



KIRKLAND PARK BOARD

Date: November 9, 2011

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Council Chambers, City Hall

The mission of the Park Board shall be to provide policy advice and assistance to the Department of Parks and Community Services and City Council in order to ensure the effective provision of Parks and Community Services programs and facilities to the residents of the City of Kirkland.

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** *5 minutes*
October Park Board Meeting Minutes
4. **ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE** *5 minutes*
5. **REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS** *5 minutes*
Neighborhood Association Representatives
6. **PRESENTATIONS** *10 minutes*
Boating Noise Complaints, Capt. Hamilton
7. **COMMUNICATIONS** *15 minutes*
 - a. Correspondence
 - b. Staff Reports
-November update
 - c. Committee Reports
 - d. Comments from the Chair
8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** *30 minutes*
 - a. Tobacco-free Parks Plan *30 minutes*
Topic: Receive update on Tobacco-free Parks Plan and online survey results
Action: Discussion only
9. **NEW BUSINESS** *60 minutes*
 - a. Parks & Recreation Public Opinion Survey and Open House Results *60 minutes*
Topic: Receive results of online public opinion survey and open house events
Action: Discussion only
10. **MEETING EVALUATION** *5 minutes*
11. **ADJOURNMENT** *Estimated meeting completion: 9:15 p.m.*
Next meeting: December 14, 2011, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers

PARK BOARD MINUTES – October 12, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER

The October 12, 2011 Park Board regular meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chair Robert Kamuda.

2. ROLL CALL

Members present: Chair Robert Kamuda, Vice Chair Sue Keller, Sue Contreras, Jennifer Davies, Amy Johnson, Shelley Kloba, Ted Marx, Barbara Ramey and Adam White.

Shawn Fenn was excused.

Staff present: Michael Cogle, Jason Filan, Linda Murphy and Jennifer Schroder.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Kloba noted a correction to the September minutes. Mr. White moved to approve the minutes as amended. Ms. Davies seconded. Motion carried (9-0).

4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

No items.

5. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

No items.

6. PRESENTATIONS

No items.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Correspondence

No items.

b. Staff Reports

Ms. Murphy provided an update on Puget Sound Energy's transmission line corridor stakeholder meetings.

Ms. Schroder discussed Lake Washington School District, Pee Wee monster bash, parks revenues, the labyrinth at Rose Hill Meadows and concessions in parks.

c. Committee Reports

Ms. Contreras commented on Mr. Cogle's promotion to Deputy Director, Edith Moulton Park, batting cages, the naming of Jasper's Dog Park, "Kudos, Kirkland!" volunteer event and the formation of a downtown Kirkland family festival.

Mr. Marx reported on the Denny Fest event held at O.O. Denny Park, formation of a neighborhood association on Finn Hill, the tobacco-free park survey and buoys installed on Juanita Bay near Juanita Bay Park.

Ms. Johnson reported on attending a Green Kirkland event at Juanita Bay Park and an upcoming volunteer event at Jasper's Dog Park.

Ms. Kloba commented on the Lakeview Neighborhood Association meeting.

Ms. Ramey reported on the Juanita Neighborhood Association and the creation of a volunteer project at Edith Moulton Park.

Mr. White attended Denny Fest and asked about neighborhood meeting assignments.

Ms. Davies discussed the Norkirk Neighborhood Association meeting where there was a presentation by Cascade Land Conservancy on the upcoming Pearl Jam carbon offset project and also commented on a Hopelink fundraising event.

Ms. Keller reported on the Highlands neighborhood and on her work with a group called Nurturing Networks which is a collaboration with Hopelink.

d. Comments from the Chair

Mr. Kamuda spoke about the neighborhood associations and requested the Board revisit neighborhood assignments at the next meeting.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Park Funding Exploratory Committee

Ms. Schroder provided an update on the work of the Committee and announced upcoming public opinion survey and open house events.

Mr. Cogle shared the presentation given to the Committee on the Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan and sought feedback from the Board on the upcoming public opinion survey.

9. NEW BUSINESS

No items.

10. MEETING EVALUATION

"Lots of math!"

11. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Keller moved to adjourn. Mr. White seconded. Motion carried (8-0, Ms. Davies was absent from vote).

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Jennifer Schroder, Director
Parks and Community Services

Robert Kamuda, Chair
Park Board

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MEMORANDUM

To: Park Board

From: Captain Bill Hamilton, Police Department

Date: November 1, 2011

Subject: Presentation on Boating Noise Complaints

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Park Board receives a presentation on proposed changes to KMC Chapter 14 regarding to marine-related complaints.

BACKGROUND:

The Kirkland Police Department currently lacks the resources to enforce marine violations on Lake Washington and therefore contracts with the King County Sherriff's Office for marine-related services. The marine-related calls for service vary greatly, but a consistent and growing concern of our shoreline community is disruptive watercraft behaviors, including amplified noise from watercraft stereo systems, particularly when numerous boats are tied together (also known as rafting). There is no City of Kirkland ordinance specific to excessive or unreasonable noise emanating from watercraft and the language in our rafting ordinance is inadequate to address the concerns. We are therefore currently unable to effectively and proactively mitigate such behavior.

We are in the process of drafting an ordinance which would prohibit public disturbance noises emanating from watercraft. The proposed ordinance is very similar to our effective vehicle stereo noise ordinance, KMC Section 9.84A.070 (5) – Public Disturbance Noises. We also plan to propose the necessary language changes to the current rafting ordinance.

The enforcement intent of the proposed ordinance is to impact the disruptive behaviors, through the reasonable use of discretion, education, warnings and, when needed, enforcement.

Communication and Outreach

Similar to other education campaigns (e.g., electronic parking enforcement, business license fee change), prior to enforcement, multiple communication methods will be implemented to ensure that the widest target audience and the specific target audience are aware of the new watercraft regulations.


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To: Park Board

From: Jennifer Schroder, Director

Date: November 4, 2011

Subject: November Staff Update

RECREATION DIVISION
Recreation

- While reviewing the 2011-2012 budget, along with our annexation-related staffing request for 2012, the department was able to complete a small reorganization which resulted in Michael Cogle's appointment to Deputy Director, and salary savings to add a .5 FTE Recreation Coordinator. With the assistance of the Human Resources department, we have completed the recruitment process for that additional .5 FTE, and we are pleased to announce that Kelsey Hayes has been selected to fill the position, making her now a full-time Recreation Coordinator. We look forward to the additional staff resource to assist in meeting the needs of our larger city.
- Fall and winter registration has been going very well. We have over 3,500 fall enrollments and 500 winter enrollments. Traditionally, most winter registration comes in December and January; we are expecting a big increase in winter numbers later this year.
- Below is a revenue comparison of January through October of 2010 and 2011. Positive news, for the last three months we have exceeded the comparable revenues collected in 2010.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	YTD
2010	\$57,789	\$32,799	\$287,680	\$149,024	\$109,217	\$122,896	\$60,703	\$97,337	\$79,317	\$41,444	\$1,038,209
2011	\$52,919	\$25,892	\$267,949	\$145,562	\$113,264	\$124,302	\$51,856	\$102,572	\$81,800	\$48,230	\$1,014,348
variance	(\$4,870)	(\$6,907)	(\$19,731)	(\$3,461)	\$4,047	\$1,405	(\$8,847)	\$5,234	\$2,483	\$6,786	(\$23,861)

North Kirkland Community Center

- The Pee Wee Monster Bash held on October 28th was a sell-out event with 209 children in attendance. The staff at the busy check-in area couldn't turn away the costumed children who hadn't registered in advance, so we exceeded the maximum by nine! A big thank you goes out to all of the volunteers that helped to make this event a success! We had United Way volunteers, fitness class participants and Park Board member, Jennifer Davies. Finally, we would like to thank the merchants who donated supplies for this event: Tully's Coffee, Totem Lake QFC, and Totem Lake Fred Meyer.
- NKCC staff's attention will now be occupied preparing for the next big event: the Snowflake Ball! The 2010 event was a sell-out in what was its first year. Staff will be spending time soliciting for and scheduling volunteers, requesting donations, pre-ordering supplies and planning for the big event.
- The second session of fall classes are filling up with nearly 50 people on waiting lists for art, music, and cooking programs.
- The Parks Maintenance Department concentrated efforts on sprucing up the grounds around NKCC and the results are undeniably beautiful and appreciated!

Youth Sports & Aquatics

- Youth Basketball registration is wrapping up with over 400 3rd through 6th graders registered for the league, creating 43 teams, which is consistent with last season's registration.

- Over 50 members of the community have volunteered to coach and assistant coach teams for the season. These volunteers each spend over 1,000 hours per season positively affecting the lives of youth in our community.
- Youth Basketball practice begins the week of November 14th. Practices take place at local elementary and junior high schools. Teams practice twice a week, giving players the opportunity to develop and practice basketball skills as well as build friendships with teammates.
- Pee Wee Basketball registration continues to grow with over 40 kids registered for the season. Registration is open through mid-January and there is still room for interested participants to register. This program teaches fundamentals of basketball but more importantly, we hope to instill the appreciation of movement and the FUN of sport.

Sports and Fitness

- The fall season of softball wrapped up the second week in October. Unfortunately, the weather last month did not cooperate, raining out the majority of the last two weeks of the season. As we approach the New Year and begin program planning, we will be looking at shifting our softball schedule to avoid the wettest portions of the spring and fall seasons for 2012.
- The Move It! fitness program is going strong boasting 226 participants for the quarter. These figures are up by 20 participants, or 8%.
- We are currently taking registration for our winter adult volleyball and dodgeball programs, and will be working on a marketing plan to promote the programs
- The second fall season of our Pee Wee Soccer program ended well with a total of 180 kids. The children learned the fundamentals of soccer, sportsmanship as well as had some fun. This program would not be possible without the help of parent and community volunteers. We had a total of 32 coaches lead or assist with the soccer teams. Our next offering of the program will begin in mid-April. We also plan on expanding the program into one of our newest neighborhoods: Kingsgate/Evergreen Hill.

Peter Kirk Community Center

- Recruitment for the Peter Kirk Advisory Board is underway; there are four vacant seats to fill. Several applications have been received and the recruitment committee and staff will hold interviews the second week of November.
- Staff is gearing up for a busy holiday season. This year, we have three special events scheduled to take place. Registration for these festive events is starting to take off.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

Youth Services

- 16 new Kirkland Youth Council (KYC) members were selected. This brings the total membership to 40.
- KYC members traveled to Challenges Northwest in Snoqualmie on October 22nd for teambuilding.
- Four cases were heard during the October session of Teen Traffic Court.
- KYC leadership met with Superintendent Chip Kimball on October 13th and Assistant City Manager Marilynne Beard on October 27th.
- The 2012 Youth Summit will be taking place on March 29th at the Kirkland Teen Union Building, Peter Kirk Community Center and Kirkland Performance Center complex.
- The We've Got issues program dealing with distracted driving is complete and airing on KGOV. KYC members have begun brainstorming ideas for the next program.

Human Services

- The 2011 Eastside Month of Concern ended on October 22nd. Total results are currently being tallied.
- Youth Services Coordinator Regi Schubiger will be working with Hopelink's Lake Washington Nourishing Network pilot project at Redmond High and Human Services Coordinator Sharon Anderson is working with the elementary pilot at Muir.

