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PRESS RELEASE

Sumner Sends Requests for Redeveloping the Red Apple Site

Sumner, WA—On Monday, January 29, 2007, the City of Sumner mailed out Requests for Proposals (RFP) for the redevelopment of the Red Apple site in downtown Sumner. In late 2006, the City received eight responses to its Request for Qualifications. Of those respondents, the City selected three finalists from whom it requested proposals.

The site is across from City Hall at the corner of Alder and Maple Streets. The property contains approximately 1.5 acres and is strategically located between the historic downtown core and the Sounder commuter train station. It was the site of a grocery store, most recently a Red Apple until the store closed in winter 2006. Most of the block, including the store and its parking lot, the City Hall parking lot and a former towing company, is owned by the City and part of this redevelopment project.

The RFP highlighted the need for candidates to provide concepts unique to this site and the city. “Historic downtown Sumner is already that small-town core that so many cities are trying to build or rebuild with redevelopment,” said Paul Rogerson, Community Development Director. “The challenge of this project is to strengthen that wonderful quality without overshadowing it.”

Responses are due to the City on April 13. The Community Development Committee expects to bring the recommendation of a final candidate to the City Council by late May.

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