

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Friends of Fircrest Community Presentation
DEPARTMENT:	City Council, City Manager
SPONSORED BY:	Deputy Mayor Eggen & Councilmember Salomon
PRESENTED BY:	Debbie Tarry, Assistant City Manager
ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

Council rules and procedures provide that the Council make available at its second study session of each month the opportunity for a Community Group presentation. The intent of these presentations is to provide a means for non-profit organizations to inform the council, staff and public about their initiatives or efforts in the community to address a specific problem or need. In order to schedule the presentation, two Councilmembers must sponsor the request. The presentations are limited to 30 minutes with approximately 15 minutes for the presentation and 15 minutes for questions.

On December 16, 2011, Cheryl Felak, of Friends of Fircrest, contacted the City requesting that she have an opportunity to share information regarding a proposed Shoreline Universal Kinetic Park at a future Council meeting. Deputy Mayor Eggen and Councilmember Salomon agreed to co-sponsor a briefing by Ms. Felak. Ms. Felak has provided an outline of her planned presentation (Attachment A). Ms. Felak's presentation will focus on Thanking Shoreline and the Future of Fircrest. It will be an educational presentation about what Fircrest is, what it does for the community and how the community supports it and its' residents and families. She will include a discussion of the Friends of Fircrest goals and plans for projects which will benefit not only Fircrest residents but others in the Shoreline community with developmental and intellectual disabilities.

The Shoreline Universal Kinetic Park is designed to meet the needs of Shoreline residents with developmental disabilities. It is with this as a building block that Friends of Fircrest has chosen the design based on a multi-sensory experience that a person of any ability may play on. It is designed for adult sized bodies, has many entrance and exit points and easily accessible not only for the players but also for assistance to be given if needed. . The intention is provide opportunities for "play" and therapy and neuromuscular development at the same time. Attachment B provides a design concept for the park.

Friends of Fircrest has started a fundraising effort through escrip.com for the playground.

RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There presentation has no resource impact.

RECOMMENDATION

No action is required, as item is for informational purposes.

Approved By: City Manager _____ City Attorney _____

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Outline of Ms. Felak's Presentation

Attachment B – Design Concept for Shoreline Universal Kinetic Park

Shoreline City Council
Thank you to Shoreline for support to Fircrest

- I. What is Fircrest?
 - A. RHC – ICF/ID – ICF/MR and nursing facility
 - B. Trifold Brochure after I realized people had no idea what or where Fircrest was.
 - 1. Residents and how they get there
 - 2. Yearly threats to stability
 - a. Misguided advocates
 - b. DDD works against residents
 - i Will have booklet of information available
 - C. Continuum of Care
- II. Thomas' Story
 - A. Rather than statistic in morbidity and mortality – one of survival
 - 1. Presented to Seattle Children's Autism center – was great for them to see the follow up that Thomas had received – they were unaware of issues at Fircrest
- III. Build Community
 - A. Kinetic Park
 - B. Community Garden/Farm
 - C. Local Farmer's Market
 - D. Specialized Extended Education
 - E. Activities Building and Pool – many groups interested in forming a type of coalition to open this up again
 - F. DSHS denying land use
- IV. Many families with children under 21 are realizing that there will be no services for them once their children graduate from school. Coalitions forming to help protect Fircrest and provide programs and services to community members. Families WANT Fircrest.

Shoreline Universal Kinetic Park

Shoreline, WA

"Inclusive is not only about meeting 'special needs' ...it is also about meeting **ALL** players needs in the **SAME** place and in a **VARIETY** of ways"

A Higher Level of Inclusive Play includes three components

- ✓ Physical Accessibility
- ✓ Age & Developmental Appropriateness
- ✓ Sensory Stimulation

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structures



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Register at www.escrip.com and sign up for merchant donations to go
to Fircrest School - Friends of Fircrest Group # 500029884

Questions? contact Cheryl ddadvocacy@gmail.com