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1. (o) Ms.
2. Cathy Martin
3. Shoreline
4. (o) Richmond Beach
5. catmart2@comcast.net
6. 06/06/2022
7. Authorizing the use of eminent domain to acquire beach property
8. I am writing to encourage the city council to authorize the use of eminent domain, if necessary, to acquire the beach property at the north end of the Saltwater Park. Purchasing the parcel is an excellent use of tax dollars, restoring public access to the north end of our park and restoring legal access for those in the neighborhood. Ideally, the city will negotiate a fair price and the owner will be willing to sell it back to the public.

I understand the resident's concerns about making the land officially park land, possibly inviting more use and thereby opening the space up to no good. However, many Richmond Beach residents currently walk on the beach, use the street for access, and enjoy the low tides for beachcombing. I have walked that section of the beach, not even knowing that the land was privately owned. I presume that if there were nefarious characters in the past, disturbing the peace, the owners would have had to contact the police. So, the only change going forward would be the owner would not expect to confront beachgoers directly.

Regarding vehicles trying to park, the street is very narrow. I would imagine there will always be a few nitwits who try to drive down the street ignoring the current signage and attempt to park,

requiring turning around their vehicle. Again, not much change going forward.

Perhaps if the city offers additional signage, closing the beach 1 hour after sunset, and parking by permit only (giving those living on 27th Ave NW permits for resident's and their guests), the residents of the street will be mollified.

The beach should never be privatized. Please use our tax dollars to rectify this situation. Negotiate a fair price, but if that fails, use the power of eminent domain to restore the beach to public land.

9. (o) Support

Thank you,
City of Shoreline

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