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Washington State Parks Commission Denies Use Agreement for Athletic Fields

Kenmore, Wash. – At their meeting on Thursday, Aug. 7, the Washington State Parks Commission denied the City of Kenmore’s request for a long-term use agreement for athletic fields at Saint Edward State Park. The motion to deny passed 7-0. Since the long-term use agreement was denied, the City is unable to move forward with the application process.

“It is unfortunate that the parks commission denied the long-term use agreement,” said City Manager Steve Anderson. “The athletic fields would have provided a recreational area for the Kenmore community and the region to enjoy.”

The athletic field project would have renovated an existing field and added two new baseball fields. In addition, two soccer fields and a cricket field would have overlaid the outfield area of the baseball fields. Furthermore, pathways and additional parking would have been added. The fields would have been available for public use for youth and adult recreation activities.

The City had been working with youth organizations and Washington State Parks since 2004 to develop the athletic field project. The project responded to the need for athletic fields as a result of the potential loss of fields at Bastyr University. The university has provided fields for community use for several years, but Bastyr’s future facility needs could potentially eliminate the athletic fields. The City’s project would have helped offset the loss of those fields.

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