



## Resolution #20-1 Agren Ball Field Vandalism Repair

### **Background:**

The Vashon Park District was awarded a King County Youth and Amateur Sports Grant in the amount of \$250,000 on January 1, 2018. The purpose of the grant was to renovate an existing sport field facility to allow for year-round use where it previously was closed half the year due to poor drainage and unsafe turf conditions. The work performed included removal of the existing turf through Fraise Mowing; mechanically de-compacting with an Imants Shockwave; the surface dragged smooth and low areas filled; the surface top dressed with sand and sod installed; and irrigation heads replaced. Field work was completed August, 2019. A regraded road and parking area was completed November, 2019. Scheduled play was anticipated for March, 2020.

On the night of December 27, 2019, vandals cut the chain gate to the property with bolt cutters; destroyed the wood parking barricade with a truck and chain; and entered the field in the truck spinning "donuts" over an estimated  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the field surface. The field is damaged beyond use. Damage is estimated to be \$50,000 - \$100,000.

RCW 39.04.280 allows for competitive bidding requirements to be waived by the governing body of a municipality for public works in the event of an emergency. An "emergency" means "unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of the municipality that...present a real, immediate threat to the proper performance of essential functions." The loss of this essential facility through the spring and summer months will jeopardize essential functions for a Park and Recreation District, namely field availability for Vashon Adult Softball, Vashon Youth Baseball and Softball, Vashon Island Soccer Club, and Men's Drop-In Soccer.

### **Resolution:**

The Vashon Park District Board of Commissioners resolve to waive the public works competitive bidding requirements for the repair work of Agren Ball Field for the following reasons:

- 1) The contractor for the original project was obtained in an open public bid process in May, 2019. He holds significant expertise relative to the original soil conditions, sod content, and drainage which are critical to the expedient and consistent establishment of new sod and potential new surface material and seed.
- 2) The grant administrator is requiring the field be repaired to the grant's intent: namely, a smooth, uniform, safe playing surface. Turf and drainage inconsistencies could be compromised using another contractor.
- 3) Sod is available as early as March, 2020. Early orders ensure sod availability. Proper sod establishment could potentially open the field for use in summer, 2020. Delaying the work for a new bid process and contractor could compromise sod availability and close the field through the summer.
- 4) RCW 39.04.280 allows for competitive bidding requirements to be waived for "purchases involving special facilities or market conditions." The issues concerning the purchase of sod fit this requirement.
- 5) The original contractor knows the maintenance needs of the original project. Mixing contractor installation and sod content in two separate projects could compromise overall maintenance quality.
- 6) The original contractor is under warranty for the original project.