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March 19, 2019

RE: Lynchview Park City Council Letter of Support

FROM: Amber Stadler

Hello City Council, my name is Amber Stadler, I really enjoyed being a member of the Lynchview Park Project Advisory Committee. I feel like I'm giving back to the neighborhood I've been a part of my entire life. I met my best friend at Lynch View Elementary school when I was in second grade and spent countless hours in and around Lynchview Park during my childhood. We both grew up on Mill street that borders Lynchview Park and our parents still reside on Mill street 30 years later. Now my best friend, also on the PAC, and I will be able to walk with our kids to that same park and watch them enjoy a playground that we had a part in designing.

Ally, my 5-year-old daughter was also along for part of the planning process, she attended the community gatherings with me, and she can't wait to slide down the slide and play with the new water feature. This fall will be an exciting month for her, starting Kindergarten at Patrick Lynch Elementary and riding her bike to the brand-new playground at Lynchview Park.

This is a much-needed improvement in our community and I'm sure it will be appreciated for many generations to come.

Thank you.

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From: [Spencer, Maija](#)
To: [Datka, Gary](#)
Subject: FW: Would you be available for City Council meeting next week?
Date: Monday, March 18, 2019 1:30:07 PM

Here is what Amber wrote. I think we will have to change September, of course but otherwise it is perfectly lovely.

Perhaps we could change to "This fall will be an exciting time for her, starting Kindergarten at Patrick Lynch Elementary and riding her bike to the brand new playground at Lynchview Park when it opens."

- **Maija**

From: Amber Stadler <amber.stadler@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 1:27 PM
To: Spencer, Maija <Maija.Spencer@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: Re: Would you be available for City Council meeting next week?

Hi Maija,

Here is what I came up with, feel free to tweak as you see fit. I'm not sure if construction is still scheduled to be completed in September?

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Thank you,

Amber Stadler
(503) 704-3622
amber.stadler@gmail.com

On Thu, Mar 14, 2019 at 4:36 PM Spencer, Maija <Maija.Spencer@portlandoregon.gov> wrote:

Hi, Amber –

I totally understand. I hope the work transition goes well.

If you would like, you could also submit written testimony to me, and we can have it read at the meeting. I would need it by the end of the day on Monday.

You could write about:

- How you were involved in the design process – attending the committee meetings, coming to open houses
- What you like about the design
- Your history in the neighborhood growing up
- How you and your family will benefit from this

It does not have to be long. If you email it to me, I am happy to submit it.

Our City Commissioner is interested in hearing from residents in your area, so this would be a great way for him to hear your story.

- **Maija**

From: Amber Stadler <amber.stadler@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 4:50 PM

To: Spencer, Maija <Maija.Spencer@portlandoregon.gov>

Cc: jen_4052@yahoo.com

Subject: Re: Would you be available for City Council meeting next week?

Hi Maija,

I wish I could help, but my company just got bought out and my position is way less flexible. Hope Jenny can help you out.

Sorry,

Amber Stadler
(503) 704-3622
amber.stadler@gmail.com

On Wed, Mar 13, 2019 at 11:05 AM Spencer, Maija <Maija.Spencer@portlandoregon.gov> wrote:

Hi, Jenny and Amber,

I am sorry this request is somewhat short notice, but it just came to me.

The Lynchview Park project is going to Council next Wednesday, March 20 for approval of the construction contract. Commissioner Fish was very excited about this project at his briefing this week, and he asked if some members of the PAC would be able to speak at Council about the project and process.

I thought either of you would be great, since you were both very involved in the design process, grew up in the neighborhood, and are now raising your kids, so have a strong personal connection to this project.

Would either of you be available? We are still finding out from the Council clerk on exact schedule for a time certain, but I think it would be Wednesday 3/20 around 10:45am – 11:15am.

I know this is during the middle of the work day, so understand if not feasible, but it is a cool opportunity! We would be able reimburse you for parking and could provide help on some talking points if you need.

