



City of Shoreline

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Dear Lynn and Leanne,

Thank you and your neighbors for your continued efforts to create a community vision for the grounds of the former Sunset Elementary School. The draft master site plan for Sunset School Park and the Boeing Creek Open Space is set for City Council review and approval on July 26, 2010. Approval of these plans is a significant accomplishment for the community and Friends of Sunset Park. Design development drawings and detailed cost estimates for the Phase I design are being finalized for use in future grant applications. The City's 2011-2016 Capital Improvement Plan also includes some funding to match grants for future improvements to the former Sunset Elementary School site.

As you know, the City of Shoreline had planned to submit applications with the State of Washington's Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) for Sunset School Park and Boeing Creek Open Space Park projects. It is with much regret that the City had to withdraw the RCO grant application for the Sunset School Park project because the project did not meet grant requirements for "Control and Tenure" of the site. Grant funding through the RCO is not a good fit for implementing the Sunset School Park project. Control and Tenure is not an issue at Boeing Creek Open Space Park since the City owns the property; therefore, we are proceeding with the RCO grant request for improvements to this site.

RCO policy for "Control and Tenure" requires that all real property, structures and facilities acquired, developed, enhanced, or restored with RCO funds must not be changed, either in part or in whole, nor converted to uses other than those for which the funds were originally approved for at least 25 years or more. Changing use of the land to any non-outdoor, non-recreation purpose (in this case a school or other Shoreline School District use) does not meet the grant requirements.

This fall, the City and Shoreline School District plan to amend the Joint Use Agreement to include the former Sunset Elementary School Site. Adding the site to the Joint Use Agreement will allow us to evaluate other grant funding and opportunities to implement the community's vision for this wonderful outdoor community asset.

Please call me at (206) 801-2601 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dick Deal
Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director