Business Services

- Friday Juanita Market completed another successful season. The market provides fresh produce and an assortment other items as well as live music and entertainment. In the heart of the Juanita neighborhood, the community has embraced the sense of place where they can come each Friday. The average attendance each week was 457 patrons. Our vendors were also happy to come to the market with weekly sales averaging \$4,250 (not all vendors reported their sales figures each week).
- The existing building at Juanita Beach has been open for proposals. Staff has been in discussions with both food vendors and recreational water activity vendors who have shown interest in the building and the redeveloped park. Proposals are due November 3rd, and interviews will proceed shortly after. The intent of taking proposals so early is to allow a potential business an appropriate amount of time to complete any improvements to the building before the season begins in 2012.
- The Tour Dock is up for bid again. Argosy Cruises has been on the tour dock in Kirkland for nearly 15 years. Every three years the bidding process is opened up to allow other tour boat companies an opportunity to do business in Kirkland. The tour dock is an important feature in relation to tourism in Kirkland. Each year approximately 15,000 people use the tour dock for tours and private charters. The Request for Proposals (RFP) will be open from November 2nd through November 21st.
- November Events
 - Sunday, November 20th, Hopelink will hold its annual Turkey Trot in Kirkland to raise money to help low-income families in east and north King County get through the challenging winter months. Turkey Trot proceeds help Hopelink provide emergency services for low-income families in our community during a time when they face added seasonal pressures - such as higher home heating costs and additional food needs. New this year is a separate fun run on a 5K (three-mile) course for those interested in a faster pace. Walkers can choose a more leisurely stroll along the same course, which runs from Marina Park to Carillon Point and back.
 - Saturday, November 26th, the downtown Kirkland annual Tree Lighting ceremony. Hear festive music, enjoy the decorations, and witness the lighting of Kirkland's beautiful 30-foot tree. The festivities will begin in the early evening followed by the tree lighting ceremony at 7:00 pm.
 - The 2nd Annual Holiday Craft Show at the Peter Kirk Community Center. This festive holiday event, heralds in the season and features the work of local artists and master craftsmen. The Holiday Craft Show promises a shopping treasure trove of one-of-a-kind gifts, fine jewelry, gourmet treats, holiday décor and more. Dates and times for the show are November 26th, noon – 6:00 pm and November 27th, noon – 4:00 pm

Park Planning and Development

- The City Council is scheduled to adopt the Lakeview Neighborhood Plan on November 15th, as well as the Central Houghton Neighborhood Plan. One small item of disagreement in the Lakeview plan has to do with differing language pertaining to ensuring views at waterfront parks. Parks staff was asked to provide some additional perspective on the issue and a copy of the staff memo is attached.
- Staff is working on creating two historic interpretive signs at Juanita Beach Park with the help of Juanita volunteer Karen Lightfeldt. One sign will be funded by the Juanita Neighborhood Association and another by members of the Forbes family. The Kirkland Heritage Society is providing content for the signs, which we hope to have installed by next spring.
- Construction of Forbes Lake Park and Rose Hill Meadows street frontage improvements (curb, gutter, sidewalk and landscaping) on 124th Avenue NE will be done in conjunction with other public improvements on the street starting next spring. The Public Works department will be overseeing the work, which is part of the overall NE 85th Street Corridor Project.

MAINTENANCE DIVISION

Notes from the Field

- November has brought some beautiful colors to the tree canopy and a lot of opportunity to mulch, mow, rake and blow all the leaves.

- The annual winterization of all the water systems is underway. Drinking fountains, restrooms, irrigation systems and water fountains are all blown out to prevent pipes from freezing. Portable toilets have been placed at Houghton Beach and Juanita Bay parks.
- Staff placed 25 "Park/Open Space" signs for the Planning and Community Development (PCD) department this past week in the Juanita, Finn Hill and Kingsgate areas. This was done in preparation for a public hearing PCD is facilitating on November 10, 2011.
- Needed repair work took place at the Marina Dock this past week. Two ladders were installed; caps were placed on the wood pylons to help preserve their integrity, and eliminate the bird perch; damaged, missing, and rotten wood was replaced; and a few cleats were added.
- The nice fall rains have really greened up the park lawns after their summer of dormancy. Customers like green grass!



Athletic Fields

- Lee Johnson is closed, while soccer and football will continue into the month of November at some school sites and at Crestwoods, Juanita Beach, Spinney, Terrace and Highlands.
- Little league at Everest is complete. The athletic fields are officially closed.
- The annual end-of-the-year athletic field users meeting occurred November 1st. It was good to hear everyone's feedback and to learn everyone's league plans for 2012. Leagues were very complimentary of City staff.
- First season applications (the first season is March 1st through July 31st) are due December 1st. A field allocations meeting will be held mid-January. All current applicants will be invited to attend.

Volunteers

- City Church interns provided assistance on October 4th and 18th. On both dates, teams worked at McAuliffe Park. They did a *fantastic* job. We thank them for their hard work. Kaylee Dorsey of City Church is leaving her role as Intern Program Administrator. She has been such a pleasure to work with over the past few years. We are so grateful and wish her well. We are excited to start relationships with Jon Smith and Jamie Sperte of City Church. Welcome!
- Christ Church Academy's 3rd and 4th grade students assisted Groundsperson Oscar Chavez on October 4th at McAuliffe as well. We totally enjoy working with these kids. They are great!! We're happy to have Christ Church back for the new school year!
- On October 17th, close to 200 students of the Seventh-Day Adventists Academy worked with City staff for their annual Service Day. Teams worked at Yarrow Bay, Edith Moulton, Juanita Beach, Heronfield Wetlands, and at Rose Hill Meadows. They were amazing! They did so much work! We are so happy to have had their assistance. Thank you, Seventh-Day!
- The Environmental and Adventure School of Kirkland also volunteered during the month of October. On October 24th, 25th and 27th, for three hours a day, dozens of students helped staff at Edith Moulton Park. They prepared the soil for grass seed; they spread mulch; they did all sorts of things! They, too, were absolutely wonderful! Thank you, EAS!

Donations

- Karen Knerr, on behalf of 24 donors, donated a bench at Waverly Beach Park. The donation was made in honor of Terry and Veda Jo Byrne.
- Debbie Will and Carolyn Bechtel donated a bench at Heritage Park in honor of Wayne and Arlene Bechtel.
- The Donhoff family donated a bench in honor of their daughter, Dagny Han Donhoff. Their donation is located at the Centennial Gardens of Heritage Park.
- Brian and April Remfrey donated three trees at Juanita Beach Park in honor of their son, Nicolas Remfrey.

GREEN KIRKLAND PARTNERSHIP

- Our largest two restoration events in September were held on the same day, at the same time! These were both with business volunteers recruited through United Way Day of Caring on September 16th: Cascade Land Conservancy hosted 30 Microsoft employees at Watershed Park, and EarthCorps managed 63 volunteers from five businesses at Carillon Woods.
- Friends of Kiwanis Park continue to hold monthly work parties with on-going support from the Courtyard by Marriott hotel and Kiwanis Sunrisers Club. They've been preparing all year for a planting event October 15th.
- Nona Ganz and her volunteer group continue to lead regular Thursday afternoon park parties at Juanita Bay Park. Their September 1st event included "Kudos, Kirkland!" volunteers.
- The Washington Native Plant Society steward groups of 2009 and 2010 continue to host restoration work parties at their sites in Juanita Bay Park:
 - On September 3rd, the class of 2010 group hosted five volunteers.
 - On September 11th, the class of 2009 group, Juanita Bay Rollers, worked with 17 volunteers from the Ismaili community, including I-CERV volunteers.
 - On September 24th, Juanita Bay Rollers worked with 75 volunteers, including a large youth group from Lake Washington High School Key Club.
- We thank Public Works for working at Everest Park with 12 neighbors and Friends of Youth on September 10th to restore the vegetation along Everest Creek.
- We thank Park Maintenance for working with a Boy Scout group of 10 at Watershed Park on September 24th to install native trees and other plants.
- The following table summarizes Green Kirkland Partnership events and other activities conducted by volunteers in September.

Volunteers

Date	Park/Work	Group Name	Youth	Adult	Total	Hours	Dollar Equivalent ¹
9/1	Juanita Bay Park	JBP Volunteers with Kudos Kirkland		8	8	20.25	\$437.80
9/3	Juanita Bay Park	WNPS 2010 Stewards	1	4	5	13.5	291.87
9/8	Kiwanis Park	Steward with Courtyard by Marriott		6	6	18	389.16
9/10	Kiwanis Park	Friends of Kiwanis Park	3	5	8	18.5	399.97
9/10	Everest Creek	Public Works with Neighbors and Friends of Youth	6	6	12	36	778.32
9/11	Juanita Bay Park	WNPS 2009 Stewards with Ismaili Community and I-CERV	8	9	17	38.5	832.37
9/16	Carillon Woods	United Way Day of Caring: EarthCorps with 5 Businesses		63	63	277.5	5999.55
9/16	Watershed Park	United Way Day of Caring: CLC with Microsoft		30	30	120	2594.40
9/24	Watershed Park	Parks Maintenance with Boy Scouts	5	5	10	16	345.92

9/24	Juanita Bay Park	WNPS 2009 Stewards (Juanita Bay Rollers)	24	4	28	75	1621.50
Ongoing	Administration		1	7	8	36.5	789.13
Ongoing	Field Work			10	10	46.5	1005.33
						716.25	\$15,485.32

¹ Dollar Equivalent = Hours x 21.62

- Upcoming activities and events for volunteers from the general public:
 - Saturday, November 12th, Arbor Day, Juanita Bay Park work party 9:00 am-noon. Noon: Arbor Day ceremony with ceremonial tree planting by Mayor McBride. EarthCorps partnership and Native Plant Stewards. Sign up online at www.earthcorps.org/volunteer.php. Contact Chris LaPointe, chris@earthcorps.org
 - Saturday, November 19th, Cotton Hill Park, tree planting 10:00 am-noon. Contact volunteer steward Karen Story, karen@tinyisland.com
 - An informal group meets most Thursday afternoons noon-2:00 pm, weather dependent, at Juanita Bay Park. Contact volunteer steward Nona Ganz, nonaganz@frontier.com
 - An informal group meets most Wednesday mornings from 10:00 am-11:00 am at Cotton Hill Park. Contact volunteer steward Karen Story, karen@tinyisland.com



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MEMORANDUM

To: Paul Stewart, Deputy Director, Planning & Community Development Dept.

From: Michael Cogle, Deputy Director

Date: October 24, 2011

Subject: Lakeview Neighborhood Plan: View Issues and Waterfront Parks

The Parks and Community Services Department has been asked to provide an additional perspective regarding proposed language included in the draft update to the Lakeview Neighborhood Plan. Specifically, we have been asked to consider the policy and management issues surrounding the differing text suggested by the Houghton Community Council (HCC) and the Planning Commission (PC) regarding maintaining views of Lake Washington and its surrounding shoreline, as detailed in proposed Policy L-11.3:

HCC recommended Policy L-11.3 text:

Policy L-11.3: Maintain wide, expansive views of Lake Washington through waterfront parks. Prevent view obstruction by vegetation or placement of structures.

A high priority for the neighborhood is to maintain the wide expansive views of Lake Washington and beyond, especially at waterfront parks. Ongoing maintenance of existing vegetation at parks to retain views of the Lake from Lake Washington Boulevard and properties to the east is a priority. Shoreline regulations also encourage planting of shoreline vegetation and trees. A balance must be achieved between shoreline restoration with the planting of vegetation while still retaining views.

PC recommended Policy L-11.3 text:

The Planning Commission recommended alternative text to emphasize that it is public views not private views that should be protected:

Policy L-11.3: Maintain public views of wide, expansive views of Lake Washington through waterfront parks. ~~Prevent view obstruction by vegetation or placement of structures.~~

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~~east~~ is a priority. Shoreline regulations also encourage planting of shoreline vegetation and trees. A balance must be achieved between shoreline restoration using vegetation with the planting of vegetation with retaining while maintaining public views.

At the outset let me affirm that the Parks and Community Services Department appreciates and takes pride in the role the city's waterfront parks play in defining community character and contributing to the defined vision of Kirkland *"as an attractive, vibrant, and inviting place to live, work and visit. Our lakefront community, with its long shoreline, provides views and access to the lake and is a destination place for residents and visitors (Comprehensive Plan)."*

As well, we strive to be good neighbors with adjacent property owners and are attuned to the daily dynamics of managing our vital public resources within a complex urban environment.

For our Department the following issues arise from the proposed language:

Maintenance of existing vegetation. The suggested language by the Houghton Community Council to maintain vegetation so as to *"retain views of the Lake from.....properties to the east"* raises three concerns which we believe should be considered.

One, the language suggests that the existing height and width of existing vegetation in waterfront parks should be maintained by the City at essentially current measurements in order to ensure that existing views from adjacent private properties are retained. The implication is that upon adoption of the Lakeview Neighborhood Plan a baseline is established for measuring whether or not the City is adhering to the language suggested by the policy. We believe that this creates a difficult maintenance standard to meet and in fact runs counter to best management practices (BMP's) particularly for tree maintenance (e.g. the practice of "topping" trees has long-since been discontinued).

Second, the use of the word "retain" also suggests that the *specific* private views of *specific* property owners to the east are to be protected. The reality is that some private properties currently enjoy a greater degree of scenic views through waterfront parks than others. By proposing language which emphasizes retention of certain existing private views we are concerned that the City could be severely constrained in its ability to maintain, renovate, and/or redevelop waterfront parks to meet the needs of the larger community over time.

