AQUATIC CENTER PARTNERSHIP PROJECT

COMMUNITY OUTREACH SUMMARY

1. EnviroIssues Report
   EnviroIssues facilitated community meetings on February 25th at Kamiakin Middle School and February 26th at North Kirkland Community Center. This report includes a summary and transcripts of the comments received at those meetings.

2. Emails Received
   City staff collected emails received from community members from September, 2013 through March 10, 2014.

3. Survey Monkey Online Questionnaire
   An online survey was conducted February 27th – March 10th and had 869 participants. The summarized responses and written comments are attached.

4. EMC Research Telephone Survey
   EMC Research conducted telephone interviews of 400 registered voters in the City of Kirkland between March 5th and March 9th.

City of Kirkland
Recreation and Aquatic Center
Meetings Summary
February 25 & 26, 2014

Background

The City of Kirkland hosted two public meetings in the month of February 2014. The purpose of these meetings was to consult with the community on proposed sites and uses for an aquatic facility in Kirkland to replace the Juanita High School pool as well as inform the community about the preliminary siting process and evaluation criteria. The City hosted the first public meeting on February 25, 2014 at Kamiakin Middle School (14111 132nd Avenue NE) and the second meeting on February 26, 2014 at North Kirkland Community Center (12421 103rd Avenue NE). Both meetings were held from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

Approximately 140 people attended both meetings with 75 people attending the first meeting and close to 65 people attending the second meeting. Using black and white push-pins to distinguish between the February 25 and February 26 attendees, a Kirkland neighborhood map was used to show where attendees were from.

Welcome & introduction

At both meetings, Penny Mabie (facilitator) welcomed attendees to the meeting, introduced City staff, reviewed the agenda, and discussed the format of the meeting. She noted that the purpose of the meetings was to get feedback from the community about the proposed sites and uses for an aquatic facility in Kirkland. Penny asked attendees to fill out their comment forms after they had the opportunity to hear the presentation and view the display boards placed around the room.

Presentation

Penny introduced Jennifer Schroder (Parks and Community Services Director, City of Kirkland) who gave a PowerPoint presentation that outlined the following:

- Background on the Kirkland City Council's decision to look at partnering with the Lake Washington School District and other public and private organizations to explore options for replacing the Juanita Aquatic Center by 2017.
- The aquatic needs necessary to serve the community and provide the recreation, health, wellness, and safety benefits of swimming and other aquatic activities.
- Replacement options including either an Aquatic Center with a multi-use recreation and competitive pool or a Recreation Facility that includes an aquatics component.
- The siting process and site considerations for either an Aquatic Center or Recreation Facility.
- Potential sites under consideration including North Kirkland Community Center and Park, Juanita Beach Park, and South Norway Hill Park.
- Next steps including additional site, cost, and funding analyses, exploration of potential partnerships, additional public outreach opportunities, a recommendation from the Parks Board based on analysis and public comment, and the April 1 City Council study session where they will make a go or no-go decision regarding this project.

Question and answer session

Organized by meeting date, comments and questions covered a range of topics, and are provided below. Answers to questions by City staff are noted in italics.

Public meeting #1 (February 25, 2014)

Does the realization of the aquatic facility or recreation facility depend on a financial bond the public would need to vote on, and if so, how big of a bond would it need to be?

> *The Kirkland City Council is still exploring available funding mechanisms. It is not known at this time how much money is needed for this project; however, the range could be between $25 million to $40 million depending on design and construction costs given site considerations. Recent cost examples include the Rainier Beach Community Center a design-build project which was a $25 million dollar ($500 a square foot) project. Also currently under design is a community center in Sammamish with an early estimate of $500 a square foot. Given the potential size of Kirkland's aquatic project and potential cost, it is likely a bond would need to be put before the public.*

Has the City looked at a phased approach; building the aquatic facility first and then the recreation facility?

The City Council is interested in that same question and therefore the Parks and Community Services Department will be exploring that scenario. With that said, meeting the community's needs with the correct mix of components and uses, funding, a business plan, cost and the uncertainty of future construction of the second phase are all important considerations to take into account.

Why are we assuming an aquatic center is more important/valuable to the community than our open spaces with respect to siting a facility in South Norway Hill Park?

The City has not made a decision about where to site a facility. Helping inform that decision is one of the purposes of this evening's meeting. While we have presented the North Kirkland Community Center and Park, Juanita Beach Park, and South Norway Hill Park as potential options at this meeting, the City has looked at other potential sites including private property. The concerns with siting a facility on private property are acquisition and timing. With siting a facility on existing park land, the City Council may also consider whether the land could be repurposed for another recreational purpose. Community centers and pools are a form of recreational experience.

Has the City conducted traffic studies for the potential sites?

There have been no traffic studies done at this phase of the project. Once the City makes a decision about a site, we will conduct a traffic analysis.

Given 2017 is the target date for building a facility, how soon would a bond need to be presented to the public?

The bond would need to be on the February 2015 ballot at the latest.

Could the City renovate the Juanita High School pool and let the school district do what it will with the rest of the site?

Juanita High School has not communicated with the City that renovating the pool is an option. From our understanding, the high school needs their entire footprint to build what they have planned for the site.

Do the facility uses determine the site selection or vice versa?

A brief background: First the City Council asked us to look at facilities that can accommodate an 8-lane pool; then the Council asked us to continue with those sites but look at a 50-meter pool instead of an 8-lane pool and determine what the impact on site selection would be. Given the 2017 deadline to build the facility and the existing inventory of sites, we decided to work with the sites already under consideration. Note, the Council will consider the community's site and use recommendations when making a decision on the facility and its uses.

Do you have a sense of which of the three sites would be the least expensive to build/operate and are the high schools in partnership with the City financially given that they will be using the pools?

No, we do not know which site will be the least expensive to build and operate. With regard to the high schools' contribution, the Lake Washington School District indicated they would have about a $10 – $12 million dollar fund balance from their previous bond, and assuming the new bond passed, have agreed to dedicate a portion of that balance towards the pool. However, at this time, given the apparent failure of the bond measure, we do not yet know what the district's plans or what funds would be available.

Why is the City committed to the 2017 deadline if it limits the selection to a park potentially?

One driver for the 2017 deadline is the high school swim and dive teams; they cannot continue to compete in Kirkland if there is no pool. Another driver includes providing the community the health and wellness benefits of swimming. If there is no pool, some community members cannot partake in these benefits. With that said, the 2017 deadline helps limit the impact of the Juanita High School pool closure.

Has the City had any discussions with the Northshore School District to explore a partnership on the new facility?

The Lake Washington School District has contacted the Northshore School District on our behalf and they are interested in further discussions about the project; however, Northshore would like to see the result of the school bond first.

Has there been any consideration given to splitting the uses with the City funding a recreation pool and the School District funding the competitive pool?

That is a potential conversation the City and School District will have in the future. At this point it is important for the School District to understand how they can justify their investment in, for example, an 8-lane pool or a 50-meter pool.

Is there a priority to meet the community's needs with a larger pool rather than just replacing the Juanita High School pool?

The City Council agreed to the Parks and Community Services Department's recommendation to build a facility that offered more than what is currently available.

Regarding the South Norway Park site, is there a plan to leave some trees if a new facility is built there?

The City is committed to being a "Good Neighbor" and preserving the natural beauty and aesthetics of whichever site the City chooses for development.

Has the City contacted the operators of the Totem Lake Mall to see if they would be interested in hosting a pool given their legal issues?

The Kirkland City Manager, Kurt Triplett, is in regular conversations with the owners of the Totem Lake Mall and did ask if they would be interested in hosting the pool. Their response was that while they would need to look at that decision from a Cost-Benefit perspective, they cannot move forward with the conversation until they have settled an ongoing lawsuit.

Has the City of Kirkland had potential partnership conversations with Bothell and other adjoining cities?

The Kirkland City Manager is facilitating those conversations and those cities have shown interest in this project. However, they would like more information about what exactly will be built and where. We have not made those decisions yet.

Where are Bothell and Redmond at in the process of their pool closures?

There was a study done in Bothell and Woodinville to look at continuing with an aquatic facility; however, the process was not completed, likely due to cost. In Redmond, a year-long process was recently completed to identify their community needs for building a recreation center with a leisure pool on their Pacific campus. Their project is likely to cost $72 million; however, no funding has been identified and Redmond does not have a timeline for the project to begin.

Do Kirkland residents recognize how hard some people have worked to restore native areas in existing Kirkland parks as well as the value of the parks?

Yes, many people in attendance have heard of the Green Kirkland Partnership program.

Is the family recreation and leisure pool use profitable and is that why that use is a part of the plan?

Yes, the profitability of that use draws us to consider it as a part of the plan. An example includes Lynnwood's leisure pool and water features; they recovered 100% of their expenses in 2012 and 2013. Federal Way is another example of a facility that is close to 100% recovery as a result of the family recreation and leisure pool.

Has the City of Kirkland had a partnering conversation with the City of Redmond about helping fund a facility along the Sammamish River?

While we can't speak for the Council, we believe they are interested in having those types of conversations with neighboring cities.

What percentage of the North Kirkland Community Center is impermeable surface?

I don't have an answer to that question readily available at the moment.

Public meeting #2 (February 26, 2014)

How do the plans for a pool account for Kirkland's growth?

The Kirkland City Council instructed the Parks and Community Services Department to look at more than just an aquatics facility and also look at a complete recreation facility which is a part of the Comprehensive Plan. Also, through looking at previous plans and talking with pool users and groups, we know that an 8-lane pool will serve Kirkland's needs; however, the City Council instructed us to also look at a 50-meter pool. With that said, there have been no decisions made about the type of facility, site, or uses.

Has the City looked at other locations such as St. Edward's Park, Totem Lake, or other sites?

Yes, the City has reached out to other locations, including parks. The State Park Department said they cannot make a commitment to let us use a part of their property until they have a Master Plan in place. Moreover, St. Edward's Park, along with many other parks are restricted by Federal funding requirements that limit the types of uses that can be placed at the park. The Kirkland City Manager has also called the owners of Totem Lake shopping mall but they have said that they cannot have a conversation about a potential facility until they are out of their ongoing lawsuit.

What is the source of funding for the potential project; will all this be paid for by Kirkland residents or will there be help from other agencies?

Before we can have conversations about funding, there needs to be an actual project with a decision made about the site and uses. There is the potential that the Lake Washington School District would likely contribute to the project as well as the Northshore School District. There is also the possibility of federal grants and help from the Evergreen Hospital due to the health benefits of the facility. Given all those possible scenarios, there needs to be a project and site selected.

In the planning of the facility, are you looking at a spectator area for the competitive use of the pool?

Yes, we are. We are planning for a spectator area that can hold between 200 and 300 people.

Have you considered the traffic impacts and splitting the facilities; one aquatic and one recreational?

The answer to the second question is no because the Council has not directed us to look at two separate facilities. To answer the first question, a traffic analysis will be conducted once a site is chosen.

Has there been a full exploration of siting a pool on the school property?

The school hasn't invited us to do that. Plus, Juanita High School has not communicated that renovating the pool is an option. From our understanding, the high school needs their entire footprint to build what they have planned for the site.

What is the lifecycle of the pool?

The lifecycle of the pool depends on how well the maintenance of the pool is funded. Maintenance is an important factor to keeping the pool operating for 20, 30 or 50 years and beyond.

Have you looked at the Houghton transfer station site?

At this point, it is hard to say if the transfer station is an option; first because it is still an operating transfer station, and second because of the old landfill on the property, however, it is something to consider.

Do you know the size of the Snohomish and Lynnwood facilities; do they have more uses beyond the pool?

We have the square footage numbers, but they are not available at this meeting.

Will the pool be free for Kirkland residents while people from outside of Kirkland have to pay?

> *The pool would not be free. There likely be would some type of City subsidy to help fund the pool and keep fees affordable for all. With that said, until there's an actual project, it's hard to have a conversation about a fee structure.*

Has the Council approved a fee structure?

> *No, but the City of Kirkland will keep its citizen's financial interests in mind as they approach those types of conversations.*

Is the council going to make the decision on the pool before the neighborhood plans are developed?

> *That question is a little hard to answer at this time because there's no timeline or process for new neighborhoods such as Juanita to develop a new plan. The planning process the City is currently engaged in is to get input from neighborhoods on the Comprehensive Plan update.*

How much input will the Juanita neighborhood have in where the pool goes?

> *That is what this meeting is for tonight so please provide your comments so we can supply those to the City Council who will make that decision.*

Is the City considering having someone manage the programs at the pool that has experience managing pool programming?

> *The City has had conversations with Tyson, plus we have staff who have managed pools. However, we are not at a point to make that decision at this time.*

Has the City called surrounding cities so they can be a part of this project and potentially share in the cost of a district facility?

> *The Kirkland City Council, City Manager, and staff have contacted other cities and are having conversations about whether it makes sense to have a larger facility.*

Why have they waited so long to start this process when the school has known for a long time the Juanita High School pool needed to be replaced?

> *It is hard to answer that question as I do not have enough history as to why the School District did not start the process to replace the Juanita High School pool sooner.*

Has there been a discussion about extending the 2017 deadline and looking at a stop-gap measure by using other facilities?

> *Yes, we are currently putting together options for the City Council including possibly placing a bubble over the Peter Kirk pool so that it can operate as a year-round facility.*

Has the City received input from actual pool users as to what kind of facility would be best for particular types of swimming activities such as lap swimming or competitive uses?

> *We have had conversations with Lake Washington and Juanita High School coaches and the majority of their competitions are held in 25–meter pools. Having said that, their biggest concern is not the size of the pool but rather the times they can access the pool.*

When is the Juanita High School pool closing?

> *If the February 2014 bond had passed it would have been as soon as March 2017. If there is another bond in April 2014, and it passes, it could still be sometime in 2017. At this point it is hard to know exactly when it will close.*

Given the short-lived revenue statistics for Snohomish and Lynnwood, how confident are you in the accuracy of their numbers?

> *We have looked at other facilities that have been in operation for a while such as Federal Way (since 2007) as well as YMCAs in the region that offer similar facilities. Their numbers and timeframe for operation suggest their revenue statistics are not short term trends. We have also looked at facilities in Colorado and their numbers are solid over the course of a long time period.*

What would happen to the two little league fields if you moved forward with the Juanita site?

> *The City has already started looking at what is being underutilized in the School District's inventory as the first option to replace the little league fields. The follow-up to that exploration is looking to see if there is a way to relocate those fields..*

How is the City taking input aside from these meetings?

> *You can send the City an email and give us a call. The comment form will also be available as an online survey beginning this weekend. The online survey will be open through Friday, March 7.*

Any other comments or questions?

For more information or to email your comments

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Recreation and Aquatic Center

Thank you for joining us tonight. Since September 2013, the City of Kirkland has been evaluating possible alternative sites to replace the pool at Juanita High School. In January 2014, the City Council approved further study of Juanita Beach Park (north side), North Kirkland Community Center and South Norway Hill Park. The Council is very interested in your thoughts on these three sites and what uses a new aquatic facility could provide.

Agenda

7:00 p.m. – Welcome and introductions

7:10 p.m. – Informational presentation

7:30 p.m. – Questions and answers

7:45 p.m. – Open house and provide your input

8:30 p.m. – Conclude meeting

We encourage you to review the displays during the open house, complete this comment form and drop it in a comment box.

Thank you!

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What uses would you like at this facility?

- ☐ **Teaching pool** – For learning how to swim
- ☐ **Competitive pool** – For swim and dive teams, including high school athletic programs
- ☐ **Family recreation/leisure pool** – With zero depth entry, Lazy River, water slides, and spray features
- ☐ **Warm water wellness pool** – For therapy swim
- ☐ **Gymnasium** – Accommodating everything from team sports basketball, volleyball, to indoor playgrounds
- ☐ **Walking and jogging track** – Providing fitness at all levels
- ☐ **Fitness equipment studio** – Providing opportunities for flexible individual exercise
- ☐ **Cardio/weight fitness studio** – For group classes such as aerobic, Zumba, Yoga, and more
- ☐ **Community gathering spaces** – host special events, community meetings, dance lessons, etc
- ☐ **Outdoor patio area and playground**
- ☐ **Multipurpose class rooms** – Providing recreation opportunities such as art, dance, drama, and more for all ages
- ☐ **Community rental spaces** – For weddings, birthdays, conferences, and celebrations
- ☐ Other _____

Here are the City of Kirkland's considerations for siting an aquatic facility

- Size and configuration of site
- Neighborhood context and impacts
- Surrounding land uses
- Vehicular accessibility
- Pedestrian / bicycle access
- Adequate parking capacity
- Centrality within the community
- Prominent siting and visibility
- Availability of utilities
- Public transportation access
- Zoning implications
- Soils, environmental, and construction costs
- City-owned property
- Site appearance / aesthetics

What are your thoughts?

What else should we consider about the sites?

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What concerns do you have about any of the sites?

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Do you have a site preference? Why?

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Comment form transcription
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UserId	Any other comments or questions?
CommentForm_1	I am most concerned that the City of Kirkland will build a competitive swimming pool (preferably 50 meter) and leave no space for swim lessons (warm water.) I am against a leisure pool/lazy river/flow rider. My concern is that a leisure pool would cost too much to build and maintain. I am a parent of a 10-year-old son, and honestly, we would probably visit a leisure pool twice a year (as would most of our friends with children). Competitive and lap swimmers have a serious lack of pool facilities and swim times in this area. People who would use a competitive/lap pool may only be a small percentage of the population, but they will be regular users. I swim at Juanita 4-5 times per week, and would use a new pool with this frequency. I would like to see a pool that benefits the people who regularly use swimming pools. Also - I would like to see the development of swim lessons for low-income families (free and reduced). The kids in this area who don't know how to swim are low-income - not middle-class families.
CommentForm_2	To keep the pool viable you need to keep it full. Most pools in the area have evening programming consisting of sparsely populated lap swims. The new pool needs to support competitive swimming, diving, syncro, water polo, lessons, etc. Please, please check to see the needs of each activity thoroughly before you finalize a plan. 50 meters would be so great! 25 yard deep (8 lanes) deep, deep water polo practice @ the same time as a full swim practice Long distance - 50m - space is very in demand for club swimming Diving and swimming at the same time, 50m is the best choice
CommentForm_3	I have 6 kids. I have home schooled all of them. They have all been a part of Juanita swim team. My son (5th) is a senior and they went to state and placed 6th in free.We have so much water around - everyone should learn how to swim o have the ability to swim.I know by having my son (5th) swim for Juanita it kept him out of trouble - instead it kept him into a leader + captain of his swim team.My youngest (6th) child - in 6th grade - has been wanting to swim for Juanita for the last 3 years! I told her there may not be a pool for her to swim at if the school district gets what they want.
CommentForm_4	Please add McAuliffe Park to the list. It has many advantages. Flat level land, easier access to 405, centrally located large, underutilized park. Current priorities for this park could be relocated to other reopen spaces such as N. Juanita Park. If N. Juanita Park is chosen, please don't put the parking lot in front of building where best view is! Put behind building. Ball fields need to be rebuilt elsewhere. Please consider cost of salt water pools instead of chlorine. Much healthier. Columbia Club has salt water. Partnership with YMCA?? Sponsorship by local businesses...Google, Microsoft??

CommentForm_5	Juanita pool is used by everyone in the community and needs to be replaced! My children learned to swim there and I currently have a freshman on the swim team. A community pool is a valuable asset used by many people. I think there does need to be some consideration to the proximity to the high school as those programs will be severely impacted by closure of the pool. My husband and I would be happy to vote for a bond to support a new aquatic facility in Kirkland. Did anyone look at the Peter Kirk pool - building a facility near there?
CommentForm_6	The Lynnwood Rec Center is awesome. And it is much more affordable than a gym membership (my parents are both members). Having that kind of community resource would be wonderful; I confess I am jealous of my folks for their access. Thank you for soliciting community input. It would be lovely to benefit the whole community especially if a bond is requested of the community.
CommentForm_7	I attended an earlier presentation by WAVE aquatics and came away convinced that the best pool facility from a need and usage perspective would be a 50 meter x 25 yard pool with a separate warm therapy/training pool. Given the size of such a facility, I don't think the Juanita Beach could accommodate it. If the facility could also include a gym and other types of fitness services, that would be fine. But my primary/sole interest is that Kirkland build a pool facility that can meet the full spectrum of community needs - competitive training, and meets (for all age groups), swim lessons, water aerobics, family swim, scuba training, etc. As a member of the Lake Washington Master Swim Club, I'm especially interested in finding a new home pool for our program.
CommentForm_8	Has the council determined the appropriate size of facility to meet the needs of the community? Has the council reviewed the plan from RenewtheLegacy.org? Is the council planning on operating the facility at a loss at the expense of the tax payers? Does the council truly understand the need to replace the current year round facility (Juanita) with a large enough facility to accommodate the vast groups who want and need the use of the pool. Does the council truly understand how tight the timeline is to begin the replacement process for the only year round public Kirkland pool (JAC).
CommentForm_9	The needs of all users can be met only if a 50 meter pool is a part of the final project.This is a once in a 40-year opportunity to build the facility the community needs now.There must be sufficient space + time for lessons, seniors, high school, club, masters, therapy, scuba, recreation, synchro, etcAnything smaller than 50 meters will means come groups wont get their health, safety, fitness, or recreation needs met.Important to remember that with any lap pool or at least 1 teaching pool will also be needed. 2 teaching pools would better met the needs for warm water lessons, therapy and classes.

CommentForm_10	1) Why are you not considering Totem Lake 2) large pool serves more than just one community. Where are you in talks with other districts? (Northshore in particular) 3) What about onsite physical therapy for community center? 4) 25 yard pool doesn't address the need for all the uses of the pool. The only choice is a 50 meter to meet needs of multiple communities and gets groups in and out of the pool at reasonable times of the day
CommentForm_11	One of the major concerns about a pool is a concern about funding (many aquatic facilities operate at a deficit). Given that, it would make sense to include a pool that can satisfy more programs (which means more funding). A 50m pool x 25 yard pool can satisfy multiple programs at once (diving, swim teams, open swim and lap swim) which would enable more revenue. A pool with the these dimensions would allow approximately 22 lanes of swimming. Additionally pools within the facility, e.g. a therapy pool or zero-depth entry, can be at the same time as the 50m pool.
CommentForm_12	Possibly the pool/competition site could be located at N. Kirkland Community Center, and recreational facilities could be built at a different location due to space issues. If there is limited funding, it could also easily be constructed as a two-phase project. (waiting to build recreational/water park facility until more money is provided.) Definitely build new facilities!
CommentForm_13	Anything small would fail to meet local recreational and competitive needs. Simply replacing what exists is not sufficient. Would love to see both recreational and competitive pools like Snohomish
CommentForm_14	If Kirkland funds this project without other cities, Kirkland needs to have priority scheduling for the facility and the facility can only be "rented out" to private groups/other cities when there are "dead" times
CommentForm_15	We don't need two large facilities. Redmond needs a partner and has already done all the leg work. Partnering with Redmond would provide the best way to deliver a great project in the desired time frame.
CommentForm_16	Is the St. Edwards park pool completely off the consideration? Couldn't some agreement be made with the State? There is a gym building on the property too. I know negotiation would be extensive, but a completely new facility would be even more costly.
CommentForm_17	If you choose the NKCC, I think you must have adequate classroom space for Zumba, etc. I don't think fitness machines are needed in this facility Where would you have the fitness classes held at NKCC if that choice was made? It would take at least a year to build this facility. I think the Albertson's location might work well.

CommentForm_18	As I mentioned earlier, look north to BC for great examples of what I think Kirkland is looking for. Bothell is also looking at the same thing. If Norway Hill is the site chosen, do you have any opportunities with Bothell to fund a center such as what is being proposed? Feel free to contact me - would be happy to discuss more
CommentForm_19	8 lanes + 25 yards or 50 meters should be a goal for maximum use - 50 meters could provide use by several groups at one time. Building this pool is important to our kids for high school swimming for swimming + education + wellness
CommentForm_20	I don't know what the impact is with the LWSD bond not passing. I'm concerned the school district may not have the resources to contribute. They need to bring something to the table to help since they will benefit. Does LWSD have property that could be used?
CommentForm_21	Encourage a phased development Approach with phase 1 as aquatic center and phase 2 with full community center At Juanita Beach Park site, I am concern about traffic added to the road on the east side of the site that runs north of Spuds. Can't handle much traffic.
CommentForm_22	The project which will gain the most widespread support will be for a 50 meter competition pool.Along with smaller warmer, separate, teaching pool if funds and space allow.To satisfy the recreational interest, a large inflatable play structure can be purchased and placed in a competition pool on weekends.
CommentForm_23	My preferences: Minimum 10 lane 25 yard pool Prefer 50 meter pool with additional pool for teaching I support any site that can support a 10 lane 25 yard pool or 50 meter pool First choice would be Juanita Beach
CommentForm_24	Really need a pool to teach kids how to swim so that they can be safe! Recreation pool…they still need to be water safe. Important to have a pool for competition, I would not like to see High School swimming + diving end!!!
CommentForm_25	Will the pool be reachable by gondola? What is more valuable? A facility with a flo-rider and lazy river where families take their kids twice-three times a year. Or a facility that provides access to lifelong community programming? I can drive 40 minutes and find trees. It is valuable to me to be able to find a pool to swim in, in a lesser amount of time.
CommentForm_26	How do you plan on keeping fees affordable for all?

