

**CITY OF KIRKLAND**

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**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION  
MEMORANDUM**

**To:** David Ramsay, City Manager

**From:** Kathi Anderson, City Clerk  
Tracey Dunlap, Director, Finance and Administration

**Date:** May 27, 2008

**Subject:** Park Board Member Resignation and Appointment

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council acknowledge receipt of Cindy Zech's resignation from the Park Board, approve the attached draft response, and approve a motion to appoint Adam White as the new member to the remainder of the unexpired term, which ends March 31, 2010.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

Ms. Zech cites her eight years on the Board and the quality and number of applicants in Council's recent recruitment as reasons for the timing of her decision to resign. Council interviewed and selected Mr. White as the alternate appointee for any future unanticipated vacancy within the following six-month timeframe at their special meeting on March 13, 2008.

**From:** C Zech [mailto:ottozech@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 15, 2008 9:05 AM

**To:** KirklandCouncil

**Cc:** Bob Kamuda; Carrie Hite; CHUCK BARTLETT; colleen cullen; Jason Filan; Jennifer Schroder; Kevin Hanefeld; Michael Cogle; ralph zech; Stephanie Johnson

**Subject:** Resignation letter

May 15, 2008

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am writing to you in regards to my involvement on the Kirkland Park Board.

My appointment is through March of 2010 because I accepted an incomplete term in 2000. As a result, I have now served for at least 8 years which constitutes the suggested park board appointment. Realizing that many viable candidates recently applied for a Park Board position has helped me to decide that an early resignation is reasonable.

Please accept this notice as my resignation from Park Board effective immediately.

I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve the city of Kirkland over the past few years. During my tenure, I enjoyed participation in development/acquisition of several parks, especially Heritage Park, Carillon Park, and Juanita Beach Park. School partnerships have been established, and we have added several acres of property including McAuliffe Park, Yarrow Bay wetlands and others. Council support was essential to the process to acquire/develop these sites which add to the list of exceptional properties in our city, and I thank each of you.

I hope to see continued insightful allocation of funds in the future, and diligence to follow through with Juanita Beach Park plans and the McAuliffe property.

Growing our parks and community services to the benefit of Kirkland citizens provides an asset for all. I look forward to working with you in the future!

Sincerely,

Cindy Zech

**DRAFT**

June 3, 2008

Cindy Zech  
1695 10<sup>th</sup> Street West  
Kirkland, WA 98033

Dear Ms. Zech:

We have regretfully received your letter of resignation from the Park Board.

During your eight-year tenure Kirkland's park system has grown and improved dramatically. Vital new community facilities such as the Teen Union Building, McAuliffe Park, and Carillon Woods have been created. The successful Park Bond in 2002 brought Juanita Beach Park into the City's care, and an exciting development plan for the park is being implemented. The City's partnership with the Lake Washington School District has expanded, with a number of school sites improved to better serve the recreational needs of youth and neighborhoods. As well, a number of parks have been developed or expanded during your time with the Board, including Heritage Park, North Rose Hill Woodlands Park, and Cedar View Park. We've acquired some important natural areas and wetlands, and recently the Green Kirkland program was established to help restore our urban forests. The Park Board's strong leadership and advocacy over the years has led directly to all of these accomplishments.

The City Council appreciates your contributions to the Board, and we thank you for volunteering your time and talent to serve our community.

Best wishes in your current and future endeavors.

Sincerely,  
KIRKLAND CITY COUNCIL

James L. Lauinger  
Mayor