



# KIRKLAND PARK BOARD

Date: December 11, 2013

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*  
November Park Board Meeting Minutes
4. **ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE** *5 minutes*
5. **REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS**  
No items
6. **PRESENTATIONS**  
No items
7. **COMMUNICATIONS** *15 minutes*
  - a. Correspondence
  - b. Staff Reports
    - December update
  - c. Committee Reports
  - d. Comments from the Chair
8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
  - a. Edith Moulton Park Master Plan *30 minutes*  
Topic: Review and comment on elements of park master plan  
Action: Discussion only
  - b. Cross Kirkland Corridor Master Plan *30 minutes*  
Topic: Receive progress update on corridor master plan  
Action: Discussion only
  - c. Juanita High School Pool Replacement *30 minutes*  
Topic: Receive update on the status of Juanita High School Pool  
Action: Discussion only

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

*10 minutes*

Topic: Election of Park Board Chair and Vice Chair

Action: Elect Chair, Vice Chair

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No items

**11. MEETING EVALUATION**

*5 minutes*

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

*Estimated meeting completion: 9:10 p.m.*

Next meetings:

January 8, 2014

February 12, 2014

March 12, 2014

# **KIRKLAND PARK BOARD**

## **Minutes of Regular Meeting**

### **November 13, 2013**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The November Park Board regular meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Board Member Adam White.

#### **2. ROLL CALL**

Members present: Sue Contreras, Jim Popolow, Kevin Quille and Adam White.

Chair Sue Keller arrived at 7:10 p.m.

Vice Chair Shawn Fenn and Rick Ockerman were excused.

Ted Marx was absent.

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

Recording Secretary: Cheryl Harmon

#### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ms. Contreras moved to approve the October minutes as presented. Mr. Quille seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

#### **4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

No items.

#### **5. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS**

No items.

#### **6. PRESENTATIONS**

Mr. Filan introduced Mr. Muhammed Memon who shared a presentation about the sport of cricket and requested the Board consider accommodating cricket use within Kirkland parks.

#### **7. COMMUNICATIONS**

##### **a. Correspondence**

No items.

b. Staff Reports

Ms. Schroder reported on Green Kirkland Partnership events and the work at North Juanita Open Space, and answered questions about the plant nursery at McAuliffe Park.

Ms. Murphy answered a question about recreation revenue.

c. Committee Reports

Mr. White attended the October 19<sup>th</sup> Community Planning Day.

Mr. Quille reported on the Evergreen Hill neighborhood meeting.

Ms. Contreras reported on the opening of the Cross Kirkland Corridor and the South Rose Hill/Bridle Trails neighborhood meeting.

d. Comments from the Chair

Ms. Keller commented on the opening of the Cross Kirkland Corridor.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

a. Totem Lake Park Master Plan

Ms. Schroder reintroduced Andy Mitton of Berger Partnership, who presented the preferred master plan for Totem Lake Park.

Mr. Mitton and Ms. Schroder answered questions about the preferred plan.

Mr. White moved to recommend that City Council adopt the preferred master plan as presented. Mr. Quille seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

b. Waverly Beach Park Renovation Plan

Ms. Schroder reintroduced Peter Hummel of Anchor QEA, who presented the final renovation plan for Waverly Beach Park and a proposed first phase of construction.

Mr. Mitton answered questions about the plan and cost estimates.

Mr. Popolow moved to approve the renovation plan as presented. Mr. White seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

c. Park, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan Update

Ms. Schroder shared the results of the recent online parks and recreation survey.

Board members and staff discussed the survey results.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Seattle Tilth Proposal

Ms. Schroder shared a letter received by Seattle Tilth regarding interest in partnership at McAuliffe Park.

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No items.

**11. MEETING EVALUATION**

"It's energizing."

"Seeing things moving forward."

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Contreras moved to adjourn. Mr. Quille seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

Meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

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Jennifer Schroder, Director  
Parks and Community Services

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Sue Keller, Chair  
Park Board


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**To:** Park Board  
**From:** Jennifer Schroder, CPRP, Director  
**Date:** December 6, 2013  
**Subject:** December Staff Update

**RECREATION DIVISION**

- Recreation Revenues to date:

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	TOTAL
2012	\$41,025	\$25,822	\$292,534	\$139,963	\$99,568	\$112,559	\$47,481	\$118,452	\$150,563	\$61,315	\$22,309	\$1,111,491
2013	\$48,715	\$35,086	\$293,350	\$145,766	\$117,807	\$121,050	\$48,557	\$140,923	\$147,709	\$49,973	\$29,197	\$1,178,135
variance	\$7,690	\$9,265	\$816	\$5,804	\$18,239	\$8,491	\$1,076	\$22,471	(\$2,755)	(\$11,341)	\$6,888	\$66,644

- In late November, Recreation Manager Linda Murphy and department Director Jennifer Schroder had the opportunity attend the Build a Pool conference in Sherman Oaks, California. Hosted by USA Swimming, many valuable concepts for building community pools were covered such as programming, design, structure and sustainability. This conference was pertinent to the assignment by City Council that staff explore possible replacement of Juanita High Pool.
- Recreation staff are planning activities, classes and camps for spring and summer 2014. The deadline to submit the first draft of the next brochure to the graphic designer is in early January.

**North Kirkland Community Center**

- The Snowflake Ball is officially sold out with 180 guests and 30 participants on the waiting list. Gaylen Sauve with GSC Music and Sound will be the official DJ for evening. Many may know Gaylen through his years of being the wildly popular DJ at most of the local elementary schools. With Gaylen's encouragement and charisma, he will have daughters and dads boot scootin' across the dance floor! An advance thank you to Hoffman's Fine Cakes and Pastries for their donation of snowflake cookies for the cookie decorating table, they are always beautiful and yummy!
- The drop-in Indoor Playground at the North Kirkland Community Center added a new element this fall: Baby Playland. Now children from 9 months to two years have a safe, age-appropriate venue to come play on Wednesdays. The playground toys have been selected with the very youngest in mind. It's a great place for new moms to meet friends, and for little ones to interact and socialize. Toys are cleaned daily and the room is heated to a balmy 71 degrees.

**Youth Sports & Aquatics**

- Youth basketball practice began the week of December 2<sup>nd</sup> and games begin in January at local elementary and middle schools. This year the program grew with 429 boys and girls registered forming 44 teams.
- Over 65 community members have volunteered to coach youth basketball teams for the upcoming season. All youth basketball teams now have coaches. Volunteer coaches organize practices two days a week and lead the teams during their Saturday games.



- The City is partnering with Northwest University's basketball coaches and players to host a coaches' training for our volunteer youth basketball coaches. The training will provide coaches with tips on how to better coach their team and teach the sport of basketball. The training will be held at Northwest University gym on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, a few of our teams will have the opportunity to showcase their skills at half-time during a Northwest University game in January.
- The City is still accepting applications for 10 youth basketball referee positions. These staff members will officiate the Saturday games, January through March. Referee training will take place on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Youth basketball teams will have the opportunity to play in practice games before the season, providing the referees opportunity to practice officiating games.

