

Kirkland Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC)

February 23, 2010

Special Meeting Minutes

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Kirkland City Hall, Houghton Room

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 8:00am. The following members were present: Chair Penny Sweet, Julie Huffman (staffmember), Ellen Miller-Wolfe (staffmember), Shirley Day (Crab Cracker Restaurant, representing the Greater Kirkland Chamber of Commerce), Ryan Noel (Marriott), Les Utley (Heathman Hotel).

LTAC Membership Recommendations

This special meeting was scheduled to review the recommendation submitted in a letter by Kathi Anderson to the City Council at their last meeting. The letter asked several questions of the City Council, and they would like feedback from the LTAC prior to deciding.

The first decision is whether to keep the LTAC membership at seven or reduce it to five. The group would prefer to maintain seven members.

The second decision is whether to include the current LTAC applicants in the Council's interview process—historically the City Council has not interviewed applicants. Committee decided to combine the recruitment with the other City councils, as it lends legitimacy to the Committee. Applicants will be interviewed by the City Council.

The third decision is whether to change the appointment date from June 30 to March 31, making it concurrent with other board and commission terms. The Committee would like to change the appointment dates, and start the new process this year.

Additionally, Committee would like the agenda and minutes to be posted on the website.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30am.