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TO: Mayor Chelminiak and City Councilmembers

FROM: Patrick Foran, Director, 452-5377  
*Parks & Community Services*

SUBJECT: Bellevue Boys & Girls Clubs Fieldhouse concept

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Council has received information previously (see attached) regarding the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue (BGCB) proposal to fund the design, construction, maintenance and operation of an athletic fieldhouse on City property, similar to our gymnasium partnership at Hidden Valley Park, with collaborative programming between the two parties. The BGCB's preferred location is Wilburton Hill Community Park.

While this concept remains in the exploratory stage, and before specific plans or programs are developed, we have shared the idea with the Wilburton neighborhood to get some early feedback. Staff provided information that appeared in the Wilburton Community Association's neighborhood newsletter and attended their annual picnic on September 8 with information about the concept. There was a great deal of interest and comments ranged from strongly positive to strongly negative, with many simply wanting more information.

There will be many questions and additional community feedback opportunities as this idea continues to be reviewed. Parks staff recommends that staff work directly with the Parks & Community Services Board and community to explore the proposal in depth, consider the results of the outreach work, evaluate the level of public benefit and address all questions and concerns. The intention would be that the Parks Board deliver a recommendation to the Council during the first quarter of 2019 on whether to continue work on the project, and if so, under what circumstances.

Attachment A: August 24, 2018 Staff Memo