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Bellevue Parks Board
450 110th Ave. NE
Bellevue, Wa. 98004

RE: Surrey Downs Master Plan

Dear Parks board Members,

I have attended both public meetings for the above referenced project. It is refreshing to see that the consultants and the City staff have conducted the meetings in a professional and unbiased manner.

The message that comes through loud and clear to me at both meetings is the clear need for *indoor* programming serving west Bellevue and the larger community, and serving a broad spectrum of age groups. There was a significant majority of support for option 3.

The Surrey Downs site is ideally situated for a large community center. It is located on an arterial street, making access convenient without impacting the surrounding neighborhood. It is in close proximity to high-density development and downtown.

There are no other viable sites in west Bellevue for this opportunity. The park is designated a community park by the Parks, Open Space and Recreation element of the City's Comprehensive Plan. Planning policy clearly encourages providing a variety of services and programs serving all age groups. (See PA-4,10,11,14,15, etc.)

I would encourage the Board to support approving a large community center as part of the Surrey Downs Master Plan. Thank you

Respectfully

FREMANTLE DEVELOPMENT, INC



Dennis E. Johnson
President