Thanks so much -

Maija Spencer (she/her/hers)

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March 19, 2019

RE: Lynchview Park City Council Letter of Support

FROM: Jennifer Hopkins

Greetings City Council. My name is Jennifer Hopkins and I was on the Lynchview Park Project Advisory Committee. I have a real tie to this community, as I work, live and play in the Centennial Neighborhood. I attended Lynch View Elementary (now known as Patrick Lynch Elementary) and graduated from Centennial High School, where I currently am employed. My parents still live on SE Mill St, bordering the park, and I am a homeowner in close proximity to the park. My children walk to school at Patrick Lynch Elementary that borders Lynchview Park. It was an honor to be involved in the planning process of the park. I attended committee meetings, shared information of the process with community members and encouraged individuals to join me at open houses. I also sit on the school Booster Club committee and I kept the school and parents in the loop of the design process. My son was interviewed by the Gresham Outlook and had his picture in the paper during the early phases of design, where he shared what types of structures he would like to see at his park. I can say that as a family we are thrilled with the outcome of the design process and look forward to the drawings coming to life this coming fall.

This park will be an improvement to our neighborhood, and will serve families for many years to come, ensuring that all kids get a childhood filled with the active play they need to thrive right in their own backyard.

Thank you!



From: [Spencer, Maija](#)
To: [Datka, Gary](#)
Subject: FW: Would you be available for City Council meeting next week?
Date: Monday, March 18, 2019 2:16:40 PM

And here is Jenny's testimony.

- **Maija**

From: Jennifer Hopkins <jen_4052@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 2:14 PM
To: Spencer, Maija <Maija.Spencer@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: Re: Would you be available for City Council meeting next week?

I would be honored to speak at the opening event.

Here's my testimony:

Greetings City Council and Commissioners. My name is Jennifer Hopkins and I was on the Lynchview Park Project Advisory Committee. I have a real tie to this community, as I work, live and play in the Centennial Neighborhood. I attended Lynch View Elementary (now known as Patrick Lynch Elementary) K-6th grade and graduated from Centennial High School, where I currently am employed. My parents still live on SE Mill St, bordering the park, and I am a homeowner in close proximity to the park. My children walk to school at Patrick Lynch Elementary that borders Lynchview Park. It was an honor to be involved in the planning process of the park. I attended committee meetings, shared information of the process with community members and encouraged individuals to join me at open houses. I also sit on the school Booster Club committee and I kept the school and parents in the loop of the design process. My son was interviewed by the Gresham Outlook and had his picture in the paper during the early phases of design, where he shared what types of structures he would like to see at his park. I can say that as a family we are thrilled with the outcome of the design process and look forward to the drawings coming to life this coming fall. This park will be an improvement to our neighborhood, and will serve families for many years to come, ensuring that all kids get a childhood filled with the active play they need to thrive right in their own backyard. Thank you!

-Jenny

On Monday, March 18, 2019, 1:33:20 PM PDT, Spencer, Maija <Maija.Spencer@portlandoregon.gov> wrote:

I understand, and it was short notice. Hopefully you can speak instead at the park opening event

If you would like to submit written testimony, you could do that. If you get it to us today, I think it can be read at the meeting.

Here is what Amber wrote (note: construction will probably be done in late fall, so a little later than September):

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- **Maija**

From: Jennifer Hopkins <jen_4052@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 8:48 AM
To: Spencer, Maija <Maija.Spencer@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: Re: Would you be available for City Council meeting next week?

Hi Maija,

Unfortunately I won't be able to make it Wednesday. It's just bad timing as this is the week before spring break and we have Conferences Thurs/Friday and so I have too much work to be able to get away.

Sorry for the short notice.

Regards,

Jenny

On Wednesday, March 13, 2019, 2:18:56 PM PDT, Spencer, Maija
<Maija.Spencer@portlandoregon.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Jenny! Hope you can make it.

- **Maija**

From: Jennifer Hopkins <jen_4052@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 12:06 PM
To: Spencer, Maija <Maija.Spencer@portlandoregon.gov>
Cc: amber.stadler@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Would you be available for City Council meeting next week?

I will check with my supervisor to see if I can be available and will let you know.

Thank you,

Jenny

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 13, 2019, at 11:05 AM, Spencer, Maija <Maija.Spencer@portlandoregon.gov> wrote:

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I know this is during the middle of the work day, so understand if not feasible, but it is a cool opportunity! We would be able reimburse you for parking and could provide help on some talking points if you need.