CommentForm_27	Could this be sited in an office park and/or near a park and ride? Could it be placed near bike trails?
CommentForm_28	Thank you for your initiative! I'm in favor of supporting all of the communities needs - i.e. 50 meter pool
CommentForm_29	For competitive pool - please consider 50 meter pool!
CommentForm_30	I would like to see a facility that would allow our high school and competitive teams to continue after the Juanita Aquatic Center is closed.
CommentForm_31	Take a look at the Kroc Center/salvation Army Community Center in Eugene Oregon From a revenue generating point of view: One disadvantage of this project is it does not have a 50 meter pool
CommentForm_59	What about a district pool between cities? Putting down LWSD pool cannot continue. Needs to be replaced. Why did the City take so long to put this project together when they have known for 15 years that the Juanita pool was going to be closed? Pushing shallow multi purpose says making money over the long run does not [sic] all about money not schools + swimming.
CommentForm_60	I'd like to see Kirkland explore all the options for siting the pool on the JHS campus. Isn't a swimming program part of "basic education" in an area surrounded by water? As such, it should be fully funded by the State of Washington, per the WA. State constitution! Can Kirkland sue the State for not providing "basic education" to its citizens?
CommentForm_61	Building a pool and not expanding the number of lanes doesn't make sense because the current capacity is maxed out. Longer lanes do not address the capacity (# of lanes). Consideration needs to be given to community and usage growth. Also, the community - not just its coaches should be poled regarding usage.
CommentForm_62	I like the idea of two sites. One for the aquatic site at the old Albertson site and a smaller recreation pool at NKCC while retaining the building and park that is currently there. Need more formal notices to residents once a site is located such as letters + pole notices of hearings to be held like they do for businesses.
CommentForm_63	Location preference: 1) Juanita Beach 2) NKCC 3) SNHP (Leave the trees) Please please know the deep + dive capacity of JAC are of great value. Also please keep in mind that our - as in all - communities are aging, thus there will be a much greater need for both indoor physical activities but also a greater need for zero impact exercises! I live in Kenmore + have been very saddened by the gradual decrease in deep water pools since I moved here in 2006.
CommentForm_67	Warm pool - Bellevue is busy -population is aging (more people could use it) -Healthcare using therapy more -Used more for special needs kids

CommentForm_69	Maintenance of family swim pools (waterslides etc) are really expensive. You guys of course already know this, but I'm a 14-year old kid. What is really in demand is a 50-meter aquatic center. There are maybe 3 in the King County area and one in Kitsap, a ferry ride away. There's the Coleman pool in West Seattle, but that's well over 50 + only open in the summer months. Not to mention it's quite a drive from where the people who usually use it are from. I know for a fact that the buzz about a community rec. center will probably only last like 2 months, especially considering your Juanita High School is called Marijuanita by other schools in the district. I would know. I have friends at Juanita + I'm actually in the Lake Washington School District. LOL. This whole thing was a rant.
CommentForm_70	1) Are you sure Eastern locations are out? Redmond and Sammamish HS students will probably need to use the pool for early and after school training and meets. How about Rose Hill 60th Street transfer station.2) Juanita Beach Park - we would lose 2 Little League fields - where would they be located? I would be harder to get to from I-405 + Kingsgate area.3) S. Norway Hill access thru residential neighborhood may be tricky / obtrusive BUT nice to be right off I-405/160th St and closer from North Shore district to also use. Note Bothell SOLD OUT to McMenimans and students will not be able to use remodeled pool for swim/dive. 4) N Kirkland Community OK but what facilities will be lost and replaced if you tear down this currently functional building?5) Why so many rec features included? That can be done separately. We don't really need a basketball facility as we are able to get by with school gyms (however they are often closed, anytime schools are closed).6) Please work more closely with WAVE Aquatics / Renew the Legacy and Splash Swim for all to get input and funding. For example WAVE feels that a theme park pool in Kirkland us unnecessary especially given that Snohomish + Lynnwood water parks are nearby and it takes up so much space.If you insist on including the recreational center you choose a smaller 6 to 8 lane 25 yard pool, when really a HUGE advantage would come from a relatively small additional investment (illegible and 4 in) to make a 50 meter x 25 yd pool which could offer as much as 22 lanes when placed sideways, making it a truly regional asset suitable for simultaneous programs and large meets, master swimming prep for Olympics
CommentForm_71	It seems when you look at the sites the CC seems to be the most logical choice. It has the best road access with its easy of access to I-405. It is also within walking distance of JAC. Based on the current foot prints + existing structures. The CC site also seems to have the least amount of impact on the surrounding areas. And while the topography may be a small challenge. I think it also presents an opportunity for a unique layout + foundation as well as the possibility of below ground parking to compensate with the smaller plot. And while I understand cost + land play a huge part in the decision, I truly think that if the replacement does not provide more lessons + lane space. The Council will not be meeting the communities need now or in the future. Have you considered the common. type building near Peter Kirk?
CommentForm_72	Kirkland continues to loose indoor swimming pools - public and fitness1. St. Edwards Park2. Ballys - Bridle Trails3. JHS - In near futureKirkland residents have to go outside city to swim i.e. -Gold's Woodinville-YMCA - Northshore and Bellevue-24 Hour fitness Redmond Kirkland has two indoor pool-LA Fitness membershipLap pool are for adults of all ages, not just High SchoolsFocus should be on Aquatic Center first, there are plenty of gyms

CommentForm_73	Norway Hill should be preserved as one of Kirkland's natural areas. Isn't it part of the 20 year Greek Kirkland Partnership Plan for restoration. I'm very excited that we may get a new pool. I had used Juanita High pool many times for lap swimming. Pool needs to offer per use option and not just long term membership the way that private clubs like Columbia Athletics offers. Should be affordable as the Juanita pool is now. Should be close to areas of population and public transport. My daughter was able to walk from Juanita elementary to Juanita High School for swimming lessons and it would be great if kids in the next generation could have the same. 50m pool with 8 lanes would be fantastic!
CommentForm_74	If the pool is going to be a revenue generator and attract many users , the City needs to focus on a location that would not impact neighborhoods (traffic, mobility, walkability) Look at more commercial locations - i.e. Totem Lake, Albertsons, 132nd, Houghton Transfer Station - locations that could accommodate increased traffic as well as parking. For location size - consider a smaller fitness facility - and maximize the size of the aquatic center.
CommentForm_75	South Juanita has already been impacted by significant development.Traffic in the area is at capacity, even before Juanita Village units are leased.Juanita Beach is a great asset that the space is needed for the future. Once developed there is no going back.Does the City need to be in the development business? Seek out a public private option.Don't rush with a 2017 deadline and make a poor decision.Facility needs to be cost neutral and pay for itself.Let the users pay for their need, school district and swim clubs.
CommentForm_76	You should talk to Northshore YMCA. They have an overuse problem. It is hard to juggle all the needs. They have had trouble setting good aqua exercises/aerobics together . The Coal Creek YMCA doesn't have a deep enough warm water pool - can't tread water for water exercise or therapy classes. - Need 6-feet in warm water pool too.
CommentForm_77	Look at using Houghton Transfer Station property for a recreational pool site I really care about safe, clean, well lit locker rooms that have some area for private dressing for people that need it. Deep water for aqua exercise + therapy not just diving - at least 6 feet. Good pool lighting very important

CommentForm_78	So how much $$ does the family + rec center make + how big is their piece. Seems we need a "swimming" pool (8 lanes) + that profit center. What is hat size? Does 70,000 make sense or do you have a $400,000 pool + rec center on a smaller property. Does basketball make $$ or just the space? Banquet, gym, etc Lots of local gyms, Zyhr, LA Fitness, JBAC etc.
CommentForm_79	The emphasis seems to be building on a gym - but aren't there enough community centers and gyms in Kirkland? Shouldn't the priority be on replacing the thing that is going away i.e. the only year round pool in the City of Kirkland. How do the businesses in Kirkland (24 hour fitness, Columbia, LA Fitness, etc.) feel about the City using public money to establish a competitive facility?
CommentForm_80	Using the South Norway Hill location would best allow other cities to be a part of the facilities. Being a high school swimmer at both Inglemoor and Juanita, both LWSD and WSSD would promptly be part of the location.
CommentForm_81	I don't live in the Kirkland area so can't comment on where to locate. But I do know how important a swimming facility is and how much we need one. Swimming is so good for the body. It's important for kids to learn to swim. High school swimming is a no cost sport. Many kids who swim on the team have not swam competitively before. Swimming is a life sport.
CommentForm_82	I think this project should focus on aquatics and leave the gym facilities to the Boys and Girls Club, private gyms and schools.
CommentForm_83	The Beach Park is a very much used park - including baseball and other events and as it stands now, the traffic on Juanita Drive is horrible. We need to keep open green spaces.
CommentForm_84	I would love all of the options on page 1 if they didn't displace existing facilities. Tradeoffs might require a small aquatics only facility of N. Kirkland and a rec center elsewhere. Not ideal but something to consider. Barbara Laney
CommentForm_85	I like having a pool that all ages can enjoy. Everyone loves wave pools. Forget the family rec/leisure pool and be creative + have a dive/wave pool with zero entry + warmish = 90 degree
CommentForm_86	Could you make the parking area 3 level @ NKCC and not lose the train park? Have you seen the facility @ Longment Colorado? Wow! Could we do that. Could you do a garage @ Juanita and save the baseball fields? I'd love a big rec. center.
CommentForm_87	I liked her comment 'go big' Lets get it built, don't play the waiting game with LWSD
CommentForm_88	Seems that we should replace at least 18 lanes of 25 yard just to be where we were in 1970... We need 2 Olympic pools? Wow.
CommentForm_89	Think big. These opportunities do not come often.
CommentForm_105	I am in favor of the plan developed by the folks behind Renew the Legacy. Let's build it! Thanks.

CommentForm_106	Introduce myself;1. Resident of Kirkland,2. I live on Finn Hill.3. Work as a coach and personal trainer including swim instructor.4. I use Juanita pool every day either for personal use as masters swimmer, or as a coach or whilegiving swim instruction.I used to be a partner in a business in Juanita and city officials would sometimes ask, "what can we do to help your business?" I appreciated the interest and concern, but at the time what I really needed were customers and I didn't see how city officials could help with that. Now however, we have this Aquatics center on the table and it is obvious how a project like this could have helped a business like mine. This AC will attract people from Bellevue, Issaquah, Monroe, not to mention communities much closer to Kirkland. (For instance; Members of my masters swim team often car-pool to West Seattle in the summer so we can train in the 50m Coleman pool in Lincoln Park. I think a new, well designed, and well programmed pool in Kirkland will have the same draw, but year round! People from Seattle will be making special trips to Kirkland in order to train and race in a facility unlike any other north of Federal Way).For this reason I think the pool should be located in a spot with retail shops and restaurantswithin easy walking distance. A facility like this will be a huge enhancement to businesses located adjacent to it. Parents dropping kids off for lessons or swim practice could make a quick trip to shop or get a cup of Coffee; participants in day long swim competitions would have a place to get lunch or dinner; and visitors from out of town would feel encouraged to stay and sample some of the businesses in Kirkland.Locating the pool at this Community Center makes some sense because of it's proximity to thecurrent pool, and the Freeway, but an AC located here would hardly be integrated into the business community of Kirkland.Juanita Beach or Kingsgate make more sense for this reason. An AC in Juanita would indeed be spectacular, but I fear the difficulty in re-working the park plan that took so much time to create, and the backlash from destroying one or both of the baseball fields and perhaps the Youth Servicesbuilding, would delay or side-track the effort. And we need to replace Juanita Pool NOW. On the other hand, the Kingsgate location is close to a blank slate, and is also located next to an established business district, so the AC would act as a true enhancement to the business and recreational life not just for that neighborhood, but for the city, and our whole region as well.
CommentForm_107	Hello, I have been a resident of Juanita for the past 25 years.First, let me thank you for this opportunity to share thoughts with you about locating an Aquatic Center in the North Juanita Beach Park.Please know that I am not in favor of using the park in this way and ask you to consider alternative locations.The Juanita Beach Park is located in an area of increasing housing density and green space is needed for such urban environments. When Juanita Village was developed, one of the messages to neighbors was the maintenance of the park as a balance to the greater density in Juanita.A large Aquatic Center would completely alter the park and would add to the already congested traffic along Juanita Drive.We who are Juanita neighbors enjoy having a beautiful park filled with gorgeous trees, and we hope any future development will be kept to a minimum.Again, thank you for hearing my concern.
CommentForm_108	We very much like the idea of a community center but this area desperately needs a pool. This needs to be a real pool, with room for all aquatic functions. No one needs a Wave pool or slide, but all need to know how to swim, especially in our city and region! Classrooms and open spaces would be a nice bonus, as would a slide and warm area, but again we need a pool. The pool needs room for babies then seniors. Though most seniors will benefit from regular water spaces and don't need a warm separate pool. Please do what is right and build a real pool for our cities and especially Kirkland's' needs right now and into the future!

Community Outreach
Received comments by email and by way of public testimony

2013 January – December

From: Les and Kenn Kullberg
Sent: Friday, September 20, 2013 1:57 PM
To: Jennifer Schroder
Subject: Juanita Pool Replacement
hello,

I live in Kirkland. I am concerned that funding a pool will raise my taxes yet again. Is this going to happen, or is this even possible?

Thank you.

kenn kullberg
13037 NE 128th Place
Kirkland WA 98034

From: Carolyn Yabui
Sent: Friday, September 20, 2013 11:00 AM
To: Jennifer Schroder
Subject: Community Pool

Why not work with the state to reopen what used to be a public pool at Saint Edward State Park on Finn Hill? From what I remember the cost for repair was so much less than millions. Why not share the cost? It would serve a larger community than Juanita High. Besides, we really miss it!!

-- CMBY

February 2014

From: Kristin Bauer
Sent: Saturday, February 22, 2014 10:22 AM
To: Jennifer Schroder
Subject: Kirkland Public Pool Site

Hi Jennifer,

I am unable to attend the community meeting regarding the proposed site options for the new public, but I Wanted to express my opinion so I am sending yout his email.

First of all, I am so excited about the prospect of a new, indoor, public pool in Kirkland. My kids and I love going to Peter Kirk during the summer and we have frequented the Mountlake Terrace and Lynnwood pools during the colder months. I think this is a great opportunity for our city and look forward to the community that a public pool of this caliber will surely bring.

In terms of sites, my first choice would be the North Kirkland Community Center. So many of the city's classes and programs take place at NKCC and I think a pool would be a great way to draw more people into those programs. Juanita Beach Park is a beautiful area, but there are already many attractions that draw the community to the park (the waterfront, the public market, the summer concerts, etc). By having the pool at the NKCC, I believe it would have a ripple effect in getting the community involved in more of the programs that NKCC and the City of Kirkland have to offer. I don't know much about the South Norway Hill Park, although I do believe that having the pool so far north doesn't seem to make as much sense to me since the Mountlake Terrace and Lynnwood pools are also up north. I believe having the Kirkland pool further south, in a location closer towards downtown, would be a better choice.

Again, I am really excited for this great opportunity for our city.

Best,
Kristin Bauer
Kirkland Resident

From: Andy Kispert
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2014 4:08 PM
To: Amy Walen
Subject: Impact on businesses for new Aquatic Center located in Juanita Beach Park

Dear Mrs. Walen,

My name is Andy Kispert and I'm a long-time Kirkland resident (relatively speaking) of 18 years. My wife Alice and myself are in the process of raising my son Ethan and my daughter Erin in the downtown Kirkland area. Ethan has turned 14 this year and is a year-around competitive swimmer while my daughter, turning 13 is a competitive gymnast. The reason I'm sending you this email is to express my support for the Juanita Beach Park to be a candidate location for a new Aquatic Center.

I have been taking my son to swim meets now for the past 4+ years and have driven many miles (and sat for many hours) to meets in various locations. The competitive swim season consists of basically two halves, the first being the Short-Course Yards (SCY) half taking place from October - March and the second half being the Long-Course Meters (LCM) half taking place from April - July.
The SCY season consists of meets taking place in pools measured in yards and is typically a 25 yard configuration, i.e., the competitive lanes run for a length of 25 yards. The LCM season consists of meets taking place in pools measured in meters and is typically a 50 meter configuration.

Aside from the challenges of the site preparation and construction of a year-around Aquatic Center, I tend to agree with the representatives from Wave Aquatics that a 50 meter complex would be the best solution rather than building another 25 YD pool. Here are my reasons for the site location and the choice of a 50 meter complex:

1. There are only 3 50 meter pools in the entire Seattle area. One in Federal Way (King County Aquatic Center) , Colman Pool (West Seattle) and the other in Port Orchard. Having a 50 meter complex in Kirkland would equal out the distribution of available pools that can be used for LCM season training/meets. Additionally, during SCY season, 50 meter pools are typically divided into 2 25 YD lengths (with some left over) supporting multiple use by both teams and non-team swimmers.
2. Meter pools are used for Olympic Trials and for international competition. By Kirkland having a 50 meter state of the art complex, Kirkland could possibly be chosen as a location to host such trials or national/international competition. As you can imagine, this would raise the visibility of Kirkland even higher than it is today as great place to live and for supporting various sports activities. We already have numerous little league ball fields, football fields, etc. We could now say we host a year-around swim facility that can be used by anyone, from kids

learning how to swim to a training facility that can support elite athletes to seniors that need aquatic exercise year around.

3. One thing I've learned from attending many meets at the King County Aquatic Center, is that in addition to plenty of parking easily accessible on foot, you need places for athletes and their parents to go in between events in order to eat, or even head back to a hotel to rest, etc. The Juanita Beach Park area provides this, both in terms of parking available in the Beach Park itself and across from the park where the softball fields currently reside. In addition, Juanita provides numerous restaurants easily reachable on foot from the beach park. Those with vehicles might even venture to downtown Kirkland to eat.
4. Having a year-around 50 meter swim complex at Juanita Bay Beach Park would be a definite boom to the businesses in Juanita and downtown Kirkland. Swim meets, attract quite a few people, as you might guess, for regional level meets, some travel as far away as Alaska, Idaho, Montanta, etc. Having both parking and places to eat both within a very short walking distance would be a boom to businesses both in the Juanita Village area and to downtown Kirkland. It might spawn the need to build another hotel in the Kirkland area.

Although a lot of my points from above tend to be focused around swim teams and competition (naturally due to my son being in the sport), there are lots of other groups that will be served through Kirkland having a new year around pool. We have a growing number of seniors that choose to make Kirkland their home and would definitely benefit from aquatics-based exercise. We also have a growing population with new families moving to the Kirkland area all the time and as such teaching water safety along with swimming lessons is, in my humble opinion, a must for living around so much water, i.e., Lake Washington, Puget Sound, etc. And last, but certainly not least, having a year around complex would be nice for being able to fool around in a pool in the middle of the winter time, i.e., quality family time, etc.

I sincerely hope the Juanita Bay Beach Park turns out to be a viable candidate for a location to construct a 50 meter swim complex as I believe it affords the best location for the above reasons.

Sincerely,

Andy Kispert

From: Dayna Hall
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 1:16 PM
To: Jennifer Schroder
Subject: pool locations comment

I had emailed Shelley Kloba to ask whom to direct comments to, as I cannot attend the meetings this week regarding possible pool locations for Kirkland.

My family swims often--though not at Juanita--too spendy. But, we have found quite a few pools in the area that have worked for us including: Washington Cathedral Pool (Red-Wood/124th Ave); all 3 Kingsgate pools and 1 pool in "high woodlands"--4 pools located in Kingsgate/Evergreen Hill; Northshore Y pool; (We used to also swim at St Edwards and also the pool in downtown Bothell, before that was also taken out). We have also swam in the past at Redmond Pool--across from the HS. As well, the City of Kirkland pool (city swim team)

All these pools, in the last 8 yrs, have been used by my young family.

I am all in favor of a local, year-round, public pool.

But, please, do not put it on the northside of Evergreen Hill neighborhood, as Toby Nixon suggested. I like Toby well enough, but really? We need ANOTHER pool in the Kingsgate area? They have 4! If you add Woodmoor's pool into the equation, there are 5 pools all up there! AND, it is hardly accessible to all of Kirkland, or exclusive to it. If Kirkland is

going to foot another large bill for something that the broader community is going to enjoy (w'ville, bothell), let's OWN it! For real. If you park it up there, it better be half-paid for by W'ville, in my opinion.

If Kirkland is priced out of Kirkland properties, then something should be done about that. Otherwise, get some other local town to build the pool that the others around here will use. (We've already bought their commuting rail corridor for them.) If Kirkland will be paying for it, make sure it is conveniently available to Kirkland public.

Dayna Hall

From: Margaret Bull
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 6:39 AM
To: Amy Bolen
Subject: City Pool Location

Feb 18, 2014

Dear City Council Members,

In the Kirkland Reporter there was an article about possible locations for an indoor pool. I would like to share my thoughts on what one of the main priorities should be.

Please think carefully about the location in regards to transportation. One of the main problems with the St Edwards pool was that it was too far away from public transportation and not very accessible from the freeway or the Kirkland downtown core.
It seems to me, that this may have been one of the reasons it was underutilized.

I regularly use the pool at the Northshore YMCA and have noticed that it can't meet the demand for lessons, aqua classes, and swim team. This is especially true since many of other public pools in the area have had to close. Juanita pool has been under some of the same demand. With its closure there will be a great need for a pool that can be used for swim team and recreational activities by students in the Lake Washington School District. Kirkland students at Lake Washington, Emerson, International Community and Juanita high schools as well as those at Finn Hill, Kamiakin and Rose Hill Middle Schools will benefit by the addition of a new indoor public pool located in Kirkland.

The main buses that go near several of those schools are the 234, the 255, and the 245. Because of this, I believe that any pool should be along these bus routes or near a major transit station connecting to these routes. Also, a new pool should be easily accessible by car from downtown Kirkland because many parents with young children or adults exercising after work will have to drive there. Of the sites mentioned in the article, the North Kirkland Community Center property seems to have the best location for easy access by bus. It can also be reached by car from the 405 freeway and from downtown Kirkland via Market Street. Perhaps other locations will be suggested in the future and I believe one of the main deciding factors should be bus accessibility and whether or not a large parking lot can be built. When families participate in swim meets they will most likely drive. Many arterials don't allow street parking; therefore, adequate parking needs to be provided on-site when a public pool is developed. At the Northshore YMCA the parking lot can totally fill up at certain times of day and people are forced to park at neighboring commercial properties. Some of the people that need parking the most are families with young children attending swim lessons and the senior citizens taking water exercise classes. So even though I'm suggesting that locating a pool near bus routes that are accessible to high school students is important, I also realize that most people will access a pool facility by car.

Sincerely,
Margaret Bull

From: Anchi Miller
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2014 8:17 AM
To: City Council
Subject: New Kirkland Aquatic Center - I vote for renovating the Saint Edward State Park swimming pool!
Importance: High

I strongly recommend/vote for renovating the EXISTING and excellent Saint Edward State Park pool versus the cost of building a brand new aquatic center at N. Juanita Beach!

1. COST: The Saint Edward State Park pool only needs the co$t of renovation versus building a totally NEW aquatic center from the ground up and causing traffic jams and delays already on the infamous Juanita Drive!
2. The Saint Edward State Park pool is in a park environment – green and relaxing – conducive to health and fitness and wellness whereas N. Juanita Beach is right in the center of traffic, the beach and the INfamous Juanita Drive that has only 2 lanes and is already known for creating major traffic havoc!
3. I thought we were known for preserving trees and the green environment! Building an aquatic center by Juanita Beach will destroy existing trees and greens that the surrounding communities have enjoyed and want to continue!

Thank you for your consideration!
Anchi Miller
Business Owner/Floral Designer/Photographer
ATM International, LLP
Kirkland, WA

March 2014

From: bill hern [
Sent: Thursday, March 06, 2014 9:27 AM
To: Jennifer Schroder
Subject: Pool

Jennifer Schroder
Director, Parks and Community Services

I never considered the Juanita High School pool to be a public pool. I live eight blocks North of Juanita High School. In the over thirty years that I have lived here I can not remember the countless times I tried to take my child and then grand children to that pool only to be told they were not open for (public swim). So many times it was not the right hours for public swim, or there was a swim meet, or adult swim time only, or just plain closed. Tax payers of Kirkland should not have to pay for swim organizations, or special interest groups who dominate the majority of the time of this so called public pool. Let these groups fund their pool the old fashioned way. Private enterprise. There is a public pool available already in downtown Kirkland just East of the Library, and I consider that to be more than an adequate facility.

Albert W. Hern

Kirkland City Council Meeting, March 4, 2014
Items from the Audience – Marilee Henry

How do you do? My name is Marilee Henry, I'm a Green Kirkland volunteer for the Green Kirkland project. I wanted to speak on the issue of the proposed siting of an aquatic center.

I want to you consider rejecting the basic assumption that seems to be made that this aquatic center must be sited and built by 2017 which therefore requires that the facility be sited on land already owned by the city,

I.e., sacrificing one of our parks. I feel that our open spaces are extremely valuable and there are very few parcels remaining within our city limits that can be used as parks therefore any use of them should be very carefully be considered.

The City of Kirkland Council has adopted a climate action plan whose goal is stated as "to protect and enhance our natural environment for current residents and for future generations." And that plan lists as actions: Adopt and enforce land use policies that preserve open space, and maintain healthy urban forests by promoting tree preservation and planting to increase shading, mitigate storm water run-off and absorb carbon dioxide. It seems to me that siting a large aquatics facility and parking garage on one of our parks is going against these stated goals and actions.

In particular, South Norway Hill Park has been evaluated in Kirkland's forest restoration 20 year plan as being a very high value forest. Which means that it has over 50% tree canopy of evergreens including, Doug fir, western hemlock and red cedar that are 100 years old, or more. And it has an extremely healthy understory; salal takes many decades to grow to the height that it is in this area.

Juanita Beach Park has already has had great efforts and great expense gone into restoration. I know because I've spent many hours taking care of the plants that have gone into the restoration of Juanita Beach Park. And I think that the number of hours that our volunteers put in to restoring natural habitat and the number of citizen volunteers that come from corporations and neighborhoods – they put in hundreds of hours toward restoring our natural habits in our parks. And I think that the value of these open spaces and our forests should not be taken as anything less and are probably greater than what would be gained by putting a swimming facility in this area and I implore you to reject that we have to do this so quickly that we have to sacrifice a park.

Thank you.

Ms. Murphy,
Thank you for working on this project.
We need a 50 meter competition pool and a 25 yard warm up/warm down pool at the minimum. The only other one in the area is Colman pool which is both too far away and has no warm up pool for competitions, making it a below standard facility for competition. With the right facility, Kirkland could become a hub of swimming for the Pacific Northwest. We have the enthusiasm and talent, we just need the pool!
Thanks!
Susie Wetstone

From: pattyandrichroberts [mailto:pattyandrichroberts@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2014 7:18 PM
To: Mavis Karalius
Subject: Re: Requesting input on Recreation and Aquatic Center

Hello,

I missed the survey but I thought I would send you this email.

My preference of sites would be:

Juanita Beach
N. Kirkland Comm. C.
S. Norway Hill Park

Juanita Beach is a beautiful property.....with space to grow and be a real community gathering place; especially with the growth of Juanita Village.

Recreation and Aquatic Center Survey

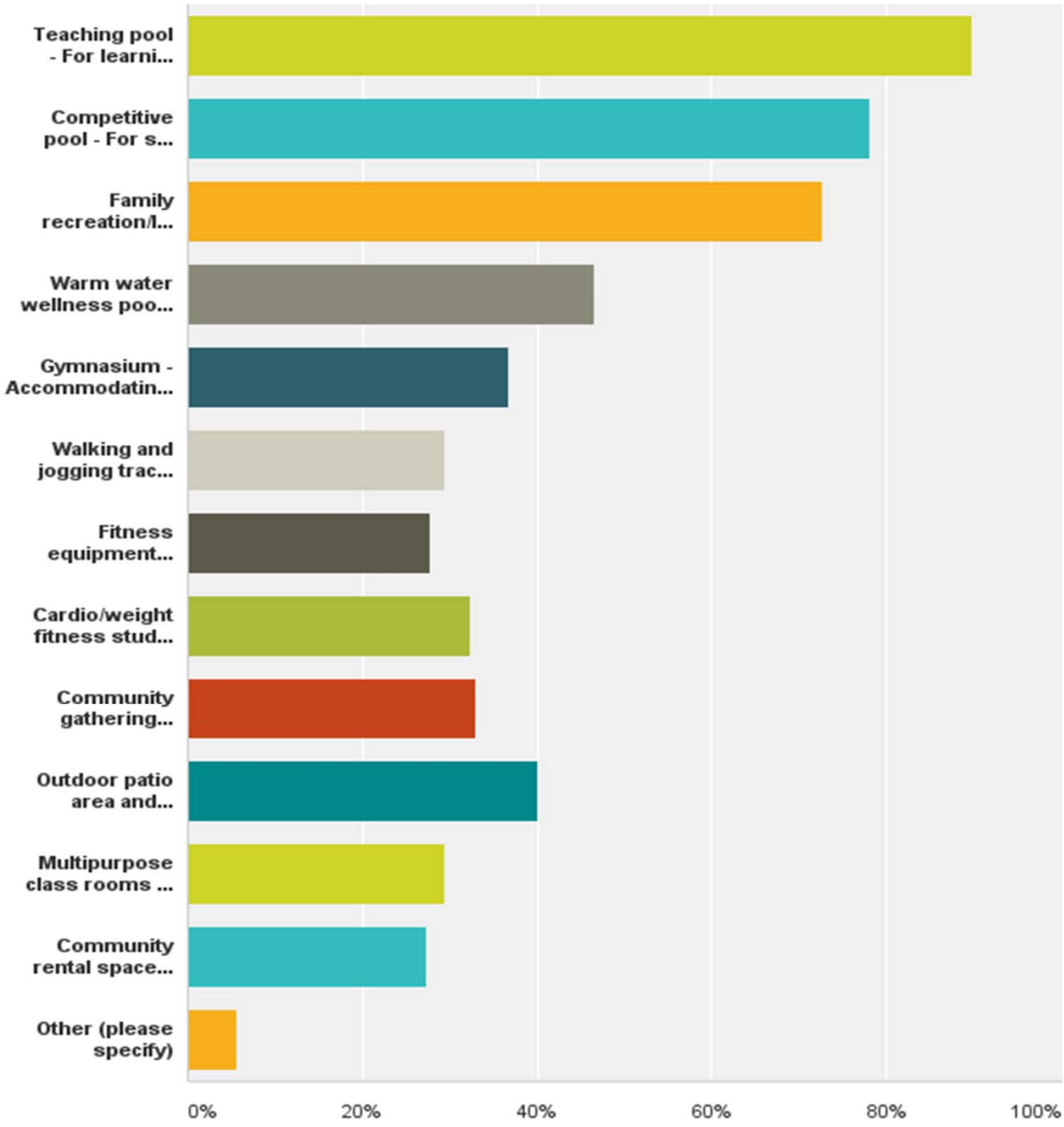
Question 1:

What uses would you like at this facility? (select all that apply)

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Teaching pool - For learning how to swim	89.8%	776
Competitive pool - For swim and dive teams, including high school athletic programs	78.0%	674
Family recreation/leisure pool - With zero depth entry, Lazy River, water slides, and spray features	72.7%	628
Warm water wellness pool - For therapy swim	46.6%	403
Gymnasium - Accommodating everything from team sports basketball, volleyball, to indoor playgrounds	36.7%	317
Walking and jogging track - Providing fitness at all levels	29.5%	255
Fitness equipment studio - Providing opportunities for flexible individual exercise	27.8%	240
Cardio/weight fitness studio - For group classes such as aerobic, Zumba, Yoga, and more	32.4%	280
Community gathering spaces - Host special events, community meetings, dance lessons, etc	33.0%	285
Outdoor patio area and playground	40.0%	346
Multipurpose class rooms - Providing recreation opportunities such as art, dance, drama, and more for all ages	29.5%	255
Community rental space - For weddings, birthdays, conferences, and celebrations	27.3%	236
Other (please specify)	5.7%	49
	answered question	**864**
	skipped question	**5**

Q1 What uses would you like at this facility? (select all that apply)

Answered: 864 Skipped: 5

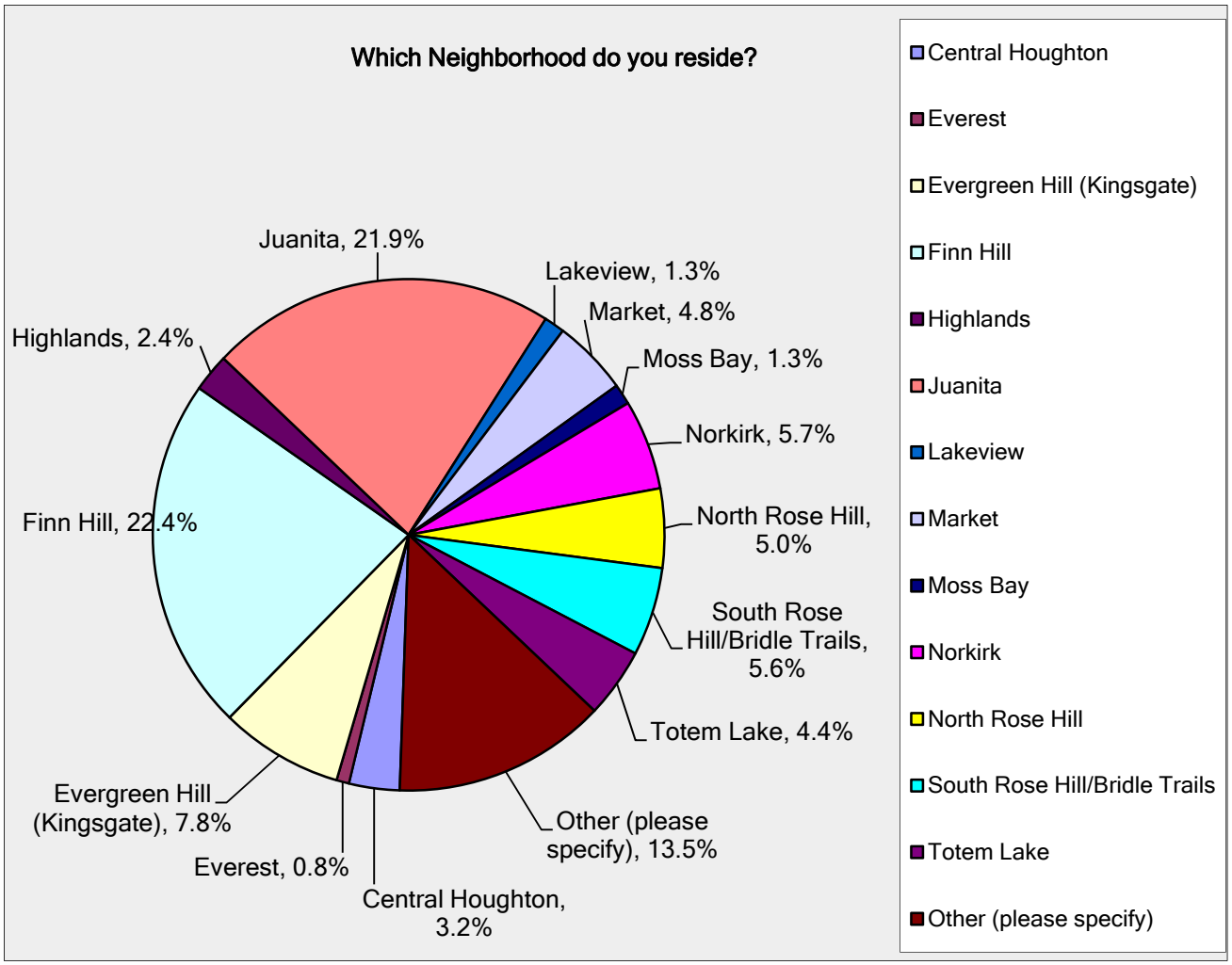


Recreation and Aquatic Center Survey

Question 2:

In which neighborhood do you reside?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Central Houghton	3.2%	28
Everest	0.8%	7
Evergreen Hill (Kingsgate)	7.8%	67
Finn Hill	22.4%	193
Highlands	2.4%	21
Juanita	21.9%	189
Lakeview	1.3%	11
Market	4.8%	41
Moss Bay	1.3%	11
Norkirk	5.7%	49
North Rose Hill	5.0%	43
South Rose Hill/Bridle Trails	5.6%	48
Totem Lake	4.4%	38
Other (please specify)	13.5%	116
	answered question	862
	skipped question	7



Question 3:

What else should we consider about the sites?

