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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Kirkland Youth Council Leadership

Date: April 22, 2008

Subject: Kirkland Youth Council Leadership Study Session with Council

The 2007-08 Kirkland Youth Council is in the midst of yet another busy and success filled year. The year began with a highly competitive selection process in September and October. The Leadership Group conducted interviews over three days, selecting 18 new members.

The first activity for the 40 member group was the annual trip to the Waterhouse Center Challenge Course in Monroe. This trip is always a great way for members to develop leadership skills and camaraderie. After this training, the group was ready to jump into all of its projects of the year, particularly the Youth Summit and the Bluefish Festival.

The following is a brief overview of the Youth Council's 2007-08 projects:

2008 Kirkland Youth Summit

This year's Youth Summit, "Eye on My Future" was held at the Lake Washington Technical College on Tuesday, March 25th. Well over 150 teens from various junior and senior high schools were in attendance. An overview of the event is attached to this memo.

Bluefish Festival

Every year, the Youth Council partners with the Teen Union Building to put on the Bluefish Festival. This celebration features teen bands, teen art, skateboarding competition and more. This day-long event will take place on Saturday June 17th at the KTUB and in Peter Kirk Park. Subcommittees have been formed and are meeting to plan the various components of the event. This year's festival will mark the KTUB's eighth anniversary.

Community Service Projects

The Kirkland Youth Council sets out to do at least four service projects during the school year.

November 2007 – KYC members participated in the City of Kirkland's Arbor Day Celebration at Watershed Park. The group planted trees and completed other park restoration work.

December 2007 – The Youth Council hosted its annual Holly Day Brunch at the Peter Kirk Community Center. Members of KYC host, cook, and serve patrons of PKCC brunch. Over 50 seniors attended the event.

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April 2008 – Members of the Kirkland Youth Council assisted with the City's Earth Day project at Cotton Hill Park removing evasive plants.

May 2008 – The Kirkland Youth Council will be the "official" water station group for this year's Kirkland ½ Marathon.

Teen Court

Teen Traffic Court - Members of the Kirkland youth Council continue to serve as judge and jury for the bi-monthly Teen Traffic Court. Cases are heard at the Kirkland Municipal Court on a bi-monthly basis. This program has been extremely successful in reducing the recidivism rates of participants over the last 10 years. Both KYC members and respondents benefit from this program.

Washington State Youth Court Association - After many years, the several youth courts from around the state have come together to officially form a state court association. Part of this process involved a day long brainstorming session during the summer of 2007. KYC members were integral in the formation of the association assisting with writing bi-laws and association format.

The initial event put on by the association was the first ever Washington and Alaska Youth Court Conference at the University of Washington Law School. 200 teens attended this three-day conference in November. KYC members were involved in planning the event, as well as introducing keynote speakers.

Mini Grant Program

Every year the Kirkland Youth Council awards \$10,000 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. Awards typically range from \$250 to \$750. Attached memo gives a summary of the grants that were awarded during the 2007-08 school year.

We've Got Issues

The We've Got Issues (WGI) television program has been airing on KGOV for about eight years. All programs are researched, written, filmed, hosted, and edited by members of the Kirkland Youth Council. Past topics have included, Teen Dating Violence, Drinking and Driving, Finding Your First Job, Teen Parties, and several others.

Pedestrian Safety – The Youth Council's Pedestrian Safety installment of WGI received international recognition and honor at the World Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion Conference in Mérida, Mexico. KYC members were very pleased with the outcome of this project and receiving the award was icing on the cake.

Going Green – KYC is currently working on a program focusing on going green, specifically geared for teens. This program has turned out to be quite involved, but should prove to be worth the effort.

Youth Summit – Several KYC members collected numerous hours of footage during this year's Youth Summit. This footage will be edited down and a program will be created over viewing the event.

Superintendent Meetings

The Youth Council Leadership continues to meet quarterly with the Lake Washington School District Superintendent, Chip Kimball. During these meetings a wide variety of topics are discussed. This has included; learning styles, WASL, creating fundraising handbook for students, nutrition policy, alternative PE options and information technology issues/policies.