Finally, we would like to point out that the proposed language would apply to "waterfront parks", of which the Lakeview neighborhood currently has three – Marsh Park, Houghton Beach Park, and Yarrow Bay Wetlands. Implementation of a proposed policy intended to ensure retention of existing private views for properties east of the Yarrow Bay Wetlands would be a particular challenge given the park's natural characteristics and habitat value. The maintenance regimen for this park is far different than that of the highly-used Marsh Park and Houghton Beach Park. Some clarification of the proposed policy as it relates to Yarrow Bay Wetlands seems warranted.

cc: Jennifer Schroder, Director
Jason Filan, Park Maintenance and Operations Manager



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MEMORANDUM

To: Park Board

From: Regula Schubiger, Youth Services Coordinator
Jennifer Schroder, CPRP, Parks & Community Services Director
Michael Cogle, Parks & Community Services Deputy

Date: November 2, 2011

Subject: Tobacco-Free Parks Project

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Park Board receives an update on the Tobacco-Free Parks Project Plan.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

Last spring, the Board received an initial briefing on King County's Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CCPW) Tobacco Free Parks Project Plan. Since that time, both King County and Kirkland have been moving forward on this project.

King County Efforts

A summary of the regional efforts can be found in Attachment A. Caroline Hughes from King County Health Department will be in attendance to answer any questions that Park Board may have. In addition, the Tobacco Free Parks Implementation Guide can be located in Attachment B.

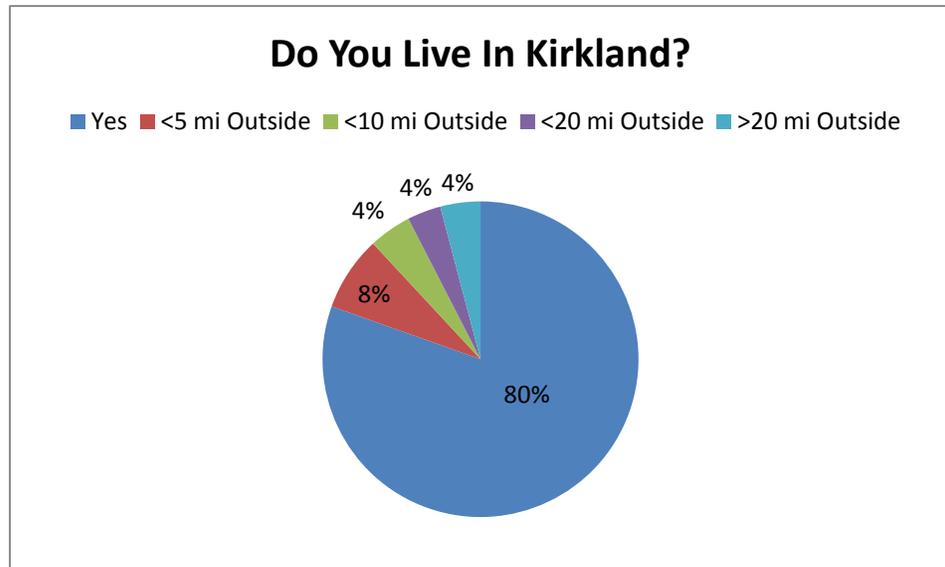
Kirkland Efforts

After presenting Park Board with a briefing in March, Parks staff met with Police Chief Eric Olson and the City Council's Public Safety Subcommittee to receive more feedback on the project. One of the recommendations to come from these meetings was to conduct a survey to assess public opinions about a potential ban.

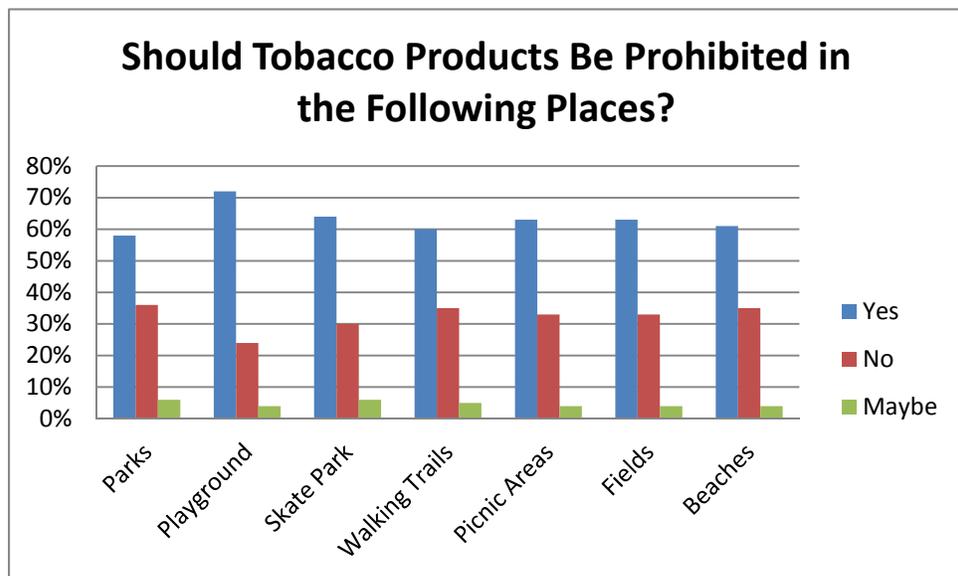
Members of the Kirkland Youth Council assisted in the development and administration of the survey. A total of 45 in-person park patrons and 762 on-line participants completed the survey during the month of October 2011. A copy of the survey questions is included as Attachment C.

Survey Results

In looking at the residence of the respondents, the majority indicated that they were Kirkland residents. There were no significant differences in the overall survey responses from non-residents as compared to those of Kirkland residents.

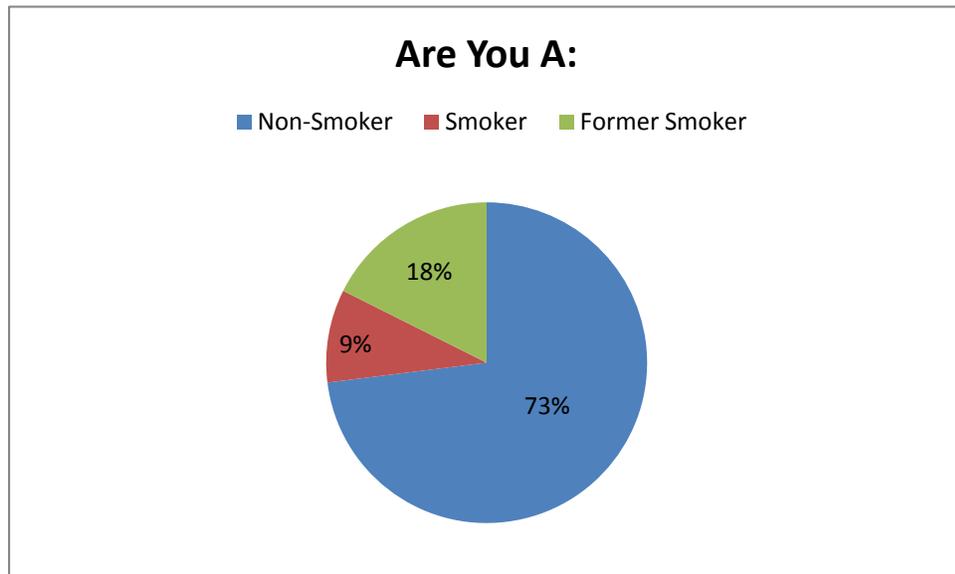


The majority of respondents approved of prohibiting tobacco use in various areas of parks with playground areas receiving the largest number of votes (71%).

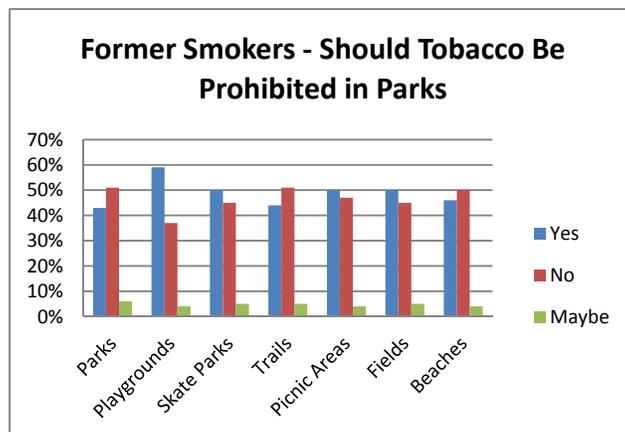
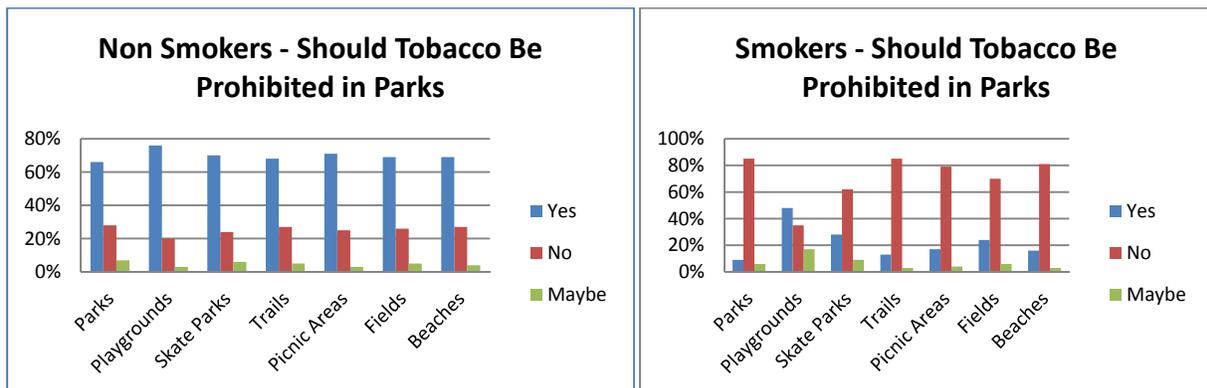


Of the people surveyed, the majority indicated that they were non-smokers which matches

closely with King County rates (11% of adults are estimated to be smokers in King County). Almost a fifth of the respondents were former smokers.



Responses from each of these user groups were looked at with regard to the potential ban.



Respondents were also given the opportunity to share comments after completing the on-line survey. The seventeen comments that were received were placed into three categories; against the ban, in-favor of the ban, and general comments.

Comments generally opposing a ban on tobacco use in parks:

"I feel people are trying to take our freedom away by telling us we cannot smoke in a public place outside, as long as you are careful about it and a little discreet about it . Some people won't be happy until they take everything away from you."

"While I don't smoke myself and don't like smoke around me I believe that this is taking the power of government too far. There has to come a point where we let people make choices and have some freedom."

"I have filled out the survey, but feel a comment is in order. The protection of minority rights is a basic principle of our Constitution, is important for a civilized democracy, and is a check on zealots wanting the world in their image. Let the Taliban ban smoking, not Kirkland."

"I am a 17 year resident of Kirkland and a life-long avid non-smoker. I hate cigarette smoke with a passion and it drives me nuts when I travel. It makes me appreciate how far we have come. I am glad that we have smoke free interior spaces in our state.

Although I do detest the smell of cigarette smoke, I believe that smokers have rights and freedoms that should allow them to do this nasty practice in our parks and other outdoor venues.

We've come far enough with restrictions on them. Yes, that means that I will have to move upwind, but I can handle it. I've done it all my life. I can tell them not to smoke at my house or in my yard, however it's their park too.

I trust that our police have better things to do than try to enforce this. Please don't do this. This is potentially just one more annoying ordinance that doesn't need to even see the light of day. Thank you for your consideration."

"Aren't the parks meant to be "enjoyed by all" who's taxes pay for them? As a former smoker I feel that there are few enough places left to smoke. It's not illegal after all. Let them smoke in the great outdoors. What's the risk of 2nd hand smoke outside after all!"

"I feel this is a waste of time and money to pursue this idea on banning tobacco in parks. Last I knew, 23 - 25% of the people smoke tobacco. I rarely see them in the parks. They seem to congregate outside the bars.

Since the city cares about our safety I would much rather see the Police enforcing the hands free cell phone laws. This would improve our safety!

I continue to see numerous drivers on the phone and texting. They may drive very slow or erratically. Most are not paying attention to their driving. How about a city campaign to inform them about our cell phone laws?"

"At least if a person is smoking in a park, they are not so absorbed in the cigarette as is someone who is on the internet, playing games or answering e-mail. You show a pic of a person sitting on a bench at the beach typing on his computer (possibly while his children are drowning), but at the same time want to be so politically correct as to not let a person smoke. Place a few more ashtrays and spittoons around if need be."

"Most people who take their children/grandkids to the park and smoke are most likely responsible adults. I take my grandsons to the park all the time, I find a bench away from the play area where I can see my boys and I have a cigarette. Now if there is someone smoking inside the play area, most people including myself have no problem asking them to move outside the play area while smoking. Let the people handle little things like rude smokers, we need to use our resources for real criminals on our streets.

