

TO: City Council
FROM: Chuck Denney, Parks & Recreation Director
DATE: September 23, 2025
SUBJECT: Community Center Design and Siting

1) Recommended Action:

This is a discussion item about the programmatic use and design of the community center as well as the location of the facility.

2) Background:

The City contracted with Barker Rinker Seacat (BRS) Architecture in 2024 to assess community needs and design the Tumwater Community Center. Through a series of meetings with staff, a community stakeholder's group, two community open houses, City Council input and a community survey, a draft design has been completed. Staff and BRS will be updating the Council on building design options and presenting information on programmatic operations and a 'day in the life' of facility space and use. The site of this new facility is currently planned at either the former Department of Transportation site on Capitol Blvd or on Port Property, south of Tumwater Blvd.

3) Policy Support:

Build a Community Recognized for Quality, Compassion and Humanity

- Implement Metropolitan Parks District Commitments

4) Alternatives:

- ☐ Discussion and direction on facility design and programming areas
 - ☐ Discussion and direction on facility site
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5) Fiscal Notes:

BRS Contract: Two Hundred Twenty One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty-Three Dollars (\$221,733.00)

6) Attachments:

A. None