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## A new park is coming to the Seattle waterfront!

**SEATTLE** (July 26, 2021) – The City's Office of the Waterfront and Civic Projects will build <u>a new park at</u> <u>Pier 58</u> starting in late 2022. This new park will replace the former Waterfront Park pier which was removed last year.

The design includes a central event space, tree grove, elevated lawn, and a new children's playground. The Fitzgerald Fountain, which was a central part of the earlier park, will be fully restored and reinstalled. The design for the new park was developed with the help of extensive community input from across the city, including families, children and the accessibility community.

"We have seen our downtown re-energized the past few weeks with music, arts and culture," said Marshall Foster, Director of Seattle's Office of the Waterfront and Civic Projects. "We are excited to be creating a great new park that will contribute to our city and serve as an exciting new destination for Seattleites to enjoy our waterfront."

The new children's playground will be a highlight of the new park. It will include varied play elements for all ages and abilities, including an 18-foot jellyfish-inspired climbing structure and slide with rolling tentacles, climbing and swinging features, and tall kelp-like poles completing the underwater theme.

The final park design includes areas to relax under a shaded tree grove, enjoy views of the waterfront and the city from an elevated lawn, and participate in a range of community events held in the central event space. It will connect Pier 57, the Seattle Aquarium, and the City's <u>new waterfront promenade</u>, which stretches from Pioneer Square to Pike Place Market. The pier design draws on community feedback, including online open houses and a child-friendly online survey. Hundreds of people shared ideas that shaped the new park.

Construction of the new Pier 58 is anticipated to begin in late 2022 and take approximately two years. The new pier will be managed via a partnership between the Seattle Parks Department and <u>Friends of</u> <u>Waterfront Seattle</u>, the City's non-profit partner.

Learn more about the new Pier 58 at <u>waterfrontseattle.org</u>.