

City of Sweet Home Parks Board
3225 Main Street
Sweet Home, OR 97386

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RE: Community Park Donations

Dear Park Board Members,

My name is Greg Mahler, Owner of Hoy's Ace Hardware and also a member of Sweet Home City Council. I have been approached by three local families that would like to make donations to our community parks but with certain reasonable stipulations.

Let me start off with the first donation and the family has asked to keep this donation anonymous. The family would like to recognize a lady who was very committed to this community and spent years volunteering her time working with or being part of organizations such as Kiwanis, Rotary Club, Presidents Club, Chamber of Commerce, Garden Club and our Beautification Committee. This lady loved flowers and was friends with Alice Grovom. She admired Alice and her commitment to this community. She never looked for recognition but this family would like to show gratitude for all her efforts for so many years. They would like to name a park after a nickname because her real name was too hard to pronounce. The name the family is proposing for the park is "Joleen Park" or "Joleen Memorial Park". The family has set aside funds for the sign and the look and design of the sign determined by the Parks Board. The family would like some type of document showing the donation for their records.

The family has entrusted me with a budget of \$35,000.00 to go towards park equipment and would like to see the park next to the new city hall. I was approached because of my community involvement and that Ace Hardware Corporation has a national account with Ultra Play, subsidiary of Playcore Company that provides commercial playground and park equipment nationwide. I have the ability to purchase all the equipment at discounted rate of 40-50%. Below is a breakdown of how the family would like to see the donation spent.

- Purchase Slide Mountain Playground with in-ground anchor kit. Purchase cement to anchor the set in the ground, provide safe barrier around the playground set with playground mulch from Rexius Corporation. **Estimated cost: \$12,479.25, Suggested retail \$21,995.00.** The family asks for the city to assist in installing the playground or I'm to hire a local contractor. See attached documents showing the playground equipment and a breakdown proposal on flying someone from Ultra Play to install the equipment which isn't feasible.
- Budget **\$5,000.00** for flowers to be located within the park and would like to see the Beautification Committee assist in picking out the flowers and assisting in planting decisions.
- Budget **\$10,000.00** for picnic tables, benches and trash cans to be located within the park.
- Budget **\$5,000.00** for pet park area. The donation to be spent towards dog park equipment, benches, trash cans, signage, dog refuge station, dog leash post, etc. Ultra Play has a complete package and budget based on this information.
- Budget **Approximately \$5,000.00** to go towards fencing to enclose the dog park, gate and a maintenance gate for city staff to access.

I've had preliminary discussions with the city and it was mentioned that the Parks Board has a general idea of what they would like to see in their parks regarding picnic tables, benches and trash cans. I agree it should be standardized and ultimately what the city would like to see in their parks. If I'm not able to purchase these items through my vendor, the intent is the money designated still go towards park equipment. It just means that we may not be able to purchase as many park equipment items due to items costing much higher than my vendor. The other option is submitting a check to the board for the donation amount but the park needs to be established within one year, not just hold onto the donation for a lengthy time period. I've enclosed various documents for the board to review and I'm always available to answer any questions. The family would like to utilize these funds sooner than later because the cost of building materials, metal and supplies are going up tremendously.

The 2nd donation is from the Hunt family and would like to donate \$5,000.00 to go towards a Pet Park and location to be decided by the Parks Board. If City Councilor Diane Gerson donates half the amount for the dog park, they would like to see the park named after her. If the full donation amount goes towards the pet park, they would like to see the pet park named after William Hunt.

The 3rd donation is from a family that was related to the founder of our family business and was a long time Fire Chief of Sweet Home for 25 years. The donation is for playground equipment to be located at Clover Park and the family only wants a sign dedicating the playground equipment after Ivan Hoy. The stipulation is the theme of the playground equipment be a fire engine. I've located fire engine themed playground equipment and the cost is around \$17,500.00. The family has also agreed to make sure the equipment is anchored in the ground, and outline with playground bark mulch for safety. If approved, I will have to get back in touch with the family to secure the donation.

I'm open to questions and I will be awaiting a decision from the Parks Board.

Regards,



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