1	Safety .. How will the facility be maintained for safety both inside the facility and outside the facility? Would any community swim teams be allowed to call this their "home base"? Like King Aquatics out of KCAC in Federal Way? In an effort to keep interest up in the sport of swimming, it should be able to hold Junior Olympic and National/Regional meets like KCAC does?
2	Room for growth and expansion as needs change Ability for multi-purpose use
3	take a look at the totem lake mall area - that place has to be losign money s you might be able to pick it up for a song!
4	n/a
5	Stands area next to pool for competitive events
6	Access from freeway , congested side streets & bike paths (like Kirkland Cross Corroidor) 50 Meters long !
7	I think all is being covered.
8	The effects of whatever would be taken away/replaced.
9	Swimming pool
10	Cost of site and cost to build on the site
11	I think this is a comprehensive list.
12	nothing else that I can think of
13	traffic conjestion at the major intersections of each site in and out traffic pattern after swim meets
14	Traffic congestion
15	50M pool with ample seating for competition
16	How schools in the Lake Washington School District (especially elementary schools) can schedule swimming classes during the school day.
17	Partner groups
18	Adequate hours of operation
19	Accessible for the disabled. Bus routes.
20	Safe entry and exit onto existing streets during busy hours. In other words not impacting existing traffic patterns.
21	We are in desperate need of a competition pool for the swimming community in Seattle and the eastside. An Olympic size pool would get widely used.
22	walkability for senior citizens and downtown Kirkland residents.
23	Right now there are few closely alternatives to expensive gyms in this area for aquatic leisure and health uses during in climate weather. My family would be there very frequently.
24	That list is appropriate
25	Current and growing demand for aquatic programs
26	Proximity to schools (for after school programs& high school swimming)
27	None
28	Cost
29	proximity to schools
30	Competitive options for youth High school and Masters swimming tie to open water programs, upcoming new public interest
31	That's enough to constipate any bureaucracy.
32	Enough room for a 50 meter pool!!!

Question 3:

What else should we consider about the sites?

33	50m Olympic comptetion size with stand
34	A 50meter by 25 yard pool will save high school swim and dive programs on the east side because of how many teams could practice at a time.
35	A 50yd pool with a warm teaching pool.
36	the pool size should be large enough to easily accomodate students to avoid over crowdings.
37	A 50 meter pool provides 22-25 yard lanes; enough space to accommodate all of the programs that Juanita currently serves and space to grow new programs and provide additional public access. An additional warm water teaching pool provides space for 2000 kids to learn to swim in addition to space for programs like water aerobics and warm water therapy
38	Adequate space to meet current needs and projected needs for swimmers of all ages (young children, school age, high school and adults)
39	NA
40	Preferably a 50 meter pool and at least one warm water teaching pool are needed.
41	Proximity to schools that would use the pool for their swim teams (one of the main reasons it needs to be replaced).
42	Traffic patterns
43	Please visit some aquatic centers in the Vancouver, BC area for ideas on what this should look like. The best ones are: Maple Ridge - http://bcssa.bc.ca/fv/han/about/about_leisure_centre.htm Port Coquitlam - http://www.portcoquitlam.ca/Citizen_Services/Parks_and__Recreation/Facilities___Amenities/Hyde_Creek_Recreation_Centre.htm Maple Ridge is the better of the two but Port Coquitlam is a great example of a small-space facility.
44	The Juanita Beach site is the more community centric. It enables easy access for those who live in Juanita and Central Kirkland. Many can walk or bike to the facility. There is already a big draw of the community to go to Juanita Beach and for families it makes it easy to access and use both locations that are aquatic focused. Think about peak usage times and how that effects transportation in the local area. Look at Bellevue Acquatic Center and it's peak traffic flow times. Think about bus drop off and pick up.
45	Need a large pool - 50 meters to accommodate all aquatic needs currently and in the future.
46	Viewing deck for parents to watch kids swimming.
47	To be more specific about the above point about "Soils, environmental, and construction costs", I would like to see the future site be located on currently developed land - perhaps requiring the demolition or repurposing of existing / outdated structures. I would not like to see forested / natural undeveloped land be used for this project.
48	Spectator space in the competition pool area as well as large deck space if ever needed to host big swim meets.
49	Cost of preparing site for construction.
50	I feel parkland should not be sacrificed for the building of the pool. I desperately want a large pool in our area but removing a forest, open space or facilities that are already frequently used should not be torn down in order to facilitate space for the community pool. There are plenty of already paved over places that could be used. Granted these are expensive for a city to acquire but think of the future with no wooded area (South Norway Hill park), no open space for families to play (Juanita Beach Park, North side) or the Kirkland Community Center which is always busy. Please consider investing in an already existing location that is zoned for commercial use. Totem Lake Mall or the old Albertsons locations would be idea. I'm sure there are other locations that are looking for reuse other than beautiful parks.
51	Accessibility from area High Schools for High School swim teams and competitive swim events.
52	accessibility for high school athletic teams: location in retrospect to the location of high schools in the Northshore and Lake Washington school districts.
53	You've covered it well
54	Safe pedestrian crossing
55	50 meter pool with two other teaching pools.

Question 3:

What else should we consider about the sites?

56	1) need to consider ease of access & traffic flow- Juanita beach park is an absolute nightmare sometimes trying to find a parking spot & if you add a community center there it will create even more of a traffic bottle neck. North Kirkland Community Center would be a great 2nd choice due to it's ease of access & centrality but would need to put in a traffic light to the center since the road it's on is quite busy & I would anticipate an increase in accidents, particularly vehicle-pedestrian. If you do pick this site would also recommend new playground equipment as the existing pieces are outdated. 2)I strongly lobby for the furthest north location. There is no community center in Kenmore and the closest community pool is in Mountlake Terrace. There are a lot of new, family friendly community subdivisions being built in the area that would draw families to this new community center and increase revenue to help support the center. The whole area sorely needs a community gathering place such as this and city of Kenmore just can't generate the funds to offer such a wonderful resource.
57	Affect towards traffic within the city. Accessibility for disabled people.
58	Given the choice between an 8 lane, 25 yard pool and no pool at all, we would definitely opt for the 8 lane pool. However, to meet the demand in our community, a 50 meter pool and at least one warm water teaching pool are needed. A 50 meter pool provides 22, 25 yard lanes; enough space to accommodate all of the programs that Juanita currently serves and space to grow new programs and provide additional public access. An additional warm water teaching pool provides space for 2000 kids to learn to swim in addition to space for programs like water aerobics and warm water therapy.
59	Staffing, who will run it?
60	It would be fantastic to have a 50 meter pool. The only one in our area is in Federal Way.
61	Within reasonable distance from the lake Washington school district, and the Northshore school district (especially Northshore - since we totally lack any facilities)
62	I think it's important to note that many of us will drive way out of our neighborhood to go to a nice pool that meets our needs.
63	With increase in swimmers and already over capacity at Juanita a 50 meter pool is needed.
64	ability of the police department to patrol
65	Since the pool at Juanita High School will be closing soon, it is so important to be able to have another pool of equal amenities as the Juanita Pool available. Without the Juanita Pool, high school swim teams and other competitive teams would not be able to have a close place to swim. And living in the Pacific Northwest, it is an important life skill to be able to know how to swim (this pool provides lessons as well as it is home to the WAVE Aquatics Swim Team).
66	What is the scope of the community that this facilty will serve. I believe it will be far beyond Kirkland
67	A lot of functionality could be addressed by making it adjacent to/integrated with the cross kirkland corridor.
68	I would like to see an 8 lane 50 yard pool plus a warm water teaching pool.
69	Public/Private partnership Or totally private enterprise- TOTEM LAKE MALL
70	Free Parking Area, Free Parking Area, Free Parking Area, Free Parking Area, Free Parking Area.
71	Pools to accomidate swim teams, lessons and therapy. Veiwing deck and nice large locker rooms.
72	Starting blocks and diving board
73	nothing. great list
74	Walking distance from shopping centers. Their parking spots could be utilized during events organized at the aquatic center. Functionality over aesthetics - proximity to other community gathering centers like beaches, parks, shopping areas. Site should be chosen with deep understanding of future transportation centers and/or projects. Example: Gondolas.
75	Your list seems conclusive.
76	Near to a commercial zone
77	A 50 meter pool would provide enough space for multiple uses, such as competitive swimming and swim lessons/classes at the same time. A 25 meter pool would be limited in how many ways that the pool could be used by different groups at the same time.
78	A 50 meter competitive pool would get much use and bring business to Kirkland. Our community will benefit greatly if we have competitors from all over come to Kirkland to swim. I was just up in Canada at a meet and the Americans dumped all kinds of money into the community at http://www.saanich.ca/parkrec/recreation/commonwealth.html. Hopefully we can have a pool like this. It is a community center that is very well used, the city invested their money and now are profiting.

Question 3:

What else should we consider about the sites?

79	We need at least a 50 meter pool with, 25 yard lanes and an additional warm water teaching pool for kids to learn to swim and space for programs like water aerobics and warm water therapy.
80	N/A
81	Close to current pool site for existing customers.
82	The future generations and the aquatic need of the community not just now but in the future as Kirkland continues to grow, change and evolve. The total water selected now, will have a lasting impact on the next several generations. I fear that without a 50 meter facility, the current and future needs of the community will not be met.
83	50 Meter pool and one warm water teaching pool are needed.
84	A 50 meter pool and at least one warm water teaching pool
85	Real-time traffic impacts. Simply laying counter-strips in the surround roadways won't give a true experience of how traffic gets backed up in certain neighborhoods. The Juanita Bay Park, in the Summer, is packed by 3pm, and overflows to the lot across from Spud, and traffic backs up as a result. This year there is a new apartment complex North of Spud in Juanita Village, adding more traffic. Add a pool to that and we'll have the problems of a much larger neighborhood, but in a very small footprint. Neighbors already have had enough of the traffic problems. Parking is not an issue. TRAFFIC is the issue. Adding cars to the current rush-hour backups - people just going home - sends a message that the pool is more important than the comfort of the neighborhood. And the community benefit should also be taken into account. How much do residents use the current pool? From which neighborhoods? If there are other benefits to the neighborhood housing the pool other than the option of using the pool, great. If not, there are much more important items to put money and effort into.
86	There are many gyms available throughout the area. There are pools. The Jaunita Pool is used by many people and must be replaced. A similar facility would be good. A pool that is larger, that can accommodate more people in different uses would be better. A 50 meter pool provides 22, 25 yard lanes; enough space to accommodate all of the programs that Juanita currently serves and space to grow new programs and provide additional public access. An additional warm water teaching pool provides space for 2000 kids to learn to swim in addition to space for programs like water aerobics and warm water therapy.
87	That's about it
88	That it will accommodate the demand of a growing community such as Kirkland one
89	A 50 meter pool would be great to increase capacity. And a warm teaching pool.
90	Investment in a facility that addresses future growth of our area - not only our city, but neighboring city users. Our current aquatic facilities in Kirkland and in our county are not sufficient to meet the needs of residents. First we need more water space, but also need it to be programmable for teaching children and adults how to swim and be safe in water, but also for leisure activities and learning through competition in many aquatic sports.
91	If the site were to be at Juanita Beach you could also have water sports using the lake, such as a rowing club, kayak/canoe rental, paddleboard rental. Also, sailing lessons and sailboat rental. It could be an all around water site.
92	Looks like they have it covered
93	Demand for the types of recreation/sports that are proposed. Many of the proposed types of uses are available elsewhere (e.g. gyms and workout facilities at existing schools, community centers and private business).
94	Year-round usage
95	Accessibility to neighboring communities, high schools and jhs. safe for use by high school students
96	to meet the demand in our community, a 50 meter pool and at least one warm water teaching pool are needed.
97	access to facility from major road or freeway
98	Needs to fit a pool large enough to hold a 50-meter pool. Without a pool of this size, and ideally with a separate teaching/therepy/recreation pool, we will not have the capacity to serve all the user groups that now demand access to pools
99	Please choose whatever site can support the best facility. An 8 lane, 25 yard pool is better than nothing, but a 50 meter pool with side pool for lessons and one for a splash zone for little kids would be so much better. Replacing Juanita pool is a bare minimum need. Let's do more and invest in a facility that can offer more to our community
100	days/hours of operation. Indoor vs outdoor or both.

Question 3:

What else should we consider about the sites?

101	Handicap access Sustainbly built alternative energy consumption
102	Costs of reusing a site, like at Juanita HS, that already has a pool, versus creating an aquatic center from scratch, like at NKCC.
103	Ways to reduce parking needs. Shared parking options should be noted with the sites. Holy Spirit could be used during peak times through an agreement. That should be captured in the evaluation.
104	You need more than adequate parking!
105	Locker room facilities
106	Closeness to freeways?
107	I think you have it covered!
108	Use already cleared land, not forested park property.
109	Traffic impact
110	Cost, as well as the new and expanded "footprint" of Kirkland itself. Since annexing the Finn Hill neighborhood the city still seems to have a large blind spot of any parts of Kirkland north of 132nd. Finn Hill and Juanita are grossly underserved by city resources.
111	The shopping center where Albertsons used to be located at 100th and 132nd is centrally located and has plenty of parking. It is not currently city owned property (I don't think), but the long term benefits would justify the expense and additional time. In addition, it would be a travesty to destroy the wonderful natural area of S Norway Hill or the wonderful open area in the north part of Juanita Park. Our open areas and natural areas are critical for the health of the city and are prized by the residents.
112	Traffic flow, Juanita Drive and 124th both back up for a long time in the morning and evening. There needs to be a significant turn lane and EXCESS parking to allow the facility to be used properly. Juanita Beach and play field is under parked at peak times, why was it designed without adequate parking (stop by in the summer and see all the cars parked on the grass)? Parking was removed to create the swamp and not replaced. My concern would be that congestion would be significantly worse without an additional traffic lane to assist access. Both 124th and Juanita drive would benefit from an additional lane on a DAILY BASIS as the traffic currently backs up past the two sites every weekday morning and evening. Please have the design team drive the options at 7:45 am in both directions, then again at 5:30 pm.
113	Not taking away existing park features like baseball fields for kids. Sustaining the existing treescape in Kirkland (ie not removing a lot of trees!)
114	Pool needs to be indoor and able to be used year round.
115	Traffic and congestion around the proposed site
116	How close is the next closest pool -(i.e. downtown Kirkland pool, Redmond pool, Bellevue pool). Should be in an area that is in most need of pool.
117	Accessibility and availability yo the school and the community.
118	Ease and enough parking spaces for swim meets where 4 teams swim at one meet.
119	Walking access - does the neighborhood have sidewalks leading to the site?
120	Filling of a void, as in, there are currently no fields that allow for youth rugby in this area.
121	Possible increase in traffic to the immedate (and possibly surronding) areas of the site. Can the current surronding road(s) configuration handle the potential increase?
122	Prefer an area of low density and/or low traffic.
123	Noise to surrounding businesses/residences with consideration of hours of operation.
124	Schools will still have gyms available and fields for use. Pool usage is and should be primary focus. Perhaps an outdoor pool at the same location could be considered and closing of pool downtown might be feasible.
125	Traffic
126	Impact on existing environment - e.g., green space, sensitive areas
127	That lists looks great!
128	Those considerations look good. With terrible parking in most areas, that would've been my first suggestion.
129	Retention of trees on the site. We should preserve forested areas in Kirkland. Stormwater impacts on lakes and streams due to the increased impervious surfaces from construction of the new pool. Accessability to new facility using transit should definitely be a criteria.
130	Location to schools who may use the facility

Question 3:

What else should we consider about the sites?

131	Prominent siting and visibility should not be considered too highly. The Juanita pool was never highly visible, and yet people used it extensively. I am currently shopping commercial real estate for my business, and have found that visibility is extremely expensive--in my view, unnecessarily so.
132	something similar to Lynwood acuatic center.
133	Parking and freeway access. Flexible pet policy would be nice too.
134	Existing habitat for wildlife
135	I am concerned about traffic impact, particularly during rush hour {s} at the NKCC with or without a new light from 4:30-7 pm (prime time for swim lessons and competitive practices) getting back into the flow or traffic could be difficult.
136	Loss of current uses -- baseball diamonds @ Juanita Beach; playground @ NKCC. Doesn't mean those sites shouldn't be used, just factor in those losses.
137	Recycled materials?
138	Current site use and redevelopment of an existing community facility. Green field/forest conversion to a built facility is strongly discouraged. Central location to the entire community is important. Bus access
139	Traffic congestion patterns - unless that comes under "Vehicular accessibility"?
140	eco friendly
141	The current number of people attending the place and that number will grow dramatically with additional fitness offerings. Number of schools around the place that can handle classes there.
142	Whether the city should really be the main backer or if this is more of a King County appropriate project.
143	Wheelchair accessibility
144	Parking -- many lights for safety
145	looks like you thought of them all.
146	Day time classes for seniors
147	Cost to maintain Noise Safety
148	Cost Improving use (number of people) over current usage of site
149	See other comment regarding uses. Others a) not destroying or limiting existing greenery. b) how the site is currently used. For example, the Juanita Park now serves baseball, soccer practice fields for smaller kids, fairs, and booths for various end of course runs. c) the Juanita Park area is all ready crowded.
150	The new site should contain a 50 meter competitive swimming pool.
151	Traffic and parking impact
152	least impact on traffic close to freeway
153	Keeping existing buildings and beautiful trees.
154	#NAME?
155	Traffic impact and parking
156	The parking situation is a mess at Juanita beach especially in the summer and often times the park is used as alternative parking. There are also two new huge condos/apt buildings in the area creating extreme congestion. The north Kirkland community center is right off 124 th which is a heavily congested area between peak times so a signal for turning left into the area or alternate entrance would need to be used.
157	These considerations seem extensive and appropriate.
158	Proximity to Finn Hill!
159	Environmental impact Habitat, impact on wildlife and larger ecosystem
160	Looks like you have it covered,
161	An affordable place for all to utilize. Not raising costs of amenities around the area.
162	Proximity to High Schools for teams. Accessibility abd resources for year round programs.
163	Future traffic problems
164	Kids play areas, child care while parents workout similar to ymca since there is no ymca in kirkland
165	traffic congestion
166	Security/Safety
167	Bus from Kirkland schools to new center for after school care. Kids could participate in a martial arts class or use the gym to play baketball or even swim. Plus quiet rooms for homework or tutoring.
168	Accessibility, driving distance.
169	traffic

Question 3:

What else should we consider about the sites?

170	Parking! None of these sites have adequate parking when you consider a high school tri-meet of 150 athletes and families. Norway Park would provide the most space but also the most impact on the neighborhood.
171	nothing
172	Services for youth and adults with disabilities....so perhaps warm water area would be a good idea.
173	How much it would cost in taxes.
174	Impact on traffic
175	traffic
176	weather - we have rainy and/or cold weather for much of the year so prefer more INDOOR sites available to families
177	Accessible by bus or public transportation
178	Parking should be able to accommodate swim meet crowds. Come some Saturday morning this summer. The parking under the library is completely full by 8:00am.
179	Hygiene of shower room.
180	Traffic .Juanita beach Park North would be a big mistake. Traffic is already bad. Kirkland community center I think would be better. You already have a lot of parking and easy access.
181	Closeness to the place of similar nature as it would be if Pool was built next to Juanita Beach (Aquatics) or North Kirk Comm Center (Sports)
182	traffic
183	We need a competitive pool for JHS and LWHS, as well as, to continue the synchronized swimming club (only one in Seattle area, I believe). We should, therefore, also consider ease of team bus entering and exiting and safety of youth arriving with a team.
184	Access to kirkland corridor. Future transportation ie light rail. Would be great to be in walkable neighborhood
185	Noise and disturbance of wild life (whats left)
186	Parking
187	police present
188	This is a component of the size & configuration of the site - but it would be amazing to have a 50 meter pool. I drive all the way from Kirkland to Colman Pool in West Seattle to use their 50 meter pool for triathlon training in the summer. It would be a feature that would attract many eastside athletes to use the facility. Another consideration is year round use - an indoor pool is perfect 9 months of the year, but having outdoor accessibility May through Sept would also be amazing and would drive use
189	Opportunity for partnerships with other entities to help build, operate, and maintain the facility. The types of partnerships could be different depending on which site and the type of facility that could be constructed on the site. Also, what about costs? I imagine that is a consideration as well.
190	I'm a competitive swimmer. There are no 50 meter pools close to my house. I love swimming, and my little sister does too. If we don't build another competitive pool competitive we will have to leave our friends and team, and our programs will be lost. We have dreams and a 50 meter pool is what we need to fulfill them.
191	Impact on habitat for other species. We need to retain undeveloped forest for other species.
192	None
193	Allowing local physical therapists to rent pool and treatment space to provide services to the community. Please contact Brent Coburn at Totem Lake Physical Therapy 425-823-8631 in regards to this.
194	Ability to provide an adequate competitive pool to support high school swim and dive teams, as well as teaching pools to help children learn to swim.
195	who will run the programs, cost of use when completed
196	current usages of property being considered - under utilized or have unique features not found elsewhere close by? Environmental impact
197	20-40 year projection of city growth - build to serve then rather than now
198	Employee availability
199	Year long accessibility to the aquatic center, not just during summer.
200	Destruction of natural resources - i.e., cutting down all of those beautiful trees Current or proposed roads/traffic paterns
201	Parking and Traffic effects
202	Making the most out of the facility for use and also for it to pay for itself with the services/activities that it provides.

Question 3:

What else should we consider about the sites?

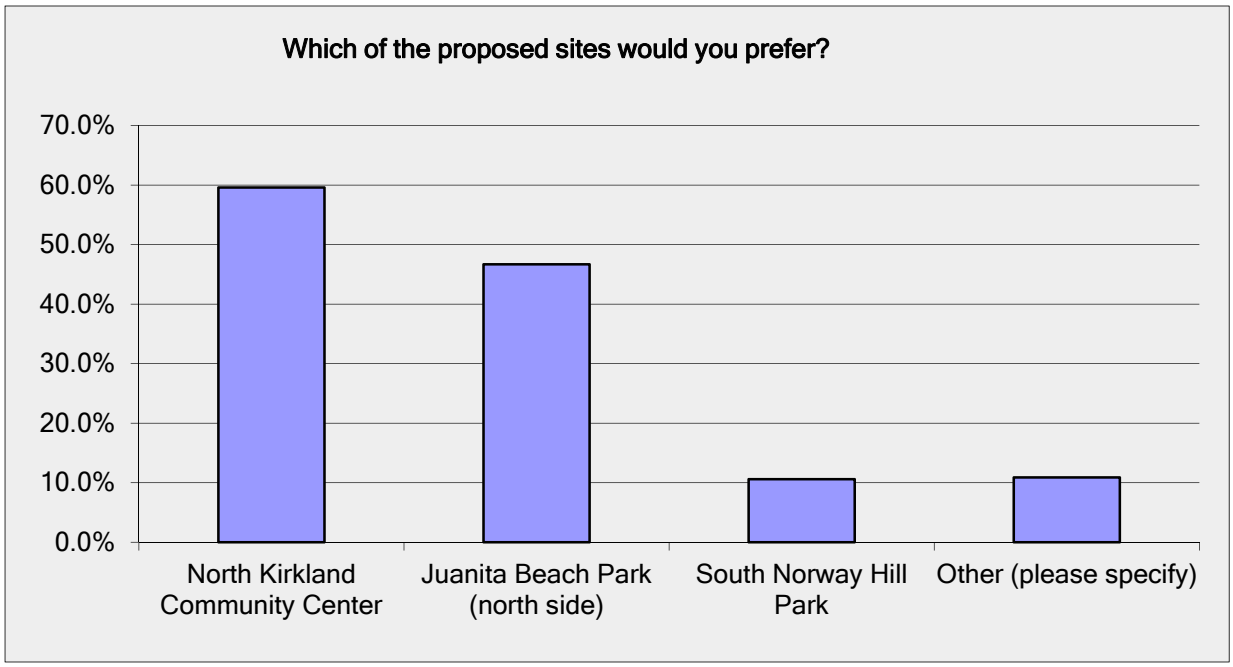
203	Adequate parking.
204	"Neighborhood context"--how many pools are already within a radius of the site...
205	I would just like to re-emphasize centrality within the community. In particular it would be great to have a facility that can be easily accessible for Lake Washington and Juanita High School as well as the feeder schools. As accessible as open water is for us we need a safe swimming environment to teach 1st time swimmers and build future competitive swimmers.
206	I'm not sure if Totem Lake Mall is city owned...but its would be a perfect space...its certainly large enough and has ample space for parking. right now its wasted space as there are hardly any store located there. the upper space could be used the pool and lower area could be the mall.
207	I think you can cover the existing pool in downtown Kirkland and get some use out of it.
208	n/a
209	Biggest pool possible
210	Impact on traffic unless that's already part of one of the considerations. Juanita beach area would be lovely for us but it gets terribly congested. I know there are plans to redo parts of the road but there's only so much space.
211	Accessibility for pedestrians, bus, and ample parking, and extended access hours are my main concerns.
212	Impact on neighborhood Length of construction
213	can't think of anything else
214	Kid friendly park, dogs only area away from kids who are allergic or fearful.
215	looks good

Recreation and Aquatic Center Survey

Question 4:

Which of the proposed sites would you prefer?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
North Kirkland Community Center	59.6%	477
Juanita Beach Park (north side)	46.7%	374
South Norway Hill Park	10.6%	85
Other (please specify)	10.9%	87
	answered question	801
	skipped question	68



Recreation and Aquatic Center Survey

Question 5:

What concerns do you have about any of the sites?

