



# KIRKLAND PARK BOARD

Date: February 12, 2014

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**  
January Park Board Meeting Minutes *5 minutes*
4. **ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE** *5 minutes*
5. **REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS**  
No items
6. **PRESENTATIONS**
7. **COMMUNICATIONS** *15 minutes*
  - a. Correspondence
    - O'Brien email
  - b. Staff Reports
    - February update
  - c. Committee Reports
  - d. Comments from the Chair
8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
  - a. Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan Update *30 minutes*  
Topic: Review draft of PROS Plan Update  
Action: Discussion only
  - b. Edith Moulton Park Master Plan *30 minutes*  
Topic: Review results of public meeting and draft design program  
Action: Finalize draft design program
  - c. Juanita High School Pool Replacement *20 minutes*  
Topic: Receive update on the status of Juanita High School Pool  
Action: Discussion only

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. McAuliffe Park Request for Proposals *5 minutes*  
Topic: Assign Board member(s) to review proposals  
Action: Discussion only
- b. Annual Park Levy Report *10 minutes*  
Topic: Review draft of the annual Park Levy Report  
Action: Discussion only

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Discuss Property Matter *10 minutes*

**11. MEETING EVALUATION**

*5 minutes*

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

*Estimated meeting completion: 9:15 p.m.*

Next meetings:  
March 12, 2014  
April 9, 2014  
May 14, 2014  
June 11, 2014

# **KIRKLAND PARK BOARD**

## **Minutes of Regular Meeting**

### **January 8, 2014**

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

The January Park Board regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Adam White.

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

Members present: Chair Adam White, Vice Chair Kevin Quille, Sue Contreras, Shawn Fenn, Ted Marx and Jim Popolow.

Sue Keller arrived at 7:04 p.m.

Rick Ockerman was absent.

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

Recording Secretary: Cheryl Harmon

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

Ms. Contreras moved to approve the December minutes as presented. Mr. Fenn seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

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

No items.

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

No items.

#### **6. PRESENTATIONS**

Ms. Schroder introduced Kevin Ball, Office Technician in the Parks Maintenance division and former Harbormaster, who shared a presentation on moorage and boat launch fees at the Kirkland Marina.

#### **7. COMMUNICATIONS**

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

No items.

b. Staff Reports

Ms. Schroder and Ms. Murphy reported on and answered questions related to recreation registration and revenues.

Ms. Schroder reported on youth basketball, athletic fields, North Juanita Open Space and answered questions about construction of gym space by Lake Washington School District and North Juanita Open Space.

c. Committee Reports

Mr. Quille reported on O.O. Denny and Juanita Woodlands.

Mr. Fenn reported on the Snowflake Ball at North Kirkland Community Center.

Ms. Keller commented on the Cross Kirkland Corridor section within the Highlands Neighborhood.

Ms. Contreras reported on the Polar Plunge at Marina Park and a request for allowance of off-leash times for dogs at parks other than Jasper's Dog Park.

Mr. Marx asked questions about the Edith Moulton Park Master Plan.

d. Comments from the Chair

Mr. White commented on a recent visit to McAuliffe Park.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

a. North Juanita Open Space

Ms. Schroder introduced Tim Werner, Parks Maintenance Supervisor, who presented pathway and playground siting options at North Juanita Open Space.

Board members provided feedback on the options presented.

b. Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan Update

Mr. Cogle shared the next steps related to the PROS Plan update including a planned community meeting, future presentation of a draft Plan and the timeline for Plan adoption.

c. 2013-2014 Work Plan

Mr. Cogle presented the 2013-2014 Work Plan and provided an opportunity for the Board to review the plan and make suggested amendments.

d. Juanita High School Pool Replacement

Ms. Schroder briefed the Board on the current findings in the study to replace the pool, shared next steps and answered related questions.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

No items.

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An Executive Session was held to discuss a property matter.

**11. MEETING EVALUATION**

"Very informative."

"We have a lot to do."

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Marx moved to adjourn. Ms. Keller seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

Meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

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Jennifer Schroder, Director  
Parks and Community Services

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Adam White, Chair  
Park Board

## Cheryl Harmon

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**From:** Jennifer Schroder  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 14, 2014 9:49 AM  
**To:** 'patrickobrien@comcast.net'  
**Cc:** David Godfrey; Doreen Marchione; Penny Sweet; Toby Nixon; Jay Arnold; Shelley Kloba; Cheryl Harmon; Kurt Triplett  
**Subject:** O.O. Denny Park

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Mr. O'Brien, thank you for your November 25<sup>th</sup> email regarding O.O. Denny Park and suggestions on how to allocate the remaining funds from the Finn Hill Park District to the City of Kirkland. First, I apologize that I have not responded to your email in a timelier manner.

On November 19<sup>th</sup>, the City Council authorized the City Manager to sign an Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement concerning O.O. Denny Park between the City of Kirkland and the Finn Hill Park & Recreation District regarding the transfer of the remaining district funds in the amount of \$175,000.

The agreement identifies the funds to be used for a new picnic shelter and related improvements such as tables and pathways, as well as installation of an irrigation system.

Unfortunately the projects identified in the agreement do not address the concerns you have in regards to designating a swimming area, dog off leash area and other site improvements you have expressed.

I will share your concerns with the Park Board at their February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. However, if you would like to address the Park Board, they meet in the City Hall Council Chambers at 7 p.m.

Thank you Mr. O'Brien for your email, - Jenny

**Jennifer Schroder, CPRP**

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Sent: Monday, November 25, 2013 9:53 AM

To: Amy Walen; Dave Asher; Doreen Marchione; Joan McBride; Penny Sweet; Shelley Kloba; Toby Nixon

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Burnside, Jeff

Subject: O.O. Denny Park

November 25st, 2013

Subject O.O Denny Park

Please consider the following proposals for immediate implementation. They are the best use of the special tax revenue "application of 185K funds in question" collected from Finn Hill Residents. Matters of use and safety are what the tax dollars are designated for and rather than a new pergola near the shoreline or non essential signage. The northern trail system is in muddy spring fed erosion areas that need to be covered with catwalks, boards or a walkway structure to prevent further erosion. This would eliminate a great deal of silt going into your quote salmon bearing unquote stream. Presently, there are several high-priority safety and "fair use" issues to address.

Swimming Area

Current Kirkland code indicates that you cannot swim beyond 50 feet from shore (See A.) and unless you're in a "designated swimming area". Currently there is an ambiguity with respect to the Denny Park swimming area.

There are buoys indicating that boat traffic should not come in within 300 feet of shore but are not explicit to the use of that area by swimmers and non-powered watercraft. To swim within 50 feet of shore where the thickest milfoil water vegetation is makes swimming unsafe to the public health and well-being. This area is used by triathletes and competitive open water swimmers for the cleanliness of the water and the lack of vegetation.

Remedy:

1.) Add additional buoys and signage to designate the area to the east of the buoys to shore as swimming area for advanced swimmers and skin divers.

Dogs at Denny Park.

As donated by the Denny family to the Park system of Seattle and by long-standing use by the public both dogs and horses are free to enter Denny Park. There is in fact a use easement for the use of the water for those purposes claimed by the residence of Finn Hill. The majority of the users of the Park during the fall, winter and spring months are dog owners. Their presence keeps the Park safe for parents with children using the playground equipment and for non-dog owning persons.

The Park has always been used for swimming dogs off leash. To do so otherwise would be ridiculous.

2.) Dogs are free to swim off leash by agreement the North and South ends. The Park will so designate that during the summer months of June, July and August. The other nine months of the year. Dogs are permitted to swim anywhere along the Parks shore of Lake Washington.

3.) A designated dog fetching area on the grassy flat area in the northern third of the Park should be the designated pitch and catch area for canines or talented cats.

A. ) 14.20.010 Swimming.

Swimming in the harbor shall be confined to:

(1) Restricted swimming areas; or (2) To within a distance of fifty feet from the shore or a pier unless the swimmer is accompanied by a watercraft. (Ord. 800 § 20, 1960)

14.20.020 Skin diving and scuba diving.

Skin diving and scuba diving are prohibited in the harbor within three hundred feet of any public pier, boat launch, or ferry slip, except for commercial diving. Whenever any diver is in the water more than one hundred feet from shore or a dock, he or she shall be accompanied by a watercraft or the area in which he or she is diving shall be marked by an adequately displayed diver's flag. (Ord. 4406 § 19, 2013: Ord. 800 § 21, 1960)

Sincerely

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**To:** Park Board

**From:** Jennifer Schroder, CPRP, Director

**Date:** February 7, 2014

**Subject:** February Staff Update

### RECREATION DIVISION

- Recreation staff is crafting and shaping an eventful 2014 spring and summer for the Kirkland community. The program brochure is developing very well. On March 14<sup>th</sup> residents will see the full 88-pages full of fun, healthy, exciting experiences.
- A comparison of January revenue is shown below:

	JAN
2013	\$48,715
2014	\$46,858
variance	(\$1,857)



### North Kirkland Community Center

- North Kirkland Community Staff is busy planning for spring and summer camps and programs. In addition to 10 weeks of Junior Summer Day Camp, there is a variety of 30 additional week-long camps for ages 3-13 to choose from. New additions to the camp line-up this summer are computer camps such as Web Design, Video Game Design, and Animation for ages 7-10.
- Due to the young age of the junior summer day campers (5-8), the camp's off-site visits are limited to Juanita Beach Park for swimming, concerts and, new this year, a trip to the Kirkland Farmer's Market. However, each year the staff spends time researching to bring adventures to the camp. Some of this year's special guests and programs include Bats Northwest, The Game Truck (a mobile video game experience), The Interactive History Company, Imagination Children's Museum, Creation Station, and Naturevision. The Park Board is invited to visit the portable planetarium in the multi-purpose room 11:00 am-noon on July 24<sup>th</sup>, compliments of the Museum of Flight.
- This may seem redundant but it never gets old for NKCC staff; the youth dance classes are once again overflowing with 170 registered participants for winter quarter! A grand total of just under 1,000 participants are currently registered for overall winter programs at the North Kirkland Community Center. This does not include an average of 150 drop-in participants per week to our Indoor Playground. A tribute to excellent instructors, and accessible, affordable programs.

