

Park Funding Exploratory Committee

Meeting Summary

November 8, 2011, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Welcome

City Councilmember and Committee Chair Amy Walen welcomed committee members and outlined the agenda for this meeting. Due to difficulties with the presentation system, the order of the agenda was changed.

Results of Parks and Recreation Public Opinion Survey and Open House Events

Michael Cogle, Deputy Director of Kirkland Parks & Community Services, presented the results of the online public opinion survey conducted in October, 2011 and also shared the results of survey questions asked at the two public open house events October 24th and 25th.

Overview of Indoor Recreation Facility Plan

Jennifer Schroder, Director of Kirkland Parks & Community Services, presented an overview of the Indoor Recreation Facility feasibility study completed in 2006, which included a prototype facility plan and operating budget information.

Overview of Kirkland Cannery Building

Michael Cogle and Loita Hawkinson of the Kirkland Heritage Society shared the history of the Kirkland Cannery Building, proposed uses and results of a cost study completed in 2006.

Mini-Survey

Michael asked the group to respond to the question asked in the online survey and at the two open house events: "Would you support or oppose increasing local taxes for the following purposes?" The results of this mini-survey are attached.

Overview of Green Kirkland Partnership

Jennifer provided an overview of the Green Kirkland Partnership between the City and Cascade Land Conservancy and the 20-year Forest Restoration Plan developed in 2008.

Small Group Discussion

Committee members broke into three groups to discuss what additional information might be needed to be presented to the committee before making a recommendation to City Council regarding Park Funding.

Wrap-up and Closing

Councilmember Walen thanked the group and reminded committee members of the upcoming meeting dates, including two meeting dates in January, one of which that was not on the original schedule.

Next meetings will be 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in Room 233, Health & Sciences Center at Northwest University on Tuesday, December 13th; Tuesday, January 10th; and Tuesday, January 24th.

Committee members present:

Chair Amy Walen, Anne Anderson, Barbara Ramey, Bonnie McLeod, Stefanie Lakic (for Chris Norwood), Chuck Bartlett, Cindy Balbuena, Don Schmitz, Jay Arnold, Jill Keeney, Kathy Schuler, Kevin Hanefeld,, Laura Caron, Lisa McConnell, Loita Hawkinson, Lynda Haneman, Lynn Stokesbary, Mark Dunphy, Nona Ganz, Rick Smith, Robert Kamuda, Sandeep Singhal, Scott Morris, Suzanne Kagen, Vince Armfield

Staff present:

Cheryl Harmon, Jason Filan, Jennifer Schroder, Linda Murphy, Michael Cogle

PFEC Committee Survey: November 8

Question: Would you support or oppose raising local taxes for the following purposes?

■ Strongly Support
 ■ Support
 ■ Oppose
 ■ Strongly Oppose
 ■ Don't Know