1	How will they impact community traffic? How will precautions be in place to protect our children, special needs children and adults, those that cannot manuever independently permanently or temporarily (broken leg - crutches, wheelchairs, etc.) How will lifeguards be monitored, selected, trained, maintained, etc? Will they be given they own area with lockers for their down time? A microwave and refrigerator? Would this facility be solely a City of Kirkland financial responsibility, or would it be a part of King County financial responsibility? If City of Kirkland, then does it limit it solely to Lake Washington School District? Northshore?
2	surface streets being able to handle the traffic
3	n/a
4	This is hard to answer because I don't know what the trade-offs are. I like the North Kirkland Community Center because it seems to have a lot of unused space. However, I don't know what type of facility could be housed there, as it seems to be a smaller lot. While Juanita Beach Park is large and easily accessible, I often see that area being used for recreation, kids's soccer practices, tennis, and baseball.
5	South Norway Hill Park may be too far from the Juanita location
6	The north side of Juanita beach park already is used by many people on a regular basis. Would hate to see that open space developed, especially with all the businesses and condos going up in that area.
7	none.
8	Farther from where I live and congested side streets to location
9	The North Kirkland Community Center location will probably require some traffic revisions to accommodate the already congested intersection at NE 124 and 100 NE.
10	I don't think Juanita beach area could/should host a community pool. Juanita creek is too fragile and the area is frequently used by sports teams and the farmers market.
11	Please don't clog up the area around the lovely Juanita Beach park. I wish I knew (and could drive and look at) the South Norway Hill Park to see where it is and how it is sited. I understand it would involve cutting down a stand of trees and that bothers me. The North Kirk CC would present a parking problem at an already jammed up intersection. Would it involve tearing down the former church/community center?. On pros and cons, I'd consider how well the current CC is used: heavily, not so heavily??
12	Nope
13	Traffic
14	I'm concerned about cutting down so many trees on the Norway hill site. I'm concerned about losing the playground at the n. Kirkland site.
15	I have concerns about beach impact for the Juanita Beach site even though it is my preferred site. I do think that the Totem Lake Site is also a very viable site.
16	Parking, traffic
17	Of the options listed North Kirkland is my first pick, but the best location would be in place of the Totem Lake Mall. Easy access off the freeway, lots of parking, ample space....
18	Traffic and parking.
19	None
20	Possible problems with increased traffic.
21	Juanita Drive congestion
22	Actually all of the sites are pretty good. The North Community Center is central to Juanita HS and LWHS for swim team. Juanita has a bit more space and is not on a busy street. I am VERY opposed the the idea of putting a lid on the Peter Kirk outdoor pool. It's one of the few outdoor pools left in the region and so many people enjoy it, in the summer, because it is outdoors. It works very well to have the college age kids working as lifeguards. Personally, I love to see the sunlight dancing on the bottom of the pool as I lap swim. It is so well used, every inch every day. PLEASE DON"T CHANGE PETER KIRK POOL just for one or two peoples convenience. It's been a wonderful asset to the community as it is. It doesn't need to change.
23	Parking, traffic management, the ability to turn left out of facility during rush hour

Question 5:

What concerns do you have about any of the sites?

24	It would be nice if it were close as possible to downtown Kirkland. I'd like to see the option to using the current pool space, using the current pool space changing to an indoor / outdoor pool. Possible with a cover for winter months (I've seen bubble type covers). Sedond idea is to have one pool covered, one uncovered to be outside in the same area. Or thirdly, cover it and have the south and west walls with giant garage doors to open to the outdoors patio and park. This would require a bit more of the park. Regarding the type of pool, the pool could be adjusted to using salt water this is wonderful more healthful option to 100% chorine. The juanita bay club pool has this system, but you need a monthly membership to swim there.
25	They are too far away from the downtown PK community center, main transit center. Also, what is the point of a the current outdoor PK downtown pool that is used only in summers?
26	I don't know where South Norway Hill Park is located. Juanita Beach Park would also be good but seems a bit farther from bus lines than NKCC.
27	None
28	My biggest concern is that any site needs to be large enough to accommodate a full 50 meter competition pool and accompanying spectator seating.
29	Keeping classes off the regular traffic cycle would be good and bicycle access to either Juanita and NKCC is poor - the bike lane from Downtown pretty much ends at 116th. It would be good to see improved bike lanes and broader sidewalks - perhaps a road diet at that corner where 116th meets Market to make walkers and bikers more secure and encourage walking and biking to the location and transit. Juanita has the best public transit options right now so that is a plus for reducing traffic and encouraging many different users.
30	Traffic around Juanita Beach might be an issue.
31	Norway Hill is undeveloped, no need to take out the trees
32	Concerned about parking at North Kirkland Concerned about non-central location of Norway Hill & North Kirkland Comm. Center
33	None
34	As a life long competitive swimmer, it seems difficult to find a pool near my neighborhood. Not only for myself to continue swimming, but also for my child for recreation. We currently use the lynnwood rec center and are very impressed with all they have to offer. It would be great to have a similar site with similar facility accommodations in the Kirkland area. Another thing I would consider is a childcare like the YMCA has so the parents can have some time to workout too. As far as how big the pool should be, a 50 meter pool would be in high demand because there are simply no 50 meter pools in the area. Closest one is in west seattle and is always over crowded. I think that feature would draw a lot of people to the pool.
35	Juanita site would make the area too crowded.
36	Traffic, congestion, parking
37	Traffic accessibility issues at Juanita
38	I'm concerned about the potential environmental impact on the Juanita Beach site as well as the possible disruption of the current beach and park that already exist there. NKCC is centrally located, has easy access for vehicles and the multipurpose rooms that already exist there could be included in a new facility.
39	Keeping the programs that the community center already puts on. And not limiting yet another community venue to the public.
40	None
41	Not appropriate for north side of Juanita Beach. Levy was passed for this to be a park site, not a swimming facility. Parks are open space. The south side of Juanita Beach does not have adequate parking and overflow needs to be on the north side which will become even more obvious as population increases. I thought plan was for more fields to include soccer fields that can be converted to baseball fields. And a state of the art skateboard park. And the tennis courts are the only lighted ones in Kirkland. What would you do about Forbes House?
42	Traffic congestion and access - The most logical choice from this perspective is North Kirkland Community Center however this seems to be the smallest possibility and parking could be an issue -
43	Traffic along Juanita drive is already a disaster. I would love to have this facility close to us but worry about the limited capacity of Juanita drive that I already contend with on a daily basis.
44	The South Norway Hill Park site has accessibility issues and you would be destroying woodlands to build the facility. Seems like there is a better use for that property to benefit the community. Keep our woods and build parks that take advantage of them. That said, as a runner as well as a swimmer, having running trails as well as a pool facility would be interesting.

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45	No to Juanita Beach. I think the park there is valuable to the area for it's beauty. Would be disappointing to put a large complex there. I vote for N Kirkland or S Norway. N Kirkland is much better for access. I do not know re: impact it'd have on N Kirkland community Center.
46	Ease of accessibility (the 3 listed are in locations that are difficult to get to)
47	The distance to the site for out-of-district or farther away residents of certain groups, individuals, and/or teams (i.e. High School Swim and Dive teams).
48	At Juanita beach park it may detract from the calm waterfront of Juanita beach itself with too much traffic, etc.
49	South Norway Hill Park is the least construction-ready site and is also built on a slope that would need to be leveled to accommodate a new facility.
50	I feel parkland should not be sacrificed for the building of the pool. I desperately want a large pool in our area but removing a forest, open space or facilities that are already frequently used should not be torn down in order to facilitate space for the community pool. There are plenty of already paved over places that could be used. Granted these are expensive for a city to acquire but think of the future with no wooded area (South Norway Hill park), no open space for families to play (Juanita Beach Park, North side) or the Kirkland Community Center which is always busy. Please consider investing in an already existing location that is zoned for commercial use. Totem Lake Mall or the old Albertsons locations would be idea. I'm sure there are other locations that are looking for reuse other than beautiful parks.
51	Accessibility, parking, family friendly and family safe environment.
52	are any of them close enough to high schools to allow swim teams to practice at this pool, especially before school?
53	The two I selected would be nice but I dont know that Juanita Beach would have enough parking to handle the traffic. It would also provide possibly unwanted traffic for beach goers in the summer where the North Kirkland CC would not.
54	Traffic Reduction in public space
55	Access to Juanita Beach from 405. 116th can get really congested.
56	Lack of parking at Juanita Beach
57	I want a site that can house a 50 meter pool with other training pools.
58	as I said before, traffic & parking at the Juanita Beach site is an absolute nightmare in the summer and I can already anticipate it would be incredibly frustrating to do anything at the Center during that time of year= could have major impact on revenue and thus center funding...
59	Juanita beach is already extremely crowded. North Kirkland CC has a lot traffic already in the evenings. A center like this would be difficult to accommodate in this resenenditial area.
60	Parking and traffic near Juanita beach park is already troublesome. Can't imagine how much worse it would be.
61	None
62	Parking
63	Juanita Beach already has challenging parking and traffic. To add a community facility would strain it even more. North Kirkland Community Center is a bit hard to in and out of during rush hour.
64	closeness to residential areas
65	Juanita - congestion
66	Concerned about ease of access to Juanita Beach location
67	Opportunities to use part of the site for outside activities need to be included.
68	Do not wonna see Juanita Park built, let's keep the space open and not turn it into an ugly parking lot.
69	I have a concern that South Norway Hill park may face the largest number of obstacles (easements, concerns from neighbors, especially who adjoin the property) and thus potentially delay the new aquatics center
70	I would love to see the old Albertsons used. You could build so much for the community as it continues to grow.
71	increased traffic. Expense of siting it on a hill at North Kirkland Comm. Center. Juanita beach Park- many. TRAFFIC is already bad. Parking lots would take up most of park areas. Forbes creek and house would be lost. South Norway Hill- How to get access? Good location otherwise. Loss of trees but money could be used.
72	Both of the locations have easy access and the site is large enough to host events.
73	I feel it should be in a space where there is adequate room for 50 meter pool and training pool plus other amenities. Hopefully a spot where it will not cause traffic congestion and have ample parking. I live much closer to the other 2 choices but I feel " go big or go home" should be the motto on this project. The city/ population is growing so fast, I think a small facility (25 meter only) will be at capacity before you can even open the new doors.

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74	Traffic and access to north kirkland community center on weeknights
75	Parking & traffic at all proposed sites
76	Juanita beach esp doesn't have great driving access--further from highway and is often clogged with AM and PM traffic.
77	traffic, parking
78	Adequate room for the preferred usages.
79	To meet the demand in our community, a 50 meter pool and at least one warm water teaching pool are needed. A 50 meter pool provides 22, 25 yard lanes.An additional warm water teaching pool provides space for 2000 kids to learn to swim in addition to space for programs like water aerobics and warm water therapy.
80	Traffic and access would be my main concerns around NKCC and Juanita Beach.
81	South Norway Hill Park is almost next to the city boundaries, therefore would most likely benefit other communities. The project should address the needs of Kirkland residents.
82	Possibly traffic issues at Juanita beach. My second choice would be North Kirkland Comm. center.
83	Planning and construction needs to start soon so when Juanita is torn down we are not left with no pool at all. So if a site will require lots of prep or will encounter lots of local opposition then it is not worth the time.
84	Sites too far north will be too inconvenient to draw revenue from surrounding communities such as Bellevue and Redmond.
85	The disruption of the beautiful forest at S. Norway Hill Park as well as the fact that it is not so centrally located.
86	A 50 meter pool provides 22, 25 yard lanes; enough space to accommodate all of the programs that Juanita currently serves and space to grow new programs and provide additional public access such as open swiming time for families. An additional warm water teaching pool provides space for 2000 kids to learn to swim in addition to space for programs like water aerobics and warm water therapy
87	Parking during swim meets
88	I would like to make sure that the site is not too far form the freeway. This facility will service a large community that extends north and south of kirkland. It will have more usage if it can be accessed from 405.
89	Juanita Beach Park area gets so congested.
90	Parking and Easy Access
91	Norway is the furthest distance from the current site. Current users may discontinue to pay for and use a new site that is not near the current location.
92	Parking and accessibility
93	Juanita Beach Park has horrible traffic issues, that would be a very restricting location. And a large loss of a very large open area there. I think the other areas are more viable. JBP would be a mistake.
94	Juanita - traffic congestion All sites - is there enough land available?
95	Juanita Beach Park already difficult to access in heavy traffic times.
96	Cost overruns Environmental degradation and negative impact Negative impacts of traffic to local residents
97	Adequate parking. It seems that Juanita Beach Park and the parking lot across the street would be enough.
98	None
99	None
100	Distance and traffic
101	Any site is fine, as long as the adequately sized, ie larger than the Juanita High School Pool, aquatics center will fit with room for outdoor space.
102	Seems like this would be a good opportunity to have some input before plans get going with the new Kirkland Park Place, but that downtown corridor it probably too congested to take on something this big. It probably makes most sense out at North Kirkland Community Center.
103	That it is large enough to host decent swimming events and serves an every growing populating for the future.
104	I have no concerns. I am grateful for what the City of Kirkland is proposing.
105	None
106	parking space
107	Adequate parking
108	South Norway Hill Park is too remote and difficult to get to. Juanita Beach Park is likely to have traffic issues at rush hours without some work on the infrastructure at that intersection. North Kirkland CC also has heavy traffic but not as close to a major (and increasingly busy) retail and residential intersection.
109	None. Just build it, but make sure it is done "right", not on a shoestring.

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110	NKCC is too small to accommodate my "dream pool" and adequate parking capacity
111	The site should serve lake Washington school district and support their swimming and athletic programs
112	The Kirkland city government is not known for its' fiscal aptitude
113	NKCC - too small SNWH - not central enough - limited access to property
114	none
115	1. Whatever is selected needs to be able to accomodate a 50 meter pool plus smaller pool for teaching/therapy/recreation. 2. I thought this issue was about fulfilling the aquatics needs of the community, especially with the demise of Juanita Pool. Now it seems to be more about filling a much longer wish list of recreation needs and I'm concerned that the ballooning facility project will appear so bloated to the public that we'll kill our opportunity to get the pool space we need to meet the demand. Another pool the size of Juanita (or even an 8-lane x 25 yard pool) is insufficient!
116	North Kirkland Community center is too small, and Juanita Park is too limited access, as it is bordered by the lake. Also, permitting and environmental concerns in construction would make Juanita difficult
117	The site must be able to accommodate a 50meter by 25yard pool plus a teaching pool and all the parking it requires.
118	All of the sites seem to be at the north end of town. I suppose the issue is the central part of town is more built up. The N Kirkland Community Center or Juanita Beach park are fairly close to the current pool at Juanita HS. When my daughter was doing swim and dive team, due to evening traffic on 405 and arterial traffic heading north, it used to take me nearly an hour to make the round trip from S. Kirkland to pick her up after practice.
119	With sites within residential areas, you could have years of protests by nearby residents about traffic, noise, etc. A quicker path to resolution is to put this facility where there is already development and arterial roads in place, such as around Totem Lake or the more industrial area just south and southeast of there.
120	Location (all north Kirkland),
121	South Norway is not accessible.
122	They are already congested, this is especially true of Juanita Beach Park
123	South Norway Hill Park, isn't an ideal location, building close to Juanita Beach Park and the improvements already made there will continue to draw people to that area making it more of a center point for families in the community to gather.
124	I don't feel that NKCC has enough space to build a nice pool.
125	Infrastructure is in place at JHS. All of the other sites would require much more cost to build an aquatic center.
126	Losing baseball fields.
127	I love the location of the S. Norway Hill park for ease of access, ability to serve the current users of the pool, and the opportunities for economic development in that area. But I have big concerns about removing a large part of a working forest that provides so much in terms of wildlife habitat and surface water management. If the parcel directly to the east of it could be acquired, and only the bare minimum of trees be taken off the park land, that would be a reasonable trade-off. I worry that the soils and proximity to the lake would doom the JBP site to being far too expensive. I can only imagine construction costs to put a pool in the ground, basically below the water table.
128	With Lake Washington in the background, the Juanita Beach Park would look the best! Will probably need a bigger parking lot though especially in the summer.
129	Parking, congestion
130	None
131	My concern with the north kirkland site is how much open space and play grounds would be replaced with parking and buildings. As for the south Norway site it is a good green space that should not be removed and should be preserved.
132	Traffic at Juanita beach and on 124th near the community center is already pretty backed up at certain times during the day.
133	Traffic, congestion and aesthetics
134	Traffic
135	Worried about the parking and traffic which is already terrible in that area now.
136	The South Norway Hill Park has great value as parkland, green space and native habitat in a metropolitan area. Once cleared and developed, that use is lost forever. I would much rather see the city choose a site that has had previous development but is now underutilized. An example of this is the site formerly occupied by the Albertson's store at 100 Ave NE and NE 132 St.

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137	I'm concerned that precious ball fields, parks and playgrounds will be displaced by this facility.
138	traffic congestion
139	None.
140	I don't like the South Norway Hill Park site. Many trees would have to be cut down. Also, it's right in the middle of a neighborhood and would increase the traffic in the neighborhood.
141	I am completely opposed to using any open space park property for a buidling or parking development! It is unthinkable that South Norway Hill Park would even be considered, as it consists of a high-value forest that would be completely destroyed. Even partial destruction of this forest should be rejected.
142	Loss of large park space at Juanita Beach.
143	I would prefer to not lose any existing park land.
144	None it would be a great location. I would ok with the North Kirkland Community Center site as well.
145	All of the proposed sites are too small to build a good facility. The Community Center site has the drawback of being too hilly, Juanita Beach park will have too much environmental impact on the lake, and South Norway hill is inconvenient.
146	My #2 choice would be the North Kirkland Community Center. S Norway HIll is a wonderful natural area, of which there are far too few in Kirkland. Destruction of this park would be an abomination. It is not easily accessed and traffic issues would be major. This shouldn't even be on the list IMHO. Juanita Beach Park (north side) is actively used all year long. We are so short of open grassy parks in the north end of town, loss of this area would be very sad. Traffic is awful in this area already.
147	I like North Kirkland because I believe it has the parking capacity to handle the facility. I do not want it at Juanita Beach because it would destroy the open space there that is currently used for baseball and other activities. It would also add to an already congested traffic situation on Juanita Drive and make parking almost impossible for the park, the swimming facility and the Spud Fish and Chips restaurant located there.
148	Availability of parking, ease of access
149	South Norway Hill is to far for most of Kirklands residents
150	Juanita Beach is already so crowded, traffic & parking
151	Traffic
152	The South Norway Hill Park area is flawed for two important reasons. One, you will have to remove so many beautiful trees to put it in, it is not worth deforesting one of the few stands of trees in Kirkland. Two, It is in a poor location being so far north in Kirkland. Difficult for most "Kirklandites" to access. I don't like the Juanita Beach Park idea much because it takes away from existing ball fields which are hard to come by for youth. Plus, I think it would increase traffic congestion in an area that does not have roads to handle it. Further there is already so much visual density in the area with the large apartment complexes next door that it would just look bad.
153	None, I have concerns that people will not realize that high school swim will be impacted if they choose to have a shallow pool with lazy rivers and water slides.
154	None
155	I chose NKCC over Juanita Beach Park because I think the preservation of green space is more needed and fitting at the beach location. South Norway Hill is just not easily accessible. My main concerns are that in the visual info. board for the proposed NKCC site, we lose the outdoor basketball court and kids playground which are some of the most utilized pieces of the park. If these were preserved, I would be 100% for the NKCC site.
156	I believe the Pool should be as Close to Juanita HS (If not at the HS) as Possible. Concerns: North Kirkland Comm Center: 1. 124th already congested enough with traffic flow. 2. Residential Neighborhood for the most part 3. Parking Juanita Beach 1. You are 2-3 blocks from hitting the Lake Washington HS Geography Zone 2. Parking 3. Traffic Congestion South Norway Hill 1. Not sure where this would be actually, but you would put the pool just a few blocks from the Bothell City Limits
157	1. The North Kirkland Community Center and Juanita Beach Park are closest to the current location of the pool. 2. While the Juanita pool is an indoor, year round pool. The Kingsgate area already has at least 4 pools that I can think of for use during the warmer months.
158	Loss of little league fields if the Juanita Beach Park site is chosen.
159	Do not use Juantia beach park as the traffic would block the only access to Juanita drive north which is already a mess. 124th has much more access and wouldn't cause the traffic problems that Juanita Beach would....
160	Parking issues and traffic at the Juanita Beach Park location.

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161	Juanita Beach park already has issues around parking, as well as huge traffic and congestion issues at certain times of day and specially in the summer. Also, I think that residents greatly benefit from that open area - an enclosed pool does not need such a wonderful beach view!
162	Juanita Beach is already too crowded and to add this traffic wouldn't move. Please leave the open space at the park.
163	I am concerned about traffic. Not necessarily the neighborhood traffic, I am worried about being able to get in and out of the parking lot. I am concerned that even though this is an idea out there it won't happen or the schools will not have enough access to run swim teams.
164	North kirkland parking and traffic congestion problems. How it might impact the neighborhood. Juanita beach. Fine if baseball fields remain in tack. Don't really no Norway hill park.
165	Traffic congestion
166	If we are going to do this, let's do it right. I'm concerned about the size of the space for the right structure.
167	Parking and traffic at Juanita Beach is already an issue, adding a pool would have significant negative impacts.
168	Parking at Juanita would be difficult.
169	Partnering with another city is vital, so the site should not be picked until the partner is obtained. Kenmore might prefer the Juanita site, Bothell might prefer another one, etc.
170	North Kirkland - Possibly enough space depending on how much the site is used for, nice to have the little park across the street. However, during peak traffic hours in the evening it could be exteremly difficult to turn out to the East on 124th, and like wise if you were trying to turn in from 124th headed East. It's also not an ideal place for a traffic light. Juanita Beach - Lovely location but serious concerns about the peak traffic times and accessiblity. Even in the summer or on a nice warm day the park there and across the street are both full to the max. It's a very desirable location, but not if you can't get there. The streets leading in are fine, but are small and again can only handle so much traffic. Would the building block the view of the lake from the road? It would be very sad, that's one of the beautiful things about that area, being able to see all the gorgeous land and the lake.
171	Juanita has a lot of traffic. I think this would be a great addition to the neighborhood, and would not be a traffic nuisance during winter when the lake is not as crowded and the farmer's market is not operating, but I'd be concerned about traffic back up onto Juanita during the summer, when all three things (lake, market and pool) would be great entertainment choices and parking is very limited. I'd like to see a sidewalk installed on Juanita to all the residential neighborhoods for those living in Juanita and Finn Hill neighbhorhoods, so they have other alternatives for safe transportation on those type of days prior to this the swimming pool opening in this location.
172	Concern with traffic and parking at JuanitaBeach site. If this was properly addressed that could be a fantastic location.
173	South Norway is too far from where I live Juanita Beach Park has more traffic/parking issues than NKCC
174	great idea anywhere you put it. biggest concern is making the neighbors happy!!
175	Norway Hill is a forest site. it should be excluded from consideration because of its sensitive nature.
176	Traffic safety
177	I wouldn't think the South Norway Hill Park would be as accessible to the general population of Kirkland/Juanita residents. The North Kirkland Community Center and Juanita Beach are both on main streets and very close to freeway access. The Juanita Beach location would also be a good location for children/teens during the summer while school is out to keep them occupied and out of trouble. :)
178	Norht Juanita site would eliminate the baseball fields. Would probably preclude building the skateboard half pipe as was planned for the north side development. This parcel of land should be left as open space keeping the ball fields and providing a liesure site for public use for variety of activities, to include many outdoor gatherings, special events, etc. - Placing the acquatic center there would create massive traffic congestion which would be hard to mitigate due to the design of the street accesses and newly developed structures/businesses.
179	Many people go to Juanita Beach Park to swim. Seems redundant to put a pool there. I have no concerns other than that.
180	Traffic impacts and adequacy of parking will need to be considered
181	South Norway Hill Park should be taken out of considerations because it is inaccessible using transit, it is a forested parcel and should remain forested, developing this parcel will damage nearby streams and will probably cause flooding.
182	Space available/increase in traffic

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183	My concern for both the NKCC and South Norway Hill sites is that putting a large-scale facility and grounds there would encroach on residential space in terms of privacy, noise level, trraffic, etc. This may seem true for the Juanita Beach Park site as well, but in reality, there are already so many sports teams/lessons that practice in that space, in addition to the farmers' market, summer festivals, and the many often-frequented businesses that are located in that same area.
184	I think Juanita Beach should be left as a beach park as is.
185	Parking / space seems inadequate at either NKCC or Juanita Beach. (I am not familiar with South Norway Hill.)
186	The Juanita Beach option ins concerning due to the already heavy traffic - adding such a facility will just add to the congestion and limited parking. Also, would take away from two of our limited baseball fields. Another suggestion would be the old Albertson's?
187	I don't think the new facility should take away current park land, like the area at Juanita beach
188	I am concerned about the proposed South Norway Hill Park site for several reasons. The selection of this site would disrupt a well-established neighborhood. The low speed residential roads would be challenged to accommodate increased traffic. The site would require clearing many trees, which provide natural habitat for wildlife and beauty to the area. South Norway Hill Park is on the northern tip of Kirkland, decreasing the ease of access to the majority of Kirkland residents.
189	Bad traffic around Juanita Beach Park
190	Ground water level at the Juanita Beach; loosing significant trees and the distance from south Kirkland and Downtown Kirkland at Norway Hill; traffic configuration at all three sites; I would like to see multilevel parking to reduce the impact on too much land being taken up with ground level parking
191	Baseball diamonds @ Juanita Beach are heavily used by KNLL. Where would this baseball usage go? Again, doesn't mean Juanita Beach shouldn't be used as the pool site, just wondering where baseball usage would go instead.
192	For the North Kirkland Community Center site, I am concerned about the impact it would have on the neighborhood, particularly the homes around it. This site seems to show the greatest impact area involving homes. Also, it would eliminate the park already there. Furthermore, 124th is already a very busy street. If a pool were to be built there, I would expect the site to include a park and the facilities currently available through the North Kirkland Community Center. For South Norway Park, the concern would be having to cut down so many trees to make a space for the site. The site that seems to be most feasible, with open space already there and the least impact on residential homes and neighborhoods, is Juanita Beach Park.
193	The South Norway Hill Park site currently is a forested site. Avoid converting it to developed space as long as possible. Juanita Beach site access by road/car is not great; just one 2-lane road passes the site and this area is already heavily congested during the morning and evening commutes when adult swimmers most likely would access the pool. Also, some big trees would need to be removed from J. Beach site. Parking would have to be developed.
194	I think accessibility is important.
195	N.Kirkland CC site is too small for adequate parking Juanita Beach North and surrounding area already has traffic grid lock. S. Norway Hill Park location is inconvenient by automobile. I-405 north bound is a parking lot in the afternoon. The preferred location should be Mc Aufille Park! Currently, the property is under utilized. It is readily accessible from the Cross Kirkland Corridor by foot and bicycle Location can accommodate a recreational site with adequate parking. Is a more central location than the other listed proposed sites
196	South Norway Hill is too remote and takes out a whole forest. Juanita Beach is fine, but traffic flow not as good through there as North Kirk CC.
197	I don't know much about the South Norway Hill Park, although I do believe that having the pool so far north doesn't seem to make as much sense to me since the Mountlake Terrace and Lynnwood pools are also up north. I believe having the Kirkland pool further south, in a location closer towards downtown, would be a better choice.
198	Never heard about South Norway Hill Park, although we are residing in Kirkland for 12 years. Juanita Beach Park does not have enough space for that. It was just recently remodeled and our family with three kids love it that way as a nice place to walk, hike, watch nature, play in the sand and swim in summer time.