### **Sports and Fitness**

- The fall sports season has concluded. Both the volleyball and dodgeball leagues finished their playoff tournaments and crowned champions. The next opportunity to participate will be after the new year when five divisions of volleyball and the co-ed dodgeball leagues restart. Check out a sampling of our fall season volleyball and dodgeball winners. Shown: UW Blackout, fall dodgeball champions and That Just Happened, fall COED lower division champions



Fall dodgeball champs: UW Blackout



Co-ed lower-division volleyball champs:  
That Just Happened

- Sport and Fitness Coordinator NeSha Thomas-Schadt will be attending the Washington Recreation and Park Association's Athletics Section meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Tukwila Community Center. The meeting will include discussions related to sportsmanship, tips on recruiting and retaining good coaches, parent accountability and more.
- The department is currently recruiting a yoga teacher to join the Move It! fitness program. Interviews are scheduled for the week of December 9<sup>th</sup> and staff hopes to select a qualified candidate that will start work on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **Peter Kirk Community Center**

- The Peter Kirk Community Center kicked off the holiday season with a fun event on November 14<sup>th</sup> where 85 people attended "Turkey Treats," an old-fashioned Thanksgiving celebration. Sponsored by Fairwinds of Redmond, the food was delicious and the entertainment was met with enthusiastic appreciation.
- The PKCC staff was pleased to be informed in November that at the EvergreenHealth 2014 Budget Hearing, the Board of Commissioners approved an allocation of \$3,000 for the Kirkland Stepper's program. This dedicated donation will be used to help market and promote the program for the 2014 season.
- The PKCC's annual Holiday D 'Lights celebration is scheduled for Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. The City is grateful to have wonderful community partners and event sponsors, Aegis Lodge and Aegis of Kirkland.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION**

### **Special Events**

- December 7<sup>th</sup>, Holiday Tree Lighting & Music Festival sponsored by the Kirkland Downtown Association <http://www.kirklanddowntown.org>
- December 15<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> annual 12K's of Christmas Holiday Run, Marina Park; Kirkland is home of the 6<sup>th</sup> largest 12K in America! <http://www.promotionevents.com>

## **MAINTENANCE DIVISION**

### **Athletic Fields**

- All fields are officially closed for the winter. Use will begin again next spring. The end-of-the-year Athletic Field Users Meeting was held November 19<sup>th</sup>. There was a full house as staff and field users recapped the year and looked ahead to next year. 2014 applications have since been received and the allocations process begins. The 2014 first-season allocations meeting is scheduled for January 14<sup>th</sup> at the Maintenance Center. All current applicants will be invited to attend.

### **Plaza of Champions**

- On November 30<sup>th</sup>, Kirkland's newest Plaza of Champions inductee, Chris Warren, was honored. Mr. Warren, a meteorologist for the Weather Channel, is a Kirkland native and long-time Kirkland resident. He received an Emmy Award in 2008, the highest achievement in his profession, for which his achievement is now recognized at the Plaza of Champions. Mayor McBride unveiled Mr. Warren's plaque. After the unveiling, about 75 people from Mr. Warren's family and the Kirkland community joined Mayor McBride in congratulating and celebrating Mr. Warren. It was a great event! Welcome to the Plaza of Champions, Mr. Warren!

### **Notes from the Field**

- With the cold weather, staff has recently reviewed the City's inclement weather policy and conducted training for all the new staff on department priorities and procedures during winter weather events. During snow events, Parks Maintenance staff are responsible for tending to all of the public buildings and supporting Public Works in the right-of-way, if requested. The primary focus is the safe ingress and egress at the Fire Stations, City Hall, Municipal Court, Maintenance Centers and Community Centers.
- North Juanita Open Space is turning green. Parks staff seeded the ¼-acre site in early October with the plan of seeing new turf in the spring. With a little help from the late-season warm weather, the beginning of a turf area is emerging in place of blackberries. More importantly, the work that the Green Kirkland Partnership has been doing with the neighbors has been awesome. The hard work is really starting to take shape.
- Marina Park has a newer look due to the efforts of Eastside Christian Fellowship and First Baptist Church. They took on the task of refurbishing the wood on the park benches, tables and trash can enclosures.
- Christ Church Academy's 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes continue to help in our parks. For the past 10 years, they have been involved with general maintenance and care at a number of park sites.
- Lake Washington and Juanita Beach Park are better places due to the efforts and coordination of Puget Soundkeepers Alliance and their volunteers from Microsoft. Milfoil removal, noxious weed removal and the ever persistent shoreline trash were cleaned from the site by a group of 50 plus volunteers.
- Staff are wrapping up the leaf efforts this week. Throughout the season they have been going site-to-site blowing, vacuuming, mulching and recycling copious amounts of fallen plant material.

## GREEN KIRKLAND PARTNERSHIP

- Staff is excited to report that King Conservation District (KCD) has approved a \$50,000 grant to update Green Kirkland Partnership's 20-Year Forest Restoration Plan. The update will include new neighborhoods and is scheduled for completion by the end of 2015.
- Following on the KCD grant success, an application to host a free Washington Conservation Corps (WCC) crew for a month in 2014 was also approved! Washington Department of Natural Resources offers free crews to suitable applicants through its Urban Forestry Restoration Project. Kirkland will have the benefit of a full-time crew for the month of February. The WCC crew will be working in sensitive and steep areas that are unsuitable for volunteers at Juanita Beach Park (working with Park Maintenance), Brookhaven Park (with Public Works), and Watershed Park (with GKP).
- The GKP has completed a makeover of its website. The website was redesigned to include easier navigation, a cleaner layout, a location for program updates/stories, and an "Our Progress" page. The new website can be found at the same url: [www.greenkirkland.org](http://www.greenkirkland.org) . Check it out! Feedback is welcome regarding the new design and can be sent to [greenkirkland@kirklandwa.gov](mailto:greenkirkland@kirklandwa.gov).
- GKP staff are working with McAuliffe Nursery Steward, Marilee, to coordinate a plant order through the KCD Native Plant Sale. Plants purchased during the sale, at a discounted price, will grow in the nursery until next planting season and will help lower the Partnership's plant costs.
- On a windy November 2<sup>nd</sup>, seven Green Kirkland Stewards and four Green Kirkland staff gathered at the McAuliffe Park classroom for the program's first-ever Annual Plan workshop. Stewards set restoration plans for their parks and heard updates on the Partnership's plans for 2014. Stewards who submitted their Annual Restoration Plans before November 30<sup>th</sup> will receive a WCC crew day through Forterra's US Forest Service grant.
- On November 9<sup>th</sup>, over 100 participants gathered at Watershed Park to celebrate Kirkland's Arbor Day. Hard-working volunteers planted 400 trees and shrubs in the park and moved a mountain of mulch! During lunch time volunteers enjoyed delicious pizza donated by The Watershed Company and watched as Kirkland's Mayor Joan McBride, along with Deb Powers (Urban Forester), Sarah Foster (WA Department of Natural Resources Manager) and Cub Scouts, plant the ceremonial Arbor Day tree.
- On November 9<sup>th</sup>, in coordination with Parks Maintenance, GKP hosted 36 YMCA Earth Service Corps participants at the North Juanita Open Space. The middle and high school aged volunteers (many from neighboring Juanita High School) cleared invasive blackberry roots from the natural area and planted 90 native trees and shrubs. This event offered the opportunity for GKP to create a connection with Juanita High School students and a JHS environmental teacher.
- On November 16<sup>th</sup>, the Green Kirkland Partnership, in coordination with Parks Maintenance, hosted the third volunteer event at the North Juanita Open Space. 16 neighbors came out on the sunny day and planted close to 75 native trees and shrubs. Volunteers were very excited to see the lawn sprouting and to help install plants that will grow in the natural areas.  
The next volunteer event at the North Juanita Open Space will be December 14th, from 10 a.m. to noon.
- On November 16<sup>th</sup>, Green Kirkland Steward, Jodie, hosted her FIRST volunteer event at Juanita Beach Park. Highlights of the event include a jogger who stopped to volunteer and participate in the planting of 26 native trees and shrubs. Thanks to Ken Bolser and Carol Dean of Park Maintenance for the mulch and trailer delivery.