Thanks so much -

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March 19, 2019

RE: Lynchview Park City Council Letter of Support

FROM: Ana Pineda

Hello, City Council, my name is Ana, I attended the Project Advisory Committee meetings and enjoyed being part of this whole process.

I am a mother of 3 young children who attend Patrick Lynch elementary and have lived in the area for 7 years. We usually go to the school playground as it is the nearest for us to walk to, we are extremely excited about this new play area for us to enjoy.

One of my concerns for the new playground was to not have all the play areas scattered too far apart, that way if each child wanted to play in a different area I could still have them close by no matter which activity they choose. I expressed these concerns at the Project Advisory Committee meetings and I love that I won't have to worry about this with the design that was created. I also loved the walk around and through paths. The team did a great job of really taking in all our ideas and made something that will work for everyone. My husband was also able to attend one of the open house meetings and was happy with the designs and the whole process as well.

This new play area will surely be one of our family's new favorite places to just play and relax. We can't wait to see the project completed.

Thank you!



From: [Spencer, Maija](#)
To: [Datka, Gary](#)
Subject: RE: Available for Council presentation for Lynchview Park next week?
Date: Monday, March 18, 2019 3:48:44 PM

Yes, that seems fine to me. Looks like just edits for clarity.

- **Maija**

From: Datka, Gary
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 3:47 PM
To: Spencer, Maija <Maija.Spencer@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: RE: Available for Council presentation for Lynchview Park next week?

Could this be edited as below?

Gary Datka, RLA (*he/him*)
Capital Project Manager III | Assets & Development
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From: Spencer, Maija
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 3:32 PM
To: Datka, Gary <Gary.Datka@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: FW: Available for Council presentation for Lynchview Park next week?

Gary – sorry – one more!

- **Maija**

From: Ana Garcia <anavfeb10@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 3:31 PM
To: Spencer, Maija <Maija.Spencer@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: Re: Available for Council presentation for Lynchview Park next week?

Thank for you warm wishes, it most definitely is a pain how long the recovery process is. I would love to write you a little something. I will write it down below :

Hello ~~everyone~~ **City Council** my name is Ana, I attended the pac meetings and enjoyed being part of this whole process. I'm a mother of 3 young children who attend Patrick Lynch elementary and have lived in the area for 7 years. We usually go to the school playground ~~for the kids to play~~ as it is the nearest for us to walk to, we are extremely excited about this new play area for us to enjoy. One of my concerns ~~in the layout of~~ **for the new** playground was to not have all the play areas scattered too

far apart, that way if each child wanted to play in a different area I could still have them close by no matter which activity they choose. ~~to play at, they can each be in a different areas but still be close to me;~~ I expressed these concerns at the pac meetings and I love d that i didn't ~~won't~~ have to worry about that ~~this~~ with the design that was created. ~~I also loved the walk around and through paths.~~ The design team did a great job of really taking in all our ideas and made something that will work for everyone. My husband was also able to attend one of the open house meetings and was happy with the designs and the whole process as well. This new play area will surely be one of our family's new favorite places to just play and relax. We cant wait to see the project completed.

Hope I didn't leave anything out and that paragraph works for you Maija.

On Wed, Mar 13, 2019, 5:10 PM Ana Garcia <anavfeb10@gmail.com> wrote:

Thank you for thinking of me, I'm honored but I'm currently recovering from a broken leg and my mobility is limited I regret to have to decline your invitation.

On Wed, Mar 13, 2019, 11:08 AM Spencer, Maija <Maija.Spencer@portlandoregon.gov> wrote:

Hi, Ana,

I hope you and your family are doing well. I am excited to share that we are getting close to starting construction at Lynchview Park. In fact, the construction contract is going to Council next week for their approval.

I am sorry this request is somewhat short notice, but it just came to me.

Commissioner Fish was very excited about this project at his briefing this week, and he asked if some members of the PAC would be able to speak at Council about the project and process.

I thought of you, since you were very involved in the design process and have kids who will use this park. Would you be available? We are still finding out from the Council clerk on exact schedule for a time certain, but I think it would be Wednesday 3/20 around 10:45am – 11:15am.

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