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North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District and North Clackamas School District Near Strategic Partnership To Meet Demands of Growing Population

February 2, 2017 - North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD) and North Clackamas School District (NCSD) are finalizing details on a strategic partnership to provide new amenities and community spaces to meet the needs of the residents across both districts. This partnership includes the exchange of NCPRD-owned Hood View Park in Happy Valley for NCSD's Concord Elementary School building in Oak Grove, Lake Road administration building in Milwaukie, and proceeds from NCSD capital bond funds.

Hood View Park is a 36-acre, all-weather turf sports complex that sits adjacent to Rock Creek Middle School in Happy Valley. The middle school is targeted for conversion to a new high school in 2020-21, which will require sports fields for athletic and educational programs. The acquisition of Hood View Park provides NCSD with a cost-effective alternative to building a new sports complex nearby, while providing for planned development of the new high school.

"We are excited about this collaborative agreement and partnership to better serve and support our students and families of North Clackamas School District. When public agencies come together to serve their communities, everyone benefits," said Matt Utterback, NCSD's Superintendent.

NCPRD will work with NCSD on finalizing field access at Hood View Park to continue to program sports and recreation activities at that location.

"This really is an outstanding win-win-win for the residents of the district, NCPRD, and NCSD. This partnership gives both entities needed resources to better serve our communities for years to come," said Scott Archer, Director of NCPRD.

Under the proposed agreement, NCPRD would receive close to \$16 million in cash from NCSD capital bond funds, plus the 47,000 square foot Concord Elementary School building and its surrounding 6-acre site in Oak Grove, and the former NCSD administration building and site in Milwaukie. The transaction would allow NCPRD to be debt-free for the first time since its inception 26 years ago, freeing up a total of \$1 million per year in operating funds to be reinvested throughout the District, allowing for more parks and recreation opportunities in underserved areas.

The Concord School building is being considered for a number of potential community uses by NCPRD. The former elementary school has been vacant since its closing in 2014 by NCSD. NCPRD's acquisition of the property would revitalize and repurpose the 1936 school building. The vision for Concord School and the surrounding property will be determined through a public outreach and input process with the goal of creating much needed indoor community space and neighborhood park and green space.

Residents and community groups are invited to provide feedback at the following public meetings, and via email or phone. More information on meeting times and locations can be found on the NCPRD website at ncprd.com, and the NCSD website at nclack.k12.or.us.

- **Feb. 7, 10:30 p.m.** – NCPRD, Clackamas County BCC Policy Session (*Open to the public, but no opportunities for providing testimony*)
- **Feb. 8, 5 p.m.**– NCPRD District Advisory Board Meeting
- **Feb. 9, 7 p.m.** – NCSD Board Meeting
- **Feb. 23, 7 p.m.** – NCSD Board Meeting
- **Mar. 2, 10 a.m.** – NCPRD, Clackamas County BCC Business Meeting
- **Mar. 9, 10 a.m.** – NCPRD, Clackamas County BCC Business Meeting
- **Mar. 9, 7 p.m.** – NCSD Board Meeting

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