- The following table summarizes GKP events and other activities conducted by volunteers in October. It includes event volunteers and ongoing volunteers (ongoing field and administrative work).

Date	Park/Work	Group Name	Number of Volunteers			Hours	Dollar Equivalent <sup>1</sup>
			Youth	Adult	Total		
10/5	North Juanita Open Space	GKP Staff and neighbors	5	11	16	48	\$1,089.12
10/12	Kiwanis Park	LWHS Key Club and GK Stewards	5	4	9	27	\$612.63
10/19	Juanita Bay Park	EarthCorps Partnership, JB Rollers, Native Plant Stewards, Lake Washington High School Key Club, Inglemoore High School, IMAN	32	33	65	270	\$6,126.30
10/16	North Juanita Open Space	City Church Interns	0	11	11	27.5	\$623.98
10/21	Crestwoods Park	Environmental and Adventure School	24	5	29	87	\$1,974.03
10/25	Juanita Bay Park	Environmental and Adventure School	24	9	33	98	\$2,223.62
10/26	Juanita Heights Park	Green Kirkland Steward and volunteers	4	4	8	16	\$363.04
10/26	Juanita Bay Park	JB Rollers and volunteers	2	12	14	44	\$998.36
10/28	North Juanita Open Space	City Church Interns	0	10	10	25	\$567.25
10/29	Cotton Hill Park	GK Steward and Eastside Prep	11	4	15	76	\$1,724.44
Oct Ongoing	Administrative		0	9	9	67.60	\$1,533.84
Oct Ongoing	Field Work		0	15	15	111.75	\$2,535.61
<b>Total</b>			<b>107</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>897.85</b>	<b>\$20,372.22</b>

<sup>1</sup> Dollar Equivalent = Hours x \$22.69

- Upcoming volunteer events open to the general public:
  - Wednesdays, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at Cotton Hill Park, 10am to 11am. Contact Karen Story [karen@tinyisland.com](mailto:karen@tinyisland.com)
  - Wednesdays, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at Carillon Woods 9am to 10am. Contact Lisa McConnell, [kirby994@frontier.com](mailto:kirby994@frontier.com)
  - Thursdays, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>st</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at Juanita Bay Park, 10am to 12pm. June Fletcher,
  - Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at the North Juanita Open Space, 10am-noon. Register at [www.greenkirkland.org](http://www.greenkirkland.org)
  - Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, at Juanita Bay Park, 10am to 1pm. Register at [www.greenkirkland.org](http://www.greenkirkland.org)
- Photos of recent volunteer events can be viewed at [www.facebook.com/GreenKirkPartnership](http://www.facebook.com/GreenKirkPartnership)

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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Park Board

**From:** Michael Cogle, Deputy Director

**Date:** December 6, 2013

**Subject:** Edith Moulton Park Master Planning: Site Assessment & Preliminary Goals, Objectives, and Program Elements

**Recommendation**

That the Park Board review and comment upon draft goals, objectives, and program elements for the Edith Moulton Park Master Plan.

**Background**

Attached please find a report from Curtis LaPierre from Otak, Inc. for Edith Moulton Park. The report provides a site assessment and suggests a preliminary list of goals, objectives, and programming elements for the park master plan. Curtis will attend the Board's December meeting to present his recommendations in more detail.

Based on Park Board feedback, this information will be refined for presentation to the community as we begin to implement our public involvement process. We are planning to hold our first community workshop in mid-January. The following dates are being considered. Please be prepared to finalize a date at your December meeting.

Possible Public Workshop #1 Dates:

Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>

Attachment

Edith Moulton Park Planning and Design

# Existing Conditions Inventory Report

Draft

**Submitted to:**

City of Kirkland  
123 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Kirkland, WA 98033

**Prepared by:**

Otak, Inc.  
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December 5, 2013



HanmiGlobal Partner





Edith Moulton

## History and Background

Edith Moulton had incredible foresight and cared about children having access to nature in their own community. The 26-acre forested park, named in her honor, is the bit of wilderness envisioned by Edith as beneficial for children and others to experience. In the heart of the suburban Juanita neighborhood of Kirkland, the park is within walking distance to Juanita High School and adjacent to Helen Keller Elementary School. This former farmstead of the Moulton family is treasured by the neighborhood and has the potential to become a truly wonderful place in which to enjoy nature.

Edith Moulton was raised by her grandmother on the property that was originally a 20-acre farm. Half of the land was cleared for an orchard and pasture. A couple old black walnut trees and several hazelnuts remain near the original farmhouse site. Edith lived on the land following her grandmother's death, and just before her own death she left the property to the King County Parks Department. It was Edith's wish that the land provide a place for children to play in nature. The farmhouse burned down in the 1960s.

King County Parks constructed a paved access road, parking, and picnic structures, but those improvements have all fallen into disrepair. A technical report on the history of the property will be available shortly.

## Overall Conditions

Currently, the park consists of three main areas: the forested portion, a great lawn with parking along 108th Ave NE, and a remote paved parking area near the old Moulton homestead site. (Refer to the Existing Conditions Map.) Juanita Creek and a tributary bisect the site diagonally from northeast to southwest, creating the park's most interesting, ecologically important, and sensitive feature.



Trees remaining from the old Moulton homestead

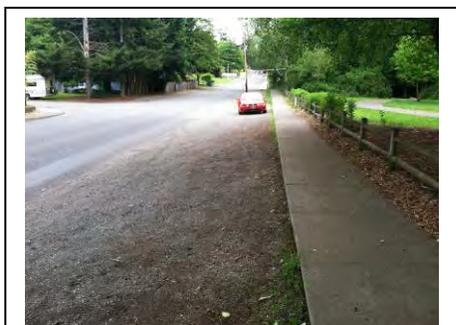


Juanita Creek

Fortunately, the park's forested areas, wetlands, and streams are largely intact with only limited areas of invasive plants and streambank erosion. An extensive trail system throughout the park allows access the streams and stands of mature trees; however, these trails are in need of repair or realignment where following the streambanks too closely. In addition, some trails are unnecessarily duplicated and overly-wide. Parking is currently parallel to the street along 108th Ave NE. The main lawn area at the front of the park is an especially nice feature and well-situated in terms of access. The paved access road and remote parking lot are inaccessible to the public and are in poor condition. Little evidence, other than some nut trees, remains from the old Moulton homestead.



Park visitor with dogs



Parking along NE 108<sup>th</sup> Street

## Current Uses

The park appears to be visited primarily by residents from the adjacent neighborhood. Many of the park users walk from home or school, and some visitors driving and parking along 108th Ave NE. Parking in the gravel parking strip along 108<sup>th</sup> Ave NE allows visitors to park and enjoy views into the park across the great lawn without leaving their vehicles.

Based on site visits and discussions with park users, the park is most loved for its extensive trail network that extends throughout most of the park site. Many of the people who use the trails are walking dogs both on- and off-leash. The great lawn is also used for dog exercise by some visitors. In addition to the paved and dirt trails, there is a fairly old and small picnic shelter with a picnic table within the great lawn that does not appear to be used frequently.