Do we as a community want to waste resources on writing a ticket to a 40yo responsible taxpayer/voter for smoking a legal substance in a park that she pays for?

Women are being attacked on the streets of Kirkland, woman are raped in garages, people are dying from road rage, but we want to waste our resources on grandmothers in the parks??? We actually have that kind of money and resources to waste in the city of Kirkland??? That tells me we have far too many cops if we are making new laws to keep them busy.

Question, does the parks department benefit from the revenue off of the tickets you give me for smoking in the parks? Is revenue one of the reasons for creating this stupid law?

When I go into a city that has already implemented this stupid law, I think to myself "what a stupid law, what kind of body of people would allow their city to do this to them?" that is what people will think of our city, a stupid bunch of people allowing their public officials to take away their rights because of rudeness?

Is the meeting open to the public?"

Comments generally supporting a ban on tobacco use in parks:

"I support prohibiting smoking in public places, but I do not see reasons to prohibit smokeless tobacco. It doesn't bother anyone in my opinion."

"Having taken the tobacco survey, and also being a frequent walker and a resident of Kirkland, I would love to see Kirkland become a totally tobaccoless city, i.e. SMOKE FREE CITY!

One of the most annoying part of walking in downtown Kirkland is having to cross the streets to avoid the areas around the tobacco shop and along Lake Street just outside of various bars and restaurants, where smokers hang outside smoking cigars and/or cigarettes.

Besides the smoke annoyance, this is a dirty habit that leaves butts lying on sidewalks and parking lots. Our city would definitely benefit by going 'SMOKE FREE'."

"This summer at David E Brinks Park on a crowded weekend afternoon two thugs with their pants down to their knees sauntered through the park with a large joint daring anyone to stop them. Of course nobody did but I called the police and the dispatcher kept me on the phone for twenty minutes asking the same questions over and over again as I gave the same answers and these thugs sauntered away down Lk Washington Blvd. Then there are the underage kids smoking on the dock while others are trying to enjoy the sun and water. We don't get enough sun as it is and to have these days ruined by cigarette smoke is beyond frustrating

Our beautiful parks attract many people and it seems lately we are at the mercy of those who choose to behave badly. Perhaps a smoking ban would make it less comfortable for them and more comfortable for those who want to enjoy the fresh air and beauty of Kirkland. As a former smoker I know most smokers are courteous and stay far away from non-smokers. Unfortunately it is always the few who ruin it for the rest of us. Please ban smoking and then enforce it. Thanks for considering this!"

"Smoking has been an issues for as long as I can remember and that goes back to a time when my mom sent me to the store to purchase a pack of cigarettes for her. The price had just increased from .20 cents a pack to a whopping .25 cents and she swore she would quit! Well, she never did and eventually she died of lung cancer. My point of telling you my story is that it isn't new. Nearly every family or certainly close friends and their families have experienced the same dreaded outcome. So, for what it's worth, I'd like to see you take some strong initiative by banning smoking in "all public areas"! In my opinion, we've been far too long in catering to other peoples "rights"! What about my rights? If someone else has the right to smoke in a public place and it is a proven fact their habit is harmful to my health and the health of my family, don't you think it's time to change the law?" Please, it's time we show the rest of our State we mean business when it comes to the safety and wellbeing of our citizens! Let's be an example we can be proud of and vote to "Ban Smoking in All Public Areas"!

"Thank you for taking steps to prohibit smoking in public places. I am highly impacted by smokers in public parks and must leave if someone lights up. Prohibiting smoking would greatly enhance my feeling of safety and security in my home town."

"I appreciate your efforts on this topic and consider it long overdue. I, this last Summer (2011) stopped taking my kids to the park for exactly this reason. I'm appalled at the disregard I see from some people when it comes to smoking and specifically the disposal of the butts afterwards. I have personally put out smoldering butts that have been left on the docks. Can you imagine a smoldering butt as a time bomb and not catching its surroundings afire until late in the night when no one is around. Enough said, thank you for your keeping Kirkland clean and healthy and safer."

Other comments:

"As I see it, the main problem isn't tobacco usage, but the chronic litter that often starts with cigarette butts. Since there are already butts on the ground, a few beer bottles and soda cans soon keep them company, and then you've got a full-blown trash problem that negatively affects all park users. If that's what you're trying to solve, then banning chewing tobacco is off-target—much better to ban cigarettes and beer. That way, you also have a good code to use against those who use parks to hang out, drink & smoke, and leave their trash behind."

"The survey was not a yes, no maybe. Things should be asked if there might be a designated smoking area for those needing it. Open spaces should be just that, open. I am not a smoker nor have I ever been but I wouldn't want to be totally banned if I were in the park or on a trail. As far as the beaches, there should be a designated area away from the crowd."

"I read the explanation on why the survey is being conducted but I think it makes implications that are designed to steer results in one direction. And ultimately, that isn't what an unbiased survey should do. First, it describes the goal of the grant being sought as: create neighborhoods where it's safe to walk or bike, where schools and childcare setting are proving healthier foods and drinks, and where all King County residents can breathe smoke-free air

So we already know there is a financial incentive to have people vote against smoking in parks. And grouping using words like safe and healthy put outdoor smoking in a category that runs contrary to those concepts. Noting that 25 cities have already adopted such policies is another nudge towards steering the vote. How many cities, by the way, exist in those same counties that do not have policies?

I have never been a smoker. But this seems to be so targeted as to be a harassment of smokers. I do have a wood-burning stove so I wonder if the next target is those of us who rely on firewood to heat our homes. I am aware of air quality issues and have a wood insert that meets Washington state efficiency standards. As for the smoking in the parks, if you want a certain outcome on the survey, you should supply more substantiation on why smoking in parks is an air quality issue. And then maybe a survey is unnecessary in the first place."

"While I am pleased that Kirkland is examining the issue of smoking in public and, given the research that shows second-hand smoke to be a very real health threat, I believe Kirkland has a legitimate interest in regulating smoking in public areas, I have my doubts regarding the efficacy of new regulations along these lines.

Fact is, Kirkland already has a number of public health- and safety-related regulations that are regularly ignored. Dogs off-leash in parks and on school grounds. Cars parked illegally: blocking a sidewalk or through lane; on the wrong side of the road (creating a hazard while in the process of arriving at or leaving the parking space); encroaching or blocking a bike lane; etc. Failure to yield to pedestrians at intersections. Passing a cyclist with insufficient space. Illegal burning. Using a hand-held phone while driving.

That doesn't even count the basic noise regulations, prohibiting loud car stereos, dogs barking incessantly, etc. which affect health only insofar as reducing stress can improve health.

You name it, someone's out there breaking the law on a regular basis and Kirkland seems powerless to do anything about it. The few times I do contact Kirkland's police department to ask them to deal with an issue, too often I get attitude from the officer I deal with, as if I'm creating some huge imposition asking them to do their job. In other cases, such as the barking dog nuisances, Kirkland disavows any responsibility to enforce at all. And yet other situations are transient in nature and addressable only

through on-going enforcement efforts; responding to a call wouldn't accomplish anything, even if the police department had an interest in doing so.

While I would love to see smoking in the various public areas prohibited, I am decidedly against the making of laws that are not going to be enforced. And I simply cannot see how Kirkland expects to make any sort of dent in enforcing a no-smoking ordinance in parks and other public spots.

If some smoker is going to make my experience at a park miserable, I'd just as soon not have the added annoyance of knowing that they are doing so illegally.

I encourage the city to think carefully whether they are prepared to make a long-term commitment to enforce a new regulation such as this. Because without such a commitment, all that will happen is residents in favor of such regulations will have yet another thing to be frustrated about due to lack of compliance and enforcement."

"I filled out your survey but it does not allow for differentiation between smoking cigarettes vs cigars and pipes. Smoking is not smoking when it comes to those alternatives. If smoking is banned because it simply emits smoke, then barbeques and incense should also be banned. Charcoal briquettes, I dare say, are worse than any tobacco product. What about beach fires? Because 2 complain all year, why make this an issue?"

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Attachment A

King County Region Tobacco-Free Parks Project Update

Rationale

The Centers for Disease Control and other public health agencies recommend tobacco-free policies for outdoor areas based on:

- A growing research base indicating that second hand smoke outdoors presents health risks to non-smokers
- Evidence indicating youth who see adults smoking are more likely to smoke themselves
- Environmental impact of cigarette litter in public places and
- Public support for tobacco-free parks, beaches and other outdoor recreation areas

Cigarette butts are often the most littered item in parks, accounting for 60% - 80% of litter collected. Butts take up to 18 years to decompose, leaching chemicals into the ground and often causing taxpayer dollars for cleanup. In King County, more than 70% of residents support prohibiting smoking at parks, beaches and other outdoor public recreation areas.

In 2010, King County Parks Division of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks received a grant to facilitate tobacco/smoke-free policies in the 29 membership cities of the King County Director's Network and King County Parks. Other cities within King County may also receive grant-funded technical assistance and signage.

Model Policies

Model policies may include enforcement options (fines) or may be voluntary. Most policies are heavily self-enforced by other users. Successful models include enforcement that's in line with other parks policies such as littering, alcohol use, off leash dogs, etc.

Across the Country

As of July 1, 2011

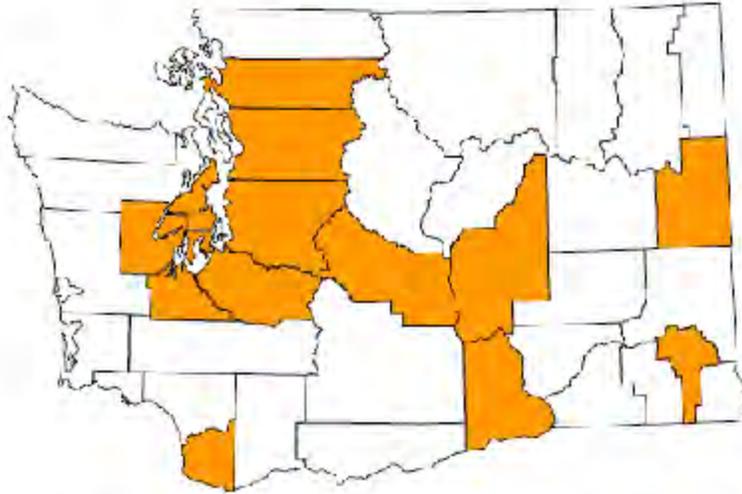
- More than 530 jurisdictions have enacted tobacco/smoke-free parks policies
- More than 110 jurisdictions have enacted tobacco/smoke-free beaches policies

New York City, LA County and LA City are among recent adopters of smoke-free policies. Times Square is now smoke-free!



Washington State

Parks across Washington State have adopted policies restricting or prohibiting tobacco use. The map below outlines all the parks in the state with identified tobacco policies.



Source: 2010 Washington State Department of Health, Tobacco Prevention and Control Program, *Statewide Policy Outcomes Report on Reducing Tobacco in Parks*. Full report including pages that provide more details about the processes that led to policy change in some communities can be found at, http://www.doh.wa.gov/tobacco/data_evaluation/Data/PolicyOutcome/WaPolicyReport.pdf

King County

Auburn, Covington, Vashon, Seattle and Snoqualmie currently have policies limiting smoking at some or all parks and beaches.

Through the King County Parks Director's Network, the other city jurisdictions and King County Parks are considering tobacco-free or smoke-free policies for parks and beaches. Burien has announced they will implement their new policy prior to December 31, 2011.

The following jurisdictions have also begun to talk about this policy internally:

Bothell	Kirkland	Renton
Des Moines	King County	SeaTac
Enumclaw	Lake Forest Park	Shoreline
Kent	Mercer Island	Woodinville



Why do we need to do this?

Enjoying Healthy Park Environments – Tobacco-Free Policies for Parks and Recreation Facilities in King County

Tobacco-free parks and recreation areas promote health and wellness

Parks are highly valued environments in neighborhoods and communities that promote individual and community wellness. Making these environments tobacco-free makes sense and is in alignment with community norms. Leash laws and rules against drinking in public provide for comfortable and safe visits to parks – tobacco use should be added to this list.

Cigarette butts aren't just litter – they're dangerous. According to the Washington Department of Ecology, 480 million cigarette butts are littered in Washington State every year. Cigarette butts are not biodegradable and can take up to 15 years to decompose. During that time, they leach cadmium, arsenic, and other poisons into the soil. Discarded cigarettes are also the third leading cause of preventable outdoor fires. In 2008, approximately 60,000 outdoor fires in the U.S. were caused by tobacco. Cigarette butts may also be ingested by toddlers, pets, birds, and fish.

