



This Week from the Mayor



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Elevated view from Liberty Park

Proposed plan would turn former city hall site into unique mix of education, senior housing and public space

With direction from the City Council, the city will enter into exclusive negotiations with Winson Investments to [explore redeveloping the former city hall](#) site at 200 Mill Avenue So. The plans proposed offer a unique opportunity to create significant public amenities including an international school, senior housing and public space, including an outdoor civic plaza and riverfront park.

For many years we have wrestled with what to do with the property. The cost of basic upgrades to property are more than \$10 million in addition to the costs of on-going building operations that have resulted in losses each year. It was very important to find ways to eliminate these losses and find a better use for the site. Its location makes it a natural for a unique development that will serve the needs of our community and increases public access to one of our iconic features, the Cedar River.

Winson's proposal does that and more. Winson's team brings world class development experience to the city and their proposal aligns with our vision for the site. The plan includes educational facilities, community meeting space, a gymnasium/theater, retail shops, a 340-stall below ground parking garage, and a restaurant with a view of the river.

I believe the project will be the catalyst for further development in downtown while providing a much needed connection to the Cedar River and areas beyond the downtown business core.



View from Houser Way



View from Liberty Park



Mayor Law (center) and Speaker Chopp (far right) were joined on a tour of the Sunset area redevelopment project by State Representatives Zack Hudgins (far left) and Steve Bergquist (second from right) and Renton Housing Authority Executive Director Mark Gropper (second from left).

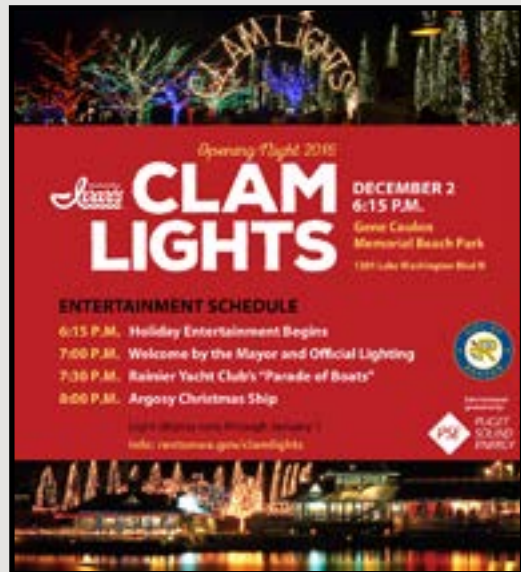
Speaker Chopp tours Sunset area

We were privileged to have Frank Chopp, the Speaker of the State House of Representatives, tour and hear a presentation on the redevelopment work we've been doing in the Sunset area. The Speaker was joined by our local state legislators Steve Bergquist, Mia Gregerson and Zack Hudgins, and Renton Housing Authority Executive Director Mark Gropper. I'm pleased to say that Speaker Chopp was very impressed with the accomplishments to date.

Feedback

Comments, questions or suggestions, or just want to share all the great things that are happening in the city, please [e-mail](#) me. Thanks for reading.

CLAM LIGHTS



Kickoff the holiday season at the annual [Ivar's Clam Lights](#) at Coulon Park this Friday. There's entertainment for the whole family featuring Santa and Mrs. Claus, characters from "Frozen" and a bonfire at the "Hawks Nest." Festivities start at 6:15 p.m. At 7 p.m. we'll switch on the lights, watch the Rainier Yacht Club's parade of boats and be entertained by Dickens Carolers on the Argosy Christmas Ship. See you there!