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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager

From: Kathy Brown, Public Works Director
Kari Page, Cross Kirkland Corridor Coordinator

Date: January 6, 2016

Subject: Naming the public improvements on the Cross Kirkland Corridor constructed and funded by SRM and Google: **Feriton Spur**

RECOMMENDATION:

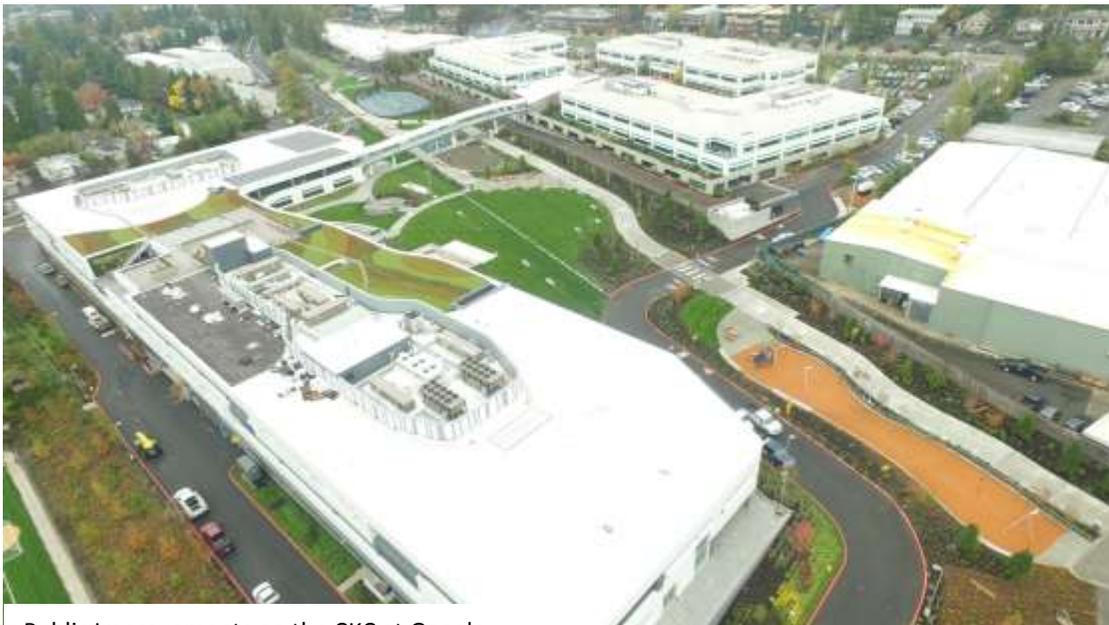
It is recommended that the City Council, in accordance with the established policies and procedures for naming of public parks and facilities (Resolution R-4799), accept the Park Board recommendation to name 900 feet of the Cross Kirkland Corridor (CKC) between Google Phase I and II the **Feriton Spur**.



Public Improvements on the CKC
at Google

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

The City of Kirkland is extremely fortunate to benefit from a public/private partnership with Google and SRM Development (SRM) in the installation of close to \$3 million in public improvements on the CKC. A variety of new amenities is now available for the public: a full basketball court, sand volleyball court, TRX equipment, playground and



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children's zip line, as well as a 900 foot long, 16 foot wide paved portion of the CKC. Other features include a seating area, bicycle racks, and picnic tables and chairs. In addition, SRM will be maintaining all of the improvements except for the paved trail.

In August of 2015, over a thousand people helped celebrate the opening of this 900 feet of the CKC with music, volleyball and basketball games, strawberry shortcake and a beer garden. On December 4, SRM and Google invited the public to a spectacular holiday light and music show featuring 10,000 LED lights custom-programmed to holiday music by Google Kirkland engineers. Carolers from Lakeview Elementary School and Google performed as well. These festivals will continue and expand in the future as this location becomes the first "place" along the CKC to reflect the community's vision in the CKC Master Plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

As the sense of "place" grows, the need for a name has increased over the past few months. To this end, SRM, Kirkland Heritage Society, and a group of local historians began looking for a name that would help preserve the historical significance of the area and educate the public about the history of the rail corridor along the CKC. Based upon the historical name of the corridor at this location, their recommendation is to designate this segment as the Feriton Spur.