The park has also been used for stream biology studies by nearby students. Boy Scout projects that included two structures for crossing muddy trail sections remain in good condition. Additional uses are expected to be documented at the planned community meetings.



Muddy trail crossing project

## Site Characteristics

### Topography and Soils

Generally, the topography of the site is moderately rolling with about 50 feet of overall elevation change from Jaunita Creek (the lowest portion of the park) to the eastern boundary at approximately 175 feet above sea level. Slopes range from very low sloping in the floodplain-like section along the middle reaches of the stream, to moderately steep in parts of the forested portions of the park. The great lawn is nearly flat. Steep slopes do occur in several areas where Juanita Creek has cut through the underlying gravelly soils. This downcutting is most noticeable where Jaunita Creek enters a culvert crossing 108th Ave NE, as the stream bank is actively eroding.



Creek downcutting near the NE 108<sup>th</sup> Street culvert

Site soils appear largely intact and supporting a rich diversity of vegetation. The great lawn soils are apparently well-drained and are sufficient for growing a dense stand of turfgrass. Soils investigations and analysis are planned for any areas of the park where structures or creek crossings are planned.

### Vegetation

The park is about 90 percent forested with only the great lawn consisting of grass and the parking area consisting of asphalt. (See Existing Conditions Map). A dense mature conifer forest consisting primarily of Western red cedar and Douglas fir is north of the great lawn. A riparian forest consisting mostly of mature cottonwoods and other deciduous species exists along both of the streams. Most of the park, however, is covered with a predominately deciduous forest (many big-leaf maples) and mixed coniferous-deciduous forest. All of the forested portions of the park contain remarkably large trees, many of which exceed 30 inches dbh.



Forest bordering the great lawn

The understory layer of vegetation is dense in some of the wetter areas and sparse in shaded drier areas. Some of the understory near trails appears to be sparse due to compacted soils and caused by foot traffic.

### Wetlands and Streams

About half (46%) of the park's acreage is wetland, stream or buffer. (Refer to Sensitive Areas and Buffers Map). Fifteen wetlands (8% of the park) were delineated by Otak biologists on the site in October 2013; the wetland names, types, sizes, and required buffer widths are

included in the attached report. The Kirkland Municipal Code requires these Type 2 and Type 3 wetlands to have 75-foot and 50-foot buffers, respectively.

Modifications to critical areas (wetlands, streams, and/or buffers) would require several permits and/or approvals, depending on the proposed activity and impacts. Compensatory mitigation consisting of wetland enhancement and/or creation would be required for any permanent impacts.

Stream ordinary high water mark (OHWM) flagging and assessments were completed onsite on September 30 and November 20, 2013. Two streams were observed on the site: Juanita Creek and a tributary that flows west-northwest into Juanita Creek. Both streams meet the criteria for Class A streams. Also, both streams are considered to be within a Primary Basin (Juanita Creek); and both are accorded a 75-foot stream buffer measured from each side of the top of the slope of the channel of the stream.



### **Modifications and Permitting**

Modifications to critical areas (wetlands, streams, and/or buffers) may require several permits and/or approvals, depending on the proposed activity and impacts. Below is a brief summary of permits that could be required depending on the proposal; this summary is not to be considered a complete list or detailed description, as a specific park improvement plan has not yet been designed.

#### **Wetland Modification**

If fill or excavation is proposed in wetlands for trail construction, for example, the City of Kirkland (City) will require a justification showing that there is no “practicable or feasible alternative development proposal that results in less impact,” and that you have minimized the impact and mitigated for it. The KZC requirements for modifying wetlands are listed in 90.55, and include the following: 1) “In primary basins, the modification [of a Type 2 wetland] shall not affect more than 10% of the wetland on the subject property, and 2) “In primary basins, the modification [of a Type 3 wetland] shall not affect more than 50% of the wetland on the subject property.” For a Type 2 wetland, the Hearing Examiner would consider the modification under Process IIA. For a Type 3 wetland, the Planning Official would review the modification along with the development permit application.

Compensatory wetland mitigation required by the City for a Type 2 wetland will be a 2:1 (mitigation to impacts) ratio; mitigation required for a Type 3 wetland is 1.5:1. Mitigation

could consist of wetland creation or enhancement, but no more than one-third of the mitigation may consist of enhancement.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) may require a Section 404 nationwide permit for wetland fill or excavation of up to 0.5 acres of wetland. More than 0.5 acres of wetland impact will generally require an individual permit. The Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) may also review the project in order to issue a Section 401 water quality certification. These permits will also likely trigger the need for ESA compliance with Ecology.

### **Stream Modification**

If an impact to a stream (Class A) is proposed on the site, the City would require review by the Planning Official pursuant to Process I. In addition, the proposal to impact the stream will not be permitted by the City until a Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA) is obtained from WDFW (KZC 90.105). Section 404 (USACE) and Section 401 (Ecology) permits may also be required, depending on the nature of the proposal. If a footbridge is proposed that does not require any piers or fill to be placed below the OHWM, fewer habitat impacts will occur, and ESA compliance will be simpler to gain. Even if only stream *restoration* is proposed, permits from local, state, and/or federal agencies may be required.

### **Buffer Modification**

Several different types of modifications to both stream and wetland buffers may be proposed, as described below. The City of Kirkland is likely the only agency to regulate buffer impacts; all buffer mitigation described in this section is included in the KZC. Type 2 wetland buffer and Class A stream buffer modifications would be considered by the Hearing Examiner pursuant to Process IIA. Type 3 wetland buffer modifications are reviewed by the City of Kirkland Planning Official (see KZC 90.60 and 90.90 for more detail.) Trail improvements onsite would likely require some buffer modifications.

- **Buffer Averaging**  
Both wetland and stream buffers may be averaged in order to allow for development in the outer third of a designated buffer. The buffer “subtraction” area must be equal in size and quality to the buffer “addition” area. Averaging buffers would likely have little effect on the park.
- **Buffer Reduction**  
Buffer reduction may be proposed in the outer third of wetland or stream buffers. An enhancement plan with native plantings must accompany the proposal, along with a maintenance and monitoring program for that enhancement. In areas where restoration is needed, such as the large area of blackberries along the creek near 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, this could be a viable approach.

- **Minor improvements**  
A minor improvements modification may also be proposed in the outer one-half of the wetland or stream designated buffer. It is likely that the same mitigation will likely be required as for buffer averaging (equal addition area) or reduction (enhancement plan). The Planning Official would approve this activity.
- **Variance**  
The options above could be considered for construction/improvement park trails, except where the trail is closer than the outer one-half of the buffer. In that case, a variance may be requested, and the same mitigation will likely be required as for buffer averaging (equal subtraction/addition area) or reduction (enhancement plan).



## Utilities

Utilities at Edith Moulton Park include availability to water, sewer, power and telecom primarily from 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE. There are no known utilities on the park site, based on King County mapping and site investigation. It is anticipated that further, more

detailed investigation of utilities will be performed as required for specific proposed park improvements like restrooms and lighting.



Cars parked diagonally extending into the sidewalk

## Structures

There are only a few structures currently at Edith Moulton Park. A log construction entry kiosk along 108<sup>th</sup> Ave NE is in fair condition. The kiosk houses an interpretive sign offering a brief history of Edith Moulton Park with information about native plants found at the park. Visible through the kiosk, at the edge of the great lawn, is a small, metal-roofed picnic shelter that houses a single picnic table.

