

CITY OF SEATAC TO HOST COMMUNITY MEETING FOR RIVERTON HEIGHTS SITE

Opportunity for citizens to help identify the best uses for the 8-acre site

SeaTac, Wash. – September 21, 2010 - The City of SeaTac will host the third in a series of community meetings Wednesday, September 29, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to discuss how the Riverton Heights site can best serve the community. Attendees will be invited to refine uses proposed at the prior community meetings and to develop agreement on which rise to the top. The meeting will take place at the SeaTac Community Center located at 13735 24th Avenue South. Those planning to attend should access the Community Center at the intersection of South 136th and 22nd Avenue South.

“We are delighted by the community’s response to this public engagement process.” said Jeff Robinson, Interim Assistant City Manager. “Participation has been strong at both prior meetings, with more than 70 community members attending each. The Community is making good progress toward developing a community-owned plan for the Riverton Heights site.”

The 8-acre parcel is the former location of the Riverton Heights Elementary School between South 148th Street and South 150th Street, near the S. 154th Street Link Light Rail Station. In 2007 the City purchased the property for \$1.95 million. The site is now cleared and soil tests indicate the land is in good condition for public use.

The City will offer free childcare beginning at 5:45 p.m. and on-site translators will be available for Spanish and Somali speaking community members. Refreshments will be served.

The City has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$25,000 from the King Conservation District to fund initial planning for the site. Pomegranate Center, a non-profit community design and development organization, is working with the community to identify potential uses for the property. A portion of the land is reserved for a potential fire station.

About the City of SeaTac

Incorporated in February 1990, the City of SeaTac is located approximately midway between the cities of Seattle and Tacoma. The City of SeaTac is 10 square miles in area and has a population of 25,230. The City of SeaTac is a vibrant community, economically strong, environmentally sensitive, and people-oriented. The City boundaries surround the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, (approximately 3 square miles in area) which is owned and operated by the Port of Seattle. For more information contact Jeff Robinson, Economic Development Manager, at (206) 973-4812.

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