### Youth Sports and Aquatics

- Preparations are underway for 2014 Aquatics season. Applications are currently being accepted for a variety of aquatic positions to staff the Peter Kirk Pool, and Houghton, Waverly and Juanita beaches. The Peter Kirk Pool will open June 2<sup>nd</sup> offering programs such as swim team, swimming lessons, Aquarobics and a range of times for the community to enjoy public swim at the Peter Kirk Pool. The beach lifeguards will be on duty beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>.

- Winter session of Pee Wee Basketball began January 25<sup>th</sup>, with over 80 participants ages 3-6 years at Finn Hill Middle School. Coaches will be teaching the fundamentals of the sport and players learn and practice basketball-related skills such as dribbling, passing and teamwork. This program, which takes place on Saturdays for six weeks, could be the first time these preschoolers take part in a team sport.

### **Sports and Fitness**

- Staff has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for recreation services on our beaches. Vendors have until March 7<sup>th</sup> to submit a proposal that outlines their interest in operating recreation program classes or services at Marina Park, Houghton Beach and/or Juanita Beach. Potential services could include non-motorized watercraft rentals, boating classes, or fitness activities to name a few. Vendor contracts will be awarded in early April.
- Registration has begun for the popular pee wee soccer program which is hoped to serve at least 260 children this spring. Well on the way to that goal, first day registration numbers totalled 140 registrants. The season will run from April through June and will attract over 40 volunteer coaches in addition to the expected 260 children.
- Volleyball and dodgeball leagues started the winter season with over 38 volleyball teams and six dodgeball teams participating. The spring season of both sports opened in January and currently two divisions are already full. A beach volleyball league will also be offered this summer.

### **Peter Kirk Community Center**

- The Peter Kirk Community Center welcomed a new social worker, Jody Dearborn, MSW, to the EnhanceWellness program. Jody will be at the Center on Mondays and will be working with seniors to address concerns or problems, such as health, depression, grief, loss, life transitions, help finding housing or transportation, etc.
- PKCC is happy to report that Northshore Senior Center has been operating the senior daily transportation program for three years now. In 2013, this program provided 5,320 rides for Kirkland seniors including rides to and from PKCC, grocery shopping, medical appointments and van trips. The program has been very successful and staff is happy to be continuing this partnership for the next year. Transportation is offered Monday-Friday to City residents; new riders must be ACCESS eligible.
- Summer Day Camp staff recruitment is underway. Staff will be hiring for both the Peter Kirk Day Camp and the North Kirkland Junior Camp. Interviews will be held in the middle of March for two director and eight counselor positions for the program.
- PKCC has two new exciting partnerships starting in the spring. New art classes will be offered through the Kirkland Arts Center at PKCC for children, adults and seniors. The Mountaineers will be offering International Folk Dance lessons on Tuesday evenings for adults of all ages.

## **MAINTENANCE DIVISION**

### **Athletic Fields**

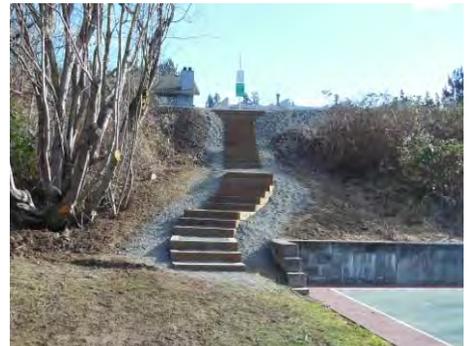
- The First Season Field Allocations meeting was postponed from January 14<sup>th</sup> to January 23<sup>rd</sup>. During the 3½ hour meeting, all City-owned and Kirkland-area school district fields were allocated for spring and summer programs. Spring and summer leagues/organizations include the Kirkland Boys and Girls Club, Kirkland Lacrosse, Kirkland Baseball Commission, Kirkland Merchants, Washington Elite, Northwest Lady Sharks, Juanita Baseball Club, Kirkland American Little League, Kirkland National Little League, Seattle Sounders, Senior Softball, Lake Washington High School baseball and softball programs, Juanita High School baseball and Kirkland Parks Department. Use will begin March 1<sup>st</sup>-ish at all locations except Lee Johnson where games will begin March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The Second Season is August 1<sup>st</sup> through fall. Applications are due May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Notes from the Field

- Horticulture staff continue to go through landscape beds weeding, cleaning, pruning, and applying mulch in preparation for next summer.
- A recent visitor to the waterfront parks is causing damage and adding to staff's workload. This beaver has been wreaking havoc from the Marina to Houghton Beach. Staff is trying to encourage its relocation to Yarrow Bay or Juanita Bay by wrapping waterfront trees in chain link fencing.



- Kirkland Rotary superstar volunteer Dave Kreul, along with Parks staff, did some great work over the past couple weekends to make access from the Cross Kirkland Corridor to Terrace Park and Lakeview Elementary safer and easier. Below are pictures taken before, during and after:



- Staff continues to make progress with winter work projects. Restrooms at Waverly Beach, Houghton Beach, Everest, Crestwoods, Juanita Bay, PK Pool and Juanita Beach have all received power-washing in preparation of re-painting the floors. Waverly and Crestwoods are also getting new counter-tops.
- Congratulation to Parks staff member, Sara McKay, for her recent scholarship award of \$1,435 to attend the Pacific Northwest Resource Management School in Port Townsend. Great job, Sara!

### **YOUTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

- The *We've Got Issues* program on Teen Suicide is in the editing stages and is expected to be completed by the end of the month.
- Winter 2014 Mini Grants were awarded to five programs (\$2,800).
- Members of the Youth Council are busy working on the 2014 Youth Summit set for Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at Bastyr University.
- This week the department said "see you later" (rather than "goodbye") to long-time employee Sharon Anderson and welcomed her replacement as Human Services Coordinator Leslie Miller.

## GREEN KIRKLAND PARTNERSHIP

- During February, a Washington Conservation Corps (WCC) crew from Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is working in sensitive and steep natural areas at Juanita Beach Park (with Park Maintenance), Brookhaven Park (with Public Works), and Watershed Park (with Green Kirkland Partnership). The DNR Urban Forestry Restoration Project, administered by the Urban and Community Forestry Program, is an exciting opportunity to enhance the capacity of urban forests to manage surface water, as well as improve air and water quality, by improving the health of trees and forested sites in urban settings. Kirkland is fortunate to have been selected for a “free” crew.
- For the fourth year in a row, the Green Kirkland Partnership has received a grant from the Melody S. Robidoux Foundation Fund. This year’s \$10,000 is targeted for restoration work at Juanita Bay Park and will mainly be used to contract with EarthCorps for crew days.
- On January 20<sup>th</sup>, 59 volunteers gathered at Crestwoods Park to volunteer for Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. This event was led by Green Kirkland Steward, Judi Radloff, UW- Restoration Ecology Network students and Green Kirkland employee Katie Cava. Volunteers spent the afternoon removing invasive blackberries and ivy from two sites within the park.
- Beginning in February, Crestwoods Park Steward, Judi will begin hosting monthly volunteer events on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 3pm to 5pm. These events will focus on maintenance of the areas cleared and planted by Pearl Jam efforts and expanding the cleared areas north of the soccer field.
- Beginning in February, Watershed Park Stewards, Tia and Joy, will be hosting a two-hour volunteer event on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month. These events will run from 3pm to 5pm and will focus on maintenance of previously cleared and planted areas.
- Starting in March, Juanita Heights Steward Kathy will be hosting events the last Saturday each month.
- The following table summarizes Green Kirkland Partnership events and other activities conducted by volunteers in December. It includes event volunteers and ongoing volunteers (ongoing field and administrative work).



