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MEMORANDUM

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Subject: Study Session with Kirkland Youth Council Leadership Team

The 2010-11 Kirkland Youth Council is beginning to wrap up another busy and success filled year. The year began with a highly competitive selection process during the months of September and October. The Leadership Team conducted interviews over three days, selecting 13 new members. The first group activity was a trip to the YMCA's Camp Terry to develop leadership skills and camaraderie. This trip helped to get the members prepared and excited about all the projects the year had in store.

The follow is a brief overview of the Kirkland Youth Council's 2010-11 projects.

Community Service Projects

The Kirkland Youth Council sets out to participate in at least four diverse service projects during a school year. The following is a list of seven projects KYC has been involved with this year.

November 2010 – For the fourth year, members of the Kirkland Youth Council hosted a storefront food drive at the Rose Hill Safeway. During the six hour food drive, KYC filled the reserve aid truck with 2,168 pounds of food and \$130 in cash donations.

December 2010 – The Youth Council hosted the 10th annual Holly Day Brunch at the Peter Kirk Community Center. During this event, members of KYC host, cook, entertain, and serve brunch to patrons of PKCC. Over 50 seniors attended the event.

December 2010 – Members of the Youth Council adopted a family for the holidays through Youth Eastside Services.

February 2011 – For the first time, KYC members undertook a pet food/toy drive for King County Animal Control. Members of the Youth Council staffed a donation table at Denny's Pet World for six hours.

February 2011 – KYC members hosted a benefit dance at KTUB. Approximately 140 teens attended the event and \$700 was raised for the teen center.

April 2011 – Members of the Youth Council participated in this year's Earth Day project at Juanita Bay Park. The group focused their efforts on removal of blackberry bushes and spreading mulch.

May 2011 – For the 2011 Kirkland ½ Marathon, KYC members manned a water station along the race route.

Teen Traffic Court

Members of the Kirkland Youth Council continue to serve as judge and jury for Kirkland's Teen Traffic Court. Cases are heard monthly at the Kirkland Municipal Court year round. This program has been extremely successful in reducing the recidivism rate of respondents for over 15 years.

As a way in which to advertise the program, members of KYC spoke to police officers at several briefings during the year. Youth Council members overviewed the program for the officers and encouraged them to recommend teens for Court.

Mini Grant Program

This year, the Kirkland Youth Council awarded \$7,000 in mini grants to area schools and youth serving organizations. The purpose of these monies is to help support small events, projects and activities for Kirkland teens. Members of the Youth Council serve as the review committee for the grant applications and make funding recommendations. The following is a list of the organizations and programs funded during the 2010-11 school year:

BEST High School – Washington Association of Alternative Learning Conference

Environmental and Adventure School – Health Fair

Finn Hill Junior High – Literacy Program and Classroom First Aid Program

International Community School – Model United Nations Conference

Juanita High School – Rebel Pride Day

Kamiakin Junior High – CAPStone Program

Kirkland Chamber – Youth Leadership Program

Kirkland Junior High – Choices and Consequences Assembly

Kirkland Teen Union Building – Website and Benefit Dance

Lake Washington High School – DUI Speaker and Assembly

We've Got Issues

The most recent installment of We've Got Issues is nearing its completion. This program is focused on the various forms of distracted driving. It will include an accident reenactment, hidden camera footage, and scenarios. The goal is to have the program completed by the end of the school year.

Superintendent Meetings

Youth Council Leadership, along with representatives from Redmond and Sammamish, meets quarterly with Superintendent Chip Kimball. During these meetings a wide variety of topics are discussed. This year topics that have been covered include; transition to four year high schools, technology concerns, impact of budget cuts, culminating projects, levy, and college credit programs.

City Manager Meetings

KYC Leadership looks forward to their quarterly meeting with City Manger Kurt Triplett. Topics that have been discussed include; annexation, budget, transit center remodel, KTUB and the 2011 City Work program.

Bluefish Festival

Every year, the Kirkland Youth Council partners with the Teen Union Building to host the Bluefish Festival. This year's event will feature a battle of the bands in Peter Kirk Park, a teen art show and a night time dance. The 2011 Bluefish Festival will take place on Saturday, June 11th starting at 2pm.

This is a short summary of what the Kirkland Youth Council has been working on during the 2010-11 school year. Members of the Youth Council Leadership are looking forward to sharing and discussing event and project details with Council members during the upcoming Study Session.