A log rail fence and sidewalk define the border of the parking strip and great lawn. The fence and sidewalk are located close enough to the 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE roadway to suggest that vehicles should parallel park although that is unclear. If the parking strip could be widened to twenty feet, cars could park perpendicular to the street and the amount of available parking would essentially be doubled. As evidenced in the photo at the left, cars actually park over the sidewalk which is part of a pedestrian route to and from the nearby schools.

Other structures in the park include two gravel and timber crossings over what were likely muddy sections of the trails. The crossings appear pervious enough to allow natural drainage under the trail surface.

Informally-constructed stream crossings are present in a couple of locations and are probably replaced seasonally depending on the level of flooding in Jaunita Creek. These crossings are low-impact in terms of the potential effects on the stream, but presumably accessible to only the daring and coordinated.



## Adjacent Land Uses

Edith Moulton Park is in a primarily residential area with the exception of the Helen Keller School at the northwest corner of the park. The park's south and east borders are in fact directly adjacent to single family and multi-family residential with many backyards overlooking the park. This adjacency provides a built-in set of eyes on the park that can be highly beneficial to assisting the City of Kirkland with monitoring activities in the park – especially after dusk. Conversely, any improvements to the park that produce activities that produce noise, smells or light could affect nearby residents. Most of the adjacent residential buildings are screened by trees from the interior of the park and do not have any significant visual impact to the park. The park, however, provides high-quality scenery viewed from adjacent residences.



At least two access points (see Existing Conditions Map) from the adjacent multi-family development to the southeast were observed and more informal access points from adjacent properties are likely to exist. Access from the Helen Keller School to the park is mostly discouraged by a four-foot-high chain link fence along the school property, probably for safety and security purposes. Some sections of the park boundary are not fenced; as such, the park boundary is not completely delineated.

## Analysis and Site Suitability

Suitability is a means of assigning potential park improvements to designated areas based in large part on the likelihood of negative environmental impacts to those areas. Suitability also

relates to the project goals such as “To preserve and manage the forested areas to be enjoyed as natural areas in perpetuity.”

The attached Site Suitability Map separates the park into three areas based on potential park improvements, being either “nature-related,” “socially-related” or “culturally related.” Nature-related park improvements are suitable in the most environmentally-sensitive areas of the park where careful design and construction practices and mitigation measures will reduce potential impacts to an acceptable minimum. Socially-related improvements would potentially include elements like an open-air lodge structure for gathering, improvements to parking and the park entry and making trails more accessible. Culturally-related improvements would create an opportunity for understanding and experiencing the park property history – for example, what it was like to tend an orchard or berry bushes.

### **Project Theme:**

The proposed project theme to be considered is to *Honor Edith Moulton’s legacy by conserving some wilderness for children to enjoy.*

### **Overall Goals and Objectives**

Consistent with the project theme, the project goals and objectives should serve as the guidance for planning and design and a means of objectively determining if ideas and proposals fit the goals and overall theme of the project.

As proposed, the Edith Moulton Park Master Plan should:

1. Focus on serving the surrounding neighborhood and the residents of Kirkland
2. Preserve and manage the forested areas to be enjoyed as natural areas in perpetuity
3. Restore disturbed natural areas where appropriate and plan for natural succession
4. Provide wetland and stream habitat restoration and/or enhancement
5. Maintain a balance between developed and natural areas for active and passive park use
6. Encourage a neighborhood “Friends of Edith Moulton Park” as day-to-day stewards of the park
7. Make the park sustainable by balancing long-term resource input with community benefits
8. Encourage stream and forest ecology study by the nearby schools
9. Connect visitors to the life of an early pioneer family
10. Employ CPTED principles in the master planning and improvements
11. Enhance the great lawn area for community events and gatherings
12. Find a way for dogs and their owners to enjoy the park without negatively affecting other users or wildlife and stream habitat
13. Improve trail accessibility for all users where feasible.

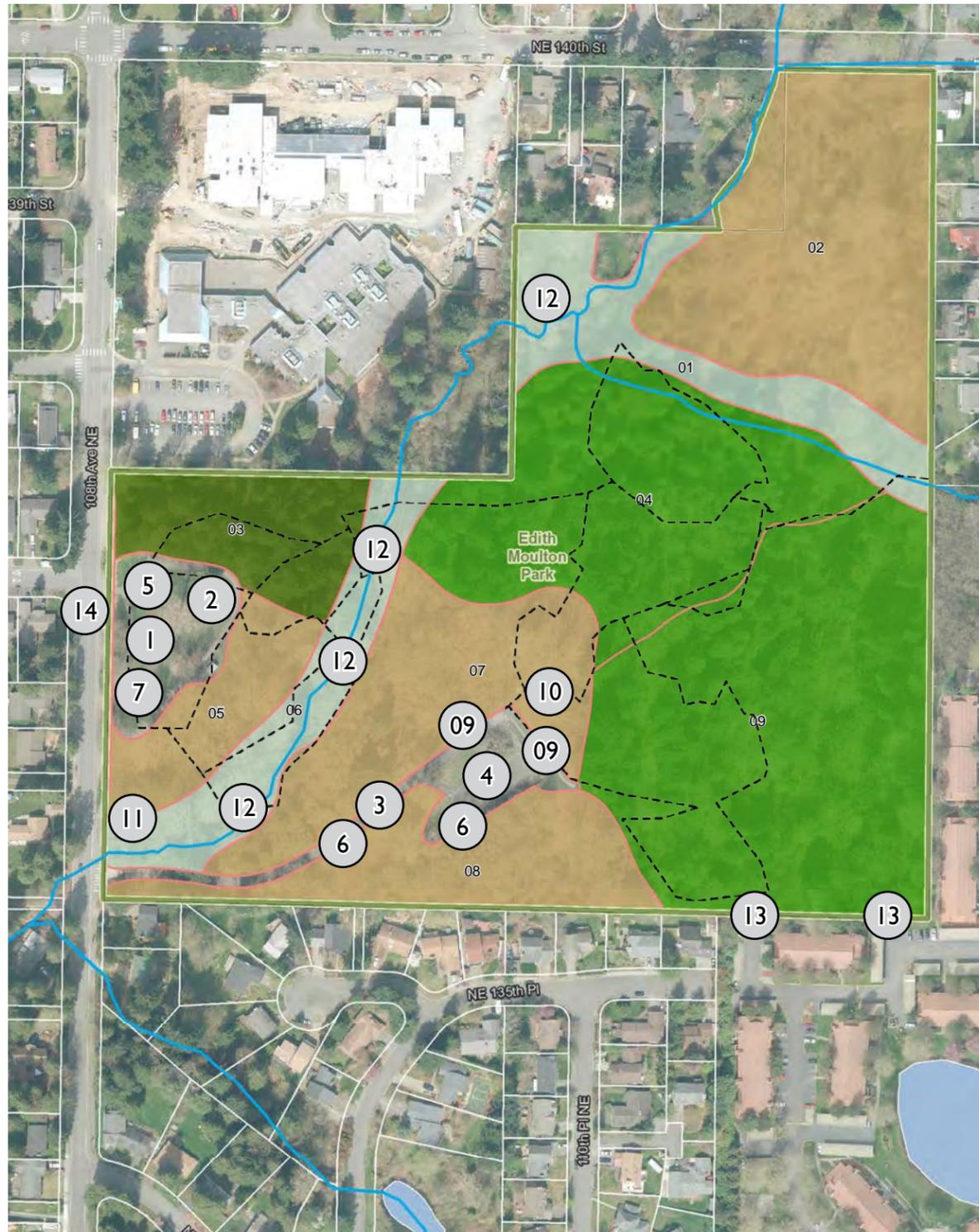
## Potential Park Program Elements

The following potential program elements are a starting point for discussions with the community. Each of the program elements fit to a degree with the above goals and objectives for the project.