DAY OF CARING, JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>

Date	Park/Work	Group Name	Number of Volunteers			Hours	Dollar Equivalent <sup>1</sup>
			Adult	Youth	Total		
12/2/2013	Juanita Heights Park	City Church Interns	8	0	8	16	\$363.04
12/14/2013	North Juanita Open Space	International Community School	8	14	22	44	\$998.36
Dec Ongoing	Administrative		3	0	3	61.1	1,386.36
Dec Ongoing	Field Work		14	0	14	100.75	2,286.02
<b>Total</b>			<b>33</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>222.85</b>	<b>5,056.50</b>

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

- Upcoming volunteer events open to the general public:
  - Wednesdays, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> at Cotton Hill Park, 9:30am- 11:30am. Contact Karen Story [karen@tinyisland.com](mailto:karen@tinyisland.com)
  - Thursdays, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at Juanita Bay Park, 10am-12pm. Contact Nona Ganz, [nonaganz@frontier.com](mailto:nonaganz@frontier.com)
  - Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at Juanita Beach Park, 10am-noon. Register at [www.greenkirkland.org](http://www.greenkirkland.org)
  - Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at Crestwoods Park, 3pm-5pm. Register at [www.greenkirkland.org](http://www.greenkirkland.org)
  - Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, at Juanita Bay Park, 10am-1pm. Register at [www.greenkirkland.org](http://www.greenkirkland.org)
  - Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, at Watershed Park, 3pm-5pm. 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:** February 7, 2014

**Subject:** PROS Plan Update

#### Recommendation

That the Park Board review Draft #1 of the 2014 Kirkland Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan (PROS Plan).

#### Background

The City's consultant team – led by Conservation Technix – has completed the attached initial draft of the PROS Plan update for staff and Board review.

This draft is provided to give the Board a general sense of the layout, format, style, and structure of the report. General feedback from the Board would be appreciated.

Please pay particular attention to the draft goals, objectives, needs and recommendations. Note that we are recommending a slightly different approach to the Needs and Recommendations section, using the headings 'Thrive', 'Sport', 'Connect', 'Nurture', and 'Sustain'. Again, your feedback on this approach is requested.

The following are next steps for the PROS Plan process:

February 27	Community Forum at Peter Kirk Community Center (4:30 – 7:30 p.m.)
April 9	Park Board Meeting – Review Preliminary Final Draft
April/May	Planning Commission ( <i>date to be determined</i> )
May 7	City Council Parks Committee – Review PROS Recommendations
May 14	Park Board Meeting – Approve & Recommend Final Plan
June 3	City Council Study Session ( <i>note this date is rescheduled from prior date</i> )
June 17	City Council Approval via Resolution

Attachment



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### MEMORANDUM

**To:** Park Board

**From:** Michael Cogle, Deputy Director

**Date:** February 7, 2014

**Subject:** Edith Moulton Park Master Planning: Results of Public Meeting #1 and Draft Design Program

#### Recommendation

That the Park Board review information compiled from the public meeting of January 22<sup>nd</sup> and establish a Draft Design Program 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 summary of the materials presented at the January 22, 2014 public meeting and the feedback received from attendees. Also included is a compilation of the written comments received on the project thus far.

Staff is pleased that there was broad support for the proposed project goals. A number of potential park improvement ideas were proposed, and the following items drew mixed feedback and warrant further discussion by the Board:

- Off-leash dog area (*staff recommends continue to consider*)
- Restroom (*staff recommends inclusion*)
- Play structure (*staff recommends inclusion*)
- Park boundary fencing (*staff recommends to exclude*)

A copy of a proposed Draft Design Program is shown below. Staff recommends the following steps in finalizing the Design Program:

February 12	Park Board: Finalize Draft Design Program
Thru March 11	Public Input: Publish & solicit public feedback on Draft
March 5	City Council Parks Committee: Review of Draft
March 10	Juanita Neighborhood Association Meeting: Present Draft Design
March 12	Park Board: Approve Proposed Design Program
March 18	City Council: Review of Proposed Design Program (no action)
April 1	City Council: Approve Design Program via Resolution
<i>After approval.....Initiate Schematic Design Phase</i>	

## Edith Moulton Park Master Plan

### Draft Design Program

1. Focus on serving both 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 for wetland and stream habitat enhancements.
5. Maintain a balance between developed and natural areas for active and passive park use. Consider a children's play structure.
6. Make the park sustainable by balancing long-term resource requirements with community benefits.
7. Connect visitors to the life of an early pioneer family. Consider a community orchard and pea patch.
8. Enhance the great lawn area for community events and gatherings. Consider an open-air lodge for gatherings with restroom facilities and adequate parking.
9. Find a way for dogs and their owners to enjoy the park without negatively affecting other users or wildlife and stream habitat. Consider an off-leash dog area.
10. Improve trail accessibility for all users where feasible. Provide new trail connections where appropriate and remove duplicate trails.

Attachments

# Technical Memorandum



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**To:** Michael Cogle  
**From:** Curtis LaPierre, PLA  
**Copies:** Park Board Members  
**Date:** February 5, 2014  
**Subject:** Edith Moulton Park - Public Mtg. # 1  
**Project No.:** 32280

## ***Background***

This is a briefing of Community Workshop # 1 held January 22, 2014 at the Helen Keller Elementary School. One goal of the workshop was to gather information about park visitor experiences and their knowledge of the park and how it is currently used. Another meeting intention was to acquire input on the preliminary goals and objectives of the master planning and to gauge community reactions to a number of potential park improvements. As you will recall, there was no formal presentation at the meeting. Instead, we used ten graphics boards that encouraged comments with red or green dots, comment forms and one on one interaction with you, the Park Board members and members of the planning team. Twenty people signed in to the meeting although several more may not have signed-in.

Overall, we received very good input on the goals and ideas for park improvements. The majority of community member ideas for improvements are very much like the ideas we brought to the meeting and in keeping with the draft goals. In our opinion, we are well prepared to work toward the second public meeting and completing a Final Park Program. Decision points for the Board are included at the end of this memorandum.

## ***What the Community Likes***

One thing is clear from the first community meeting is that people who use Edith Moulton Park very much value the quiet forested open space, the trails, the creek and the lawn. People also mentioned liking the size location of the park and the variety of vegetation in the park. The attendee's comments and suggestions indicate a very high degree of concurrence that the natural (forested) areas of the park should be preserved.

## ***Community Reaction to Goals and Objectives***

There were no apparent negative responses to the goals and objectives we presented at the first community meeting. Not surprisingly, the community's favorable responses for preserving natural

*Edith Moulton Park - Public Mtg. # 1*  
*Michael Cogle, Park Board Members*

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areas align well with the things the community values about the park. Several comments related to keeping the park local. Also, several comments encouraged both interaction with the local schools and interpreting the history of an early Kirkland pioneer family.

*Community Reaction to Possible Park Improvements*

As anticipated, the meeting attendees were very much in favor of restoring, enhancing or otherwise improving **existing** features in the park yet more skeptical about introducing **new** elements. The following is a synopsis of the community comments – the full text of comments is included as an attachment:

*Open Air Lodge for Gatherings and Events*

The open air lodge idea was well received. Several people also suggested some form of shelter for students doing field study in Edith Moulton Park and a number of people asked for more picnic tables. The lodge could serve as community event space, picnic shelter and a shelter for school groups on field trips as well.

*Small Off-Leash Area (OLA)*

According to our green and red dot exercise, 88 percent of those that attached a dot were in favor of an OLA. Anecdotally, people that were not in favor of an OLA were concerned that an OLA would draw people from far outside the community. A couple people suggested that the park or part of the park could be set aside for off-leash times. The major issue with dogs roaming free in sensitive areas is damage to fish and wildlife habitat. If the Park Board decides to carry an OLA forth as part of the Edith Moulton park program, the frequency of dogs presently using the park off leash should be considered in light of the potential habitat damage. Constructing an OLA will not mean 100% compliance with off-leash rules but a fenced area for dogs and a few signs should go a long way to encourage compliance with the rules.

*Safer and More Efficient Parking along 108<sup>th</sup> Ave NE*

The meeting attendees agreed this is desirable. There are a number of approaches that can be brought back to the community during schematic design.

*Restrooms*

The pro and con comments are evenly split on building a rest room. The apparent concerns are potential criminal activity and the cost of a rest room. Some attendees suggested portable toilets as an alternative to a permanent restroom building. We recommend presenting the rest room option again at the next community meeting but tying the rest room to building an open air lodge since that type of use (the lodge) inherently requires rest room facilities. Also, we received input from Helen Keller ES staff about students not being able to visit the park because there are no rest rooms which is something to consider.

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*Michael Cogle, Park Board Members*

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*Play Structure*

The idea of a play structure was not well received – likely because play equipment was viewed as potentially incompatible with a natural setting like Edith Moulton Park. We recommend however to leave this open for discussion at the next community meeting but be more specific about the type of equipment and potential location. At the Park Board meeting in January we discussed the concept of using a single climbing structure that was highly transparent and therefore not visually intrusive. If employed, a climbing structure might be collocated with the open air lodge so that kids have a nearby place to burn off energy during community events.

