# KIRKLAND PARK BOARD

Date: March 11, 2015
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. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
   a. Aquatics, Recreation and Community (ARC) Center Project
      i. Receive staff/consultant presentation
      ii. Public comment period
      iii. Develop recommendation to City Council

4. **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

5. **ADJOURNMENT**
   Next meetings:
   March 18, 2015
   April 8, 2015
   May 13, 2015

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Park Board

**From:** Jennifer Schroder, Director
Linda Murphy, Recreation Manager

**Date:** March 5, 2015

**Subject:** Aquatics, Recreation and Community Center Project

### RECOMMENDATION

That the Park Board provide recommendations to the City Council related to the proposed Aquatics, Recreation, and Community (ARC) Center project.

Specific staff recommendations to the Board:

1. **Facility:** That the Park Board re-affirm the base program elements for the ARC and the importance of a financially self-sustaining (non-subsidized) operating model.

2. **Siting:** That City-owned sites, including Juanita Beach Park and North Kirkland Community Center, be removed from consideration as possible locations for the ARC due to lack of widespread public support and concerns about loss of outdoor park space.

3. **Siting:** That the City should continue to aggressively pursue and secure a privately-owned site for the ARC, preferably in the Totem Lake area.

4. **Timing:** That the City should continue to work diligently, responsibly and decisively with the community on considering a voter-approved ballot measure to fund the ARC as early as the City Council deems prudent.

5. **Partnerships:** That while the City should continue to seek strong community partners for the ARC, it should be prepared to "go it alone" it order to maintain project momentum and complete the project in a timely manner.

In developing its recommendation, staff proposes that the Board manage this agenda item as follows:

1. Receive a staff/consultant presentation summarizing the site search process, community outreach activities, results of a random telephone survey, and staff recommendations;
2. Ask questions of staff (both during and after presentation);
3. Conduct a public comment period for citizens in attendance;
4. After closing public comment period, ask any additional follow-up questions of staff
5. Conduct Board deliberations and develop a recommendation to Council via motion and vote.

## BACKGROUND DISCUSSION

### Policy Direction from Council

On October 21, 2014, the City Council approved Resolution R-5076, authorizing additional search for and analysis of sites to be considered for a potential facility to provide for the recreation and aquatic needs of residents. In addition to the search for additional sites, the resolution also directed staff and the Park Board to do the following:

- Complete additional conceptual design analysis to demonstrate how the proposed ARC Center might be integrated into Juanita Beach Park.
- Conduct additional broad outreach with the community, including business interests and all neighborhoods, to inform about the proposed facility, to solicit siting preferences and to better understand level of interest and support. Outreach efforts would include public meetings, informational brochures, telephone surveys and additional outreach to key stakeholders and interested parties.
- Further explore partnership opportunities with interested community organizations.
- Further explore potential financing mechanisms and timelines, including those that require voter approval.
- Provide a report to the City Council with recommendations from the Park Board by March 17, 2015.

Further history and background of the project can be found in **Attachment A**.

### Site Selection Update

Over the past several months, staff have been working with a commercial real estate broker to seek suitable privately-owned sites for the proposed ARC Center. Initially, properties were sought based on the programming needs outlined in the Kirkland Aquatics / Recreation / Community Center Study (greater than seven acres). This resulted in a list of 62 potential locations. At the City Council's direction to seek properties in proximity to I-405 and in the Totem Lake area, and based on consultation with the commercial broker, the list was culled to the following four sites for further evaluation:

1. The Eastside Tennis Center property near the ParMac industrial area
2. Properties adjacent to Totem Lake Park (including the City-owned Yuppie Pawn Shop property)
3. The Christ Church Property directly south from the Kirkland Justice Center
4. The Kingsgate Park & Ride Property (owned by King County)

The Tennis Center and Park & Ride properties do not appear to be viable options at the present time as the respective owners have not been receptive to the City's overtures.

However, owners of the Christ Church property and some property owners adjacent to Totem Lake Park have expressed interest in further discussions with the City. Based on this interest, the consultant team has completed some very preliminary analysis of the Christ Church and Totem Lake properties. This analysis is included in the consultant report from The Sports Management Group attached to this staff memorandum (**Attachment B**).

To date, no other viable properties have been identified for the ARC Center.

### Juanita Beach Park Renderings

The City Council directed that the City commission some artist renderings of a potential ARC Center located within Juanita Beach Park. While the ARC Center has yet to be designed, the consultant team did

work with an artist to develop perspectives of how the facility might look and how it could be integrated into the site. Copies of the artist renderings are included in the consultant report (Attachment B).

**Partnership Update**

At this date no firm partnerships have emerged for the project. The Kirkland City Council has upcoming joint meetings with the city councils of Redmond (March 31) and Bellevue (May 11) at which time the ARC Center and potential for partnership will be discussed.

**Funding Options Update**

At the City Council retreat in February 2015, the Council received a presentation on the mechanics and merits of a Metropolitan Park District, or MPD, as a potential funding mechanism for the ARC.

The purpose of an MPD is "to manage, control, improve, maintain and acquire parks, parkways, boulevards and recreational facilities within a defined area." MPDs are also permitted access to property taxes available to Junior Taxing Districts, thus granting an MPD an increment of taxing authority that is not otherwise available to cities. In effect, an MPD provides new resources that are outside the competition with other City departments for General Fund resources.

Tacoma voters approved an MPD one month after the original law was enacted in 1907. In 2001, the State amended the legislation in order to make the creation of MPDs more accessible for all cities, counties and unincorporated areas. The new legislation made it possible for an MPD to be created within a single jurisdiction and allowed existing city councils or county commissioners to act as the governing board of the MPD.

As of 2015 there are 17 metropolitan park districts in Washington. The City of Seattle is the most recent city jurisdiction to form an MPD, with Seattle voters approving the Seattle Park District in November 2014.

An MPD is just one of several funding options to be explored. More information on MPDs will be provided to the Park Board at a future meeting.

**Public Outreach Update**

As directed by the City Council, the Parks and Community Services Department has been conducting a number of outreach efforts with the broader community, including virtual and in-person open houses, a survey via text messaging, and presentations to a number of neighborhood associations and other groups. A synopsis of recent public outreach activities is included in Attachment B.

The Department has also received considerable correspondence from citizens and groups expressing opinions about the ARC Center. Correspondence received prior to February 1 has previously been provided to the Park Board. Correspondence received from February 1 through March 5 is provided as **Attachment C**.

**Random Telephone Survey**

The City worked with the Seattle-based research firm of EMC Research to conduct a random telephone survey of Kirkland residents during the period of February 26 through March 3, 2015. A copy of the survey questions is provided as **Attachment D**.

Findings from the survey are being compiled by EMC Research and will be presented to the Board at your March 11 meeting.

**Staff Recommendations**

To guide the Park Board in developing its own recommendations to the City Council, staff offers the following recommendations for Park Board consideration:

1. **Facility Components and Relationship to Operating Plan**

   Staff recommends that the City continue to pursue development of the ARC Center with the base facility components as originally recommended by the Park Board in September of last year.

   As a result of extensive community, stakeholder, and program user input, an evaluation of the City's existing recreation programs and facilities, and an assessment of market conditions, the proposed facility of approximately 87,000 square feet would include a community hall, caterer's kitchen/classroom, party room, arts rooms, gymnasium, fitness room, studios, activity room, recreation pool, 32-meter lap/competition pool, hot tub, coffee bar, locker rooms, administrative office and other support spaces.

   Optional components desired by the Park Board should continue to be explored, including upgrading to a 50-meter pool, increasing the size of the gymnasium to two courts and thus allowing for an elevated indoor walking/jogging track, and increasing the size of the community hall so as to accommodate larger groups (up to 300 people).

   Importantly, this broad mix of facility components provides the greatest opportunity for the facility to annually generate the revenue sufficient to offset program and operating expenses, thus (as projected) eliminating a need for the facility to receive an ongoing general fund tax support.

   **Staff recommends that the Park Board re-affirm the desired facility components of the ARC as originally proposed in September of 2014 and the Board re-emphasize the importance of developing and operating a financially self-sustaining facility.**

2. **Siting – Public Sites**

   Now that the City has had an opportunity to conduct broad community outreach on the ARC siting, it is clear that the Juanita Beach site is unlikely to garner widespread community support. Potential loss of historic park open space and increased vehicular traffic that many believe could not be adequately mitigated are the prime reasons that have been expressed.

   Staff and the consultant team also continue to view the NKCC site as unsuitable for the size of facility desired by the community. And a smaller facility more-appropriately sized for the site would be unlikely to provide the same potential for financial self-sufficiency, in addition to not meeting the community's growing recreation needs.

   **Staff recommends that the Juanita Beach and NKCC sites be removed from consideration as sites for the ARC Center.**

3. **Siting – Private Sites**

   Over the past several months the City has not been able to secure a private alternative site for the ARC. However, two identified sites have further potential: the Christ Church property and

several properties adjacent to Totem Lake Park, including the City-owned Yuppie Pawn Shop property.

**Staff recommends that the City continue to aggressively pursue a private site for the ARC, preferably in the Totem Lake area.**

4. **Project Timing**

It appears clear over the past 18 months of study that there is broad community support and a demonstrated need for a multi-use recreation facility in Kirkland such as the ARC. There also appears to be a growing cadre of citizens and user groups willing to champion a funding measure should one be proposed.

**Staff recommends that the City should continue to work diligently, responsibly and decisively with the community to consider a voter-approved ballot measure to fund and build the ARC as early as the City Council deems prudent.**

5. **Partnerships**

While the City has continued to seek project funding partners, no organization has provided a firm commitment to join us on the project at this time. Conversations with surrounding cities will continue at the City Council-level this spring.

**Staff recommends that the City should continue to seek strong community partners for the ARC but should be prepared to "go it alone" in order to maintain project momentum and complete the project in a timely manner.**

Staff looks forward to discussing these recommendations with the Park Board at your upcoming meeting. Please let us know if you have any questions or would like further information in advance.

**Attachments**

Attachment A – Project History and Background
Attachment B – Report from The Sports Management Group
Attachment C – Copies of Correspondence Feb-Mar
Attachment D – Telephone Survey Questionnaire

# Kirkland Aquatic, Recreation, and Community Center
# Project Background
# March 2015

## 2001 - 2007

The community's desire for indoor recreation, aquatics and gathering space has been well documented, beginning with the Kirkland's Parks, Recreation and Open space Plan (PROS) and an Indoor Recreation Needs Survey in 2001. That led in 2007 to completion of an Indoor Recreation Feasibility Study which resulted in a proposal for a multi-purpose community recreation and aquatic center of up to 93,000 square feet. The proposed recreation center was added to the Parks' Capital Improvement Program as an unfunded project.

In the intervening fourteen years since 2001, Kirkland's population has more than doubled while the amount of indoor recreation and aquatics space has stayed the same. Kirkland's two community centers, the Peter Kirk Community Center and the North Kirkland Community Center, are programmed to capacity and lack many of the features desired by users, such as fitness facilities, gymnasiums and meeting space. In addition, learn-to-swim programs at both the City's Peter Kirk Pool and at the Lake Washington School District's Aquatic Center at Juanita High School are frequently filled and experience long waiting lists.

## 2011-2012

In order to resolve some of the funding needs for park capital investments and deferred maintenance, the Kirkland City Council convened a citizen panel representing a broad cross section of the community in 2011. Known as the Parks Funding Exploratory Committee (PFEC), the panel recommended a series of investments which eventually were approved by voters as part of a 2012 Parks Levy. The PFEC evaluated whether to include an aquatics facility in the 2012 ballot measure. 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, 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.

## 2013 – 2014

August 2013: School District proposes closure of Juanita Aquatic Center

In August of 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 testimony asked that the City of Kirkland consider participating in the building of a new aquatic facility to replace 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 Redmond, Bothell, Evergreen Health, Wave Aquatics, and Northwest University.

The District had determined that the facility was nearing the end of its useful life and that a renovated or new pool would not be included in a future school bond measure to replace the high school. A school ballot measure was scheduled for February 2014, and if passed would cause the LWSD to close the pool early as 2017, leaving Kirkland residents without access to a public year-round swimming pool in our community.

In September 2013 the LWSD Board adopted a resolution **(Exhibit 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 towards a portion of future pool facility project(s) enabling use by high school swim and dive teams. The District estimated that $10 to $12 million would remain once all the school projects are completed. However, these funds would be necessary for other District purposes should the proposed 2014 bond measure fail.

September 2013: City Adds Indoor Recreation Facility to Work Plan

In response, the City Council passed Resolution 5003 **(Exhibit B)** in September 2013 adding the issue to the City's official work plan, with the objective to "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". The City Council also authorized new funding for consultation, planning and community outreach.

December 2013: Initial Sites Identified

Assuming that a new pool would likely need to be placed on existing Kirkland-owned properties to save both money and time, Kirkland staff initially suggested that the following sites be considered as potential sites, after an initial assessment of all City-owned properties:

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

In December of 2013 the City Council reviewed the proposed sites and directed staff to remove the existing pool site at Peter Kirk Park from consideration. At the same time, the Council asked staff to analyze the former Albertson's grocery store site in the Juanita area.

January 2014: Site Selection Narrowed

In January 2014, the City Council received a staff report providing preliminary analysis of the identified sites, and directed staff to further investigate and study the following three sites:

1. Juanita Beach Park (north side); Juanita Neighborhood
2. North Kirkland Community Center; Juanita Neighborhood
3. South Norway Hill Park; Kingsgate Neighborhood

The Council passed Resolution 5029 **(Exhibit C**) to guide Park Board and staff, including completion of the following tasks:

- Design a facility to serve the needs of the Lake Washington School District swim and dive teams as well as the broadest possible general public population;
- Conduct outreach with the community and potential project partners on possible facility components as well as siting preferences;

- Complete feasibility and cost analysis for converting Peter Kirk Pool to year-round use by 2017 as an interim solution;
- 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.

The City Council also directed staff to continue to explore other siting opportunities beyond the three identified study sites. Specifically, Council expressed interest in St. Edward State Park in Kenmore as well as the Totem Lake Malls property

February 2014: School Bond Measure Fails Twice

In February 2014 the LWSD Capital Facilities Bond Measure did not pass. It received 58% approval, just short of the 60% needed. At their March 3rd meeting, the School Board voted to place a $404 million bond measure on the April 22 ballot. This measure would allow the district to address its critical and urgent need to build new schools and classrooms and support growing enrollment and avoid overcrowding, including the re-build and expansion of Juanita High School. The plan to re-build and expand Juanita High School would again not include replacing the Juanita Aquatic Center. Despite the February School bond failing, LWSD Superintendent Pierce communicated that the District's commitment as expressed in their September 2013 Resolution had not changed should the April measure pass.

Unfortunately the April 22 school bond measure also failed to be approved by voters, leaving the future of the Aquatic Center is further doubt.

March 2014: Initial Site Analysis Conclusions and Facility Component Recommendations

Based upon the site analysis and technical siting criteria, in March of 2014 the consultant team and staff concluded that Juanita Beach Park was the site best-suited for a new facility. This was in terms of access, site development cost, impact to the surrounding neighborhood, and aesthetics. The consultant team's assessment, based on the technical criteria, was that Juanita Beach Park was the most centrally located site, had the best public transit access, and was large enough to accommodate the building and parking without requiring multi-level parking. The consultant team concluded that the scale of the building would fit better with surrounding multi-family and commercial buildings, and the site would provide a prominent location with visibility that will enhance revenue generation and cost recovery.

While the Park Board acknowledged the technical advantages that the Juanita Beach Park site may have for siting a new recreation facility, at their March 2014 meeting the Board instead recommended the North Kirkland Community Center & Park Site as the preferred location for the following reasons:

- The north side of Juanita Beach Park was viewed as a valuable and irreplaceable green space in an increasingly dense part of the Kirkland community (i.e. Juanita Village and surrounds).
- Citizens were already accustomed to use of the NKCC Park Site for indoor recreation facility use, and continued use of the site for a community facility would be less disruptive.
- Traffic issues were anticipated to be less acute on N.E. 124th as opposed to Juanita Drive.
- Of the three sites studied, the North Kirkland Community Center & Park Site was most preferred by citizens who had participated in public outreach efforts.

The Park Board also recommended that the City proceed with planning for a full Recreation & Aquatic Center with 50-meter pool with the following reasons presented:

- There was a demonstrated need in the Kirkland community for more indoor recreation space, including general recreation space needs, active fitness facilities, gymnasiums, and swimming.
- Existing programs and facilities are at maximum capacity.
- Development of a larger facility would move the community closer to meeting its level of service goals for indoor recreation space.

- A multi-use Recreation & Aquatic Center would offer the best cost recovery potential and that the City's on-going general fund subsidy of over $200,000 annually for NKCC would potentially be eliminated with a new, well-designed facility taking its place.
- A 50-meter pool would provide the most flexibility for aquatic programming and better meets current and future Kirkland community needs. Such a pool could also entice regional partners for capital investment and as regular facility users.

The proposed space components of the facility would meet the broadest needs and interests of Kirkland residents and would include:

- Recreation pool with waterslides, sprays and moving current channel
- Competition/lap pool
- Locker rooms
- Family and special needs locker rooms
- Meeting/Birthday party room
- Gymnasium
- Fitness center
- Wood floor studio
- Child watch room
- Community Hall
- Kitchen
- Art studio
- Dance room
- Program classrooms
- Management/operation spaces

April 2014: Sites Narrowed to Juanita Beach and NKCC

On April 1, 2014, the City Council was presented with recommendations from the Park Board on siting preferences for a potential new recreation facility as well as recommendations for a preferred facility type. The Council expressed interest in continuing to explore a multi-faceted community recreation & aquatic facility with the possible inclusion of a 50-meter competitive pool. The City Council also authorized staff to continue to pursue potential project partners and to conduct further community outreach.

The Council authorized the Park Board and staff to conduct additional analyses of two sites: Juanita Beach Park and the North Kirkland Community Center & Park (NKCC) site. Additional technical analyses for both sites would include conducting an environmental assessment, completion of traffic studies, building massing studies, and additional cost estimating. Evaluation of the potential closure of a portion of 103rd Ave NE to accommodate a new facility at the NKCC site would also be conducted. A resolution (5050, **Exhibit D**) authorizing staff and the Park Board to conduct these tasks was approved.

September 2014: Final Report is Presented

In September of 2014 a final report was completed by the City's consultant team (The Sports Management Group) and featured the following information:

- Consultant Recommendations
- Space Program & Financial Performance
- Site Analyses
- Traffic Assessments
- Concept Designs with Cost Estimates
- Public Process Summary
- Funding Options
- Technical Reports

At their September 2014 meeting the Park Board reviewed the consultant report, received comment from interested citizens and developed a series of recommendations to the City Council, which included:

A. Park Board Facility Recommendations

As a result of extensive community, stakeholder, and program user input, an evaluation of the City's existing recreation programs and facilities, and an assessment of market conditions, the Park Board recommended the facility, henceforth known as the Aquatic, Recreation, and Community (ARC) Center, would include a community hall/banquet facility, caterer's kitchen/classroom, party room, arts rooms, gymnasium space, fitness room, studios, activity room, recreation pool, lap pool, hot tub, coffee bar, locker rooms, administrative office and other support spaces. The base facility size to accommodate these spaces was an estimated 87,000 square feet. The Park Board emphasized that the broad mix of facility components provided the greatest opportunity for the facility to annually generate the revenue sufficient to offset program and operating expenses, thus (as projected) eliminating a need for the facility to receive an ongoing general fund tax support.

Recommendation on specific facility components included:

1. Lap Pool Size:
   A 32-meter x 13-lane competition/lap pool was determined by staff and the consultant as the "right size" based on a comparative analysis of features and benefits. However, the Park Board believed that the City should consider not only current demand but also the future aquatic needs of the growing Kirkland community. As a result, the Park Board recommended the 50-meter lap pool option, with the addition of a movable bulkhead to enhance operational flexibility.

2. Gymnasium Size:
   To meet on-going demand for active indoor recreation space in Kirkland, the consultant provided an option and a recommendation to increase the size of the gym to accommodate two courts with an elevated walking/jogging track, or design the project to allow space for a future expansion. The Park Board concurred and recommended that the facility should include these as a base component of the ARC Center.

3. Community Hall:
   The community hall would provide opportunities for local organizations, groups, and families to hold their larger events in Kirkland, rather than in surrounding communities. The consultant had included provisions for a facility serving up to 250 persons. The Park Board believed this to be insufficient capacity for many desired local events, and recommended increasing the Community Hall capacity to accommodate 300 persons, and also recommends incorporating an outdoor or roof-top deck as a desirable feature.

4. Energy and Environmental Design:
   The Park Board recommended that the ARC Center should be designed to achieve a minimum LEED Silver certification. LEED, or Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design, is a green building certification program that recognizes best-in-class building strategies and practices.

With the addition of the recommended optional space components and features, the size of the ARC Center as recommended by the Park Board would total approximately 104,200 square feet.

B. Park Board Siting Recommendations

A comparative analysis of the NKCC and Juanita Beach sites completed by the consultant team and staff concluded that Juanita Beach was the site that best addressed the siting criteria developed for the project. These criteria included:

- ✓ Site Capacity (Size)
- ✓ Central Location
- ✓ Prominent Siting & Visibility
- ✓ Availability of Utilities
- ✓ Soils & Construction Costs
- ✓ Zoning Implications
- ✓ Adequate Parking Capacity
- ✓ Site Aesthetics
- ✓ Neighborhood Context & Impacts
- ✓ Scale Relative to Neighboring Buildings
- ✓ Surrounding Land Uses
- ✓ Access to Public Transportation
- ✓ Access for Non-Motorized

- ✓ Transportation
- ✓ Impacts on Existing Landscape
- ✓ Costs for Demolition & Relocation
- ✓ Required Grading

NKCC Site

Park Board members generally concurred with the consultant's findings that the NKCC site was not suitable for the proposed ARC Center. Primary concerns stressed by the Board were the insufficient size of the property and that the proposed facility would be out of scale with the surrounding predominantly single-family residential neighborhood.

Juanita Beach Site

The Park Board acknowledged the advantages of the Juanita Beach site relative to the NKCC site, particularly its size, setting, and scale/relationship to surrounding land uses. However, Park Board members expressed strong reservations about use of the site for the ARC Center. Park Board members identified these major concerns:

- Loss of important historical park open space;
- Perception that traffic congestion would worsen and could not be adequately mitigated;
- Opposition expressed by some neighbors, the neighborhood association, and historic preservation advocates;
- Selection of a controversial site could jeopardize a future ballot initiative.

Search for New Site Recommended by Park Board

The Park Board recommended that the City Council renew the search for a private site which would meet the needs of the project and generate broad community support. The Board recognized that acquisition of a private site could significantly increase project costs and take additional time. Nonetheless, the Board recommended that the City Council direct staff and the Board to spend more time with the community to explore other site options one last time.

The Park Board recommended that the City proceed expeditiously on the site selection process and that the City Council establish a timetable and deadline for final site selection. This timetable and deadline for site selection could perhaps be determined as a result of the Council's preferred timing for a potential funding ballot measure.

On September 16, 2014 the City Council was presented with the consultant's findings and conclusions related to the proposed ARC Center. The Council also received recommendations from the Park Board on siting preferences and desired facility components. As recommended by the Park Board, the Council expressed interest in pursuing possible alternative private sites for the ARC Center to be considered in addition to the north (ballfield) side of Juanita Beach and the North Kirkland Community Center. The City Council also expressed interest in having staff conduct additional broad community outreach and further pursue partnership opportunities. Resolution 5076 (**Exhibit E**) authorizing staff and the Park Board to conduct these tasks and providing additional funding was approved in October 2014.

A final report was scheduled to be considered by the Park Board and City Council in March of 2015.

Attachments

EXHIBIT A

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 9h day of September 2013.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
LAKE WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 414

Attest:

Secretary, Board of Directors

# RESOLUTION R-5003

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND AMENDING THE 2013-2014 CITY WORK PROGRAM TO EXPLORE OPTIONS TO REPLACE THE JUANITA AQUATIC CENTER.

WHEREAS, the City Council has adopted ten Goals for the City that articulate key policy and service priorities and guide the allocation of resources for Kirkland through the budget and capital improvement programs; and

WHEREAS, in 2013-2014 the City Council desires to spur job growth and economic development, retain a high quality of life in Kirkland, and provide efficient, cost-effective City services to an informed and engaged public; and

WHEREAS, to help achieve these purposes in 2013-2014, the Council prioritizes the Goals of Economic Development, Neighborhoods, Parks, Dependable Infrastructure, Balanced Transportation, Financial Stability and Public Safety; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes it is appropriate to adopt a 2013-2014 City Work Program to help implement these priority Goals, identify the priority focus of the City of Kirkland's staff and resources, and enable the public to measure the City's success in accomplishing its major policy and administrative goals; and

WHEREAS, the 2013-2014 City Work Program is a list of high priority, major cross-departmental efforts, involving significant financial resources designed to maintain public safety and quality of life in Kirkland, as well as an effective and efficient City government; and

WHEREAS, on February 5, 2013, the City Council passed Resolution 4963 which established priority City goals and adopted the City's Work Program for 2013-2014; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 4963 acknowledged that because over the course of two years new issues might arise that required substantial City resources and City Council review, the adopted 2013-2014 City Work Program would be evaluated during the mid-biennial budget process to proactively determine whether emerging items could be accommodated, deferred, or if the City Work Program must be revised or reprioritized; 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 citizens 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 recognizes the critical importance of recreation programs and facilities which positively impact the social, health, and economic well-being of the community and make Kirkland, Washington an attractive and desirable place to live, work, play, and visit while contributing to its ongoing economic vitality; 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;

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

Section 1. The 2013-2014 City Work Program is amended and adopted to include the following initiatives:

1. 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**.
2. Partner with the private sector to attract tenants to Kirkland's major business districts to further the goal of **Economic Development**.

3. 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**.
4. 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**.
5. Implement the Development Services Organizational Review recommendations and simplify the Zoning Code to further the goals of **Economic Development** and **Neighborhoods**.
6. Develop a City-wide Multimodal Transportation Master Plan to further the goals of **Economic Development Neighborhoods, Balanced Transportation,** and **Dependable Infrastructure.**
7. 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**.
8. 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**.
9. 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**.
10. Continue partnership initiatives with employees to achieve sustainability of wages and benefits to further the goal of **Financial Stability**.
11. Complete construction and occupy the Public Safety Building to further the goal of **Public Safety**.
12. 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**.
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**.

Section 2. The City organization shall demonstrate the operational values of regional partnerships, efficiency and accountability as the 2013-2014 City Work Plan is implemented.

Section 3. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to develop implementation steps and benchmarks for each initiative in the 2013-2014 City Work Program, prioritize resources and efforts to achieve those benchmarks, and periodically update the Council regarding progress on these efforts.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 17th day of September, 2013.

Signed in authentication thereof this 17th day of September, 2013.

MAYOR

Attest:

City Clerk

# 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

# RESOLUTION R-5050

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS OF SITES AND USES TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A POTENTIAL FACILITY TO PROVIDE FOR THE RECREATION AND AQUATIC NEEDS OF RESIDENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO SOLICIT ADDITIONAL RESIDENT INPUT.

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

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

WHEREAS, the Lake Washington School District has determined that the Juanita Aquatic Center has reached the end of its useful life and has furthermore decided that the Aquatic Center will not be retained at the time of Juanita High School's modernization or replacement; 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, the City is committed to partnering with interested public and private organizations to explore options for meeting the general recreation needs of Kirkland residents and for replacing the Juanita Aquatic Center; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Community Services Department has completed a preliminary evaluation of potential sites and on April 1, 2014, presented its findings and conclusions to the City Council; and

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

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to better understand the recreation and aquatic facility 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 authorized to:

1. Conduct further investigation and analysis of Juanita Beach Park and the North Kirkland Community Center as locations for a community recreation and aquatic facility.
2. Conduct technical analyses for both sites to include an environmental assessment and completion of traffic studies, building massing studies, and cost estimating.
3. Conduct outreach with the community and potential project partners on possible facility components as well as siting preferences.
4. Provide a report to the City Council with recommendations from the Park Board by July 15, 2014, or as soon as possible thereafter.
5. Upgrade the boiler at Peter Kirk Pool to allow year-round heated use as an interim facility should a new recreation and aquatics center not be constructed and opened prior to closure of the Juanita Aquatics Center.

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 6th day of May, 2014.

Signed in authentication thereof this 6th day of May, 2014.

MAYOR

Attest:

City Clerk

# RESOLUTION R-5076

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL SEARCH FOR AND ANALYSIS OF SITES TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A POTENTIAL FACILITY TO PROVIDE FOR THE RECREATION AND AQUATIC NEEDS OF RESIDENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO SOLICIT ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY INPUT.

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

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

WHEREAS, the Lake Washington School District has determined that the Juanita Aquatic Center has reached the end of its useful life and has furthermore decided that the Aquatic Center will not be retained at the time of Juanita High School's modernization or replacement; 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, the City is committed to partnering with interested public and private organizations to explore options for meeting both the current and future general recreation needs of Kirkland residents and for replacing the Juanita Aquatic Center; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes a new public recreation and aquatic facility must serve all members of the public from children to seniors and must provide programming, including instruction, recreation

and competition opportunities as well as wellness, fitness and rehabilitation options; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2014, the Parks and Community Services Department and Park Board presented findings and recommendations to the City Council for a proposed Aquatic, Recreation, and Community (ARC) Center, including recommendations on facility components and siting preferences; and

WHEREAS, as a result of extensive community, stakeholder, and program user input, an evaluation of the City's existing recreation programs and facilities, and an assessment of market conditions, the Park Board's recommended ARC Center would include a 300-person community hall/banquet facility with outdoor/rooftop deck, caterer's kitchen/classroom, party room, arts rooms, a two-court gymnasium with elevated walking/jogging track, fitness room, studios, activity room, recreation pool, 50-meter lap pool, therapeutic hot tub, coffee bar, locker rooms, administrative office and other support spaces; and

WHEREAS, such a broad mix of facility components not only responds to the current and future health and wellness needs and interests of residents but also provides the greatest opportunity for the facility to annually generate the revenue sufficient to offset program and operating expenses, thus reducing a need for the facility to receive an ongoing general fund tax support; and

WHEREAS, a report commissioned by the Parks and Community Services Department analyzed the north (ballfield) portion of Juanita Beach Park and the North Kirkland Community Center sites as potential locations for the ARC Center and concluded that Juanita Beach Park is a suitable and preferred location; and

WHEREAS, the Park Board has recommended that the City pursue additional sites which may be preferable to Juanita Beach Park and the North Kirkland Community Center site; and

WHEREAS, the City Council concurs with the Park Board and wishes to consider additional siting options for the proposed ARC Center, including potential to-be-identified private properties, and wishes to better understand how the facility could be successfully integrated into Juanita Beach Park.

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 authorized to:

1. Conduct further investigation and analysis of potential sites for the proposed ARC Center.

2. Complete additional conceptual design analysis to demonstrate how the proposed ARC Center could be successfully integrated into Juanita Beach Park.
3. Conduct additional broad outreach with the community, including business interests and all neighborhoods, to inform about the proposed facility, to solicit siting preferences, and to better understand level of interest and support. Outreach efforts shall include public meetings, informational brochures, telephone surveys, and additional outreach to key stakeholders and interested parties.
4. Further explore partnership opportunities and parameters with interested community organizations.
5. Further explore potential financing mechanisms and timelines, including those that require voter approval, in compliance with all state laws and regulations.
6. Provide a report to the City Council with recommendations from the Park Board by March 17, 2015, or as soon as possible thereafter.

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 October, 2014.

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

MAYOR

Attest:

City Clerk

ATTACHMENT B

# City of Kirkland

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS REPORT

### *ARC Center Project Public Engagement Plan and the Search for Additional Sites*

DRAFT REPORT - MARCH 6, 2015

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# 01

# *Introduction*

# Introduction

On September 16, 2014 the City Council received a report of the consultant's findings and conclusions related to the proposed ARC Center. The Council also received recommendations from the Park Board on siting preferences and desired facility components. As recommended by the Park Board, the Council expressed interest in pursuing possible alternative private sites for the ARC Center to be considered in addition to the two studied city-owned sites: the north side of Juanita Beach, and the North Kirkland Community Center.

On October 21, the Kirkland City Council passed Resolution R-5076, which authorized the Parks and Community Services Department to:

1. Conduct further investigation and analysis of potential sites for the proposed ARC Center.
2. Complete additional conceptual design analysis to demonstrate how the proposed ARC Center could be successfully integrated into Juanita Beach Park.
3. Conduct additional broad outreach with the community, including business interests and all neighborhoods, to inform about the proposed facility, to solicit siting preferences, and to better understand level of interest and support.
4. Further explore partnership opportunities and parameters with interested community organizations.
5. Further explore potential financing mechanisms and timelines, including those that require voter approval, in compliance with all state laws and regulations.
6. Provide a report to the City Council with recommendations from the Park Board by March 17, 2015, or as soon as possible thereafter.

The following report summarizes the findings of the previously described tasks and includes recommendations from the Park Board.

# 02

## *Search for Additional Sites*

# Search for Additional Sites

## Background

In late 2013, with the goal of opening a new facility in 2017, City Council directed staff to review all city-owned properties in search of potential sites. The search was limited to city-owned properties due to the significant additional cost of purchasing land, estimated at $10-$20 million, [1] and the time required for land acquisition. Based upon siting criteria reviewed with City Council, of the six city sites, two were identified for further study. The north side of Juanita Beach Park at 97th Ave. NE was identified as more appropriate than the North Kirkland Community Center site.