- Washington State Department of Ecology (2007, April 12). *Statewide litter campaign focuses on dangerous litter behavior.* www.ecy.wa.gov/news/2007news/2007-083.html
- Karler, Michael J. *Fire Loss in the United States During 2009 National Fire Protection Association.*
- Ahrens, Marty *Brush, Grass, and Forest Fires August 2010 National Fire Protection Association.*

Tobacco-free environments prevent kids from using tobacco and assists adults in quitting. Youth and children exposed to smoking and tobacco use are more likely to use tobacco products when they get older. Research shows prohibiting smoking in public places decreases the chances that kids will use tobacco products and supports adults in smoking less or stopping altogether.

- Wakefield, Melanie A., et al. *Do Restrictions on Smoking at Home, at School and in Public Places Influence Teenage Smoking?*

Secondhand smoke harms everyone. Children exposed to secondhand smoke are at an increased risk for acute respiratory problems, ear infections and asthma attacks. Exposure of adults to secondhand smoke has immediate adverse effects on the cardiovascular system and causes coronary heart disease and lung cancer. There is simply no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke.

- *The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke. The 2006 Surgeon General's Report on Smoking.*

Secondhand smoke can be harmful in outdoor settings. Under some conditions, according to research from Tufts University School of Medicine and Repace Associates, outdoor levels of tobacco smoke can be as high as indoor levels of secondhand smoke.

- Repace, James L. *Fact Sheet: Outdoor Air Pollution from Secondhand Smoke*

Why Tobacco-Free Park Policies are being adopted in King County

Most King County residents support tobacco-free parks and recreation policies.

The 2007 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) Survey conducted by the Washington State Department of Health reports that a majority of King County residents (72%) support prohibiting smoking in outdoor public areas.

Tobacco-free policies reduce litter and maintenance costs.

High-activity areas in parks, public access areas, and rest areas accumulate more litter per acre each year than roadways do. Parks leaders who have implemented tobacco-free policies report a significant reduction in cigarette butts littering the grounds. This saves money and allows maintenance crews to focus on more important projects.

- *Washington State Litter Study, May 2000*

Tobacco-free and smoke free parks is becoming a norm across Washington State.

More than twenty five cities in twelve counties throughout Washington have already adopted policies promoting tobacco and smoke-free public outdoor areas.

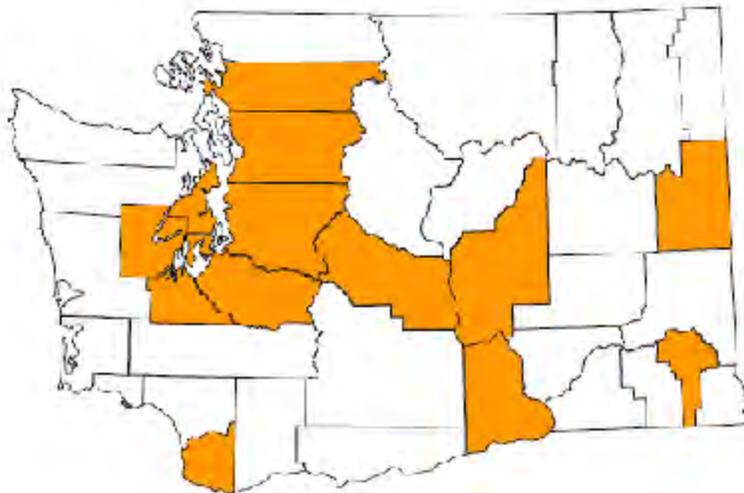
- *Public Health in Action – Reducing Tobacco Exposure in Parks WADOH TPC Program Assessment and Evaluation*

The time to act is now and King County is leading the way.

In the Summer of 2010, King County was awarded a national Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW) grant. Diverse partners from across King County are working to create neighborhoods where it's safer to walk or bike, where schools and childcare settings are providing healthier foods and drinks, and where all King County residents can breathe smoke-free air.

Where do Tobacco-Free Park Policies currently exist in Washington State?

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Where do Tobacco-Free Park Policies currently exist in Washington State?

County	Park	Year	Policy Detail
Benton	Kennawick Parks	2005	Smoke free playgrounds, 25' rule around perimeter. Signs posted at 26 playgrounds.
Benton	Richland Parks	2006	Smoke free playgrounds, 50' rule around perimeter. Signs posted at 20 playgrounds.
Benton	West Richland Parks	2007	Smoke free parks and spit tobacco is specifically prohibited.
Chelan-Douglas	Wenatchee City Parks	2010	City policy covers all parks. Signs posted at play areas, sports fields and wading pools.
Clark	Vancouver & Clark County Parks	2005	Smoke free playgrounds. Signs are posted at playgrounds and restrooms.
Clark	Battleground Parks	2007	Skate park section is smoke free and there are designated smoking areas.
Columbia	Dayton Parks	2010	Smoke free zones 25' around playgrounds, pools, athletic complex.
Garfield	Pioneer Park	2008	A pocket park in Pomeroy is tobacco-free, 25' rule.
Grant	Moses Lake Parks	2006	Rule covers playgrounds, ballparks, play fields, bleachers, restrooms, concession stand and any public gathering areas.
King	Seattle Parks	2010	All tobacco use prohibited within 25' of other people, play areas and beaches.
Kitsap	Poulsbo	1999	
Kittitas	Ellensburg	2006	Rule covers playgrounds, restrooms, ball fields, beaches, and events.
Mason	Mason County Property	2006	All county-owned property is smoke free including parks and fairgrounds.
Pierce	Puyallup	2004	Entire park is smoke free, compliance is voluntary.
Pierce	Metro Parks	2009	Parks are smoke free and the policy includes enforcement provisions.
Pierce	Pierce County Parks	2009	Parks are smoke free and the policy includes enforcement provisions.
Skagit	Bakerview Park	2005	Entire park is smoke free, compliance is voluntary.
Skagit	Clear Lake Beach	2005	Entire park is smoke free, compliance is voluntary.
Skagit	Montgomery-Duban Headlands	2007	Entire park is smoke free, compliance is voluntary.
Skagit	Sharpe Park	2007	Entire park is smoke free, compliance is voluntary.
Snohomish	Marysville	2001	First park in Snohomish County to enact a policy.
Snohomish	Lake Stevens	2008	Smoke free policy includes enforcement provision and fine structure.
Snohomish	13 Snohomish Community Parks	2002-2007	Cities of Arlington, Granite Falls, Gold Bar, Monroe, Mukilteo, Index, Sultan, Snohomish, Everett, Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace, Edmonds, Bothell
Spokane	Spokane Parks	2009	25' rule covers playgrounds, pools, restrooms, skate parks, and community events.
Thurston	Olympia	2005	Signs are posted at playgrounds.
Thurston	Tumwater	2007	Entire park is smoke free, compliance is voluntary.

Source: 2010 Washington State Department of Health, Tobacco Prevention and Control Program, Statewide Policy Outcomes Report on Reducing Tobacco in Parks.

100 % Tobacco-Free Parks Model Policy

The following is a model policy for tobacco-free parks and beaches. The language below is intended to help draft and shape a policy that best suits your agency, whether that be through an ordinance, rule or resolution.

Please consult with your local legal advisors when considering how to adapt this policy.

Following the model policy are three examples of current tobacco-free policies in Washington State.

I. Guideline Statement

City and county parks and beaches are intended for the healthy enjoyment of all citizens, including children and youth.

II. Findings

- Parks and beaches are essential, health-promoting environments that can provide low to no cost opportunities for play, physical activity, greater family and community connection, stress reduction, and access to improved nutrition.
- Tobacco use in parks and beaches sends a dangerous message to youth that using tobacco is consistent with a healthy environment. Studies have shown that children and youth exposed to smoking and tobacco use are more likely to use tobacco products when they get older. Parents, leaders, coaches, and officials involved in recreation are role models for youth and can have a positive effect on the lifestyle choices they make.
- The Surgeon General has concluded that there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke. The negative health consequences associated with exposure to secondhand smoke include increased risk of blood clots, heart attack, asthma attacks, respiratory problems, and eye and nasal irritation. Indeed, the Environmental Protection Agency has classified secondhand smoke as a Group A human carcinogen, a category which includes only the most potent cancer causing agents, like benzene, vinyl chloride, asbestos, and arsenic.
- Cigarettes and other tobacco products, once consumed in public places, are often discarded on the ground requiring additional maintenance expenses, diminishing the beauty of recreational facilities, and posing a risk to toddlers and/or animals due to ingestion. Cigarette butts also take up to 15 years to decompose.
- Discarded tobacco products also pose a risk of fire. Matches and cigarettes account for 12 percent and 9 percent of outdoor fires, respectively.
- King County residents want tobacco and smoke free parks and beaches. The majority of residents (72%) support prohibiting smoking in outdoor public areas. More than 25 cities in 12 counties throughout Washington have adopted policies promoting tobacco-free public outdoor areas.
- In the Spring of 2010, representatives from the King County Parks Directors Network agreed to a region-wide collaboration with Public Health through the federally funded Communities Putting Prevention to Work Initiative that would establish tobacco-free parks in at least 22 cities throughout King County.

100 % Tobacco-Free Parks Model Policy continued

III. Definitions

For purposes of this policy, the terms set forth below shall have the following meanings:

1. *"Tobacco product"* means any product containing tobacco in any form.
2. *"Unapproved nicotine delivery product"* means any product containing or delivering nicotine intended or expected for human consumption that has not been approved or otherwise certified for sale by the United States Food and Drug Administration as a tobacco use cessation product.
3. *"Parks and beaches"* means any property under the jurisdiction of the parks department.

IV. Tobacco-Free Parks Policy

1. The use of tobacco or unapproved nicotine delivery products is prohibited in all parks and beaches.
2. The Parks Department shall prominently post and maintain signage in all parks and beaches indicating that tobacco use is prohibited.
3. The Parks Department shall publicize the tobacco-free policy on its website and other promotional materials.
4. The Parks Department shall amend its permits and rental agreements (governing the private use of parks department facilities such as playing fields and shelters) to reflect that compliance with the tobacco-free park policy is a condition of the permit or lease.
5. Parks Department employees shall be authorized to enforce the tobacco-free policy by asking persons found to be in violation of the policy to discontinue tobacco use or leave the park or beach.

V. Effective Date

This policy is effective immediately upon the date of adoption.

Example: Tacoma Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. 27841

BY REQUEST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS LADENBURG, STRICKLAND, AND TALBERT

AN ORDINANCE relating to the park code; amending Chapter 8.27 of the Tacoma Municipal Code, prohibiting smoking in all City parks.

WHEREAS the City's parks are intended for the healthy enjoyment of all citizens, including children and youth, and

WHEREAS Metro Parks Tacoma staff has reported that smoking and tobacco use in parks has resulted in litter of cigarette butts, cigar butts, and other tobacco-related waste, which studies have shown can cause environmental degradation and pose a health risk to children and animals, and

WHEREAS the City Council, through its Public Safety, Human Services and Education Committee, received testimony from representatives of the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department that smoking and tobacco use, including secondhand smoke, has been linked with the development of lung cancer, heart attack, low birth weight, bronchitis, pneumonia, asthma, chronic respiratory problems, and eye and nasal irritation, and

WHEREAS studies have shown that children and youth exposed to smoking and tobacco use are more likely to smoke when they get older, and

WHEREAS many parks in the City contain brush and trees, which can be combustible, particularly in the dry summer months, and the parks do not contain facilities for disposing of tobacco products and tobacco products that are not completely extinguished pose an increased risk of fire, and

WHEREAS, in spring 2009, Metro Parks Tacoma, along with Tacoma-Pierce County Public Health, requested that the Public Safety, Human Services and Education Committee ("Committee") examine the issue of a citywide ban of smoking in all public parks within the City limits of Tacoma in order to promote public health and safety, and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2009, and August 13, 2009, the Committee discussed the item and deliberated on the policy objectives and the scope of the policy before deciding upon the policy goals of public health, litter concerns, and fire dangers in the ordinance, and

WHEREAS the Committee gave a "do pass" recommendation for the all-encompassing smoking ban in City parks,

WHEREAS, if implemented, the proposed ordinance will require "No Smoking" signage to be in place in order to be effective, and

WHEREAS the City will be responsible for all municipally owned park signage; Now, Therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That Chapter 8.27 of the Tacoma Municipal Code is amended, as set forth in the attached Exhibit "A."

EXHIBIT "A"

8.27.085 Smoking in parks prohibited.

It is unlawful for any person to smoke or light cigars, cigarettes, tobacco, or other smoking material within a park. The Director or City Manager shall post signs in appropriate locations, prohibiting smoking in parks.

