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October 19, 2015

Mayor Stephen Buxbaum
Olympia City Council
PO Box 1967
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Dear Mayor Buxbaum:

David and Sharon Cammarano have offered to donate multiple small, undeveloped lots to the City of Olympia for park use. These lots are located in close proximity to the Olympia Woodland Trail corridor, approximately 1/3 mile east of the Eastside Street trailhead. In aggregate the lots, comprise 2.39 acres. There is no expectation by the donors that any of property would be developed into a park in the future, but the properties would be held as open space.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) considered the potential property donation at its October 15, 2015 meeting. At this meeting, staff presented facts about the property, and the PRAC members reviewed aerial maps and site photos.

The advisory committee discussed the pros and cons of the property. The property is undulating, heavily vegetated, and suitable for wildlife habitat. In the future, additional acquisitions and vacation of unopened street rights-of-way could result in a large contiguous open space area adjacent to the trail corridor.

This property is in an area prone to use by the homeless. Removal of encampment debris is costly, and difficult to accomplish if located on private property. City ownership of the property facilitates this process.

Following this discussion, the PRAC members voted unanimously to recommend that the City Council accept the donation as park open space.

Sincerely,

Jim Nieland, Chair
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee