



March 10, 2022

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Re: March 1, 2022 Request to PenMet Parks

Dear Mr. McLaughlin,

The Peninsula Metropolitan Park District (PenMet Parks) Board of Park Commissioners and I are in receipt of your March 1, 2022 letter in which you request the Board consider your proposal to de-annex Fox Island from PenMet Parks and transfer PenMet Parks' Fox Island park properties to another entity, at no cost. The Board has not requested your proposal be included on its meeting agenda at this time. If that changes, I will let you know.

I do want to respond to your expectation that PenMet Parks direct a greater amount of its revenues to the Fox Island parks based on your calculation of the property tax collected from Fox Island residents. PenMet Parks does not create, operate or maintain its parks and facilities in specific geographic areas within its boundaries based on the tax revenue received from that specific geographic location. If that were the case, PenMet Parks would only be providing parks and services to the most affluent areas of our community and little to no parks and services to the less affluent areas. Often, it is the less affluent who most need nearby parks as they have less transportation opportunities or access. PenMet Parks endeavors to provide parks and recreation opportunities that will serve as much of its entire district as possible.

To provide some perspective, attached is a map of PenMet Parks' existing parks and facilities. As you will see, Fox Island enjoys two significant parks, one on each end of the island. As you noted in your letter, PenMet Parks has also appropriated over \$1.3 million of funding to be invested into capital improvements at the Fox Island parks in 2022-2023, in addition to the regular maintenance and operating costs associated with those parks. By way of comparison, aside from the State of Washington, the largest percentage of the property tax collected from Fox Island residents is for schools and there are no public schools located on the island.

To provide more diverse park and recreation opportunities for the community, PenMet Parks is also pursuing a number of other significant capital projects, including the Community Recreation Center. The funding for that and other projects is documented in the District's six-year capital improvement plan, which prioritizes the projects based on the community's needs and the District's available resources. You can read more about the capital budgeting process on page 43 of the 2022 budget document located at [penmetparks.org/2022-budget-book/](https://penmetparks.org/2022-budget-book/). As you will see, there are fourteen other capital projects partially or fully funded for 2022.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ally Bujacich". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ally Bujacich  
Executive Director

# DEVELOPED PARK PROPERTIES



- 1** Sehmel Homestead Park
- 2** Sunrise Beach Park
- 3** McCormick Park
- 4** Rotary Bark Dog Park
- 5** Rosedale Park and Hall
- 6** Hales Pass
- 7** Harbor Family Park
- 8** Tacoma DeMolay Sandspit Nature Preserve
- 9** Madrona Links
- 10** Narrows Park
- 11** Tubby' Trail Dog Park
- 12** Fox Island Fishing Pier
- 13** Community Recreation Center / Mini Golf

Baseball Field  
 Beach

Community Center  
 Community Hall

Dog Park  
 Fishing Spot

Golf Course  
 Playground

Hiking Trails  
 Forest

**Sehmel Homestead Park**  
10123 78th Ave NW

**Sunrise Beach Park**  
10015 Sunrise Beach Dr NW

**McCormick Park**  
10301 Bujacich Rd

**Rotary Bark Dog Park**  
10100 Bujacich Rd

**Rosedale Park and Hall**  
8205 86th Ave NW

**Hales Pass**  
3607 Ray Nash Dr NW

**Harbor Family Park**  
6620 32nd St NW

**Tacoma DeMolay Sandspit Nature Preserve**  
53 Bella Bella Drive Fi

**Madrona Links**  
3604 22nd Ave NW

**Narrows Park**  
1502 Lucille Pkwy NW

**Tubby' Trail Dog Park**  
1701 14th Ave NW

**Fox Island Fishing Pier**  
1453 Ozette Drive Fi

**Community Recreation Center / Mini Golf**  
2416 14th Ave NW

