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State to vote next week on Daniels' plan for Saint Edward

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Developer Kevin Daniels wants to turn the 1931 seminary into a 100-room hotel with a spa, meeting space and restaurants.

A proposal by Daniels Real Estate to rehabilitate the seminary building at Saint Edward State Park in Kenmore could move forward in the coming days.

Seattle developer Kevin Daniels wants to turn the deteriorating Saint Edward Seminary into a lodge-style hotel with up to 100 guest rooms, meeting space, a spa and fitness center, and a restaurant and cafe.

Washington State Parks acquired the 316-acre property in 1977. The agency has explored a number of ideas to reuse the 1931 seminary, which is listed on state and national historic registers.

But the cost would be steep: It would take up to \$16 million to bring the building up to electrical, heating, plumbing and structural codes.

The State Parks and Recreation Commission concluded in 2014 it needed a partner to help fund the work.

Daniels wants a 62-year lease agreement for a 5.5-acre portion of the park that includes the seminary, a gym, swimming pool building, volleyball court, surface parking and open space south of the pool building.

As part of the lease, Daniels would acquire a nearly 10-acre parcel adjacent to the park and transfer it to State Parks as partial payment for using the seminary site.

The State Parks and Recreation Commission will have two special meetings in the next few days to consider public comments on the proposal and decide whether to approve the lease.

The first meeting is 5:30 p.m. Thursday at Bastyr University Chapel, at 14500 Juanita Drive N.E. The commission won't make any decisions at the meeting.

The second meeting is at 9 a.m. Jan. 9, when the commission will make its final decision. The phone meeting will take place in the Kenmore City Council Chambers and at the State Parks headquarters in Tumwater.

A hearing examiner for Kenmore recently issued a conditional approval for the environmental impact statement. Appeals can be filed until Jan. 20.

A public meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m. Feb. 14 at Kenmore City Hall. The proposal could go to the City Council for final approval by early to mid-March.