTERNAL] Please protect North SeaTac Park!

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Tue 4/11/2023 12:04 PM

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Cc: Commission-Public-Records <commission-public-records@portseattle.org>

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Dear Esteemed Commissioners/Port Officials:

I have lived in SeaTac since 2014 and have been deeply demoralized how many green spaces have been clearcut all around me in that short time. This when the climate catastrophe is only amplifying all around is and every tree matters **more than ever** to all of us for so many reasons. I am one of many thousands of local citizens who have signed a petition to beg the port/commission to preserve the trees in and around North SeaTac Park which cool our neighborhoods, offer wildlife vital habitat, reduce air pollution around the airport, and increase our collective mental health. No surprise, the presence of and access to green spaces is also associated with reductions in crime. Urban blight serves none of us well and that should be reflected in public policy and decision making.

Will you be taking steps to honor the citizens who value this important park by preventing it from being razed for commercial development? Please say yes. We NEED these trees.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Respectfully,

Stephanie Bell
SeaTac resident since 2014

[EXTERNAL] Action Needed From The JAC on North SeaTac Park - written public comment (4/11 Regular Meeting)

Rob Bent <rob.s.bent@gmail.com>

Mon 4/10/2023 3:33 PM

To: Commission-Public-Records <commission-public-records@portseattle.org>

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Dear Commission President Cho, Vice President Hasegawa, and Commissioners Calkins, Felleman, and Mohamed,

Eight months ago, the Joint Advisory Committee Regarding North SeaTac Park (JAC) published a statement indicating that the Port and the City of SeaTac "share each other's commitment" to preserving North SeaTac Park. However, since that time, the JAC has not provided the public with any specific plans or even strategies under consideration that would achieve the keystone goal: ***permanent preservation as a park of the entirety of North SeaTac Park.***

I urge you to work *now* in good-faith partnership with your colleagues from the City of SeaTac to **identify specific mechanisms** capable of achieving this goal and present them to the public for comment and debate. Delay on this issue is not acceptable.

Sincerely,
-Rob Bent

[EXTERNAL] Please don't develop N. SeaTac Park

Tom Clymer <tomclymer@gmail.com>

Tue 4/11/2023 7:38 PM

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Commissioners,

I just wish to restate my strong opinion that North SeaTac Park should not be developed in any way. Specifically, please do not develop the Pat Ryan Field.

Thank you,

Tom

[EXTERNAL] Message to Commissioners for today's meeting on the topic of permanent protection for the entirety of North SeaTac Park

Noemie Maxwell <noemie_maxwell@yahoo.com>

Tue 4/11/2023 8:33 AM

To: Commission-Public-Records <commission-public-records@portseattle.org>

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Dear Commission Public Records

I am sending this message to Port Commissioners to be conveyed to them and included in the materials for today's public meeting on the topic of permanent protection for the entirety of North SeaTac Park. Thank you!

Noemie Maxwell Vassilakis

Dear Commission President Cho, Vice President Hasegawa, and Commissioners Calkins, Felleman, and Mohamed,

For months, the public has reached out to you on the subject of North SeaTac Park, including a [petition](#) signed by nearly 3,000 community members. As I'm not aware of you having made any public statement that you support permanent protection of the entirety of this park, I am writing to you today to respectfully request your response to this question:

Do you support permanent protection of the entirety of North SeaTac Park and will you act immediately to prevent further steps toward development of land in this park until there has been time to identify and implement solutions to permanently protect it?

I hope your answer is "yes". If it is not, please share what it would take for you get you to get to yes. Reassurances that the Port doesn't plan to develop the park, as the Port has recently made, would not address my question, given that the park is zoned aviation commercial, that the Port's 2021 Real Estate Strategic Plan recommends development in the park, and that 55 acres of the park can be taken out of use at any time.

Achieving permanent protection of the entire park may require innovative approaches. These may include options like conservation easements, land swaps, or designating the park and surrounding forest as a carbon offset zone or a natural heritage site. Given the established benefits of green space and trees for reducing human exposure to aviation pollution and the fact that our racially and economically diverse community bears a severe burden of environmental health disparities, perhaps legal solutions and funding could be found to designate this area as a public health or environmental justice improvement district.