Caboose adjacent to the CKC

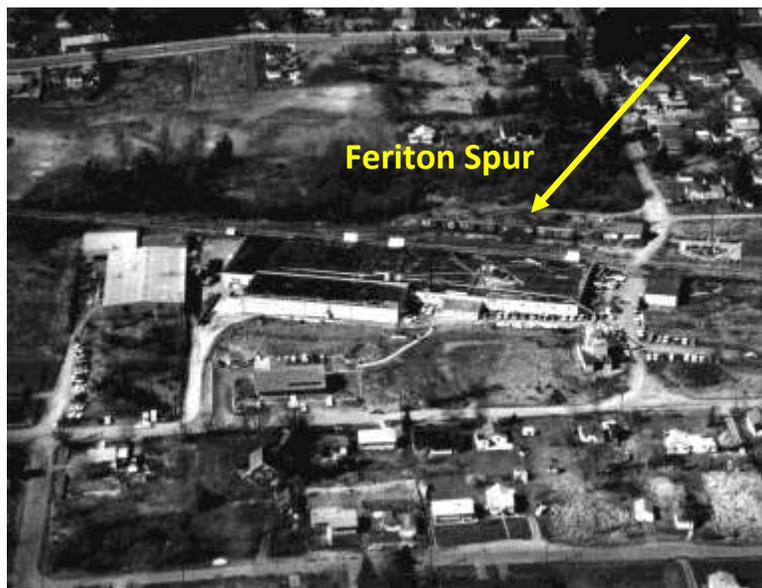
Feriton Spur was the name of the spur that left the Eastside Rail Corridor to deliver and pick up commerce. There is evidence that the spur was used as a rock bunker for King County, transport for the Lake Washington Shipyards, and of course later by Seattle Door.

The exact origin of the name is not known, even after months (if not years) of research by local historians. The name Feriton first appears on the Northern Pacific timetable in 1909. There is speculation that Feriton was related to Peter Kirk's dream of an

"Irontown" as Feriton could be related to ferrous. There also was a nearby land owner named W.B. Fehr (recorded in 1911) who may have named the area. The name continued to appear on maps all through the 1900s.

"Spur," by its nature is a tangent or tributary not unlike this park is to the main corridor. SRM and Google also recognize "spur" to mean motivate, catalyze or inspire, which relates to how the space is used now by Google.

Being the first area to implement the vision of the CKC Master Plan, the name "spur" also embraces the hopes that this park will spur places like this along the CKC in the future.



Historical air photo of the Feriton Spur

SRM/Google and the Park Board are recommending the name Feriton Spur to the City Council in accordance with established policies and procedures for the naming of public parks and facilities in Resolution R-4799. The policy states that the City Council considers suggestions for names received from organizations, individuals, or neighborhoods. Below are excerpts from the policy:

Section 1. It is the general policy of the City of Kirkland to choose a name for a public park or facility based upon the relationship of the land or facility to one of several criteria:

Section 1.5. A civic group or corporation whose mission statement is compatible with City goals and objectives and that has made a significant contribution of land, money or civic service to the Kirkland park system.

RESOLUTION R-5180

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND NAMING THE 900 FOOT PORTION OF THE CROSS KIRKLAND CORRIDOR BETWEEN THE GOOGLE PHASE I AND GOOGLE PHASE II CAMPUSES "FERITON SPUR."

1 WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland acquired the Cross Kirkland
2 Corridor ("CKC") in 2012 and installed an interim gravel trail along the
3 length of the Cross Kirkland Corridor in 2015; and

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5 WHEREAS, SRM Development ("SRM") is the owner of the
6 property on which the Google Phase I and Google Phase II campuses are
7 located; and

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9 WHEREAS, in 2013, the City of Kirkland and SRM entered into a
10 Corridor Use Agreement in which SRM, among other things, agreed to
11 install permanent trail improvements, recreational facilities and other
12 public amenities in a 900 foot portion of the CKC that passes between the
13 Google Phase I and the Google Phase II campuses ("Property"); and

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15 WHEREAS, in accordance with City of Kirkland Resolution No.
16 4799 regarding naming policies and procedures for parks and public
17 facilities, the Kirkland Park Board has recommended to the City Council
18 that the Property be named the "Feriton Spur", and this name is also
19 supported by SRM/Google; and

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21 WHEREAS, pursuant to criteria presented in Resolution No. 4799,
22 the Council has the authority to adopt this name upon the
23 recommendation of the Park Board.

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25 NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City
26 of Kirkland as follows:

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28 Section 1. The Property is named the "Feriton Spur." In
29 accordance with Resolution 4799, the Parks Department or the Public
30 Works Department is directed to identify the Property with appropriate
31 signage specifying this established name.

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33 Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open
34 meeting this ____ day of _____, 2016.

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36 Signed in authentication thereof this ____ day of _____,
37 2016.

MAYOR

Attest:

City Clerk