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199	I heard that the NKCC site would be the most expensive, so I think that is not a good choice. I also think 124th has enough traffic issues and I don't think we should add to it. I like Juanita Beach Park, but in the summer it is already so busy--consider the impact on an area that already has development that did not consider such an increase in traffic. Also, I like the play fields there and think the open space makes the condensed development project more aesthetically pleasing. South Norway Hill is a bit far north, but it isn't a super high-traffic area, so I think the additional traffic could be well managed for that site. Maybe partner with Woodinville/Bothell as well? That location would be very accessible to some of their residents and there is no facility like it in the area.
200	I think the environmental impact to Juanita Beach Park is too great.
201	I think the Norway Hill Park Location is too far from downtown Kirkland. Juanita Beach Park might have congestion issue.
202	Distance from Downtown/Lakeview area, traffic challenges
203	Parking
204	South Norway Hill Park is further away and with traffic conditions only becoming more challenging as Kirkland grows, the greater distance makes this site undesirable for those residents of South Kirkland communities.
205	I like the location of Juanita park -- central access to everyone, but traffic can be difficult at peak hours. If No. Kirkland, need to a signal at the corner.
206	I think Juanita beach is at a difficult intersection and I don't know where South Norway Hill Park is. North Kirkland community center is at a good location and has a playground right there.
207	No more exercise classes during the day.
208	Doesn't seem like there would be enough room at JBeach Park?
209	If Juanita Beach would ease the parking then I support it as the top choice. Otherwise, I think North Kirkland is underutilized now and would be the best option.
210	NK Community Center - impact on traffic
211	Loitering
212	The time required to complete such improvements as well as inputting proper safety controls. Example, Juanita Beach Park was remodeled recently and looks great, but still has many serious safety hazards such patrons being able to get stuck under the cement slab out near the end of the dock.
213	The North Kirkland site has terrible access for vehicles and pedestrians (crosswalk west of the site). 124th is very busy and it is almost impossible to make a left out of the facility onto 124th already. Plus, it is an extremely small, sloped site.
214	The North Kirkland Center offers the best roads and less intrusion on other neighborhoods. Why can't the pool be located at a school?
215	Environmental impacts on Juanita Beach Park and South Norway Hill. North Kirkland Community Center seems to be the best location as it already contains a building. Developing NKCC into an aquatic center would require the least amount of environmental clearance -- both trees and animals that live in these forested area. I am concerned that the Juanita Beach location would have soil that is too soft to hold an aquatic center, because of its proximity to Lake Washington.
216	That it will create even bigger traffic jams in side streets and that access in and out of facility will difficult at best. That activities be affordable for those who live in the area - all incomes of family - and truly accessible for kids to learn.
217	The South Norway Hill Park location would benefit a different community than the current location at JHS, basically taking away our pool and giving it to someone else. Besides, the Kingsgate area already has 3 community pools! Don't give them another one! It looks like new roads would have to be built to accommodate a large facility. If it was located at the Juanita Beach Park site, we would lose fields and areas used for sports and other community events. Also, it would potentially become a very crowded area, especially in the summer.
218	Juanita Beach Park concern would be traffic on & off of Juanita Drive (already congested when there is any special event at the park.) Additionally, it looks like we would lose a baseball field that is heavily used. If that was lost, could funds be diverted to better maintain/improve school baseball fields that could be used for baseball games? South Norway Hill Park is not centrally located in our community
219	Traffic and parking
220	Blocking water view at Juanita beach
221	NKCC- traffic, neighborhood impact (not ours), removal of the park SNHP - we should keep the trees, difficult access is a big negative JBP - should take advantage of the view and have plan for other access

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222	None
223	If North Kirkland Community Center was chosen there would be a huge impact on surrounding residential neighborhood from a traffic stand point. It would become too congested. Also, the ingress/egress is difficult for motor traffic because of hill ... poor visibility. I think a better use of NKCC is expanding for more physical fitness classes, community outreach classes, small events and such. South Norway Hill Park is not centrally located and could be better used as a park as well as adding a community center for the neighborhood in the future.
224	- Want to make sure a pool is built before Juanita H.School pool is destroyed so the high school swim team can continue un-interrupted. - That the pool is available to high school boys and girls during the swim team season at a convenient after school ti
225	Juanita Beach has been recently renovated and offers a lovely lake and play / walk experience. South Norway Hill has a beautiful walking trail and it would be detrimental to take out any of the existing woods in Kirkland. Also, South Norway is not as centrally located as either Juanita Beach or North Kirkland Community Center.
226	Parking and congestion.
227	My biggest concern would be traffic and its affect on neighboring homes. I would not want a large public facility adjacent to my neighborhood. I do like the idea of a community pool and fitness facility, but not at the expense of more traffic in my neighborhood. Since I live in Juanita, the NKCC would be my least preferred site with Juanita Beach being second. These areas are already congested, and I don't see how a large facility could be added without straining the existing infrastructure.
228	I think you should put the raised parking structure to the north of the facility at the North Kirkland Community Center site. I do not agree with tearing out more forested areas to do building. I also think it would be disruptive and ugly to build at the Juanita Beach site.
229	Adequate parking
230	A traffic light would have to be placed on NE 124th st.
231	My biggest concerns are losing facilities that we already have and need, like losing the baseball fields at Juanita Beach. And traffic/parking. (Parking is already seriously lacking at Juanita beach on warm days.)
232	None
233	Traffic on Juanita Drive and NE 124th is already a nightmare. Adding more traffic will greatly impact the neighborhoods!
234	I love the idea of extending and improving the NKCC. The only concern is if there would be enough space for the facility including pool, walking/jogging track, community fitness center...
235	Traffic congestion and parking availability
236	We Kirklanders love our trees. Just hoping to keep the environmental impact to a minimum.
237	JBP has terrible parking as it is. The parking layout was not well thought out so it's congested and the spaces are too small. Would a parking structure be part of the plan??
238	The North Kirkland Community Center and Juanita Beach Park are the most central regional sites provided. Of these three options, the North Kirkland Community Center offers the easiest access to/from I-405 and provides the best opportunity for reviving the Totem Lake area. In full disclosure, our home borders South Norway Hill Park. Quoting city officials, the Kirkland Reporter made this location sound like it sits adjacent to Safeway and merely contains trees. On the contrary, it is several hundred yards away from Safeway and across a busy road. It sits in the middle of residential housing, nearly completely surrounded by single family homes, and not adjacent to commercial businesses. The land is connected to a much larger ecosystem of parkland and green space in which wildlife roam. A building and traffic of this magnitude will disrupt the residential neighborhood as well as the habitat of wildlife that moves from one green space to another. We know this to be true because from out of our family room window we are frequent witness to the animals living here. Just two weeks ago, in broad daylight we had a coyote in our backyard in South Norway Hill Park. In the last six months we have seen coyote, raccoon, deer, rabbit, and all kinds of birds including owls, eagles, woodpeckers, hawks, and falcons. In many ways, we would love to have a community center close to our home and it may even bring the promise of continual improvement in our area, but the costs must be carefully considered and the impact on neighbors should absolutely be paramount.
239	Adding traffic flow to the North Kirkland Community Center area is risky. NE 124th Street is very busy, on a hill, slippery in wet weather, and difficult to make a left turn onto. It does need additional traffic, especially that of cars filled with children. The Juanita Beach Park is also in an already high-traffic zone. I believe that adding a modicum of traffic to a more residential area like South Norway Hill would provide a greater safety factor, without unduly impacting the residential nature of the neighborhood.

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240	Becoming too busy that you lose the sense of community. Or losing the 'regulars' that have supported the communities facilities especially those who may not feel comfortable with crowded places.
241	There is a lot going on at Juanita Beach Park already. Would there be adequate parking.
242	This site is in a super residential area and the nkcc really needs a facelift. Maybe an aquatic center will also give the playground and community center an upgrade as well.
243	Juanita beach would be nice, but concerns me due to the congestion there during the summer. Parking is already at capacity during the summer months, particularly during events. NKCC could use an update anyways, so that seems like a logical spot.
244	loss of playground at NKCC traffic congestion on Juanita Drive for Juanita Beach site complete loss of a green area at Norway site
245	I would be pleased with either the NKCC or Juanita Beach Park, though Juanita Beach Park is already operating at more than full capacity in the summer months, and has such lovely, well-thought out green spaces. I fret about a bigger impact there. NKCC appears to have more adequate room for growth in both facilities and parking.
246	None
247	I would be disappointed to see south Norway hill park be used and have to tear down so many trees.
248	Distance is a concern and parking
249	Don't cut down many trees. Make it nice so that in the summer you can open the doors and see the beautiful Juanita beach. People can go back and forth between Juanita Beach and the pool.
250	I would be concerned about losing the ball fields at Juanita. It is nice open and large space in Juanita. It would be nice to improve upon it but not at the expense of the ball fields or tennis courts. I picked North Kirkland because it has some existing facilities that accommodate classes for exercise and childcare and camps. I would not want to lose that, but it is a space that is providing similar activities as a pool. The kids could take lessons there. You could remove the basketball court at North Kirkland and add one to Juanita Beach North. The problem would be to accommodate parking at North Kirkland.
251	Traffic/access Proximity to me Parking
252	I don't know enough about any of the proposed sites to feel concern.
253	traffic at Juanita
254	Parking neighborhood impact
255	north kirkland community center can already have traffic problems. the site is easier for me to get to, but i have a hard time getting out of the parking lot and onto the main road there.
256	none
257	needs to be centrally located, South Norway Hill is too far north
258	Impact to the nearby residences. At NKCC, a mulitstory building seems like it would negatively impact resale value of the houses situated very close to the facility. I'm not familiar with S Norway Hill Park, but from the photos it seems a shame to remove all those trees. For me, Juanita seems like an ideal location. There are few (if any?) single family residences directly adjacent to the site. I think an aquatic/fitness center seems to fit that location since it is already being used for recreation. The only concern is traffic and parking, which I feel is already difficult.
259	Parking
260	I think that Juanita Beach would be very congested. It is already a very well used and well liked area with many people using the park facilities throughout the year. It would add to the congestion and frustration in already growing and bustling area. I personally would prefer Norway beach because of its proximity. However NKCC would also be acceptable as it is already established in many areas and has space for potential growth. Plus it would be central to both HS.
261	I do not like the idea of a pool at Juanita Beach. The area is very lovey and I would hate to see a huge building there. I have two young kids and they love that park as is!
262	x
263	I want to make sure the North Kirkland Community center is able to maintain it's rich set of classes. I want to make sure the quality of the Juanita Bay park is maintained.
264	removal of the playground at NKCC, removal of the green space at South Norway Hill Park, access and traffic at Juanita Beach Park
265	we need an INDOOR pool/aquatics play area. Can you do that at any of the sites? As evidenced by Peter Kirk park's pool that one is really only useful a few months out of the year!

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What concerns do you have about any of the sites?

266	Don't change the North Kirkland Community Center as it currently is - it is greatly used and the classes offered are not the same as any other locations I have known. I LOVE NKCC!
267	The space and parking at Juanita Beach. This area is already very crowded.
268	Normandy hill park too far from central Kirkland. Traffic and parking will be issues at all sites.
269	NKCC access from the freeway is quite slow during afternoon rush hour. So slow that I just avoid that area now. Juanita Beach may be no better. South Norway Hill Park seems awfully far north. I could probably get to the Bellevue pools faster. What about Totem Lake mall? Big 5 would love all the extra business of all those moms that forgot their kids goggles.
270	Don't want any of the beach to become an indoor facility
271	South Norway Hill is the only one not currently being used currently. I would be concerned about losing existing functionality (park, community center) in order to gain a pool. So even though South Norway Hill is farthest from us, I think it makes most sense.
272	When there's swimming class, I wish we have a safe drop-off area that is short distance for kids to walk by themselves to the class. Then, parents could go on and look for parking spot.
273	Juanita Drive is already overloaded. We can no longer safely exit our development when there is a need for a left turn (ie-Hermosa Vista).
274	accessability. traffic.
275	Traffic.
276	I wonder if NKCC would have enough parking spaces; seems that Juanita Beach has more of it.
277	Juanita Beach is a site that has a variety of uses in the open space by the baseball fields. There are few large open spaces for groups, families and teams to use on Finn Hill and in Juanita. This area should remain open. The congestion from the park in the summer is already difficult in terms of traffic on Juanita Drive.
278	N. Kirkland site would require a traffic light at that junction. It is already hard to turn left from the small streets onto 124th, both ways. Juanita Beach - too much traffic on 116th already
279	Space concerns for North Kirkland Community Center...I would like this location better but Juanita Beach seems like it would be better suited for a center (with a pool).
280	My biggest concern is that it would morph into a community play pool and not accommodate our Kirkland high school students with reasonable use times. We really owe it to our community to continue to provide for all kinds of competitive sports. My children are elementary school age and will likely be baseball/softball players, certainly not swimmers, but I still feel strongly that we need a competition size pool for the future of our community. We are in an economically stable enough area to create nice walk ways, trial projects, maintain good ball fields and support our schools both academically and athletically.
281	If it was at South Norway Hill Park I think it would be a bit far for us to drive to on a regular basis.
282	Norway hill is outer edge of kirkland. Either of other two sites is preferable.
283	The North Kirk Comm Center sounds very expensive. For Juanita Beach, I worry that it will be too crowded. The beach is already very popular, and I worry that adding an aquatic center will put too many desirable services in a single area that already has a huge number of users during the spring and summer season. While Norway Hill park is not as central as the other spots, I think it has room for managing the year round traffic. And if you make the place great, people will come. We often go to MountlKe Terrace to use their fabulous pool. It is always busy. I would argue it is too busy and should have been made larger.
284	Losing outdoor playground for a parking area at NKCC. I'm concerned with the amount of trees you'd have to cut down at that other site.
285	I think funds should go towards remodeling and or building a new pool at Juanita High School.
286	Near by traffic and parking capacity
287	I would hate to take away all of the natural habitat at the South Norway Hill Park!
288	Traffic & parking.
289	I am not familiar with the South Norway location. If it were less expensive that dealing with the North Kirkland site, that would be good. My concern with Juanita Beach is parking and congestion.
290	Warm indoor pool will be great!
291	Juanita Beach - too much traffic and congestion, especially in the summer.
292	Traffic would be horrible at Juanita beach, its already bad at 116th intersection during commute time and this would add more.
293	Juanita beach would just be too congested on nice days when the water front is in high demand.

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294	Size. We need a big center that we can be proud of for a long time!
295	Parking
296	Having enough Parking at any of the sites
297	South Norway Hill Park seems to be the most out of the way for Kirkland residents who don't live in Kingsgate. Many Kirkland families visit the community center and beach park regularly and having a pool at either of these locations would be amazing.
298	Removal of baseball fields at Juanita Beach. Those are important to the community and are heavily used. I worry about wanting everything and not getting anything. We need to understand the priorities and come up with two options. One that inlcudes everything, and one that includes the "must haves."
299	North Kirkland Community Center site is too small. We should not destroy anymore forested land at South Norway.
300	South Norway hill is not central to the city. Juanita site conflicts with the open space next to the lake and traffic congestion during commute hours. The NKCC is central, on a corridor that can support traffic, and would be adjacent to an indoor facility that can further develop as a community complex. This site is also central to many LWSD schools that serve citizens of Kirkland.
301	none .. please build a pool!
302	Biggest concern for any of the sites will be availablity of parking.
303	Traffic congestion
304	I do not want North Kirkland Community Center and playground to be destroyed. Juanita Beach Park has more central location than South Norway Hill Park.
305	traffic and parking
306	Juanita beach park site is already too congested in the summer. There are many times I have drove thru and not found parking. If a pool was placed there it would be that much more difficult.
307	South Norway seems like a poor choice. Not central at all, no direct 405 access and biggest environmental impact by cutting down old growth trees.
308	South Norway hill is least favorite for distance and parking
309	Juanita Beach - Parking availability and heavy traffic are already an issue at this site without a pool. Please don't add to this problem.
310	TRAFFIC FLOW
311	Traffic and crime - although response time from KPD is quite excellent :)
312	Distance from Downtown/Central Kirkland area
313	That the look of the building wouldn't fit in with surrounding environment.
314	Juanita Beach Park is concerning. That is one of VERY few baseball fields for Little League and other organizations.
315	Parking
316	We have concerns regarding outdoor pool. We prefer an indoor pool. This will allow kids to swim throughout the year and not cause a break in between their swimming schedule.
317	None, all of the sites would be great.
318	Cutting down trees at the South Norway Hill Park Current heavy traffic at Juanita Beech Park
319	I'm not concerned about those 3 sites. I do know, though, that the existing Peter Kirk Pool location was suggested to be kept in the running, by getting rid of the outdoor pool and only having the indoor faciility My biggest concern is that we DO NOT lose our outdoor pool!!! This is our second home in the summer - a huge part of our family's life - we swim there every day in the summer. We would not do the same, in the summer, with an indoor pool.
320	Kirkland is notorious for limited parking, extra parking should definitely be included.
321	Juanita Beach is a lovely open space location, to add a large building and increasing the already difficulty traffic issues in this area would be detrimental to Kirkland as a whole. Traffic flow in and out of North Kirkland Community Center can be difficult during rush hour. Traffic revisions would be necessary.
322	Access/Parking/Safety
323	South Norway Hill Park is already where there are several pools in proximity; and it is practically in Woodinville. NKCC--would have to be a smaller facility, and I'd rather see a larger facility JBP--traffic impacts of 116th will problematic, imo. 116th gets backed up with normal traffic and traffic revisions will need to be considered (to/from the freeway)
324	that there is one.

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325	The most important thing to me is that the site selected be able to support a forward thinking facility, that has more than a very basic 6 lane 25 yard pool. An aquatic center as proposed by the WAVE aquatics committee with a large competition pool as well as satellite pools for other recreational use, or a facility like the one in Lynnwood would be a huge benefit to the greater Eastside community. The Lynnwood Aquatic Center routinely turns people away during open swim, because they are already at capacity. This is a demand that a center in Kirkland could easily meet. With regards to selection, I am in favor of whichever location would best support a more comprehensive facility.
326	Juanita Beach area congestion to an already very congested area for traffic, especially during summer time. Getting traffic out of Juanita can be challenging, and any added activities to that area greatly affects the flow.
327	Traffic traffic traffic
328	North Kirkland Community Center site seems to hilly to be able to accommodate a large pool.
329	South Norway Hill - this site would only make sense to me if there was a partnership with an entity on the northern border of Kirkland. However, more importantly, I would hate to lose the trees in this neighborhood. Juanita Beach Park - 1) I don't want to lose the large open green space which is now surrounded by new high rise condos. My preference would be to follow the park master plan design phases that will incorporate a skate park, ball fields, community gathering space, etc. 2) Traffic impacts will continue to grow as the new condos are occupied, buidling a recreational facility on this property will only add to the congestion. 3) Other than Marina Park (which is at capacity during the summer months), Juanita Beach Park is the only other viable option for holding large special events. Losing the open lawn space and restricting the trimeframe in which an event can occur, due to facility programming, would negatively impact Kirkland's ability to recruit and/or retain certain types of events. Losing Juanita Beach Park as an event site would severely limit any potential growth of Kirkland's Special Events Program.
330	Juanita Beach location seems like it would take away from the feeling of an open beach space. Build an indoor pool AWAY from the lake.
331	None. Distance only.
332	Juanita Beach Park: Traffic congestion on Juanita Drive is already high. This use would make it worse. It would also be less safe for ingress and egress from/to Juanita Drive not only for cars but for bicycles. Just from looking at the property, it appears N. Kirkland Community Center has more land and the pool facility can be set further from the arterial.
333	We have our 3rd grade swim in Juanita pool and would like the new facility close by so we could continue to offer this great program in our school
334	Driving distance and parking.
335	parking
336	Juanita Beach already has an extreme traffic issue with the commuters from using it instead of the 405.
337	Juanita beach -- traffic. Aside from that it would be my # 1 choice.
338	Juanita Beach Park is already inundated with people, parking is already difficult. Adding a facility such as this to that area would make it near impossible to access. South Norway Hill Park is not what I consider "Kirkland", it seems like that would be more of a Bothell facility than a true Kirkland facility. North Kirkland Community Center is perfect, though. Great location, still close to Juanita High School and accessible for many people.
339	Traffic impact especially from 100th behind the condos down to spuds.
340	I wonder if the traffic getting in and out of the Juanita Beach Park would be a problem.
341	If one of the goals is to house the adult volleyball program at this site, there should be at least 4 courts in order for the size of the leagues to stay the same - 8 teams playing on 4 courts. Ideally there would be 8 courts for 16 teams which is the number of women's teams which plays on Monday night between the Kamiakin Junior High and Emerson HS locations and from the two divisions - upper and lower. Potentially, the two divisions can move to different nights so that 8 teams play each night. If you make each division smaller than 8 teams each, the competition gets very boring and it makes it harder to get into a league that is already busting at the seams every season, which disappointed teams on waitlists all the time.
342	Impact of construction on the environment Construction affecting local traffic Impact of traffic with new center
343	I also like the Juanita Beach Park idea- but worry that the building structure would take away from the downtown Juanita area and the beach...unless a beautiful building was designed. Most indoor pools I have seen are unsightly so I think the NKCC might be the best option. It also worried me to add to the traffic to the downtown Juanita area- it's already quite difficult to get around. I don't think the South Norway Hill Park is centrally located.

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344	South Norway Hill- traffic impact on surrounding residential community. At far north end of Kirkland so less access for south Kirkland residents.
345	I think there is too much congestion at Juanita Beach Park.
346	I am very concerned about having a facility at the North Side of Juanita Beach. I think the waterfront is so beautiful and relaxing and would not appreciate a large building where the current baseball fields, tennis courts and wide expanse of grass is. My kids and I love playing soccer on the grass there or playing tennis and then going to the beach to walk around. I like how on a nice day you can play multiple outdoor sports there AND go to the beach. You can spend the whole day there and never get bored. Also, Traffic is already very congested on 116th street particularly when there is a farmers market. Please do not put an aquatics center at Juanita Beach Park. There should be a different location for the aquatics center. The NKCC would be great since it is the central to everyone in Kirkland.
347	None

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Question 6:

Any other comments or questions?

1	With the possibility of having community accessable meeting areas, rooms, then will an appropriate kitchen be installed? That is to say, would it be a stainless steel industrial type kitchen requiring a person/persons to have an up-to-date Safety Food License? Or, would it be solely basic without a stove, oven, heavy duty sink, etc.? A large refrigerator, freezer, ice machine, sink with food disposer, dishwasher, washing and drying machines and a potable water access for large requests like a filling a 5-gallon cooler with water for gatorade, lemonade, etc. vs. using custodial area sinks for filling such items? How would it all be maintained? Who is responsible? Would rental of these facilities by the community be a financial help to the maintanence of the property? How much liability insurance will be needed to cover this property?
2	I would love to see this more as a youth sports training facility - a "kids gym", if you will. There should be a 50 meter competition pool, a lesson pool, along with group exercise and weight training facilities to support out of the water training for swimmers. The facility could also be used for other sports teams, or individuals, to train for their specific sports. The city could really take this opportunity to be at the forefront of this, and offer training classes or sessions with trainers certified in working with kids and adolescents.
3	n/a
4	Overall, I think all of the facilities options you listed would be great. It would be awesome to have one facility that included pools, weight rooms, party space, etc. However, I think the MOST important thing is the largest size pool. All of the other options (weights, tracks, event rooms, etc.) are easily found elsewhere, and/or are easier and less expensive to build, relatively speaking. Large pools that are open to the community are not easy to find, and are very expensive to build and maintain. It's remarkable to me just how many different teams and organizations use the Juanita Pool for meets, practices, and lessons. The demand is high, and the options are minimal. We live in an area where it's particularly important that everyone learn how to swim, being so close to Lake Washington and the Puget Sound, where water recreation is common. We should also have a pool to support swim instruction, as well as year-round water recreation and competition.
5	Without an available pool, swim lesson programs and high school programs will disappear, leaving a community of many more non-swimmers. Growing up not knowing how to swim is extremely dangerous, and it is vital that children and high schoolers can practice swimming.
6	I think there needs to be at least a 50 m pool plus an additional warm water pool for kids swim lessons and therapy.
7	why not the big empty space east side of 405 (totem lake mall - where 24 hour fitness is) ? That is such a wasted area with few merchants ever lasting. Again 50 Meter pools
8	Please take into consideration that our community deserves an aquatics center that will accomodate all of the above requirements. Being in the Pacific Northwest with our rainy weather it will be very nice to have a covered pool that can accomodate all of the activities that make our lifestyle here what it is.
9	Is the Saint Edward's Park pool facility an option for a development site? The location seems ideal for an extensive Community Center development.
10	I think the Juanita / North Kirkland area has the population density to support a state-of-the-art facility, and I trust the people in the community to use the facility extensively, properly, and safely. Plus, this area needs something to differentiate itself ... I fully support our neighborhoods setting the standard for the rest of Western Washington and creating and maintaining a facility that we can be proud of for generations!
11	I understand that if the city doesn't get a private partnership or is given land by a donor or the county ..... that the only financial solution is to use land already owned. I missed the 2 public meetings, and am sorry. In order to have access to lessons and a pool, I used to take classes at the former Juanita HS pool, and also the lovely St. Edwards Park pool. Now I pay $84/mo for senior access to Columbia City Athletic Club but may not be able to afford that much longer. So, I should have attended the meetings on the pool earlier so I could put in my vote for classes for all ages. Historically, the Jim Ellis Forward Thrust pools that were built served the region so well. When my boys were little the only places for classes was a pool in Lake City, Gold Creek, and Juanita Beach. I enjoy watching Water Baby classes at the Athletic Center --- and am a believer in early childhood sports education .... and for all ages. SO, YES, I SUPPORT HAVING A POOL.
12	Nope
13	Plan for competition in addition to practice and lessons. The closest 50M pools are in Federal Way and Port Orchard. A pool this size allows for both short and long course competition guaranteeing business all year.
14	Building and pool needs to be large enough (50 m) pool to accommodate the multiuse purpose. Access and hours of operation are an important consideration.

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15	Just supporting the initiative. Huge need for good quality pools in the area. would hope for cool temperature water to support lap swimming, and jacuzzi, steam room and or sauna would be awesome. Reference aquatic centers in Vancouver or Victoria BC, with such features.
16	pool to be open to master swimmers early enough in the day to allow for swimmers to practice before standard work hours.
17	We fully support a community pool to help us all keep active and to teach children and adults to swim.
18	Keep Peter Kirk Pool an outdoor pool
19	50 m pool with 22 - 25 lanes will be perfect. in addition, a warm water teaching pool will be awesome.
20	Thank you for taking our comments.
21	Need to be able to host high school swim practice/meets since current pool at Juanita HS will be gone in a couple of years.
22	Why isn't the downtown pool replaced with a year-round recreation center? Please see these letters that I have submitted in 2001 and 2006. Thanks, Vivian Weber Email: vrweber@pioneernet.net Vivian and Robert Weber 333 - 11th Place 12 September 2006Kirkland, WA 98033-5518 Greetings: In response to your request for public input re an Indoor Recreation Facility, we appreciate this opportunity to state our suggestion: Replace the current outdoor pool in downtown Kirkland with an indoor aquatic center/recreation facility that is similar to the one located in Astoria, OR. See pictures at http://www.swimastoria.com/index.htm and http://www.swimastoria.com/index_files/Page383.htm. We believe that the City of Kirkland lacks covered areas of recreation that can be used year-round by people of all ages. Specifically, the downtown area needs a covered pool and indoor recreation center. The current outdoor pool is just not very practical in the rainy Northwest. For the past 7 years, we have vacationed near the OR coast. We always make a stop at the Astoria Aquatic Center in Astoria, OR. The citizens of Astoria (not a wealthy community in terms of $) passed a bond measure that funded the most fun and practical pool facility we had ever seen. People of all ages enjoy themselves. Similar to the Astoria Aquatics Center, we would like to see the following features at an Indoor Recreation Facility in Kirkland: A 25-yard lap pool with at least six lanes—This main pool would be used for swimming lessons, lap swimming, swim teams, therapy swim, and water aerobic classes. The shallow end would be 3½ feet deep and the deep end would be deep enough to allow diving off a diving board. To meet the needs of people of all ages, swimmers can enter the pool by stairs or a handicapped lift. The temperature would be maintained at 84 degrees. A second pool with a water slide and a lazy river—This pool would be used for play. Swimmers could go down a 105-foot open slide with a 20-foot drop. Or they could enjoy moving with the current in a C-shaped river. Or they could play with the different waterspouts and waterfalls. This pool's depth varies from 1½ feet to 5 feet. The water temperature would be warmer at 88 degrees. A spa spool—This pool overlooks both pools and can be used only by adults (limit is 10). Its water temperature is a steady 100 to 102 degrees. A fitness room and an outdoor covered area for basketball and/or volleyball games—Teen-agers and adults would benefit from these recreational choices. We think that just a roof with open sides would be adequate for those people wanting to play basketball or volleyball. All members of the Kirkland community would benefit from having year-round access to regular exercise at a centrally-located public facility. The Kirkland schools do a great job of challenging our children's minds. However, we believe that we could be better at providing more fun exercise opportunities. For example, the current summer program of swimming lessons is too short to teach children how to swim. We live near Lake Washington; all children should have the opportunity to learn about water safety and how to perform basic swimming strokes. Similarly, Kirkland has many adult and senior citizens who would benefit from water aerobics classes and open lap-swimming times. A recreation facility that is open to year-round use will also provide opportunities for employing our teenagers. With kind regards, Vivian and Robert Weber ---------- Email: vrweber@pioneernet.netM. Vivian and Robert M. Weber 333 - 11th Place Kirkland, WA 98033-5518 7 November 2001 Subject: Include an Aquatics and Sports Center in the proposed Kirkland Junior High School construction project Hello Mod Squad members for the proposed KJH modernization project,
23	We need a pool where children can learn swimming and adults can keep in shape year-round.
24	None
25	The City of Kirkland and its potential partners in this project have a unique opportunity to provide for the enjoyment of aquatic sports and recreation for multiple generations of Eastside and greater Seattle area residents. Facilities such as the one proposed by Wave Aquatics and its partners are important for myriad reasons. First and foremost, Seattle is surrounded by water, and this facility would provide increased opportunities for "learn-to-swim" programs that are critical to human development. It is my hope that the City and its partners move with all due haste to build this facility and cement the Pacific Northwest's standing as a haven for aquatics partnership in the United States.

