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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager
From: Lorrie McKay, Intergovernmental Relations Manager
Date: August 27, 2011
Subject: LOCAL COMMUNITY DAY PROCLAMATION

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Mayor proclaim Sunday, September 18, 2011 as "Local Community Day" in Kirkland.

BACKGROUND:

Kirkland's Totem Lake and Kingsgate neighborhoods were among four local areas chosen to receive grant funding from Tully's Coffee ("Taste of Community" Program) to design and build community spaces this year. Pomegranate Center and Tully's Coffee began a search in March 2011 for local area communities in greatest need of a public gathering space.

The project chosen for funding in Kirkland is a Community Gathering Center at 132nd Square Park. This park is the only developed public park in the Totem Lake/Kingsgate area. The Kingsgate neighborhood and 132nd Park were annexed into the City on June 1, 2011. Maintenance of the park remains with King County through December 31, 2011.

The Totem Lake Neighborhood Association, through the leadership of Lynda Haneman, Association Chair, applied for the "Taste of Community" grant. This is a fast paced project that was developed by community members and the Pomegranate Center and will be built and completed using volunteers by September 18.

Outreach to and participation by the neighborhood are key to the success of the project ensuring that the resulting feature is reflective of the community's needs and creativity. Community design events were held in the Totem Lake/Kingsgate neighborhoods in late June and July, 2011. These events included tours of the park site, active input and ideas from members of the community followed by volunteer professionals working with the community input to create design concepts.

The construction and renovation work is planned for Thursday, September 15 through Sunday, September 18. Volunteers are needed in various fields of construction and landscaping. Businesses who would like to donate time, materials, food and refreshments during the build process are also needed.

The planned structure will include a rock path, rock wall and gather circle as well as two park tables/picnic benches and their respective shelters/coverings (Attachment A – Artist's rendering).

Tully's Coffee and Pomegranate Center are planning an on-site community celebration on Sunday, September 18, 2011 to unveil the new Community Gathering Center in 132nd Square Park and have requested the City of Kirkland proclaim Sunday, September 18, 2011 "Local Community Day" in Kirkland to honor this event.

It is anticipated that a representative will be present to accept the proclamation.

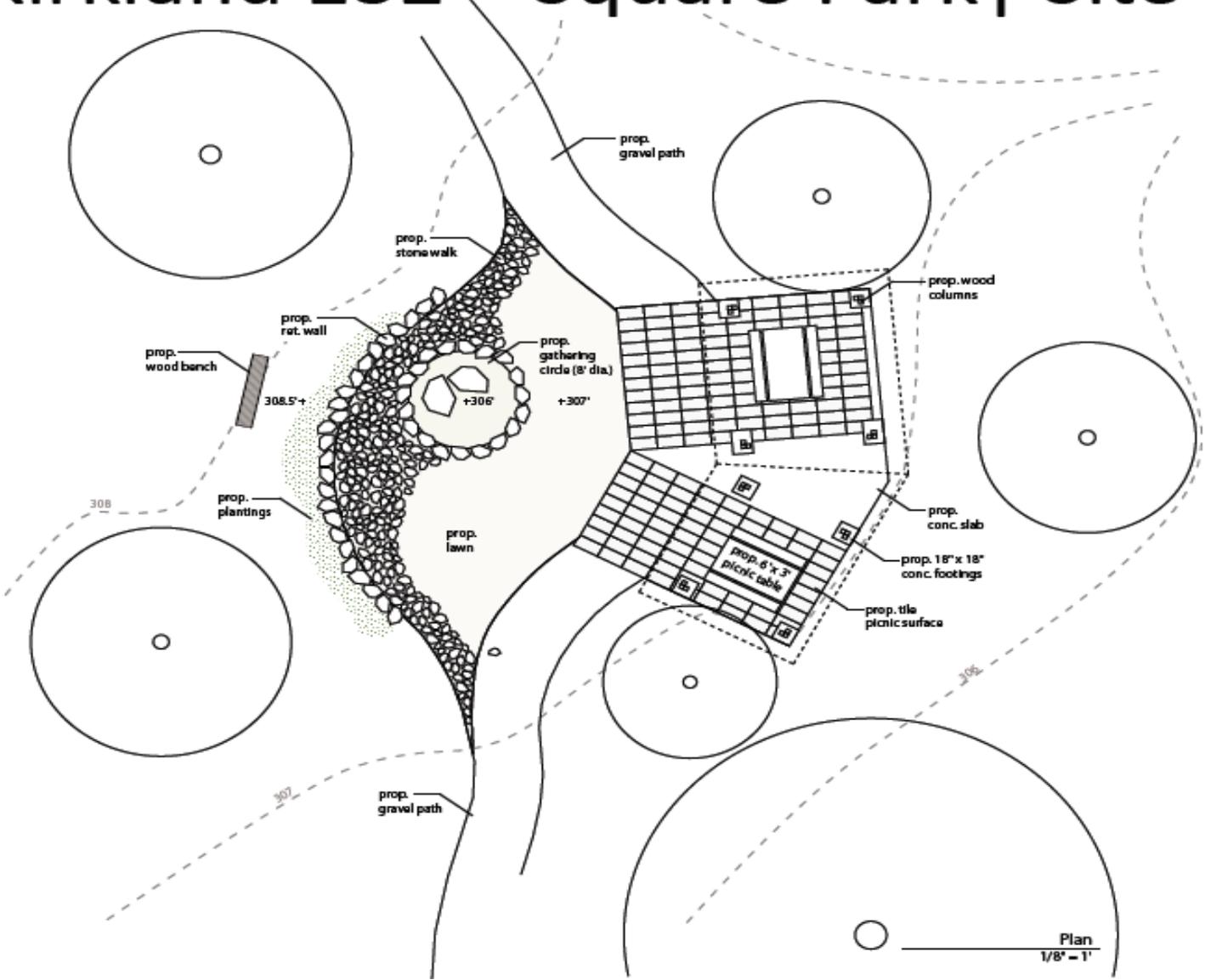
Attachment A - Artist's rendering of the project

Attachment B - "Local Community Day" Proclamation

Artist's Rendering - 132nd Square Park gathering space



Kirkland 132nd Square Park | Site Plan





A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Designating September 18, 2011 as “Local Community Day” in Kirkland, Washington

WHEREAS, Kirkland, Washington is a progressive and livable city that has invested in an extensive park and open space system; and

WHEREAS, Tully’s Coffee and the Pomegranate Center share a commitment to community building and engagement as a path toward improving the health and quality of life of the places we call home and created the nationwide “Taste of Community” program to support this commitment; and

WHEREAS, the Issaquah Pomegranate Center believes every neighborhood deserves a community space where people of all ages can get to know each other and, over time, build trust; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2011, the Kingsgate neighborhood, including 132nd Square Park, which remains under ownership by King County until December 31, 2011, were annexed into the City of Kirkland; and

WHEREAS, the Totem Lake and Kingsgate neighborhoods were among four local areas chosen to receive grant funding from the “Taste of Community” program to design and build community spaces this year; and

WHEREAS, Kirkland’s Totem Lake and Kingsgate community will have participated in the design and construction of a community gathering space in 132nd Square Park,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joan McBride, Mayor of Kirkland, do hereby proclaim Sunday, September 18, 2011 as “Local Community Day” in the City of Kirkland and encourage residents and businesses citywide to volunteer and help build and maintain this important neighborhood community gathering center in 132nd Square Park and celebrate this new community asset and investment in Kirkland’s quality of life.

Signed this 6th day of September, 2011

Joan McBride, Mayor