*Park Boundary Fencing*

For not very apparent reasons, the meeting attendees disliked the idea of fencing. If the Park Board decides to move forward with boundary fencing, we suggest showing images of a black vinyl chain link type fencing or split rail cedar fencing to address aesthetic and cost concerns and discussing the benefits of fencing such as reducing encroachment.

*Improve Existing Trails, Provide New Trail Connections, Remove Duplicate Trails and improve Trail Accessibility*

This potential park improvement was very well received by the community meeting attendees. At least four people also added building ped bridges over the creek as part of the trail improvements. We recommend discussing potential boardwalks, bridges and trail surfacing options at the next community meeting.

*Restore Degraded Natural Areas (Invasive Plant Removal and Re-Planting)*

This idea received unanimous encouragement at the first community meeting. This should be described in greater detail and some potential restoration areas identified for the next meeting.

*Stabilize Stream Banks*

This potential park improvement received about 75% approval at the first meeting. Again, we should include additional detail and be prepared to discuss the benefits of stabilizing the banks and risks of not doing this work at the next meeting.

*Community Orchard and Pea Patch*

This item also got approved by 75% in the dot exercise. We suggest moving forward and more explicitly defining what and where the orchard and pea patch are and would they might be located.

*Early Kirkland Settlement Interpretation*

This idea received enthusiastic approval from the meeting participants. We recommend providing more specific ideas and detail at the next community meeting.

**Ideas Arising from the Meeting**

To address ideas we received at the first community meeting, we constructed a Goals Achievement Matrix (GAM) that examines ideas for park improvements by considering if those ideas are in sync with the project goals and objectives. The GAM allows for objective consideration of ideas and demonstrates that ideas have been considered when displayed at the next community meeting.

	Create Entrances on 713 <sup>rd</sup> and Greenbrae	Lighting Along 108 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NE	Placemaking: Creating Points of Interest Along Trails	Build Bridges Over Creek	Create Study Center	Site Marker for the Moulton Home Site	Porta-Potties in Place of Permanent Restrooms	Clear Delineated Paths and Trails	Local Access Park (Non-Restoration Park)
Preserve and Manage the Park's Natural Areas		○	+	+		○		+	+
Balance Between Community Investment and Community Benefit	+	+		+	+	+	-	○	
Restore Degraded Habitat and Natural Areas		○		+		○		+	
Facilitate Stream and Forest Ecology Study by Local Schools		○		+	+	○		○	
Achieving Enjoyment Balance Between Dogs, Dog Owners, and Other Visitors		○		○		○		○	
Serve the Surrounding Neighborhood and Residents of Kirkland	+	○		+	+	+		○	+
Connect Visitors with the Life of an Early Kirkland Family		○		○		+		○	
Make the Park a Safer Place to Visit		+		+	+	○		+	
Enhance the Great Lawn as a Community Gathering Space		○		○		○		○	
Improve Trail Accessibility for All Users				+		○		+	

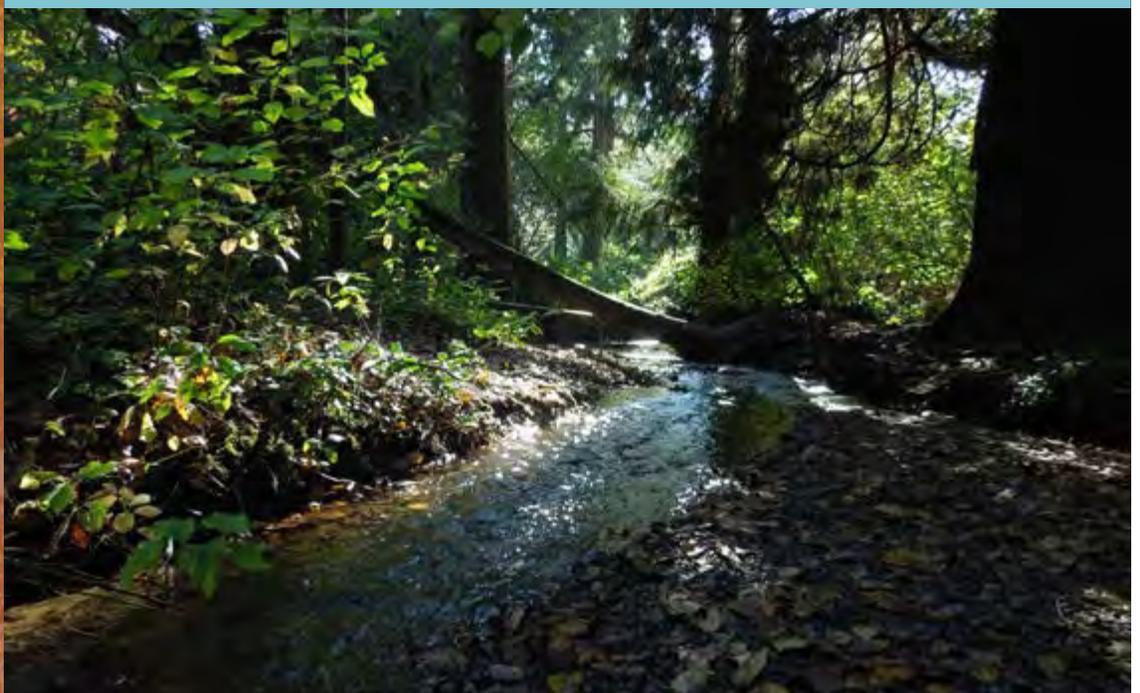
**Decision Points for the Park Board**

We need direction on proceeding, not proceeding or altering the following potential park improvements:

- Small Off-Leash Dog Area
- Restrooms
- Play Structure
- Park Boundary Fencing



**Edith Moulton Park**  
Public Meeting Summary  
January 2014





**The Edith Moulton Park Public Meeting was held January 22, 2014, at Helen Keller Elementary School from 7:00PM until 9:00PM. The meeting was facilitated by Michael Cogle, Deputy Director of Kirkland Parks and Community Services, with Curtis LaPierre and Mandi Roberts of Otak, Inc.**



**commentary** from questionnaire

**At the Edith Moulton Park Public Meeting, a questionnaire and comment card was given to attendees, asking a variety of questions about the future of the park. Below is a compilation and summary of the feedback we received from the meeting participants.**

## **1 What are your favorite features in Edith Moulton Park?**

- The best parts of the park are the big lawn and the wilderness feel to the trails and streams. *(K. Foster)*
- Trees, creek, and trails.
- I like the geo-caching, the variety of species, and the calmness. *(K. Hoard)*
- Location and size.
- That it has open space that is perfect for an off-leash dog area.
- Trails and water access – and that we have a park of this size in Kirkland! *(T. Doering)*
- Parks along the creek and in the woods; rain cover in inclement weather; garbage receptacles
- Open space and nice trails. *(S. Radcliffe)*
- Well-maintained trails. More than one entrance.
- Trails – stream – open space – water
- Lots of trees and vegetation with color.
- Sun on the Great Lawn and hiking trails.
- Big trees, native woodland plants, walking trails with my dog, walking the labyrinth, the changing seasons, the story behind the park, low use, although it could go up a little. Juanita Creek, birds, and wildlife.

## **2 What are your ideas for the future design of the park?**

- Improve the community shelter. Increase trash receptacles. Improve and maintain natural trail areas. Please don't over-develop with play structures and an official dog park. Edith's vision was a wilderness for the children to enjoy. *(K. Foster)*
- Create community space, a larger shelter. Create an off-leash area (Kirkland needs more. Jaspers is good, but not all dogs enjoy the bareness of it.)
- You should put in a cabin in the woods, and use it as a study center. Schools could field trip to the park and go to the cabin to study something. *(K. Hoard)*
- An off-leash dog park would be wonderful!
- (I wish) that the park would permit an off-leash area for dogs to play.
- Really, really want to see a portion allocated for off-leash dog recreation. We need off-leash areas that residents can walk to in their own neighborhoods. Given the large size of the park, and the levy funding, it would be a huge disappointment if this didn't come to fruition. *(T. Doering)*
- Needs to be more user-friendly and attractive (too overgrown, swampy, and doesn't feel safe). Would like to see well-delineated, safe pathways for walking, picnic area, something for kids to do. People need to keep dogs on leashes and be respectful of other people and people with dogs. Though, a dog controlled area would be okay.
- Can we have more clean up of fallen logs and branches in the park of the park – especially blockages in the creek. *(D. Slota)*



- Just have wooded trails around. *(S. Radcliffe)*
- Please put in an off-leash dog park.
- Keep it natural – expand trail system, and build a bridge over the stream.
- Lots of trees and vegetation with color.
- Sun on the Great Lawn and hiking trails.
- Reviving/restoring fruit trees as a Community orchard. P-Patches if there is a demand.
- Replant the old orchard.
- Place a sign where the old Moulton home site used to be.
- Put in a north entrance to the park.
- Place maps of the park at various locations to help with wayfinding.
- Put in stepping stones rather than bridges.
- A covered picnic area that can be reserved.
- A way of disposing of dog droppings that is internal to the park.
- Putting in a loop trail with access to the eastern area of the park would provide the users access to an area otherwise very difficult to access, and allow the vast majority of law-abiding users to patrol against illegal uses.
- Do not revive the parking lot inside the park.