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26	What about sites in the commercial area that are the current City Works Maintenance Yard near the Cross Kirlkand Trail? or the old Municipal Court Building?
27	Thank you for taking the need for an indoor pool facility seriously. All the public pools in this area are closing down and no-one seems to care that the only groups building facilities are private clubs. Access to year-round aquatic facilities shouldn't be limited to private club members.
28	I live in Edmonds and am a competitive member of Masters Synchronized Swimming, and a member of NEO (North End Otters - Masters Swim Team) I work out regularly at the Lynnwood Pool, and the Synchro team practices on Mercer Island - a marginally adequate facility for our practices. It is very difficult to find pool time at an affordable price, given so few pools in our area. I am also guardian for a young woman who competes in Special Olympic swimming, and again, very little practice time is available to her, so we supplement that two months of swimming on our own. I am also paying a coach to swim with her once a week. There are very few opportunities for her to swim without one on one supervision.
29	There are so few good pools in the Pacific Northwest. I would love to see this be a 50 meter pool with lots of options for swim teams, meets, families, etc. The aquatic center in Kelowna, BC is a fantastic example. Great use of space - absolutely loved how this facility was designed. http://www.h2okelowna.ca/ A raised indoor running track that circles the entire facility (near the ceiling) would give soggy Seattle runners a great way to jog indoors and keep an eye on all activities.
30	To meet the demands of the swimming and fitness community, there is a need for a 50 meter pool with a warm water teaching pool,
31	I feel we really need a place for kids to learn how to swim and participate on a swim team. Those are my highest priorities. Ability to swim and take part in the sport of swimming is something we want to offer for our community and not just for people who can afford a private club. Swimming is a lifelong skill, wholly different from other sports in that way. It is not only a safety issue, it is also therapeutic and a great way to exercise for older adults.
32	My family loves to swim but there is only one all-season / indoor semi-public pool near us (Redmond Pool) and it's over-scheduled and it's a ridiculously small pool. There are a couple of private club pools but we can't justify the membership rates. My daughter loves to train & swim competitively but has had to drop it because the hours of availability at Redmond clash with her high-school work load. My 13 yr-old son would love to play in a pool on a regular basis, but there are no public / indoor free-play pools. My wife and I would love to swim laps to keep fit (can't run because of knee issues), but the only adult swim times are middle of the day when we're at work. Learning to swim should be a basic public safety requirement for all school children, but now I see that this is ignored here because there are not enough pool facilities. For adults wanting to keep fit, swimming is a much safer (riding on roads here to get to the bike paths is dangerous) and healthier alternative (running has damaged my knees). Opportunity? One pool-based facility that should be very popular here could be a ski / snowboard training slide. I think a ski slide jump that launches kids into a pool would be a great way to help aspiring ski-cross / half-pipe skiers and snow boarders practice their jumps. With these sports now in the Winter Olympics and with such great ski facilities nearby, a pool-based facility would be a perfect year-round training facility for these sports - and an exciting spectacle for viewers from say an over-looking cafe to watch.
33	Partnering with the state to update the dormant pool in St. Edwards State Park is another option. There is also already a gymnasium, meeting rooms and a giant vacant monastery building there.
34	The community needs a 50 meter pool! Preferably in association with a smaller warm pool for kids' lessons, water aerobics, etc.
35	I belong to a masters team in Shoreline (North End Otters) and we have many members who live in North Seattle, Shoreline and Edmonds. It wouldn't hurt to reach out to these areas. We could all benefit from a 50 meter pool on the East Side! Beats going to Colman or Federal Way! Thanks for your efforts. I have passed this along to our team.
36	NKCC building needs overhaul anyways, old building
37	It would be nice to have a warm water teaching pool.
38	At minimum a 25 yard pool needs to be replaced, however a 50 meter will better serve the community and allow for growth in services since the current facilities are already exceeding their capacity. We completely support the addition of a 50 meter pool to provide greater access to swimming and water safety for the community.
39	kirkland community really needs an indoor pool for kids to learn how to swim. We were lucky to find the Juanita swimming pool and sign up our child for swimming classes for the last 2 years.

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40	I think it's really important to have a fully functional aquatic center in the area. The questions earlier about what should be included indicated space for a gym and workout facilities. While this would be nice I think the pool should concentrate on pool space. An 8 lane competitive pool is a must, but there should be space for recreation and therapy and all things water related. The community needs space in the water. It would be nice to have at least a few rooms for parties and such in support of the water areas.
41	to meet the demand in our community, a 50 meter pool and at least one warm water teaching pool are needed.
42	Kirkland definitely needs an competitive indoor pool
43	I believe a 50m training pool and warm water teaching pool would be needed to meet the current needs of our high school and club swimmers in the area. Currently 3 high schools use the Juanita pool and this requires the swimmers at some schools to swim at 5:00 in the morning or late into the evening. A 50 m pool would allow more teams to use the pool simultaneously. It would also allow more master's swimming groups and adult water fitness groups to use the pool at the same time to allow different levels of swimmers access to the pool. Currently, there is only space for one high level masters group. I personally have watched 2 pools close in the area (Northshore pool and St. Edward's pool) and lose the master's programs and the swimmers who attended them. My children have learned to swim at Juanita pool, A warm water training pool would be a great addition to the 50m training pool. I have been put on waiting lists for classes at Juanita, so I'm sure there is demand and know the program is well run. I have been at Juanita and observed several groups trying to use the pool simultaneously; synchronized swimming, swim teams, water polo and learn to swim programs. It seems like it is bursting at the seams with users. Some programs are forced to use the pool late into the evening and extremely early in the morning due to lack of space. It would be a wonderful gift to our current and future swimmers to have adequate space for all users at reasonable times during the day.
44	Please have atleast a 50 meter pool
45	Seems parks is trying to cut the costs by not including property acquisition in the proposal. Rather they are attempting to go the easy route. True Juanita Beach is easier to build when compared to North Kirkland Community Center. Is this a reason to make a choice. Both sites are surrounded by absurd traffic conditions already. Kirkland needs to include the cost of property acquisition in the total picture. How can you be consider building this facility when you can't even afford an appropriate bathhouse at Juanita Beach. Juanita Beach is a major facility in the city of Kirkland. There is no other park of this size on the lake made even more important with its close connection with Juanita Bay Park.
46	So excited that Kirkland is considering thus much needed community amenity.
47	please, please, please visit the Maple Ridge facility. Every time we go up to Maple Ridge my kids beg to go to their facility. It's simply world class. And the lazy river at the port coquitlam one is really good as well.
48	If you build a pool facility, community beyond Kirkland will come. If you build a competitive pool facility, community well beyond Kirkland will come. Think big and focus on aquatics. Consider that private health clubs solve a need. Columbia Athletics is close to Juanita Beach and North Kirkland CC. Priorities for thinking into the future: 1.Aquatics Center – solve recreational use, all ages aquatics center and competitive center 2.Rental facility usage – revenue to maintain the center 3.Family Rec Center – solve cross uses for full family usage (small gym, rooms for fitness classes, climbing pinnacle, etc.) Let the community run the center. Lynnwood gets the gold start in customer service and schedule management of their facility. My family has used the pool as a destination pool as well as for birthday parties. All interactions have been positive and the staff gets an A+ in service. Consider splitting the building into two and putting the Aquatics Center at Juanita Beach site and the Family Rec Center with rental usage at North Kirkland Community Center.
49	Given the choice between an 8 lane, 25 yard pool and no pool at all, the 8 lane pool is much preferred. However, to meet the demand in our community, a 50 meter pool and at least one warm water teaching pool are needed.
50	A 50 meter pool with 22 to 25 yard lanes and at least one warm water teaching pool would be perfect.
51	Building a new site, or pool, in replacement for the Juanita Pool closing, will be very beneficial towards more then just the local community or school district. It will go farther and help neighboring districts or communities with providing a new, useful, and efficient facility that can and would accommodate the needs of many individuals. These plans to build a site or the proposal towards a new pool is very pleasing to myself and many others. I hope to see more progress in these proposed plans.
52	Find a way to keep peter kirk open year round for lap swim!

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53	I'm a mother of a division 1 collegiate swimmer who has her roots in local swim programs, such as Wave Aquatics and Seattle Synchro. She is a graduate from Juanita HS and will soon graduate from college with the experience of competing in the NCAA meet this year! She feels so fortunate to have had these awesome programs in local pools, a couple of which have since shut down. Perhaps some day she will be a swim coach at your new facility! Nonetheless, she certainly would enjoy using the pool for lap swims,etc. As a family, we are delighted with the prospect of a quality aquatics center here on the Eastside and all the opportunity it will provide for recreational and competitive swimmers in the years to come!!!
54	There needs to be more access to learning to swim for kids in the region.
55	Please make the aquatic center happen! Also, it should be a deep water pool so synchronized swimming, water polo and diving can take place at the new pool..
56	Swimming, exercise and community gathering are so essential, this recreation and aquatic center will be a great investment and residents/high schoolers will benefit greatly from it.
57	My biggest concern is the size of the pool. We are already operating below demand and in order to meet future growth needs we need more water. A 50 meter pool with a second warm water teaching area is essential to stay in step with our growing needs.
58	Would like pool to be a 50 meter pool. We just visited the Snohomish Aquatics Center. They have an amazing facility to what I envision for this project. They have a fun pool side (slides, lazy river, area for recreation swim fun), the another complete separate competitive swim pool and diving board, then classrooms for classes and birthday parties. This facility encompasses what swimming and water fun is all about, how VALUABLE it is to communities. If Snohomish Washington can build so can Kirkland. We went for a fun swim day and both sessions had lines out the door. Best advice, build what they did!!
59	I swim for Inglemoor Highschool, and being on the team was a great experience for me. My friend is the founder of the girls water polo team. All of the students involved with the aquatics programs at Inglemoor are very passionate about the sports they play and love participating. If the team were to be dissolved, I would be extremely disappointed, because the swim team is a valuable asset for the high school and an enjoyable experience for everyone involved. The girls team placed 6th at 4a state, and the boys placed 11th. In addition to the effect on high school teams, many club swim teams are struggling to find locations for practices and competitions. I swim for the Northshore YMCA team in the highest practice group, and i love it. We recurrently hosting meets at Kamiak high school because our practice pool does not meet competition regulations and we can't install starting blocks in the pool. Other club teams are struggling more than we are to find competition venues. Teams are rapidly filling, and if a pool isn't established to replace Juanita, not only the high schools, but the club teams in the area as well will be forced to disband. Locations for child swim lessons to be taught will also shrink. I believe it is very important for a quality pool to be established in this area in order to prevent the sport of swimming from dying out in this area. I am very glad this issue is being taken seriously, and appreciate the effort being made to preserve swim programs in this region. I hope we can find a way to fix this situation. Thank you!
60	We desperately need a 50 meter pool and a competition/lesson pool on the Eastside and have needed this type of faculty for a very long time. Our pools are outdated, we are surrounded by water, and our children need to learn how to swim.
61	Any new Aquatic should be able to handle both swimming and diving along with recreational swimming.
62	Please consider a 50 meter pool which provides 22, 25 yard lanes; enough space to accommodate all of the programs that Juanita currently serves and space to grow new programs and provide additional public access. An additional warm water teaching pool provides space for 2000 kids to learn to swim in addition to space for programs like water aerobics and warm water therapy.
63	To meet the demand in our community, a 50 meter pool and at least one warm water teaching pool are needed. A 50 meter pool provides 22, 25 yard lanes; enough space to accommodate all of the programs that Juanita currently serves and space to grow new programs and provide additional public access
64	Adding a new pool to our area is invaluable to families and the wider Kirkland community.
65	A few family changing rooms
66	To have a 50 meter plan with 8 lanes would increase your revenue tremendously. As a former competitive swimmer and swim coach, 50 meter pools are needed and it can be used as 25 yard pool during high school season.

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67	if you do pick the northern most site have you considered approaching the Kenmore City Council for collaboration and support? I for one a resident & parent with feet in both communities would gladly appreciate having a community center closer to home rather than having to venture to places like Mountlake Terrace, Lynnwood, etc.
68	I think that building a pool large enough to facilitate current programming as well as future programming is very important. Having a 50-meter pool would increase the potential uses of the pool astronomically and facilitate future growth.
69	Would like to see a 50 meter pool that provides 22, 25 yard lanes; enough space to accommodate all of the programs that Juanita currently serves and space to grow new programs and provide additional public access. An additional warm water teaching pool provides space for 2000 kids to learn to swim in addition to space for programs like water aerobics and warm water therapy.
70	This community is desperate for indoor swimming space, for learning, school teams, and recreation. If Mountlake Terrace can have a nice pool, if Lynnwood can have a nice pool (area families take their money to those facilities for birthday pool parties, for example, because nothing is available here), then certainly Kirkland can provide a community indoor pool. If funds will be spent to build one, then don't be shortsighted. Make sure it is large enough to accommodate the needs of today and into the future.
71	Thank you for finding another location to keep this wonderful community amenity!
72	Oh Lordy, please make this a good competitive pool, that not only could high school swim teams benefit from, but also a pool that other teams in the area could use for meets Please have adequate deck space
73	Please build a pool for the High School Swim Teams. :0)
74	Please consider an 8-lane 50 M pool, plus separate warm-water teaching pool/therapy pool. This community truly needs more than just a Juanita HS Pool replacement. There is such high demand for swim lessons as well as practice/competition space in this community. The existing Juanita pool plus the Redmond pool, were unable to meet this demand. We live in Redmond, but will be donating our own money to support this new pool.
75	Our city is already well under the national average for available square feet of water for our size. Simply replacing Juanita with a new facility of the same size will not help our city to make water time available to our residents. Instead, we need a facility or more than one facility so our available water will increase. We should not be turning away families that want their kids in swimming lessons because we do not have enough public water time available. A 50 meter facility can serve many groups at the same time and will increase the amount of water available to our residents. If a 50 meter facility is not possible, then we need to consider multiple 8 land 25 yard facilities so we can make water more available. Please do not try to add banquet facilities, gym, tracks, weight rooms, etc to the pool facility as it simply increases costs and we already have facilities in the city to meet these needs. We need to focus on meeting the need that we have, which is lack of water.
76	Needs an Olympic pool and diving pool.
77	I am concerned that another 25 yard pool would not adequately serve our community. A 50 meter pool provides 22, 25 yard lanes; enough space to accommodate all of the programs that Juanita currently serves and space to grow new programs and provide additional public access. An additional warm water teaching pool would provide space for 2000 kids to learn to swim (which would include my child currently enrolled in swim lessons at Juanita High Pool) in addition to space for programs like water aerobics and warm water therapy.
78	An 8 lane 25 yard pool would provide space to continue the programs that currently operate out of Juanita Aquatic Center, but it would not provide increased public access, nor provide any space to meet new capacity as our community continues to grow. To meet the demand in our community, a 50 meter pool and at least one warm water teaching pool are needed.
79	awesome, about time!
80	Please plan for the future. The existing Juanita pool is 40 meters and does not meet the current demand. Our community needs a 50 meter by 25 yard pool and at least one warm water training pool.
81	Dream BIG. Find a private party to do this at Totem lake. Give them incentives. Or are the property owners at Totem lake still embroiled in lawsuits????? It has enough parking, good access, lots of space, and let's be realistic, it already has lots of water!
82	A 50 meter pool with a warm pool for swim lessons and family swim.

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83	Please consider accommodating growth. Separate pools are needed for lessons and competition to accommodate water temperature and for multiple events to go on at once. Little kids learn better in a warmer pool. Competing is better in a cooler pool. Please consider a 50 meter pool. This would allow our community to host at a first class facility.
84	A 50m pool with a warm water teaching pool would allow for the most bang for your buck. This size would allow multiple swim teams to practice at the same time and allow more time for lessons and community access.
85	Please make it as multi-use as possible!
86	Given the size of great location of the old Albertson's site on NE 132nd St & 100th Ave NE I'm wondering why it has been eliminated.
87	I think that building a pool is such an important thing for the community. We've been attending lessons and open swim and swim camp at Juanita High for just over a year now. We came to this pool because our previous swim program lost the lease on its pool and was forced to move all of their more advanced classed to downtown Seattle. As I looked at options for swim classes it became apparent that the most of the options were either membership-based (YMCA, Columbia Athletic) or seasonal (Kingsgate, Peter Kirk) or high-priced private companies (7-Cs.) Juanita High was a great find - year round lessons, open swim availability. We're only there a couple times a week, and we see all sorts of groups using the pool - swim teams, synchro, scuba, senior citizen exercise groups. It would be a shame to make all of these groups homeless. For a new facility my biggest desires would be - -- Having a warm water pool for babies and young kids. JHS is so cold! --Sufficient lanes so that both swim team and the more advanced Wave classes can practice. Currently evening Wave classes only use the shallow end, so the kids never get to practice diving or experience the deeper water. --Family friendly locker room facilities - I see parents struggle with this all the time. One mom I know has to change her boys in the car because they're too old to be in the women's locker room but aren't ready to be independent yet.
88	I'll be very happy to have a good swimming pool so it can be used for educational purposes, but I think Kirkland needs also a recreational aquatic center.. Something families can enjoy without the schedules and the class organization. My wonder is if creating something to focus to learn and activities will limit the times to enjoy as a family some free time in the pool. The optimum will be to be able to create something big enought with a recreational area and a proper size pool for learning, swimming teams...
89	The pool must be 50m. This is standard for all major European cities and an Olympic size pool. We need a better facility in order to produce an Olympic athlete.
90	Swimming is a large part of my family of 6's life. We sure hope this happens and are looking forward to the new facility!
91	How about St Edwards Park?:
92	My main concern is that we need more pool space. I think the splash pool, gym, and community center stuff is a different issue. Kirkland (and the surrounding area) is woefully lacking in pool space and a small 25y x 25m pool will not meet the communities needs. We need room for 6 high-schools, multiple age group clubs, masters in am, noon, and pm, lap swimming, syncro, water polo, kayaking, scuba, etc, etc.. If a gym and meeting space takes away from the space and money to build a 50m x 25y pool then that stuff should be axed or cited somewhere else. I would love some huge shinney community center sprawling over many acres of open space, but let's be real. This isn't some community will gobs of undeveloped land in Texas, Vancouver, or wherever. Also, if we build just a 25x25 pool without a warm water teaching area then we are lost. A thriving teaching program for kids in a warmer pool will have huge long lasting effects. Those kids will join swim teams, swim for high-schools, become masters swimmers, and save lives. I don't know anyone who ever learned to swim by going down a water slide.
93	A 50m pool is vital to the community. Speaking from experience (being involved in other aquatic facilities projects), many new facilities that put in a 25 yard pool found it to be insufficient to meet their demand upon opening. As The area continues to grow, it needs a pool with enough capacity to meet demand hen the doors open, and when our grandchildren go for a swim in 30 years.
94	Please, a 50 meter competitive pool at least. A warm water teaching pool for swimming lessons would be good also. Kids need to know how to swim for safety.
95	Please, when consider the pool size, look for options that would account increased public access, and provide space to meet new capacity as our community continues to grow.
96	Extremely supportive of this use of City funds.

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97	PLEASE keep our pool!!! I was in 4th grad when I slipped off the top step of the high dive and fell to the ground breaking my arm...that was the reason they ultimately took the high dive out...maybe they ought to bring it back (since I am 38 now)!! Haha!
98	I would like to see Kirkland create a space that includes the idea for future growth and I would love to have a separate warm water pool for teaching.
99	50 meter pool and at least one warm water teaching pool would be ideal
100	Please ensure the swimming pool and community has enough capacity to accomodate the growing population of children and teenagers in our community. There needs to be enough space so time for "free swim" can be extended, and not hamper classes.
101	I recomend a fifty meter pool, and including pool for family swim activities
102	50-meter pool with an addional (warmer) 25-yard instructional pool. This combination would allow flexibility for all programs. Lane lines, timing system, permanent diving blocks, sufficient depth for diving at either end, ability to set up for 50-meter or 25-yard competition scenarios - all of these are desirable elements. Thank you.
103	More centralized location
104	It's important that the community understand what the school district assessed in deeming the current facility as nearing the end of its useful life. Can the current space be refurbished for less money and time than building new facility? Does the school district pay portion of the revenue of the new pool for use by high school teams?
105	There are plenty of facilities that cater to other dryland fitness activities and should have very low priority in this proposed project. These just add costs and are uneccesary when one can jog anywhere outside. The priority should be centered on a competition sized pool that enables the water safety of our future generations, and possibly the development of future olympians. Water safety should be a huge priority in the community especially with the vast amount of dangerous open water we have in the area. Building water parks with slides does not support this type of initiative. The current swimming pool infrastructure is woeful and does not support a diversified sports community in the region where we have significant investments already in soccer, baseball, and other dryland sports. Where I grew up in the midwest, a significantly smaller populous area, the number of competition sized swimming pools still greatly out numbers what is available in the entire eastside region of King County.
106	Pool should be able to accommodate existing usage by teams plus growth. Should strongly consider a 50 Meter pool for long term usage by the community.
107	Please, please make such that the project accommodates the growing community and not just the actual users of the pool.
108	A 50 meter pool would be great for extended capacity. A warm teaching pool would also be great
109	Please ensure enough funding public and private is sourced to make it look like a facility worthy of the name Kirkland!
110	I hope that you ask teenagers and preteens what they would be interested in having.
111	We really need a 50-meter pool for the many, many groups that use the Juanita pool now. This would allow for growth in all these programs!
112	Is this going to actually happen, or is this just a way to look like you are serving the community by setting up a survey?
113	The City should consider involving the City of Bothell and Northshore school districts as that area has no community pool at this time since the closure of the Bothell pool.
114	Thrilled to hear that building an aquatic center in Kirkland is getting attention. It's so important for our community in so many ways - especially since we live next to water! It's a life skill that everyone should have and quality, maintained pools are needed. Thank you!
115	I would prefer a 50 meter pool that can accommodate all type of water activities and a dive tank. Now, I can only have my daughter's participate in diving at a summer league pool because we would have to drive to Federal Way for a team. This is really unfortunate!
116	Please consider a 50 meter pool and one warm water pool for kids teaching and swimming.
117	to meet the demand in our community, a 50 meter pool and at least one warm water teaching pool are needed. A 50 meter pool provides 22, 25 yard lanes; enough space to accommodate all of the programs that Juanita currently serves and space to grow new programs and provide additional public access. An additional warm water teaching pool provides space for 2000 kids to learn to swim in addition to space for programs like water aerobics and warm water therapy.

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118	Please consider building a 50 meter pool and if possible at least one warm water teaching pool.
119	High School students on swim teams desperately need a pool. Please don't take this away from them. Keeping our children active and engaged in sports will keep our city vibrant and full of life. if we take away their passion of swim because there are no pools for practice or meets, where/what will they fill their time with instead? Hopefully not drugs.
120	Why isn't the Peter Kirk pool domed in the winter? Seems like we could get some use out of it.
121	It is important that it be as close to population centers as possible as well as easy to get to, either by car of public transportation. If there were a way to get it closer to downtown (in the surrounding industrial areas or near the Google campus that would be a boon to the city economy.
122	We need a year-round pool! Please please please don't take away the Juanita facility without replacing it.
123	to meet the demand in our community, a 50 meter pool and at least one warm water teaching pool are needed.
124	Please take a look at other successful (intensively utilized by the community) community center(not necessarily athletic related)/aquatic center combination facilities. Look at other facilities in the Northwest and just over the border in BC. Check out facilities in Hood River and Bend in Oregon and Walnut Grove Community Center, in Langley Township. I am sure there are many others and it would be wise to see what works and what doesn't at as many of these types of facilities as possible.
125	50 meter pool is needed
126	A 50 meter pool would be best to meet all the current needs and move into the future.
127	This would be an opportunity to develop a real connection for the newly annexed north of Kirkland to have a community center!
128	Think forward. It we are not meeting the communities demand for pools now, we will be in the same boat if we just replace what we have. It will not look good, in the public tax paying eye, to finish one pool and turn around and have to start building another due to community need.
129	would like to see a 50 meter pool to accommodate the growing population of swimmers. Could provide teaching, competitive access and therapy.
130	The LW swimming team needs a pool!!!
131	Consider evaluating alternative energy sources such as wind or solar to help power the building.
132	Please add enough money to the request to purchase a cover (it needn't be fancy) to be able to use the downtown Kirkland pool at Peter Kirk Park for at least 6 to 9 months out of the year instead of the current 3 months' use. What a waste to have the facilities sitting unused for most of the year.
133	Competive swimming is important. Our swim programs at the high schools need a pool.
134	I would love to have a community pool that is family friendly. The Lynnwood pool (forgot the exact name of it) is such an incredible site with so many different activities for all age and skill levels. It would be fantastic to have something like this in our very own nearby neighborhood. What an incredible asset to us living in the Kirkland area.
135	None
136	I have heard that WAVE has run Juanita as a non-profit. What will the City do to ensure that we do NOT loose money on this?
137	The City of Kirkland has had a reputation of actively preserving its parks and open space. To this goal the City has successfully recruited a workforce of dedicated volunteers, and sets an example for other communities in our area to follow. In my opinion the choice of sacrificing South Norway Hill Park to development would damage this reputation. There must be other sites in Kirkland, possibly less convenient to develop, that could be chosen that would not take such a big chunk out of the City's park system.
138	our family has benifited from having a community pool. If provided our daughter to learn how ro swim, so she is safe around water, we have spent family time at the pool, and the pool allowed us to be part of the kirkland community by being on the kirkland rec swim team, the orcas. This has lead to our daughter becomming a sim instrucror and life guard at the kirkland pool. Swimming is a great alternative to going to the mall and loosing an year roujnd pool will harm future generations.
139	We need a community pool! It would be so nice if it had a retractable roof to open it up in the summertime.

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140	Our open park spaces are VERY PRECIOUS! The adopted City of Kirkland's Climate Action Plan lists these items: "Adopt and enforce land-use policies that ... preserve open space...." "Maintain healthy urban forest by promoting tree preservation and planting to increase shading, mitigate stormwater runoff, and absorb carbon dioxide." Proposing to use any of the 3 above-mentioned parks for this facility goes against these adopted city policies. Your proposal of using South Norway Hill Park, which has a very high-value functioning forest with over 50% native tree canopy and relatively low level of invasives, (see "South Norway Hill Park Forest Assessment" dated 2/13/14 by Klemm and Rodman) is especially unconscionable as this forest would be completely destroyed to accommodate the aquatics facility. Very few forested, or even open-space, parcels are left to acquire for park purposes within Kirkland any more. What we do have needs to be protected from "development" which decreases canopy or open areas ammenable to habitat restoration. If an aquatics facility is to be built, it should be sited on already developed land that is not designated as park land and that would not require destruction of forest or park open space. The swimming community should be willing to wait if such land is not currently available, rather than destroy park land.
141	Please build a pool! We need a competitive pool for swim teams and a rec pool for kids!
142	This would be a tremendous community asset. Let's get it done!
143	By leveraging either the sites at Albertson's on 132nd or redesigning Totem Lake Mall, Kirkland could attract money and businesses to these underserved northern neighborhoods and build something as good as the new Lynnwood pool (which is what we should be aspiring to). Please don't build a pool or choose a site that's "good enough." Pick a site and a design that will draw visitors to the area for years to come. Such a facility could be an anchor point to a redesigned and revitalized Totem Lake Mall area, enabling the entire site to be redone in a mixed use, walkable neighborhood manner (like Juanita Village).
144	Why can't Kirkland partner with the school district to replace the Juanita High School Pool? The pool in St Edward St Park is an excellent site for a pool. While that one is closed and supposedly unrepairable, why not a partnership? Kirkland appears to have a "if it doesn't have buildings, it is fair game for public development". Consider the open park space with grass and natural areas sacrosanct. Those areas are absolutely critical for a healthy eco system and healthy humans living in Kirkland.
145	If you are not going to design adequate new traffic lanes and parking do not build a new pool, renovate the old one. The last Juanita beach road improvement did NOTHING TO HELP TRAFFIC FLOW. The street was ripped up on both sides and widened, THEN THE WIDENED AREA WALL FILLED WITH A PARKING MEDIAN AND SIDEWALKS ON BOTH PARKS (to either side of the street) and NO NEW LANES OF TRAFFIC. The only benefits are some plants to look at while stuck in traffic complaining about the short-sited and poor road design the County implemented.
146	As much as most people complain that government moves too slowly, and as much as I want a pool/rec center I would not mind if you moved a little slower on this plan in order to secure the BEST site not just one that fits your 2017 time frame. Such that the LWSD bond did not pass, and Juanita High will probably not get torn down and rebuilt in 2017, there is still time to consider another location. I really think that the Totem Lake site would work well. 1) Transportation access is built in (close to the freeway for people from other cities coming to see a swim meet, bus service already exists) 2) location right near the Cross Kirkland Corridor such that people could ride a bike or walk there. 3) Right near totem lake (future park) that is already being developed 4) currently an unutilized site with lots of parking 5) No trees need to be removed! 6) near the hospital for those seeking therapy programs 7) Easy for the two main Kirkland high school kids to get to 8) a location right off the freeway would be visible to all and show off Kirkland as a progressive "happnin" place. (a feather in any politicians hat! if built with a cool/welcoming design) 9)the residents of the Totem Lake area are begging you to make it look better. 10) Remember any mall developer can be pushed to sell at the right price. They are business people! Call them back! Schedule a meeting! Work harder at this! 11) (Eminent Domain still works!)
147	It would be wonderful to finally have a community aquatic (and more) facility such as this!
148	I am the Volleyball Coach at Juanita and I strongly feel that the Pool should stay as Centric to the HS identity as it can. I understand the Insurance Concerns for keeping it at the HS. I feel that the Old Albertson site would be the best location as it would be a great Community Landmark that is easily accessible and plenty of room. I just want those who use the pool and facilities to be able to access it with ease and I feel all of the other sites would added to the overall congestion of their immediate environments. Appreciate your time, Jeff Curtis 9017 Ne 132nd Pl- Kirkland, Wa 98034 Head VB Coach- Juanita HS.