With the recognition that the purchase of private land (8 to 10 acres) will likely add considerable cost to the proposed project, Council directed Staff to expand its site search to include privately- owned properties in October 2014. Council expressed a preference for sites near I-405 and the Cross Kirkland Corridor. Properties were selected based on programming needs outlined in the ARC Concept Plan Study Report (greater than seven acres).

62 locations were identified and at the City Council's direction to seek properties in proximity to I-405 and in the Totem Lake area, four sites were investigated. CB Richard Ellis assisted the City with the identification of potential sites, collecting property information and contacting property owners.

The four sites included:

- Property near the Justice Center (Christ Church of Kirkland)
- Property in or near Totem Lake Mall
- Property west of I-405 (Kingsgate)
- Property in the PAR MAC Industrial Zone (Tennis Center)

[1] *Due to market demands, real estate professionals are currently experiencing listings at 20%-40% or more above Assessors Values. A range of $10-$20 million dollars is being assumed for property acquisition.*

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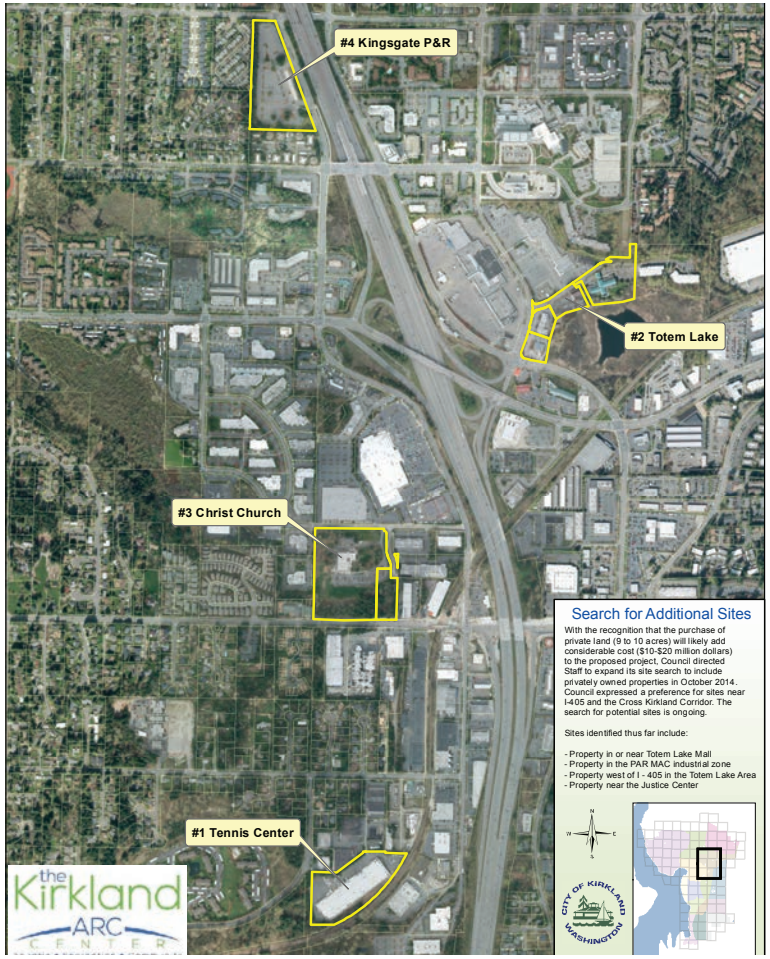
*Figure 2-1. Map of Privately-Owned Sites*




## WHAT MAKES A GOOD RECREATION CENTER SITE?

Elements of a good recreation center site include:

- Adequate size and configuration
- Site aesthetics / natural beauty
- Appropriate neighborhood context and scale
- Compatible with surrounding land uses
- Located in or near neighborhoods
- Strong indoor – outdoor connection
- Easily accessible by cars, pedestrians, cyclists, and public transportation
- Adequate parking capacity
- Centrally located with access to I-405 and the Cross Kirkland Corridor
- Prominent siting and visibility and public presence
- Availability of utilities
- Conformity to city's zoning and land use policies
- Good soils and topography for construction

*Figure 2-2. CB Ellis Evaluation*

| TOTEM LAKE | |
|---|---|
| PROPERTY ADDRESS | B of A: 1242 Totem Lake Blvd<br>SEA-EYE BLDG CORP (Veloce): 12512 120th Ave.<br>Carlton: 12233 NE Totem Lake Way |
| SIZE | 5.79 Acres<br>7.39 Acres (incl. Yuppie Pawn) |
| 2015 ASSESSORS VALUE[1] | $7,957,433 |
| FEEDBACK ON OWNER CONTACT | Carlton Inn and strip mall have been contacted and are interested in further discussion. Have not been successful in contacting Bank of America property owner. |
| ADVANTAGES | Proximity to Totem Lake Mall and CKC<br>Transit Access<br>CKC Access |
| KNOWN CHALLENGES | Wetland buffers limit parking<br>Poor soil conditions |

## 1. Totem Lake Site

This site is located near the intersection of Totem Lake Way and 120th Ave NE. The nearest main streets are Totem Lake Blvd NE and NE 124th St. It is bounded to the southeast by the boundary of the Totem Lake wetland, and the Totem Lakes Mall is located to the north and west. The mall is currently underutilized, but is scheduled for redevelopment.

The site is comprised of 4 separate properties, and an easement with a trail that leads into the wetland area. The four parcels house a Bank of America branch, a multi-tenant building with O'Reilly Auto Parts and a café, the Yuppie Pawn Shop and adjacent easement (currently owned by the City), and the Totem Lake Hotel (formerly the Carleton Inn).

The zoning code calls for a 100-foot wide buffer zone beyond the wetland boundary, and a 10-foot building setback from that line. The bank, commercial building, and pawn shop were all developed prior to these regulations and all currently extend into the setback, and well into the buffer zone, as do the Chelsea Courts apartments located to the east of the hotel. A small portion at the south end of the hotel building also extends into this area. It should be noted that the City of Kirkland is required under the Growth Management Act to update sensitive area regulations to conform to the "best available science." The update will take place in 2015-2016 and may result in wider buffers.

The code allows for construction to extend into the outer 33.3% of the buffer zone through buffer enhancement or buffer averaging. Any such application would be required to go through a type IIA approval process, which includes a hearing examiner public hearing and decision that can be appealed to the Council. The boundary of the wetland can also be modified, but through a lengthier type IIB approval process that requires new wetland to be created within the same basin area at an offsetting ratio of 3/1 times any area removed. Given the existing development around the perimeter of the wetland basin, it may require converting a developed parcel into wetlands to achieve

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*Figure 2-3. Totem Lake Site Map*

the required mitigation. In addition, wetland modifications require state and federal permits and complex environmental review.

Other than the Yuppie Pawn Shop site, all of the other parcels are still currently privately-owned, and it is not yet known if the owners would be interested in selling the land to the City, nor what the price would be should the land be available. In order for the project to fit at the site, a large enough parcel of land would need to be consolidated. This will also require a lot line adjustment process during the entitlements period.

The site is zoned TL 8 and regulations require retail or restaurant uses on the western two parcels (bank site and auto parts/café site). However, if the City rezones the areas to Public Use/Park (similar to other City parks and facilities) then this limitation would be eliminated. Otherwise, the City is currently revisiting various aspects of zoning in the Totem Lake area and this limit could be reconsidered.

The City had previously completed a master plan for the redevelopment of the Totem Lake Park area. In this plan, the Yuppie Pawn site is converted into a pocket park, which includes a trailhead for a new path connection to the Kirkland Corridor path, which runs along the southwest corner of the wetland site. Should this project move forward, the pocket park would need to be either eliminated, or relocated within the Totem Lake Park plan.

The available site for the project is quite narrow, requiring the building plan to be reconfigured into a longer and narrower form. This can be done but with some compromise in the functionality of the center. In testing the building on the site, the best location is at the site of the current hotel, where the distance from the road to the wetland boundary is the greatest. However, in order to accommodate the center on this property, it is necessary to build into the outer third of the buffer zone, as allowed by the zoning code.

Unfortunately, given the wetland buffer and setback requirements, the remaining area available for parking is insufficient to accommodate the required 270-300 cars. To provide this

number of stalls, two lanes of parking are needed. The width to accommodate these two lanes would require that the actual wetland boundary be reconfigured, which, as previously stated, is highly unlikely due to mitigation requirements and would be challenging due to requisite local, state, and federal permitting. Based on an initial analysis, it is estimated that 240-250 cars can be parked on site, and the other required spaces would need to be made available through a reciprocal parking agreement with a neighboring site like the Totem Lake Mall across the street.

The soils conditions have not tested by a geotechnical engineer; however, the soil is believed to contain peat. If peat is found, and depending on the actual soil condition, removal and replacement might be an option. This would add significant costs to the project. The need for drilled piers or some other form of deep foundation is expected, given the proximity to the wetland basin and poor soil conditions. A geotechnical assessment of the soil conditions is recommended before further consideration of this site.

The site is currently served by all wet and dry utilities, but the capacity would need to be tested based on the proposed new use. Hotels require very high water demand, so the existing domestic water service may be sufficient for the new building. There is no extra land available on site for storm water retention, so a holding tank would likely need to be constructed under the new parking area, which could be a challenge given the anticipated high water table.

The site is readily accessible for private automobiles, bicycles, and pedestrians and, while it is not currently pedestrian friendly, this could be improved with the redevelopment of the wetland basin and the adjacent Totem Lake Mall. The site is not located proximate to any residential areas.

Totem Lake Drive is served by the 235, 236, 238, and 277 bus lines, and a stop is located very close to the southern part of the site. An accessible path of travel would need to be constructed to bring bus riders to the entry of the building. The southeast corner of the site is located approximately 670' from the Cross Kirkland Corridor and additional pedestrian improvements through the Totem Lake Park are anticipated through the master plan.

The preliminary concept plan for the Totem Lake is shown. In this scenario, both the building and parking are located within the buffer zone, although 50-60 parking stalls have been removed to fit (240-260 stalls total). A second option shows the building and parking only on the hotel and Yuppie Pawn Shop properties, but the 300-stall parking structure extends beyond the buffer zone. A smaller parking structure of a single row of stalls could not be constructed.

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*Figure 2-4. Totem Lake Option 1 Site Plan*

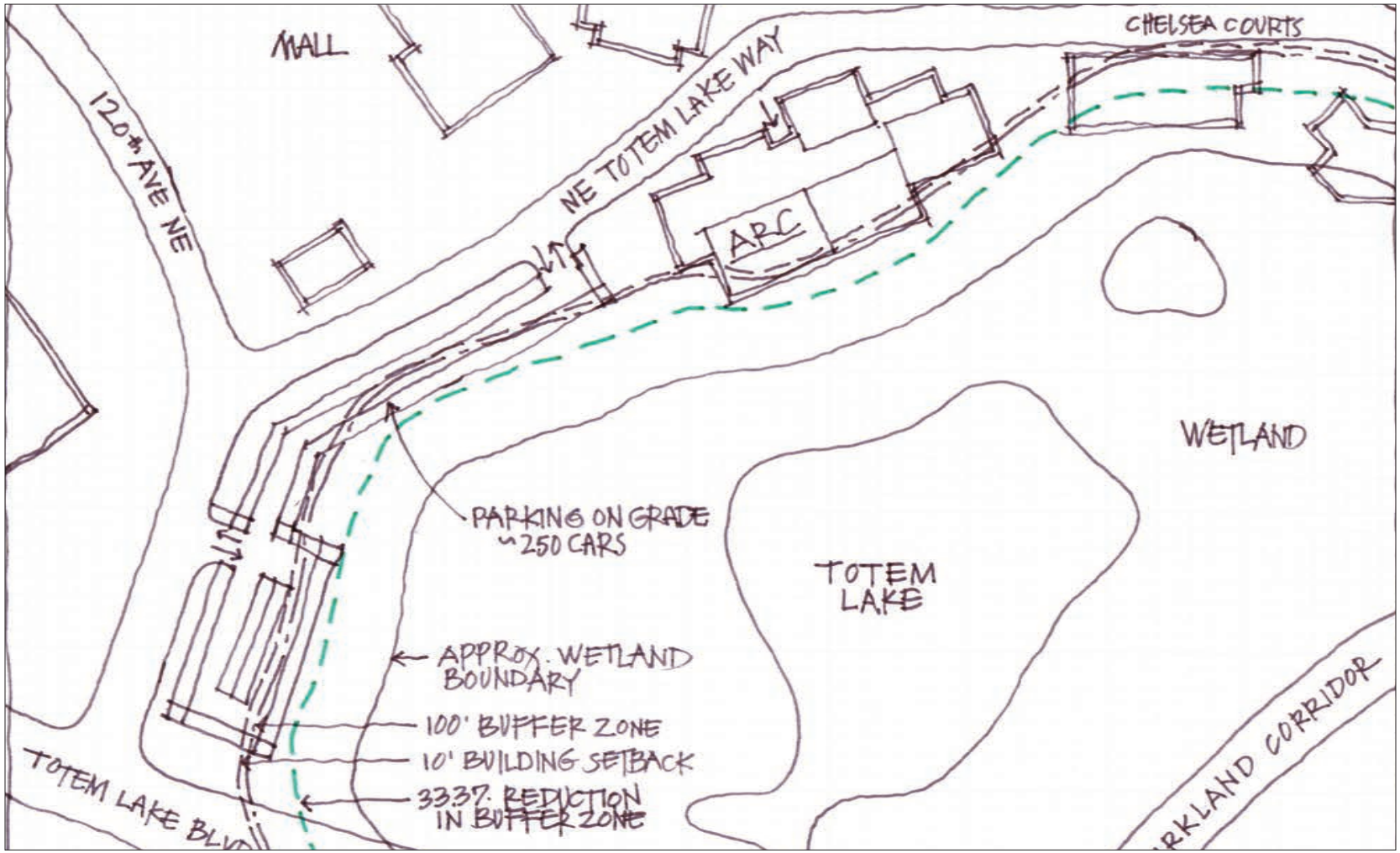
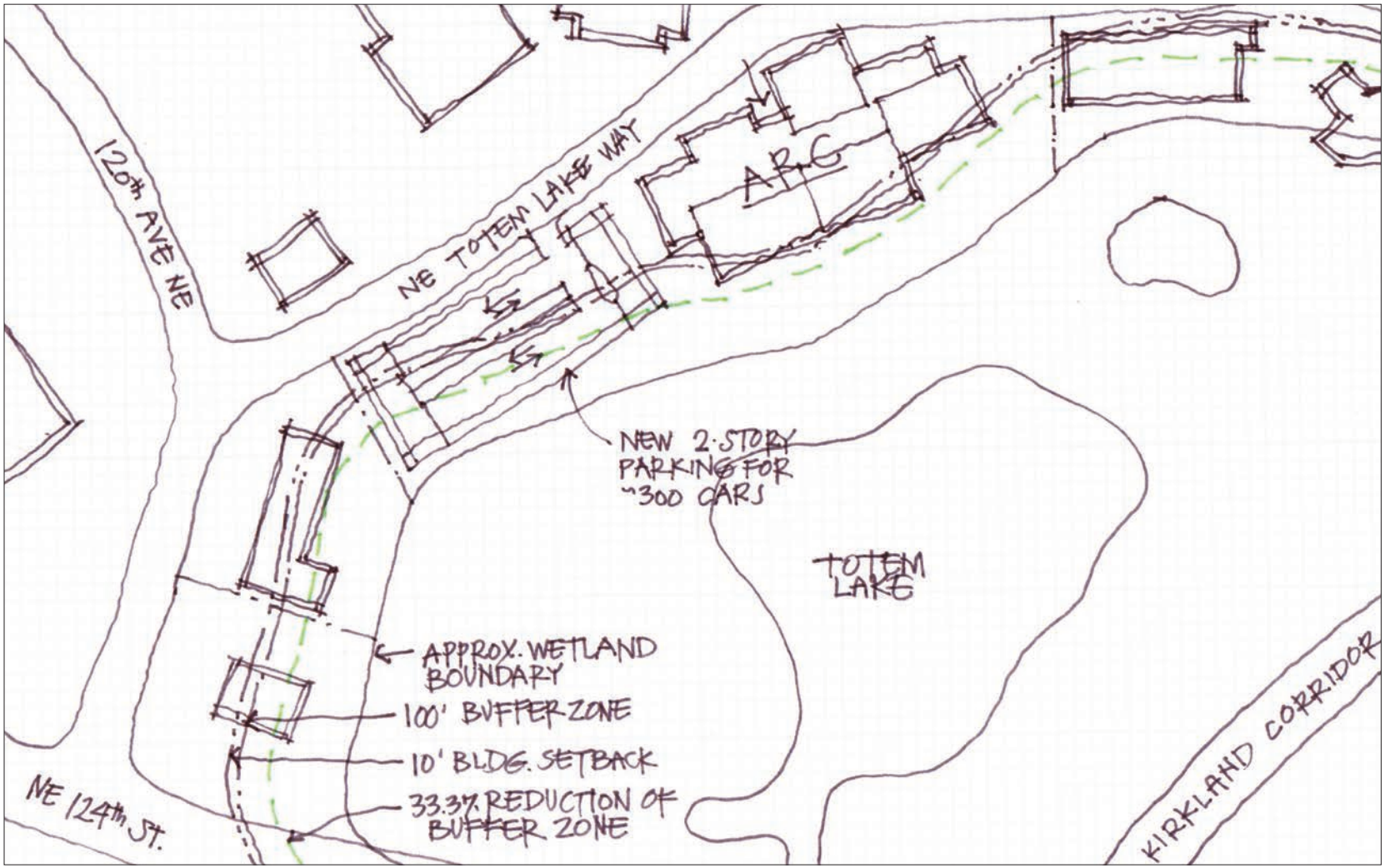


*Figure 2-5. Totem Lake Option 2 Site Plan*



## 2. Christ Church of Kirkland Site

This site is located at the southwest corner of NE 118th Street and 118th Ave. NE. Christ Church of Kirkland, which currently occupies the site, has a classroom wing that is rented to a private school. 118th Ave NE extends to the mid-point of the site, roughly, running south from NE 118th Street. As a component of the City's Comprehensive Plan, the Totem Lake Neighborhood Plan identifies the extension to 116th Street. The extension of 118th Ave. NE is very important for the potential location of the ARC center at this site.

The area of the site is approximately 12 acres, but the southernmost portion of the property, which runs along NE 116th Street, is quite steep, and heavily wooded. The site is zoned TL 10B and regulations require retention of the hill along NE 116th and retention of at least 25% of healthy trees. Due to topography and zoning constraints, it would be challenging to build on that portion of the site, which comprises approximately 20% of the site area. Based on preliminary study, the remaining area of the site is of sufficient size to accommodate the proposed building, which has an area of approximately 86,000 square feet and associated parking for 300 cars. There is sufficient site to accommodate the potential expansion of the pool to be 50 meters long, and to expand the gym to accommodate a second high school-size basketball court and an elevated running track.

The site does slope substantially up from the north end (118th St.) to the south end (116th St.). However, because of the existing development, it has already been graded to create a large, mostly level area at the lower portion of the site and a second, even larger area in the middle of the site. This larger area currently houses the sanctuary portion of the church, the upper parking lot, and the turf playing fields.

Most of the heavily wooded portions of the site coincide with the steeply sloping areas between the upper and lower parking lots, and at the high end near NE 116th St. The impact of the proposed new development

*Figure 2-6. CB Ellis Evaluation*

| CHRIST CHURCH | |
|---|---|
| PROPERTY ADDRESS | 11725 NE 118th St. |
| SIZE | 12 Acres |
| 2015 ASSESSORS VALUE[1] | $8,854,600 |
| FEEDBACK ON OWNER CONTACT | Owner has been contacted and are interested in further discussion. |
| ADVANTAGES | Parcel size/setting<br>Proximity to the Kirkland Justice Center<br>CKC Access<br>Near I-405 |
| KNOWN CHALLENGES | Road extension required<br>Steep slope on part of property |

*Figure 2-7. Christ Church Site Map*

on the wooded areas is fairly minor, and there is no proposed development in the upper portion other than the required continuation of 118th Ave.

Because of the existing development, it appears the site is currently served by all of the major wet and dry utilities, although the capacity of those will need to be verified to ensure that they comply with the proposed new demands.

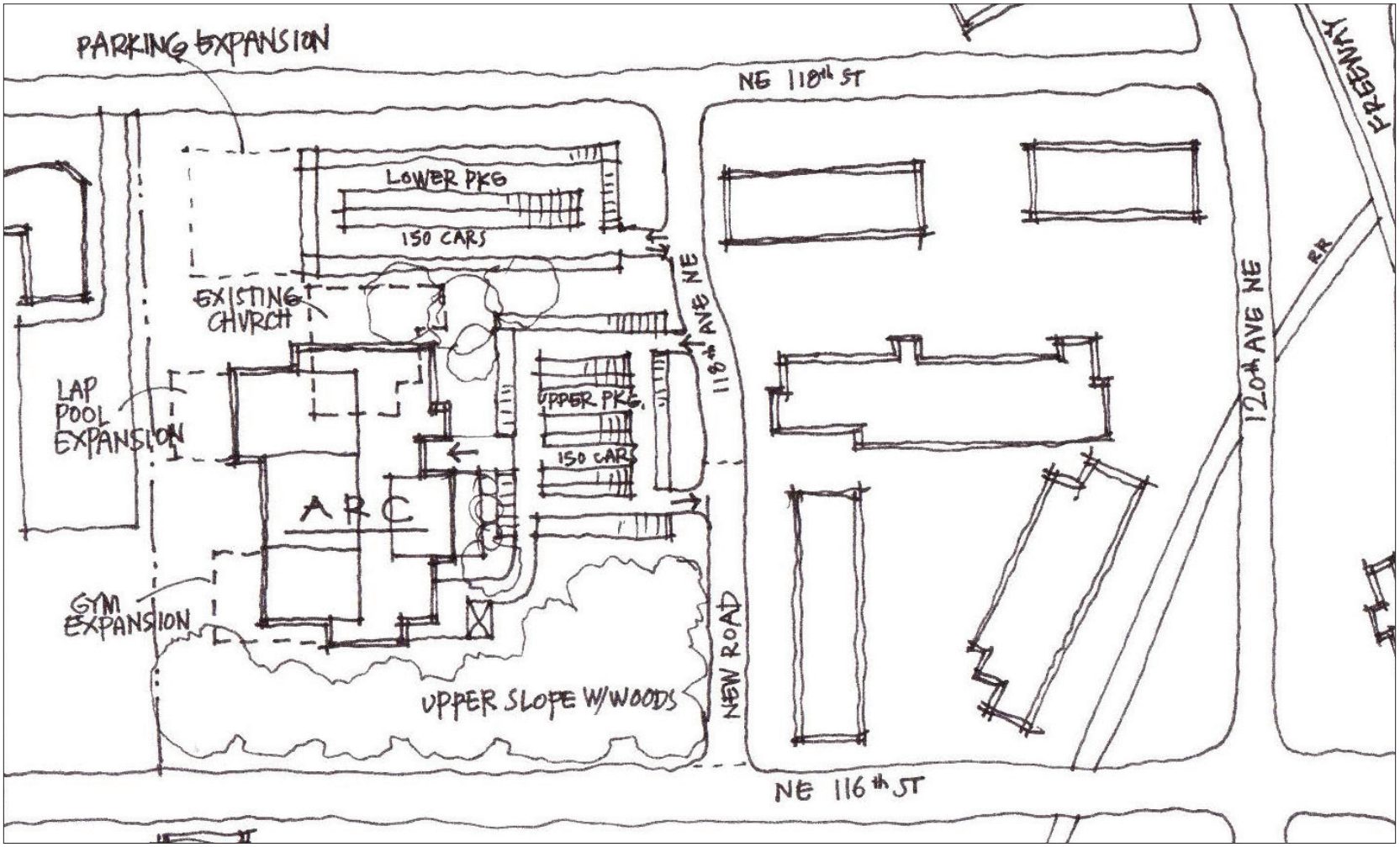
The soils conditions have not yet been verified; however, based on the existing church and educational buildings already on the site it is assumed that construction at the site is feasible. The currently proposed site plan also provides sufficient open areas, mainly on the western side of the site, which can be used for onsite storm water retention. There is also sufficient space for the parking lots to be laid out with bioswales for storm water retention between the rows of parking.

The site is readily accessible for private automobiles, bicycles, and pedestrians. Adjacent uses are mostly business and light industrial.

The Number 236 bus line serves 116th Street, and a stop is located very close to the southern part of the site. An accessible path of travel would need to be constructed to bring bus riders from the upper street down to the entry of the building. The southeast corner of the site is located approximately 380' from the Cross Kirkland Corridor and there is convenient pedestrian access to both the south side of the site (with the 118th Ave. NE connection) or the north side of the site.

# 02 SEARCH FOR ADDITIONAL SITES

*Figure 2-8. Christ Church Site Plan*



## 3. Kingsgate – West of I-405

Kingsgate is an 8.24 acre site located at 13001 116th Way NE. The site is bounded by NE 132nd St. and 116th Way NE. The parcel is irregular with approximately 824 feet at its south boundary and 264 feet at its north boundary and adjacent to I-405. Currently, the site is operated by DOT as a park-and-ride. According to a preliminary "test fit" of the proposed ARC, this site has adequate capacity for the building and parking. The building would need to be located at the larger south end of the site where it is more proximate to I-405. For this reason, noise and air pollution will be issues for any outdoor areas. The city's property agent has reported that there has been no interest in his inquiry about the availability of the property.

## 4. PAR MAC Industrial Zone (Tennis Center)

This property was not studied further as the property owner has no interest in selling.

*Figure 2-9 and Figure 2-10. CB Ellis Evaluation for Kingsgate and Tennis Center*

| KINGSGATE | |
|---|---|
| PROPERTY ADDRESS | 13001 116th Way NE |
| SIZE | 8.24 Acres |
| 2015 ASSESSORS VALUE[1] | $6,101,800 |
| FEEDBACK ON OWNER CONTACT | Attempts have been made to contact the correct property representative |
| ADVANTAGES | Near I-405<br>Good visibility |
| KNOWN CHALLENGES | Compatibility with DOT plans<br>Not centrally located |

| TENNIS CENTER | |
|---|---|
| PROPERTY ADDRESS | 10822 117th Place NE |
| SIZE | 7.15 Acres |
| 2015 ASSESSORS VALUE[1] | $11,257,200 |
| FEEDBACK ON OWNER CONTACT | Owner has been contacted, no interest in selling the property at this time. |
| ADVANTAGES | Near I-405<br>Adjacent to CKC |
| KNOWN CHALLENGES | No transit to the site |

# 02 SEARCH FOR ADDITIONAL SITES

*Figure 2-11. Kingsgate & Tennis Center Site Map*

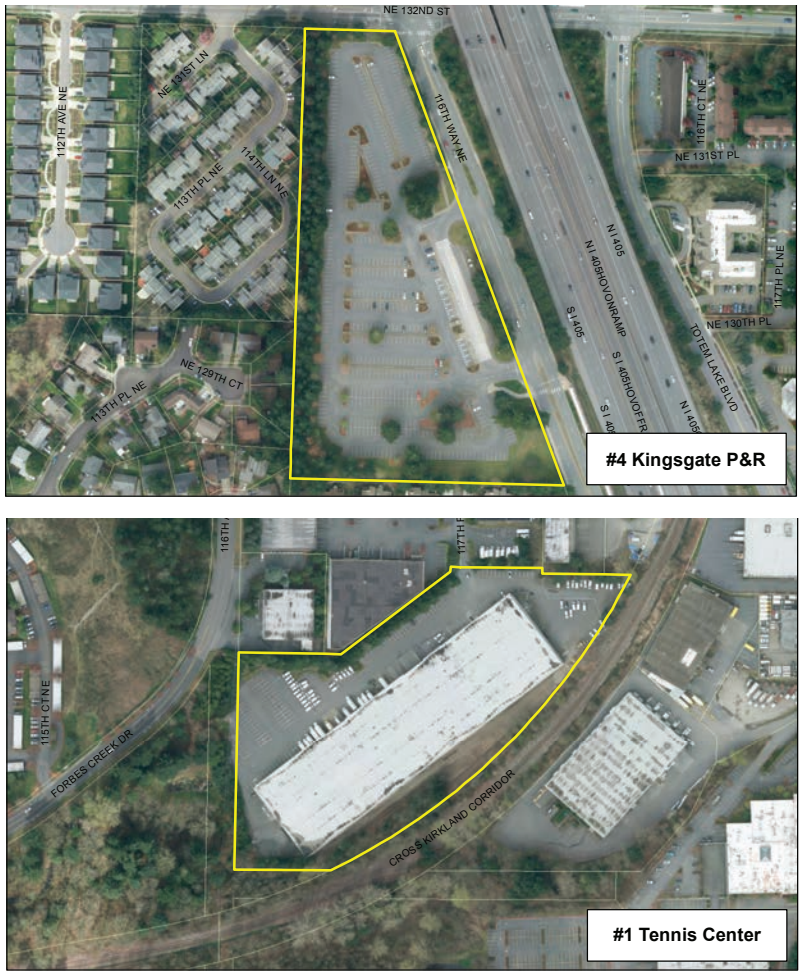
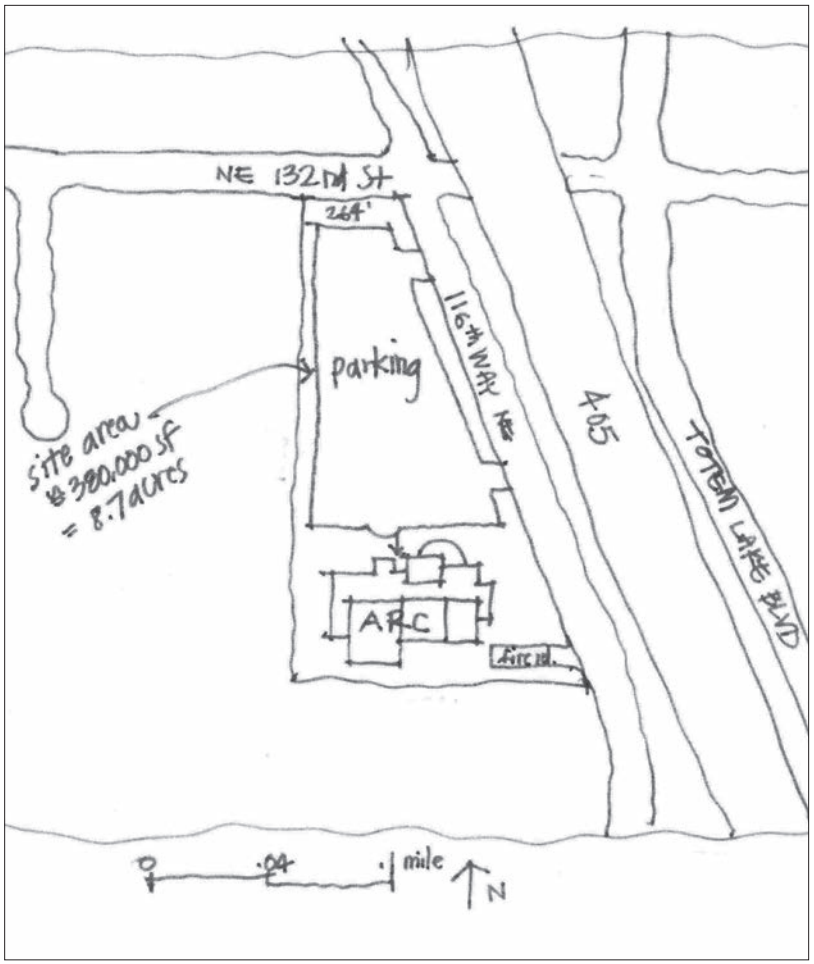



*Figure 2-12. Kingsgate Site Plan*



# 03

# *Public Engagement*

# Public Engagement

In late 2013, City Council directed staff to engage the community regarding facility components and siting preferences for the ARC. Public engagement has been ongoing and an important component in the planning process.

In fall 2014, the Council received the draft ARC Concept Plan Study Report, dated September 5, 2014. The document reported the findings of the analysis of city-owned properties as potential sites, estimates of construction costs, and the potential costs to residents if voters approved a public financing. The technical analysis of the city-owned sites identified the north side of Juanita Beach Park to be the most appropriate city-owned site.

On October 21, 2014, City Council passed Resolution R5076, directing staff to:

> *"Conduct additional broad outreach with the community, including business interests and all neighborhoods, to inform about the proposed facility, to solicit siting preferences, and to better understand level of interest and support. Outreach efforts shall include public meetings, informational brochures, telephone surveys, and additional outreach to key stakeholders and interested parties."*

An extensive Public Engagement Plan was designed and implemented. The objective of the Plan was to increase awareness of the proposed project, provide citizens opportunities to voice their opinions and collect this feedback, and measure the level of support for the project and preference to locate the ARC on city-owned or privately-owned property. Public comment was gathered by a variety of methods. These engagement activities took place between November 2014 and March 10, 2015, and have included an estimated 50,000 contacts through the following:

- Neighborhood Association Meetings
- Open House Events
- Virtual Open House
- Direct Mail
- Social Media (Textizen)
- Telephone Survey

These activities, and the public comment gathered, are described in this chapter.