1. Open-air lodge structure for gatherings
2. Off-leash dog area
3. Safer and more efficient parking
4. Restrooms
5. Improvements to existing trails, including new trail connections where appropriate, removal of duplicate trails, and improved trail accessibility
6. Restoration of degraded natural areas (invasive removal and planting)
7. Stabilization of stream banks
8. Community orchard and garden
9. Early Kirkland settlement interpretive features
10. “Natural” play structure







**Existing Habitat Types \***

- Conifer Forest
- Conifer-Deciduous Mixed Forest
- Deciduous Forest
- Riparian Forest
- Juanita Creek and Tributary
- Trails

**Existing Features**

- ① Great Lawn
- ② Iconic Cottonwood Tree
- ③ Degraded Asphalt Driveway
- ④ Degraded Asphalt Parking Area
- ⑤ Asphalt Paved Loop Trail
- ⑥ Rockery Retaining Walls
- ⑦ Entry Gateway with Sign, and Interpretive Panel
- ⑧ Small Picnic Shelter
- ⑨ Fruit/Nut Trees From Original Homestead
- ⑩ Original Homestead Site
- ⑪ Extensive Area of Himalayan Blackberries
- ⑫ Stream Bank Impacts from Foot Traffic
- ⑬ Informal Access Points
- ⑭ Gravel Parking Strip Along 108th Ave NE

\* From Green Kirkland Partnership Mapping 11/6/2013







**Key**

-  Stream
-  Stream Buffer
-  Wetland
-  Wetland Buffer
-  Trail

**Sensitive Areas**

Parcel No.	Area (sqft)		% of Site
202605-9027	1,149,984		
202605-9186	13,936		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,163,920</b>	<b>(26.72 Acres)</b>	
Total Stream Area	25,086		2%
Total Wetland Area	90,523		8%
Total Sensitive Area + Buffer Area	533,901		46%
Total Remaining Uplands	630,019		54%

\* Note: Parcel Areas are Based on King County Assessor Data







## Nature-Related Improvements

Improvements in harmony with Edith Moulton's purpose for donating the land that enhance ecological functions while improving access and enjoyment for people



### Environmentally Sensitive Areas

- Limited low-impact improvements to trails
- New creek crossings
- Improved accessibility
- Stream bank, creek, wetland and upland restoration
- Habitat structures
- Nature interpretation
- Limited wayfinding



### Upland Areas

- Trail improvements
- Trail consolidation and restoration
- Interpretation and wayfinding
- Habitat structures
- Forest restoration

## Socially-Related Improvements

Improvements primarily focused on creating a welcoming place for community gathering



- Trail improvements
- Trail consolidation and restoration
- Interpretation and wayfinding
- Open-air lodge structure
- Rest room building
- Unobtrusive play structure?
- Enhanced park entry and landscape planting
- Improved parking

## Culturally-Related Improvements

Improvements related to understanding and experiencing the property's history



- Trail improvements
- Trail consolidation and restoration
- Wayfinding
- Moulton Homestead Interpretation
- Community orchard and/or pea patch
- Removal of existing degraded paving
- Natural play area
- Kiosk / tool shed
- Alternative use: off leash dog area (limited size)







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## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Park Board

**From:** Michael Cogle, Deputy Director

**Date:** December 6, 2013

**Subject:** Cross Kirkland Corridor Master Plan Update

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board receives a progress update on the Cross Kirkland Corridor Master Plan

### **BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:**

David Godfrey, Transportation Manager for the City, will attend the Board's December meeting to provide an update on the master planning for the Cross Kirkland Corridor. Included in the update will be a discussion and opportunity for Board input on key issues and opportunities for each of the identified "zones" or neighborhood segments of the Corridor.



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## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Park Board  
**From:** Jennifer Schroder, Director  
**Date:** December 6, 2013  
**Subject:** Juanita High School Pool Status

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Park Board receives an update from staff on the status of the Juanita High School pool.

### **BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:**

The City Council is scheduled to hold a study session on December 10<sup>th</sup> to consider issues related to the potential need to replace the Juanita High School swimming pool. Attached for the Board's information is the staff report prepared for Council.

Staff will be prepared to update the Board on key policy issues and any direction provided by the Council at their meeting (scheduled the day prior to the Board meeting).

Attachment



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## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Kurt Triplett, City Manager

**From:** Jennifer Schroder, CPRP, Director  
Michael Cogle, Deputy Director

**Date:** November 25, 2013

**Subject:** EXPLORE OPTIONS FOR REPLACING THE JUANITA AQUATIC CENTER LOCATED AT JUANITA HIGH SCHOOL BY 2017

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the City Council receives a presentation on the current use and operation of the Juanita High School Aquatic Center and discusses options to study replacing the pool by 2017.

## **BACKGROUND**

### **Juanita Aquatic Center Pool Closure Pending**

At their regular meeting of August 6, 2013, the City Council received input from citizens and members of the Lake Washington School District (LWSD) Board of Directors regarding the potential closure of the Juanita High School swimming pool, known as the Juanita Aquatic Center. The District has determined that the facility is nearing the end of its useful life and that replacement costs could be as much as \$15 million.

The LWSD has placed a bond measure on the February 2014 election ballot which would, in part, renovate/replace Juanita High School. However, the LWSD Board did not include a renovated or new pool in the bond measure. Should the bond measure be approved by voters, the District will need to close the pool potentially as early as 2017, leaving Kirkland residents without access to a public year-round swimming pool.

The testimony provided at the August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting requested that the City of Kirkland consider participating in the building of a new aquatic facility to replace the one at Juanita. Kirkland is a key potential partner because the pool is the only public year-round aquatic facility in the Kirkland community, and is utilized extensively not just by students, but by residents for competitive swimming, youth and adult swim lessons, fitness, and recreation. Other partners could include entities such as Bellevue, Redmond, Bothell, Evergreen Health, Wave Aquatics, and Northwest University.

### **PFEC Exploration of Aquatics Facility and the 2012 Parks Levy**

The Parks Funding Exploratory Committee (PFEC), convened by the Council to recommend elements of the 2012 Kirkland Parks Levy, used the City's 2007 Indoor Recreation Facility Plan to evaluate whether to include an aquatics facility in the 2012 ballot measure. A copy of the Indoor Recreation Facility Plan is available on the City's website at: <http://www.kirklandwa.gov/Assets/Parks/Parks+PDFs/Indoor+Recreation+Facility+Final+Report.pdf>

Ultimately, the PFEC recommended not including a pool facility in the ballot measure for several reasons. In general, there were too many unknowns about the project, such as how much it would cost, where would it be located and what would it cost to operate. These questions couldn't be answered in time to get a package to the 2012 ballot. In addition, the LWSD had yet to decide whether the Juanita pool would be replaced in 2014 and the PFEC felt that funding it in the 2012 levy would be premature.

Finally, PFEC felt that the cost of including an indoor aquatic facility would either make the ballot measure too large, or require significant cuts to the rest of the capital projects in the levy. The initial purpose of the parks levy was to restore maintenance and operations resources for Kirkland parks, so the PFEC was not interested in such a large capital component, and the other capital projects were deemed to be more urgent. In the end, the PFEC recommended that the City pursue an indoor aquatics facility in 2021 when the existing Parks bonds were retired and when the capital projects included in the 2012 Parks Levy would be completed. The City Council concurred with those recommendations and did not include an indoor aquatics facility in the 2012 Parks Levy which was passed by the voters.