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149	Swimming is key for the kids in the area. If the project becomes to expensive then at a min the city should look at working with the school district to rebuild the pool at Juanita High School. Swimming is a very important skill that should not be lost for all.
150	I really hope we can get a pool with lots of extras (lazy river, water jets). We visit lots of towns (minnesota, West Vancouver B.C.) that have great community centers will aquatic senters. Seattle and the East Side don't have anything.
151	The location needs to be convenient to the community that uses it.
152	Please be sure there is enough parking!
153	Please don't forget about seating in the pool competition area for swim meets. Please make sure the pool is deep enough to continue with high school diving. I have seen some centers with two pools; one for play and one for competition/lap swim or lessons.
154	Cities have repeatedly abandoned the plans for a community pool because of the cost, but the estimated cost is grossly overstated by the additional facilities that are added to the plan. Our city already has banquet facilities, running tracks accessible at schools, school fields, meeting rooms, etc that meet the needs of the community. Please consider that the need we are trying to meet by building a pool is simply the need to provide an aquatic facility for learn to swim programs, rehabilitation programs, competitive swim programs, water polo programs, etc. We do not need to duplicate facilities that are already available in our community. It is the aquatic facility that is not available. Please also consider that an indoor pool can service nearly 100% of the community, while additional soccer fields or ballfields can only service a very small percentage of the community and those facilities are already available while an aquatic center is not. Please also consider that a large pool (i.e. 50 meters) can service several groups at the same time, while a smaller pool cannot. Finally, it is the special pool features such as a lazy river or slides that cause increased insurance costs and maintenance. These features sound nice, but are not practical in delivering an aquatic facility at a reasonable price that meets the needs of the majority of our community. Please build a pool. Kids need to learn to swim, elderly can use it to exercise, the physically challenged can use it to exercise, the injured can use it for rehabilitation, youth can use it for training in competitive sports, masters can use it for training in competitive sports and the entire community can use it 365 days a year for a healthier lifestyle.
155	Thank you for sending this out to gather thoughts, questions and concerns. Your time is very appreciated. Please take everyone's responses into true consideration, this will build community support.
156	I am very glad the city is considering the recreational pool option. I have visited the facility in Lynnwood often and wished we had something similar in Kirkland. It is such a great outing to keeps the kids moving on those long summer months. I think a city pool could be a great asset for our town, and with the addition of swimming instruction and availability of use for school teams and competitions it can be a great community builder too. Thank you for taking the time to gather input from the community!
157	Thank you for your dilligence on this matter.
158	Please make this a family recreational center!!!!!!
159	Thanks for asking for our input!
160	Thanks!
161	The north Kirkland Community Center provides an ideal location: -Plenty of space - Area to develop parking - The present grade offers opportunity to develop the center so that the main competitive pool area could be built lower into the ground enabling the arena setting for spectator viewing around the pool area. -The community center activities could be accomodated with the building development on a second level or on the ground level around the aquatic facilities.
162	The city of Kirkland doesn't offer much in the way of family fun locations. There are plenty of parks but not pools. Before moving to Kirkland, we lived in an area where we had an indoor community pool. My kids love to swim but have found fun things to do here a bit lacking.
163	The City of Lynnwood has a very successful new indoor pool facility. It's great to hear that Kirkland in considering the same, especially in a climate that supports outdoor swimming a only 4 months of the year. Also consider the option of opening the ceilings and walls during summer months, similar to Lynnwood Rec Center

Recreation and Aquatic Center Survey

Question 6: Any other comments or questions?	
164	I heard that the Peter Kirk pool may be converted to an indoor facility as a temporary replacement during construction. I just want to be sure we will not lose that as an outdoor pool. I took lessons there as a kid, and my kids take lessons every summer, and it would be a shame to lose one of the only outdoor pools anywhere in the area.
165	The North Kirkland Community Center and Juanita Beach Park sites are already established as community gathering places. The surrounding roads and residents are accustomed to traffic to these sites. The land for these 2 options are largely cleared and ready for construction, causing minimal disruption. With Juanita High School losing its aquatic facilities, it is beneficial to have an aquatic center built in the close proximity made available with the North Kirkland Community Center proposed site.
166	Thank you for your hard work in evaluating sites suitable for an aquatic facility.
167	The NKCC site is the most centrally located, is on several bus lines, and has two large arterial roads to access it, the best of all 3 sites. It is already partially developed and land that would be converted to the pool building currently is parking lot and grass, not forested area. A pool at Juanita Beach Park would convert grass, trees and baseball fields to a building and parking lot. Norway Hill would convert a forest to a building and parking lot. It is at the far northeast corner of Kirkland, the least central of all 3 sites. NKCC to me is by far the best choice.
168	I enjoy swimming laps and going to water exercise classes. Do whatever it takes to make the pool sustainable. If adding a gym helps, or having multipurpose rooms, do it.
169	I would LOVE a therapy pool in Kirkland, thanks for your work on this!
170	You should consider crowd sourcing for financial support of the aquatic center. For example, we would be very open to the idea of paying, let's say 5k, for lifetime family membership with pool access and maybe 10k for lifetime membership with access to all center facilities (if it includes classes and other facilities like our North Kirkland Community Center). Ideally those memberships should be transferable. I think you will find enough interested families to support the project.
171	In terms of sites, my first choice would be the North Kirkland Community Center. So many of the city's classes and programs take place at NKCC and I think a pool would be a great way to draw more people into those programs. Juanita Beach Park is a beautiful area, but there are already many attractions that draw the community to the park (the waterfront, the public market, the summer concerts, etc). By having the pool at the NKCC, I believe it would have a ripple effect in getting the community involved in more of the programs that NKCC and the City of Kirkland have to offer.
172	Kirkland community needs community swimming facility for sports and recreations. Kids need a place to learn to swim and stay in shape as well as all adults do. It would be cool to host a birthday parties in the pool as well or spend family time there. That kind of facilities are starting to appear in Montlake Terrace and most recently in Snohomish. Kirkland will definitely benefit from haVing it too and also that facility would attract residents from neighborhood Woodinville, Redmond, Bothell and Bellevue.
173	Glad you are proactively, and quickly, coming up with a solution to the pool issue. We are heavy users of JAC and were sad to be losing it.
174	You misspelled Bridle Trails on the first page. "Bridle" was spelled "Bridal".
175	If new facilities replace North Kirkland Community Center I would like to see recreation classes continue on the site. I wouldn't like to see fees raised substantially.
176	Pls consider the improvement of the current pool located by the library to make it a year around facility.
177	Thanks for working on this- love the ideas. Are we talking to other cities that have great facilities and what they considered and what they would do differently? (Mountlake Terrace, etc..)
178	It would be great to have KCLS fund some of the building and provide a small library branch like they have in Crossroads Mall or Lake Forest Park.
179	I like Juanita beach park & north Kirkland community center, great spaces would be used a ton!
180	We need more aquatic facilities in Kirkland and on the Eastside. The only indoor pools I know of are Redmond--in very poor shape and Bellevue--very difficult to get to.
181	Juanita Beach Park would be my 2nd choice.
182	Thanks for the city staying involved. If we can't solve the need for competitive swimming needs for the community extremely well (in replacing JHS), then I wouldn't support the large facility.
183	no

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184	- high school kids from the swim program could help manage the pool during off season hours for possible volunteer hours to help absorb some of the management cost. - pool rentals could also help subsidize the cost during summer and "off hours" - up -to
185	A community pool is essential to the fabric of the NW town. I have many friends that all joined the Bellevue Club since they didn't have many other options in the long term for their kids swimming future. It seems like these private clubs are going to dominate the swimming communities and shut out options for the financially less fortunate
186	North Kirkland Community Center already offers a nice indoor experience for exercise and meeting. The land around North Kirkland isn't used productively, nor has it been scoped for any useful buildings (that I know of). North Kirkland is more centrally located for Kirkland residents and for the existing Middle and High School programs. The imprint for an aquatic center would fit into the existing city owned property. North Kirkland is located on an arterial street and is easily accessible by car or transit. I think it would be perfect. Thank you for allowing for, and encouraging, written input. Karen Hogan 13023 104th Pl NE Kirkland
187	I've visited the pool in Lynnwood with my kids and loved it. Very excited for a similar facility in Kirkland.
188	To improve parking at Juanita beach angled spots as well as one way streets would be very helpful
189	How will these projects be funded? When is the projected installation date?
190	The Pool must be replaced at Juanita - the City of Kirkland and all the surrounding area would be losing a critical component of its neighborhood. A pool and the associated activities available to the community would continue to make Kirkland a special city. I have been in Kirkland for 16 years, and we have leveraged the Juanita pool for a number of reasons - most importantly a place where our kids learned how to swim. Please follow through with this important initiative. Many people are watching how Kirkland leadership fills this massive hole in the community.
191	I hope this happens!
192	No matter which location is chosen, the landscaping and exterior of the building should welcome the community with a very nice park-like setting. If surrounded with park features, the facility could become a welcome addition to any of the three locations if it gives the impression of a park. Sharing a property line with South Norway Hill Park, for instance, we would much prefer a nicely landscaped aquatic center with park-like features rather than seeing the forest cut down for a shopping center or more housing. Because residents will be impacted at any of these three locations, parking lots and entrances should be routed away from homes and the facility should be surrounded with space to provide a significant buffer from traffic and noise.
193	Thank you very much for the opportunity to weigh in.
194	No
195	We enjoy the classes offered at the NKCC and would love to continue those, the use of the park, and the play gym as well as enjoy a pool there!
196	I think this new pool facility is a great idea. However, what if the city built a retractable roof for peter kirk pool
197	so glad you are doing this!
198	Yes we could use walking jogging track as to stay out of contact with automobiles! Safety!
199	I think that a pool is important to our community. I believe it can be a good area of revenue. I believe to will also be used not by just our community but surrounding communities. I also think that this is important to start building as soon as possible as it will help local swim HS swim teams. Thank you for you consideration.
200	As a competitive swimmer, I have been to many pools. I would love to see a 50m pool in the Seattle area (but a 25yard pool would be great too!). In Canada, it seems they do a good job of blending a center with a competitive pool along with water features like slides, hot tub, spray park to get folks to pay to use the pool. It would be great to have a blend between a true competition pool, and another part of the pool that draws families to help increase usage and pay for the facility.
201	We have been waiting for years since the closing of St Edwards pool to be able to swim. We are in our sixties with grandchildren and would be beyond excited to have a pool to maintain our health and teach our grandkids.
202	INDOOR pool needed please!!!
203	I think adequate parking is a huge concern. If its going to house a competition pool, you need to make sure there is lots of parking for swim meets.
204	Just really hoping a pool will be available somewhere. Thank you for your hard work.
205	As a parent of 2 under 3s without a car public transport links are key for me. The North Kirkland Community Center is an ideal location that we can reach and already attend for several classes.

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206	If Juanita Beach was chosen, would also all the current facilities (bathrooms, change rooms) be remodeled? They seem so out of date and in need of renovation.
207	Consider adding a good pool area for youngest kids. Mine are now beyond the need, but having access to a super shallow pool was great when my kids needed it. (He we our treks to MountlKe Terrace)
208	Please don't bite off more than what the community wants in a pool - a gathering place for people to do swim & swim supportive activities! For example, if workout facilities are necessary to attract swim teams, that is absolutely in-line with the objective of running a pool, but it shouldn't try to offer a workout facility that is targeted to the general publics needs or try be everything to the community in one spot.
209	Love that the city is building this!
210	I don't feel as safe in the Kingsgate neighborhood as I do in the rest of Kirkland.
211	I would like more information about the costs, and also how you are working with partners.
212	First choice would be Juanita Beach. Second choice, North Kirkland Community Center.
213	Please prioritize adequate pool facilities to support team swimming/diving/synchro, high school swimming/diving, and learn-to-swim programs. With all the pools closing, we are at risk of losing swimming programs in our community. Many kids and adults would be devastated.
214	Agree we should use city owned land instead of trying to purchase something new that will add to the overall cost. Appreciate continued efforts to move this along as quickly as possible. A community that is largely located on the water should be able to offer its citizens adequate facilities to teach and practice swimming.
215	We definitely need a year round pool for lessons and swim team. I sure hope this can happen. Think about creating revenue from lessons, parties and rentals. Playground and lazy river ideas are nice but not necessary.
216	Since there is already a parking garage in place at the library, and there is an outdoor pool already in use downtown...as well as a teen community center, has this site be considered for a possibilty? (Or is the consideration of location due to the proximity of JHS?) Love that we are asking the community AND that we will have a pool! So excited for this build!
217	My toddler really loves the indoor pool in Lynnwood, and goes there once every two weeks. If Kirkland could have a similar facility, then we donot have to drive all the way to the north, that'll be great.
218	Good luck and Best wishes! We trust you'll will come up with what is best for everyone. Let us know if we can help in any other way!
219	Thanks to the City of Kirkland for recognizing this important community asset and working in partnership with LWSD and the community to move this project forward.
220	I don't think the pool facility should include a banquet room and workout rooms. I think it should be an aquatic focused facility only.
221	Hope the city will be able to make this happen I know lots of people really want a facility like this
222	It is very sad and disappointing that the community isn't willing to rebuild the pool in the new high school.
223	I think our high schools have to keep a swim program alive and we need masters programs for the rest of us. It would be great to see Kirkland have a prominent program as many are moving to Bellevue to take advantage of Bellevue Club's amazing facilities.
224	I hope the building will be 'green'.
225	It would be fabulous to have a facility that would mirror the new Snohomish pool, the Mountlake Terrance and Lynnwood pools. Also, I hope this would not effect the Peter Kirk Pool at all - please keep that open in the summer!!!!
226	Kirkland and the whole Seattle area is in dire need of a world class aquatic center, where not only families and kids can learn and play, but also national level competitions can be hosted.
227	LOVE THIS IDEA!!! hope it works
228	I would really like to see a facility in Kirkland that's kind of a "one stop shop" for active Kirkland residents. Check out Federal Way Community Center - they offer fitness classes, a pool, along with preschool classes, meeting rooms, a senior "lounge". That is really what I'd like to see for Kirkland, a true "community center".
229	Thanks for taking our input.
230	How will this project be funded? Increase of taxes? Availability of individual community members to use facilities. Would I be able to use the gym to play volleyball on short notice? Cost to open/rent the facilities.

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231	Juanita Beach park location is the best choice. Great location and have views over Lake Washington. There is a lot of ongoing development in this area with new apartments and businesses. All within walking distance of this potential recreation facility. We have visited Lynnwood Recreation Center which have indoor Waterslides, competitive swim pool and lots more. Our kids loved it and that's what it's all about. I would recommend building the same facility like the one in Lynnwood WA.
232	I lived in Juanita for 15 years and the Juanita Beach site seems ideal for several reasons: massive tree canopy does not need to be removed, the facility would be well situated (considering proximity) for the two Kirkland high school swim teams that share its use, being right across the street from Juanita Beach Park would make it more of a community activity hub (versus stand alone destination) and provide overflow parking, a fully functional, existing structure would not need to be torn down for its construction. Thanks for soliciting our input!
233	North Kirkland is a nice central site and easy to access.

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City of Kirkland Telephone Survey

March 2013

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Methodology

- Telephone Survey of 400 registered voters in the City of Kirkland
- March 5 – March 9, 2014
- Margin of Error ± 4.9 percentage points
- Weighted to reflect Key demographics in the city of Kirkland
- Interviewing started trained, professional interviewers

Please note that due to rounding, some percentages may not add up to exactly 100%.

Key Findings

- *Voters in Kirkland give high ratings for the parks and recreation system overall but 60% rate the availability of indoor recreation and swimming facilities as "only fair" or "poor".*

- *Despite only moderate awareness (37%) of the potential Juanita High School pool closure, most (82%) favor building a Kirkland indoor community recreation and aquatic center to replace the Juanita High School pool and three quarters (75%) say they would support a bond measure for a new facility.*

- *When asked about potential components of a new facility, a teaching pool for learning how to swim and water safety, lap pool for general swimming, and a pool that can be used for High School competitions were seen as the most important priorities. Non pool related components like multi purpose rooms and community spaces were rated as lower priorities.*

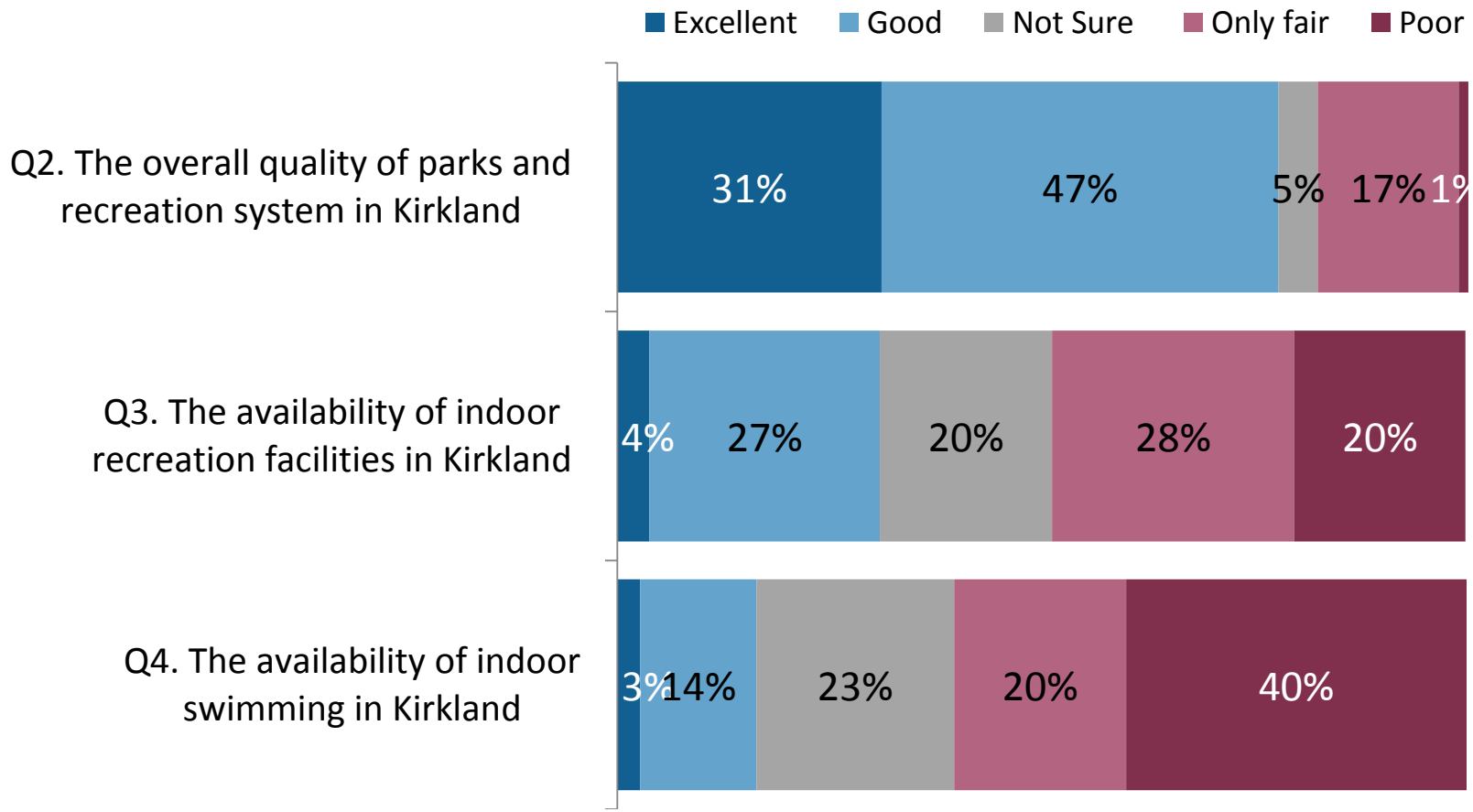
Key Findings

- *Of the three sites tested, North Kirkland community center on NE 120th Street was the top first and second choice followed closely by Juanita Beach Park on the North Side. Respondents list accessibility, location, cost, as the most important factors to consider when choosing a site.*

- *By a 55% to 41% margin residents prefer moving "forward alone with a new indoor pool facility to ensure it is built quickly and located in Kirkland even if it means city residents will have to fund the whole cost" over "finding other Cities to partner with and share in the costs even if it means building an indoor pool facility will take longer and the facility might be located outside of Kirkland".*

Quality & Availability Ratings

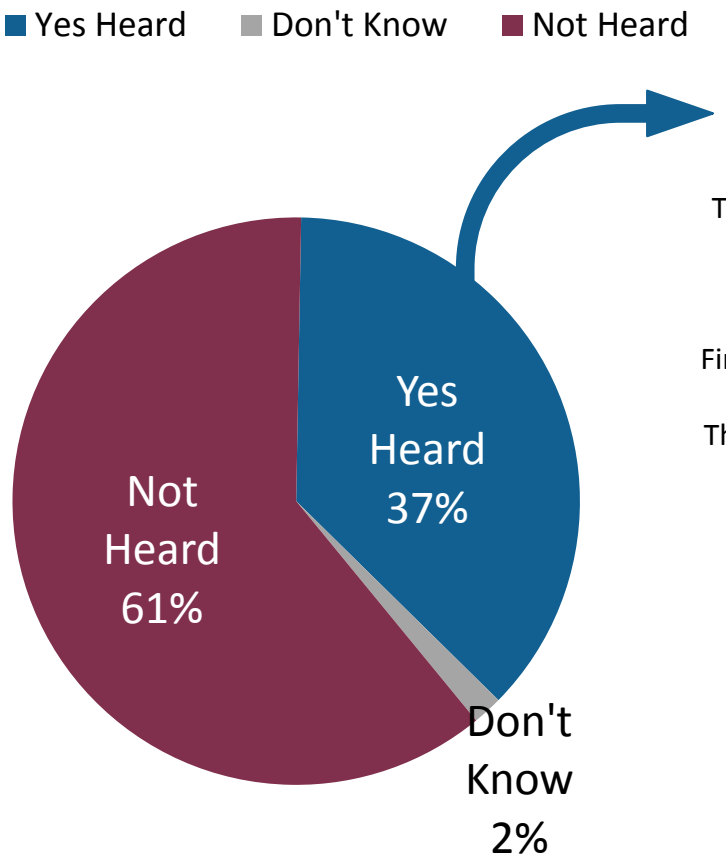
Most (78%) give positive ratings overall for the quality of parks and recreation system , but half (48%) are concerned about the availability of indoor recreation facilities and 60% are concerned about indoor swimming facilities in Kirkland

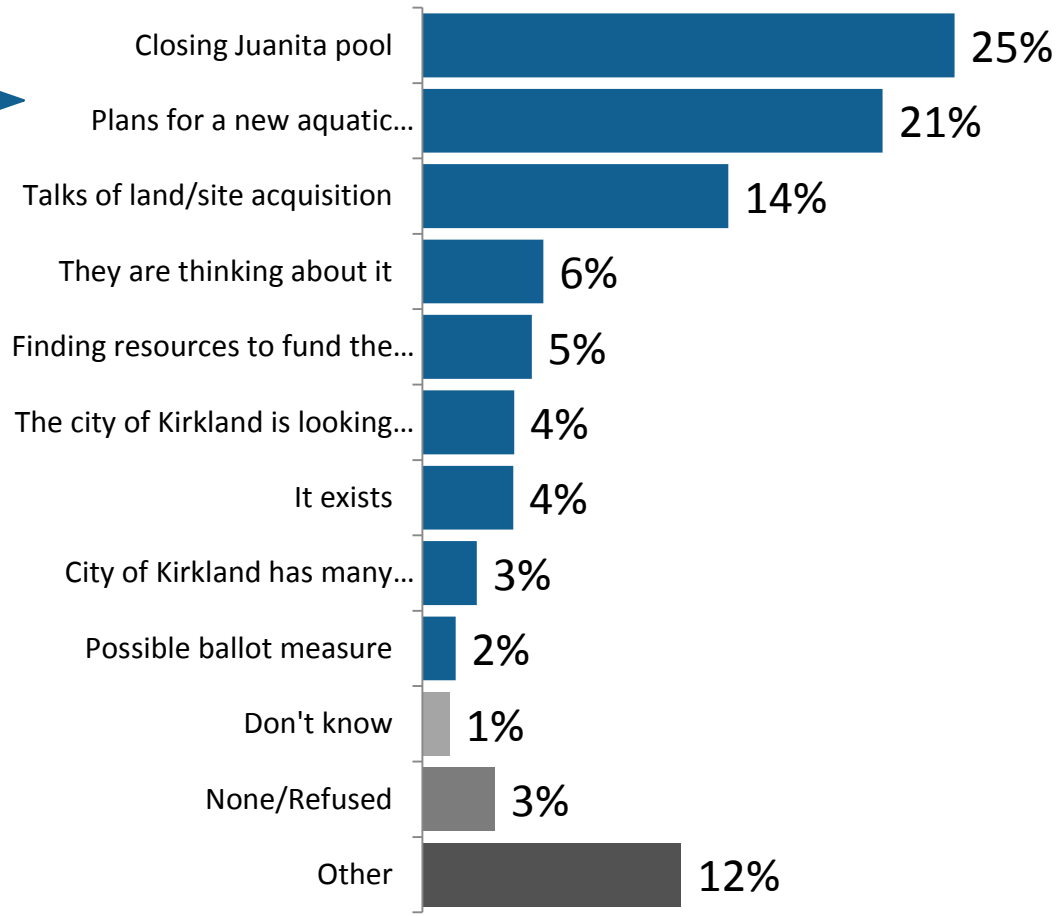


Q2-4 I'd like you to tell me how you think the City of Kirkland is doing in each of the following areas. Use a scale of excellent, good, only fair, or poor. If you aren't sure one way or the other, please just say so.

Awareness

Over a third have heard something about a Kirkland Recreation and Aquatic Center, and most are able to cite something specific indicting that this more than just general awareness.

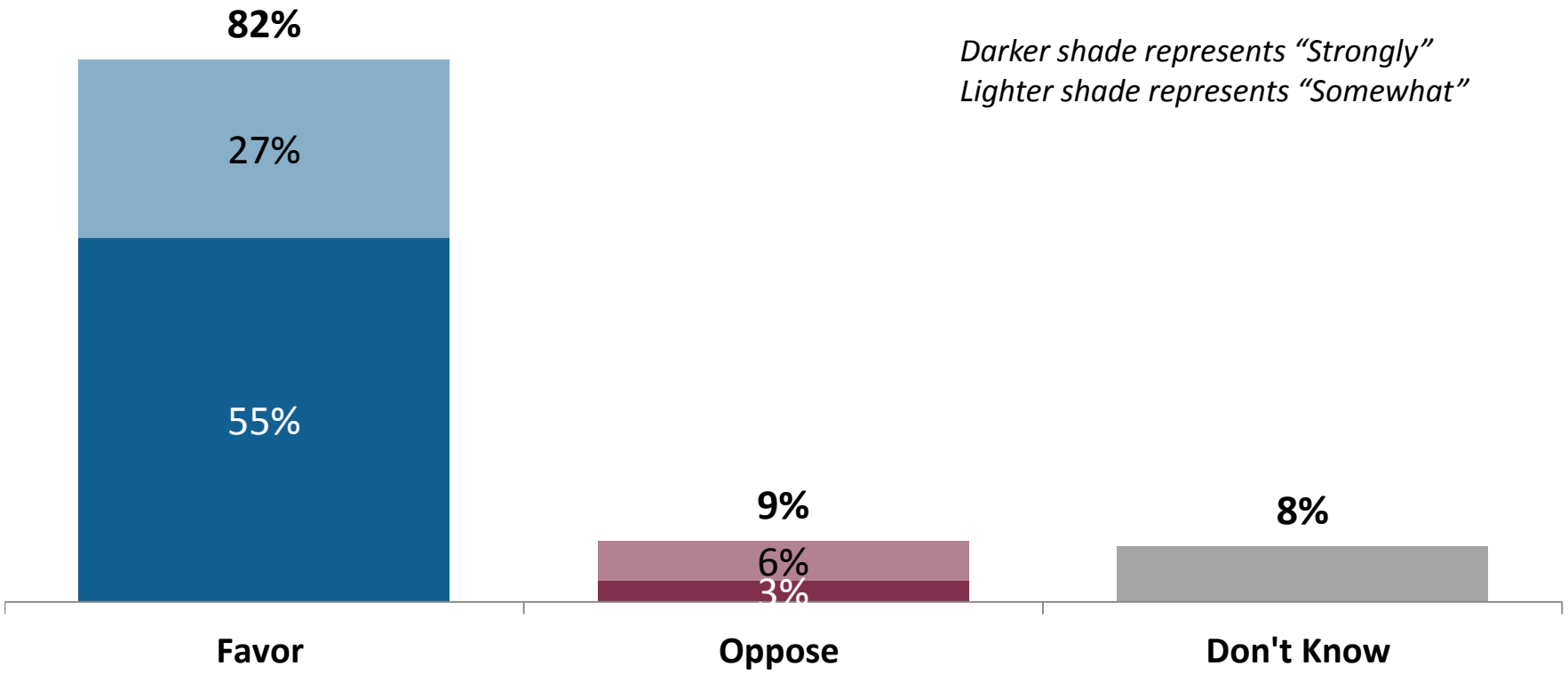




Q5. Have you heard anything recently about a Kirkland Recreation and Aquatic Center?
Q6. What have your heard?