## Neighborhood Meetings and Open House Events

Project history and the conceptual program, plans, and preferred site option were presented to Kirkland neighborhood associations and open house groups. Citizens were invited to voice their opinions and ask questions. Community groups could request presentations through the Parks and Community Services Department. The neighborhood meetings and open houses completed, or upcoming, include:

Neighbors of Juanita Beach Park

Neighbors of North Kirkland Community Center

Finn Hill Neighborhood Association

Kirkland Alliance of Neighborhoods

South Rose Hill/Bridle Trails Neighborhood

North Rose Hill Neighborhood Association

Highlands Neighborhood Association

Kirkland Middle School – Open House

Emerson High School – Open House

Kamiakin Middle School – Open House

Moss Bay Neighborhood Association - Presentation
March 16, 2015, 7pm

Market Neighborhood Association - Presentation
March 18, 2015, 7pm

Invitations were also made to: Evergreen Hill, Central Houghton, Everest, Juanita, Lakeview, Norkirk, and Totem Lake Neighborhood Associations.

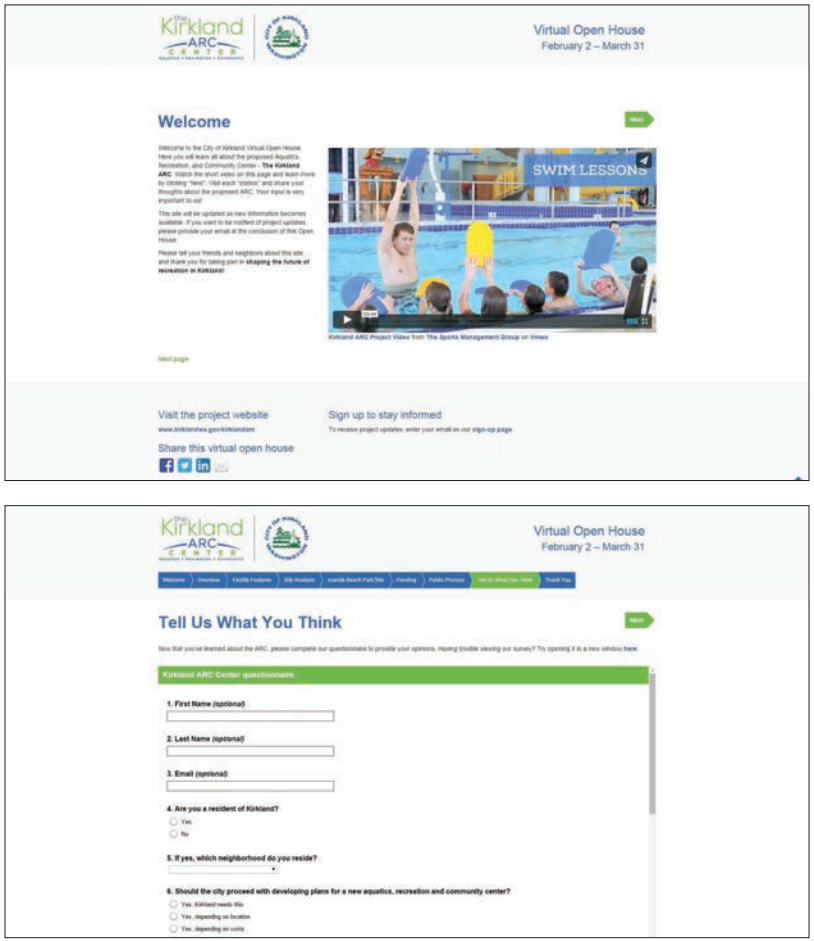
## Virtual Open House

A Virtual Open House was created for citizens to readily access information and updates regarding the ARC Center project. The site, created and hosted online from February 2 to March 10, simulated a traditional open house with "stations" which included a project overview, facility features, site analysis, the Juanita Beach Park Site, funding, and public process. Along with text and images, the website included a project video and links to source documents. Participants were encouraged to complete an online questionnaire after visiting the stations. Each question was optional. Press releases, email notification, posters, flyers, and direct mail to 40,000 Kirkland homes informed residents of the Virtual Open House and encouraged them to participate.

The questionnaire asked the following:

1. ***First Name (optional)***
2. ***Last Name (optional)***
3. ***Email (optional)***
4. ***Are you a resident of Kirkland (yes/no)?***
5. ***If yes, which neighborhood do you reside (drop-down list of choices)?***

*Figure 3-1. Virtual Open House Pages*




6. ***Should the city proceed with developing plans for a new aquatics, recreation and community center?***
    a. *Yes, Kirkland needs this*
    b. *Yes, depending on location*
    c. *Yes, depending on costs*
    d. *Undecided/not sure*
    e. *Need more information*
    f. *No, I am opposed to the project*

7. ***The ARC would require 8-10 acres of land. Considering this, which would be your preference for the location of the ARC?***
    a. *Use the city-owned property at Juanita Beach Park (north side of Juanita Drive)*
    b. *Seek a private property site, even if it added $10-$20 million to the cost of the project*
    c. *Undecided/not sure*
    d. *Need more information*
    e. *Neither, I am opposed to the project*

8. ***Based on what you now know, tell us your thoughts about the proposed ARC (open-ended response).***

## PRELIMINARY FINDINGS

Site analytics gathered as of March 3 report the following:

- Total number of visitors: 2,554
- Total number of station views: 14,893
- Number of questionnaire responses: 688

In response to Question 4, "Are you a resident of Kirkland?" 92.5% (629) of respondents indicated "Yes" while 7.5% (51) indicated "No". A total of 680 responded, and 8 participants skipped the question. A total of 631 participants responded to Question 5, "If yes, which neighborhood do you reside?" A breakdown of these responses is reported in Figure 3-2.

A total of 682 participants completed the multiple-choice question, "Should the city proceed with developing plans for a new aquatics, recreation and community center?" while 6 skipped the question. A breakdown of results shows 62.2% (424) for "Yes, Kirkland needs this," 20.2% (138) for "Yes, depending on location," 6.9% (47) for "Yes, depending on costs," 6.5% (44) for "No, I am opposed to the project," 2.8% (19) for "Undecided / not sure," and 1.5% (10) for "Need more information."

Question 7 asked "The ARC would require 8-10 acres of land. Considering this, which would be your preference for the location of the ARC?" A total of 678 answered the question and 10 skipped the question. 50.0% (339) chose the answer "Use the city-owned property at Juanita Beach Park." 30.1% (204) chose "Seek a private property site, even if it added $10-$20 million." 8.7% (59) chose "Undecided/not sure," 5.9% (40) chose "Need more information," and 5.3% (36) chose "Neither, I am opposed to the project."

*Figure 3-2. Question 4 Breakdown of Neighborhoods*

| ANSWER OPTIONS | RESPONSE % | RESPONSE COUNT |
|---|---|---|
| Central Houghton | 3.8% | 24 |
| Everest | 1.3% | 8 |
| Evergreen Hill | 4.9% | 31 |
| Finn Hill | 23.6% | 149 |
| Highlands | 4.0% | 25 |
| Juanita Neighborhoods | 31.1% | 196 |
| Lakeview | 1.9% | 12 |
| Market | 3.6% | 23 |
| Moss Bay | 2.5% | 16 |
| Norkirk | 6.5% | 41 |
| North Rose Hill | 6.5% | 41 |
| South Rose Hill/Bridle Trails | 4.6% | 29 |
| Totem Lake | 4.9% | 31 |
| Not applicable / Do not live in Kirkland | 0.8% | 5 |
| Answered question | 631 | |
| Skipped question | 57 | |

*Figure 3-3. Should the city proceed with developing plans for a new aquatics, recreation and community center?*

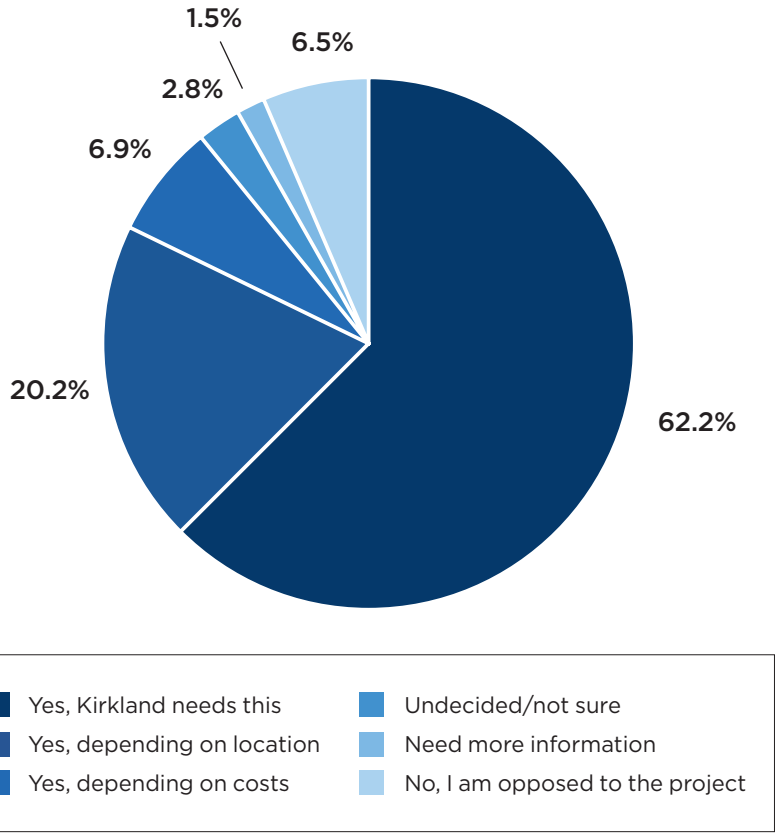
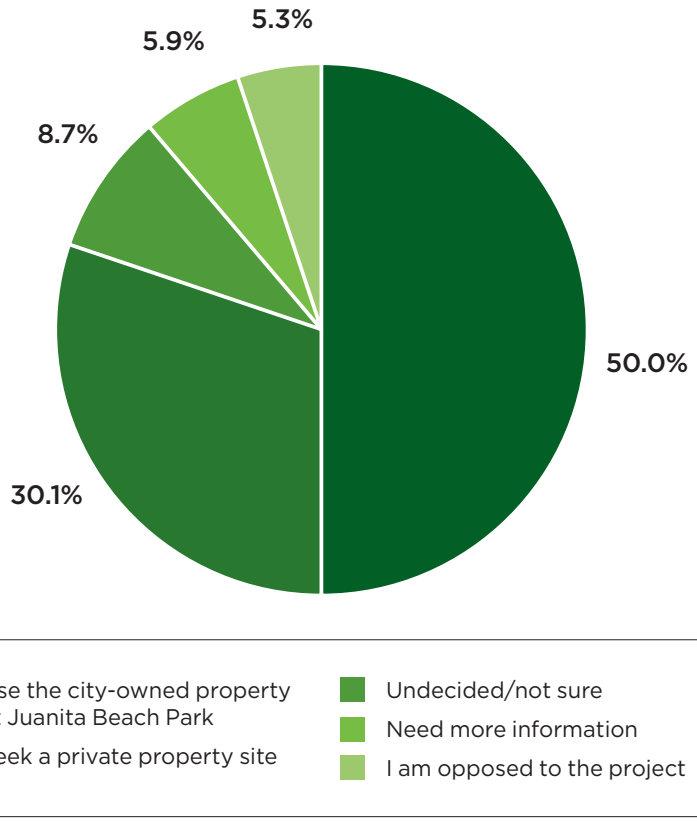



*Figure 3-4. Which would be your preference for the location of the ARC?*



## Direct Mail Brochure with Textizen Survey

In February 2015, a four-page brochure was mailed to 40,000 resident addresses in Kirkland. The mailer included a hand rendering to relate the potential "feel" of the ARC Center, described the programming opportunities of the ARC, and identified ongoing site research. It also provided links to the City's project webpage and the Virtual Open House, reminding readers to participate before the March 10th closing date.

A feature of the mailer was to gather feedback through a multiple-choice question using Textizen, a platform that sends, receives, and analyzes text messages. To participate, respondents replied with the letter of their answer via text message, and then were prompted with two follow-up questions. The Textizen survey was structured as follows:

1. ***Should the City proceed with developing plans for a new aquatics, recreation and community center?***
    a. *Yes, Kirkland needs this*
    b. *Yes, depending on location*
    c. *Yes, depending on costs*
    d. *Undecided/not sure*
    e. *Need more information*
    f. *No, I am opposed to the project*

*Figure 3-5. Direct Mail Brochure, Inside Spread*

2. ***Thanks! Would you like to get text updates about this project (max. 2 msg/month)?***

    *Yes/No*

3. ***Finally, what is your neighborhood?***

    *Open-ended response*

## FINDINGS

Data gathered as of March 5 shows that a total of 1,041 people participated, with a completion rate of 79.7%. Responses were collected and analyzed. The breakdown of responses to Question 1 is provided in Figure 3-6.

# Telephone Survey

In late February – early March 2015, EMC Research conducted a survey of 400 registered voters in the City of Kirkland. The purpose of the survey was to provide City Council statistically reliable assessment of residents' opinions about a new community recreation and aquatics center, the site for the building, and to measure support and willingness to pay. The survey has a margin of error of +/- 4.9% at a 95% confidence interval. The survey data will be presented at the Park Board Meeting on March 11, 2015.

*Figure 3-6. Textizen Question 1 Response Data*

| | RESPONSE COUNT | % |
|---|---|---|
| A. Yes, Kirkland needs this | 676 | 65% |
| B. Yes, depending on location | 142 | 14% |
| C. Yes, depending on costs | 71 | 7% |
| D. Undecided/not sure | 9 | 1% |
| E. Need more information | 18 | 2% |
| F. No, I am opposed to the project | 125 | 12% |
| Total | 1,041 | 100% |

# 04

# *Appendix*

APPENDIX A

# Juanita Beach Park Site - Building Integration

Juanita Beach Park, as the site identified as the most appropriate of the city-owned sites, was the focus of additional study. To address questions about how the ARC could be sited and how it might appear, Council directed staff to perform additional conceptual design to demonstrate how the ARC could be successfully integrated. The consultant team conducted additional site study, prepared a conceptual landscape site plan for the overall park, and provided artist renderings of the proposed ARC on the site.

## *Landscape Plan*

The conceptual plan left illustrates the proposed ARC within the context of the greater Juanita Beach Park. The addition indoor recreation, aquatics, and community event space within the park could enhance programming. Outdoor programs could benefit from access to indoor space. Many indoor programs are enriched by access to outdoor space.

Parking is another example of the community benefit of siting the building within the park. The building could provide overflow parking for the beach during the summer, and beach parking could supplement winter events at the proposed ARC.

## APPENDIX A

### *Rendering – Full Building*

The artist rendering illustrates how the building might appear from Juanita Drive and how it integrates into its surroundings. The building has been set back from Juanita Drive to maintain extensive open space.

## APPENDIX A

### *Rendering – Roof Deck View*

An optional feature is the addition of a roof deck above the community room to expand the gathering space. From the covered roof deck there are stunning views to Lake Washington.

## APPENDIX A

### *Rendering – View from Parking*

The artist rendering depicts the opportunities for flexible use at the Juanita Beach Park site. In this case, the parking area can be utilized for outdoor festivals and markets.

Appendix B - ARC Public Outreach Directed by R-5076

**Major form of distribution of information & request for Feedback**

| Date | Type | Responses | Notes |
|---|---|---|---|
| February 2015 – March 3, 2015 | Online Virtual Open House | 688 | Links in direct mailer, press releases , rec list serves, |
| February 2015 – March 5, 2015 | Textizen Response | 1041 | In direct mailer & Open Houses |
| February 2015 – March 5, 2015 | Direct Mailer | 40,237 | Delivered to all Kirkland post boxes 40,237 |
| Sept. 1, 2013 – March 5, 2015 | Kirkland City site - ARC project Page | 7,107 | All documents and time line and reports available |
| February 26, 2015 – March 2,2015 | Scientifically valid Phone Survey – EMC | 400 | EMC's findings will be shared with PB 3/11/15 |

**Parks Staff Presentation & Feedback opportunity**

| Date | Audience | Numbers | Notes |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sept. 30, 2014 | PKCC Senior stepper Luncheon PKCC | 60 | Presentation & Requesting feedback Parks Director & Rec. Manager |
| | Juanita Neighborhood | | |
| October 31, 2014 | PKCC taste of retirement | 200 | Information booth – Aquatics Coordinator |
| October 4, 2014 | Kirkland Business Roundtable | 20 | Presentation & Requesting feedback - City Manager |
| November 12, 2014 | Conversation 2035 City Hall | 250 | City wide meeting at City Hall-Conversation 2035 |
| November 19, 2014 | Finn Hill Neighborhood | 40 | Presentation & Requesting feedback Parks Director & Rec. Manager |
| November 22, 2014 | Youth BB coaches training | 80 | Presentation & Requesting feedback Aquatics Coordinator |
| December 10, 2014 | Joint Mt KAN & Park Board | 40 | Special Joint Meeting – Presentation requesting feedback |
| January 13, 2015 | South Rose Hill Neighborhood | 20 | Presentation & Requesting feedback Parks Director & Rec. Manager |
| January 19, 2015 | North Rose Hill Neighborhood | 25 | Presentation & Requesting feedback Parks Director |
| January 21,2015 | Highlands Neighborhood | 38 | Presentation & Requesting feedback Parks Director & Rec. Manager |
| February 4, 2015 | Central / Houghton Fire Station | 15 | Presentation & Requesting feedback Parks Director & Rec. Manager |
| February 9, 2015 | Juanita High Booster Club – JHS | 37 | Presentation & Requesting feedback Parks Director & Rec. Manager |
| February 18,2015 | Lakeview neighborhood | 12 | Presentation & Requesting feedback Parks Director & Rec. Manager |
| February 21,2015 | General Public Kirkland Middle School | 50 + | Open House adjacent to Yth BB games 10 – 3pm Staff & Park Board |
| February 23, 2015 | General Public Emerson High School | 14 | Open House - south Kirkland 6:30pm – 8:00pm staff & Park Board |
| March 7, 2015 | General Public Kamiakin school | TBA | Open House adjacent to Yth BB games 10 – 3pm Staff & Park Board |

**Informational Display Boards of the ARC Projects**

| Dates | Locations | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| November 2014 – April 2015 | North Kirkland Community Center | Ongoing traffic | Ongoing traffic at the Center |
| November 2014 – April 2015 | Peter Kirk Community Center | Ongoing traffic | Ongoing traffic at the Center |
| November 2014 – April 2015 | Kirkland City Hall | Ongoing traffic | Ongoing traffic at the City Hall |
| November 2014 – April 2015 | 505 Market – Parks | Ongoing traffic | Ongoing traffic at 505 |
| 8 Sat Jan 10 – March 7, 2015 | Kamiakin & Kirkland Middle schools | 700+ each sat | Youth BB games |
| 10 Sun – Jan 11 – March 15, 2015 | Kamiakin Middle school | 60 each Sun | Adult Open Gym |
| October 25, 2014 | 132nd square Park & Emmerson High field | 250+ | Pee Wee Soccer Season Wrap up |

# Kirkland ARC Center questionnaire

**Based on what you now know, tell us your thoughts about the proposed ARC:**

| Answer Options | Response Count |
|---|---|
| | 577 |
| *answered question* | 577 |
| *skipped question* | 111 |

| # | Response Date | Response Text |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Mar 3, 2015 11:06 PM | Juanita Beach Park is unacceptable for the following reasons: Parking in the area is already very limited. Juanita neighborhoods were PROMISED that the land would remain open. We need to preserve this open space. In the summer this area is extremely popular and crowded. The Totem Lake site makes a more centralized location for the people of Kirkland. This area has long needed a type of development to enhance it. We are wondering if the decision has already been made? Is this just window dressing? |
| 2 | Mar 3, 2015 9:57 PM | Mass transit is critical. We fight traffic everyday so if we can encourage mass transit that would help. Make a parking garage rather than spreading out the parking on flat land - just 2 levels would be good or underground. Its not all about kids - ensure families w/ handicapped and elderly have programs and ways to use the ARC. Non residents of Kirkland would have to pay a fee to use the facilities. Juanita seems like a good spot but it is difficult to get to for those of us down near Carillon Point. |
| 3 | Mar 3, 2015 8:05 AM | I'm not a Kirkland resident, but I volunteer regularly as a 'ranger'/nature tour guide at Juanita Bay Park. Maybe it's not a problem, but I hope in your assessment of the site, you consider any affect the increased usage will have on the wildlife in the bay and on the beautiful natural area of Juanita Bay Park. Thanks for considering that. Otherwise, it looks like a really nice facility. |
| 4 | Mar 3, 2015 7:15 AM | It looks great! This type of facility is sorely needed to replace aged and outdated existing facilities. The 50 meter pool option is a "must". |
| 5 | Mar 3, 2015 5:19 AM | This would be a bad use of public funding, when there are so many other needs to assure public education and well-being. I am appalled that this is being considered, and fully oppose it. |
| 6 | Mar 3, 2015 4:21 AM | Your project is too large for the city of Kirkland, but if you had other cities partner on the cost it would work. |
| 7 | Mar 3, 2015 3:04 AM | Seems like this survey is biased towards the Juanita Bay Site. I would like to see an artistic rendering of another site. I do not want that monstrosity in my favorite park. Talk about a waste of money. This area is full of recreational facilities. City of Bothell city of Bellevue all have pools. Please spend the money on infrastructure and improving the parks we already have. |
| 8 | Mar 3, 2015 2:13 AM | Ten years ago, the City Council excluded the same Juanita Beach Park site from conversion to an off-leash dog park because such use was not congruent with the Park Board's grand master plan. Thus, the off-leash area was sited in a non-centrally located area far from densely populated residential areas. For consistency, the ARC should not be located at Juanita Beach Park. Why not replace the outdoor pool at Peter Kirk Park with the ARC? Include the baseball field (which benefits very few Kirkland residents). Or spend some money to rid Kirkland of the blight known as Totem Lake Mall? Regardless, Juanita Beach Park is not an acceptable site |
| 9 | Mar 2, 2015 10:47 PM | I love this plan! I would be concerned about parking, but it seems as though there will be more parking with the ARC than there currently is without. I think this will be a great opportunity for Kirkland, and I am excited about it! |
| 10 | Mar 2, 2015 9:58 PM | I don't think locating the Center at Juanita Beach park is a good idea. It's a very congested are, and that high-density activity will degrade the area around the water. Juanita Bay is a wildlife gem in the heart of Kirkland and bringing that volume of traffic to the area will harm the natural ecosystem already in place. |
| 11 | Mar 2, 2015 9:02 PM | I understand the Juanita Park location is a good site for many reasons. My concern is that the plans in the past included upgrading the two baseball fields and hopefully improve the tennis court. I would like to know more about whether this plan includes the rebuilding of additional fields at some other location. I think the plan is great and I fully support this type of building. However, I strongly feel that the Albertson's site should be saved from what is destined to go there. I would think the ARC should go there and really spruce up that spot. Parking at Juanita will be much worst than it is today and unless you add many more spots, people will just leave their car and walk around the village and the beach. I vote for Albertson's lot along with enhancing the baseball and tennis courts at current beach and keeping that land open. |
| 12 | Mar 2, 2015 8:11 PM | I like the idea; however with the current traffic situation at Juanita Drive plus issues with using that site, I strongly feel that Kirkland should look at purchasing a private property site which would better handle the traffic flow and buildings. |
| 13 | Mar 2, 2015 7:03 PM | Definitely go for the 50m pool! |

| # | Response Date | Response Text |
|---|---|---|
| 14 | Mar 2, 2015 4:12 AM | I am horrified by the thought of this project going in at the Juanita Beach Park site. The park is a beautiful, natural asset to the area. For those of us who have to sit in traffic (often for an extended period of time right at the intersection by Juanita Village), the park is a breath of fresh air to pass on the way home. It is a piece of beauty that Kirkland should hold onto. In contrast, the Totem Lake Mall area is a depressing, run down piece of property that could be considerably enhanced by a new public center. It's a no brainer to put the ARC there. |
| 15 | Mar 1, 2015 11:15 PM | There are definitely better available sites for this center that the city owns. To put the choice of Juanita Beach or an additional cost of millions is deceptive. Also given the fact that the original Juanita Park included the development of the north side and was never completed while the project went over budget and time leads me to think the city planners are not up to the job of spending our tax dollars efficiently. |
| 16 | Mar 1, 2015 11:08 PM | I think this is a fabulous idea. Yes, it's expensive, but our community needs something like this, especially with the state of the JHS pool (I teach there). I'm very excited to have a place so close by that my family and I can "join" for a reasonable rate. The plans looks absolutely beautiful! |
| 17 | Mar 1, 2015 8:11 PM | I would like to see the optional feature of the walking track included for sure; not everyone swims, but we all can walk. |
| 18 | Mar 1, 2015 7:32 PM | Juanita Beach Park Master Plan (File no. MIS06-00018)<br>Goal PR-1: To acquire, develop, and redevelop a system of parks, recreation facilities, and open spaces that is attractive, safe, functional, and accessible to all segments of the population. ARC SERVES A LIMITED SEGMENT<br>Goal PR-2: Provide services and programs that enhance the quality of life in the community. OPEN SPACE PARAMOUNT TO QUALITY OF LIFE<br>Goal PR-3: Protect and preserve natural resource areas. ARC DOES NOT COMPLY. |
| 19 | Mar 1, 2015 7:32 PM | I'm not convinced the city 'needs' this kind of asset, especially if it distracts our focus from other areas of more immediate need (of which I believe we have many). However, if we, as a city, are determined to more forward with the ARC, under no circumstances would I recommend Juanita Beach Park for this asset. There are a number of reasons that immediately spring to mind, but one of the most important is to consider what type of asset this is - it is a 'destination' asset. People will travel to this kind of facility, which means it does not need to be in one of the last few open (prime) spaces we have left. I think the Totem Lake locations, even private, give us a much better approach to adding a destination asset to an area that is in desperate need of one. |
| 20 | Mar 1, 2015 5:45 PM | Great idea and need for Kirkland |
| 21 | Mar 1, 2015 5:36 PM | It would be a great addition to kirkland. We use the Mount lake Terrace pool and lynnwood pool on a regular basis. Would like one in our city! |
| 22 | Mar 1, 2015 3:22 AM | Support the project, but NOT in Juanita. Traffic in that area is already way over capacity, and heading west on 116th already backs up 20-30 minutes during rush hour. Put in Totem Lake! Easy freeway access, and most shops are closed. You can put next to 24 hour fitness and even reach deal to leverage sports facility. Otherwise, I oppose the project, even though I regularly drive my kids to Lynnwood pool... |
| 23 | Mar 1, 2015 1:22 AM | I love the proposal for the ARC, however I am opposed to having it located at Juanita Beach Park. As a resident of Juanita, I do not want increased traffic, pedestrians, and non-Kirkland residents bussing in from other areas. I would like to see the ARC built on private land, even if it means considerably more money. |
| 24 | Feb 28, 2015 9:36 PM | I think it is a terrible idea to muddle up Juanita Beach Park. It is a natural area park and should be left alone. Traffic is already a difficult mess in that area. There is not enough parking space area available. I feel that the North Kirkland Community Center Park, or Totem Lake Mall area are much better locations. |
| 25 | Feb 28, 2015 8:32 PM | The general population does not need a 32 lane competition pool! There is a very small segment of the population that will benefit from that so why should the general population pay for it?? If there is a need for recreation center it could be about a third the size of the proposed center. I am also very opposed to the Juanita Beach location. I use that beach often and it should remain an open area. |
| 26 | Feb 28, 2015 8:30 PM | The North Kirkland Community Center would be a better site. The North Juanita Beach site would be better developed as a open air project. The NKCC site being tiered COULD, historically this is how Kirkland has done it, design a WORLD CLASS BUILDING such as has never been done. We will only have one opportunity in my lifetime to achieve the greatness this project could attain. We should think along the lines of Seattle downtown public library or the EMP building. We need to come up with this non-waterfront building that could be breathtaking. The site screams to be architecturally challenged and now is the historic opportunity to act. |
| 27 | Feb 28, 2015 7:46 PM | Great site but my only concern would be increased traffic especially in summer months. Other locations are great; albertsons, 124th at community center, totem lake or parmac |

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| 28 | Feb 28, 2015 5:58 PM | Please use Totem Lake mall. It has lots of under utilized space and is close to freeway. I am absolutely opposed to destroying the natural beauty of Juanita Beach Park and adding Congestion there. Please don't destroy Juanita Beach Park |
| 29 | Feb 28, 2015 5:27 PM | pool should be 25 yards or 50 meters 32 is not a competition pool length |
| 30 | Feb 28, 2015 2:36 PM | I think Totem Lake Mall would be the best site since it already has parking & never succeeded as a mall. |
| 31 | Feb 28, 2015 4:56 AM | Traffic in Juanita Beach is already bad, and it would have a terrible effect on the open spaces at the park. Totem lake mall would much better suited to handle traffic. Another idea would be a joint project with Kenmore at St. Edwards park. Also another option would be over soon south of 116th and west of 405. |
| 32 | Feb 28, 2015 4:10 AM | My vote would be to use the old Albertson site. Access and space is available. I also vote for Totem Lake or North Kirkland Parks space. All three of these choice are in NEED of a facelift and purpose! N.Juanita Beach park is NOT the place for such a monster! I am SO disappointed that such little consideration is being made to the already made plans that relate to refurbishing of the new beach and promise made to our community! SHOCKED that so little consideration is being made towards maintaining the ALREADY FAMILY and community fun called Little League Baseball, tennis, open space and relaxed beauty! What a shame to discount those ball fields that have been in constant use for SO many years! Three generational in our family and those that have grown up here and call Juanita OUR stomping grounds! How dare you for thinking of turning this into WINDOWS, CONCRET and WALLS with NO PARKING or ACCESS! How dare you consider this! |
| 33 | Feb 27, 2015 11:57 PM | This is a no brainer. Use the land at Juanita Beach park. |
| 34 | Feb 27, 2015 8:57 PM | Of the sites selected, I think this would be best for size, access, already city property, and allows aquatic (replacing access to Juanita pool) as well as other community usage. ... Also thought upper Totem Mall where theatre is and maybe expand from there, but that means additional cost in assuming the land and demolition costs. |
| 35 | Feb 27, 2015 8:04 PM | Please, do not rush with this project. Please do not build on Juanita park. 1. This area should be protected, because it is valuable park space for North Kirkland. And, 2. There is too much traffic and not enough parking as it is near there. |
| 36 | Feb 27, 2015 6:06 PM | As a resident of Finn Hill, I would hate to see this at Juanita Beach Park. We should be preserving our parkland not paving it. Also, the traffic on 116th is bad enough and this would make it a lot worse. Totem Lake would be much better. Freeway access, huge parking lots, and a commercial area in need of revitalization. |
| 37 | Feb 27, 2015 6:00 PM | Consider putting it within walking distance of the Kirkland Transit Center... Either part of the Parkplace renovation or on the current site of the Peter Kirk Baseball field (probably someone's sacred cow). The current proposal has everything on everyone's wish list: too complex, too costly, too gold-plated. There is certainly insufficient transit access and parking at either site being considered... Sorry... |
| 38 | Feb 27, 2015 5:55 PM | If kirkland added a pool to the current north kirkland community center, this would be the most efficient use of land and funds. |
| 39 | Feb 27, 2015 3:41 PM | Even though we need our open space we also need an ARC in Kirkland. WIth the cost to research and do all the steps to secure usable space it seems to me the logical place to put the new ARC is in the open space north of Juanita Beach. To spend an additional $10 to $20 million is ludicris. The traffic is going to be bad no matter where it is put so that is something that has to be fixed no matter what happens in choosing the location. |
| 40 | Feb 27, 2015 6:16 AM | There is too much congestion on Juanita Drive now. Also the park is used by everyone, children, adults as well as their pets. Replacing the green area with a building is a horrible plan! |
| 41 | Feb 27, 2015 4:52 AM | I'm all in favor of building the ARC but I don't like either of the proposed sites. |
| 42 | Feb 27, 2015 4:48 AM | I want to see one in Kirkland. I like the idea of using property the city already owns. I don't want to see it squeezed into an area that is really too small for it. Make it large enough from the beginning. With ample parking. I like the idea of Juanita Beach, but not really sure. Traffic in that area is already difficult. Has anyone looked at the aquatic center in Monterey, CA that the city owns? It's fabulous and quite an asset to the city. Worth checking out! |

