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THE FUTURE OF INDOOR RECREATION ARRIVES IN GIG HARBOR

GIG HARBOR, WA – The Peninsula Metropolitan Park District (PenMet Parks) has announced plans to develop a new state-of-the-art community recreation center on the Gig Harbor Peninsula.

The District has entered into a purchase & sale agreement for the current Performance Golf property, located at 2416 14th Ave, Gig Harbor, WA 98335.

“After our levy lid lift was approved by voters in 2017, we are excited to deliver on those promises” says Maryellen “Missy” Hill, President of the PenMet Parks Board of Commissioners. “The Community Recreation Center will address many local needs including active space for seniors, programs for special populations, and indoor recreation opportunities during the dark and rainy winter months”.

Prominent features of the new facility include over 190,000 square feet of indoor recreation space, 12 multi-purpose classrooms for community activities, and both the longest indoor walking track and largest event rental space on the Peninsula.

PenMet Parks Executive Director Richard Fink II believes the project will bring revenue to the area while also providing visual improvements. “The ability to bring tournaments, conferences, and events to the Peninsula will positively impact local businesses,” said Fink II. “Transforming the property into a vibrant site will add to Gig Harbor’s reputation as a majestic and livable community”.

The project is contingent on PenMet Parks completing a feasibility study of the site. Current timelines list a late-Fall 2019 opening of the existing building, and a Spring 2020 opening of the air-supported recreation structure.

The project is funded through support from the levy lid lift as well as outside contributions and sponsorships.

PenMet Parks will host its second community planning session for the project, a “Lunch & Learn” event on February 21st from 1pm-2:30pm at Sehmel Homestead Park, 10123 78th Avenue NW. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Further project details can be found at: www.penmetparks.org/recreationcenter

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