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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager
From: Ellen Miller-Wolfe, Economic Development Manager
Date: November 3, 2016
Subject: Kirkland Performance Center Annual Presentation

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council receive the annual report of the Kirkland Performance Center (KPC) presented by Jeff Lockhart, Executive Director.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

The KPC is a community treasure created by community and business leaders in cooperation with the City of Kirkland in 1998 to "enrich, educate and entertain through performances that ignite the imagination and connect audiences and artists." The facility is owned by the City and operated by a nonprofit organization led by Executive Director, Jeff Lockhart.

The City continues to invest in the KPC by providing \$100,000 in outside agency funds in the biennial budget, refunding admissions taxes, and also funding events and programs through arts and lodging tax monies. This past year, the KPC initiated a \$500,000 project to replace its obsolete audio visual equipment in order to better serve its current customers and also attract business meetings. On the recommendation of the Tourism Development Committee, (TDC), the City Council approved a commitment of \$100,000 in lodging tax funds with the caveat that the KPC raise and expend the initial \$400,000.

Mr. Lockhart will give the annual presentation, describing 2016 accomplishments and 2017 plans. He also will provide a progress report on the aforementioned equipment project.