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| 43 | Feb 27, 2015 4:46 AM | We, as Juanita residents, are very concerned about the proposed Juanita Beach site for The ARC. Evening work commute traffic on the proposed street, and all the major streets feeding into it is already beyond capacity, without any known plans to alleviate this. The addition of a community center in this area would unduly add to the traffic problems. The proposed traffic mitigation for this site does not adequately address the impact to all the surrounding streets. Further, summertime parking access at Juanita Beach is already usually at overflow capacity. We worry that the impact of adding this huge community structure will further limit access to the park. Please continue to seriously consider alternative private locations, especially the Totem Lake Mall, which already features parking, direct access to and from I405, and does not occur directly in a residential area. |
| 44 | Feb 27, 2015 4:24 AM | My concern is the added traffic and parking problems. |
| 45 | Feb 27, 2015 3:48 AM | Save our beach, the only swimming beach for the north part of the city. Don't cut down the trees! |
| 46 | Feb 27, 2015 3:47 AM | lovely. it would be great add to the community |
| 47 | Feb 27, 2015 2:23 AM | Really needed. And JB is a good location and would really help businesses in the area. |
| 48 | Feb 27, 2015 1:33 AM | Your question 7, should have an elsewhere choice - Juanita Beach makes zero sense. Area is already overcrowded with traffic and the park is a much needed and appreciated open space. Other options were suggested and should be chosen over the Juanita Beach location. |
| 49 | Feb 27, 2015 1:16 AM | My only concern for the area would be how to handle traffic and parking issues |
| 50 | Feb 27, 2015 1:16 AM | Juanita Beach Park is a wonderful and unique park enjoyed by so many. The ARC would add nothing to it's character and take so much away from it's charm. Find a different location - be it Big Finn Park (plenty of room), Totem Lake Mall, or perhaps one of the waterfront parks in Houghton or West of Market. Or, how about scaling the project back a little and buying Potola Village land thereby solving two problems at once. |
| 51 | Feb 27, 2015 12:57 AM | Revitalize Totem Lake business area |
| 52 | Feb 26, 2015 11:51 PM | Please preserve the green space north of Juanita drive. Lots of room at the Totem lake mall or where an old Albertsons used to be on 100th ave and 132nd. |
| 53 | Feb 26, 2015 11:48 PM | I'm not completely sure what's being considered, I'd be interested in a location at Finn Hill Park. I don't think that would take away from the green space as much as Juanita Bay since the state park is so close with a great trail system. Good luck! |
| 54 | Feb 26, 2015 11:33 PM | Great idea and an asset to the community.<br>This is likely to generate interest, income and traffic for years to come. The transport infrastructure and and associated impact statement needs to be carefully considered. Increased traffic in the Juanita Beach area may be too high a cost to the neighbourhood and the fragile environment adjacent to the shoreline. |
| 55 | Feb 26, 2015 11:22 PM | North Kirkland Community center could be a good location for this as it has some open green space. A traffic light would need to be installed to mitigate congestion. 124th has a bigger capacity for traffic. Also - the Totem Lake shopping area is very underutilized and has good freeway access so I think is a good option. The Juanita Beach drive is extremely congested currently, with traffic backed up a mile or more in the afternoon rush hour. I do not think the road capacity exists to handle additional traffic to the most densely built up Kirkland neighborhood. |
| 56 | Feb 26, 2015 11:19 PM | My neighborhood(Holmes Pt) was not listed on the chart (?). I have lived at the same location for 37 yrs and have watched the traffic to areas that require going by Juanita Beach grow steadily worse. PLEASE LISTEN to those of us that must use that route and understand that we have rights too. This proposal should be considered for property that is not already in a highly trafficked area. Unfortunately, the city of Kirkland has a reputation for not listening to the wishes of it's voters but rather proceeding with projects based on their choices. I pay very high taxes and think that my voice should be heard. |
| 57 | Feb 26, 2015 10:48 PM | I live in Kenmore and both drive through and am a patron of Kirkland businesses, library, parks, etc. The Juanita Beach area seems problematic due to current traffic congenstion and because it lacks a centralized location for maximimum usage. It seems like a better location would be the under utilized commercial space at either Totem Lake or across from Juanita Elementary. |
| 58 | Feb 26, 2015 10:34 PM | Juanita beach park needs to stay undeveloped. |
| 59 | Feb 26, 2015 10:09 PM | I need to know more about what the rec center would contain. I do think the Juanita neighborhoods need more amenities, however. |
| 60 | Feb 26, 2015 8:40 PM | Most llikely this project will draw in patrons from surrounding cities as well as Kirkland residents That could help fund it. Totem lake area is centrally located, under utilized, needs revitalization. However the city seems set on Juanita with fully exploring other possiblities. If the continues trying to ram this down our throats i will withdraw my support of the project as a whole! |
| 61 | Feb 26, 2015 7:50 PM | I understand that the proposed 32 meter pool fits the current demand for aquatics in Kirkland, however, it leaves little room for growth and does not consider that many aquatics programs are now at full capacity, or are limited by water availability. With this opportunity upon us, it would be a shame to pass up on the chance to build a 50 meter competition pool - ensuring the future and growth of Kirkland aquatics. |

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| 62 | Feb 26, 2015 6:51 PM | I think it's a very bad idea to put it on the north side of Juanita Beach. That area is already too congested with too much traffic, not to mention losing a very popular, much-used park. |
| 63 | Feb 26, 2015 6:20 PM | There seems to be a strong bias by City employees towards the Juanita Bay site - If the project goes ahead, strongly opposed to this site due to parking, traffic and general access reasons. Poor choice |
| 64 | Feb 26, 2015 5:23 PM | Traffic is terrible in Juanita! Also, ease don't ruin our neighborhood's greenspace! |
| 65 | Feb 26, 2015 5:11 PM | There are already a lot of things to do at juanita Park. I would hate to see it even more crowded, but if course with would save a lot of money. |
| 66 | Feb 26, 2015 4:11 PM | It sounds and looks wonderful. Kirkland has needed something like this for a long time. I think the Juanita location would be a centrally located spot making it easy for people to get to. |
| 67 | Feb 26, 2015 3:19 PM | Do it now. |
| 68 | Feb 26, 2015 2:59 PM | The waterfront is a beautiful area. Why destroy our natural waterfront beauty with another building. Using the totem lake mall, the area next to Rite Aid on 132nd. There are too many places where traffic would be easier to handle and provide better access to the area of use. |
| 69 | Feb 26, 2015 7:07 AM | I love the idea. I want an indoor pool. Kirkland desperately needs it, but not at the cost of losing Juanita Park open space. I would much prefer for it to go in at the North Kirkland Community Center space. |
| 70 | Feb 26, 2015 6:42 AM | It looks really fantastic and would be a huge improvement. It would take care of one of the issues with the Juanita HS levy - people didn't want the pool to go away, but there was no other alternative. If health is important to the city of Kirkland, this would go a long way to creating a place where affordable physical activity could be performed year round. |
| 71 | Feb 26, 2015 5:35 AM | Juanita beach park location cannot handle additional traffic or parking; it is already very congested, and the site is on a one lane road.<br>Please buy a site, the cost increase is minimal. We like the idea of Totem Lake or the old Albertsons. |
| 72 | Feb 26, 2015 5:34 AM | I think it's a fabulous idea. We're currently driving all over the eastside for swim lessons, dance classes, and community events, so I'd love to have this nearby. We already spend a lot of time at the Park in warm weather, we'd love to have this option for cooler days to get out of the house. I can easily see spending a weekend at the park, the pool, and grabbing lunch at a nearby restaurant. Win. |
| 73 | Feb 26, 2015 4:34 AM | Don't ruin Juanita Beach and further increase traffic jams in the area. How about the east side of 405 near the 70th exit. |
| 74 | Feb 26, 2015 4:05 AM | I would like to see a large competitive swimming pool with ample lanes for multiple swim teams to practice at the same time. Swim lessons could also take place in the shallow end or in a separate smaller pool.<br><br>There should also be a large deep end for diving and synchronized swimming practices and competitions.<br><br>A bonus would be a play area for young children.<br><br>The best location for this is in the under-used Totem Lake mall area. This area has ample parking, bus service, freeway access, (and shopping for parents that need to hang around the area during practices)<br>Evergreen Hospital and surrounding healthcare facilities could also utilize the space.<br><br>A large swimming facility in a necessity for the Kirkland area. I do not feel having a swimming pool is an option - it is a requirement! There is too much water in our area and our children need to have a safe place to learn to swim and to enjoy the water. |

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| 75 | Feb 26, 2015 3:58 AM | The Juanita Beach area (and park) is far too valuable for squeezing in yet another building - and a building that (hopefully) will attract a lot of visitors and traffic (as we seem to have to drive "everywhere", even if it is only a few blocks away).<br>There are many other better locations for a needed ARC, and for an ARC that should be open and inclusive to everyone, not just "competition swimmers, but recreational swimmers, people that just wants to grab a sauna, a coffee, some volley or basketball, etc). This drives traffic. A lot of it!<br><br>The Juanita Beach area is already cramped, w/o adding any new attractions, and parking is tight as it is (parking was full here already on a sunny day in February). The open fields are far too valuable, just for the mere fact that they remain "open". We are somewhat fortunate to have some public parks in Kirkland, but few are as untouched as this one, where families come for picnic, to play/watch soccer or baseball, or gather up for a massive running event. The park space might seem "wasted" to some but again, one can not set a price on "openness" these days when we lose green space (even when it is private lands) on daily basis. Square foot by square foot, only to squeeze in yet another house on already too small lots. We are allowing the very foundation that makes Kirkland such a great place to live to be chipped away, a little by little.<br><br>So what to do? I'm originally from Europe, been here over 21 years and grew up in a small town that built a "massive" ARC for its 20K residents in the mid to late 60ies, and it is a shame we do not have an "all inclusive" ARC - or maybe just a Recreation Center here in Kirkland. Everything is either privately owned, owned by a school district (?) or by the County (and closed). Kirkland needs a facility, but as most Americans just continue to drive, even if it is a matter of only a few blocks, it should be located on a site with good access. Totem Lake is such a location (freeways, on arterials, on CKC, good transit, etc) and it is an area that truly needs an anchor tenant to start a horribly delayed process to bring that area into the 21st century.<br><br>Juanita Beach does not. There the anchor tenant is the lake, and that attract droves of people. Not only when it is warm outside, but on any given sunny day. Please find a different location.<br><br>And, people tend to focus too much on the "aquatic" part, probably because the swimmers are stronger lobbyists, but if this is to be publicly funded (already a truly controversial issue) it needs to be an inclusive and open facility - yet still affordable - for a large part of activities. |
| 76 | Feb 26, 2015 3:53 AM | 1. Not convinced your revenue projections are reasonable. Monthly fees too high, private sports facilities available for some or less.<br>2. Not in favor of destroying good sports fields at Juanita beach park for this much parking and indoor sports. Try another site like north kirkland community center or totem lake area.<br>3. This project program is too bloated, trying to pack everything into one site/ bldg. Perhaps reduce scope to more reasonable goals. |
| 77 | Feb 26, 2015 3:42 AM | What about renovating St. Edwards pool facility?'Plenty of parking and land. No traffic congestion and there is a new light at Juanita Drive. |
| 78 | Feb 26, 2015 3:33 AM | Juanita Beach Park needs to be preserved! There is already horrible traffic daily. Juanita Village shops don't even have enough parking for their own patrons. To add the ARC to this area would add congestion and ruin the beautiful greenspace for which our neighborhood is known. |
| 79 | Feb 26, 2015 2:30 AM | Partner with Redmond and the Lake Washington School District for development of a larger facility sited near the Redmond/Kirkland border. Pick the best site; don't limit selection to current public property.should pay for capital costs. Expect that the best site might be on the Redmond side of the boundary. Don't go it alone and build a second rate facility on the shoulders of Kirkland taxpayers that will principally benefit the school district, and will compete for traffic (fees) with a similarly ho-hum pool built by Redmond. Pursue synergy instead of provincialism for once and do something great that will allow the costs to be spread broadly. If you make it uniquely special, it will be a regional draw and those user fees will pay for the fitness and rec programs. What we don't need is a Kirkland-underwritten YMCA or LA fitness. |
| 80 | Feb 26, 2015 12:05 AM | Would like to see center be centrally located if possible. A space like this is important for community-building and civic pride. Thank you for engaging us in this process. |
| 81 | Feb 25, 2015 11:38 PM | Please don't use our park land! Cant replace it, buy a useless property and use that! |
| 82 | Feb 25, 2015 11:33 PM | I am curious as to why the purposed swim/lap lanes are 32 meters in length? Swimmers compete and train in round numbers (100,200,500,1000...). This odd length will make it very difficult to train. Is there any reason it can't be 50 m in length? A 50 m pool is a godsend for swimmers! The nearest 50 m pool is in Olympia and this would be a HUGE draw for swimmers, triathletes and others! |
| 83 | Feb 25, 2015 6:16 PM | Need to move on this fast |

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| 84 | Feb 25, 2015 5:45 PM | I like the Juanita Beach Park area BUT it is already VERY, VERY congested when summer events take place in the park. There also isn't enough parking for events. If the parking and traffic situation could be figured out, I would vote for that location. |
| 85 | Feb 25, 2015 4:55 PM | I'm concerned that the site location is too far north to motivate people living in the downtown and pre-annexation area of Kirkland to deal with traffic and parking to get to the ARC. |
| 86 | Feb 25, 2015 4:17 PM | The Juanita Beach site would be nice but this MUST be located where there is plenty of parking and easy to access. Totem Lake would be ideal. Kirkland is so congested and lacks parking which deters people from visiting our great city. Including me. |
| 87 | Feb 25, 2015 3:51 PM | Get rid of the totem lake mall eyesore nap put it there. Plenty of space and good traffic flow and access. |
| 88 | Feb 25, 2015 2:51 PM | Hobo Central!!!! |
| 89 | Feb 25, 2015 7:18 AM | Looks great! That's what Kirkland needs! |
| 90 | Feb 25, 2015 4:54 AM | I am concerned about the traffic at the Juanita Beach Park location. Also, the competition for parking between the park and the ARC. I think the ARC is going to be very popular! I can envision even worse snarled traffic than there already is through that area and parking being a headache, especially during the summer. Yes, it is a lovely spot, but I'm not sure it's practical. Totem Lake is interesting as there's probably lots of room and nothing else is going on out there! I'd like more information on why the other sites were rejected. |
| 91 | Feb 25, 2015 3:11 AM | I own a business in Juanita Village, Everyday Athlete. We're closing on 11 years. This would give us a reason to sign another lease. |
| 92 | Feb 25, 2015 2:31 AM | I am very excited to see the rendering and use. I hope the council remembers this project is not only for the 85,000 current residents of Kirkland but also for the future generation and the the future residents who will move into the area for years to come! Kirkland needs this, we deserve it! |
| 93 | Feb 25, 2015 1:31 AM | I think this is a fantastic and exciting plan. This is very similar to a community center near where I used to live: http://apexprd.org/facilities/apex-center. The proposal offers many of the same features. One thing the proposal does not have is a climbing rockwall which may be beneficial. I am also concerned about traffic and parking, which is the only reason I did not approve the Juanita location. The area is very congested already and the city has made clear that they do not plan to improve the streets for more traffic flow. I honestly think the traffic is going to get worse and not better because people love their cars and will not easily give them up. It would be nice if there were a parking garage instead of a large parking lot to minimize the footprint of parking at the facility, but that may be cost-prohibitive. Although the NKCC is not as pretty, the street seems better able to accommodate the traffic with 2 lanes each way. |
| 94 | Feb 25, 2015 12:45 AM | I'm very much in favor of the proposed ARC! |
| 95 | Feb 25, 2015 12:26 AM | It's a bad idea to build ARC next to Juanita Beach Park. consider North Rose Hill Park. |
| 96 | Feb 25, 2015 12:26 AM | I love the idea of a recreation center. However, the Juanita Village area and Juanita Drive would need MAJOR improvements to be able to handle the traffic this center would generate. The roads are currently maxed out. Juanita Drive is a standstill every morning and evening, spilling around 100th to market street. The current Friday market, which seems like it generates a lot less traffic than what a facility of this size would, disrupts Friday traffic even further - causing an additional 15 minute delay. This project needs to be sited at a property that has roads with extra capacity rather than one of the busiest in all of Kirkland. A spot with easy free-way access, close to 405 (such as Totem Lake or by the new court building) would be ideal. These areas are currently under utilized. |
| 97 | Feb 25, 2015 12:08 AM | Our family really hopes that this project happens! We hope that it will work as a replacement for the pool at Juanita High School that is being scrapped/closed. |
| 98 | Feb 24, 2015 11:14 PM | This will be a huge draw for the City of Kirkland in general and would be great for Juanita. After building the infrastructure of housing and business in the area, a facility like this would be a perfect fit. It would compliment the other uses of Juanita Beach Park. I like open spaces, but we have to balance that with the need for amenities like this facility. An industrial location would be nice too, but they are not easy to come by. By the time a space at Totem lake becomes available, the city could pursue another similar facility. The city needs more than one pool. BTW, a 50meter pool would be a better use of a few extra feet of building space than just about anything else. The extra pool space will get used! |
| 99 | Feb 24, 2015 11:06 PM | Don't use park land! Can't replace that land! |
| 100 | Feb 24, 2015 11:03 PM | Please do not waste precious park land for this. We have limited parks now and we wont be able to get them back. |
| 101 | Feb 24, 2015 10:39 PM | I believe this is a BIG need for the city of Kirkland. The actual facilities are deprecated and doesn't have the facilities for the population of the City. This is why we believe this is a big need and is URGENT!!!! |
| 102 | Feb 24, 2015 10:38 PM | I am very excited about the proposed ARC. Would love to see a 50M pool included with the plan. |

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| 103 | Feb 24, 2015 10:26 PM | Once again Kirkland wants to raise taxes for a fancy site without giving any thought to those of us who live here on a fixed income and can ill afford the continual increase in taxes that seems to take place for the pleasure (but not so pleasurable any more) of living in Kirkland. I definitely feel the city should not waste money on purchasing land from private individuals considering the cost of property in this area. |
| 104 | Feb 24, 2015 10:20 PM | i think it would be a great addition to the community |
| 105 | Feb 24, 2015 10:04 PM | I am VERY excited for this project.<br><br>My three sons need an indoor swimming facility close to home and a place to play basketball indoors, out of the rain.<br><br>Our family will use this facility several times a week.<br><br>It will be a great place to host kids birthday parties which is very much needed in this community. |
| 106 | Feb 24, 2015 9:11 PM | I am a senior and would greatly benefit from aquatic exercise in a WARM water pool--often taught by the Arthritis Foundation. I hope you include this! |
| 107 | Feb 24, 2015 9:03 PM | While undecided about my preference for the location, I would lean towards Juanita Beach Park unless the coast of the project could be lowered and the extra money be used to fund the purchase of private property. It would be a shame to further impact the beach and Lake Washington with further urbanization of the land around it. |
| 108 | Feb 24, 2015 8:00 PM | Do we really need this size facility |
| 109 | Feb 24, 2015 7:21 PM | Prefer the Totem Lake Site |
| 110 | Feb 24, 2015 6:12 PM | The project is unnecessarily large. The proposal is for a 13 lane (or 20 lane) lap pool AND and separate 4 lane lap pool. This project is too large for Kirkland and could be scaled back (at least 50%) and still meet the needs of Kirkland. Swimmers can swim "circles" and everyone does not need they own lane. A large pool is very expensive to maintain, requires a large space, and demands a significant amount of energy/fuel to heat. |
| 111 | Feb 24, 2015 5:50 PM | Would love it if the pool would include a diving board. After the Juanita pool is gone, there is great concern on continuing dive team programs in the area. |
| 112 | Feb 24, 2015 4:04 PM | It should be situated in the Totem Lake Mall area so that it will be visible from I405.<br>Locating ARC in Juanita, north of Juanita Beach Park, will cause traffic congestion and reduced quality of life for the people and ANIMALS already living there. |
| 113 | Feb 24, 2015 5:39 AM | Paving paradise to put up a parking lot. |
| 114 | Feb 24, 2015 5:21 AM | The Juanita Bay area already has insufficient parking. Any additional development needs to add a large amount of parking. The Totem Lake area is ripe for development with ample parking and easy access by road and cross Kirkland corridor. The ARC could help anchor a revitalization of the Totem Lake area. |
| 115 | Feb 24, 2015 5:10 AM | Let's get this done! |
| 116 | Feb 24, 2015 4:53 AM | Totem Lake Mall site is the only one that makes any sense from a traffic/parking standpoint. You're out of your mind(s) if you think the Juanita Beach site will be satisfactory. |
| 117 | Feb 24, 2015 4:48 AM | Peter Kirk pool is old and crowded, and with the closing of Juanita HS pool there is no place for adult swim or swim team practice. adding recreational facilities is a grand idea and the site plan looks amazing. |
| 118 | Feb 24, 2015 4:28 AM | I'm all for it. We really need this and I think the location is perfect! |
| 119 | Feb 24, 2015 3:07 AM | I have two ideas. One idea is to add an indoor room with a log cabin like feel for slumber parties. Another room that I think would be really cool for tweens would b a room with game consoles such as Playstation 4, Xbox One, and Wii and/or Wii u |
| 120 | Feb 24, 2015 2:27 AM | Turn the north Kirkland Community Center into this new rec center. |
| 121 | Feb 24, 2015 1:20 AM | This is exactly what the area North of Juanita Beach Park needs. As it is, this land is hugely underutilized and a prime location for this neighborhood amenity. There will be dissenters who want to keep this area as their own private walking and dog run area but this does not address the needs of the majority of the people living in Kirkland. |
| 122 | Feb 24, 2015 12:56 AM | I believe that the Jaunita Beach Park location makes the most sense and is the easiest solution. This does not make it the best solution. Beautifying Totem Lake mall is A LOT bigger priority in my view. By building an ARC there, it would encourage new business to accomidate the increased traffic to the mall area. This solution; although not as naturally beautiful would help revive the Totem Lake area, already has the parking available, is closer to the free way and the CKC and would not require any special environmental preservation. Beautify Kirkland by repairing it's malfunctioning areas, not by trying to make a great space "even better". |
| 123 | Feb 24, 2015 12:23 AM | Need more info regarding the impact on Juanita Beach Park. |

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| 124 | Feb 24, 2015 12:11 AM | Duplicates numerous privately-run facilities, very expensive to operate and maintain. Costs, if borne by the public, will further render Kirkland "unaffordable". City should concentrate on provision of basic services, rather than indulging the egos of local politicians. |
| 125 | Feb 23, 2015 11:45 PM | I think that it is needed to support nearly all age ranges in Kirkland. |
| 126 | Feb 23, 2015 10:57 PM | Mostly very good. My biggest concern, given that we would be traveling to the site via car, is the traffic on NE 116th, coming from 124th NE / I-405. That road is already congested at rush hour, and I currently actively avoid rush hour trips to Juanita based on that fact. I suspect that current suggested mitigation may not be enough. Regardless, I can't really decide if that fact is enough reason to consider buying new property for the proposed center, altgough it is tempting. |
| 127 | Feb 23, 2015 9:53 PM | I love the idea but am concerned what this will do to property taxes. |
| 128 | Feb 23, 2015 9:49 PM | Enjoyed the new Rainier Beach pool, like all the variety of spaces and "green/eco" elements of that facility. |
| 129 | Feb 23, 2015 9:31 PM | I really like the idea of using the already developed property that is the former Albertson's. Traffic flow is better (more lanes, lights, no weird streets), the site is unused and ugly and I do not like the idea of potentially affecting park land at all. |
| 130 | Feb 23, 2015 9:04 PM | The city wants needs this facility. I am a kirkland resident who works for a large general contractor with a regional office in Kirkland. Please consider alternative contract delivery methods other than design, bid, build options. (i.e. GC/CM, negotiated MACC, etc.) I dont want the city to be holding the bag for millions of dollars in changes and litigation as a result of incomplete documents or unforsen conditions. |
| 131 | Feb 23, 2015 5:12 PM | it sounds wonderful. The Juanita Park area seems perfect as it has parking and a great location. right now that area is more of an eye sore... it also has walking distance to places to eat and water views..... and its ready for construction with little things to do to prep for the build.... it seems like other places would have much needed prep work before construction could begin. |
| 132 | Feb 23, 2015 4:33 PM | This is so needed and I'm concerned that it is not big enough. |
| 133 | Feb 23, 2015 4:27 PM | The community absolutely needs a facility like this |
| 134 | Feb 23, 2015 8:41 AM | A bunch of bs |
| 135 | Feb 23, 2015 6:33 AM | First priority is to get neighborhood support. Juanita Park site is great, but neighbors are already feeling crowds and aren't behind it. Totem Lake site could rejuvenate an entire area, with economic boost to both the area and the trail. |
| 136 | Feb 23, 2015 3:49 AM | This facility will add so much value to Kirkland. Every child needs to learn to swim, it's a life skill. |
| 137 | Feb 23, 2015 2:18 AM | Traffic is already a chokehold mess in that area. Please locate a property that can handle increased traffic and will be easily accessible to more residents. This location is also historic and prized for its current recreational use. |
| 138 | Feb 23, 2015 1:57 AM | Great area, great for the community, I'm really excited to have this at Juanita Park! |
| 139 | Feb 23, 2015 12:49 AM | Either use north juanita beach or the old Albertsons in juanita |
| 140 | Feb 22, 2015 11:13 PM | I work in Kirkland, at the Senior Center, my commute is far enough as is, NOT Juanita!!!! Put a good sound system in, where you can plug in your iPod |
| 141 | Feb 22, 2015 9:58 PM | where will the Kirkland National Little leaguers play their games? If you choose to build here where would you build 2 new fields for the kids? |
| 142 | Feb 22, 2015 9:04 PM | I am most concerned about additional traffic congestion at the proposed site. I believe it would make more sense to diffuse and distribute traffic for the Beach and the ARC across more separate locations, instead of concentrating traffic for both of these magnet locations into one high traffic density location. I am especially concerned about traffic safety for the many children who will be crossing the very busy Juanita Drive. |
| 143 | Feb 22, 2015 7:01 PM | Instead, why not upgrade the swimming pool at Juanita High school making it available more consistently for public use, AND then come up with a smaller, more appropriately sized and located facility for the other uses which the city council seems to feel are needed. This is a relatively small community, and public projects should be sized accordingly. We are NOT Bellevue and projects should not be planned or recommended which would be appropriate to a city of THAT size. Let's keep it real folks! |
| 144 | Feb 22, 2015 6:10 PM | The concern I have with the JBP site is the partial loss of the large open play field, as housing density increases these fresh-air spaces are more important. My 2nd choice is the Albertson site, becoming my first if the larger lap pool option goes ahead (due to site size increase?) and I am in favor of that option. |

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| 145 | Feb 22, 2015 4:32 PM | I think this could be an amazing addition to our Kirkland community. I have been very concerned about having an updated swimming facility for our community for many years. With two children at home, I know it is vital for all of us to know and learn how to swim as small children with Lake Washington so close. This site seems like a great place to me with Juanita Beach across the street - it could be a great gathering place for people of all ages. In the summer our children need a safe place to be that keeps them busy and out of trouble. This could be a wonderful place for them to be with friends and family and provide them with a place to stay healthy as they grow up.<br>The cost to the tax payers doesn't seem too high, so hopefully this will pass!!<br>My main concern with the Juanita Beach site is traffic congestion and parking. During the summers, Juanita Beach can be a nightmare and there already is not enough parking at the shopping/retail area across the way. Also, the back part of Juanita Beach where the new pool facility would go has been used for years for Recreational Soccer (LWYSA) and for baseball. Is there any way to add into the plans room for baseball fields and a soccer practice area?? It is my understanding that we are already low on places for our kids to practice these sports.<br>I don't know all the politics behind this of course, but as a parent of two children that have either gone to Finn Hill Middle School or have already graduated from there, I know that they have two baseball fields that were built of their property that for some reason they have never used, they are just gathering weeds. As a taxpayer, this makes me a bit ill to be honest! If the city could use this part of the school during baseball season and maintain the fields, this could solve some of the issues that might come up from people in the community not liking the Juanita Beach location. Just an idea!<br>Thank you for taking the time to ask the community our opinions on all of this, I am sure you will be receiving a ton of information! I look forward to seeing the process and will keep my fingers crosses that this passes! Excited for something like this in our community! |
| 146 | Feb 22, 2015 4:07 PM | Juanita Beach is a great park that I adore going to. However, it is already a focal point with family-friendly amenities making it crazy-congested at peak times. Adding the ARC at this location is counter-productive. The ARC will be its own destination. Let it bring people to a different area, spreading out the impact and benefits. This type of facility does not require a lake-front view.<br>I want to be able to enjoy both, not be so bogged down in traffic that I can't ever enjoy either. |
| 147 | Feb 22, 2015 3:52 AM | We have a pool in the JHS pool that is just fine for anything that we might need as far as a community swim pool. The money that it would take to update and or fix and maintain this pool plus any operational expenses would be far less expensive than to build this project. Save the open space for the ball fields and open grounds for the people to use. |
| 148 | Feb 22, 2015 3:09 AM | Totem Lake area would provide a perfect area - tear down the mall and build it there. |
| 149 | Feb 22, 2015 2:17 AM | Do it at Juanita Beach |
| 150 | Feb 21, 2015 7:33 AM | Such project is needed, no doubt. Optional spaces should be included.<br><br>Suggestion: It would be nice to ensure that performance spaces can host small productions with up to 100-150 seats<br><br>Traffic to and from the Juanita Village area is already heavily congested during rush hours (NE 116th St, NE 124th St and 98th Ave NE). Placing the ARC at Juanita Drive would likely significantly increase traffic. An in depth traffic study should be conducted (if not already done). |
| 151 | Feb 21, 2015 5:01 AM | Juanita Beach area is already so crowded with parking problems and severe traffic, very strongly prefer the Totem Lake site due to currently underutilized space, extremely easy freeway access, and revitalization of that area. |
| 152 | Feb 21, 2015 4:06 AM | Do it! |
| 153 | Feb 21, 2015 3:56 AM | I like the proposal very much. It includes activities for all ages of people. This appears well though out. |
| 154 | Feb 21, 2015 1:14 AM | I do not want to see the pool downsized to a 32 meter pool. To be adequate for all the community needs it should be a 50 meter pool. |
| 155 | Feb 21, 2015 12:37 AM | Need to get this going and fast as the city is growing fast, and we (including Eastside cities) can benefit from this once completed. |
| 156 | Feb 20, 2015 10:46 PM | I strongly feel the ARC should/could/would be a regional resource and should be located adjacent to 405. If it is located at Juanita Beach it will be a Kirkland resource but if located adjacent to 405 in Totem Lake it can be a regional resource which will benefit a far greater number of people, be more heavily utilized and be more sustainable. |
| 157 | Feb 20, 2015 10:22 PM | I am fully in support of this project! |
| 158 | Feb 20, 2015 10:04 PM | I think it looks great and it would be a major improvement to the city of Kirkland. |

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| 159 | Feb 20, 2015 9:21 PM | I think this looks amazing. The value that it brings to the community is tremendous. Keep up the good work. |
| 160 | Feb 20, 2015 9:15 PM | I'd rather have it at Juanita than nowhere, but the traffic will be a nightmare. Re-doing Totem Lake Mall with a community center AND shops would be a major win for the city.<br>Totem Lake Mall West makes a huge amount of long-term sense! I am willing to spend more in taxes to do what's best for the community. |
| 161 | Feb 20, 2015 9:12 PM | The selected site is wonderful as it is most central to the city considering the newly annexed areas, saves the public the cost of buying property, and with mitigation should improve traffic in the area. |
| 162 | Feb 20, 2015 8:42 PM | I believe Kirkland is asking too much already. Property taxes are too high already and project after project gets piled on , creating additional burdens for middle income residents. We moved to Kirkland in 1998, and have since seen property taxes increase faster than the pace of inflation.<br>This project is moving forward for no reason other than no elected officals are willing to risk their necks by stopping it. Each and everyone is afraid to be labelled as the person who blocked the pool.<br>Almost all of the pool time will be eaten up by a few swimmers training many hours a week to compete in events. In a city that lacks sidewalks and lighting we should not be paying for a few people to swim 18 hours a week.<br><br>We all know this pool will end up as a training site for a select few , with huge amounts of time block out. I object to the city increasing my taxes yet again to fund another pet project. |
| 163 | Feb 20, 2015 8:11 PM | It looks fantastic! This facility would thrust Kirkland into the conversation about communities whose recreation and community activities are truly a top priority for government. I love all the thought that has gone into the planning. My family and I will use this facility weekly, if not daily!! |
| 164 | Feb 20, 2015 7:33 PM | I like the proposed ARC plan. North Kirkland is overdue for a year-round pool especially as Juanita HS pool has outlasted its use. |
| 165 | Feb 20, 2015 7:31 PM | Please consider the added road traffic in the already congested street to Juanita Beach Park. Parking during the summer is challenging as it is now. This would be my top 2 concerns. |
| 166 | Feb 20, 2015 7:19 PM | Great option for LWSD students and families in the east side, please consider a 50M pool for competitive swimming. |
| 167 | Feb 20, 2015 7:16 PM | We needed this facility in 2002 when my child was born! |
| 168 | Feb 20, 2015 12:05 PM | The size of the project is far too large for Kirkland. I am a lifelong swimmer and I spent decades swimming daily. A 13 (or 20) lane pool is massive. It is not necessary to have such a huge pool. It could be half the size and a fraction of the cost. I think you are overestimating the demand. The CAC (juanita) private pool is brand new with four lanes and frequently empty. I am a member there. Scale it down and reconsider. Are we building this for Kirkland OR the surrounding communities? |
| 169 | Feb 20, 2015 4:46 AM | A great concept, would love to see something like this in Kirkland. Recently visited the Snohomish Aquatic Center. It was crowded with 200-300 people on a Saturday in Feb. On that same day, no one was using the proposed park at the Juanita Site. The ARC would make that space a year-round, well used recreational facility for Kirkland. |
| 170 | Feb 20, 2015 3:51 AM | It's a great project! |
| 171 | Feb 20, 2015 3:25 AM | Location Location Location that is one of the most important issues and concerns. Which area would have the least impact on traffic as well as more than adequate parking . which The city of kirkland has continued to lack in the expertise in establishing what that means.I have lived in the City of Kirkland for over 50 years and the down town corridor needs to be shutdown before its ruined. We need to concentrate on making the entire Kirkland area as beautiful as downtown. What ever happened to the Totem lake area? We've invested in the annexation now lets build it and they will come.Make Kirkland as a whole a place to be proud of. |
| 172 | Feb 20, 2015 3:24 AM | Location Location Location that is one of the most important issues and concerns. Which area would have the least impact on traffic as well as more than adequate parking . which The city of kirkland has continued to lack in the expertise in establishing what that means.I have lived in the City of Kirkland for over 50 years and the down town corridor needs to be shutdown before its ruined. We need to concentrate on making the entire Kirkland area as beautiful as downtown. What ever happened to the Totem lake area? We've invested in the annexation now lets build it and they will come.Make Kirkland as a whole a place to be proud of. |
| 173 | Feb 20, 2015 12:52 AM | Could be a great resource for Kirkland residents. |
| 174 | Feb 20, 2015 12:35 AM | Do IT!! It is beautiful and will add untold value to our community, not to mention our schools, as students will continue to have the opportunity to further connect to their school communities through participating in swimming. |
| 175 | Feb 20, 2015 12:27 AM | I don't see Juanita Beach Park as a solution |

