



CITY OF PUYALLUP

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Sparks Stadium Parking Lot Expansion Vicinity Meeting Notes

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Meeting Information

- **Meeting Time:** 6:00 PM
- **Meeting Date:** December 19, 2024
- **Meeting Format:** Virtual

Project Overview

- The Sparks Stadium parking lot will be expanded by developing a vacant lot previously used for portable classrooms.
- Parking capacity will increase from 158 to 209 stalls.
- Improvements include pervious pavement, landscaping, lighting, and a widened driveway entrance on 7th Avenue Southwest.
- The project is funded by the 2024 capital levy approved by voters.
- Construction is anticipated to begin in late spring or summer 2025, pending city permitting.

Community Concerns

- Residents expressed concerns about:
 - Driveway blockages due to loading and unloading vehicles.
 - Increased traffic along 6th Avenue Southwest and the adjacent alleyway.
- Responses from project leaders emphasized:
 - Efforts to minimize traffic disruptions and improve parking flow.
 - Coordination with the Washington State Fair for additional parking in the "red lot" to accommodate large events.
 - The inclusion of landscaped buffers and a gated alleyway connection to reduce neighborhood impact.

Attendees

Puyallup School District Representatives:

- **Brian Devereaux:** Director of Facilities Planning

- **Les Gerstman:** Assistant Director of Construction Management (Project Manager)
- **Jim Meyerhoff:** Director of Instructional Leadership, Athletics, Health, and Fitness

Consultants and Specialists:

- **Rick Hand:** Consultant from Sitson Hill Engineers
- **Mike Ward:** Communication Specialist

City of Puyallup Representative:

- **Rachel Brown:** Permit Reviewer, Associate Planner

Community Members:

- **Sarah:** Resident near the stadium entrance
- **Wendy Leavitt:** Former property owner in the area