

TO: Sheridan H. S. CAP CON Committee
FROM: The Scotts
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Janet and I had been taking almost daily trips past the Holly Sugar Property on West 5th Street. Invariably, she mentioned the For Sale signs on the Holly Property and how great it would be if the School District could somehow fall heir to this 7.75 acres adjacent to the Sheridan High School's grounds. After a few more trips she had me convinced that this was indeed a very strategic piece of the high school's future growth potential. We were very pleased to have been able to contribute towards the funding to allow SCSD#2 to make this purchase. And, we are excited to take an active role in the development of the future plans for this property and its many benefits to the district and our community.

Janet and I, as well as our family, have always been advocates for promotion of health in our community, especially in the needs of our youth. With that philosophy in mind, we would like to suggest the following as the next steps in determining the future of the former Holly Seed property.

It is clear that the indoor track program, with its increasing participation numbers, and unprecedented recent success, is in serious need of a true practice facility. We also think that having some sort of indoor turf system, whether it be turf that can be rolled out over an indoor track surface or a more permanent turf installed within the inside of the track, would be of tremendous value as part of this facility. An indoor facility of this nature would not only enhance the athletic programs at SHS, but also would offer a great gathering space for elementary after school programs with a bus drop off from each school. This could include programs addressing fitness, dance, yoga, as well as educational programs to mention a few. It would also give our coaches a space to hold fundamental skill camps in most of our athletic programs.

As for community usage, we feel strongly an indoor facility should be made available to all age groups within our community. It should be a facility that early childhood education centers in Sheridan could utilize as well as the senior age group in our community. This by including the Hub and possibly our long-term care facilities with programs and activities that would benefit all ages also. We wonder if partnering with the Recreation District would provide a way to help schedule programs for the community, with reserved time slots from SCSD#2 activity needs.

Finally, the optimal vision would be one that includes spectator seating that would allow the hosting of events that would benefit the district and our community greatly. We all know the huge impact that bringing great events into our community can have. We hope this will be considered within the plan.

Again, our Family Foundation would look forward to a gift-matching incentive with other interested donors. District Two is in the midst of a quandary - no budget for capital improvements. Hopefully, this undertaking will receive support, largely from the people interested in the future of our community and the health and well-being of our families. Thank you for that support!

Janet and Scotty