### **3 Do you have any information about the natural resources or history of Edith Moulton Park that would be helpful to us?**

- I have been here for 25 years. I found the efforts 5 years ago to identify tree species and old growth fir interesting. It did not turn out well due to vandalism, but I would hope for a small movement in that direction.
- Question if there are fish in the creek. If not, why? There used to be deer in park, but not lately. No food?
- About 20 years ago, King County Parks and a local scout troop held a work party to remove fencing and repair trails. I think there may have been other volunteer events too over the years. People in the neighborhood really love the park and want to keep it nice and safe. Consider asking for help through the neighborhood association but also local schools and other groups to get volunteers. *(D. Slota)*

### **4 Do you have any additional comments or concerns?**

- If there isn't already, create a committee. Include kids. Explore the whole park, and be in charge of everything from cleaning litter to making presentations. *(K. Hoard)*
- Please remember as you make your plans that I am a tax payer without children but I have two dogs. Hoping that you give those of us tax-paying dog owners a voice! We as fellow tax payers and supporters of parks and schools that do not have two-legged children really wish that we might see a dog area set aside for the park.
- Need to find best solutions for how to make the park inviting and friendly to neighborhood, and welcoming to kids and families.





- We need more fenced in off-leash dog parks in Kirkland. People like us who live in condo apartments need open spaces for our furry ones. Please arrange poopy bag holders and waste bins at accessible entry or exit places to encourage owners to pick up poop. Or install signs that encourage owners to pick up all poop. Get waste collection services weekly with the city. Get a water tap source available. *(S. Radcliffe)*
- Dog waste bags. Fenced area for dogs. Water for dogs.
- I don't want to see an official dog park there. I think the environment is too sensitive. Old chain-link fence that shows up along the trails needs to be removed as well as all the blackberries.
- It is important to me and many neighbors of the park to preserve the "nature" in the park. There are very few natural areas in the city for people to experience the beauty of nature. I am *not* looking for playgrounds, biking trails, soccer fields etc. I *do* value the trails that are there now. I would like them preserved and for the forest to stay a healthy, strong and safe place. I would like to see the ivy removed from the trees. It is not a native species and has killed many of the deciduous trees on the northeast corner of the park. I love the open areas where ferns, Oregon grapes and salmon berries grow. I would also love to see an effort to get rid of the blackberries that are taking over. *If* the city decides preserving the stream is of value, a footbridge would do more to keep humans and dogs out of the water than any other single improvement. *(K. Retzlaff)*



# overview of presentation boards



board one

**Edith Moulton Park**

## neighborhood context

STATION 1  
BOARD 1

PARK ENTRY ALONG 108<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE NE

PARK DRIVEWAY ON 108<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE NE

SIDEWALK ALONG PARK AT 108<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE NE

board two

**Edith Moulton Park**

## existing conditions

STATION 1  
BOARD 2

**Existing Habitat Types**

- Conifer Forest
- Conifer-Deciduous Mixed Forest
- Deciduous Forest
- Riparian Forest
- Juanita Creek
- Major Trails

**Existing Features**

- 1 Great Lawn
- 2 Significant 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 Pan-
- 8 Small Picnic Shelter
- 9 Fruit/Nut Trees From Original Homestead
- 10 Original Moulton Homestead Site
- 11 Extensive Area of Himalayan Blackberries
- 12 Stream Bank Impacts from Foot Traffic
- 13 Informal Access Points
- 14 Gravel Parking Strip





board three

Edith Moulton Park

## site photos

STATION 1  
BOARD 3

natural areas



JUANITA CREEK CROSSING



JUANITA CREEK CROSSING DURING STORM



SITE-BUILT LOG BRIDGE



JUANITA CREEK

great lawn area



PARK ENTRY AND GREAT LAWN



GREAT LAWN LOOKING NORTH



OLD PICNIC SHELTER



PAVED LOOPTRAIL AROUND GREAT LAWN

parking & driveway



REMNANT ORCHARD NEAR THE MOULTON HOMESTEAD



OLD KING COUNTY-BUILT PARKING LOT



OLD KING COUNTY-BUILT DRIVEWAY



OLD KING COUNTY DRIVEWAY

board four

Edith Moulton Park

## sensitive areas

STATION 1  
BOARD 4





JUANITA CREEK

**Legend**

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

**Sensitive Areas**

Parcel No.	Area (Sq. Ft.)	% of Site
202605-9027	1,149,984	2%
202605-9186	13,936	8%
<b>Total Sq. Ft.</b>	<b>1,163,920</b>	<b>46%</b>
	(26.72 Acres)	
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





Edith Moulton Park  project goals  STATION 2  
BOARD 5

**PROJECT GOALS FOR NATURAL AREAS**

**Project Theme: Honor Edith Moulton's Legacy by Conserving "Wilderness for Children to Enjoy"**

Place Your Suggestions Here

Overall Goals:

- Preserve and Manage the Park's Natural Areas
- Achieve A Sustainable Balance Between Community Investment and Community Benefit
- Restore Degraded Habitat
- Facilitate Stream and Forest Ecology Study by Local Schools
- Make Sure Dogs and Their Owners Can Enjoy The Park Without Affecting Habitats or Other Visitors' Experiences

board five

Edith Moulton Park  project goals  STATION 2  
BOARD 6

**PROJECT GOALS FOR DEVELOPED AREAS**

**Project Theme: Honor Edith Moulton's Legacy by Conserving "Wilderness for Children to Enjoy"**

Place Your Suggestions Here

Overall Goals:

- Serve the Surrounding Neighborhood and Residents of Kirkland
- Connect Visitors with the Life of an Early Kirkland Family
- Make the Park A Safer Place to Visit
- Enhance the Great Lawn As A Community Gathering Space
- Improve Trail Accessibility for All Users

board six



board seven

Edith Moulton Park

## site suitability

STATION 3  
BOARD 7

**Nature-Related Improvements**  
*Improvements in harmony with Edith Moulton's purpose for donating the land that enhances 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 & Upland Restoration
- Habitat Structures
- Nature Interpretation
- Limited Wayfinding

**Upland Areas**

- Trail Improvements
- Trail Consolidation & 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 & Restoration
- Interpretation & Wayfinding
- Open-Air Lodge Structure
- Restroom Building
- Unobtrusive Play Structure
- Enhanced Park Entry & Landscape Planting
- Improved Parking

**Culturally-Related Improvements**  
*Improvements related to understanding and experiencing the property's history.*

- Trail Improvements
- Trail Consolidation & 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)

board eight

Edith Moulton Park

## project goals

STATION 3  
BOARD 8

Place Your Suggestions Here

### POTENTIAL PARK IMPROVEMENT IDEAS

- Open-Air Lodge Structure for Gatherings and Events
- Small Off-Leash Area
- Safer and More Efficient Parking Along 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE
- Restrooms
- Play Structure
- Park Boundary Fencing



board nine

Edith Moulton Park

project goals

STATION 3  
BOARD 9

## POTENTIAL PARK IMPROVEMENT IDEAS:

- Improve Existing Trails, Provide New Trail Connections, Remove Duplicate Trails, and Improve Trail Accessibility
- Restore Degraded Natural Areas (Invasive Plant Removal and Re-Planting)
- Stabilize Stream Banks
- Community Orchard and Pea Patch
- Early Kirkland Settlement Interpretation