City Manager Meetings

KYC Leadership looks forward to their quarterly meetings with City Manager, Dave Ramsay. Topics that have been discussed include; annexation, traffic concerns, redesign of Parkplace Mall and the redevelopment of Totem Lake Mall.

Police-Fire-KYC Social Event

As in past years, KYC hosted a social event to get Police, Fire, and teens together in a fun, stress free activity. Past years have included a softball tournament and barbeque. This year the group decided to try bowling. With the assistance of grant funds received from King County's Community Organizing Program, KYC was able to host an outstanding get together at Tech City Bowl.

PHAT KAT (Peeps and Homies Against Tobacco/ Kirkland Against Tobacco)

The Kirkland Youth Council's anti tobacco group PHAT KAT, has been rather dormant during the 2007-08 school year. This has been due in part to the loss of key members through graduation. Current members of the group participated in one anti-tobacco "street teaming" at the Ben Harper concert last fall. Several newer members are planning on attending the "No Stank You" media training in May.

This is a short summary of what the Kirkland Youth Council has on tap for the 2007-08 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.



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MEMORANDUM

To: Dave Ramsay, City Manager

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Date: April 22, 2008

Subject: 2007 Mini Grant Report

In 2000, Kirkland City Council agreed to allow the Kirkland Youth Council to set aside \$10,000 of its \$20,000 Teen Activity Grant funds for a new Mini-grant program. The purpose of these grants is to provide one-time awards between \$200 and \$750 that provide short-term, limited funding for Kirkland youth groups and community groups for projects, activities, events, and training. These grants are awarded three times every year. This typically occurs around January 15th, April 15th, and October 15th.

The following lists the seventeen programs and organizations that were awarded funding during 2007.

BEST High School, Prom – May 2007 market BEST high's third annual prom at Heritage Hall. This event was sponsored and planned by the school's ASB.

Amount Requested: \$500

Funds Allocated: \$450 due to the number of requests received that cycle.

Finn Hill Junior High, Wildwise Program – The Wildwise Program is an outreach program of the Woodland Park Zoo. Students participate in an interactive learning experience about wildlife. FHJH staff offered this program to all 9th graders while the 7th and 8th grade students tool the WASL.

Amount Requested: \$550

Funds Allocated: \$450 due to the review committee's feeling that requests for funds toward an additional activity associated with Wildwise, was not necessary.

Juanita High School, Rebel Pride Day – Juanita High School's Rebel Pride Day is a day long event where school and community members partner to beautify the JHS campus. This includes routine maintenance of gardens, installation of benches, creating new planters, and painting. The event includes a barbeque for all participants.

Requested Amount: \$600

Funds Allocated: \$450 due to the number of requests received that cycle.

Juanita High School, Winter Wonderland Dance – The sophomore class at Juanita High school hosted the Winter Wonderland dance celebrating the completion of the first semester. The Sophomore cabinet organized every aspect of the dance, from booking the DJ to the publicity plan.

Requested Amount: \$276

Funds Allocated: \$276

Kamiakin Junior High, CAPstone – Each year all 9th grade students at Kamiakin Junior High must complete their CAPstone community service project. In order to defer some of the costs of supplies and material, Kamiakin offers mini grants to teams of students who illustrate need.

Requested Amount: \$750

Funds Allocated: \$750

Kirkland Boys and Girls Club, Teen Night – The Kirkland Boys and Girls Club hosted a regional teen night inviting youth from all over the greater Seattle area. The event featured basketball tournaments, henna tattoos, ping pong and a live band.

Amount Requested: \$750

Funds Allocated: \$750

Kirkland Chamber of Commerce, Youth Employer Symposium – The Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual Youth Employer Symposium on February 16, 2007. The focus of the event was to train teens in leadership skills and career development. Participants also attended the Chamber Luncheon following the training.

Requested Amount: \$500

Funds Allocated: \$500

Kirkland Chamber of Commerce, Math/Science/Technology Training – In early 2008, the Kirkland Chamber of Commerce hosted its first ever Math/Science/Technology training for teens. These trainings helped to illustrate the many career opportunities within these fields.

