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Duwamish Park Celebrates Community

The logistics of building and launching a new park are always complex, but the Duwamish River People's Park that opened to the public on July 16 had a longer timeline than usual. Building the park required remediation of more than 100 years of industrial contamination and engaging with the local community to reflect the true history and remedy the struggles of the last century. Here's a look at the history and future of the park and what it took to get here.

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EXPANDING OPPORTUNITY

Pilot Program to Launch "Help Desk" for Small Businesses in King County



The Port Commission approved \$650,000 in funding to launch Community Business Connectors, an innovative two-year pilot program with the Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce aimed at providing direct service to underserved small businesses across King County. The program will work like a help desk to provide referrals to diverse resources.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

New Des Moines Creek-West Development Moves Forward



Advancing its equitable recovery strategy, the Port Commission approved the ground lease of approximately 20 acres west of the already successful Des Moines Creek Business Park. The project, envisioned with the partnership of the City of Des Moines and Panattoni Development Company, prioritizes local jobs and sustainable development.

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Port Works to Ensure Accessibility for All Port Users



As the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) celebrates 32 years this month, the Port of Seattle continues purposeful efforts to eliminate barriers and ensure accessibility to all users of the Port's facilities and digital properties. The Port website is an essential tool to inform the region's citizens, public officials, businesses, and partners. To best serve all users, the Port is taking the necessary steps to ensure that all of these functions are easily accessible to everyone.

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Protecting Safe Reproductive Healthcare Access



Port Commissioners recently took two actions in support of safe access to reproductive healthcare. Commissioners adopted a proclamation in support of a Washington State Constitution amendment and passage of a federal law to codify an individual's right to comprehensive, safe, and accessible reproductive healthcare, including abortion. Commissioners also adopted an order that prohibits cooperation or assistance with out-of-state abortion and other reproductive health care investigations, prosecutions, or legal actions.

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RECAP JULY 12: The Port Commission issued a proclamation aligning Port Policing Policy with Washington State Governor Jay Inslee's Directive prohibiting cooperation or assistance with out-of-state abortion and other reproductive health care investigations, prosecutions, or other legal actions, and reviewed a Bringing Access Equity to the Port's Website report and a Maritime Blue Annual Report.

Commissioners authorized executing a ground lease to develop aviation-supportive, light-industrial logistics facilities West of the Des Moines Creek Business Park. Commissioners

also executed a Joint Partnership Agreement with the Seattle Metropolitan Chamber to develop and pilot a Community Business Connector Initiative for two years. [View video→](#)

UP NEXT JULY 26: Port Commissioners will consider advertising and executing a Flight Corridor Safety Program 2024 Professional Service Agreement for Technical Expertise and Support, and will consider authorizing \$71,000,000 for the C Concourse Expansion Program. Commissioners will also consider conveyance of a Port-owned K9 to its handler, and hear briefings on the Tourism Recovery Initiative and 2023 Budget Development.

In Case You Missed It



ENTREPRENEURS INVITED Women- and minority-owned small businesses, and other diverse firms, are invited to apply for the second annual Business Accelerator. Applications are due August 8. [Keep reading→](#)



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PORT LAWSUIT The Port of Seattle filed a civil lawsuit demanding that The Boeing Company pay its fair share of the cost of the Superfund Cleanup in the Lower Duwamish Waterway. [Keep reading→](#)



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