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Dear Chuck,

Thank you for your email regarding the Wallingford Solar Initiative (WSI). I understand your desire for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Please know that staff at Parks have been working to better understand the project, while continuing to research some of the concerns that will need to be addressed during the development of a MOU. Along these lines, staff at Parks have been working to become more informed about Community Solar Projects in Washington State. The rules for such projects were just released by the State last week. Utilities and other interested parties such as WSI are digging through the details to interpret the new rules. As another sign of progress, I am told that our lead electrician will be meeting with you on Thursday to identify potential electrical issues for the project.

Please consider this letter as a Notice of Intent that Seattle Parks and Recreation will work in good faith with the Wallingford Solar Initiative to support a project that will allow for the installation of electricity-generating photovoltaic (PV) panels on the Play Barn at Gas Works Park. A draft MOU is being reviewed internally at Parks. Although we expect that it will take a number of weeks before MOU details are worked out and agreed on by Parks, the City Law Department, and WSI, we are prepared to meet with WSI early next week to go over the draft MOU language, and prepared for both Parks and WSI to raise issues and concerns for future MOU revisions.

Our general understanding of the project, to be laid out along with other to-be-identified items in the MOU, is as follows.

- WSI will purchase and install photovoltaic panels and associated equipment, to be placed on the Play Barn at Gas Works Park.
- Parks will support the project by allowing the PV panels to be installed on the Play Barn at Gas Works Park, subject to legal, code, and safety restrictions, and subject to Parks' review and final plan approval.
- WSI and Parks will work together to present the project to the Landmarks Board.
- WSI will own and maintain the PV panels and associated equipment for a period of time, after which the equipment will be owned by Parks. WSI ownership will extend to June 30, 2020, and possibly beyond.

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- Parks will remain at a distance from the financial instruments WSI will pursue in order to complete the project.
- WSI will "own" all cost recovery incentives resulting from the equipment to be installed by WSI.
- Parks will own all electricity generated by the PV panels for the duration of the installation.

As the development of a MOU is evolving, Parks acknowledges there are likely to be a number of additional big and small issues that will arise, which will be included in the MOU.

While I understand WSI's desire to move this project along, we are proceeding carefully because this is so significant a project. WSI intends to work under a program, Community Solar, which is moving through uncharted territory. There will be bumps along the road, and it may take longer than WSI would like before a MOU is signed. That said, please know that we at Parks are excited to help make this project happen. At Gas Works Park, the concept of Coal-To-Solar will be a tremendous demonstration of sustainable energy, and an example for the Seattle community (and beyond) of a partnership with mutually beneficial results.

Parks staff will contact you to set up a draft MOU review meeting for early next week. In the meantime, one key item for WSI to consider is to define your organization beyond a collection of individuals. With the understanding that WSI does not desire to form an official nonprofit organization, it will be important for WSI to form some sort of legal association with which Parks can sign the MOU.

We look forward to working with WSI to bring this project to fruition.

Sincerely,



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