



# MEMORANDUM

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Date: August 24, 2018

To: Mayor Chelminiak and City Councilmembers

From: Patrick Foran, Director, Parks & Community Services

Subject: Bellevue Boys & Girls Clubs fieldhouse concept

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue (BGCB) has proposed that they fund the design, construction, maintenance and operation of an athletic fieldhouse on City property similar to our gymnasium partnership at Hidden Valley Park. Programming of the facility would be a collaboration between the BGCB and the City with each party providing programs unique to their respective program goals.

The City and BGCB have partnered on several successful projects including the construction and joint programming at the South Bellevue Community Center, Hidden Valley Gym and fields, and the Boys & Girls Club Main Club in downtown. The BGCB also utilizes Crossroads Community Center to provide after-school youth programs and the Lake Hills Clubhouse for teen programs and services. In addition to the BGCB the City has partnered with other organizations to construct and operate facilities on City property that serve the community including Youth Eastside Services and Kinderling Center, both in Crossroads Park.

The facility would be approximately 30-40,000 sf in size. For comparison, South Bellevue Community Center is about 34,000 sf, the Hidden Valley Gym is 23,000 sf, and our other community centers are about 20,000sf. The facility would be designed to accommodate a broad spectrum of the athletic community, including low-income youth and teens, for field sports such as soccer, lacrosse, cricket, field hockey, football, baseball & softball training.

The BGCB's target service area is east Bellevue, though broadly defined as east of I-405 and north of I-90. Locating a facility of this size, given its parking requirements and the City's well-developed park system, is extremely challenging. A quick review of sites identified Wilburton Hill Community Park as a potential location, but more precise work needs to be done including public outreach to the surrounding neighborhood. To that end we have prepared a brief description of the proposal that appeared in the Wilburton Community Association's newsletter, and City and BGCB staff will attend WCA's annual picnic on September 8 to provide information and seek feedback.

No decisions or commitments have been made and like the Hidden Valley Park project, the current BGCB proposal includes the use of public property so underlying all work on this proposal will be strict adherence to State Law regarding Gift of Public Funds.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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