Place Your Suggestions Here

board ten

Edith Moulton Park

history of park and property

STATION 3  
BOARD 10

## What Are Your Ideas For Connecting Park Visitors to the History of the Property?

Place Your Suggestions Here

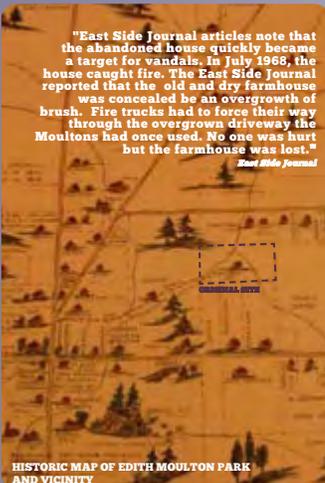


EDITH MOULTON - 1917



MOULTON FARMHOUSE - 1950

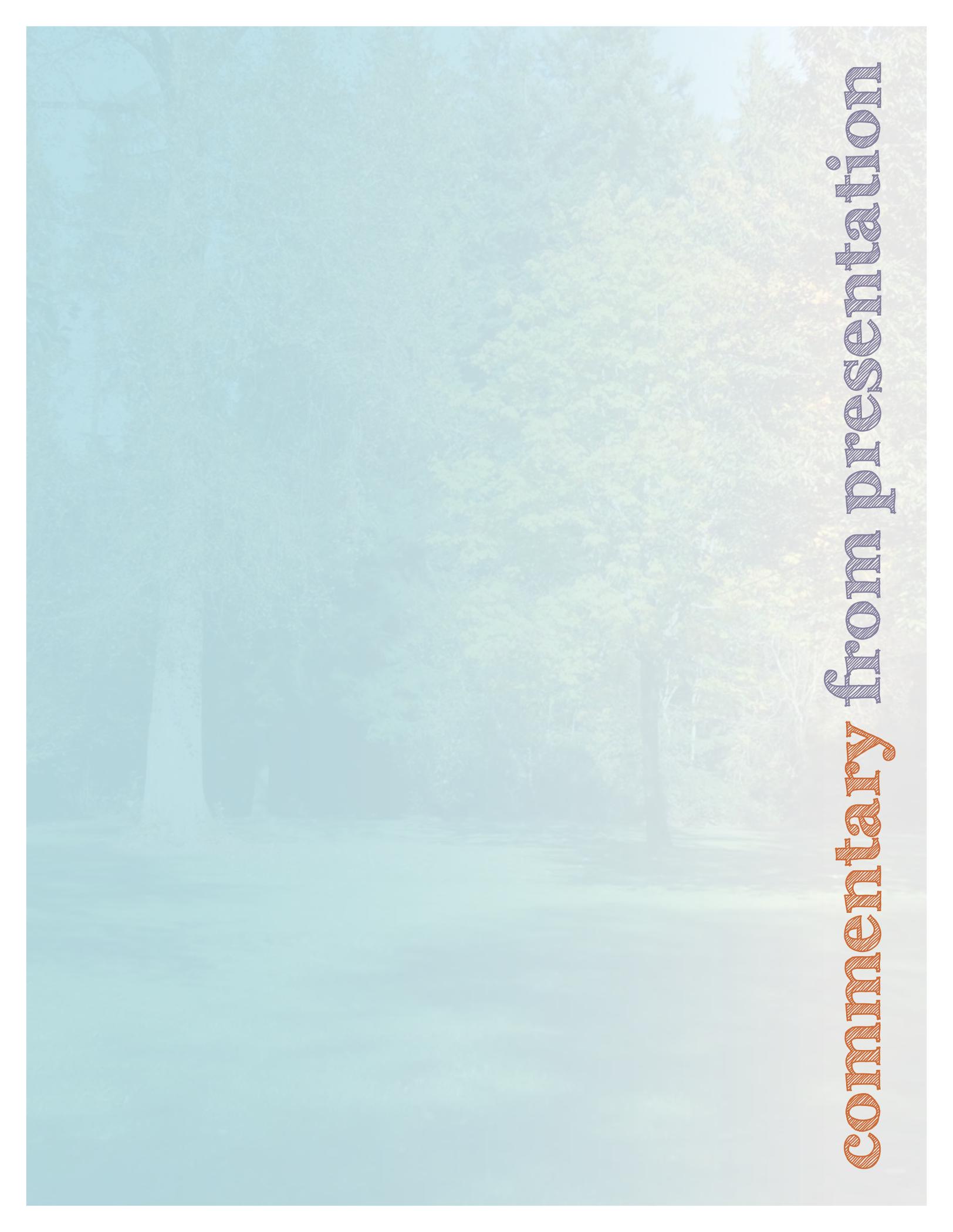
"Edith Moulton Park is a unique cultural asset, the site of an early twentieth century working farm. Although structures such as the Moulton Farmhouse, Sprague cabin, and for pens are no longer extant, the property still provides excellent opportunities for interpretation."  
Historical Research Associates, January 2014



HISTORIC MAP OF EDITH MOULTON PARK AND VICINITY



MOULTON FARMHOUSE - 1937



# commentary from presentation



The public meeting featured ten presentation boards providing information about existing conditions at Edith Moulton Park, and asked for suggestions regarding the future design of the park. Attendees were asked to place **GREEN** dot stickers by ideas that felt desirable, and **RED** dot stickers by ideas that were not ideal for the park's future. Attendees were also asked to provide suggestions and commentary pertaining to the presented ideas.

## Natural Areas

Project Theme: Honor Edith Moulton's Legacy by Conserving "Wilderness for Children to Enjoy"

### 1 Preserve and Manage the Park's Natural Areas



### 2 Achieve A Sustainable Balance Between Community Investment and Community Benefit

**Commentary:**

1. Let's keep Edith Moulton Park a local access park without much parking.
2. More picnic tables

### 3 Restore Degraded Habitat



### 4 Facilitate Stream and Forest Ecology Study by Local Schools



**Commentary:**

1. Yes! Get schools involved! It would be a great Eagle Scout project for Boy Scouts too!
2. Educate Helen Keller Elementary, Thoreau Elementary, Kamiakin High, Juanita Elementary, Juanita High School, Finn Hill Middle School, and Sandburg Elementary School.

### 5 Make Sure Dogs and Their Owners Can Enjoy The Park Without Affecting Habitats of Other Visitors' Experiences



## Developed Areas

Project Theme: Honor Edith Moulton's Legacy by Conserving "Wilderness for Children to Enjoy"

### 1 Serve the Surrounding Neighborhood and Residents of Kirkland

**Commentary:**

1. Schedule park for events (i.e. laser tag)
2. Create entrances onto 113<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE and onto Greenbrae
3. Keep park nicely "local" - not a massive destination park
4. Coordinate with Lake Washington School District/Keller Elementary as much as possible. Combine resources! Bridges, playground, access, and whatever great ideas come along!

### 2 Connect Visitors with the Life of an Early Kirkland Family

**Commentary:**

1. More history about Edith Moulton. Put in a site marker for the home-site.
2. Location marker for the house. What did they grow? When was the house built? More details about Edith Moulton and family.

### 3 Make the Park a Safer Place to Visit



**Commentary:**

1. Me and my family don't use this park because of all the off-leash dogs. Complaints have been filed. Off-leash dogs are the number one contributor of 1/2 million dog bites in the United States annually.



### 3 Enhance the Great Lawn as a Community Gathering Space



**Commentary:**

1. A community bulletin board would be nice for happenings, lost and found, information, etc.
2. We could use a couple more portable picnic tables this spring.
3. We need a bigger shelter with more picnic tables and some walls. The current shelter is so narrow that the rain blows in the sides.

### 4 Improve Trail Accessibility for All Users



**Commentary:**

1. Hikers only. No bikes, no horses, no ATVs.
2. No bikes, ATVs, or horses. Accessibility for all abilities.
3. Agreed! Everybody should experience nature! But do not allow horses, bikes, and other things besides your legs. You should put in a boardwalk.
4. Establish more trails - clear all trails so they are easily accessible and self policed.
5. Would be nice if trails were more like mountain trails and perhaps have distance markers so you know how far you have walked.

## Potential Park Improvements

### 1 Open-Air Lodge for Gatherings and Events



**Commentary:**

1. Covered all-weather structure that would deter graffiti.
2. BBQ areas and more picnic tables.
3. Lighting near the shelters to discourage illegal activity.
4. Well-lit areas for safety and video cameras.

### 2 Small Off-Leash Area



**Commentary:**

1. With 26 acres, why does this have to be "small?" Please give dog owners and their dogs a fair allocation of space. Dogs and dog owners are recreation users too, and we need to do better in allocating for mixed uses.
2. Set aside times that park could be used for off-leash area.
3. Edith Moulton should not become an official dog park. Maybe designate times for the great lawn to be off-leash.
4. Fencing for off-leash area.
5. Please install signs that encourage dog owners to pick up poop.

### 3 Safer and More Efficient Parking Along 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE



**Commentary:**

1. Low-level lighting desired along 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE.

### 4 Restrooms



**Commentary:**

1. Please no restrooms. It would attract vandalism and drugs (and use all the money).
2. Kids need restrooms! I work at Keller Elementary and would love to bring my students over more. We could do more outdoor education if there were restrooms.
3. Consider having year-round porta-potties that are handicap capable versus permanent restrooms (that would be shut off during winter since pipes freeze and would be much less expensive).
4. Restrooms to accomodate outdoor education.
5. Don't need a large bathroom! Too expensive! A clean, deluxe porta-potty is fine.



## 5 Play Structure



**Commentary:**

1. In keeping with the spirit of "wilderness for children to enjoy," a play structure does not fit. The structure at Keller Elementary is nearby and accessible. Kids need unstructured wilderness.
2. A big thing about the park is its natural setting. There is a difference between a quiet, natural park and a loud play park.

## 6 Park Boundary Fencing



## 7 Improve Existing Trails, Provide New Trail Connections, Remove Duplicate Trails, and Improve Trail Accessibility



**Commentary:**

1. Keep it quiet and natural.
2. Points of interest and reflection upon the trails. "This is my favorite tree," or "this is the place where he first told me he loved me." No art installations. Just natural ones.
3. Build a bridge over the creek in the gravel area that leads to the trails (near the schoolyard)
4. Build bridges over the creek.
5. Build bridges.
6. Build bridges over the creek to protect the bank.