For the purposes of this section, "smoke" or "smoking" means the carrying, holding, or smoking of any kind of lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette, or any other lighted smoking equipment.

A violation of this section is a class 4 civil infraction \$25, not including statutory assessments. Such penalty is in addition to any other remedies or penalties provided by law.

Example: Mason County Rule

9.44.041 - Smoking in county parks or fairgrounds.

All county property, including county parks and fairgrounds, shall be designated nonsmoking areas.

County property does not include:

(1) Private vehicles and residences unless otherwise required by individual or group contracts with the county;

(2) County roads;

(3) Any person passing by or through county property while on a public sidewalk or public right-of-way has not intentionally violated this chapter.

(Ord. 91-06 Att. B (part), 2006).

Example: Tumwater Resolution

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Tumwater Washington urging park users to refrain from using tobacco products in all city owned park facilities

WHEREAS, tobacco related disease is the number one cause of death to Washington residents, killing more people than AIDS, alcohol, car, accidents, fires, illegal drugs, murders, and suicides combined; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency has classified secondhand smoke as a Group A human carcinogen and therefore concludes that secondhand smoke is a risk to non smokers; and

WHEREAS, there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke and even brief exposure can cause immediate harm; and

WHEREAS, cigarette butts pose a significant litter burden; they are the largest source of outdoor recreation trash in parks and the single most littered item in the world, reports from jurisdictions with tobacco policies in place indicate a dramatic reduction in litter and subsequently maintenance costs; and

WHEREAS, adults are often role models for young people, and adults who smoke set a bad example for youth; and

WHEREAS, it is in the City's interest and the interests of park users to be aware of the risks posed by secondhand smoke, and to acknowledge the desirability of adults providing good role models for kids; and

WHEREAS, approximately 80 percent of Thurston County residents do not smoke; and

WHEREAS, the City encourages the use of parks facilities in a safe and healthy manner, and the Parks and Recreation Department and City Council have recommended the installation of signage requesting voluntary compliance of park patrons not to smoke;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUMWATER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Tumwater Parks and Recreation Department is hereby requested to install signage at all parks owned by the City of Tumwater urging park users to voluntarily comply with the request to refrain from using tobacco products while visiting Tumwater parks.

Section 2. Ratification. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this Resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 3. Severability. The provisions of this Resolution are declared separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or portion of this Resolution or the invalidity of the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Resolution or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption and signature provided by law.

ADOPTED this 16th day of October 2007.

Enforcing and Publicizing Your Tobacco-Free Park Policy

Post Signs

The best way to publicize your tobacco-free policy is by posting signs. This also means immediately re-posting them if you find them vandalized or torn down.

The following locations are suggested places for posting your tobacco-free signs:

- Fencing around playgrounds and fields
- Backstops
- Picnic shelters
- Restrooms
- Concession stands
- Parking lot entrances
- Beach entrances
- Lifeguard stands
- Hiking trail entrances
- Information/bulletin boards
- Near garbage cans
- Near water fountains

Inform Your Community!

There will be a local overarching media campaign educating King County residents on the importance of tobacco-free parks. You are highly encouraged to educate your internal staff, community members and the local media about your tobacco-free policies.

Here are some ways of doing so:

- Staff notification of the new policy and setting procedures for handling violations
- Bookmarks or small notification cards explaining the policy distributed by park staff or community members to park users
- Articles in a local or regional newspaper, as the result of a news release or reporters' coverage
- Park and recreation department and city newsletters
- Recreation program brochures, catalogs, and announcements
- Rulebooks or policy statements that are distributed to sports league administrators, coaches, officials, parents and participants
- Other fact sheets or educational articles about tobacco and secondhand smoke distributed at community meetings, in mailings, or through newsletters

- Postings on the recreation department's or city's website
- Public address announcements at recreation events, or public service announcements on local radio stations or public access cable channels
- Kick-off celebration or community event with tobacco-free pledges, activities, etc.

Enforcement

- Provide ongoing and clear communication about the rationale, components and enforcement of the tobacco-free environment policy.
- Discuss, plan and monitor the implementation and enforcement of this policy as you do other current policies (i.e., off-leash laws, alcohol use, etc.) especially relating to the most effective way to respond to individuals found violating the policy.
- Provide referrals for low to no-cost cessation resources to interested persons:

1-800-QUIT NOW (1-800-784-8669) or www.quitline.com

Tobacco-Free Parks Signage

FREE signs provided by The Department of Health and Human Services
and Public Health-Seattle & King County

For signage, the tobacco-free policy must include:

- ❑ A statement that tobacco use is prohibited
- ❑ A list of all the facilities it covers
- ❑ A commitment to posting signs

Two signs will be available based on the type of policy that you intend to implement:



Please fill out the interest form if you would like to participate in this project.

Download form at: <http://www.healthkingcounty.org/group/healthychoices>

Resources

*So, you know you want tobacco-free parks but you're not sure what to do next.
Here are some resources and tools to help you plan, implement, and enforce your strategy.*

Join Healthy King County!

Healthy King County is a social networking site for those interested and involved in Healthy Eating, Active Living and Tobacco Prevention in King County. It's like a Facebook page. The home page provides general updates and posts from members. The work groups page allows for interactions based on a common project. Our project work group is called **Healthy Parks and Recreation**.

Join this site to download information including this implementation guide. To join, go to www.healthykingcounty.org and click the **Sign Up** link on the right hand side of the page. Then go to the work groups page and click to **Add the Healthy Parks and Recreation** work group.

The following materials can be downloaded from the Healthy King County website at:

<http://www.healthykingcounty.org/group/healthychoices>

- **Policy Implementation Guide**

Download the electronic version of this toolkit

- **General Tobacco-free Parks and Beaches Model Policy**

Download the word document version of the model policy found in this toolkit for easy editing

- **Worksheet: Develop a Policy Strategy – The “How” of Local Policy and Organizational Change**

Each community is different and it is worth taking the time to answer these important questions on how you will go about successfully creating tobacco-free parks. This is a great document to use when first convening the team of people who will be assisting in the policy initiative.

- **Handout: The Policy Adoption Model**

This provides you a step-by-step framework for a successful policy campaign. Take your strategy and use this framework to plan what you're going to do next. Each step is a progression from the next and provides you a strategic course of action for passing your policy.

Let'sDoThisKingCounty.org Resources

- Learn more about smoke free places: http://www.letsdothiskingcounty.org/pdf/Smoke_free_places.pdf

- Download posters: http://www.letsdothiskingcounty.org/pdf/LetsDoThis_Ads_v2.pdf

Communication Resources

- Fact Sheet: <http://www.healthykingcounty.org/group/healthychoices>

- Creating a Communications Plan Worksheet: <http://www.healthykingcounty.org/forum/topics/creating-a-communications-plan-1>

- Guide to Creating a Communications Plan: <http://www.healthykingcounty.org/forum/topics/communications-plan-overview>

- Sample Communications Plan for Park Agencies in King County: <http://www.healthykingcounty.org/group/healthychoices>

- Sample Press Release: <http://www.healthykingcounty.org/group/healthychoices>

- CPPW Communication Key Messages: <http://www.healthykingcounty.org/forum/topics/cppw-key-messages>

- Crafting Your Key Messages: <http://www.healthykingcounty.org/forum/topics/crafting-key-messages>

- Resources from a CPPW Media Training: <http://www.healthykingcounty.org/forum/topics/media-training-resources>

Contact Information

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Attachment C

Tobacco in Parks Survey

Should tobacco be prohibited in the following places?

	Yes	No	Maybe
Parks	460	287	50
Playgrounds	576	189	36
SkatePark	509	244	48
Walking Trails	478	284	39
Picnic Areas	508	262	30
Outdoor Sport Fields	497	261	36
Beaches	479	301	34

How often do you visit Kirkland parks?

Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Rarely
224	359	152	71

Do you live in Kirkland?

Yes	<5 mi Outside	< 10 mi Outside	< 20 mi Outside	> 20 mi Outside
641	63	36	26	31

Age

< 10	11-17	18-25	26-39	40-50	51 & over
2	12	25	216	217	323

Gender

Male	Female
351	444

Are you a:

Non-Smoker	Smoker	Former Smoker	Smokeless Tobacco User	Former Smokeless Tobacco User
585	72	139	3	3



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MEMORANDUM

To: Park Board

From: Michael Cogle, Deputy Director

Date: November 3, 2011

Subject: Parks and Recreation Public Opinion Survey and Open House Results

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Park Board receives the results of the Parks & Recreation Public Opinion Survey and Open House events held in October, 2011.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

As part of the effort to support the work of the City Council-appointed Park Funding Exploratory Committee and in anticipation of an update to the City PROS Plan in 2012, the Parks and Community Services Department conducted public outreach efforts in October. Open houses were held at both the North Kirkland Community Center and the Peter Kirk Community Center. A tabulation of the results of the open house is attached.

An online public opinion survey was made available on the City's website, with over 700 respondents participating. The results of the survey will be presented to the Board at its November 9th meeting.

Attachment

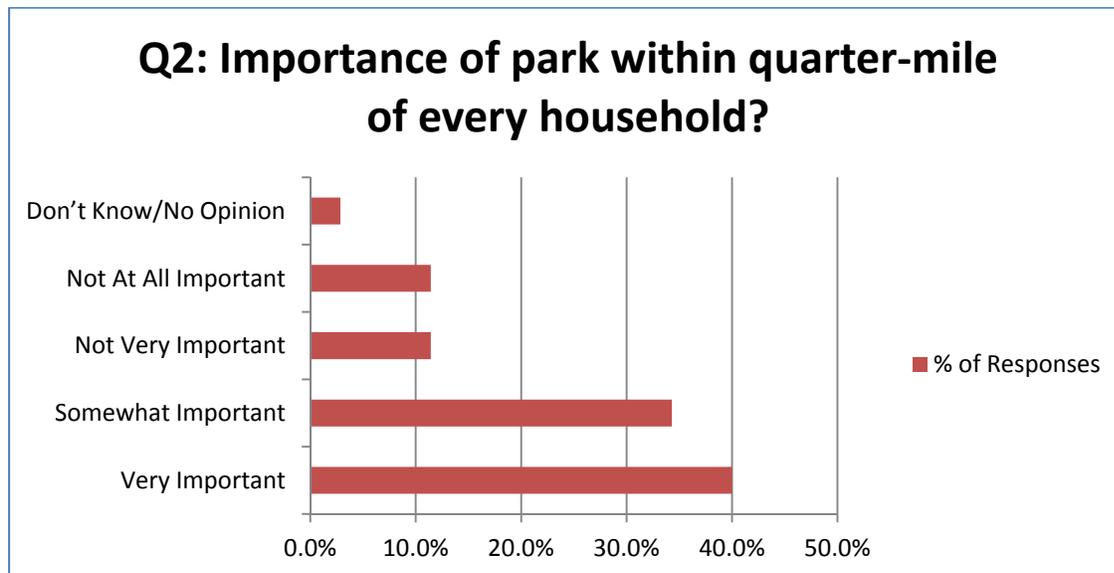
City of Kirkland
Department of Parks and Community Services
“Our Current and Future Park and Recreation System”
Open House Survey Results
October 2011

Question #1: In which neighborhood do you live?