Requested Amount: \$500

Funds Allocated: \$500

Kirkland Junior High, "Organ Lady" – The Kirkland Junior High Counseling Department hosted the "Organ Lady" to come and speak to the 8th grade classes on the physical damages done to real organs by drugs/alcohol and violence.

Requested Amount: \$900

Funds Allocated: \$450 due to the number of requests received that cycle.

KTUB, Outdoor Program – During the summer of 2007, the teen center provided an outdoor adventure program for teens. The program included, hiking, swimming, rock climbing, kayaking, camping and more.

Requested Amount: \$745

Funds Allocated: \$262 due to the number of requests received that cycle.

Kirkland Teen Union Building, Ropes Course – To assist the KTUB's Advisory Board members in teambuilding, leadership development, and cultural competency, members of the board participated in a Rose Challenge Course.

Requested Amount: \$750

Funds Allocated: \$630 due to the review committee's concern that funds were requested for "prospective" board members to participate in the training.

Lake Washington High School, Kangapalooza – Kangapalooza Festival is an end of the school year event for all students at Lake Washington High School. The event features lunch, games, annual signing, art show, and athletic activities. The purpose of this event is to build pride in LW and personalize the school for everyone.

Requested Amount: \$750

Funds Allocated: \$580 due to the number of requests received that cycle.

Lake Washington High School, Senior Prom – The Senior Class at Lake Washington High School worked extremely hard to raise funds for their annual Prom. Unfortunately with new restrictions on raffles and food sales, monies were extremely hard to come by.

Requested Funds: \$750

Allocated Funds: \$500 due to the number of requests received that cycle.

Rock School, Music Equipment – The Rock School is a non-profit after school music program for teens with several locations in the Seattle area including Kirkland. The program provides essential technical training and mentorship with caring adults. Classes include Band 101, Recording and Vocals, and Songwriting. The program requested funding to purchase equipment for the program.

Requested Amount: \$750

Allocated Funds: \$750

Rose Hill Junior High, Nautical Renaissance Festival – The RHJH Symphonic Band traveled to Ilwaco, WA for the annual Nautical Renaissance Festival. The trip included touring the Northhead Lighthouse, sailing aboard the Lady Washington tall ship, and performing at the Festival.

Requested Amount: \$750

Funds Allocated: \$550 due to the number of requests that cycle.

Rose Hill Junior High Library, Junior High Reading Acclimation Program – "Feeling Familiar with Fantasy!" program involved the purchase and promotion of two series of books with which students are familiar with from their elementary school. It is hoped that these will provide a good transition for students who have left their comfortable elementary library for the newness of the junior high library. In addition this will promote reading as a fun and rewarding activity.

Requested Amount: \$330
Funds Allocated: \$330

Total Amount Requested (Funded Programs) 2007: \$10,151
Total Funds Awarded: \$8,178

The following three programs were not funded:

Finn Hill Junior High, Dance Dance Revolution – In order to encourage physical activity, the Computer Class instructor at Finn Hill would like to offer dance competitions with the Dance Dance Revolution program.

Requested Amount: \$250

Two issues were of concern for the review committee; use of funds to pay for equipment used during class time and the lack of listed matching funds. This are both required for all applicants.

Kirkland Junior High, Dance Dance Revolution – In order to encourage physical activity, the Computer Class instructor at Kirkland Junior High would like to offer dance competitions with the Dance Dance Revolution program.

Requested Amount: \$250

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Lake Washington High School, DUI Program – Every other year, the LWHS PACTeam sponsors a DUI reenactment and education. This program has been extremely effective and is highly regarded. As a part of this year's program, the PACTeam would like to give all LWHS students a key chain that commemorates the event.

Requested Amount: \$740

The review committee did not recommend funding for this program for two reasons; the number of requests received during that funding cycle and the effectiveness of giving each student a keychain.

Total Amount Requested (Not Funded): \$1,240