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RE: Master Planned Development Park & School - Case #20231008092

This isn't a single proposal but rather two. Let me comment separately.

City Park

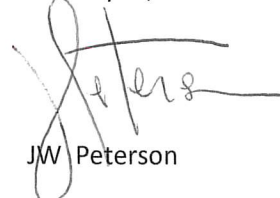
This seems a good usage of the area but the proposal for JUST playing fields ignores the fact that not everyone in Olympia has school-aged children. As the population continues to age, it would make sense to facilitate the older demographic. Consider walking trails, par courses, bocce ball courts, etc.

The area borders on environmentally sensitive wetlands and is home to at least two threatened species including Thurston County's fabled prairie gophers. It would make sense to keep plying fields and parking toward the Yelm Highway side of the property.

School

As trust in public education continues to erode one wonders about the wisdom of building new and bigger facilities. The percentage of student enrollment in public school is declining. As more and more parents shift to home schooling and private schools it would seem more reasonable to consolidate and improve existing campuses.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JW Peterson", written over a horizontal line.

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