Finn Hill	7	Highlands	1
North Juanita	6	North Rose Hill	3
Kingsgate Neighborhoods	1	Moss Bay	4
South Juanita	3	Everest	0
Totem Lake	0	South Rose Hill	2
Market	1	Lakeview	1
Norkirk	4	Central Houghton	2
Bridle Trails	3		

Question #2: Please indicate below how important it is to you for the city to have a park within a quarter-mile of every Kirkland household:

Very Important	14
Somewhat Important	12
Not Very Important	4
Not At All Important	4
Don't Know/No Opinion	1



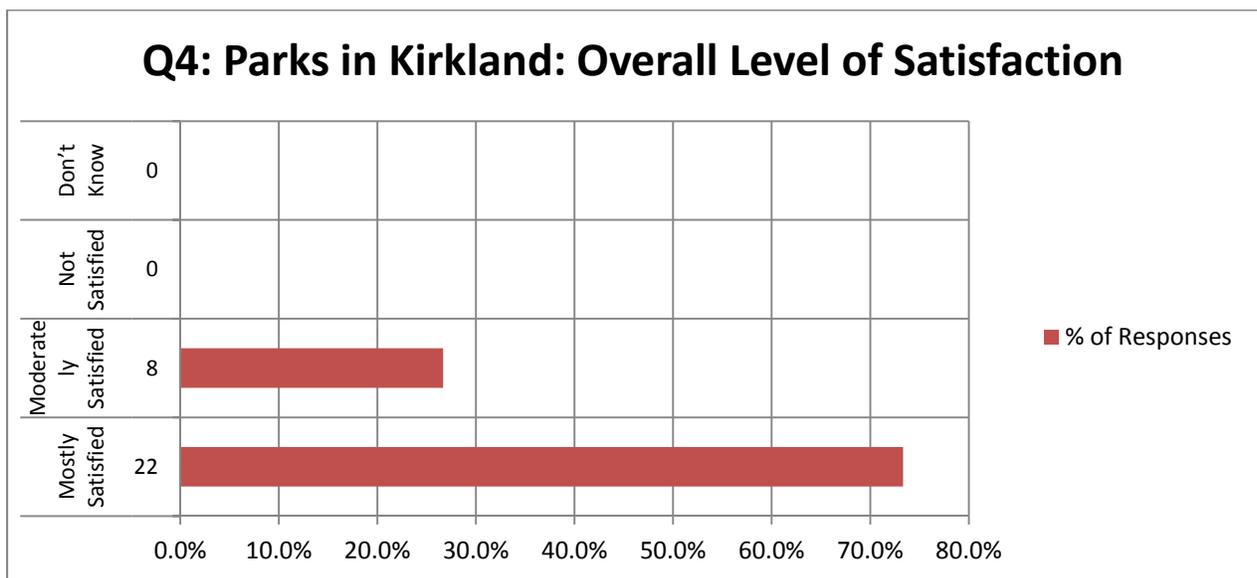
Question #3: What features and facilities do you appreciate most in the parks that you visit in Kirkland?

Lawn dog areas designated for "on leash and off leash" x 4
 Green grass (water the grass in summer too)
 Rail and Trail
 Mutt Mitts (bring them back- go cheaper this time)
 Pool x 2
 Clean Usable Walking Trails x 5
 Playgrounds x 6
 Waterfront Parks
 Waterfront to walk on x 4
 Wooded Trails
 Clean Restrooms
 Close Parking for Disabled and Vets
 Adequate Parking x3
 Benches x3
 Picnic Tables
 Invasive Control x2

Good Maintenance x4
 Pick up and add garbage containers x2
 Trees x2
 Green Spaces x2
 Neutral Spaces x 5
 Waterfront access for canoes and kayaks x 2
 Well maintained sport fields
 Beach Access
 Soccer Fields
 Plant signage
 All weather multi sport turf fields
 Salmon stream enhancement and educational signage
 Clean new beach (JBP) x 2
 Variety of parks x 2
 The views
 Child and family-friendly parks

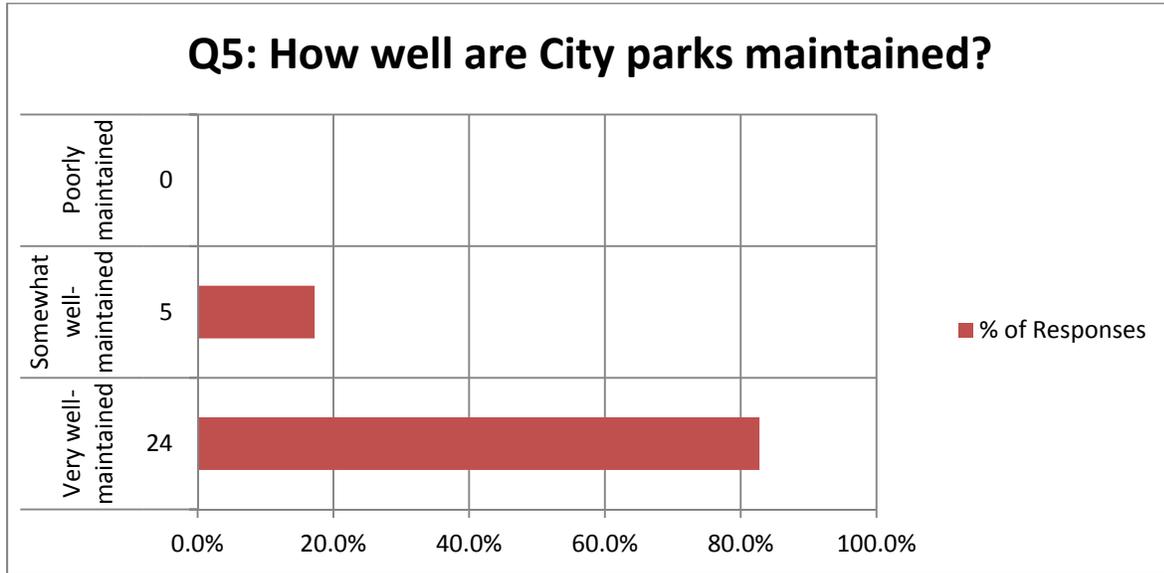
Question #4: Overall, how satisfied are you with the parks in Kirkland, especially compared with the parks you have experienced in other cities?

Mostly Satisfied	22
Moderately Satisfied	8
Not Satisfied	0
Don't Know	0



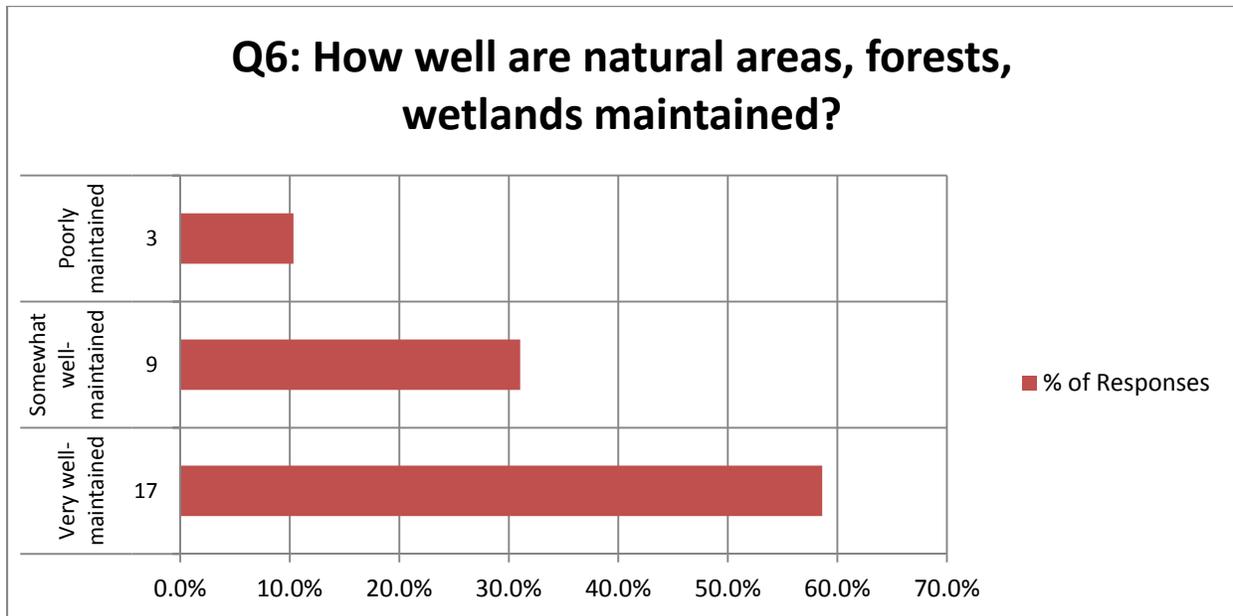
Question #5: Do you believe that the parks maintained by the City of Kirkland are:

Very well maintained - keep doing what you're doing. 24
 Somewhat well maintained - some improvement is needed. 5
 Poorly maintained - significant improvement is needed. 0



Question # 6: Do you believe that Kirkland's natural areas, including undeveloped parklands, urban forests, and wetlands, are:

Very well maintained-keep doing what you're doing. 17
 Somewhat well maintained-some improvement is needed. 9
 Poorly maintained-significant improvement is needed. 3



Question #7: Please rank the following from 1-6, with 1 being the most important, in the order most important to you:

More playgrounds for children such as swings, slides climbing toys, etc. (29 responses)

#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
1	5	6	5	6	6

More athletic fields for sports such as soccer, baseball, softball, lacrosse, etc. (31 responses)

#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
4	3	3	7	8	6

More courts for sports such as for tennis, basketball, skatepark, volleyball, etc (30 responses)

#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
1	3	4	10	9	3

More off-leash dog parks (33 responses)

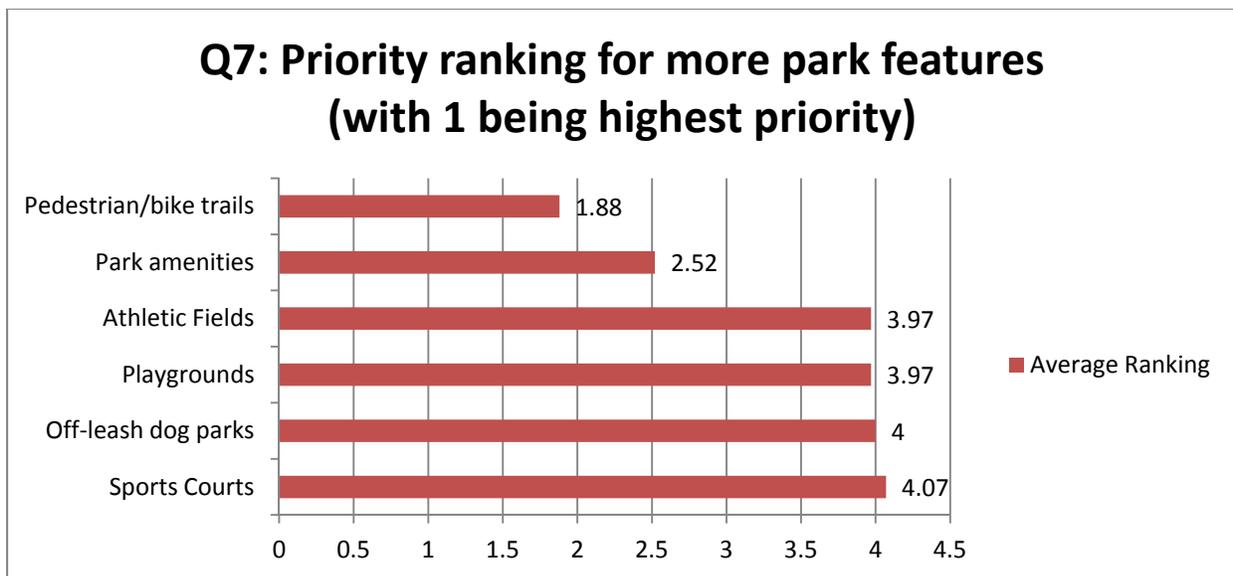
#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
6	4	3	4	3	13

More park amenities such as benches, picnic tables, restrooms, etc. (31 responses)

#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
5	10	12	3	1	0

More pedestrian and bicycle trails such as along the Eastside Rail Corridor. (33 responses)

#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
15	8	4	1	3	2



Question #8: What types of additional outdoor park and recreation facilities are needed in Kirkland, if any?

