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City of Lincoln City  
801 SW Highway 101  
Lincoln City, OR 97367

RE: Schooner Creek Discovery Park – Phase 2

The Lincoln City Parks and Recreation Board would like to offer this letter of support for developing a park in Lincoln City, located in the Taft District.

While Lincoln City has an extensive system of park facilities and open spaces, it lacks a Community Park, public fields, public event space, playgrounds, and more. Local organizations and large family groups are challenged to find a facility that has the capacity and infrastructure to support a large gathering. The newly acquired park in Taft has the potential to fill this gap. Restrooms and parking can be addressed in the programming and conceptual phase of park design. This is an opportunity to respond to an identified community need.

The following represents our thoughts for generally supporting the Schooner Creek Discovery Park project.

- This area in our community has no (developed) park and no venue to host special events, concerts, tournaments, etc. This Phase 2 of funding will construct the special event stage, along with concession and lawn areas. This will tie the Park together and often ample opportunities to the public to recreate outdoors.

The adage of "if you build it, they will come" aptly applies here. There are very limited alternatives in our community for these types of events. If we were to have these types of facilities it would only encourage more people being outdoors and hopefully more community sponsored activities. The benefits for our community are endless and the Lincoln City Parks & Recreation Board fully supports the development of this new Community Park.

The Lincoln City Parks and Recreation Advisory Board fully supports the development of this new Community Park with construction of Phase 2 immediately.

Regards,

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LCP&R Board Chair