Support for Community Recreation & Aquatic Facility

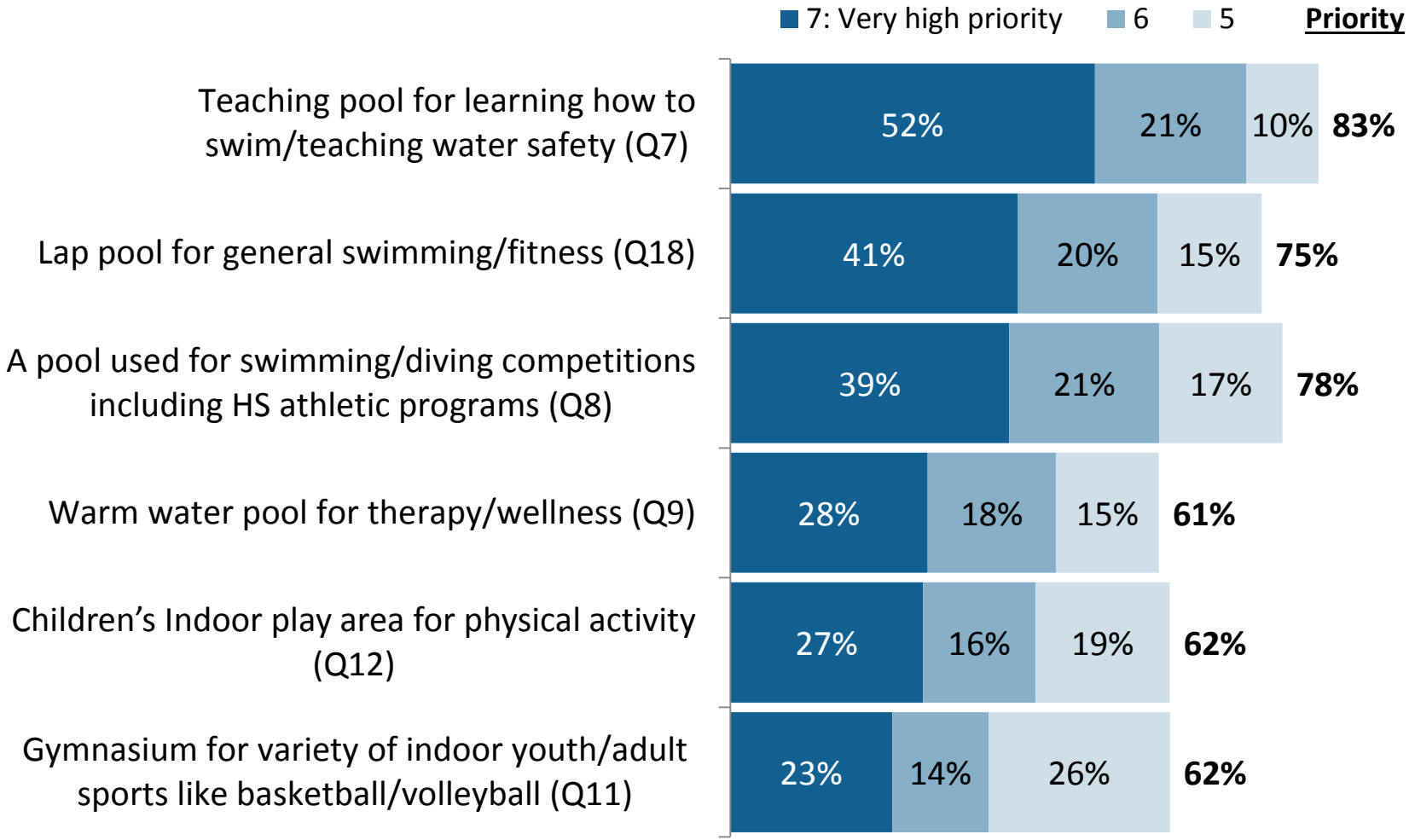
Most (82%) favor building a Kirkland indoor community recreation and aquatic center . A majority (55%) strongly support building a new facility. Fewer than one-in-ten are opposed.



Q7a. As you may know, Juanita High School may be undergoing a large renovation or replacement and to complete construction the school district will need to close the indoor pool at the school as soon as 2017. This is the only publically available indoor pool in Kirkland and supports the activities of a number of aquatic sports clubs, public exercise time, and lifeguard training and water safety classes and swim lessons. Knowing this would you say you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose building a Kirkland indoor community recreation and aquatic center to replace the Juanita High School Aquatics facility when it closes?

Priorities for New Facility

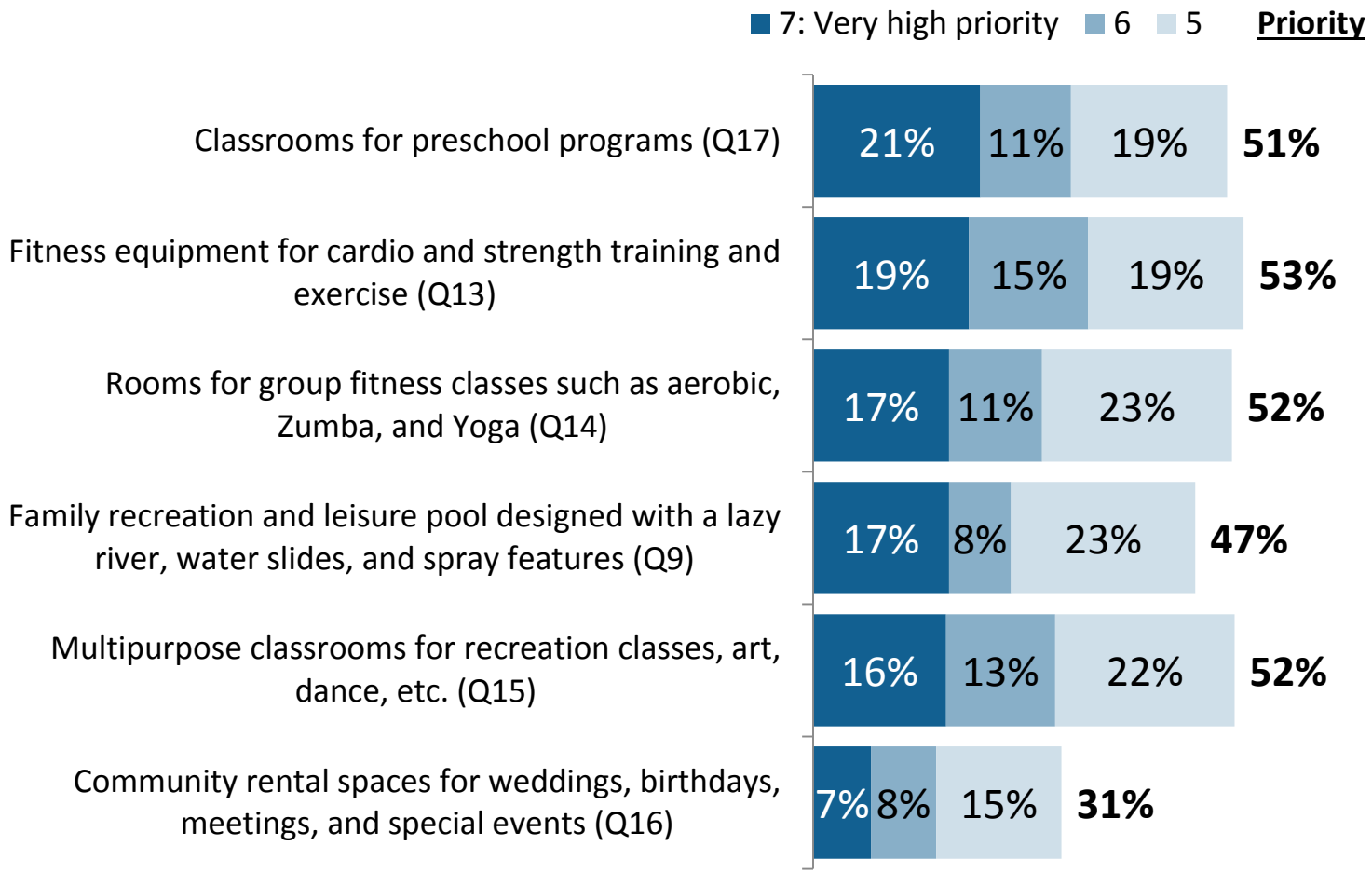
Top priorities are a teaching pool, lap pool, and a pool for High School competitions



Q7-18. The City is examining ideas for replacing this pool and would like to know about your priorities for a potential new facility. For each of the following, please tell me how high a priority that item is for you. Use a scale of 1 to 7, where 1 means you feel that item should be a very low priority and 7 means that you feel that item should be a very high priority.

Priorities for New Facility – Cont.

Non - pool related components are a much lower priority.



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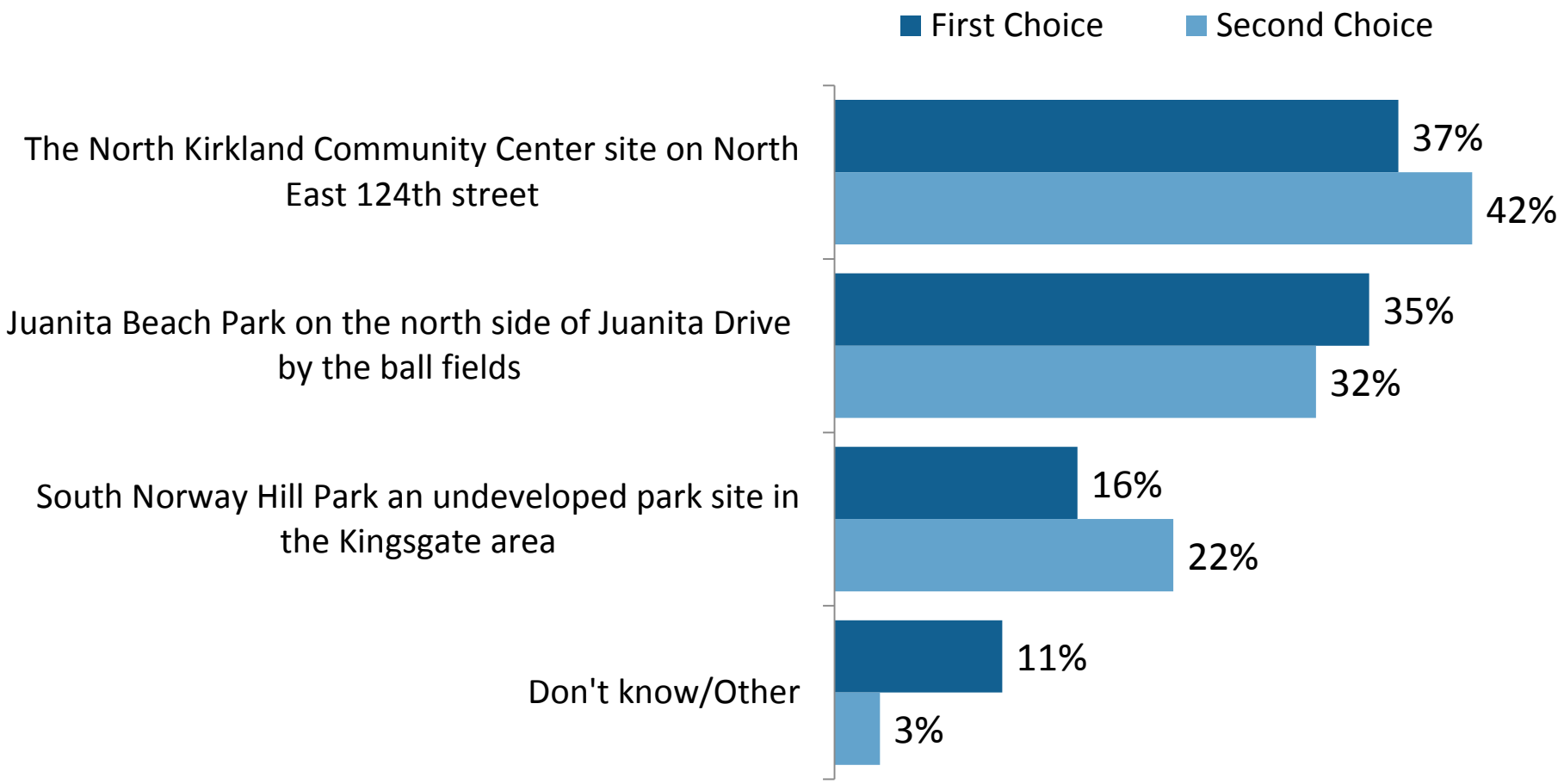
Location Preference

Slightly higher preference for Kirkland Community Center location. S. Norway Hill park is least preferred option.



*Q20-21. Regardless of how you feel about a new facility with an indoor pool, if it were being built in Kirkland, which location would be your **first choice**? And which location would be your **second choice**?*

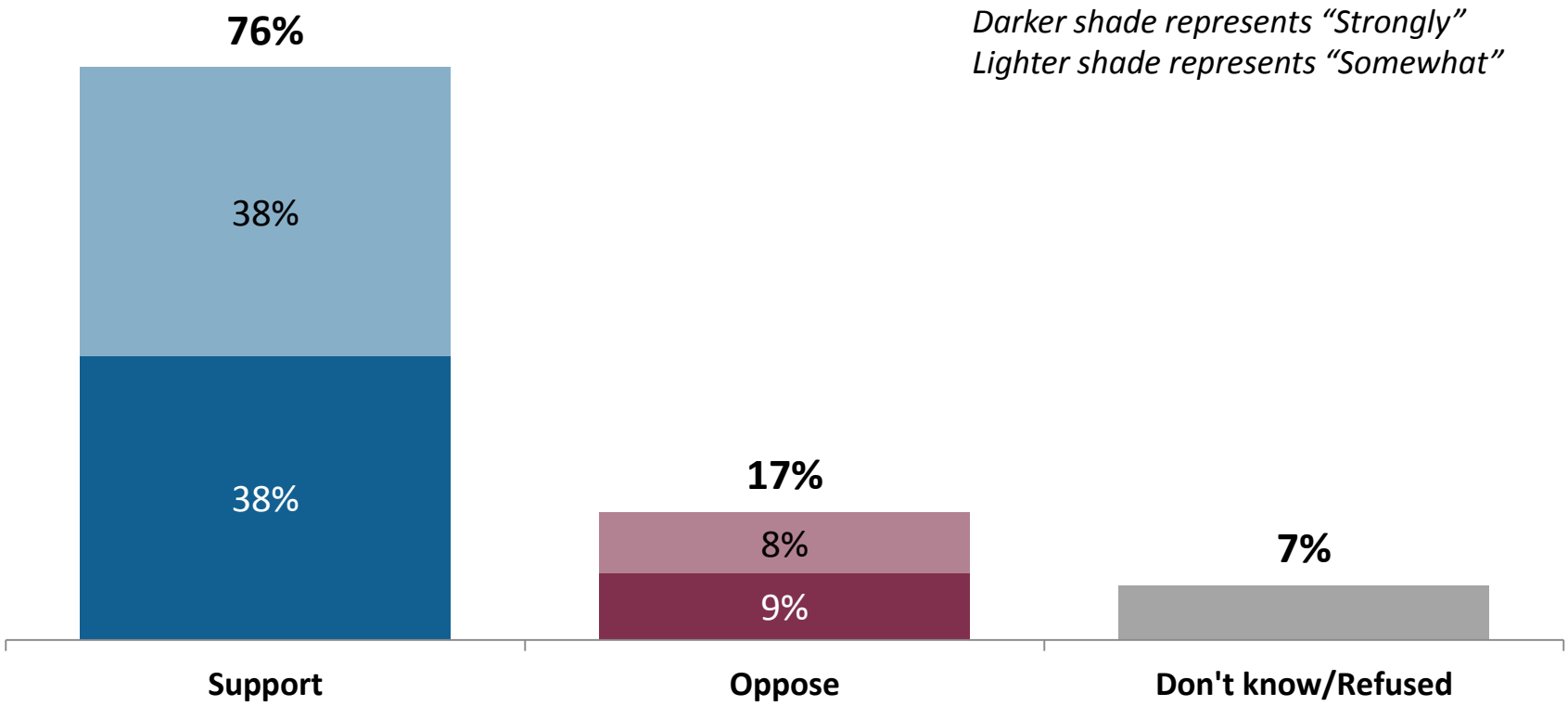
Important Factors for Siting Facility

Accessibility, cost, and location are the top factors for consideration in siting a facility

Q23. Thinking about the city's decision making process, what 2 or 3 factors do you think are most important to consider in selecting a site for a new facility?

Support for Funding

Three quarters (76%) say they would support a bond to fund a new facility

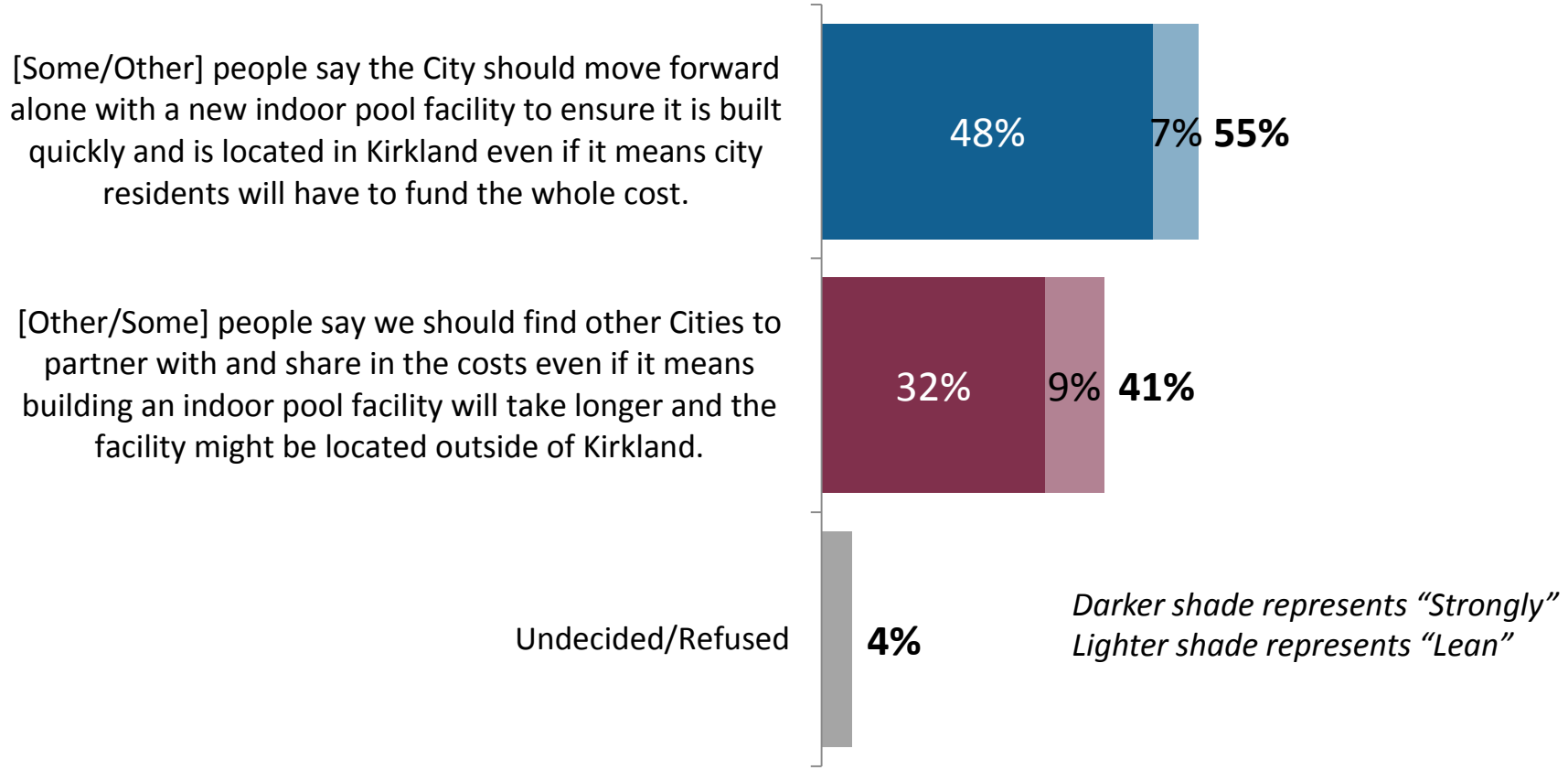


Darker shade represents "Strongly"
Lighter shade represents "Somewhat"

Q24. The City of Kirkland would need to present a bond measure to voters in order to fund a new facility to replace the Juanita High School pool. In general, would you Strongly Support, Somewhat Support, Somewhat Oppose or Strongly Oppose a bond measure for a Kirkland indoor community recreation and aquatic center?

Moving Forward

By a 14 point margin (55% to 41%) residents prefer moving forward alone over finding other cities to partner with.



Q26. Which of the following statements is closer to your opinion even if neither one is exactly right. Which statement is closer to your opinion?

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Peter Kirk Pool

A narrow majority (52%) favor a temporary favor a temporary structure over Peter Kirk Pool while the new facility is built, but 4-in-10 are opposed.

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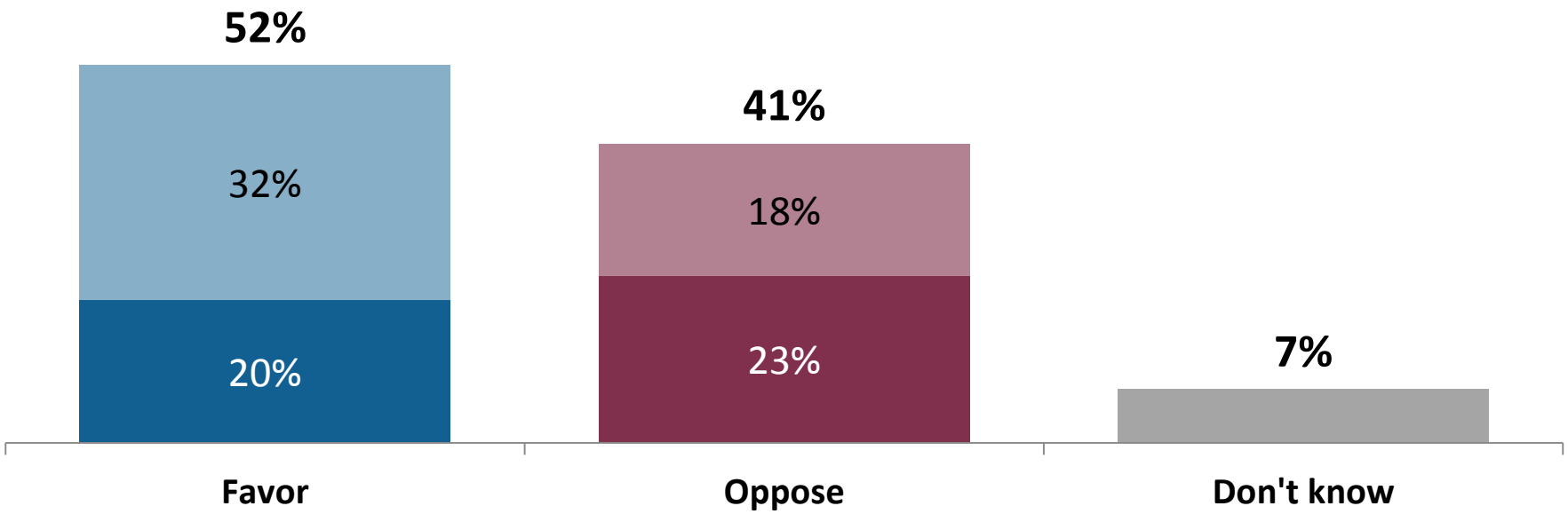
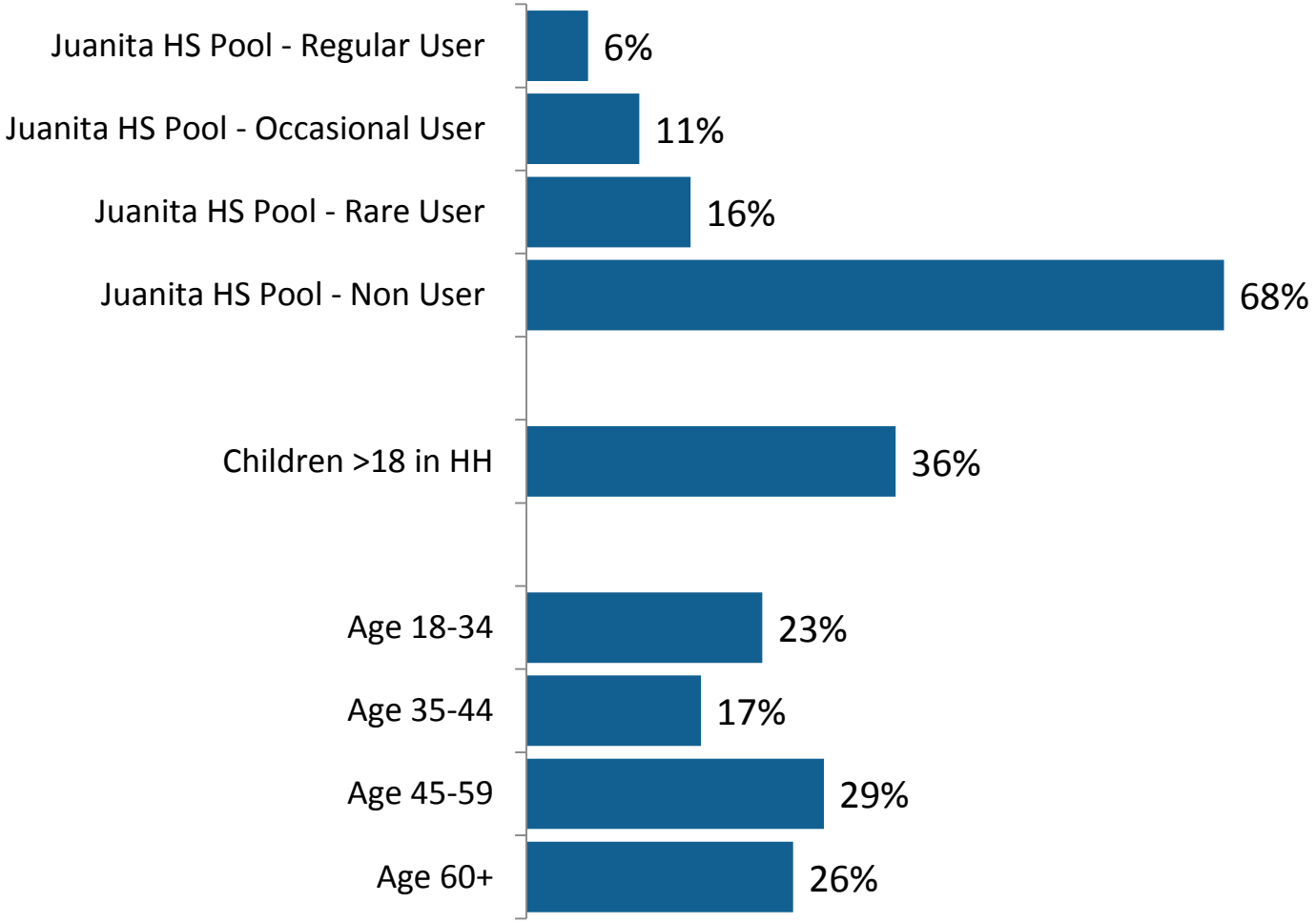


Q27. Some people say a new indoor pool facility will be a great addition to Kirkland but we need something sooner and that we should build a temporary structure over Peter Kirk Pool now so our high school swimmers have a place to use while a new aquatic facility is being planned and built.

Survey Demographics



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