The recent decision by the LWSD not to include a pool in their 2014 ballot measure and the resulting closure of the Juanita Aquatic Center in 2017 is new information, and it is reasonable for the Kirkland City Council to reassess the need for an indoor pool at this time.

### **School Board Pledges Support and Funding for Pool Partnership**

On September 9, 2013, the LWSD Board adopted Resolution 2166 (Attachment A) affirming its intent to enter into future pool partnerships with cities and/or other interested entities. The resolution also authorized directing an undetermined amount of unspent funds from the District's 2006 capital bond measure toward a portion of future pool facility project(s) enabling use by high school swim and dive teams. The District estimates that \$10 to \$12 million will remain once all the school projects are completed and much of that could be applied towards a pool facility in partnership with other entities. However, these funds would be necessary for other District capital purposes should the proposed 2014 bond measure fail.

### **December 10<sup>th</sup> Study Session**

In response to the pending closure of the Juanita Aquatic Center, the City Council on September 17<sup>th</sup> amended its 2013-2014 Work Program (Attachment B) to include development of an aquatic facility as follows:

*Partner with the Lake Washington School District and other interested public and private organizations to explore options for replacing the Juanita Aquatic Center by 2017 to further the goals of **Parks and Recreation**.*

The City Council authorized the allocation of \$215,000 as part of the 2013-2014 Biennial Adjustment to provide funding for additional resources necessary to support this work program item, and directed staff

to schedule a study session to provide Council with the opportunity for further discussion on the options for replacing the pool.

At the study session, staff will provide an overview of the current use and operation of the Juanita Aquatic Facility at Juanita High School, deficiencies in aquatics today, options to study to replace the pool and seek policy direction on the scope of the feasibility study.

### **WAVE Aquatics**

WAVE Aquatics currently manages both the Juanita Aquatic Center and the city of Redmond's Hartman Pool. WAVE facilitates use of the pools by Masters swimmers, Water Polo, Seattle Synchronized Swim Team, Scuba Dive, club swim teams (WAVE) and school swim teams from beyond the Lake Washington School District boundaries. WAVE and the organizations they work with will be important stakeholders in efforts to replace the Juanita Aquatic Center. WAVE is also pursuing its own efforts to replace the pool. Kirkland staff were invited to a presentation by WAVE to the LWSD about these efforts.

A copy of that presentation is included in this link below:

<http://www.kirklandwa.gov/Assets/Parks/Parks+PDFs/Aquatic+Center+Partnership+Project/Aquatic+Center+presentation+to+LWSD+11-5.pdf>

Please note that this presentation is included for informational purposes only. It was developed by WAVE and Kirkland has not had a chance to verify its accuracy or assumptions. Kirkland staff remain in regular contact with WAVE and will continue to coordinate with them.

### **Key Policy Questions to Consider**

The LWSD ballot measure election occurs on February 11, 2014. There are only three City Council meetings between December 10 and the election. Those meetings are on January 7, January 21 and February 4, 2014. Staff will need direction from the Council as to what information needs to be presented or what actions need to be taken at these meetings to demonstrate to the community that the pool partnership is viable.

Staff will be raising some key policy issues at the December 10<sup>th</sup> Study Session for the Council to consider. These include:

- **What services should a new aquatics center provide?** At a minimum staff believe it must meet the needs of the school district swimming and diving teams and the general public interests in recreation and swim lessons. But should it include a therapeutic pool or accommodate the more "private" interests of Masters swimmers, water polo, synchronized swimming, scuba diving, club swim teams and "out of town" school teams? Should it also include non-aquatic recreational facilities and public spaces? And if so, how should those needs be funded?
- **Should the assumption be that the pool must be on publicly-owned property to keep costs down?**
- **What are the roles of the Park Board and LWSD moving forward?**

### **Potential Kirkland Aquatic Facility Sites**

Assuming that a new pool would likely need to be placed on existing Kirkland-owned properties to save both money and time, Kirkland staff are suggesting that the following sites be considered as potential sites:

- The existing pool site in Peter Kirk Park
- The North Kirkland Community Center
- Mark Twain Park
- Juanita Beach Park (northern section)
- Snyder's Corner

Staff will be looking for Council input on whether to proceed with evaluating these sites as well as whether Council has additional sites they would like considered.

### **Key Timelines and Council Direction Needed**

Staff has done a preliminary review of the steps necessary to site, construct and open a new facility in 2017. Assuming that any such facility would require voter approval to fund, a ballot measure in either November of 2014 or the spring of 2015 would be required to have any chance of meeting the 2017 timeline. Staff will provide more details on this during the study session.

Clearly replacing the Juanita Aquatics Center is a complicated and costly project. As previously mentioned, there are only two Council meetings in January and one in February prior to February 11th. Staff requires direction from the Council to understand what information or action (if any) is needed at any of those meetings.

### **LWSD Frequently Asked Questions**

The following information has been provided by the Lake Washington School District in response to frequently asked questions (also available on LWSD website: <http://www.lwsd.org/News/2014-Levy-and-Bond/Pages/Swimming-Pool-FAQs.aspx>):

#### **Juanita High School Pool**

**Q. I see the swimming pool is not included in the modernization of Juanita High School in the proposed bond. Does that mean that the swimming pool will be closed if the bond passes?**

A. The district is actively looking to partner with community entities for a pool to serve Juanita and neighboring communities. The pool is an important community asset. In fact, a review of current pool use showed that the pool was used much more by the community than for school programs. Since this facility serves an important community purpose, the district is in discussions with the city of Kirkland and other interested groups around possible partnerships.

Currently, we expect between \$10 and \$12 million to be left in the 2006 bond measure fund, since those projects have come in under budget. The board has expressed its interest in committing funds from this source toward a new community pool, in partnership with one or more other organizations. If the bond does not pass, those funds will be needed for housing of students in portables due to our growing enrollment and will not be available for a pool project.

**Q. How much do district schools use the pool?**

A. The current Lake Washington School District use of the pool is for the Juanita High School and Lake Washington High School competitive swimming/diving teams, as well as for very limited swimming lessons for three elementary schools. (For example, one of the elementary schools provides one hour swim lessons for two weeks to fourth graders.) There is also some use for high school meets that involve district teams. All other use of the pool is by community members, by high school teams from other school districts and by groups such as WAVE Aquatics, Lake Washington Masters, Seattle Synchro, and others. There is no school district use of the pool during the summer. High school competition for girls takes place in the fall and for boys in the winter; there is no competitive high school use of the pool in the spring or summer.

**Q. If the pool is an important community asset, why doesn't the district just ask the community for more money?**

A. The school board has to prioritize its funding requests to the community. Given the high cost of a swimming facility and the fact that the school district uses it only for part of the day and part of the year, it makes sense that we find partners to share in both the use of a facility and the cost.

**Exploring partnerships**

**Q. Who is the district talking with?**

A. The district has had discussions with the cities of Kirkland, Redmond and Sammamish, as well as WAVE Aquatics, the group that is currently managing both the Juanita Aquatic Center and the city of Redmond's Hartman Pool.

