

South End Community Center Feasibility Study | Community Advisory Group
5:30-7 PM, 12 May 2026, Moore Library and Teams (Virtual Option)

Introductions of attendees

- Ryan
- Debbie
- Janet
- Mac
- Megan
- Courtney
- Sarneshea
- Andie (remote)
- April (remote)
- Erin (staff)
- Delia (staff)
- Alisa (staff)

Around the Room: Favorite Summer Activities

- BBQs
- Backyard recreation with friends, family
- Gardening
- Walking the neighborhood, at Wapato
- Family picnics at Wapato
- Take dogs to Alling
- Making jams
- Picking blueberries
- Being outside, on the water
- Biking

Parks 2026 Budget

No questions or comments

SECC Feasibility Study and Budget

No questions or comments

What is a feasibility study? Reviewing the ECC feasibility study as an example

- Who does prioritization of the program elements?

- The community advisory group engaged in the study development contributes both as advisors of priorities as well as engaging more community outreach combined with objective data analysis from ESRI, AMP and other third parties.

Projected Project Timeline

- Advertise solicitation by July. Team selection summer. Study produced through fall 2027.

Would this Advisory Group be the study development advisory group?

- It is up to the group and each individual to decide how much capacity they have to continue through each phase of the project. Whether or not it is the same individuals attending tonight, Parks will not carry forth each phase without community engaged at the table.

When you think of South End, what comes to mind?

- Good people
- Lack of resources
- People counted out for so long, feel defeated to keep trying or asking for help
- More crime, more homeless
- Polarity – great people right next to a drug house
- Polarity – 15 minutes North or West is “brighter”
- We identify with being the armpit
- SE is NOT South Tacoma – When south end characterized that large, local identity/unity is lost
- When we have collective community it’s easier to keep up the nice stuff
- Lots of South End pride and multigenerational, multicultural
- National Night Out was a huge success after realized that presence of police, fire was not a threat
- Multi-language outreach, by word-of-mouth/grapevine/”old fashioned” flyers is key
- Community events – farmers mkt, Lunar New Year – are key to weaving community
- Vacant spaces aren’t taken care of
- Folks aren’t judgmental, just care deeply

You have a magic wand – What would the SECC be?

- Partnerships to provide resources
- See Harlem Kids Zone

- A hub where you know you can get good resources – that you don't have to drive across town to get resources
- Aesthetically pleasing – green things, murals. SE is very industrial
- Community wants to do dance lessons, other activities – just needs a space to do so. We host in our backyards because we don't have elsewhere
- A place that feels like the central gathering place for SE (other parts of town seem to have these central spaces)