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| 176 | Feb 19, 2015 8:38 PM | Totem Lake area is a good location for the ARC |
| 177 | Feb 19, 2015 5:39 PM | In order to get max bang for buck the ARC needs to be located in high density area where it is easily accessible for all. Juanita Beach PArk is not an accessible location. Why not build ARC at Peter Kirk location and make existing Youth Center, Community Center and pool better! |
| 178 | Feb 19, 2015 3:42 PM | We need swimming; we need learning to swim. Other facilities would be a welcome addition. I am impressed at your vision on this project. Thank you for doing something for us residents. |
| 179 | Feb 18, 2015 10:52 PM | Although it is a private site, Totem Lake seems to be the ideal location for this project. I have been a Kirkland resident since the 70s and in that time Totem Lake has barely been updated say for a few new locations (Trader Joe's, Car Toys, Ross, and Famous Footwear). While this site has languished other similar area sites have flourished (Woodinville, Issaquah, Factoria, etc.). It would be great to finally see Totem Lake be a productive site for the area once again. |
| 180 | Feb 18, 2015 10:16 PM | The Jumpin' J's has been holding summer jump rope camps at the NKCC for several years. While the facilities are adequate, I can see the need for a larger space/gym for these types of active summer camps. |
| 181 | Feb 18, 2015 9:57 PM | I would rather spend dollars on upgrades of existing parks and parking ease to use downtown city |
| 182 | Feb 18, 2015 5:57 PM | My first preference is not to build this. The website quotes 82% favored the aquatic center - 82% of what? Be more specific - tell me me how many residents were actually surveyed - nor are the questions ever listed.<br>We all know how to write a survey where the questions are skewed so the answers are not reliable. My second preference is private property - so keep looking. Park land is always a precious commodity; once it is taken away it is gone. Why don't I see McAuliffe Park in the mix of sites looked at. It's relatively flat/enoughspace for parking /not as congested as the Juanita Beach area with cars/easier access than Juanita Beach Park. I don't want to hear the master plan was just finished - I know that. Juanita Beach also has a master plan that is being ignored. And if this does actually get funded - build underground parking. |
| 183 | Feb 18, 2015 5:05 PM | I absolutely LOVE this plan! This city needs a facility like this! My family loves to go to Lynnwood to use their facility-it would be so nice to not have to drive 30 minutes while supporting our own city at the same time. |
| 184 | Feb 18, 2015 3:32 AM | It most likely will be voted down if decision is to place it on the north side of Juanita Beach. |
| 185 | Feb 18, 2015 1:28 AM | I would sure like to see this developed at the Totem Lake Mall area which is currently under utilized and has more convenient freeway access. I get that the cost/benefit/opportunity may not be realistic.<br>I like the concept of the aquatic center near the beach with the views and walking areas already there. Traffic will be a concern. |
| 186 | Feb 18, 2015 12:03 AM | The Juanita site is not a good location. We all like the open space/park-like setting that is there now, and the traffic congestion is already too much for the area. This is not an appropriate site for such a large scale project. |
| 187 | Feb 17, 2015 5:53 PM | I live just off Juanita Drive, about 1/2 mile up from the proposed Juanita Beach park site. While I do have some concerns about the traffic impact of putting a pool and rec center at this location, I don't believe it would significantly affect the surrounding traffic (which is heavy during rush hours, but relatively light otherwise). Adequate parking would be a more pressing issue, especially given the limited parking problems already associated with Juanita Bay Village.<br>I'm sympathetic to those who don't want to lose the open space of north Juanita Bay park, but I think placing a pool & rec center at this location would be far more beneficial -- and far more used -- than the park's current acreage. Other than the heavy use of the ball fields during Little League season and the occasional one-day events that take advantage of the park's (rutted) grass fields, hardly anyone spends any time in the north park. A pool and rec center, by contrast, would much better serve the broad Kirkland community (including by bringing customers to many other Kirkland-based businesses).<br><br>I'm just on the edge of the Juanita neighborhood, so can't add my positive perspective to the largely negative stance taken by the Juanita Neighborhood Association. My guess, however, is that my position is more in line with many Kirkland residents, including those, who like me, live nearby the proposed Juanita Park site.<br>Full disclosure: I'm a member of the Lake Washington Masters swim team that currently practices at the Juanita High School pool. That involvement, however, gives me a good insight into the need, and the demand, for even more pool capacity in this area for high school swim teams, swimming instruction and other uses. The benefits of these and other services the proposed pool and rec center would deliver to Kirkland residents far outweigh the open space of a largely unused park. |

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| 188 | Feb 17, 2015 3:44 PM | What happened to the North Kirkland community center idea? I feel the designs for Juanita look lovely but the area is already pretty congested and the road is very narrow - I can't imagine how that would work. Also a site like Albertsons or Totem Lake are not as scenic, but could handle the congestion and is similar to pool in Lynnwood. |
| 189 | Feb 16, 2015 10:06 PM | Our family enjoys going to the Lynwood ARC but because of distance we aren't able to go as often as we'd like. Having the ARC in Kirkland would be great! I like the idea of using property already owned and connecting it to the Juanita Beach Park area. We can't afford the health clubs in the area and finding a pool in the area is difficult. I think it would also help raise property value in the area as well. |
| 190 | Feb 16, 2015 9:59 PM | I don't believe any traffic mitigation could possibly absolve the problems with adding traffic for ARC to the already absurd traffic at the intersection of 116th and 98th and along Juanita drive. this is a major commute route and is past capacity. Also Juanita is growing and this is essentially the city center. traffic will only increase.We need a site away from city center and not impacted by commuter traffic. |
| 191 | Feb 15, 2015 9:49 PM | Great idea, and needed facility, but Juanita Beach Park is the wrong location due to traffic and open space issues. |
| 192 | Feb 15, 2015 6:49 PM | If this project moves forward, Totem Lake is the only acceptable site. |
| 193 | Feb 15, 2015 1:29 PM | Facility should be in Downtown Kirkland. Juanity Beach Park site would be too congested during peak season. Needs site with better access. |
| 194 | Feb 15, 2015 12:10 AM | I live near the Juanita Beach Park site and traffic can be issue along 97th and 98th Aves NE. I do not have a car and have to cross 97th Ave on barely lit roads without proper crosswalks. Drivers speed down the road and do not look for pedestrians. I have been on the sidewalk and almost run over by residents of Salix speeding into their parking garage. Adding an aquatic center is going to make the traffic along the road worse. |
| 195 | Feb 14, 2015 4:49 PM | I believe that the ARC would be a great addition to the city however I am concerned with the proposed location. I live in Juanita Village near the proposed site and know from experience that parking for visitors is extremely limited. I will need to be convinced that this facility will not negatively impact the parking situation at Juanita Village. I am also concerned about the erosion of open public space on the shores of Lake Washington. The ARC plans will need to ensure that public access to the lake is not affected. |
| 196 | Feb 14, 2015 5:27 AM | Kirkland would really benefit from this. I am supportive, but it is soooooo crowded in that area already, are you really thinking of putting it by Juanita Beach? The parking there is terrible. Please consider alternate locations. |
| 197 | Feb 13, 2015 11:13 PM | People need open space. Another building in the Juanita Beach idea would add to very tight traffic situation in this area. I live and walk in Juanita, so I know what I am talking about. Cut the scope of the project to just swimming pool and gym and locate it at a different site: Albertson's, Totem Lake or ? Both are accessible by bus. A view is not necessary for an aquatic center. Please save open space at Juanita. |
| 198 | Feb 13, 2015 3:53 PM | I have spent a lot of time in Iceland, where they have the most wonderful neighborhood aquatic centers. Given our climate, I have always wondered why Kirkland didn't do the same. A facility like this binds our community, offers a wonderful resource for health, fitness, family fun, and community events. I really hope that we go ahead with this. Thank you. |
| 199 | Feb 13, 2015 3:50 PM | I think it has been well thought out and will be well used and enjoyed by many |
| 200 | Feb 13, 2015 3:15 PM | Favor the idea of mixing indoor recreational with the natural setting of the lake for outdoor activities. |
| 201 | Feb 12, 2015 11:15 PM | Try the Albertsons site first. Then Totem lake, then Juanita Beach. |
| 202 | Feb 12, 2015 7:10 PM | The two separate indoor pools are badly needed, to accommodate both recreational swimming and training / event swimming. The overviews I've read give a picture of focus on a broad and inclusive range of other activities, which is really healthy for our city and the sense of community that is intrinsic to our values. I think the ballfields area site at Juanita Beach Park is a suitable location. I'm opposed to the idea of purchasing property, if existing city property can be used w/ no net loss of value of use to citizens due to conversion. It's exciting to look forward to the city developing this facility that stands to provide so many opportunities for enrichment to everyone in Kirkland. Especially in view of how our population has outgrown our current capabilities and programs. |
| 203 | Feb 12, 2015 5:50 PM | Looks fantastic. I'm a Bellevue resident who uses the Peter Kirk pool for kids outdoor swim lessons. It could definitely use an upgrade, but we've loved going there. |
| 204 | Feb 12, 2015 4:57 AM | I am so excited. Can't wait for the swimming lessons, classes for me and the kids, and fitness! Great location! |
| 205 | Feb 12, 2015 4:41 AM | Sight 2 or sight 5 |

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| 206 | Feb 12, 2015 3:33 AM | I think the location of the abandoned Alberston's store at the corner of 132nd street and 100th would be a good choice. The parcel is underutilized and the ARC would bring a nice sense of community to an otherwise poorly planned area. Access to the site is good at the intersection of two major arterials. |
| 207 | Feb 12, 2015 1:59 AM | I would really love this facility to be by the CKC. I agree traffic near Juanita Beach seems sort of problematic, but wouldn't oppose putting it there if that turns out to be the best option. |
| 208 | Feb 12, 2015 1:10 AM | Thank you for providing a nice site that has good information. I really do think that Kirkland needs a pool but I am not crazy about the Juanita beach park site. Currently it is already a zoo in that area and very hard to get around. Parking is awful even just to get a coffee at Starbucks or fish at spuds! A huge aquatics facility will make it even worse. In addition I am concerned with the loss of the ball fields. My kids played ball there and I really like the open space. I think the site at NKCC is preferable as the current building (an old church) is really not up to date and the space not used well. In addition a path could be made to connect it to JHS for their swimmers. Buying land is expensive that is true but the city barred no expense in buying commercial property and building itself a 40 million dollar Municipal building and did not put that up for a vote. Although I do realize the taxpayers will have to spend money on this, and I would be willing to, but I know that the Fire Station bond will come to us for a vote soon as well. Keep those costs down and don't get so fancy with so many amenities. |
| 209 | Feb 11, 2015 10:49 PM | Think it would be amazing! Love the idea that it would get rid of the waiting lists at NKCC. Also, the location would be so great with the beach so close and being at the hub on top of the lake. I'm hoping the community hall is a space that can be parsed into rooms as well (believe the drawing showed that). If not, my only concern would be classroom or activity space. The pool is great and it would be fantastic to have the slides and lazy river so close. Hope to see this project move along pretty fast! |
| 210 | Feb 11, 2015 7:22 PM | I like the building plans although traffic/parking already is a problem esp. in the summer weekends. I would like to know how the city intents to make up for the popular two tennis courts that are not in the plans but are sorely needed.... |
| 211 | Feb 11, 2015 7:21 PM | You should have a 50 meter, but 25 yard pool, that would allow for more aquatic uses and give us a premier aquatics facility on the East Side. |
| 212 | Feb 11, 2015 4:40 PM | It looks like it would be a great facility that would be well used. Is this the city's next best use of money that it has available? (I.e. vs the cork land Cross corridor Trail) |
| 213 | Feb 11, 2015 4:11 AM | The new juanita shopping village and apartments has created a huge traffic and parking issue in the neighborhood. After looking at the plans, I love everything about it except for the lack of parking. The idea that the new lot could be used as overflow during park events is unlikely, because the local residents trying to do business in Juanita would want to use those spaces just to do their business. I suggest multi level parking at this site and have the Juanita village owners contribute to the costs. |
| 214 | Feb 11, 2015 3:52 AM | Looks great! |
| 215 | Feb 11, 2015 3:45 AM | would prefer a site further south |
| 216 | Feb 11, 2015 12:20 AM | 1) If you use the Juanita Beach Park location DO NOT remove the existing wonderful trees on the opposite (beach side) of that location.<br>2) Please, PLEASE DO NOT CHLORINATE THE POOL!!!!!!!!!!! Use some sort of more swimmer and eco-friendly system such as saline like the Snohomish Aquatic Center. I live in Lake Forest Park, yet drive to the Snohomish Aquatic Center specifically for the saline system (and the competition pool that is the correct temperature). In fact, I hope you have toured this facility to get ideas of what to do and not to do.<br>3) Lake Forest Park has no recreation facilities - perhaps you should reach out to its residents and governmental officials to include them in cost-sharing/planning. |
| 217 | Feb 10, 2015 11:26 PM | I think it is a much needed facility and the programming effort so far seems to have covered most of the needs. Would love to see how this moves forward. |
| 218 | Feb 10, 2015 10:14 PM | Save Juanita Beach as open space park land.<br><br>Using Juanita Beach Park for this purpose is an unacceptable loss of a great community asset and a short sighted solution that will negatively impact current and future residents. Not only is it a waste of a very valuable open space, density and traffic in this area already exceeds capacity.<br><br>The city has been studying this facility for over 10 years and spent a considerable amount of taxpayer money trying to justify building the ARC at Juanita Beach Park. It's time for the city to remove Juanita Beach Park from consideration and find another public or private site to build this huge facility. Appropriately siting this project will carry significant weight when voters consider approving the funding package. |

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| 219 | Feb 10, 2015 3:02 PM | Not in favor of the Juanita Beach site. This area is already overcrowded and extremely hard to access especially in the spring/summer months. Adding this facility would be too much. Opposed to this option, Totem Lake area would be much better, maybe the upper mall location. |
| 220 | Feb 10, 2015 8:23 AM | I love this idea - it's so necessary! Bellevue, Issaquah, Lynnwood and Redmond all have these resources - Kirkland needs them too! (Then we wouldn't have to leave Kirkland to get these same resources!) |
| 221 | Feb 10, 2015 7:19 AM | I love it! It's long overdue and I'll swim most days of the week when it's constructed. Thanks for all your efforts. |
| 222 | Feb 10, 2015 5:42 AM | I love the idea of this going in next to the Juanita elementary school. It would be a great place for kids near school vs the run down rite aid that currently resides in that location. |
| 223 | Feb 10, 2015 5:37 AM | I think this would be fabulous for Kirkland. We go to the Lynnwood pool and rec center a lot and it would be great to have something closer. Also, at the Lynnwood site, they have an adult only hot tub and a kid hot tub. I love the kid hot tub so my kids can warm up a bit and can keep playing. We can swim a full 2 hours that way, so fun! |
| 224 | Feb 10, 2015 5:30 AM | I'm in favor of the arc. Our family uses the north kirkland community center but it doesn't have everything we are looking for in a recreation facility. I'm excited for a facility that offers a fitness center and childcare, a pool and a new facility. I do not like the idea of building it by juanita beach! It gets so crowded there and I have used the overflow several times. Where are we supposed to park in the summer when it's nice out and people want to go to the beach? Traffic congestion will be horrible! It sounds like a headache not a fun place to go. Please put this recreation facility in a better spot like the old albertsons site. It is a big enough space and would be easy to get to. |
| 225 | Feb 10, 2015 2:50 AM | ARC designed is great. I would consider to expand it into 50 meter pool. Seattle area are lacking 50 meter pools. Once it is built, ARC will attract more usage and demand for surrounding neighborhoods beside Kirkland area (i.e. Bellevue, Redmond). The direct impact is to have more revenue sources, the indirect impact is to help local economy which will generate more tax revenue for the city. If you want to build, then you should build a first class facility. You build it right, people will come and you will have a facility that can strive by itself. Kirkland people and government will be proud to have it (of course, it needs to build it right and "manage" it right) |
| 226 | Feb 10, 2015 2:41 AM | It looks amazing! |
| 227 | Feb 9, 2015 10:54 PM | It would benefit everyone in the community. |
| 228 | Feb 9, 2015 10:42 PM | The dilapidated eye sore otherwise known as Totem Lake Mall would be an ideal location for this project. How many thousands of vehicles pass that embarrassment each day? I'm confident the seasonal Halloween store will survive at another location. |
| 229 | Feb 9, 2015 10:39 PM | This would be a great facility that I would use with my family regularly. |
| 230 | Feb 9, 2015 9:16 PM | Please do NOT destroy the green space of Juanita Beach Park for this facility.<br><br>The open use (overflow parking, Triathalons, Komen walk, 5 k's) of the green space cannot be replaced . It's a great place to have a picnic in the shade, have some space to get away from the crowds on Juanita Beach itself.<br><br>Let's not lose more trees and green space in Kirkland. Let's find a spot that is already concrete (The dying Totem Lake Mall for example) and build the ARC center there |
| 231 | Feb 9, 2015 8:50 PM | It sounds fantastic, we really need a good pool in the area. |
| 232 | Feb 9, 2015 8:31 PM | I am opposed to this structure going in at Juanita Beach Park. It would increase traffic on an already heavily driven road (Juanita Drive). I believe we should preserve the open green space. I thought that was one of Kirkland's missions as well. So many residence walk this park, play ball with their dogs, play catch with their kids, and play tennis is the FRESH AIR. Fresh air is good for you. The park is the main reason many of us moved to the Juanita neighborhood. Building the ARC in this neighborhood would ruin all of that. |
| 233 | Feb 9, 2015 8:20 PM | I think this is a FANTASTIC idea... I cant stress enough how excited we are for this. Pls pls pls let this happen. We go to the Lynwood pool all the time, it adds to already existing traffic issues to do this AND that pool is constantly crowded and at max.<br><br>I'm a little bit more hesitant on location. This is already an area that gets congested during the work week... and all summer long. Parking is an issue downtown Juantia most times, and summer is much worse.. That said. I love the idea of this ARC center so central....<br>I Just have parking and traffic concerns. |
| 234 | Feb 9, 2015 7:37 PM | Looks wonderful! My family would be excited for this project. |

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| 235 | Feb 9, 2015 6:10 PM | I like it. I would not be opposed to a private property site, even at a higher cost. I would miss the tennis courts at the Juanita Beach site and hope the City would add courts perhaps at the North Kirkland Community Center site. |
| 236 | Feb 9, 2015 5:41 PM | A total waste of Kirkland's resources and our tax dollars. Do something for the homeless, or fix the streets, Widen selected streets, or improve / add cross-walks, or maintain the cities parks instead of wasting funds on this garbage. Expand and cover the pool at the Library / Sr Center if the city council absolutely feels the need to waste some money. |
| 237 | Feb 9, 2015 5:16 PM | One of the worst problem will be the lack of parking which is already a problem in that neighborhood. Don't combine the Jaunita center and this, Kirkland will need both! |
| 238 | Feb 9, 2015 3:05 PM | The community needs the ARC. It would be incredibly popular, not just with Kirkland residents but also with Kenmore, Bothell, Woodinville, etc, residents as well. While the artist renderings look pleasant along Juanita Drive, that road is already over traffic-ed and dangerous and would only get worse with such a major draw such as the ARC. Though it raises the costs, I'd rather pay additional for private land. Is there some way to work with the county to tax neighboring communities as well? Can the cost be passed on to the users of the ARC? All that said, I think putting it near Totem Lake would be a great use of the space. |
| 239 | Feb 9, 2015 12:34 PM | Would like to see it sited in or around Peter Kirk Park (1st choice), and second choice would be Juanita Beach. Looks like Peter Kirk may be out of the question. North Kirkland already has their community center. Peter Kirk (downtown Kirkland) area does not have much of anything other than the outdoor pool. We choose to live in an urban area to eliminate having to drive everywhere and we will have to drive to north Kirkland if you site this at Juanita Beach park. Downtown Kirkland has great bus service from all other parts of Kirkland. |
| 240 | Feb 9, 2015 8:18 AM | We just moved to Kirkland and I could not be more thrilled to hear about the proposed ARC! We are already loving the classes at the community center and know the ARC would bring many more opportunities for children and adults. |
| 241 | Feb 9, 2015 7:01 AM | Juanita location plan sounds reasonable but there should be better infrastructure to alleviate the traffic and to improve the access. |
| 242 | Feb 9, 2015 6:05 AM | There are many fitness clubs available for residents to use. Only the loss of the pool at Juanita HS is a concern not addressed by fitness clubs.<br>How about just concentrating on providing a pool facility?<br>Could Kirkland partner with LWSD to save the Juanita HS pool? Or does LWSD already have plans for the use of the pool real estate?<br>How about reducing the size of the proposed pool to compliment existing neighborhood pool, rather than compete with them? |
| 243 | Feb 9, 2015 6:03 AM | My concern with Juanita Beach Park is whether there would be enough parking. It gets packed already in the summer with the beach. |
| 244 | Feb 9, 2015 5:42 AM | This is needed to keep kids busy and allow everyone access to good physical activities such as exercise classes and a place to run/walk when it is rainy. Traffic will definitely be a problem, so please focus on that. And is it possible to have underground parking so that so much space doesn't have to go to cars? There should be lots of bicycle parking (and it should get the closest spaces rather than cars). |
| 245 | Feb 9, 2015 2:38 AM | As long as traffic mitigation is seriously addressed I think it would be a great addition to my neighborhood. |
| 246 | Feb 9, 2015 2:26 AM | Although the Juanita Beach location would be very convenient for us, the traffic on Juanita Drive has already doubled since the implementation of tolling on the 520 Bridge. I no longer bike along Juanita Drive because it is no longer safe. The additional traffic would exacerbate these traffic problems. |
| 247 | Feb 9, 2015 1:18 AM | I like the idea of the park being near the water but the Juanita Beach Park area is so trafficky already. The slow 2 lane approach from downtown past the bird sanctuary, and the long light at Michaels intersection - the site doesnt seem that accessible and traffic will become even worse. I am open to other sites but I like that this site provides enough space for expansion. I think the pool should be increased in size and a 3rd bball court should be added. Kirkland will only grow and we dont want to outgrow our ARC. I think do it right the first time. |
| 248 | Feb 9, 2015 12:49 AM | I think this is a great use of space, is much needed and the design is beautiful. |
| 249 | Feb 9, 2015 12:42 AM | Generally a good idea, but a lot of "extras" that might not be needed: running track and coffee cart. |
| 250 | Feb 8, 2015 11:52 PM | As we use Juanita Drive every day I have concerns about both foot traffic and auto traffic along with parking. Has there been any consideration of a foot bridge over Juanita Drive to the beach? We wholeheartedly endorse this project |

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| 251 | Feb 8, 2015 11:23 PM | Water slides seem unnecessary, I'd rather have an indoor track. Love the idea of the rooftop open area. Seems like it'd be a cool place to have a climbing wall as well. Don't forget plenty of bike parking and a connection to the CKC would be fabulous! Juanita Beach Park seems like an ideal location. |
| 252 | Feb 8, 2015 11:04 PM | I think building at Juanita Beach will make car traffic horrific, especially in the summer, when the park is heavily used and the area proposed for construction is used for overflow parking for the Market. Using this area also eliminates a soccer field location for summer camp. But the biggest issue is the traffic. Since the development of that area, although lovely and long-overdue, has created heavy traffic pressures. I'll never be able to get home...:(. Although neighbors may object along 124th, this site makes the most sense to me. There is access to a large arterial, close access to the freeway. With the right traffic management, I think this would work. The neighborhood is already used to much traffice to and from the freeway and to Totem Lake area. It has a decent proximity to Lake WA Highschool which I think is a plus. I haven't kept up with the status of that pool at the high school, but think high school students might be able to use for swim team, etc. |
| 253 | Feb 8, 2015 8:01 PM | Looks light a great addition to Juanita beach park |
| 254 | Feb 8, 2015 7:37 PM | Highly oppose the Juanita Beach Park Site. It's a high traffic area currently. A city wide facility will make it worse and deplete the quality of life surrounding the park. Keep open space open. The north Kirkland or Totem Lake site is more accessible for the community as a whole and will service all of Kirkland better, even if it means more cost. Totem Lake Mall needs revitalization. Locating the ARC there would provide plenty of parking, turn part of that urban blight into a modern facility which will drive more consumers to that area. The Juanita Beach location will drive existing consumers out of the area as we are frustrated with the traffic and parking currently. |
| 255 | Feb 8, 2015 6:50 PM | Excellent concept. |
| 256 | Feb 8, 2015 4:34 PM | Recommend the Juanita site to include the 50m pool. This is imperative for competition. Preference would be to have the facility on the waterside, parking where the facility is currently proposed, with a walking bridge across the road. This would be ideal for wedding events, but targeted focus is the pool. Whichever configuration that is to necessary to get the pool to be 50m is our main priority. |
| 257 | Feb 8, 2015 4:27 PM | Similar facilities exist in the private sector and the city should partner with them |
| 258 | Feb 8, 2015 6:15 AM | We in Kirkland need it but location, costs, and safety from traffic has to be considered. Perhaps few sites and the costs for each site and features are required to decide. Need public and private stes and then one can decide |
| 259 | Feb 8, 2015 6:14 AM | I think there is a huge need for this and this will grow the community as a whole. |
| 260 | Feb 8, 2015 12:38 AM | I think it's very much needed. |
| 261 | Feb 7, 2015 11:39 PM | would love to have a pool close to us! would love a bigger community center |
| 262 | Feb 7, 2015 11:10 PM | Juanita Beach Park is not the best site for it. Try for the Totem Lake area or along CKC |
| 263 | Feb 7, 2015 7:20 PM | So much of Kirkland's faciilities are west of 405. Adding this one makes things really top heavy and distant for newly annexed areas. Also, the wildlife of the area would be greatly affected for the worse. |
| 264 | Feb 7, 2015 7:13 PM | I have lived in Kirkland most of my life (+50 years) One of the things I love is their desire to maintain parks and open space. I love this idea and think it is good, as it is again something you see in a smaller town, but DO NOT take away our parks and open space to get it. Love the idea of the old Albertson's site as it is more commercial, not an open space or existing part and could really use some uplifting. |
| 265 | Feb 7, 2015 7:10 PM | I like the rendering of the ARC at Juanita Beach Park, the location near to a park, and the view. My main concern would be traffic and parking. That area is already so congested. |
| 266 | Feb 7, 2015 6:41 PM | The use of Juanita Beach Park is not a wise choice. It is the only nice open space in North Kirkland that children and pets can run around. Traffic is already difficult coming down Finn Hill. The baseball fields are being used by Kirkland National Little League and Kirkland Parks & Rec have been putting on tennis classes. Kirkland could add basketball courts and that would not take away from the open space. Kirkland can put on additional music and movies in the park. And people who use a community center do not need a roof top deck with a view. Also, there is Columbia Athletic Club and Yoga studios in Juanita Village. Kirkland should purchase the Albertsons site. It is close to Juanita Elementary and Juanita High and can be a place for students to go to after school, and for parents to work out after dropping their kids off at school. I also think that providing support for our seniors is important too. With Goodwill moving in there, the home prices will drop and provides no benefit to the community. A community center in that location would be great because it could support the students and the population of Finn Hill, Juanita and Kingsgate.<br>My alternative choices are rebuilding North Kirkland Community Center,Totem Lake mall area, or the business area behind Fred Meyer and Olive Garden near the new dog park. |

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| 267 | Feb 7, 2015 6:32 PM | I am opposed to using the property in Juanita. We use the park and green space regularly (we are a family of four) and I think it would be terrible to sacrifice for a building. The park land in Juanita is unique, with its view of the water. An aquatics center can be built anywhere, find land that is already developed / interior, not on the lakeshore.<br><br>Thanks<br><br>Joe |
| 268 | Feb 7, 2015 6:21 PM | Sounds like you've ruled out the North Kirkland Community Center as a site. I'm not sure why, but maybe I didn't read closely enough |
| 269 | Feb 7, 2015 6:17 PM | Juanita Park is a unacceptable location due to : Traffic implications(traffic study did not include current traffic, only number of trips), environmental impact to lake due to drainage of the parking pavement to the stream and lake(Toxins to those swimming, making the beach dangerous to children), no access to the cross kirkland corridor, using land that was given to city as a park, breaking the trust of the family, taking free park away from those of lower income who cannot afford to use the facility, and taking away the largest space in kirkland along the water. |
| 270 | Feb 7, 2015 4:55 PM | I'm mainly concern about traffic and parking if built in Juanita Beach Park. There is already a problem with traffic and especially parking during the Summer concert event. And what will happen to NKCC if ARC is built there? |
| 271 | Feb 7, 2015 4:48 PM | A pedestrian, bike, bridge over Juanita drive connecting the ARC site to Juanita Beach Park would improve safety and tie the two spaces together. |
| 272 | Feb 7, 2015 4:40 PM | Do not disturb Juanita beach Park. ANY other site would be preferred. Totem Lake has tons of private open land (old Toyota dealership, the mall, etc.) This is a great opportunity to bring people and traffic to other parts of Kirkland not part of what is considered "Kirkland". There is already a pool downtown Kirkland so this center should be at a North Kirkland site. I like the mall site or the north park site. |
| 273 | Feb 7, 2015 4:35 PM | We like the Juanita Beach site, but worry most about increased traffic in an already very congested area, and also losing the baseball field and tennis courts. |
| 274 | Feb 7, 2015 4:27 PM | Let's get this done now. You've been talking for years. |
| 275 | Feb 7, 2015 4:05 PM | Kirkland needs this community center! I've been involved in the planning and input process for the project for last few years and the Juanita beach location makes the most sense. A significant amount of revenue has already been spent to study and vet that property, why spend more to continue looking? The programs in the area especially aquatics, are strained and stunted in growth. The longer the council takes to start the building process the more programs wither away. We need a new facility within the next two years and it's time to move forward! |
| 276 | Feb 7, 2015 4:05 PM | Good location. Near bus stop. Not very residential, ie already used for commercial purposes. Near a mall so people can combine exercise and fun. |
| 277 | Feb 7, 2015 7:23 AM | I still have a hard time picturing how it will all fit into that building and on that site. It would be so great if it could be in the Totem Lake Mall area, but I realize that would add on to the cost. Finding property near the Cross Kirkland corridor would also be really great. |
| 278 | Feb 7, 2015 6:39 AM | 50-Meter Pool is a must! |
| 279 | Feb 7, 2015 5:00 AM | We need a covered community pool, more meeting space, more space for parks & rec, activities |
| 280 | Feb 7, 2015 4:56 AM | Why was the former albertson's site not an option? |
| 281 | Feb 7, 2015 3:46 AM | biggest concern is traffic congestion that it will cause on Juanita drive. |
| 282 | Feb 7, 2015 3:45 AM | Love the idea, and it is needed for our community. The area around Juanita Beach can be a traffic nightmare, especially on nice days. I feel it is important to find a location that can handle increased traffic flow. |
| 283 | Feb 7, 2015 3:00 AM | I think we need an aquatic center, it always seemed strange to me to have Peter Kirk pool open for such a short time in the summer. It seemed like such a waste of resources to have it languish during the spring, fall and winter months. I have used and still use the NKCC and the Peter Kirk community center, enjoy them both and do not see why they need to be shut down, (is that in the plan.) Both are great places that are still used by many. Do we really need a 8-10 acre site? Seems too much to me, how about an aquatic center on its own and the spruce up the NKCC and Peter Kirk community centers instead? |
| 284 | Feb 7, 2015 3:00 AM | I think the ARC is a much needed community facility in Kirkland and I can't wait to use it with my family once complete. |