**Q. Why is the district talking to Redmond and Sammamish?**

A. The district is interested in making sure that competitive swimming facilities are available for students at all four comprehensive high schools in the district: right now, no high school in our district is assured of those facilities for the long term. While Sammamish is building a new recreation facility with a swimming pool, that facility currently does not have in its plans the set-up needed for high school teams to compete there. And Redmond's Hartman Pool is aging just as the Juanita Aquatic Center is. We need to look at swimming opportunities district-wide.

Partnering with the cities and potentially other entities may be the best way to ensure that the school district helps fund the needs of high school swim teams but does not take on the entire burden of funding and running recreational swimming facilities, something that is not our area of expertise. At the same time, it would mean that cities, which are responsible for parks and recreation facilities, can get some help to make sure they have swimming facilities that can accommodate our high school swim teams as well as recreational needs.

**Timing**

**Q. If the bond passes and Juanita High School is going to be modernized, when would any new partnership or funding have to be in place? Is there a danger that the pool could be demolished at some point?**

A. High schools are very large construction projects that take time to plan, design and obtain permits. If the bond passes, it is likely that actual construction of a new Juanita High School would begin in 2017. That means there are several years to develop alternative plans.

**Q. What kind of shape is the pool in? Why can't we just leave the building as it is if no funding is found, and just fix whatever needs it?**

A. The facility is nearing the end of its useful life. You can keep a car that has 200,000 miles on it and

continue to pour money into fixing everything that breaks. But you can't rely on that vehicle to perform reliably and safely. While we may be able to eke a few more miles out of the Juanita pool, we are reaching the point where we can't expect it to perform reliably and safely. The district does not have the money to repair a catastrophic equipment failure, which will mean the closure of the pool.

#### Attachments

cc: Park Board  
Dr. Traci Pierce, Superintendent, Lake Washington School District

INTENT TO ENTER INTO  
FUTURE POOL PARTNERSHIPS

RESOLUTION NO. 2166

WHEREAS, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2164 placing a bond measure on the February 2014 ballot;

WHEREAS, the bond measure is proposed in order to provide space for increasing enrollment and replacement of aging schools;

WHEREAS, the February 2014 measure includes funding for the modernization of Juanita High School, but does not include funding for the replacement of the pool currently sited on the Juanita High School campus known as the Juanita Aquatic Center;

WHEREAS, approximately 300 Lake Washington School District students participated in high school swim and dive teams using the Juanita Aquatics Facility and the Redmond Aquatic Center during the 2012-13 school year;

WHEREAS, the district values the swimming program in its athletic program;

WHEREAS, the district is nearing completion of the construction called for in the bond measure approved by the voters in February 2008, which provided funding for the district's Phase 2 modernization program;

WHEREAS, the district anticipates the projects in the Phase 2 modernization program to be completed for less than the currently allocated resources;

WHEREAS, should the upcoming 2014 bond measure not pass, these unspent monies will be needed for portables and other temporary student housing measures;

WHEREAS, should the upcoming 2014 bond measure pass, these unspent monies would be available to enter into pool partnership(s) with cities and/or other entities to fund a portion of pool projects which will enable use by high school swim and dive teams for practice and competition; and,

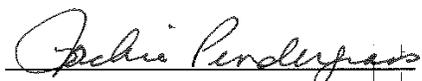
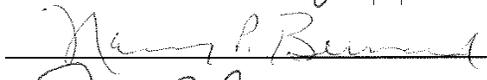
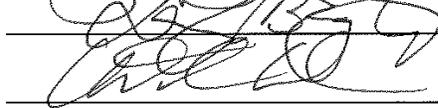
WHEREAS, the ability to repurpose unspent funds will require a formal public hearing be conducted prior to authorization by the Board of Directors.

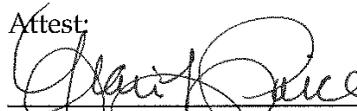
Intent to Enter into Future Pool Partnerships  
Resolution No. 2166  
September 9, 2013

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors intends, should the 2014 bond measure pass, to authorize a portion of the unspent Phase 2 modernization funds for potential pool partnership(s) in order to benefit Lake Washington School District student athletes.

APPROVED by the Board of Directors of Lake Washington School District No. 414 in a regular meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2013.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
LAKE WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 414

  
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Attest:  
  
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Secretary, Board of Directors

# City of Kirkland 2013-2014 City Work Program

*Priority Goals: Economic Development ~ Financial Stability ~ Public Safety ~ Dependable Infrastructure Parks, Open Space & Recreational Services ~ Neighborhoods*

**Revitalize the Totem Lake Business District** through continued implementation of the Totem Lake Action Plan to further the goals of Financial Stability and Economic Development. Partner with the private sector **to attract tenants to Kirkland's major business districts** to further the goal of Economic Development.

**Reenergize neighborhoods** through partnerships on capital project implementation and plan updates while clarifying neighborhood roles in future planning and transportation efforts to further the goal of Neighborhoods,

**Complete the Comprehensive Plan update** and incorporate new neighborhoods into all planning documents to further the goals of Balanced Transportation, Parks and Recreation, Diverse Housing, Economic Development, Dependable Infrastructure and Neighborhoods.

**Implement the Development Services Organizational Review recommendations** and simplify the Zoning Code to further the goals of Economic Development and Neighborhoods.

**Develop a City-wide Multimodal Transportation Master Plan** to further the goals of Economic Development Neighborhoods, Balanced Transportation, and Dependable Infrastructure.

**Achieve Kirkland's adopted legislative agendas**, with emphasis on securing transportation revenues and funding for the NE 132nd Street ramps to I-405 to further the goals of Balanced Transportation and Dependable Infrastructure.

**Complete the Cross Kirkland Corridor Master Plan and construction of the Interim Trail** to further the goals of Economic Development, Parks, Neighborhoods and Balanced Transportation.

**Develop a cost effective 2015-2016 Budget** that maintains Kirkland's AAA credit rating and implements an improved performance management system that delivers desired outcomes to further the goal of Financial Stability.

**Continue partnership initiatives with employees to achieve sustainability of wages and benefits** to further the goal of Financial Stability.

**Complete construction and occupy the Public Safety Building** to further the goal of Public Safety.

**Continue implementation of the Fire Strategic Plan recommendations**, including evaluation of a Regional Fire Authority and resolution of a consolidated Finn Hill Fire Station to further the goal of Public Safety.

(Adopted by the Kirkland City Council 2/5/13)

**Partner with the Lake Washington School District and other interested public and private organizations to explore options for replacing the Juanita Aquatic Center by 2017** to further the goals of Parks and Recreation. (Added by the Kirkland City Council 9/17/13)

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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Park Board

**From:** Jennifer Schroder, Director

**Date:** December 5, 2013

**Subject:** Election of Chair and Vice Chair

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Park Board conduct an election to fill the 2014 Chair and Vice Chair positions.

**BACKGROUND:**

Kirkland Municipal Code 3.36.040 states: "The chair and vice-chair will be elected on an annual basis at the final meeting of the year and each will be elected for a one-year term. The chair may be re-elected once to serve a maximum of two years. All board members present are eligible to vote. In the event the chair is unable to complete his/her term, the vice-chair shall assume the position of chair and perform all the required duties until the expiration of the respective term and a new vice-chair shall be elected. In the event any duly elected officer is unable to complete his/her respective term, an election shall be held to fill the unexpired term. It shall be the duty of the chair to preside at all meetings of the board and in his/her absence the vice-chair to preside..."

Robert's Rules of Order will be followed to conduct the election. The Chair will call for nominations from the Board for each position separately. The Board will vote on two motions: 1) Chair and 2) Vice Chair.