



April 24, 2018

Recreation Conservation Office
Youth Athletic Fund Grant Program

Re: Letter of Support Cedar Field Lighting and Turf Improvement Grant #18-1511

To: Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Marysville Rotary Club, I am writing in support of the City of Marysville's YAF Grant application for the renovation of Cedar Field. Many of the members of the Marysville Rotary Club have invested both time as volunteer coaches and/or personal funds towards the ongoing improvements for over 50 years.

Cedar Field is the community's premier field and every boy and girl dreams of playing on this field. During the past few years, the field has been challenged by storm damage to the entire lighting system requiring its removal. Field drainage has also failed making it difficult to play games in the spring and fall.

The application to the Youth Athletic Fund is a welcome submittal and supported by the members of the Marysville Rotary Club. We have pledged to support both time and funding to support matching fund requirements required by the RCO/YAF program in hopes that this project is approved. Our members have invested in this park as it serves so many youth in Marysville. Our club installed a large playground system on site in 1998 as it is the only recreational park serving west Marysville.

We applaud the Marysville Parks, Culture and Recreation Department staff and the City Council for their efforts to reclaim this community icon. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Debbie Barger Smith", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Debbie Barger Smith

2017-2018 President



Little League

April 23, 2018

Recreation Conservation Office
1111 Washington St SE # 2
Olympia, WA 98501

Re: Cedar Field Grant Request – YAF Fund #18-1511

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is in support of the City of Marysville's application to the Recreation Conservation Office- Youth Athletic Fund for the Cedar Field Improvement project.

Marysville Little League has called Cedar Field its home for over 50 years of baseball history. Both boys and girls play on this field in the Minor/Major program and many players feel thrilled to have an opportunity to play at this field, as it is legendary. The field needs to be renovated with new lights and it is our hope to install artificial turf to reduce maintenance costs and challenges and allow more play year round. Cedar Field lost two light poles to a storm three years ago and insurance was not enough to cover costs, as the system was nearly 40 years old. The remaining poles (3) were removed by the city for safety reasons. This grant is a request to support funds for both new lights and a turf installation that will insure a long-term future for this field and insure that our kids can play for another 50 years.

Marysville Little League will be contributing \$30,000 and in kind labor to support this request.

Thank you for the opportunity to support the City with this grant program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brandy Hurley". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Brandy Hurley
Marysville Little League President

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April 17, 2018

City of Marysville
Parks, Culture & Recreation
Jim Ballew, Director
6915 Armar Road
Marysville, WA 98270

Dear Jim Ballew,

On behalf of the Snohomish County Sports Commission, I wish to voice support of the City of Marysville's application to the RCO Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF) for the renovation of the Cedar Field, 101 Cedar Street, from grass and dirt to all artificial infield and outfield including a new field lighting system.

I understand that this project is vitally important because installation of all artificial infield and outfield including a new field lighting system would accommodate many youth sports and bring multiple benefits not only to our community but to the larger region. Completion of the project will provide more playtime year-round for community-based organizations, youth leagues, and area residents alike.

Currently, sports event directors and the community users are limited to season use of the fields which is April to September, based on the weather. Inclement weather creates a challenge for sports event directors to complete their scheduled sports tournament of the inability to play on a dirt infield.

The renovation of Cedar Field will:

- ✓ Provide needed quality athletic fields in north Snohomish County
- ✓ Provide year-round, off-season use of facility
- ✓ Increase recreation opportunities and participation by youth
- ✓ Increase the tournament use to the facility
- ✓ Increase overnight stays in Marysville
- ✓ Increase revenue to businesses in Marysville

The mission of the Snohomish County Sports Commission is to enhance Snohomish County's economy, image as a premier sports destination, and way of life for its residents by attracting diverse regional, national and international athletic events, assisting existing athletic events, supporting development of new athletic events and facilities, and marketing recreational and leisure activities to athletic event organizers and participants. The SCSC will collaborate with county and city governments, local communities, businesses and the tourism industry to achieve this goal.

The renovation of the Cedar Field meets with our vision for Snohomish County as a sports destination.

We agree that the all artificial infield and outfield and new field lighting system will be enjoyed for generations to come and benefit Southeast Snohomish County community with year-round play at the fields.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tammy Dunn". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Tammy Dunn
Sports Development Director
Snohomish County Sports Commission



April 12, 2018

Recreation Conservation Office
1111 Washington Street S.E.
Olympia, Washington 98501

Re: Letter of Support Youth Athletic Fund Application 18-1511

On behalf of the Marysville Parks, Culture and Recreation Citizen Advisory Board, I am submitting this letter in support of the city's application for grant funds through the Youth Athletic Fund for improvements to the city's oldest youth baseball field- Cedar Field.

This field was originally owned by the Marysville School District and acquired by the city due to the threat of demolition for a housing project. The city purchased the property, which also included a former gymnasium, which was then sold to the Boys and Girls Club for a community center. The field is located in a high-density low-income area and is the only opportunity for recreation on the west side of the community. The site services several thousand youth and families.

Cedar Field is also the home to the Marysville Little League organization that has been a primary user of the facility offering organized youth play for both boys and girls. The condition of the ballfield is currently poor. What resources are available to the Little League organization, go towards operating endeavors and scholarships for those that cannot afford to play. Few funds remain available for all purpose maintenance or for capital investments.

The grant request for Cedar Field is to install artificial turf throughout the entire baseball field utilized for play. New field Lighting will also be installed as the original system was destroyed in wind storms several years ago. This project will provide for year round play opportunities instead of the 4-6 months of restricted play due to poor field conditions. The City's Park Maintenance Department will oversee this project and assume management of the field once completed. The Marysville City Council has authorized this application with the Parks, Culture and Recreation Advisory Board's recommendation.

We thank you in advance for your consideration of this request as it meets RCO/YAF criteria and the need to improve this facility a very high priority.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Leighan".

Mike Leighan
Parks, Culture and Recreation Advisory Board Chairman