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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager
From: Kari Page, CKC Coordinator
Date: October 8, 2015
Subject: GOOGLE AND SRM DEVELOPMENT PROCLAMATION OF APPRECIATION

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Mayor proclaim the City's appreciation to Google and SRM Development for their commitment to improving Kirkland's quality of life.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

The City of Kirkland is extremely fortunate to have two progressive and proactive companies within its borders that value the importance of public/private partnerships. Google and SRM Development ("SRM") are close neighbors, not just in proximity, but in working partnerships. Their partnership has expanded to include the City of Kirkland where several public/private projects, featured below, have resulted in the improved quality of life of those who live, work, play here.

In recognition of the professional commitment of Google and SRM's and the personal commitment of its staff to enhancing the recreation, leisure, and mobility experience in Kirkland, the City honors these companies with a proclamation.

- **Family Fitness and Play Area on the Cross Kirkland Corridor (CKC):** In August 2015, Google and SRM dedicated close to \$3 million in public improvements to the CKC to the public. These improvements include: a full court basketball court, sand volley ball court, TRX equipment, playground and children's zip line, as well as a 900 foot long, 16-foot wide paved portion of the CKC. Other amenities include a seating area, bicycle racks, and picnic tables and chairs. Google is again planning a holiday light and music festival this year in the newly improved area of the CKC.
- **Public infrastructure improvements:** In 2013, the City Council unanimously approved an agreement between the City and SRM for public improvements as part of Google's expansion project to build a second office building (Phase II). Construction is underway for the Sixth Street pedestrian link between Google's campus and downtown Kirkland and is expected to be complete by the end of 2015. These improvements will allow for the public's increased use of Sixth Street. Along with the Cross Kirkland Corridor, these projects provide for all primary transportation modes: walking, bicycling, driving and riding transit.

- **WiFi in Parks:** In 2014, Google donated over \$200,000 to bring free wireless service to Everest and Doris Cooper-Houghton Beach Parks. A celebration thanking Google was held in July 2015.
- **Turf Playfield at Lakeview Elementary School:** On October 8, 2015, Google, SRM and the City celebrated the opening of the turf field at Lakeview Elementary. Both companies contributed funding toward the installation of the turf.

Darcy Nothnagle, Head of External Affairs, Google and Dave Tomson, Development and Operations Manager will be present at the meeting to receive the proclamation.



A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Expressing appreciation to Google and SRM Development for their commitment to improving Kirkland's quality of life

WHEREAS, Google is a multinational Internet search company whose Kirkland's campus sits in the heart of Kirkland and straddles the Cross Kirkland Corridor and SRM Development, LLC, is a nationwide development and construction management company with a Kirkland-based office located directly east of Google; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland owns the Cross Kirkland Corridor, a multi-use transportation corridor that is fast becoming a recreation, tourist and business destination that connects residential areas, the downtown core, and local businesses along its 5.75 mile length running north-south through Kirkland; and

WHEREAS, the Cross Kirkland Corridor Interim Trail opened in early 2015 and has fantastic reviews by those who walk, run, bicycle or otherwise experience the trail; and

WHEREAS, an investment of approximately \$3 million by Google has brought public sports and play amenities to the Cross Kirkland Corridor by its campus and which were constructed by SRM Development; and

WHEREAS, Google and SRM invited the Kirkland community to a stupendous dedication and celebration on August 31, 2015 attended by hundreds of people who showed great enthusiasm for this family fitness and play area; and

WHEREAS, Google and SRM, as part of Google's expansion project to build a second office building, are contributing to improving utility infrastructure including conduit under the improved section of the trail for future broadband connectivity, installing new sidewalk on the south side of 7th Avenue South and the west side of 6th Street South enhancing Kirkland's walkability and improving the safety for children walking to school; and

WHEREAS, Google contributed funding that helped the City of Kirkland extend its fiber network to Everest Park and Doris Cooper Houghton Beach Park allowing free wireless Internet connection and making Kirkland a more connected community; and

WHEREAS, Google and SRM contributed funding toward installing turf at the Lakeview Elementary School playfield enhancing the community's access to sports fields; and

WHEREAS, Google and SRM contribute far more than infrastructure investments by being outstanding corporate citizens who provide world class community and environmental leadership and improve Kirkland's quality of life by attracting talented, energetic and innovative employees that live, work and play in Kirkland.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Amy Walen, Mayor of Kirkland, do hereby recognize and appreciate the remarkable public improvements by Google and SRM Development to the quality of life of Kirkland's residents and visitors.

Signed this 20th day of October, 2015

Amy Walen, Mayor