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| 285 | Feb 7, 2015 2:50 AM | The City has already rejected the public comments to make it better sized with two courts and a larger pool. You will build an undersized, overused center with minimal parking. And then fill that parking with festivals and markets. People who live within a 1/4 mile will get all of their money's worth. The rest of us will just avoid the hassle of trying. |
| 286 | Feb 7, 2015 1:43 AM | Love the idea. Willing to pay some more tax for it. I would of course like it to be close to Norkirk. |
| 287 | Feb 7, 2015 1:41 AM | There is already a lot of traffic in this area and this will just add to the congestion. It is too busy With pedestrians and bikers. The cost to build & maintain this facility is also hard to justify when we need more schools and can't afford them. Putting money into a pool is wasteful. |
| 288 | Feb 7, 2015 1:26 AM | I think this would be a great asset to the city of Kirkland. I think using the ARC facility for rentals for private facilities (primarily weddings could be very beneficial). The site would make a great wedding venue as well as helping a great deal with income generation. |
| 289 | Feb 7, 2015 12:45 AM | This is a needed facility and the site at Juanita Beach is a good location. |
| 290 | Feb 7, 2015 12:42 AM | There are usually huge lineups at the Lynnwood & Snohomish pools in the family change area. In BC, the family areas flow better and have a couple of restrooms, a large communal shower area, and then several smaller rooms to just change in. The family hot tub at the Lynnwood and Snohomish pools are frequently overcrowded, so a very large hot tub or multiple family hot tubs would be nice. We are so excited! |
| 291 | Feb 7, 2015 12:40 AM | I am definitely opposed to the Juanita Beach site due to traffic issues. When there is an event at the park, such as the kid concerts there is chaos in the parking lots and I make sure that I arrive well before the concert is to begin and leave well before the concert concludes. I walk almost everyday at Juanita Beach and can't possibly imagine the amount of traffic the the ARC would bring to the area. I am all in favor of building the ARC and I think that Totem Lake Mall would be an excellent location. It is currently underutilized and is an eyesore in the community. Our family calls it the "armpit" of Totem Lake as it is useless as it is. It was so vibrant when we first moved to the area when it had a Lamont's, etc. Let's bring it back as the ARC with good access and plenty of parking space. I know it would be well utilized by not only citizens of Kirkland but probably of Woodinville, Redmond, and Bothell as well due to its location. |
| 292 | Feb 7, 2015 12:23 AM | Hurry up and start building!! We need a recreation facility in Kirkland and the JHS pool won't last much longer!! |
| 293 | Feb 7, 2015 12:07 AM | Juanita Beach Park seems like the best location because it's central and in a business area, and would still preserve the beach aspect of the park. |
| 294 | Feb 6, 2015 11:56 PM | I would like to know what is to become of the outdoor Peter Kirk Pool and that area - park etc.<br>I think it would be more beneficial for the city to use that area - it would bring more people in the winter months to downtown Kirkland which people may shop more in the downtown stores = increase in revenue for the city (sales tax) In addition as a mother of toddlers - swimming, lunch and then to the library would be easy if they were all together. Please think of the demographics that will use it + use the library. I think you also need an outdoor pool for the summer. |
| 295 | Feb 6, 2015 11:31 PM | The Juanita Beach Park area is overcrowded already. Is there going to be underground parking if this is created. The beauty of the area is that it has trees and grass. A parking lot and sea of concrete would be horrible. |
| 296 | Feb 6, 2015 10:54 PM | The proposed plans look great. When the pool at JHS is no longer in operation, it would be nice to have another pool in the area that isn't owned by neighborhoods, like the 3 pools in Kingsgate. |
| 297 | Feb 6, 2015 10:49 PM | Waiting for the new pool! |
| 298 | Feb 6, 2015 10:39 PM | Seems to be a bit oversold here, but Kirkland needs a rec facility. Would be nice to have a turf sport field as well - there is not one in Kirkland for the public at all! |
| 299 | Feb 6, 2015 10:39 PM | won't help traffic along juanita drive. it's going to be a giant amount of money. |
| 300 | Feb 6, 2015 10:12 PM | looks great. Underground parking should be included, as it's always an afterthought and can minimize parking shortage and maximize the grounds for the actual ARC Center. Love the outdoor dining area. Great to enjoy the view of the lake. Are there proposals to have some of this indoors (with possibly large glass windows). Just thinking 9 months of the year, it's nasty out and the outdoors would never be used. |
| 301 | Feb 6, 2015 10:12 PM | the plan looks great and it is sorely needed, especially the aquatics portion |
| 302 | Feb 6, 2015 10:11 PM | This a brilliant idea! I am so excited for this project. I would be using this building mainly to swim with my toddler as the only other acceptable places to do so are 15-30 minutes away. As an added bonus the ARC would be right near our favorite park! I look forward to what this project brings. |

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| 303 | Feb 6, 2015 9:36 PM | I think it's a great idea. We have a growing, vibrant community that would benefit from having a high-calibar recreational facility. It will result in stronger community connections, increased property values, and help (and grow) businesses in the N.Kirkland, Juanita and Totem Lake areas.<br><br>Plus, it would serve a great need throughout King County as more and more of our older community pools are closed down. There aren't enough facilities available for water sports such as swim clubs, swim meets, water polo, and synchronized swimming. I'd love to see a 50 meter pool and would be open to purchasing a site if that is necessary. |
| 304 | Feb 6, 2015 9:29 PM | Hope plans include therapy pool with 90 degree temperatures for those of us with arthritic conditions & injury recovery. Currently Bellevue is the only warm water therapy pool available to the public in the entire region & it is fully if not over-used. Kirkland definitely needs a facility like this. Parking/traffic can also be a problem but I am sure can be figured out |
| 305 | Feb 6, 2015 9:28 PM | Sounds amazing, lived here for 20 years, Kirkland desperately needs this! |
| 306 | Feb 6, 2015 9:15 PM | It looks like it will be a wonderful place for the Kirkland community to workout, swim and socialize. Hopefully it can be built without being too much of a financial burden to Kirkland residents. |
| 307 | Feb 6, 2015 8:41 PM | It sounds great |
| 308 | Feb 6, 2015 8:39 PM | Let's get started! |
| 309 | Feb 6, 2015 8:36 PM | The ARC is a "nice-to-have" as a service to the community. Placing it across from a Beach commits the site to an ARC forever, and Kirkland is running out of open spaces.<br>If the schools are properly funded and the kids are fed and our fire stations are properly staffed, then the ARC should get more momentum. But it's not a community cornerstone facility; Kirkland isn't lacking a "powerhouse swimming and meeting arena" to gain consideration as a great place to live.<br>There are commercial properties to consider (looks like Goodwill took the old Albertson's), but again, we have more civic and public-service issues to manage before erecting another traffic-attracting, moderately-used vanity spot. |
| 310 | Feb 6, 2015 8:06 PM | I love it. I think the Juanita Beach Park location is ideal, assuming there is enough parking. It's a convenient location, there is a lot of public transit, there are shops and restaurants nearby (and room for more), and the effect on traffic will be small compared to the benefits. |
| 311 | Feb 6, 2015 8:05 PM | The design looks great, it improves the "sand lot" that has been that area for years. The JBeach side is updated and looking good and now the ballfield side can be updated. No where in Kirkland is there a place without traffic. This is near public transportation and within a reasonable drive from ALL Kirkland's residents. It makes sense to draw recreation to one of the largest waterfront parks we have. It could be a great recreation destination and I think would raise property values for residents in the area. No location can please everyone, but given the added cost of land in this area it makes perfect financial sense to use what you have for the best return for the citizens. I hope it gets built and the sooner the better, the old pool is on it's last legs, the NKCC was designed as a church and has not ever fully accommodated the programs it offers. We have no municipal gym that can be programmed, and as rental venues, the NKCC and PKCC have constraints. It's a winner for Kirkland. |
| 312 | Feb 6, 2015 7:54 PM | Love it! Hope it goes further and passes! |
| 313 | Feb 6, 2015 7:52 PM | While I think the Totem Lake area would be the perfect location for accessibility, I'm not of the mind that we should purchase new property when the Juanita site seems so perfectly suited. I believe you will find a way to manage the traffic in that area. I am also of the mind that we have spent too much time hemming and hawing. The work that the city has done to get to the recommendation of Juanita was thorough and I think it's a blatant waste of time and resources to continue to research additional sites and purchase more property. |
| 314 | Feb 6, 2015 7:51 PM | I like the Juanita site because of the potential views for the community room and outdoor spaces. However, the aquatics/rec components are not affected by the selection of other sites such as the potential private site near the courthouse. |
| 315 | Feb 6, 2015 7:50 PM | I think the City should not pursue the ARC and instead look upon improving the existing facilities that is has, to accomplish what it wants to do at a much less cost to the tax payers. Installing a temporary roof (bubble) over the Peter Kirk pool would allow it to be used all year. There are plenty of other items in the City that 48 million would be put to better use on. |
| 316 | Feb 6, 2015 7:50 PM | I love the idea... I've been looking for a place for my kids to do swimming lessons all year long (they go to Peter Kirk pool in the summer) and was bummed Kirkland didn't have that to offer. Bellevue did but they are so full... I would definitely be a member if close enough to my house. That's one of the reasons we go to Peter Kirk pool. |

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| 317 | Feb 6, 2015 7:34 PM | The Juamita Beach Park site is great. No site will be perfect when a neighborhood is impacted. I would suggest that once the Juanita Beach site is up and running that the property of the North Kirkland Community Center be sold to help cover part of the cost of the Juanita Beach facility. |
| 318 | Feb 6, 2015 7:34 PM | If you go with the Juanita Beach site I am very concerned about traffic and parking. It's already a mess down there.<br><br>I also think it would adversely affect the park-like setting. |
| 319 | Feb 6, 2015 7:21 PM | Looks like it will benefit just about everyone. |
| 320 | Feb 6, 2015 7:12 PM | I have seen so many horrible projects and wasted spending done by the City of Kirkland (Juanita Beach Park being one of them). But as long as this project is managed properly, I am thrilled to support it!! And I love the idea of an indoor track and 50 yard pool! Please though, manage the project in a responsible way and limit the waste. It does worry me that this idea has been going on for 15 years with nothing tangible to show for it. That always indicates waste and inefficiencies. |
| 321 | Feb 6, 2015 6:49 PM | It would be wonderful to have the bus stop back at 122nd. Pl & Juanita Dr., to be able to get there. |
| 322 | Feb 6, 2015 6:46 PM | I think it's a great idea and much needed. The location of Juanita Beach would be perfect as long as there is plenty of parking. |
| 323 | Feb 6, 2015 6:35 PM | For older children and teens, I would suggest a larger warm deep (4-10ft)swimming space rather than the large splash feature. This is necessary for children to actually swim and play games to achieve enough SWIMMING confidence to be safe around the lakes. The competitive pools would be too cold, and the splashing of free-waterplay would be frowned upon by lap swimmers. Only toddlers appreciate the shallow section, so a smaller are with short splash features like at mountlake terrace are sufficient. |
| 324 | Feb 6, 2015 6:22 PM | The Juanita Bay location would have the added benefit of becoming an ideal event venue located perfectly on Lake Washington, if the event space is developed with this view/location selling point in mind. |
| 325 | Feb 6, 2015 6:16 PM | I think Totem Lake Would be a perfect location as it's close to freeway and so all residents of Kirkland will have easy access. Also, don't think Juanita Beach Park is a good location, not only because it is relatively hard to reach, but also I would like to keep beach park as a park and have more open areas - it does not need to be more cramped. Parking at Juanita Beach Park is already a problem in the summer, imagine how it would be if there is ARC there. |
| 326 | Feb 6, 2015 5:55 PM | There are already private gyms that offer many of these facilities but a family recreation center of this type would be a great addition to the Eastside. The location concerns me: having something closer to 405 and other main arterials and transport seems preferable - the Totem Lake area would be my preference. |
| 327 | Feb 6, 2015 5:46 PM | ARC will be a wonderful addition to Kirkland and beneficial to the residents for decades. My concern about the two city-owned sites is traffic. Morning and evening traffic around Juanita and near NKCC are heavy now. Although traffic is also heavy around the privately-owned sites, I am slightly favoring either the Albertsons or Totem Lake location. In addition to letting residents vote on the location, please develop fund-raising programs in the schools, senior/community centers, libraries, businesses, etc. Maybe start a Dime Drive for ARC. That could provide some excitement in the community rather than just anticipating an increase in property taxes. |
| 328 | Feb 6, 2015 5:39 PM | Looks great. My only concern with the Juanita Beach location is parking. Maybe a larger parking structure on the lot across the street across from Spuds. |
| 329 | Feb 6, 2015 5:20 PM | Love the idea if location & design are done correctly. |
| 330 | Feb 6, 2015 5:14 PM | I am in favor of the project. A site near Totem Lake may provide easier access and less neighborhood resistance. |
| 331 | Feb 6, 2015 5:01 PM | My family is SO excited about this project. I have a four-year-old and I can tell you that if you were already offering family memberships, I'd sign up now. We've already been using Kirkland's Parks & Rec classes for a couple of years now and I've always been so happy with everything we've participated in. This will be a wonderful addition to Kirkland and you have our full support on the project. I particularly love the Juanita Beach location. It's absolutely perfect. Thank you, thank you, THANK YOU! I can't wait!!! |
| 332 | Feb 6, 2015 4:59 PM | Too costly for construction. Revenue dollars doesn't appear to be substantiated. |
| 333 | Feb 6, 2015 4:50 PM | Go for it. |
| 334 | Feb 6, 2015 4:45 PM | Great idea, Kirkland needs this. my only concern is putting it in juanita, will add to the traffic over there. But it's a great site and I would use this with my family year round. |
| 335 | Feb 6, 2015 4:40 PM | Like the proposal. Would vote in favor of public assessment funding. |
| 336 | Feb 6, 2015 4:12 PM | This is absolutely essential for the City of Kirkland to provide services for its citizens! I currently use the North K Center and love the classes but would take full advantage of an enhanced community center with full service exercise and pool facilities! Bravo, Kirkland! |

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| 337 | Feb 6, 2015 3:38 PM | I like the renderings for the North end of Juanita Park. My only concern is traffic which is already quite bad in this area. |
| 338 | Feb 6, 2015 2:50 PM | I would love to see an ARC built but not is it is located at Juanita Beach. I have grown up with the amazing view and have fond memories of the view and the beach. I now visit the beach for walks and take my kids there. It is beautiful to see the water every time I drive by, often a reminder of why my family has chosen to live here. I would be very upset to see a building in its place. I am not sure why Totem Lake or the Kirkland Community Center options were not better but I will follow the conversations more closely so I can stay informed about future plans. Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback. |
| 339 | Feb 6, 2015 2:36 PM | It's long over due for a city like Kirkland to offer a year round pool where kids can learn to swim, offer families to enjoy an indoor facility year round and the location is a good location as it's close to juanita beach park and central for Kirkland. Good to see the progress that is being made on this project. I've always wondered why for a city surrounded by so much water that kids didn't have more options to learn to swim and in a place that rains so much doesn't have an indoor pool facility. Thanks, Aaron |
| 340 | Feb 6, 2015 1:55 PM | Great idea, desperately need in Kirkland. |
| 341 | Feb 6, 2015 11:49 AM | Excited at the possibilities! It can't come soon enough. |
| 342 | Feb 6, 2015 10:02 AM | I am really concerned about the traffic this will add to Juanita Drive. |
| 343 | Feb 6, 2015 8:00 AM | The Juanita Beach Park site is the most logical choice for the following reasons:<br>1. City owned<br>2. The 86,000 plus square feet of the ARC is in scale with the context of the neighboring buildings.<br>3. Currently, the open space is under utilized and this project is a highly appropriate vehicle to activate the site. Even more than the proposed baseball field upgrades.<br>4. Centrally located and easily accessed by buses, bikes, pedestrians and vehicles.<br>5. The feasibility study completed by a team of professionals favored this site over the others.<br>6. I'm convinced there exists no other potential site in the city of Kirkland with qualities equal to or greater than North Juanita Beach Park<br><br>As a design professional I want to suggest the design team explore the possibility of building the ARC over the top of an on-grade (NOT sub-grade) parking structure. An at grade lobby accessed from the street and the parking structure could contain the stair and elevators to the ARC above.There is precedent for this in the mixed use buildings neighboring the site. I realize a parking structure increases construction costs but can offer increased security, weather protection, a smaller footprint and a more aesthetically pleasing site with many vehicles screened from view. Also, I suggest siting the ARC as close to Juanita Drive and the eastern boundary of the site as possible. This configuration, I believe, is more consistent with the recent pattern of development on neighboring sites. Both suggestions work together to preserve open space on the site that has become a point of concern |
| 344 | Feb 6, 2015 7:46 AM | I do worry about the traffic impact in Juanita, but I don't think it would probably be that bad. I love the ideas for the ARC though - very reminiscent of Lynnwood's Rec Center, which is very nice. I am excited to have a fun pool in the area for kids to play in and an expansion of classes as well. |
| 345 | Feb 6, 2015 6:22 AM | I think it would be a great benefit for Kirkland residents, and am excited to see something like this happen in Kirkland! I love how the ARC center reaches all ages of the community. |
| 346 | Feb 6, 2015 6:21 AM | I am very opposed to the Juanita Beach Park. It is already an extremely congested commute on Juanita Drive that we have had to deal with, increasingly congested over the years. Please do not build this on Juanita Beach Park. Leave the open land and choose another location (ex. Totem Lake) or don't build it at all. |
| 347 | Feb 6, 2015 5:53 AM | I LOVE THIS!! We used the Community Center on 124th for parent-child activities but now that my kids are older, we would probably be at Juanita Beach daily for the aquatic center! We are enjoying the renovated Juanita Beach and paddleboarding 5-6X in the summer there too! |
| 348 | Feb 6, 2015 5:44 AM | I think couple more classes/activities rooms should be added to the building project. They could be used not only for classes , but also as additional party rooms when needed. |
| 349 | Feb 6, 2015 5:43 AM | This would be amazing. For young to old. It would put to MUCH BETTER USE the land next to Juanita Bay Park which is a worthless grass field and has tennis courts that 2 people utilize. This would be a HUGE draw to Kirkland and its local community. It needs a pool and this additional infrastructure. |
| 350 | Feb 6, 2015 5:28 AM | I am 100% in support of this project. It is well overdue. If the only means of making this happen is Juanita Beach - do it!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Thank you for working on this! |

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| 351 | Feb 6, 2015 5:28 AM | I think a continued search for other site options is a good idea. We can then weigh them against the Juanita Beach site. That area already has some severe traffic problems and I think this would add a great deal more. Maybe this is a project to act as a catalyst for more development in Totem Lake? |
| 352 | Feb 6, 2015 5:14 AM | Very much in favor for ARC, I am hesitant to agree to Juanita Beach. This area was upgraded recently over budget and over the allotted time period. I think it would be a huge traffic burden. What happened to the North Kirkland Rec Center idea? The Albertsons site might be a good idea too. |
| 353 | Feb 6, 2015 5:09 AM | This facility is sorely needed, and I worry that the closure of the JHS pool is looming with no solid plan for a replacement. A facility such as the ARC is needed to support a healthy community, important activities for our youth, and safety for children ithrough the availability of swimming and water safety lessons. |
| 354 | Feb 6, 2015 5:08 AM | I'm really excited about this project. I believe the Juanita location is not today being utilized as well as it could and would welcome the center being located there. |
| 355 | Feb 6, 2015 5:03 AM | I would really like this to get built, but I don't like the idea of losing the green space at Juanita Beach and worry about the traffic there. If it does ultimately get built there, I strongly encourage the City to build a parking garage as part of the project, rather than eliminating so much green space for parking lots. |
| 356 | Feb 6, 2015 5:02 AM | I prefer the site to be at the North Kirkland Community Center. |
| 357 | Feb 6, 2015 5:02 AM | With the indoor pools closed at St. EdwardsPark we need a year round indoor facility. I used to pay to swim there.....its no longer an option. |
| 358 | Feb 6, 2015 5:02 AM | I think the Juanita Beach site would work well. I understand people's concerns about traffic in the area, so it would be nice to have an understanding of expected impact to traffic and how to address. |
| 359 | Feb 6, 2015 4:35 AM | would like 50 meter lap lanes |
| 360 | Feb 6, 2015 4:35 AM | We need it and think it would be a great add to the community. The Juanita Beach site is ideal. |
| 361 | Feb 6, 2015 4:29 AM | I think it's an excellent plan & a beautiful facility that we would use. I'm just concerned about ease of acces and traffic and parking. Those are issues in ?Kirkland and it would be nice if it was really accessible. I feel that at Juanita Beach park, it would be problematic. |
| 362 | Feb 6, 2015 4:29 AM | I'm very interested in seeing ARC happen, but not if it's located at Juanita Beach. It MUST be sited close to the CKC. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Let's do it right. |
| 363 | Feb 6, 2015 4:21 AM | We love the Juanita site. We also like the site at Mark Twain. |
| 364 | Feb 6, 2015 4:18 AM | I have two small children and was devastated when the bond measures didn't pass to fund improvements to our schools. I want them to grow up in a community where they would have the opportunity to swim for their High School team, and have the community amenities so many others have in Washington. Kirkland is sadly lacking and I will continue to support this project. |
| 365 | Feb 6, 2015 4:16 AM | I am very excited to have a community indoor pool and recreation center! Currently my family and myself travel to the Lynnwood aquatic center for indoor swimming. It will be so nice to have one close to home and in walking distance! |
| 366 | Feb 6, 2015 4:14 AM | Considering the fast population growth, the proposed ARC is a great facility that Kirkland really needs it. |
| 367 | Feb 6, 2015 4:06 AM | Wonderful--this would be a terrific resource for the community! |
| 368 | Feb 6, 2015 4:00 AM | Fully support this. If close to south Kirkland, that would be better |
| 369 | Feb 6, 2015 3:59 AM | The proposed site at Juanita Beach would put overwhelming stress on a neighborhood that is already heavily trafficked. |
| 370 | Feb 6, 2015 3:48 AM | I feel pushing to place the recreation center at Juanita beach is detrimental to kirkland. The traffic will be out of control in the small area. The ARC should be placed where traffic will be less congested. Although there is a beautiful view, there are other things to consider. You are taking away athletic fields for children to get exercise, taking away picnic areas, etc. |
| 371 | Feb 6, 2015 3:45 AM | I think traffic along Juanita Drive is already pretty awful. I would worry about displacing the Juanita Beach farmers market, sports team practices, and the relaxed feel of Juanita Beach park. I'd love to see another site used. The old Albertsons would have been great. But there must be another site, and one that is more central to all of Kirkland would be nice, too. |
| 372 | Feb 6, 2015 3:32 AM | The Juanita Beach site seems like a good possibility but I would like to explore a Totem Lake site option near the end of the Cross Kirkland Corridor. That location would provide good access from the trail, I-405, and help revitalize the area of the old mall. Maybe a site adjacent to the lake would be nice.I am not keen on additional costs to purchase a site, however. |

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| 373 | Feb 6, 2015 3:18 AM | Juanita Beach Park is one of the few places that the community can go to enjoy nature, play soccer, and play ball. We enjoy meeting with neighbors and friends here. I am against the swimming pool if it means losing this area. Traffic in this area is also a bottleneck for anyone who lives on Finn Hill and this would only make it worse. I would prefer another developed site be considered in the Totem Lake area. |
| 374 | Feb 6, 2015 3:18 AM | Juanita Beach is an excellent choice if you can provide enough parking. It should be a first class facility that will earn income from rental of desirable, water view room. Here is an example of a well done community center: http://www.kroccda.org/aboutus.html<br>I suggest that you try to draw additional community support through donations and fund raising. |
| 375 | Feb 6, 2015 2:43 AM | This is important to the community young and old. It would have been nice to purchase the old Albertsons Rite Aid and the old gas station as that would have been an ideal site and could easily accommodate parking |
| 376 | Feb 6, 2015 2:32 AM | There are huge amounts of spaces and you come up with the worst location ever at Juanita Beach Park. You would ruin the small open space left - and parking already is horrid. There are other locations |
| 377 | Feb 6, 2015 2:30 AM | The proposed Daily/Monthly use fees are TOO HIGH! Residents can already go to a LA Fitness for $39 a month without incurring any additional homeowner fees. The fact this would add $6 a month to every home owner PLUS $38 a month for a resident adult is RIDICULOUS! The ARC should be FREE to Kirkland residents with a competitive monthly fee for non-residents. Residents should be identified as Kirkland property owners NOT renters. |
| 378 | Feb 6, 2015 2:22 AM | Proposals at Juanita beach park and Juanita community center are poorly sited, not well thought out from a transportation planning standpoint. Use of the Albertson's Rite Aid Site offers the greatest straight forward opportunity for access off of an arterial, proximity to high school, elementary and multi family residential. Please do not ruin our existing open spaces by paving them over, rather focus multifaceted opportunity to reinvigorate the city with capitol projects. |
| 379 | Feb 6, 2015 2:09 AM | The Juanita Beach Park site is inappropriate. I live close to this site. The traffic is already a problem, no place to park already, and access is difficult and congested from all directions. Leave the ball fields and existing park as open space. They are heavily used and enjoyed by many neighbourhood residents. This location does not support a 90,000 sq ft building and a huge parking lot. If this ARC is built the Peter Kirk or Totem Lake sites are better suited to this facility. The road access is much better at these sites, public transport is more accessible and these sites are more centrally located for the population. This is a very expensive facility that would probably be used by a small fraction of the population. This amount of money would be better spent on parks or other facilities that would be used by more people. If there was sufficient demand for a large pool facility this demand would have already been met by the private sector, just like the demand for fitness facilities has been met by the private sector. This facility would be a constant drain on taxpayer resources and server only a limited population. |
| 380 | Feb 6, 2015 2:05 AM | Would be extremely excited to have a rec facility like this in Kirkland. |
| 381 | Feb 6, 2015 2:04 AM | Fabulous project proposal that will serve the needs of both Kirkland and surrounding communities. I like the idea of the Juanita Beach location, but it doesn't seem like it would allow for adequate parking space - no real overflow area due to natural barriers, housing,etc. |
| 382 | Feb 6, 2015 1:47 AM | Would likely need to widen Juanita Drive to control traffic better. |
| 383 | Feb 6, 2015 1:41 AM | Traffic in the juanita beach area is already at a dangerous level. In addition we need to preserve our open spaces. These fields are used widely by the community and their development would cause a significant loss. I strongly oppose this location |
| 384 | Feb 6, 2015 1:39 AM | I believe this will directly compete with athletic clubs in the area and is not a good use of public funds. I also believe that the Parks Dept. should appreciate that they just got a levy approved and should not ask for more money so soon for another project. Kirkland continues to ask residents for more money and I believe that the city should be more fiscally responsible and live within their budget rather than shifting city obligations to levies. |
| 385 | Feb 6, 2015 1:34 AM | This is a much needed space and would be well received and used in our community. Our family is 100% in support of this project. |
| 386 | Feb 6, 2015 1:32 AM | I would prefer that it be located in a location with good access. Juanita does not have that and cannot support increased traffic. Heritage Park cannot support increased traffic. I walk by Heritage Part all of the time and it is bumper to bumper with bad access. Totem Lake area would be an ideal location for easy access from 405, 116th and 124th and 132nd. Why have a facility that you can't get to because of gridlock. Why not sell the Juanita property to pay for a better location. That's what us private citizens do when we can't afford something. We live within our budget. |
| 387 | Feb 6, 2015 1:29 AM | I am so excited about this facility! Build it!!!! |

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| 388 | Feb 6, 2015 1:09 AM | Any place NOT at the Beach Park. The Beach Park area should focus only on uses and enjoyment of the lake. Do not add extra traffic and take away land that inhibit joy of lakeside experiences. From my experience, the town would later rue the day that it put so much on the lakeside. It appears that such a recreation and community center would well serve the community, and i fully support the concept, located somewhere else. I would look again at the North Kirkland community center site and in Totem Lake. |
| 389 | Feb 6, 2015 12:59 AM | It's too expensive for Kirkland alone. I would support a joint venture with Redmond, Kenmore, and/or Bothell. I do not trust the Kirkland Parks Department. |
| 390 | Feb 6, 2015 12:53 AM | Awesome! Can't wait! I do worry about traffic on Juanita. |
| 391 | Feb 6, 2015 12:41 AM | There is not enough parking at that site. |
| 392 | Feb 6, 2015 12:37 AM | Love the idea, please consider traffic issues, but I would love to take my kids there and think this would increase the stature of the Juanita community. |
| 393 | Feb 6, 2015 12:37 AM | I would support any site, just build it! But add the 50 meter pool please |
| 394 | Feb 6, 2015 12:36 AM | The idea of an ARC is great however, locating it at Juanita Beach is a poor choice. Kirkland is "on the map" because of it's beautiful views and beach areas. To take that away for another giant building structure would simply be wrong. The area itself is congested and at maximum capacity already. The roads are not equipped to deal with the additional volume that the ARC would bring. Juanita Beach is a destination because of it's aesthetic appeal, it's open park area for playing ball, ball games, children's events, community events, picnics, etc. The area, as it is, draws many people, especially during the summer months. An ARC in this location would take away one of the few open, scenic park areas for families to enjoy. Erecting a huge building in that park completely defies nature and would ruin the Juanita Beach area. Families need a place to play outside and enjoy and Juanita Beach Park, as it is, is perfect. Not to mention that the traffic in the area is difficult as it is with so many commuters taking the north end to avoid the 520 tolls. The area itself cannot handle any additional congestion. |
| 395 | Feb 6, 2015 12:33 AM | My first choice would be Totem Lake. The location by the freeway and the current, sad state of this property make it ideal. However, because of cost concerns only, I support the Juanita Beach location. |
| 396 | Feb 6, 2015 12:33 AM | Love it, my family would use it tons. Like the idea of Juanita beach park if traffic and parking are feasible. |
| 397 | Feb 6, 2015 12:28 AM | This project really excites me and my growing family! |
| 398 | Feb 6, 2015 12:24 AM | Initially, I was disappointed that the North Kirkland Community Center site was not chosen. However, with a two-story building with possible water views for events and celebrations that the city could rent out to residents and others, the Juanita Beach site makes sense. However, I'm really disappointed that the ball fields and tennis courts are being removed. I hope the city has plans to replace those somewhere. My only other comment would be that I hope the design ensures there are enough bathrooms and that there will be family changing rooms. |
| 399 | Feb 6, 2015 12:22 AM | This sounds amazing and will be a great to have in our community. Very exciting! I'm wondering if there is a way to find another city-owned space. I worry getting rid of the baseball fields as they're very much used and needed. Thank you! |
| 400 | Feb 6, 2015 12:19 AM | As both a resident and business owner with offices in the Juanita neighborhood, I see this as a needed resource and a wonderful value add for the community and neighborhood. It is best compromise of leveraging public land, adding parking where needed to replace poorly maintained gravel parking lots, and not negatively impacting the newly enhanced Juanita Beach Park. |
| 401 | Feb 5, 2015 11:54 PM | Look for a central Kirkland location that is accessible to the whole community |
| 402 | Feb 5, 2015 11:49 PM | Should be at North Kirkland Community center. North Kirkland needs more facilities. Juanita Beach is already way too congested. |
| 403 | Feb 5, 2015 11:35 PM | We need the pool to teach our children to swim and water safety. The addition of the recreation and community center add great value, and while there is negative impact to the project, there is far more positive impact. I don't want to see this killed by inaction. |
| 404 | Feb 5, 2015 11:34 PM | I am in favor of building a new facility on newly acquired property. Perhaps this could be part of a Totem Lake area revitalization project. |
| 405 | Feb 5, 2015 11:32 PM | Too far north to be any use during he week for south kirkland residents. I support the idea but would oppose at Juanita. Too much traffic and too far north. Should be more central and accessible to more of the city. |
| 406 | Feb 5, 2015 11:32 PM | If the current pool is closed we need another. I would prefer a location at the old Albertson, but if that is not possible Juanita beach is an acceptable alternative. |
| 407 | Feb 5, 2015 11:25 PM | sites 2 and 5 are my preferences |
| 408 | Feb 5, 2015 11:24 PM | I live right up the street from the proposed site and I think it would cause to much traffic congestion in a already congested area. In my opinion the 124th location would better suit the traffic. |

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| 409 | Feb 5, 2015 11:21 PM | Looks good..but not at Juanita Beach. I think you should use Totem Lake Mall. Lot of room and parking. The mall have right of the freeway and needs to me be replace. |
| 410 | Feb 5, 2015 11:17 PM | I don't prefer either of your top 2 choices, NKCC nor Juanita Beach. I would rather see this go at the Alberston's corner (this would keep it walking distance for the high school swimmers) or Totem Lake - a huge waste of concrete. Losing the Juanita Beach ball fields would be very sad to so many Little League families, and parking and traffic is already horrific in that area. NKCC is too close to homes. I think you should look again at private properties, rather than destroy already wonderful places in our community. We highly value our green space and parks. We are not willing to give them up for this pool. Find something that is already concrete and unused. Sincerely, Shannon Longcore |
| 411 | Feb 5, 2015 11:10 PM | Locate this at Totem Lake so it is accessible via the CKC trail. Resident cost for usage should be lower than proposal. It should be lower than Gold,s Gym price, otherwise it will be like gouging the residents. We already pay too much in taxes to the city of Kirkland. |
| 412 | Feb 5, 2015 11:09 PM | I would love the new center, however, I would hope that the programming quality was much better than what you already offer. Every class and the kid's soccer that we have signed up for has been crap. We took a kid's art class where the projects just got worse and worse until we were painting toilet paper rolls and I was taping them together and tying strings on bells while my kid sat there with nothing to do. Nothing kid centered even though it was supposed to be messy art. We also took a kid's gym class that was supposed to be good for kids who had not done a class without parents before and the teacher did exactly nothing to help my child get comfortable. We also signed up for soccer, where, after 5 games with multiple parents and kids on the field, a parks person told me it wasn't ok anymore because while the coaches were background checked, the parents were not and could not be on the field, even for the practice portion of the game. My child, who was doing awesome before that getting more comfortable every single game never went back on the field again. Thanks for that. As if anything could possibly happen with every child's parents right there with them. Seriously it's the stupidest rule ever and wasn't even enforced until half way through the season. Right now, your programming sucks and lots of Kirkland parents of preschoolers agree. We want to support local parks, but end up doing classes in Redmond and Bellevue instead because they are SO MUCH BETTER. So, by all means, open an aquatics center, but up your game in programming as well. Also, why is Kingsgate not on the list? I live in Kingsgate and have a Kirkland address. |
| 413 | Feb 5, 2015 11:08 PM | We live in Kenmore, and would use the facility for swimming lessons and athletic classes, parties and gatherings, and to attend City events. The Juanita Park site is a good one, but would create MASSIVE congestion in that area during summer days at a park that is ALREADY crowded during the summer. I would support another site, even at a larger cost that kept the beach park at its current use. |
| 414 | Feb 5, 2015 11:08 PM | THIS IS SO NEEDED! I WOULD ADD AN INDOOR WATER PARK FEATURE. IF THIS CANNOT BE DONE, THEN I WOULD PURCHASE PRIVATE PROPERTY TO HOUSE A DECENT REGIONAL FACILITY FOR INDOOR RECREATION. WE LIVE IN RAIN FOR 10 MONTHS OUT OF THE YEAR - WHY CAN'T WE HAVE AN INDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITY THAT IS FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY. RIGHT NOW WE HAVE TO TRAVEL TO BAINBRIDGE ISLAND FOR THIS IN THE WINTER OR GO TO RENTON IN THE SUMMER. THANK YOU FOR MAKING FAMILY FRIENDLY INDOOR WATER PARK FOR ALL TO USE AND ENJOY; NOT JUST THE SPORTS TEAMS. WE ALSO NEED A HIGH RISE DIVING BOARD. |
| 415 | Feb 5, 2015 10:59 PM | I think this is much needed and would definitely become a monthly membership for my son and I but I am not completely sold on the Juanita location. Being a resident that lives directly in the village area, we will deal with a high volume of congestion as it is mostly during the summer months. I am concerned with how much more of an impact this would have on us. One lane of traffic coming in and out creates long delays. On market days it takes an extra 30 to 40 minutes to get home so Im unable to even take advantage of having the farmers market because it is closed by the time I actually get to my driveway. Parking is already full on several of the nicer days. The Albertsons site seems like the traffic would flow much better but, I understand there is an added cost. |
| 416 | Feb 5, 2015 10:54 PM | This looks fantastic! We've taken a lot of classes at the North Kirkland Community Center and have had a great experience there. To think we could go to one place for all our family activities -- swimming, educational classes, gym -- would be awesome. |
| 417 | Feb 5, 2015 10:45 PM | I love the building plans that have been drawn up. There is really something for everyone planned for the new facility. Kudos to the team for their efforts to date. Keep up the good work. Kirkland could use an awesome recreational facility like this. |
| 418 | Feb 5, 2015 10:41 PM | I would encourage the City to build the ARC with the larger 50 Meter pool. |
| 419 | Feb 5, 2015 10:40 PM | I would encourage the City to build the ARC with the larger 50 meter pool. |
| 420 | Feb 5, 2015 10:25 PM | It is a fantastic idea and many families will benefit from such a well planned recreation site! |
| 421 | Feb 5, 2015 10:21 PM | so excited for the pool facility! |