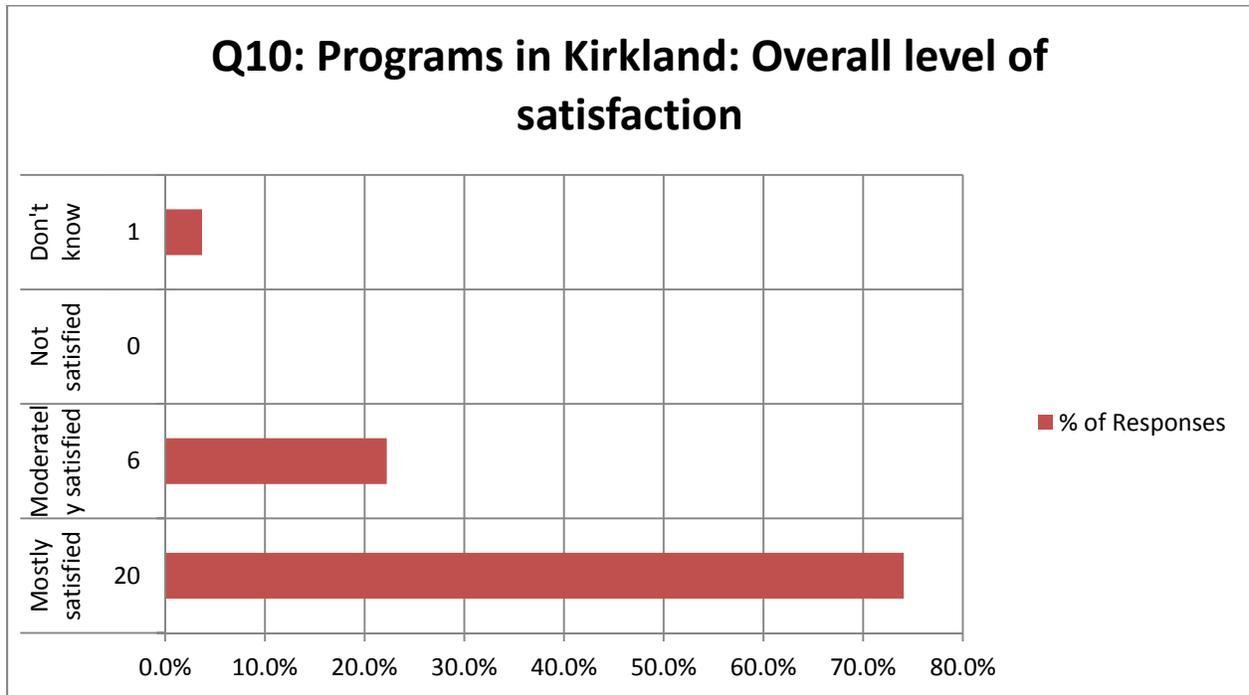
Pool
 Indoor Pool x 10
 Indoor Pool Complex
 Indoor outdoor water park pool x 2
 Community Center Pool x 2
 Spray Park x 3
 Sports Fields
 Second Skate Park
 All-Weather all season multi-sport turf fields x 3 (one person specifically said PK/Lee Johnson at the new Juanita High School Also at Lake Washington High School with pre-existing lighting and parking).
 Canoe and Kayak launch close to driveway x 3
 Dog Park off leash x 3
 More Green/Park Areas/Trees in locations with dense housing (apts. condos etc)
 Covered picnic table/with Gazebo x 3
 Rec. Center Covered Area
 Trails, Paved and Dirt Trails
 Eastside Corridor Trail
 Park Benches x 2
 Bicycle Weekend like Bicycle Sunday in Seattle
 Pocket Parks in Neighborhoods
 Treat Shop

Question #9: What Programs, activities or classes provided by the City have you participated in?

Programs	Number of Responses
Parent-Child Programs	7
Preschool Programs	3
Youth Sports Programs	9
Youth/Teen Special Interest Programs	5
Swim Lessons/Aquatics Programs	13
Adult Fitness Programs	7
Adult Dance Programs	4
Adult Sports Programs	4
Adult Special Interest Programs	7
Programs for Adults 50+	4
Other	1

Question #10: Overall, how satisfied are you with the recreation programs offered by the City, especially compared with the programs you have experienced in other cities?

Mostly Satisfied	Moderately Satisfied	Not Satisfied	Don't Know
20	6	0	1



Question #11: What new or improved classes, activities or programs are needed in Kirkland, if any?

- Ping Pong workshop/lessons
- Tai Chi
- Stand Up Paddling
- More classes from NKCC to PKCC
- Teen camps
- Water Safety x 4 (one specifically for Teens held on Lake Wash)
- Teen Volleyball Leagues
- Contra Dance / Folk Dances
- Morris Dance Workshop
- Quilting Workshop
- Open Sewing Time
- Recreation Classes for people in their 20's
- More Hula preferably at PKCC
- Ultimate Frisbee Leagues

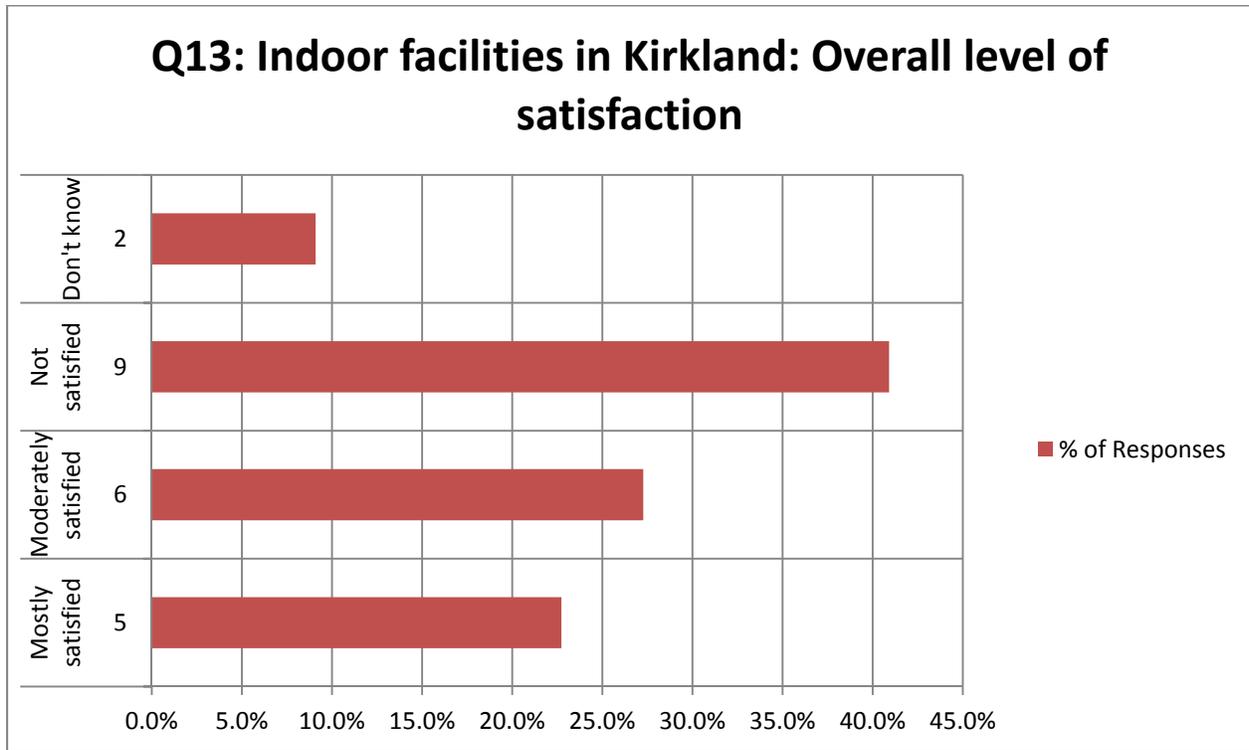
Year round Kickball, Softball, Soccer, Lacrosse, Cricket, Rugby on All-Weather Multi-Sport Turf
 Soccer, Basketball, Football
 Variety of days classes are offered example: Hula on Wed. one year, Tues. next year.
 More Recreation Classes after work hours with Kids Programs offered at the same time
 With Indoor Pool swim classes and water aerobics x 3
 Bicycle Safety Classes for all grade school and Jr. High and adults x 3 (also include non bikers)
 More Activities on Lee Johnson Field
 Exercising while beautifying our parks
 Neighborhood Watch programs
 Job Training for Teens (snack shop, equip rentals, customer service opportunities)
 Non-power water craft water safety classes
 Adult Water Aerobics x 3 (one mentioned at an indoor pool)
 Outdoor / Lake Swim group or class
 Opportunities to meet neighbors
 More Activities for the elderly
 Support Outreach
 Camera Class
 Adult Pool Classes
 Bicycle Rodeo for Kids and a Bicycle Sat. or Sun. like Seattle holds

Question #12: If you have not participated recently in a Kirkland Parks and Community Services recreation class or program, why not?

I'm not aware or familiar with the programs/ classes that are being offered by the City	X X
The City does not offer programs/classes of which I am interested	X
Programs/classes are not scheduled at a convenient time for me	X X
Programs/classes offered by the City are not affordable for me	
Inadequate facilities	X (more covered indoor facilities)
Other	X X (Time constraints) X (No need at this time) X (Available elsewhere- Pro Club) X (Classes held for too many weeks) X (Health Reasons) X (Haven't lived in Kirkland long) X (More satellite locations)

Question #13: Overall, how satisfied are you with Kirkland’s public indoor recreation facilities, especially compared with the public facilities you have experienced in other cities?

Mostly Satisfied	Moderately Satisfied	Not Satisfied	Don't Know
5	6	9	2



Question #14: What types of additional public indoor recreation facilities are needed, if any? (please check all that apply)

Multi-purpose community recreation center	9
Gymnasium/athletic space	6
Fitness facilities (cardio, strength-building fitness classes, etc.)	7
Classrooms, meeting space, event space, etc.	4
Indoor pool/aquatics center	21
No additional indoor recreation facilities are needed at this time	0
Other/Post-it optional	All weather multi sport field turf ballfields Indoor Soccer Facility See S. Bellevue Community Center

Question #15: Please rank from 1-3, with 1 being the most important, the following in the order most important to you:

Maintenance and renovation of Kirkland parks and facilities

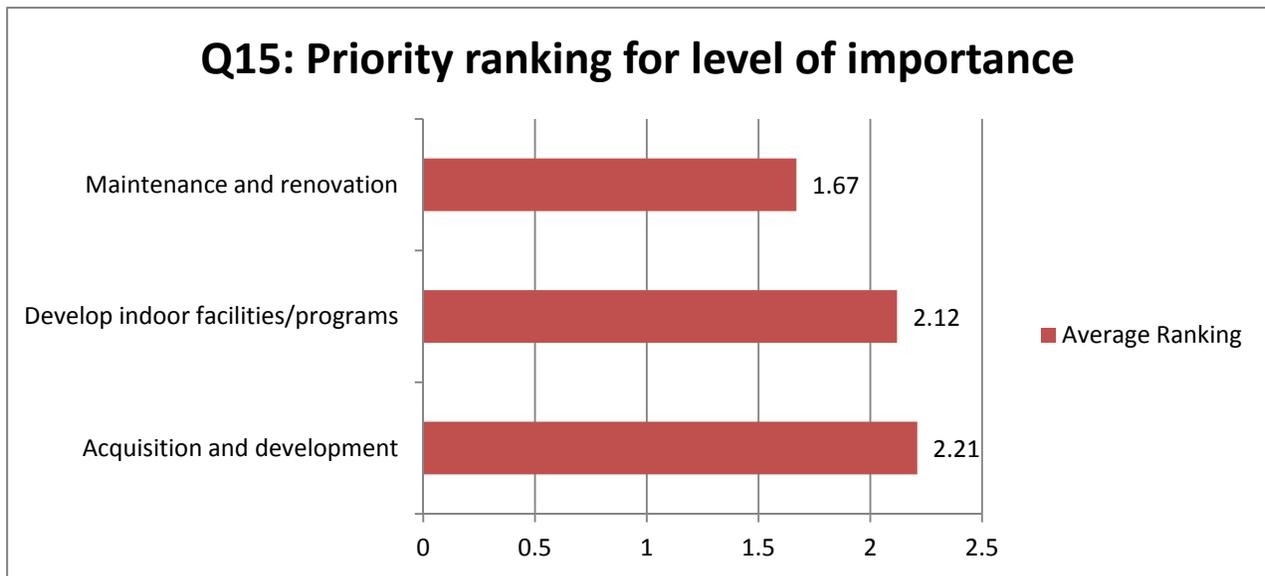
#1	#2	#3
15	14	4

Development of indoor recreation facilities and programs

#1	#2	#3
9	11	13

Acquisition of additional park land and development of parks

#1	#2	#3
9	8	16



Question #16: Would you support or oppose increasing local taxes for the following purposes?

Maintenance of existing City parks and facilities

Strongly Support	Support	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know
24	5	0	3	1

More parks in the newly-annexed neighborhoods

Strongly Support	Support	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know
9	15	1	6	2

Sustainable funding for restoration of urban forests and wetlands, such as the Green Kirkland initiative

Strongly Support	Support	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know
20	6	4	5	0

Acquisition of the Eastside Rail Corridor and development of a portion of the corridor as a pedestrian and bicycle trail

Strongly Support	Support	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know
22	8	1	2	1

A community indoor recreation center

Strongly Support	Support	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know
16	10	3	1	2

Maintenance of O.O. Denny Park, currently operated by the Finn Hill Park and Recreation District

Strongly Support	Support	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know
12	11	4	5	0

Preservation of the historic Kirkland Cannery Building

Strongly Support	Support	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know
7	10	5	3	6

Improving the Totem Lake Park property

Strongly Support	Support	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know
11	17	4	0	1

Renovating and repairing existing parks in Kirkland

Strongly Support	Support	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know
16	14	2	0	1

Maintaining and upgrading waterfront parks and docks in Kirkland

Strongly Support	Support	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know
17	14	1	0	1

Q16: Support or Oppose New Local Taxes for Proposals

