



MEMORANDUM

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Date: July 8, 2008

To: Parks & Community Services Board Members

From: Brian Krause, Project Manager
Glenn Kost, Planning Manager

Subject: Bellevue Youth Theatre Expansion - Community input process

At your meeting on July 8, staff will brief the Board on the results of a community input process regarding the proposed location for the Bellevue Youth Theatre expansion at the Crossroads Community Center.

ACTION REQUESTED

Recommend the City Council endorse the expansion of the Bellevue Youth Theatre adjacent to the Crossroads Community Center.

BACKGROUND

The Park Board asked that the public be given an opportunity to respond to staff's recommendation to expand the Bellevue Youth Theatre adjacent to the Crossroads Community Center prior to the Board taking action on the proposal. Staff hosted a community meeting on July 1, at the Crossroads Community Center from 6:30-8:00 pm.

In an effort to reach the greater Bellevue Community, over 13,000 meeting notices were mailed to residents within a 1-mile radius of Crossroads Park, and to theatre program participants. Posters promoting the community meeting were displayed, and invitation cards were available at Crossroads Mini City Hall, Crossroads Community Center, and at a City booth during the Strawberry Festival at Crossroads Park the weekend of June 28. Staff also promoted the community meeting through an informational webpage on the City's website.

Written summary of the community meeting, together with feedback from other sources, will be provided at the meeting.

PROPOSED MOTION

Move that the Park Board recommend that the City Council approve the plan to expand the Bellevue Youth Theatre facility adjacent to the Crossroads Community Center.