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Sunset Boulevard Fence project dedication is June 9

800-foot art project is the latest step in the City of Renton's efforts to transform the Sunset area

RENTON, WA – The City of Renton has completed another step in their revitalization of the Sunset area with the completion of the Sunset Boulevard Fence project. A dedication ceremony will be held on Sunday, June 9, from 12 to 1 p.m. at the Sunset Community Church, 1032 Edmonds Ave NE, 98056.

“This artwork is unique, eye-catching and welcomes all to the Sunset area,” said Renton Mayor Denis Law. “It’s another great example of what can be accomplished when the community comes together on a project. My congratulations to all who took part in this project, especially the Sunset residents who gave their time and talents and the Renton Municipal Arts Commission, who guided the process.”

The fence project represents another step in a city-led partnership designed to revitalize the Sunset neighborhood. The area contained significant poverty and sub-standard housing and is being developed into one offering quality, affordable housing along with new market-rate housing and other amenities and opportunities. In less than three years, the city has worked with King County Library System to open the new Renton Highlands Library in the spring of 2016; completed phase one of the new 3.2 acre Sunset Neighborhood Park in June 2018; combined with Renton Housing Authority to open the 50-unit Sunset Court Apartments for low-income families in October 2018; and completed phase two of the Harrington Avenue Green Connection earlier this year.

The art is installed on an 800-foot section of fence along NE Sunset Boulevard, between Edmonds Avenue NE and Harrington Avenue NE in the Renton Highlands. MxM Creative coordinated the project. They held three community meetings in February to get input and then two drawing sessions in March to create the plaques used in the design. The fence art project follows a utility box wrap project that was implemented at three intersections along Sunset Boulevard in 2018.

The Sunset Boulevard Fence project was funded by the Renton Municipal Arts Commission, the City of Renton’s Community and Economic Development Department, and Rebuilding Together Seattle. More information about the project can be found at sunsetrenton.com/sunset-blvd-fence.

About the City of Renton

The City of Renton, Washington, with a population of 104,100 (2018), is located on the southeast shore of Lake Washington, just south of Seattle. Renton's strong economic base, diverse marketplace and favorable business climate have attracted the attention of nationally recognized companies that are providing employees and their families an outstanding quality of life. Renton is the home of The Boeing Company, PACCAR, IKEA, the Seattle Seahawks, and the eternal resting place of Jimi Hendrix. More information can be found on our [website](#), [news releases](#), or [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Nextdoor](#) pages.

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