Friends of Robinwood Station

3706 Cedaroak Drive West Linn, Oregon 97068

Thursday, March 22, 2010

TO: Ken Worcester, Director

Department of Parks & Recreation

City of West Linn 22500 Salamo Road West Linn, OR 97068 kworcester@westlinnoregon.gov

RE: Summary of Intention for the repurposing of Cedaroak Fire Station

Dear Mr. Worcester,

The Robinwood Fire Station is of profound significance to the Robinwood Neighborhood. The Fire Station was built in 1964 under a Conditional Use designation (PCU-7-64) for a Community Fire Station and Meeting Hall. The building has served the Neighborhood in that capacity for over four decades. The Robinwood Neighborhood Association supports the repurposing of the facility as a Neighborhood Center or similar asset and has voted several times to endorsed a committee to look into this possibility. This committee assembled and researched the issue with the City, held open houses and discussed the issue with neighbors and is now taking the proper steps necessary to re-purpose this neighborhood treasure. The original committee, now called The Friends of the Robinwood Station is an Independent organization, comprised of dedicated individuals, that has come together to seek authorization from the West Linn City Council and the City Manager to maintain and manage the Robinwood Station all as a City owned asset in the function of a Community Center. A set of functioning Bylaws has been established to guide a perpetual Committee of responsible volunteers that will act as City superintendents. Rules and Regulations approved by the City are to govern the use of the facility. And it will continue to serve the City and the local Community in a similar fashion to the McLean House and the Sunset Fire Hall.

Implementation

It is understood, that the buildings of the Robinwood Station are aged and in need of improvement and modernization - in terms of general maintenance, Seismic upgrading, Fire, Life Safety, and ADA Accessibility. It is the intention of The Friends of the Robinwood Station (FRS) to work with the City Parks & Recreation, Planning and Public Works to address all aspects of needed improvements, given time, resources and adequate consideration. The FRS will communicate regularly with the City regarding ongoing function, planning and progress, and intends to work closely with officials and the NA to implement a reasonable schedule of repairs. It is understood that the FRS has at is disposal able volunteers of which many are of professional grade status. However, some repairs and renovations may require the participation of City staff and contracted Trades to be completed. Improvements are expected to occur in three distinct Phases.

Phase 1: Mitigation Stage (pending Permit period - 60 days)

A list of immediate site improvements have been recommended by the City Planning Department prior to occupancy. That list includes:

- Create a defined Accessible parking space with access aisle.
- Replace glass in sidelights with tempered panes (or remove and replace with solid assembly.)
- Upgrade Front (North) Door with lever hardware.
- All Interior doors should be no less than 32"
- · Add compacted gravel path from Rear (South) Exit Door to the parking lot.
- In order to use existing Garage Bay, must install an ADA Man Door, either through an existing OH Door assembly, or by replacing existing OH door assembly with a qualifying Exit assembly. In lieu of door replacement, a sign that reads, DOOR MUST BE OPEN AT ALL TIMES DURING OCCUPANCY, may be sufficient.

Upon affecting the necessary Phase 1 repairs, the trial year would commence under FRS Supervision and occupancy with full access to Building 1 provided to the Board Chairperson.

Phase 2: Evaluation Stage (Temporary Use Permit period - 12 months)

A master calendar and usage rules would be placed in effect. Registration processes by phone and on-line would be publicized to groups needing a meeting space along with a commensurate rental scale. This scale would be in compliance with other city owned spaces. Additional repairs and improvements would follow, including but not limited to:

- Complete the small section of missing concrete walkway connecting the front door to the parking lot.
- Install rain barrels or a landscape rain garden to accommodate overflowing stormwater drainage.
- Remove the existing partition wall between the two main rooms of the suite to create one larger open activity room.
- Repair exterior cladding where necessary.
- Inspect roofs and repair as necessary.
- Inspect wiring and repair as necessary.
- · Install a Refrigerator
- Install Ceiling Fan(s)
- Clear debris from site parking areas. Reuse as much as possible. Remit to City or donate and discard unused materials.

During this Phase 2 Improvement Period, the FRS would draft a **Project Development Master Plan** in collaboration with the City and Robinwood Neighborhood outlining future improvements, providing narratives, drawings, diagrams, schedules and estimates (where possible) of future phased improvements of the facility and its environs. The initial draft of this report is to be due 60 days prior to the expiration of the 12 month Temporary Use Permit, giving the City ample time to evaluate the future of the facility and assist in the preparation of the final **Project Development Master Plan** in preparation of a final phased commitments

Phase 3: Investment Stage (Conditional Use Permit - permanent status)

During this Phase, if determined by the City, the Neighborhood and the Independent Committee to be feasible, the facilities will be upgraded according to the requirements outlined by the Planning Department in their February 2010 Pre-Application Summary for a New Conditional Use Permit.

Phase 4: Expansion Stage (Complete facility make-over)

During this Phase, if determined by the Residents and City of West Linn, the facilities will be expanded according to the **Project Development Master Plan**.

To date, FRS has received meeting space interest from Robinwood Neighborhood Association, Hidden Springs NA, Marylhurst NA, Scout groups, local artists, OMSI, and a Lego Robotics coach. In addition to this, the FRS plans on larger day events including the annual RNA Picnic, Fall Neighborhood cleanup & garage sale, a Winter craft fair, and a neighborhood emergency preparedness activity day. City wide class usage through West Linn Parks and Recreation would be sought and encouraged.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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