Transfer of park ownership to the City of SeaTac, as suggested by the current City leadership, as long as it legally required permanent protection for the entirety of the park, is another option. In 1990, the Port signed an [agreement](#) to convey title to the northernmost 80 acres of the park to the City*. So it is unlikely that there would be any legal barriers to such a step.

It is not acceptable to develop this park commercially. Nor is it acceptable for it to stay in a zoning designation that limits the city's ability to improve the park, prevents Tub Lake from being a wetlands preserve as has been recommended for decades, and severely restricts access to the considerable federal, state, and county funding that is now being made available to restore forests in urban areas just like ours.

Thank you in advance for your response to my question.

Noemie Maxwell Vassilakis
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See section 3A(2) on the second page of Resolution 90-149 Phase II Agreement for the North SeaTac Park [Agreement 90-A040 for PHASE II FOR THE NORTH SEATAC PARK AGREEMENT 1040.1 - EXPIRES ONGOING.pdf](#)



**Agreement 90-A040 for PHASE II FOR THE
NORTH SEATAC PARK AGREEMENT 104...**

[EXTERNAL] North Seatac Park and Rugby Field

Nicole Pollock <grasscrafts@gmail.com>

Tue 4/11/2023 6:25 AM

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As I'm not aware of any public statements you may have made on whether you support permanent protection of the entirety of this park, I'm writing (*or I'm speaking today*) to respectfully request your response to this question:

Do you support permanent protection of the entirety of North SeaTac Park and will you act immediately to prevent further steps toward commercial development of land in this park until there has been time to identify and implement solutions to permanently protect it?

My family has used the park trails, rugby field, and grassy areas for a decade as a place to get some fresh air and run around with the kids and dog; we want to use it for decades to come. Additionally, so many animals live there and call it home. Green spaces are incredibly important in cities for people to experience nature, so I hope your answer is "yes". If it is not, please share what it would take for you to get to yes.

Sincerely
Nicole Pollock

[EXTERNAL] Save North Seatac Park

Scott Romine <scottromine91@gmail.com>

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Dear Commission President Cho, Vice President Hasegawa, and Commissioners Calkins, Felleman, and Mohamed,

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As I'm not aware of any public statements you may have made on whether you support permanent protection of the entirety of this park, I'm writing to respectfully request your response to this question:

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I hope your answer is "yes". If it is not, please share what it would take for you to get to yes.

Sincerely
Scott Romine
Community Member

[EXTERNAL] Stop or significantly cut back on cruise ships in Seattle

Selene Russo <selenee@icloud.com>

Tue 4/11/2023 4:29 PM

To: Commission-Public-Records <commission-public-records@portseattle.org>

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Dear Port of Seattle Commissioners,

I would like to note my strong opposition to cruise ships in Seattle. This is a dirty and polluting industry (the most environmentally unfriendly way to vacation) and the small economic benefits to the city are absolutely not worth the cost. It has been proven the the economic benefit to cruise ports is highly inflated, with most people eating, drinking and staying on the ships. It's also an exploitative industry, with the cruise ship employees not making much money or having good benefits.

We can still get economic benefits from our port without these huge polluting cruise ships. Let's put restrictions on the largest and most offending cruise companies and support the smaller, local companies like UnCruise and Salish Sea Tours. We need to find ways that tourists can appreciate and enjoy our natural resources without the harm caused by these mega-ships.

Thank you,

Selene Russo

Seattle resident

[EXTERNAL] Comment for 4/11 meeting

Linnea Westerlind <lkwesterlind@yahoo.com>

Mon 4/10/2023 8:10 AM

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I'm a constituent residing in West Seattle and am writing to express my support for protecting all of North Seatac Park including its rugby fields and bike trails. This heavily used and beloved park is incredibly valuable green-space and recreation space for the Seatac/Burien communities.

My family uses this park for rec soccer, biking, disc golf, walking and enjoying nature.

The community would like to know if its elected commissioners publicly support full protection of North Seatac Park?

It is false that commissioners can't speak about this proposal. It is indeed lawful for commissioners to state their position about a proposal under NEPA review. So, it is not acceptable for commissioners to refuse to answer questions from the public or share their position about this issue that is so important to the community they serve.

Respectfully,
Linnea Westerlind
Seattle