## 8 Restore Degraded Natural Areas (Invasive Plant Removal and Re-Planting)



**Commentary:**

1. Bring in the goat herd through city to clear out blackberries and invasives.
2. Find Kid Yoga Fun Club and ask (if they) would help remove invasive species.

## 9 Stabilize Stream Banks



## 10 Community Orchard and Pea Patch

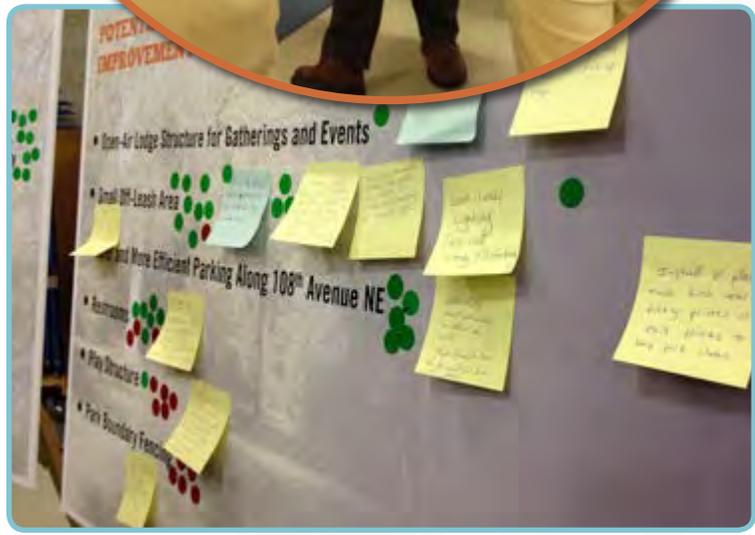


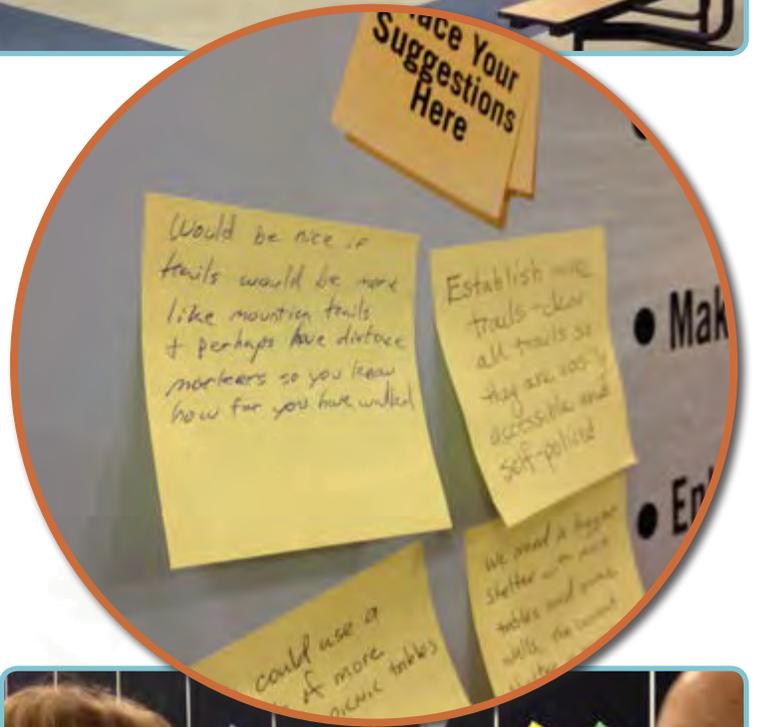
## 11 Early Kirkland Settlement Interpretation



**Commentary:**

1. Interpretive signs need to be vandal-proof.





## Edith Moulton Park Master Plan

### Written Comments Received January 2014

I will be unable to attend the meeting at Keller tonight to view and discuss possible improvements to Edith Moulton Park. Let me first say that I am happy very satisfied with Kirkland's management of Edith Moulton so far. I have had great responses from Jason when I call him with concerns about people living in the park, downed trees that could be dangerous etc.

It is important to me and many neighbors of the park to preserve the "nature" in the park. There are very few natural areas in the city for people to experience the beauty of nature. I am NOT looking for playgrounds, biking trails, soccer fields etc. I DO value the trails that are there now. I would like them preserved and for the forest to stay a healthy, strong and safe place. I would like to see the ivy removed from the trees. It is not a native species and has killed many of the deciduous trees on the northeast corner of the park. I love the open areas where ferns, Oregon grapes and salmon berries grow. I would also love to see an effort to get rid of the blackberries that are taking over. IF the city decides preserving the stream is of value, a footbridge would do more to keep humans and dogs out of the water than any other single improvement.

I walk in the park nearly every morning and would be happy to discuss with you further details of the trails if you are interested. Thank you for soliciting our input.

Kristin Retzlaff

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I can't attend the Open House event at Helen Keller School tonight, but I want you to know my thoughts on the Edith Moulton Park renovation plan, as you seek input from the community.

I strongly advocate including in your plans provisions for a dog off-leash area, preferably with access to trails and water. Jasper's Park is the only dog off-leash area in Kirkland; given the number of residents with dogs, we need more off-leash space! Dogs who get to exercise, socialize, play and run off their energy in a safe, controlled environment make for better pet neighbors in our community.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide input.

Sincerely,

Debra Blagg

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Unfortunately, due to work schedule, I am not able to make the open house tonight, but I do want to provide my thoughts on the Edith Moulton Park renovation plan. I have 2 greyhounds and I live in a condo so off-leash parks are the only place that my dogs can go and run, get more excise than our walks, and social with other dogs. We would love to see a dog off-leash area at Edith Moulton Park that includes access to trails and water. I sincerely believe Kirkland needs more dog off-leash areas. We live quite close to Edit Moulton park and would use this area often.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Wendy Koob

Owned by Stella and Maylie

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I'm unable to attend the January 22 Open House event at Helen Keller School, so I'm writing to provide input on the Edith Moulton Park renovation plan; specifically, I would like to see a dog off-leash area at Edith Moulton Park with access to trails and water. We need more dog off-leash areas throughout Kirkland neighborhoods!

Thank you for this opportunity to provide input.

Sincerely,

Blair Meek

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Thank you for this opportunity to provide input.

Sincerely,

Alessandra Reyes

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Thank you for this opportunity to provide input.

Sincerely,

Karla Richardson

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Thank you for this opportunity to provide input.

Sincerely,

Ann McLean

Kirkland, WA

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I have written before, with more detail, so I hope that my previous input has already been logged. The Play-Bark covered areas are fine for group play, but what is really needed is more trail systems and water access for owners and dogs to exercise together and practice off-leash training.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide input.

Sincerely,

Doraine Raichart

Bothell, King Co., WA

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We have two very busy English Springer Spaniels and are not able to get them over to Marymoor due to our work schedules very often so having something in the city we live in would be appreciated.

Our furkids are our kids and they would like to play like the two legged off leash.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide input.

Sincerely,

Noel and Debbie Wiltbank

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Nani and Brad Hixenbaugh  
Kirkland Residents

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As you might remember, I am the vice-chair of the Juanita Neighborhoods Association and I have taken on Edith Moulton as "my project" if you will. The Juanita Neighborhoods Association has sponsored two annual volunteer efforts to help enhance the park and I have scheduled the next one for April 19.

I wanted to follow up on the meeting that was held on Wednesday night January 22 on the future of Edith Moulton Park. I talked to 21 of the neighbors of the park who are the most frequent users to get their ideas on what should be done with Kirkland's park bond money. Please forward this email to anyone who might have interest.

All 21 people expressed interest in putting in a loop trail to access the eastern area of the park where an encampment was found a couple of years ago. This would provide the users access to an area otherwise very difficult to access, and allow the vast majority of law-abiding users to patrol against illegal uses.

All 21 people said they did not want the entire amount to be spent on a large, permanent bathroom, although some said they would like to see porta-pottys.

All but one said they did not want to see the old parking lot internal to the park revived.

All but two said they would like to see some bridges put in over the creek.

The majority said they would like to keep the character of the park and were worried about significant changes, such as taking down lots of trees, putting in a large open area or putting in a lot of structures. Most were happy with the park.

There was some worry that if a lot of people were drawn to the park, the park might lose its character. Most did not want to see mountain bikes or horses allowed in the park.

Some folks had some interesting ideas:

--Replant the old orchard

--Put a sign where the old home site used to be.