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| 422 | Feb 5, 2015 10:19 PM | The facility is much needed. However, putting it in at Juanita Beach is not the answer. This green space is used for a multitude of outdoor activities, as well as overflow parking for the poorly designed beach lot & the village. Residents that do not live in the area and vote in favor of the location, do not have any idea of the nightmare traffic this would create. Traffic often backs up to Holmes Point and on 100th as people can't turn onto Juanita. Finn Hill, or Fill Hill as you have listed here, agreed to Juanita Village IF green space was left untouched. As residents have repeatedly stated, find another location. Just because you own the land doesn't mean this facility fits there. |
| 423 | Feb 5, 2015 10:12 PM | I do not feel that building this large of a project in the already congested area at Juanita Beach is a good idea. |
| 424 | Feb 5, 2015 10:10 PM | I love the idea and I think I prefer the site being closer to Totem Lake (near or at the mall), at the Albertson's site or where the NKCC currently is. That part of Kirkland is neglected and this could be a boost to those living in that area. I think it would be wonderful if Totem Lake were developed to have a walking path around it and to have the ARC nearby! While the fees mentioned seem reasonable, I think it's important to plan accordingly so that there isn't a sudden jump in fees in the coming years. It needs to be accessible to everyone living in the area. If the decision is made to use the Juanita Beach site, will there be fields where KNLL will continue to play? I'm excited for this to come to fruition! We need a community gathering spot badly and having all these amenities in one place is very appealing. |
| 425 | Feb 5, 2015 10:04 PM | POSITIVE! |
| 426 | Feb 5, 2015 9:56 PM | Completely totally absolutely opposed to the Juanita Beach Park tearing down trees , cementing and building on rare green space, creating more traffic in a congested area already. It is one of the last open beautiful green areas. Would never get it back if destroyed. PLEASE leave it alone! |
| 427 | Feb 5, 2015 9:47 PM | Juanita park is a good idea but parking is already very tight and it takes for ever to get to and from the area. Utilizing under used totem lake mall should be also considered. |
| 428 | Feb 5, 2015 9:44 PM | Looks amazing! It would be great to have year-round lap swimming so close to my home, if it were to be built at Juanita Beach! I love the tennis courts at Juanita Beach and I hope they will stay or be replaced. It would really help my home value climb too. It's been pretty low at this point where other areas of Kirkland have seen their values go up faster. |
| 429 | Feb 5, 2015 9:42 PM | I like it, but I would also like it to be easy to get to. The proposed site is not very close to the freeway. Perhaps if we had an expressway down to Juanita it would make it easier to get to. I like the idea of totem lake |
| 430 | Feb 5, 2015 9:40 PM | Love it!!!! |
| 431 | Feb 5, 2015 9:37 PM | It's a fabulous idea.<br><br>This will make PCC wish they'd put their market in the village in the first place.<br><br>It would be interesting to see a traffic impact study...I assume meets/competitions would be held there, that could be ugly. (NOt as ugly as using the NKCC site)<br><br>Good luck! |
| 432 | Feb 5, 2015 9:35 PM | Honestly, I wish the city would prioritize spending and efforts on current municipal concerns above the new ARC Proposal. I think the city needs to make more neighborhood infrastructure investments to offset their aggressive growth platform (alleviate traffic, school overcrowding, parking, sewer backup issues, adequate emergency response to all areas, etc), than to undertake such a grandiose recreational expenditure. Certainly this is a glamorous project. Who wouldn't want credit for bringing a municipal indoor waterpark to Kirkland? I'm certain it will progress. Please do consider location with easy freeway access (we have enough arterial traffic) and provide ample parking. For these reasons, Juanita Beach and the NKCC are terrible locations. Also, please make certain you have all financing (actual present and future cost) schemes in place, when you present your final proposal to residents/voters. We deserve to know the full financial impact of this endeavor. |
| 433 | Feb 5, 2015 9:34 PM | Kirkland needs this center badly. The sooner the better! |
| 434 | Feb 5, 2015 9:29 PM | The project appears to be well thought out. I agree with the Juanita plan as I would definitely use the facility. To place this facility somewhere else would lose my support as I would most likely not use it. |
| 435 | Feb 5, 2015 9:20 PM | Kirkland needs this facility more than anything, but I hate to see Juanita Beach be torn up - we are not gaining anything if we destroy Juanita Beach. I would somehow incorporate the pool (which we need desperately) into the North Kirkland Community Center, even if we lose all of the grass area to parking. |

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| 436 | Feb 5, 2015 9:05 PM | Have lived on Finn Hill for almost 40 years and have seen access to indoor pools almost disappear. As a senior, and with young grandsons in our household, I would love to see such a facility, and nearby would be perfect. But . . . having said that, the Juanita location seems terrible, mostly because traffic congestion on Juanita and nearby routes continues to get worse and worse. Being retired, I try to time when to leave my home to go in that direction (or not). More and more often I take the winding side streets to get over the "back" of the hill to 100th, and then that is often jammed up! Please, NO MORE apartments, businesses, facilities down there! |
| 437 | Feb 5, 2015 8:50 PM | I hope to see it built,being a long time instructor for the City of Kirkland I know how desperately we need it. I have no doubt it will be highly used by the public. |
| 438 | Feb 5, 2015 8:49 PM | There are numerous sites which could serve the needs. For example, the old St Edwards pool site, even though not in Kirkland. The city should partner in this and not necessarily feel the need to go it alone. I would favor higher cost if better planned and more useful. For example, site of old Albertsons in Juanita or Totem Lake Mall. Do a study of where current users live and what they come to the pool for. And scold the school district for not being more accomodating in their plan for Juanita High rebuild. This is why I vote down school bonds--their way or the highway |
| 439 | Feb 5, 2015 8:47 PM | While I think the Juanita Beach looks good, there doesn't appear to be enough parking. This area is already congested and hard to find parking. Personally, I would avoid using Juanita Drive altogether as I'm sure most of us on the hill will do. It will however create a lot of traffic on the residential streets to go the back way off the hill. |
| 440 | Feb 5, 2015 8:46 PM | I think the rec pool/water slides are unnecessary and extravagant. Cut them and lower the cost/size |
| 441 | Feb 5, 2015 8:46 PM | I am in full support of the proposed ARC. However, I believe Juanita Beach park is not a good area. It was shut down for a couple of years in order to try to bring back the natural habitat, if you add a huge structure, you potentially compromise that. Totem Lake mall is an eyesore and has been pretty much unused for as long as I can remember. The old Albertson's has been shut down and no one shops at Rite Aid. Those are two very viable options as far as I know, with Totem Lake being the better option. Juanita cannot handle traffic as it sits now, I commute Juanita Drive every day and it can be miserable. Unless there are plans to widen the entire road to ease traffic (likely elevating costs greatly), Juanita Beach doesn't make any sense. Totem Lake has better infrastructure already, right off freeways and hardly being used at all. The building is old and decrepit, find a way to utilize that property. |
| 442 | Feb 5, 2015 8:41 PM | Sounds awesome |
| 443 | Feb 5, 2015 8:37 PM | I currently spend $50 per month ar the New Castle YMCA specifically because of the adult indoor swim classes. I would welcome something in my community. |
| 444 | Feb 5, 2015 8:32 PM | The proposed ARC would become a community resource which provides public spaces with different functions. To site the project at Juanita Beach Park is a great choice to tie the facility with a waterfront park as well as the light commercial areas at Juanita Village. It could then become a true activity center for Kirkland residents. |
| 445 | Feb 5, 2015 8:27 PM | As a kindergarten teacher and a parent of 3 kids, our community needs a pool for teaching water safety to our kids. I've lived in Kirkland since 1978 and too many of our local pools have closed. I like the idea of having the ARC at Juanita Beach Park and the access it has to other businesses in the area. I also like the idea of putting it into the old Albertson's building, though someone may have missed the boat on that one since I've heard Goodwill is moving in. |
| 446 | Feb 5, 2015 8:27 PM | Outstanding idea....thanks for working on this! |
| 447 | Feb 5, 2015 8:22 PM | The plans present an excellent project, and my family and I would likely often utilize such a facility. I ask that the city take into account parking and traffic needs during planning. As someone who lives very close to the Juanita Village area, my only concern is increased traffic congestion and insufficient parking. |
| 448 | Feb 5, 2015 8:13 PM | The traffic on Juanita Drive is already a nightmare during certain hours. Putting this at Juanita Beach adds way too much traffic to an already existing problem. |
| 449 | Feb 5, 2015 8:09 PM | You need to be realistic about parking needs, perhaps adding underground or a parking structure As part of building. The park already is short on parking and baseball season makes it even harder. The next door shopping center was approved with not enough parking even in defiance to the concerns of the neighborhood. Having just moved from Finn Hill after living there 17 years and raising my son, it is almost impossible to utilize this beautiful park because parking is impossible and there is no alternate nearby. There is an eyesore building housing Michael's and the next-door building which is gone through a number of restaurants since it was Jack-in-the-Box. Both of these could add significantly to the needed parking in the area. |

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| 450 | Feb 5, 2015 8:03 PM | I am unsure of the proposed location. This road by Juanita Beach Park is busy and seems to get congested as it is. We live in rose hill and use the outdoor Peter Kirk Pool every summer. The kids love being outside. I think the community needs the new facilities but I hope that doesn't mean the city will close the outdoor pool. We love that pool but it definitely needs some upgrades. Please don't close it! Outdoor pools are hard to find here in Seattle. |
| 451 | Feb 5, 2015 7:59 PM | My kids of had to find new pools after their current ones closed Time and time again. We would love to see this built. |
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| 453 | Feb 5, 2015 7:58 PM | My kids of had to find new pools after their current ones closed Time and time again. We would love to see this built. |
| 454 | Feb 5, 2015 7:54 PM | The Juanita Bay area is already very congested. I already tend to avoid the area because of the traffic. People living near Juanita Bay already have access to water-related activities. Not sure the Community Center site is large enough. Totem Lake redevelopment has been going nowhere for over a decade, why not site it there and give the area a much-needed boost? This would also make the pool closer to the facility it is replacing at JHS. |
| 455 | Feb 5, 2015 7:51 PM | I think this is a terrific idea and the Juanita Beach Park location not only makes sense because the city already owns the property, the area is somewhat central and close to other businesses. |
| 456 | Feb 5, 2015 7:47 PM | We'd LOVE to have a community center like this in Kirkland. We've visited the Lynnwood center just for the indoor pool several times, but can't make it a regular thing for our family due to the commute up there. Having something like this in our own city would allow us to be able to utilize this on a regular basis! (Also, we homeschool, and this would be something we could use to integrate more fitness options for our family!) |
| 457 | Feb 5, 2015 7:47 PM | I can tell A LOT of thought has gone into the facility features and site analysis - watching the little 3-minute video got me really excited! Especially since this would be within walking distance of my home :) Go Kirkland! |
| 458 | Feb 5, 2015 7:43 PM | sounds great. I like the idea of Juanita Beach area, but wonder how that will effect traffic around that area, which is already difficult. |
| 459 | Feb 5, 2015 7:09 PM | Much needed center. Environmental impact kept to minimum would be appreciated. |
| 460 | Feb 5, 2015 7:06 PM | City need to work with other adjacent municipalities to build a Regional Center.This will mitigate costs and provide opportunity for all stakeholders interested in aquatics in our area. Please follow through on the promise of a skate park at north Juanita Beach and leave the aquatic center in another area. |
| 461 | Feb 5, 2015 7:05 PM | I thing the Totem Lake site would be great for the proposed ARC. Easy access to 405 near cross corridor hiking trail. Site not used to potential and if upper and lower malls can be incorporated there is a lot of opportunity for design. |
| 462 | Feb 5, 2015 7:00 PM | Knock down North Kirkland Center and build there off 124th. Buy one or two or three adjoining lots to expand at that site cheaper than a 100% new private site. Back it up to Juanita High School with a walkway. |
| 463 | Feb 5, 2015 6:44 PM | This proposal makes me really excited. Having moved here 10 years ago from the UK I was disappointed by the lack of recreational swimming pools that could be used year round. This would be a fantastic addition to Kirkland. I have 4 kids and we are an active family who would enjoy making use of this facility. I think the proposed site is an ideal location. I really hope this plan becomes a reality! |
| 464 | Feb 5, 2015 6:43 PM | I think it would be great - and a great use of land that isn't really utilized across from the beach. Traffic would definitely be worse but i think it would be worth it to the residents in the area. It is needed!!! |
| 465 | Feb 5, 2015 6:33 PM | The proposed ARC looks amazing. Build it at Juanita Beach Park or a new site, whichever gets it done sooner! |

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| 466 | Feb 5, 2015 6:24 PM | Is everything available to community members to be on a fee basis? We are retired, live in a home that we own outright that has escalated in value in the 20 years we have owned it. Based on your estimates, our monthly taxes would be considerable. With retirement -reduced income, that would be a huge cost. If you would rent to groups, I would hope that you would charge market rates, something that did not happen at St. Edwards pool, which was the main factor in its closure. I would not feel it fair for my taxes to subsidize groups that charge it's own members nor to subsidize activities such as weddings. Juanita Beach is NOT suitable for a variety of reasons: it would take away open space used for young sports teams with nowhere else to go;it would take away open space now used for a variety of impromptu activities, like pick-up soccer games; it looks like the lighted tennis courts would disappear, and lots of people use those all day and early dark time; parking is already a problem, including in the evening; Juanita Village residents use the "free" parking on the village streets and in the B of lot at night so that I cannot get to my bank's ATM, and you can bet that will not change;Juanita Drive is already very congested, especially at that point, and the ARC would only make that worse; since the parking already is inadequate on,Sunny days and game days, based on the preliminary drawings, I see a huge increase in cars being drawn to activities and not enough space to greatly increase parking without taking away even more open space. |
| 467 | Feb 5, 2015 6:05 PM | I think the ARC is needed, but I am opposed to the Juanita Beach Park idea. I greatly prefer revitalizing an underutilized private property to taking up park land and increasing congestion on Juanita Drive. The former Albertsons location is my first choice, followed by Totem Lake. |
| 468 | Feb 5, 2015 6:00 PM | I love the sound of this! My only thought would be to request a saltwater pool. |
| 469 | Feb 5, 2015 5:55 PM | Love it. Prefer to use the existing Totem Lk mall |
| 470 | Feb 5, 2015 5:53 PM | NE King County definitely needs more swimming pools. I often take classes at the North Kirkland Rec Center. This seems like the best spot for a larger center. Leave Juanita Beach the way it is -- all that open space is needed, especially given how built up downtown Kirkland and JUanita have become, with all the condos and apartments. |
| 471 | Feb 5, 2015 5:09 PM | I am only OK with Juanita Beach Park if additional parking is built to support the facility. Otherwise, it is impractical. |

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| 472 | Feb 5, 2015 4:49 PM | I take water aerobics at Northshore YMCA.<br>ABOUT THE POOL<br>Pool Temperature: 83<br>-<br>85 degrees<br>Hot Tub Temperature: 100<br>-<br>102 degrees<br>Shallow Area Depth: 3'<br>-<br>4' deep<br>Deep Area Depth: 4'<br>-<br>6' deep<br>Main chemicals in the pool: Chlorine & C02<br>We have stairs and a seated lift to help with Pool entries & exits.<br>Anyone using the Pool or Hot Tub must be able to enter and exit without<br>assistance from the YMCA Aquatic (or other) Staff, or bring someone<br>with to assist them<br>Sometimes there are at least 40 people in the shallow end and another 10 in the deep end. Many people like being in the deep end because they have issues like knee problems. The pool can get really crowded and we use the whole pool. I think you should visit on a Wednesday or Thursday at 9 am and take a look. We have an aging population and water exercise is perfect for people who may not be able to do other types of exercise.<br>My friend goes to the Coal Creek Y and their warm water pool is used for arthritis exercise. The have a family pool that starts out at 0 depth like the one you are proposing. The deeper end is not a very big area and not at a depth that someone can tread water. The class is packed so the warm water pool is inadequate for the amount of people that would like to take a class. They don't have any deep end in either pool that allows people to tread water in an exercise class.<br>Please visit these pools so you can get a better idea of the need for a large enough area for water aerobics---especially deep water aerobics.<br>I also have a great deal of concern about lighting. In the pool it really helps to have both natural light as well as artificial light over the whole width of the pool. Many pools don't have enough light so a person can see the bottom clearly or else they have light that causes a great deal of glare. please hire a lighting designer that has knowledge of lighting large size pools. Northshore Pool used to have good lighting but changed to energy saving lighting and no matter what they did it was not as great as the original lighting. |
| 473 | Feb 5, 2015 4:00 PM | Although the facility at Juantita beach is visually appealing I worry about already terrible traffic issues. I am also aware of the limitations of the current agreements with the land owners of Totem Lake mall. I would prefer to keep the parks and locate the ARC on newly purchased private land. If that option is just not feasible I fully support ARC at Juanita Beach. |
| 474 | Feb 5, 2015 3:47 PM | Valuable community asset. Will improve quality of life for all Kirkland residents. Juanita Beach is the best choice. Combined with the beach park and close access to Juanita Bay park will create a regional recreational destination. |
| 475 | Feb 5, 2015 3:44 PM | testing submission without name and e-mail, please delete this submission |
| 476 | Feb 5, 2015 3:36 PM | The plans look great, better than I was expecting. Also, when I initially heard "Juanita Beach park was the preferred site" I thought that was a bad idea because it's already so crowded in the area, especially during the summer. I didn't realize it was across the street behind the park. Will there be ball fields as part of the plan? Would be nice to see those kept/refresh/relocated on the site plan. |
| 477 | Feb 5, 2015 3:27 PM | Do it! |
| 478 | Feb 5, 2015 3:01 PM | Kirkland needs it, but the impact on space and traffic in the area would be terrible. |

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| 479 | Feb 5, 2015 2:35 PM | As someone who would LOVE to have year-round access to city swimming and recreational facilities, I am thrilled with this prospect! Yay Kirkland! However, I am also disgusted to see that the council is looking at building on existing green space and stripping our beautiful city of open park (and environmentally sensitive) space that is used for athletics, pets, play, and youth sports camps. That you are proposing to do this in a newly annexed area (which, by the way, was not approved by residents) has an additional “rub.” As a resident of Finn Hill, I am doubtful of the city's ability to build a facility of this size, provide adequate parking, and not take a painfully serious toll on an extremely small and congested single-lane corridor. As it currently exists, the road in front of Spuds (97th) does not even adequately allow passing cars on both lanes due to the extremely poor execution of curbside parking boundaries in front of the new apartment buildings. The parking in the south Juanita Beach area is inadequate for current demand, and I think it is negligent to make statements that an added bonus of the location is the fact that it is along a bike thoroughfare. As someone who was affected by the death of a cyclist on Juanita Drive (struck by a driver), I consider this corridor very unsafe for mixed use as it is. Adding traffic demand for the ARC will only worsen the safety issues for cyclists and pedestrians alike. I see having the ARC at the Juanita Park as a serious affront to my community and would be highly motivated to seek action, as part of a group, against the city/council should this effort be pursued. In addition to stripping green space and congesting roads, this project would duplicate an already existing and comparable private facility (Columbia Athletic Club) and pull people significantly away from the central I-405 corridor into the far western edge of our city. We simply to do not have the roads infrastructure to support such a large facility and population draw (I think this is going to be a popular place!). I have fewer concerns about a facility that is located where the current NKCC exists, given that there is already a building there, although I question whether the land space is adequate for the building and parking needs. At least there, the location is served by an intersection of multi-lane roads. I cannot emphasize enough how important I think it is that the council/city more earnestly explore existing and underused space such as Totem Lake Mall or some other venue that does not involve destroying an existing park--not with the question of "Will it work?" but with the question of "What do we have to do to make this work?" If you were able to find new room for police facilities without destroying our parks, surely you have the capability to find new room in the existing concrete jungle for the ARC. I think the prospect of a private-public partnership to bring a much needed facility to our community sounds like an exciting and mutually beneficial undertaking and would like to see the council explore that option much more wholeheartedly, including exploring avenues of private sector fund development that meaningfully engage our business community. I appreciate your diligence in recruiting community input and having the chance to provide my opinion. |
| 480 | Feb 5, 2015 2:28 PM | Even though I am not a Kirkland resident, I live very close. Me and my family would use the faculty a lot. We already are involved in several of the youth programs. |
| 481 | Feb 5, 2015 11:02 AM | A question and a suggestion:<br>Question - the NW corner of the city-owned plot, through which Juanita Creek passes, appears (in the overhead view drawing) to have land area on the west side of the creek that can not be accessed from the east (parking lot) side of the creek. How about bridges across the creek to that area to A) afford easy access and B) discourage wading/fording of the creek to reach that area?<br>Suggestion - the overhead drawing of the proposed development shows a long span of southward facing sloped roof on the building. Consider installing solar panels on that roof to generate electricity for use in the building, reducing the amount of electricity that will have to be purchased to run the facility. Plan now for such an installation at least to the extent of making the roof strong enough to support solar panels and installing the basic wiring conduit, junction and switch boxes, etc., during construction. |
| 482 | Feb 5, 2015 7:03 AM | looks good! |
| 483 | Feb 5, 2015 6:26 AM | As a mom who had her kids in swim lessons at 4 months old I am ecstatic that the city is considering plans for a new indoor aquatic center. The facilities at Juanita high school are not adequate and quickly deteriorating. |
| 484 | Feb 5, 2015 5:52 AM | Beautiful renderings for Juanita Beach Park...If located at this site, I'd suggest a way to open up the pool/deck area during the summer months to have it be an outdoor experience similar to downtown Kirkland's pool. Also, I think the food service/sales opportunity is being missed by calling it a 'coffee' shop. This should be a huge revenue opportunity for the facility, even if it's a JV with a private entity.<br>Also, I wish your options allowed us to check two boxes...I would have also checked the box to pursue the Albertson's space. My concern with Juanita Beach Park is that the facility will dominate the naturally occurring open space that already exists at this beach. Parking can already be tight...what about the site across the street from the beach where the couple of ball parks are located?? The more I think of it, the idea of the Albertson's spot is maybe superior due to the fact it doesn't impact the surrounding area. Something needs to be built there anyhow. |

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| 485 | Feb 5, 2015 5:52 AM | I like the idea of replacing the NKCC if there is enough space there. The playground there is getting old, the facility is also. I live in the neighborhood and would not mind, I know there has been some opposition to this idea, but I think it is a great idea.<br>I don't like the idea of making the Juanita Beach park more congested. It would take away some of the natural beauty of Kirkland. |
| 486 | Feb 5, 2015 5:43 AM | My husband and I are triathletes and swimmers, and my two little girls love to swim. We'd use this all the time. We use the Peter Kirk pool in the summer, but we swim year round. Please build it! |
| 487 | Feb 5, 2015 5:43 AM | The proposed site is not viable. Traffic in this area and on Juanita Drive is already congested. Adding a community center of this scope would not be advantageous in the long run. This site is not possible until the capacity of Juanita drive is addressed. |
| 488 | Feb 5, 2015 5:41 AM | Would like to see a better use of our totem lake mall area |
| 489 | Feb 5, 2015 5:25 AM | This is a good idea. I do think it is important to be strategic about scale and cost so the costs to citizens does not become burdensome. Scale is a matter of carefully choosing how big based on traffic issues, efficiency and sizing so the space is fully utilized without a lot of excess unused space.<br><br>I don't understand why a 32 meter pool is under consideration. My understanding is that competitive swimmers use either 25 meter or 50 meter pools. A 20 lane pool would be difficult to guard/reach someone in the middle of the pool quickly. Would it be too big? What about the idea of having two larger family locker rooms ( a men's and womens family locker room) and a separate men's and women's locker room for 16 and older?<br><br>The Juanita site looks like it could have great potential for event rentals and is an attractive spot. But the traffic at the intersection of 100th and Juanita Drive/116th is really a challenge at certain times of day. This site would only contribute to that challenge |
| 490 | Feb 5, 2015 5:20 AM | Swimming is the exercise of choice for our family. We attend lap swim at Peter Kirk pool in the summer and masters workouts at Juanita Pool in the winter. The latter is very over crowded. Opportunities for year round lap swim are very limited. A quality aquatic facility will provide year round recreation and health opportunities for all ages. It will be a great complement to existing park and recreation opportunities for Kirkland residents and the Eastside in general. |
| 491 | Feb 5, 2015 5:15 AM | Great idea, nice plan, and like the location proposed. Makes sense. This will be wonderful for our community. I do understand the traffic concerns on the already busy street, though. |
| 492 | Feb 5, 2015 5:13 AM | I love it! It would be a great addition to the City of Kirkland and the Juanita Beach site would really show off what Kirkland has to offer.<br><br>I have been driving by the site across the street from Juanita Beach and my informal survey shows this site as seriously underutilized throughout the summer and winter.<br><br>Yes for the ARC. |
| 493 | Feb 5, 2015 4:53 AM | This would greatly meet the need for childrens swim lessons and swim team usage since the Juanita pool is closing and provide a community space for so many other activities -we need this!! |
| 494 | Feb 5, 2015 4:40 AM | On the one hand, it saddens me, well, angers me, that our school system is so underfunded that they can't build an aquatic facility for aquatic education and competitive sports. I just don't understand why our state, and citizens, I guess, have such misguided priorities. That being said, at least Kirkland seems to be ready to step in and that's a good thing. Juanita Beach site: Hmm...this would be walkable for us which is nice, but I think Juanita Beach park is already too overloaded and the traffic along Juanita Drive is horrible. Siting the ARC there would only make things go from bad to unbearable. I would personally prefer just replicating the aquatic-only nature of the JHS facility in a modest new facility located at the Albertson's site. Just keep the NKCC running as it is. |
| 495 | Feb 5, 2015 4:10 AM | LWSD needs to pony up some money.<br>The budget for this, and the amount taxpayers will pay needs to be up front in this discussion.<br>It should NOT go in Juanita.<br>Totem Lake would be ideal.<br>I don't think citizens will approve a levy or bond issue. You need to find that out EARLY, or you're wasting our resources with all this planning.<br>Do another survey asking ALL voters (not just the swim teams) what they are willing to pay for this luxury.<br>Emphasize that this is (as I understand it) much more than a swimming pool. The public currently perceives this as a $40 million swimming pool, and will NEVER approve it without more education. |

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| 496 | Feb 5, 2015 4:01 AM | Although beautiful at Juanita Beach Park, Juanita is already horribly congested during any commute hour. A location in Totem Lake would be much more preferred especially if the City of Kirkland expanded the size of the project to be a regional aquatic center with multiple competition pools, diving, recreation pools, and fitness offerings. Yes this would add to the cost, but Kirkland and the Totem Lake area would be much better for it in the mid- to long-term. The City of Kirkland would be selling itself short by not thinking more about the benefit of a larger regional aquatic facility just off of I-405. |
| 497 | Feb 5, 2015 3:56 AM | The proposed ARC is too big. And it shouldn't result in the loss of a very important park to the city. |
| 498 | Feb 5, 2015 3:46 AM | We have taken advantage of many classes and activities for our family at the North Kirkland CC and welcome the addition of another great community resource. We also drive use Juanita beach frequently and enjoy the Juanita Village area. I also drive past the proposed Juanita site multiple times a day and think it's a great idea to put that north side of the site to better use. If there is a way to route traffic so as to keep it safe and avoid stops for turns, that should be prioritized in the budget. |
| 499 | Feb 5, 2015 3:29 AM | The city would make a lot of money if it is well built with a 50 meter racing pool. People would come from all over to compete and dump money into our businesses. |
| 500 | Feb 5, 2015 3:03 AM | Juanita Beach is presently a gathering place for people. The Community Center would add value to the existing park and will bring the surrounding communities together. It is situated nicely between the Kirkland, Juanita and Finn Hill. Traffic should not be a problem as it is not on a main street. There are lights at the intersections. I generally don't like to see building placed on existing city owned open spaces but I think we need a pool for all of our citizens and the property is so well suited for this. I used to swim at St. Edwards and went to the meetings when that pool was doomed for closure. The meetings were filled with people that wanted to keep the pool open, especially the elderly. Thank you for soliciting my opinion. |
| 501 | Feb 5, 2015 3:02 AM | I love it, would join as a family, my kids would use it for swim team & water polo. I love the indoor track, the view of lake from roof, I am so excited for Kirkland to get this going! |
| 502 | Feb 5, 2015 2:57 AM | Current fees for participating in recreational activities in Kirkland are a very affordable option to joining a private club. I like the look and idea of a new facility, but only if it continues to be affordable for all Kirkland residents. I don't want my tax dollars to support a facility that would be too expensive for all but the wealthiest. |
| 503 | Feb 5, 2015 2:57 AM | Current fees for participating in recreational activities in Kirkland are a very affordable option to joining a private club. I like the look and idea of a new facility, but only if it continues to be affordable for all Kirkland residents. I don't want my tax dollars to support a facility that would be too expensive for all but the wealthiest. |
| 504 | Feb 5, 2015 2:45 AM | Do not put it at Juanita Beach Park. Im Interested to see what other locations are suggested. Totem Lake has a big ugly ghost town of a mall that could be a good spot. Or redoing the current community center, is that still an option. |
| 505 | Feb 5, 2015 2:21 AM | I believe the Juanita Beach Park would be a beautiful site to house the ARC. However, I'm not opposed to a private property as long as you don't take a really long time to find property that fits the parameters needed. It seems like you already have the perfect spot with Juanita Beach Park. In addition, I believe that other school districts as well as other cities would be willing to contribute funds to this project, since this will have a regional draw with the Aquatic component.<br><br>Keep moving forward...the time is NOW for the ARC. |
| 506 | Feb 5, 2015 2:07 AM | The Juanita area already has way too much traffic that has not been resolved. The aquatics center shoukd NOT be built in the Juanita Beach area. The beach park is already full up most of the summer and there were times I could not even use the beach due to the number of users not even from this area parked there (many people staying all day, as a matter of fact). Building there would make access to the park even more impossible, let alone creating a more overblown traffic problem than there is. Yes, I saw a proposal for a change in the roads there. We all know that won't solve the already overcrowded road problems. Build it, but build it somewhere else in Kirkland. |
| 507 | Feb 5, 2015 2:00 AM | Excited! |
| 508 | Feb 5, 2015 1:46 AM | Do Not build this structure in Juanita. The added traffic and noise will ruin my neighborhood. |
| 509 | Feb 5, 2015 1:21 AM | Costs are my primary concern both to build the facilities and ongoing/ recurring costs. |
| 510 | Feb 5, 2015 12:42 AM | Juanita Beach Park is an important historic opens space. To even consider destroying that history and open space benefits is appalling, this current park director needs to be replaced with one who actually care about Kirkland's historical resources! The city staff and city manager are wholly out of touch with the community. |
| 511 | Feb 5, 2015 12:40 AM | Why is it a 32 meter pool? IT should be 25 yards, 25 meters, or 50 meters. |
| 512 | Feb 5, 2015 12:32 AM | PLEASE do not destroy the trees and open space across from Juanita Beach.<br>We need open space |

