



Q & A

Why has the City of Molalla spent this much money on property the City does not own?

There are two components to this question that should shed light on why the City has invested in the Library and Fox Park without having ownership. Please also recognize that over \$3 million has been spent over the course of 26 years.

1. Lease

The first reason is that the City signed a Lease for the use of this property in 1998 after multiple community discussions regarding the plan. The City needed another option for the Library and the City needed to invest funding into park development.

Language within the Lease requires the City to maintain each property as if the property was owned by the City. The investments reflect maintenance requirements and improvements originally discussed with the community. The original Lease (included elsewhere in this packet) is like a commercial lease as opposed to a residential lease or rental agreement. In other words, the Lease required the City to treat the property as if it were City property. We feel the community has benefited from that commitment.

2. Community Trust

The second component of why the money was spent is that the City believed we had a trusting partnership with the Molalla River School District when discussions of acquiring the property began almost 10 years ago. The City recognizes that each of these facilities improved and maintained by the City for over 26 years are gems for the community to use and enjoy.