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COMMUNITY CELEBRATES CITY'S PURCHASE OF CIVIC FIELD AT MAYOR'S SIGNING CEREMONY

Signing Ceremony Fulfills Longtime Goal of Securing Field for Edmonds Community

(Edmonds, WA) – City officials, community leaders, local athletic clubs and members of the public joined Mayor Dave Earling at a signing ceremony at Civic Field on Wednesday, February 3rd, to celebrate the City's purchase of Civic Field from the Edmonds School District. Under a purchase and sales agreement approved by City Council and signed by Mayor Earling late last year, the City of Edmonds agreed to purchase Civic Field for \$1.9 million with the help of state and county funding. With a 50 percent matching grant from the Washington State Recreation Conservation Office for up to \$1 million, and a \$500,000 grant from Snohomish Conservation Futures, the City has budgeted \$400,000 for the acquisition.

"I'm thrilled to finalize this historic agreement with the Edmonds School District," said Mayor Earling. "Acquiring this critical property in the heart of downtown Edmonds and securing it for our community's use has been a top priority for the City and a part of this City's Comprehensive Plan since the 1980's."

"This is a key win for Edmonds," added Edmonds Parks and Recreation Director Carrie Hite. "Thanks to the vision and support from the Mayor and City Council, this field will continue to be an incredible asset to the Edmonds community for generations to come."

Under the ownership of the Edmonds School District, the City has had permission to use the Civic Field property for more than 40 years. The School District approached the City last year with its intent to sell the property, leading to negotiations for a sale and purchase agreement with the City.

The City will be initiating a community planning process this year to develop a long term plan for the Civic Field property. This signature site, with 8 acres of open space in a developed downtown area, offers a lot to the community, and the City would like the community to give input into a Master Plan for the property.

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