

CONSTRUCTION WILL BEGIN IN 2017

Groundbreaking held for Key Pen Parks' Gateway Park

A ceremonial groundbreaking was held July 4 for Key Pen Parks' Gateway Park

Permitting is currently underway to begin development for the park, with construction beginning in 2017

Phase one of the project includes a picnic shelter, playground, restrooms and trailhead parking

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A ceremonial groundbreaking event was held July 4 for Gateway Park, under development by Key Pen Parks on the Key Peninsula.

The groundbreaking was held during the annual Fourth of July Hot Dog Community Social and featured local dignitaries including Representatives Jan Angel, Michelle Caldier and Jesse Young and Pierce County Council-



KEY PEN PARKS Courtesy

Representatives Jan Angel, Michelle Caldier and Jesse Young, along with Pierce County Councilman Derek Young and Parks Commissioners, participate in the ceremonial groundbreaking ceremony for Gateway Park on July 4.

man Derek Young.

The park is currently in the permitting process for

the proposed project, said Scott Gallacher, executive director Key Pen Parks.

"We're just going to take a step back and look at the whole project," he said. "We hope to have all of our permits back here in the near future."

Construction for the project is anticipated to

begin in 2017, with a dedication and opening of the property held in September 2017.

"We were trying to get some stuff done this year, and we may, but the permitting process is taking a little longer," Gallacher explained.

Key Pen Parks has al-

ready received one grant for the project from the Washington Recreation and Conservation Office.

"We're a small agency and we seek grant funding," he said. "Phase one is fully funded and ready to move forward."

Phase one of the project includes a playground and picnic shelter, donated from the Gig Harbor Rotary, a restroom, a park entrance and exit and trailhead parking for the 360 Trails.

There are five phases in the master plan of the project, Gallacher said, with phase one estimated to cost \$1.5 million, with a total project cost of \$7.5 million.

Donations for the park's playground and picnic shelter are still being accepted through the Gig Harbor Rotary.

Gateway Park is located at 10215 State Highway 302, across from the Wau-na Fire Station.

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SETTING IT STRAIGHT

State Sen. Jan Angel's title was misidentified in a July 14 story about a Key Peninsula Gateway Park ceremony. Also, the organization accepting donations for the park was misidentified. Donations are being accepted through the Key Peninsula Parks & Recreation Foun-

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