--Put a platform at the high point in the park to get a view of the park

--Put in a small off-leash area (this idea did not have universal acceptance)

--Put in a north entrance (Brian, the owner of the property west of that spot is quite opposed to this--see below)

--Put in some signs with maps of the park at various locations

--Put in a shortcut to Helen Keller Elem. and/or a separate entrance

--Put in stepping stones rather than bridges

--Put in a covered picnic area that can be reserved

--Put in more picnic tables

--Some way to dispose of dog droppings internal to the park

One of the issues, and I am sure that this is not new for those city employees who have been dealing with parks, is that some folks have a fear of the unknown as far as opening up access to the park. Somehow, people who have lived next to the park for years with few or no issues, suddenly have a

fear that if people are allowed access to the park next to their house, all hell will be upon them. Brian on the north side, and another woman on the south side, when asked about opening up access to the park next to their house, talked almost identically about all sorts of crime and drugs that would likely happen as a result of this new access point. These kinds of statements are not supported by any kind of statistics I can find. In fact, a study about folks who live near access points to the Burke-Gilman trail found less crime, not more (probably due to more patrolling by law-abiding citizens). Brian in particular seems to be a bit inconsistent in his arguments and changes his mind. He is one of the ones who agreed that a loop trail access to the east side of the park would be beneficial to keeping out encampments when I spoke with him earlier, yet at the Wednesday meeting he seemed to be saying that the way to combat that problem was to concentrate efforts in the south west part of the park (furthest from his house) and ignore the rest of the park, where the problems he so vividly stated seemed to be. This is not logical. If there are problems, they need to be addressed, and the way to address them is not to ignore them.

Please keep me informed with the plans and progress on Edith Moulton. Thank you.

---Doug Rough

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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Park Board

**From:** Jennifer Schroder, Director

**Date:** February 6, 2014

**Subject:** Juanita High School Pool Replacement

**Recommendation**

That the Park Board receives an update on planning for possible replacement of the swimming pool at Juanita High School.

**Background**

At its January 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, the Kirkland City Council gave consideration to five proposed sites within Kirkland for a potential future aquatics center to replace the Juanita Aquatic Center which may close as early as 2017. Following discussions during its Study Session, the Council unanimously adopted a resolution that allows the City to further study Juanita Beach Park (north side), North Kirkland Community Center (NKCC), South Norway Hill Park, a parcel in Totem Lake, including possibly the mall area, and Saint Edward State Park (Kenmore, WA). The City Council amended the resolution to allow additional sites to be included for review if necessary.

Staff will provide the Board a brief overview of the site considerations presented to the City Council in January.

Attachment:

Resolution - 5029

## RESOLUTION R-5029

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND SELECTING SITES AND USES TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A POTENTIAL FACILITY TO REPLACE THE JUANITA AQUATIC CENTER AND DIRECTING THE PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO SOLICIT RESIDENT INPUT.

WHEREAS, research indicates that swimming is an activity that provides considerable individual and community benefits: it improves general health and wellness; it can be continued for a lifetime; it allows those who are unable to walk or run the opportunity for exercise; it fills a recreational need for both individuals and families across all economic and social strata; and it improves community safety by enhancing water safety for our children; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of swimming promote an active and fit community that, in turn, ensures that Kirkland remains attractive as both an economically vibrant city and as a recreational destination; and

WHEREAS, aquatic facilities have been an essential part of the Kirkland community and culture for over 45 years, beginning with construction of Peter Kirk Pool in 1968, followed in 1971 with the construction of the Juanita Aquatic Center at Juanita High School; and

WHEREAS, since 2001 the City of Kirkland's Comprehensive Park, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan has identified the need for more multi-use recreation space in the community; and

WHEREAS, the 2007 Kirkland Indoor Recreation Feasibility Study described a prototype multi-use recreation center which would respond to community needs and interests and which included an aquatics facility component; and

WHEREAS, according to the standards of the National Recreation and Parks Association, the current aquatic facilities do not meet local needs; and

WHEREAS, Kirkland lacks aquatic facilities to more broadly serve its general population, especially in comparison with national statistics and trends; and

WHEREAS, in August of 2013 the Lake Washington School District Board of Directors adopted a resolution to place a school bond measure on the February 2014 ballot; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 2014 school bond measure does not include funding for the replacement of the Juanita Aquatic Center, located at Juanita High School in Kirkland, and therefore the Aquatic Center will close as early as 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Juanita Aquatic Center is the sole public indoor, year-round aquatic facility in the Kirkland community which provides a variety of critical recreational, educational, competitive, and health and wellness activities for residents of all ages; and

WHEREAS, in September of 2013 the Lake Washington School District Board of Directors adopted a resolution affirming its intent to enter into future pool partnerships with cities and/or other entities and resolving to authorize a portion of unspent existing school capital funds for potential pool partnerships should the 2014 school bond measure pass; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to partnering with the Lake Washington School District and other interested public and private organizations to explore options for replacing the Juanita Aquatic Center by 2017; and

WHEREAS, in September of 2013 the City Council adopted a resolution amending the City's 2013-2014 Work Program to include studying options for replacement of the Juanita Aquatic Center and subsequently allocated funding for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Community Services Department has completed a preliminary evaluation of potential sites and presented its findings and conclusions to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes a new public aquatic facility must meet the needs of the Lake Washington School District as well as serve all members of the public from children to seniors and must provide programming including swim instruction, recreation and competition opportunities as well as wellness, fitness and rehabilitation options; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to better understand the aquatic siting options, interests, and level of support by residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

Section 1. The Parks and Community Services Department is directed to:

1. Conduct further investigation and analysis of locations for a facility to replace the Juanita Aquatic Center, to

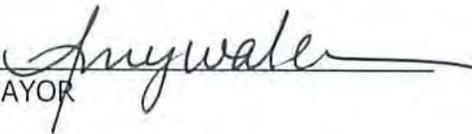
include, but not be limited to: Juanita Beach Park, South Norway Hill Park, and the North Kirkland Community Center.

2. Design a facility to serve needs of the Lake Washington School District as well as the broadest possible general public population.
3. Conduct outreach with the community and potential project partners on possible facility components as well as siting preferences.
4. Complete feasibility and cost analysis for converting Peter Kirk Pool to year-round use by 2017 as an interim solution.
5. Provide a report to the City Council with recommendations from the Park Board on facility components and siting by no later than April 1, 2014.

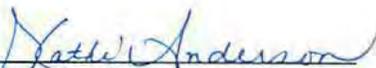
Section 2. The City Manager is authorized and directed to implement steps necessary to achieve these tasks.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 21st day of January, 2014.

Signed in authentication thereof this 21st day of January, 2014.

  
MAYOR

Attest:

  
City Clerk

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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Park Board

**From:** Jennifer Schroder, Director

**Date:** February 6, 2014

**Subject:** McAuliffe Park Urban Farm Development & Operation Request for Proposals

**Recommendation:**

That the Park Board assign up to two members to review with staff, proposals submitted in response to the McAuliffe Park Urban Farm Development & Operation Request for Proposals (RFP).

**Background:**

McAuliffe Park is an extraordinary landscape that has evolved from Kirkland's pioneer days to the present under the stewardship of the Langdon/Johnson & McAuliffe families, and now the City of Kirkland Parks & Community Services Department.

The City first purchased a small portion of the property in the 1990's and the remainder in 2001 for a total of 11.6 acres. In 2005, the City retained Barker Landscape Architects to help master plan the park. The intent of the master plan (the Plan) is to preserve and enhance the heritage farmstead, gardens and overall unique character of the property. Development of the site is envisioned to support programming such as community gardening and education, forest restoration (native plant nursery), sustainability and other related activities. The plan also focused on enterprise opportunities, such as weddings, events and business meetings as a means of generating revenue to offset operating costs. The McAuliffe Park Master Plan is available on the City of Kirkland website:

[http://www.kirklandwa.gov/depart/parks/Park\\_Planning\\_Development/McAuliffe\\_Park\\_Master\\_Plan.htm](http://www.kirklandwa.gov/depart/parks/Park_Planning_Development/McAuliffe_Park_Master_Plan.htm)

The site is currently used by the public primarily for informal picnicking and walking. Operationally, the site is used to store Park Maintenance equipment and supplies as well as supporting a pea-patch program and a native plant nursery. Nursery stock is used in natural area restoration projects within the Kirkland Park system. In addition, Kirkland Recreation offers a limited number of classes on site.

A Request for Proposal was advertised on December 20, 2013 for overall development, renovation, management and operation of McAuliffe Park as a public resource and urban agriculture center. Proposals are due February 14, 2014.

The schedule advertised to select and recommend to the City Council is the following:

February 14, 2014	Proposals due by 3:00 pm
February 21, 2014	RFP Evaluation
February 28, 2014	Operator Selection
March 28, 2014	Finalize Agreement Scope
<b>April 9, 2014</b>	<b>Park Board Recommendation to Council</b>
April 15, 2014	City Council Approval

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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Park Board

**From:** Jennifer Schroder, Director

**Date:** February 7, 2014

**Subject:** Annual Park Levy Report

**Recommendation**

That the Park Board review a draft of the annual Park Levy Accountability Report and provide feedback on the information that will be presented to the public.

**Background**

In November, 2012, Kirkland voters approved a permanent parks levy to restore and enhance funding for park maintenance, beach lifeguards, docks, park facilities and parkland acquisition.

At the direction of the City Council, staff will prepare an annual accountability report for Kirkland residents summarizing how levy funds were used. A draft of this report is being provided to the Board for its review and feedback.

Attachment