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City of Nome
RE: Basketball Court – West Side of Nome

Dear Nome City Council,

During this time of uncertainty about how to keep a community safe during a pandemic, one of the noticeable gaps in Nome is recreation for our youth.

Basketball is a favored sport for boys and girls, young and old, talented and uncoordinated. There is no basketball court on the west side of town.

Nome Community Center has explored the possibility of placing a full sized court on the property of the Boys & Girls Club. For years we provided portable baskets, but the weather and hard play of the children resulted in contributions to the land fill. The cost to install official posts with solid baskets is beyond the capacity of the Nome Community Center.

Would the city consider funding the posts and installation? An advantage to that location is that we have cameras that we monitor the grounds around the building. Since we mounted these cameras, we have not experienced vandalism. Rather, we notice, even on weekends, that kids gather on that lot to socialize. If we provide a favored source of recreation in an area that we can help to keep an eye on, we will give our kids some purposeful time to gather safely.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Gratefully,

Rhonda M. Schneider

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Executive Director