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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager
From: Janice Coogan, Senior Planner
Eric R. Shields, AICP, Planning Director
Date: September 17, 2013
Subject: October 2013 is National Community Planning Month

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayor proclaims October 2013 as Community Planning Month in Kirkland.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION

National Planning Month is celebrated across the country and highlights the achievements of planning to help guide growth and create great communities and places. The theme this year is People and Places.

Planners help create the process by which residents, business people, planning commissioners, mayors and city council members work together to create a vision for a community, goals the community wishes to achieve, and the implementation steps it will take to reach the goals.

Examples of visionary ideas that have made Kirkland a unique and innovative place are strong neighborhoods, vibrant and diverse business centers, an iconic downtown on the lake, the creation and preservation of shoreline parks and the shoreline public access trail, and the purchase and improvement of the Cross Kirkland Corridor that is in the process of becoming a reality today.

The City is in the process updating nearly every major planning document in Kirkland and has launched an extensive public involvement campaign- "Kirkland 2035. Your Voice. Your Vision. Your Future." Proclamations such as this remind residents and elected officials of the importance of sound planning and encourages the community to stay involved and provide insight and input to create the Kirkland they wish to see.

To celebrate, the second Community Planning Day will be held on October 19th at the Peter Kirk Community Center from 10-2 pm. The public is invited to express their vision for Kirkland in 2035 related to transportation, housing, economy etc. and for the Cross Kirkland Corridor. Informational booths will be available to learn the status of other long range projects.



A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Proclaiming October 2013 as "Community Planning Month" in Kirkland, Washington

WHEREAS, change is constant and affects all cities, town, suburbs, counties, boroughs, townships, rural areas, and other places; and

WHEREAS, community planning and plans can help manage this change in a way that provides better choices for how people work and live; and

WHEREAS, the full benefits of planning require public officials and citizens who understand, support and demand excellence in planning and plan implementation; and

WHEREAS, the month of October is designated as National Community Planning Month throughout the United States of America and its territories; and

WHEREAS, the American Planning Association and its professional institute, the American Institute of Certified Planners, endorse National Community Planning Month as an opportunity to highlight the contributions sound planning and plan implementation make to the quality of our built and natural environment; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of National Community Planning Month gives us the opportunity to publicly recognize the many valuable contributions made by planning commissioners, members of the volunteer advisory committees, and land use professionals of the City of Kirkland and extend our heartfelt thanks for the continued commitment to public service by these professionals; and

WHEREAS, community planning provides an opportunity for all residents to be meaningfully involved in making choices that determine the future of their community; and

WHEREAS, the City has launched an extensive public involvement campaign- "*Kirkland 2035. Your Voice. Your Vision. Your Future*" and encourages the community to stay involved and attend the October 19, 2013 Community Planning Day;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Joan McBride, Mayor of Kirkland, do hereby proclaim October as "*Community Planning Month*" in the City of Kirkland in conjunction with the celebration of National Community Planning Month.

Signed this 1st day of October, 2013

Joan McBride, Mayor