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| 513 | Feb 5, 2015 12:13 AM | Not Juanita Beach Park., it is a much used outdoor space by baseball, soccer, dog walkers, frisbee, etc. That is rare open space that should remain open space. Certainly not to be made into a parking lot around a Rec building. Traffic would be negatively impacted in an area which is already excessively busy in the spring and summer months. An ARC would magnify the traffic impact. Closer to 405, like the Totem Lake area more central location and less traffic impact, and not destroy Juanita Beach Park. |
| 514 | Feb 5, 2015 12:08 AM | ARC is a gold-plated cadillac. Proponents say we need a pool to teach kids to how to swim. Then build a pool for this purpose. Not an ARC. ARC is just another burden on taxpayers with little benefit if any benefit to taxpayers. In fact, residents of Kirkland will have to pay taxes to build the ARC and maintain it. AND then pay to use it too. Furthermore, the study conducted in Mar 21014 is flawed. It doesn't ask the question about how much taxpayers are willing to spend, nor does it propose just building a pool for public use. ARC is nothing more than another "stadium" deal. We pay and everyone else profits. |
| 515 | Feb 5, 2015 12:06 AM | Wonderful. We really need this. |
| 516 | Feb 5, 2015 12:05 AM | Concerns about NE 116/Juanita Drive Being able to handle the high volumes of traffic. Pool should be 50 meters. |
| 517 | Feb 4, 2015 11:42 PM | I'm opposed to the use of the north side of Juanita beach park for this purpose. While I definitely am in favor of the ARC, this takes one of the largest open park areas with great lake views and uses it for indoor activities that would not benefit from the location. I believe the increased density of use in this part of the park would also overwhelm the current crosswalks over the very busy Juanita Drive. Some form of pedestrian bridge would probably be needed to minimize the collision risk. I believe the old Albertson's site would be much better, as the positive impact of redeveloping this corner would also make the area safer and more attractive to the elementary school across the street. This site seems to have good street access in a place that would be less likely to be overburdened by increase pedestrian/vehicle use. |
| 518 | Feb 4, 2015 11:36 PM | Very exciting to think about the ARC. It will be a great draw for the citizens, and put Kirkland in the top echelon of places to live in the USA. |
| 519 | Feb 4, 2015 11:30 PM | Juanita beach is the wrong site. The traffic on Juanita Dr is<br>Terrible as it is and road can not handle more traffic. I swim<br>At the pool at the high school, I go over Finn Hill because of<br>Traffic. |
| 520 | Feb 4, 2015 11:25 PM | Very excited for it, and ready to have my family enjoy it. Wish the city would reconsider the NKCC site. Juanita Beach is very overcrowded, parking overflows from Juanita Village, and the beach side of the park. My children have played baseball and soccer here for years, would hate to lose this space |
| 521 | Feb 4, 2015 11:16 PM | Great idea. Not sure if the Juanita area is worth losing open space adjacent to the beach. I thought N. Kirkland was a "no brainer"-seems that the infrastructure is there already- and am surprised it isn't large enough. Concerned about the congestion at the Juanita Beach site already, and this will exacerbate it. |
| 522 | Feb 4, 2015 11:14 PM | Wonderful addition to our city. Please start soon! |
| 523 | Feb 4, 2015 11:11 PM | As a parent of 4 children, who love to swim and participate in swim team - I am all for this. However, I am concerned about the traffic flow to and from the ARC at Juanita Beach. That stretch of road is already pretty high traffic. I think it needs to be closer to main arterials and 405 for easy access. The ARC will draw customers from all over the eastside - so it would be smart to have good and sufficient parking and traffic flow. The commercial park area on the west side of 405 by 116th might be a good option - you have Pump It Up, SkyMania, and Rainbow systems there. Kids friendly business park; and it is just off of 405. |
| 524 | Feb 4, 2015 11:11 PM | I think it could be scaled down. I am very concerned about impact of traffic/parking on already overloaded streets. Strongly oppose the 2 city owned sites. Look for site closer to I-405. |
| 525 | Feb 4, 2015 11:11 PM | This would be an amazing addition and a huge benefit for Kirkland residents! |
| 526 | Feb 4, 2015 11:10 PM | The traffic impact this would have to the Finn Hill/Juanita Beach area is just high. It also makes sense to look at an area that is in desperate need of revitalization such as Totem Lake. ARC center there would be such an improvement to the area and with its location right off the freeway it could easily draw residents from all Kirkland neighborhoods. |
| 527 | Feb 4, 2015 11:06 PM | I think using the space where the current north Kirkland community center is at would be a good location. |
| 528 | Feb 4, 2015 11:03 PM | I think it is a Fabulous idea! It will be very much the thing in the upcoming times to come! It is a wonderful project for humanity! Thank you! |
| 529 | Feb 4, 2015 11:00 PM | Since moving to Kirkland in 2012 I've noticed a real lack of public pools. With the loss of Juanita HS pool a replacement public pool for all ages is definitely needed. Peter Kirk pool only serves kids and is useable only in the summer. |

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| 530 | Feb 4, 2015 10:53 PM | I fully support the development of the new ARC, but am absolutely against using the land at Juanita Beach Park. That space is already in high demand for youth sports practice (soccer, baseball) and traffic in the area is horrible, particularly in the summer. As a homeowner and tax payer, I would be more than happy to pay higher taxes to provide revenue needed to support a private property site for the ARC. The value it would provide to the community would be well worth the cost. |
| 531 | Feb 4, 2015 10:36 PM | The most important features to me about this facility are:<br>indoor and outdoor splash areas for summer<br>multiple birthday party rooms for kid parties<br>workout facility with Kirkland resident membership option<br>lazy river with tubes<br>hot tubs<br>swim team with lap pools<br>two large water slides and a smaller preschooler water slide<br>surfing pool like the Lynwood/Snohomish Aquatic Center has<br>water aerobics classes that are challenging |
| 532 | Feb 4, 2015 10:32 PM | I think this is essential for Kirkland and also Redmond, Bellevue, Woodinville and Bothell. While I see Juanita as a great location, I think the Totem Lake area (Mall ) could be a great location, especially to draw in visitors from other cities and used in conjucntion with the CKC. |
| 533 | Feb 4, 2015 10:31 PM | We are excited! Can't wait to see how this moves forward. |
| 534 | Feb 4, 2015 10:23 PM | I think Kirkland really needs this. |
| 535 | Feb 4, 2015 10:15 PM | Fantastic idea! (Especially the swimming pool.) |
| 536 | Feb 4, 2015 10:05 PM | Let's start with something small that we can add on to later. Juanita Bay Park is not a good location due to congestion and negative impacts on the park. Waterfront is like gold - we should not use it for a big building. We need an ARC location that can handle traffic and parking better. |
| 537 | Feb 4, 2015 9:58 PM | I wanted it at North Kirkland Community Center. |
| 538 | Feb 4, 2015 9:52 PM | In looking over The Kirkland ARC Center plan, I can’t find a place to provide feedback or input. Anyway I can’t help but wonder if anyone put thought (enough thought) into the fact that North of Juanita Beach Park is a terrible idea. Access and parking is next to nothing. With all the growth being crammed into this area it will just be a bottle neck of traffic and headache to access which will deter people from utilizing it. I honestly think it would be millions wasted on a building that will set and decay from lack of use.<br><br>Additionally if this facility is to be used for Local School swimming events it needs easy access for school busses etc. I’ve mentioned this before, but have seen no discussion about it; I think the obvious and best location would be the decaying Totem Lake Mall area. There is more than adequate space and easy access right off the freeway. Yes there are ideas once again to completely revamp the mall, but we’ve heard this before and why can’t the ARC and a new mall development be incorporated together. I suspect both together would drive traffic and support each.<br><br>If the video provided is anything remotely close to what’s being proposed, north of Juanita Beach Park is not adequate enough space and the only people who will have the privilege to enjoy will be the ones living next to it.<br><br>I’ve lived here since 1980 and year after year, after year I watch city development fall 10 to 15 years behind what it should be. Our city planners consistently fall short of planning for the future and always build the Band-Aid which is constantly too little too late.<br><br>I sincerely hope more serious thought will be put into this as I logically think the current building site would be a dismal failure. Just my 2 cents. |
| 539 | Feb 4, 2015 9:49 PM | I think it looks great! We live within City of Kenmore's limits, but off Juanita Drive and we would greatly welcome a swimming pool so close to our neighborhood. |
| 540 | Feb 4, 2015 9:47 PM | It seems like a great idea, especially since we have rain 9 months out of the year! Juanita Beach park would be a great location - tons of parking, easy access. etc. |

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| 541 | Feb 4, 2015 9:40 PM | As the father of a child with a disability who benefits greatly from aqua therapy, I would love to see a wellness pool. There is only 1 such pool in the greater Seattle area that keeps temperatures appropriate for people with disabilities - Bellevue.<br><br>Having only one such facility in the entire region is disconcerting, since if it were to ever close - including during maintenance windows - there would be no remaining facilities, including in Seattle.<br><br>Since aquatics facilities aren't constructed very often, I urge you to please consider adding type of pool.<br><br>Thank you,<br>-Steven |
| 542 | Feb 4, 2015 9:40 PM | I think that the Alberton's location is a much better choice than the Juanita Beach location - primarily due to traffic access. If purchasing the Albertson's location keeps the cost within the 60 million range I would support it. The cost difference between proposed 48 mill and 60 mill is not considerable enough for me oppose that. |
| 543 | Feb 4, 2015 9:39 PM | Well done, move forward with haste!! |
| 544 | Feb 4, 2015 9:34 PM | I think this is a wonderful idea and the city needs it asap. The Juanita Beach area or North Kirkland Community Center area would be perfect and already owned by the city thus keeping costs down. Please get started asap. |
| 545 | Feb 4, 2015 9:25 PM | I commute past Juanita Beach Park almost every day. The park is in constant use ranging from soccer practices to softball to dog agility groups to extra parking for events on the other side of the road. Losing this open area plus the tennis courts and softball field would be a significant cost to the community. I'm also concerned about traffic. During the summer when the Beach Park usage is at its peak, the nearby intersection of Juanita Drive/98th/116th is the single biggest bottleneck I see on my commute from Bellevue to Finn Hill. I would assume that the addition of a major attraction like this would add significantly to the traffic problems at that intersection. |
| 546 | Feb 4, 2015 9:23 PM | I think the old Alberton's would be a great location.<br>I think the Juanita location would be a nightmare - I drive by that every day and it would only add to the traffic issues that are constant there. I vote NO for Juanita! Anything else in north Kirkland would be my vote. |
| 547 | Feb 4, 2015 9:19 PM | The ARC is necessary. You've done your due diligence and the Juanita Beach Park location is the best option. Don't let a few people in the area deter your process. I live in Juanita too, am a frequent visitor to the beach, and am in favor of this wonderful future resource. Make sure to allow room for high school swim and dive and forge ahead. |
| 548 | Feb 4, 2015 9:19 PM | It is much needed. I would like to see O'Denny Park be considered. The other option would be where Totem Lake Mall currently is. That is such a slum whole it really needs to bull dozed and revamped. |
| 549 | Feb 4, 2015 9:08 PM | I think the facility plans themselves are wonderful. It would be a great thing for Kirkland. However, I really don't like the idea of it being located downtown (Peter Kirk Park.) I think the Juanita Beach location looks great, but could really impact traffic in a negative way. If Totem Lake was an option, I feel like that would be a great spot, especially with its access to the freeway. |
| 550 | Feb 4, 2015 9:05 PM | I live in Kingsgate, and I would say 90% of the families we connect with, utilize the North Kirkland Community Center classes with our young families. I worry that if the new community center is in Juanita park, the drive would be dramatically farther and with the addition of the congestion/traffic, it would not be accessible to us. I hope that the new community center can be more centrally located so the East Kirkland can take advantage of it as well. |
| 551 | Feb 4, 2015 8:51 PM | I love the idea. I especially support the 50m pool option. I'm a firm believer that a facility of this quality will be able to break even financially due to its attractiveness to the community. It's long overdue. |
| 552 | Feb 4, 2015 8:50 PM | The city should preserve the ball field space for that purpose at Juanita Beach Park. It will be easier to find a site for an aquatic center then it will be to find a new site for ball fields, tennis courts and open green space. |
| 553 | Feb 4, 2015 8:47 PM | I believe the north Juanita drive location would enable you to rent out space easily for gatherings- given the water view. Question becomes parking - right now with events there like the farmers market it is challenging to park! |
| 554 | Feb 4, 2015 8:41 PM | My initial instinct is that I am opposed to taking green space and replacing it with concrete. Especially considering there seems to be plenty of empty concrete spaces throughout the city, e.g. former Albertsons, lots of places in Totem Lake area |
| 555 | Feb 4, 2015 8:40 PM | Partner with the Lake WA School District on a Juanita Hi location. Partner with the YMCA or comparable organization for the planning, building and operation of the facility.<br>The City's preferred location is a no go! |

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| 556 | Feb 4, 2015 8:36 PM | If you are a resident of Kirkland access to the public pool should be free. |
| 557 | Feb 4, 2015 8:28 PM | We are VERY much in need. We have 2 small kids and find ourselves driving to Lynnwood and Snohomish (!) to swim in a good pool. We would very much support this and are excited it is in progress. |
| 558 | Feb 4, 2015 8:22 PM | I don't like the idea of doing this in the Juanita Beach that park is always busy with family playing and camps. Another thing that worries me is parking and traffic, even now sometimes is very hard to find parking there and the traffic gets very chaotic, imagine adding such a big facility there. |
| 559 | Feb 4, 2015 8:13 PM | I love the design and scope. If anything, I would encourage it to be even larger (additional court, larger pool) as I'm certain it would be fully utilized. |
| 560 | Feb 4, 2015 8:07 PM | I am opposed to siting the ARC at Juanita Beach. Get feedback, but don't waste a lot of time going back and forth. It's important to have the ARC up & running by the time the Juanita HS pool closes. |
| 561 | Feb 4, 2015 7:47 PM | It makes sense from an urban planning standpoint to provide the ARC center adjacent to Juanita Beach Park. This creates a uniquely Kirkland recreation zone centrally located to most residents. The adjacency to Lake Washington gives the building a distinct identity in the region. |
| 562 | Feb 4, 2015 7:45 PM | The open space at Juanita Beach Park is too valuable (not monetarily) to develop, and could not be replicated elsewhere. There are too many developed and underutilized areas of the City that are more ideal for the ARC. This includes Totem Lake and the Albertsons site. Even with acquisition costs, either of these locations are preferred to Juanita Beach. |
| 563 | Feb 4, 2015 7:45 PM | I am concerned about the pool being built at Juanita Beach Park as I am not confident voters would support it there. I hope other feasible sites can be located, along with a closer look at how we can reduce costs through shared parking strategies or other forms of least cost planning. |
| 564 | Feb 4, 2015 7:26 PM | North Kirkland Community Park IMO |
| 565 | Feb 4, 2015 7:24 PM | There is a need for this facility. Please consider a location that allows easy access from 405 from multiple points of entry. |
| 566 | Feb 4, 2015 6:47 PM | We need to stop spending time and resources on Juanita Beach Park. The Juanita Neighborhood, and now the Finn Hill Neighborhood, have clearly communicated that they don't believe this is compatible with the neighborhood. There's no benefit now in trying to change minds, convince or compel, if we want this to succeed at the ballot box, it needs to be at a site that people will embrace and vote YES to spend their property tax $. My own personal opinion is that I'd love to see this on or very near the CKC. Thank you for all of your work on this! |
| 567 | Feb 4, 2015 6:44 PM | Do NOT put it at Juanita Beach. There is already too much congestion there. Where would the baseball fields go? Once you get rid of open space you can NOT get it back. Put it in a location where there is already concrete such as Totem Lake. That is easy on and off from the highway. Non Kirkland's will use the facility then. There is plenty of parking. You can get there from the Cross Kirkland Corridor. You could build up Totem Lake area. More shops will move there and create more tax revenue for the city. Do NOT put it at beautiful Juanita Beach. People like and use that open space. What happen to the plans for Phase II of Juanita Beach? Are we throwing those out the window? Weren't there going to be more baseball fields and play grounds? I want an indoor pool but not at the expense of park land. |
| 568 | Feb 4, 2015 6:17 PM | The plans look beautiful and well thought out, but I am very concerned about increased congestion coming from the project. There is already a desperate shortage of parking in Juanita Beach during the summer months, and since this is an indoor facility it would increase traffic and parking needs year-round. |
| 569 | Feb 4, 2015 6:16 PM | I'm concerned, as a Park Board Member, that this presentation did not include information about NKCC site, but focused on the JB site. I feel that's an unfair representation that does not give a full picture. Nor does it represent what the Park Board has decided in two prior votes (originally selecting the NKCC site to recommend, and then recommending neither the JB or NKCC sites but recommending a search for a private property acquisition. While I will vote for the ARC, even at JB, I do not feel this presentation provides the alternatives but attempts instead to steer people only to the JB site. I also do not believe that a bond issue will pass if JB is the selected site because of the strong opposition to that site based on traffic and other concerns. |
| 570 | Feb 4, 2015 6:15 PM | It would be a gathering place for the community, with a large number of features to be enjoyed by a wide age range. Something here for everyone it would appear. What would happen to the space at NKCC when ARC is built? Juanita Beach area needs to maintain the open space they currently have. Parking in the area is already an issue - the remodel of Juanita Beach Park resulted in a net loss of parking, and Juanita Village visitors frequently use Juanita Beach Park for parking year-round. |
| 571 | Feb 4, 2015 6:14 PM | I think Kirkland desperately needs this facility. I think Juanita Beach could be a viable option and I'm also open to a private property site. Either way, I would vote for the project. I've visited the new Snohomish Aquatic Center and our community could benefit from a similar facility. I would also encourage the inclusion of a 50 meter pool - the closest indoor ones in our area are in Federal Way and Port Orchard. |

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| 572 | Feb 4, 2015 6:08 PM | We need something like this on the Eastside. It's an investment in the future for our kids and families. It will draw people even outside of Kirkland. |
| 573 | Feb 4, 2015 6:07 PM | I think this is very beneficial to the community. I hope that thought has been given to the needs of those who can benefit from a pool with warmer water to facilitate forms of water therapy and exercise other than swimming. |
| 574 | Feb 4, 2015 6:06 PM | The ARC needs to be an addition to Kirkland community fabric not a detraction. The city council must lead from the front by clearly supporting open space preservation AND enjoying the enviable benefits of population and tax revenue growth. Demoing a park for a worthy cause is not what Kirkland stands for. I'm afraid your consultants did you a disservice in presenting that as the 'preferred" outcome |
| 575 | Feb 4, 2015 6:01 PM | Sounds like a wonderful addition to the community! Juanita is a great place to locate the facility with the urban center of downtown and Juanita so close by and other complementary amenities in the area. |
| 576 | Feb 4, 2015 5:57 PM | I think it is a great idea and considering the annexation a couple of years ago, we need a facility to accommodate the increasing population of Kirkland. |
| 577 | Feb 4, 2015 5:55 PM | I think it's needed. I've been looking for an indoor swimming pool that is closer to the downtown area. |

AQUATICS RECREATION AND COMMUNITY CENTER
COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Correspondence received by City Council, Park Board and staff
February – March 5, 2015

**From:** karen [mailto:klightfeldt@comcast.net]
**Sent:** Monday, February 09, 2015 11:03 PM
**To:** Jennifer Schroder; Cheryl Harmon; City Council; Kurt Triplett
**Subject:** ARC Virtual Tour and Survey

City of Kirkland,

Your virtual tour and survey resulted in continued distrust from those opposed to the placement of ARC at Juanita Beach. I think the word is "sabotage" which has happened at several of the public presentations. Is anyone monitoring this glitch in pubic perception by the City? Several of your constituents asked to review the survey before it was sent. That didn't happen. Who did approve it? I would appreciate an answer.

The initial information sent out re the ARC stated that 83% of Kirkland residents supported the ARC. This was 83% of 400 respondents who had no knowledge of costs or placement of the facility. It was bogus. We objected. But once again you are using this "information" to promote your cause in spite of calling you on the information. Really? Are you desperate?

The survey is set up to support your cause to takeover Juanita Beach north. You qualify respondents as too whether a Kirkland resident. But you don't qualify their age. The swim community will rally and have hundreds of teenagers responding. Of course they want the fastest way to get a facility and that seems to be Juanita Beach per your publicity. Really? They are here today and gone tomorrow. They do not care about long term value of our parks and neighborhoods. And they don't pay taxes.

The survey also did not separate the pool facility from the recreation component. Would the pool get easier acceptance without the recreation/entertainment space component? Are you setting this vote to fail? Is Jennifer so pushed by the city manager that no one is doing a reality check.

I resent the letters included in the park board meeting packet. It is not inclusive since I know my letters were not included. Then a list of 2012 letters and at the very bottom a letter from 2014 from someone adamant about opposition. Really?

While I (and many Juanita residents) have supported the idea of an ARC, it is doomed to fail due to location. Is that what you want? The last question of the survey leads many to say they don't want the facility. Kurt, did you review this?

Karen Lightfeldt

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**From:** Charlotte Lepofsky [mailto:charliejoeklee@hotmail.com]
**Sent:** Monday, February 02, 2015 6:05 PM
**To:** Jennifer Schroder
**Subject:** Kirkland Aquatics Center

Hello Jennifer,

I might be too late in writing to you regarding the Aquatics Center, but I thought I would try just in case.

Firstly, I am very excited to hear that Kirkland is building an Aquatic's Center, I think that is wonderful. My daughter has SMA type 2 and we go swimming one to two times a week for physical therapy. Being in the water is one of the most helpful things for people with physical disabilities. Currently we go to both the Lynnwood pool and the Bellevue pool, but we will soon be going to the Bellevue pool exclusively because the Lynnwood pool doesn't keep their wellness pool warm enough or even at a consistent temperature throughout their wellness pool.

We live in Kirkland and would love for there to be a pool closer to us that is designed for all people. If it is not too late I would like to put in a request that I hope will be considered when making the decisions for the new Aquatics Center. I would love to see a pool like the pool in Bellevue that is kept at a temperature high enough (and consistent throughout that specific pool) so people with disabilities will be able to come and exercise without getting too cold. This is not only good for people with disabilities but perfect for young kids and babies as well as the elderly who require a higher temperature. Please consider making this pool on par with the Bellevue aquatics center who really take care to make sure they keep the temperature consistent. A difference of just 2 degrees in pool temperature can make a huge difference in the comfort of a disabled person.

Also, Lynnwood only has a limited time they allow me and my daughter in the water. I would also request that there be more times available that I could take my daughter to work on her exercises. Although we may look like we are playing, I am working hard to keep my daughter's muscles as strong as they can be for as long as I can.

I know this is a large request, but I have to at least ask.
Thank you very much,
-Charlotte Lepofsky

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**From:** Matt Oseto [mailto:mattoseto@gmail.com]
**Sent:** Monday, February 09, 2015 1:38 PM
**To:** Jennifer Schroder
**Subject:** Kirkland ARC site

Ms. Schroder

This email outlines my opposition to Juanita Beach Park as a site for ARC.

I have lived in Kirkland (Finn Hill/Juanita) for 8 years. One of the great things about our area are the parks and open green spaces. My family and I enjoy using the North part of Juanita Beach Park (proposed site for ARC) for picnics and a place to have a little elbow room outside. We, and others, enjoy that it is just an open space.

In my opinion, there is too much development of the open spaces in our part of Kirkland: condos going in, 4 houses in the space that previously occupied one. This development has degraded the quality of life in our part of the city - more concrete, more traffic and less trees and street safety.

We need less, rather than more traffic on Juanita drive. Your traffic impact study does not include the very busy morning commute on Juanita drive (7-9a). The streets around Juanita Beach Park were not designed for the traffic the new condos bring and especially not the ARC. For example, 97th ave NE is too narrow to accommodate parking in front of the new condos and traffic going both directions. It's already a hazard, please don't add to the problem.

Please consider using a site that is already concrete like Totem Lake Mall. There is plenty of parking, no green space would be destroyed, the Mall is dying anyway, and there is great road access (the roads were designed to accommodate mall traffic).

Thank you for considering my opinion. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Matt Oseto
matt.oseto@gmail.com

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**From:** Chris Lautman [mailto:lobo1974swim@gmail.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, January 29, 2015 8:31 PM
**To:** Jennifer Schroder; Cheryl Harmon
**Subject:** ARC location

Park Board Members

I know you will soon finish deliberations on the location of the ARC.

I love the idea of the ARC. Tax me and put in my neighborhood at Hertiage Park, please!

If that is not a viable option I encourage you to look at the site across the street from Juanita Beach. I've been driving by this site since last summer and it is seriously underutilized.

I believe the site across the street from Juanita Beach would be the Best place to showcase Kirkland's ARC. It opens up to our beautiful Juanita Beach on Lake Washington. It is underutilized and It is close to a commercial area. Yes, I understand traffic is a problem. However, where is traffic not an issue? Should we stop all development including the Park Place Development because of traffic?

If the site across from Juanita Beach is too divisive then please select the site on 124th. But please select a site.

Chris Lautman
1290 6th Street West

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**From:** Jim Dillon [mailto:stage1conv@gmail.com]
**Sent:** Sunday, February 08, 2015 9:58 AM
**To:** Jennifer Schroder
**Subject:** Kirkland ARC

Jennifer,

Would the existing Peter Kirk pool be eliminated if a Kirkland ARC were to be built? How about the existing Senior Center?

Thanks.

Jim Dillon

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**From:** karen [mailto:klightfeldt@comcast.net]
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 10, 2015 3:35 PM
**To:** Jennifer Schroder
**Cc:** City Council; Kurt Triplett; Cheryl Harmon; 'Adam White'; Jim Popolow; Kevin Quille; 'Rick Ockerman';

Rosalie Wessels; Sue Contreras; 'Sue Keller'; 'Ted Marx'
**Subject:** Re: ARC Virtual Tour and Survey

Jenny,

Thanks for responding. And explaining about the letters. I understand about the resolution and why the survey is being done. But I think it should indicate to council  if voters want to fund it. The way it is written, all of the swim teams and their friends can click they want it at Juanita Beach, or they want it period, and they are not the ones who have to pay for it.

What is the reason McAuliffe Park has not been considered? It's over 11 acres, totally underutilized, closer to CKC, closer to 405, less historical value and easier to build on. This question is being asked more and more as alternatives are looked for. And JNA found out it can only be used for city events when we tried to hold our summer picnic there. Its like its someone's private park.

Karen

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From: Collene Gaolach [mailto:jillr51@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 4:29 PM
To: Jennifer Schroder; KirklandARC
Subject: Kirkland ARC

I submitted my comments in the virtual open house survey, but I also was interested in getting an answer to a question:

Will the pool (especially the competition pool) use an alternative system to chlorination?

I drive from Lake Forest Park twice weekly to Snohomish in order to use their non-chlorinated competition pool.  I don't know why they don't advertise it more since this seems like it would be a huge draw and money-maker vs. other pools in the area.

Also, while the Snohomish Aquatic Center got a lot of things right, one really irritating thing they do is force you to check in (and therefore wait in line) each time.  In contrast, the Lynnwood Rec Center pool issues you a card which allows you to bypass the line and just swipe your entry.

Thanks,
Collene Gaolach

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**From:** Cathy Betz [mailto:CathyBetz@comcast.net]
**Sent:** Thursday, February 12, 2015 3:46 PM
**To:** Jennifer Schroder
**Subject:** Aquatics Center Location

Hello Ms. Schroder
Thank you for asking for citizen input for the location of the new aquatics center.  Years ago, while we were still residents of Woodinville our daughters were active in year round swim team (for 15 years) and we realize the importance of having adequate facilities available.  At that time we used the Bothell, Juanita, Redmond, and St. Edwards pools.  (I include this just as background information.)
Of the city owned sites, the Juanita beach location is good, except for possible wet land issues and the need for a lot of parking and somewhat difficult access by cars.
Of sites requiring purchase, I think the current Totem Lake shopping center cries out for redevelopment and would be terrific.  (Somewhat centrally located, freeway access, little impact on neighborhoods, lots of parking

area.) This land might go for less that market (?) value. I would hope that excavation would not uncover wet land challenges, though.

Thank you,
Cathy Betz
108 2nd Ave S #501
98033

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**From:** Kevin Marshall [mailto:marshallkevin03@gmail.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 17, 2015 9:40 PM
**To:** Cheryl Harmon
**Subject:** Juanita Park ARC Travesty

Dear Board Members,

When I learned of the City of Kirkland's plans to destroy and build a 93,000 Sq Ft Aquatic Recreation Center and 200+ parking spaces where beautiful Juanita Beach Park now sits and delights so many, I thought it had to be a mistake. Or a bad joke.

Putting aside the fact that Kirkland residents already have access to multiple pools (both indoors and out) the Board should know better than most that natural Parks mitigate climate, air, and water pollution impacts on the surrounding environment and public health. They provide gathering places for families and social groups, as well as for individuals of all ages and economic status, regardless of their ability to pay for access. Parks improve the local tax base and increase property values. And Parks have a value to communities that transcend dollars. Parks and parkland provide a sense of public pride, social equality and cohesion to every community they're in.

The Juanita Beach proposal under consideration is not only ill conceived but has been promoted to the exclusion of other locations and the information being disseminated to the community is prejudiced, inaccurate and stilted.

When you consider the ill-environmental impact, the snarling traffic, the irreplaceable loss of natural beauty and common space, the Center's construction cost and the fact that the community that will be most affected by it does not want it, it begs the question why is Juanita Beach under consideration at all? There MUST be another location.

The Board speaks of a "legacy" to the community. If you build this Aquatic Recreation Center where Juanita Beach Park now stands, you'll indeed have your "legacy". One of shortsightedness, ego, dollars over communal well-being and natural tragedy.

Thank you,

Kevin

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**From:** Camille Diclerico [mailto:cbdiclerico@frontier.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 18, 2015 11:09 AM
**To:** Cheryl Harmon
**Cc:** Camille
**Subject:** ARC in Juanita Beach Park

**Absolutely not. My #1 preference is no swimming pool funded just by Kirkland. My #2 preference is go find and buy some private property. My #3 preference is McAuliffe Park – which is never mentioned – why isn't it in the list of sites looked at? Camille DiClerico**

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**From:** Gerry Williams [mailto:gerrywilliams@comcast.net]
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 18, 2015 4:03 PM
**To:** Cheryl Harmon
**Cc:** City Council
**Subject:** Aquatic center

I have been supportive of the new Aquatic center from the beginning, however, as a resident of the Juanita area, I am quite concerned about losing the open space at Juanita Beach Park but more especially am concerned about the additional traffic impact. When the Juanita Village was being considered our concerns about the traffic impact were ignored and now, it seems, they will be ignored again. Traffic on NE 116th has dramatically increased and at times it can be difficult to get in or out of my cul de sac at 102nd Ct. N.E. without a long wait.

If a signal were to be installed at NE 124th and 103 Ave N.E. the current North Kirkland Community Center site would seem a better site. Personally, I would like to see it located at Totem Lake Shopping Center, but am told that is unlikely.

Geraldine Williams
11410 102 Ct NE
Kirkland WA 98033

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**From:** Katie Stone Perez [mailto:kstone@microsoft.com]
**Sent:** Friday, February 13, 2015 6:01 PM
**To:** Jennifer Schroder
**Subject:** ARC feedback

Hi there-
First off thank you so much for helping drive this wonderful project for our community. I have two young children and we love visiting the indoor water centers in the area so I wanted to provide a few points of feedback

1. This indoor pool will be VERY popular- we have had to get to the Lynwood poor 45 minutes early and queue up in the rain to make it into one of their weekend sessions. You should really consider having enough space for the water play activities and should consider where people will queue while waiting for the next session to start (please have it be covered if not indoor). Also Lynwood's family locker rooms are very limited- I would love almost cubbies in the larger locker room. My kids are getting older but trying to change toddlers in a totally open space is a challenge especially when swim diapers are involved.
2. I'm not a fan of doing this at the Juanita space as I feel like that is already a attraction with not enough parking. I think putting this in totemlake or another area more out of the way where you have plenty of room for everything would be ideal.
3. Lots of water play areas don't have any good spots for moms with babies/toddlers who don't really want to get splashed. You might want to make sure that there is a small area where babies can enjoy the beach but nothing splashy can directly be turned on them by older children.

Again thanks so much for helping with this wonderful project for our community. I'm excited for it and I just hope you guys make it big enough that the lines are not insane. J Maybe preferred entry for Kirkland residents? J

Also are their any plans for a covered playground in the Kirkland area for our winter months? And while I'm mentioning parks I love the design of the play structure at Anderson Park as there is a clear space for little and olders but its easy for mom to keep an eye on both areas if you have kids of multiple ages.

-Katie

**Katie Stone Perez**
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**From:** Jo [mailto:joheasty@hotmail.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, February 19, 2015 2:36 PM
**To:** City Council; Cheryl Harmon; Kurt Triplett
**Subject:** Aquatic and Rec Center

It has come to our attention that the city may locate an Aquatic and Rec Center at Juanita Beach Park in the ball fields across from the park. Please, please, please do not ruin this gem of a park that was recently renovated and already generates an incredible amount of guests and traffic in the area. (In fact, try finding a parking place there in the summer or driving through the area without encountering stop and go congestion.) Please consider other privately owned land locations not currently on your search list rather than trying to fit it into existing park--bigger and more does not necessarily make a park better!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

JoAnn Heasty
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Kirkland, WA 98033

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**From:** karen [mailto:klightfeldt@comcast.net]
**Sent:** Sunday, February 22, 2015 3:09 PM
**To:** Cheryl Harmon
**Subject:** Park Board

Kirkland Park Board,

Ref ARC siting at Juanita Beach,

Kirkland has a long history of acquiring and preserving park land and open spaces. We can be thankful to the city leaders before who recognized opportunities, schemed and succeeded in procuring as much waterfront land as possible. We now have Kirkland's first city manager who is willing to give up what so many before have struggled to preserve.

With all of Kirkland's parks we still have only two on the waterfront that can provide the space, facilities and parking needed to host the big events residents enjoy. These are Marina Park in Downtown and **Juanita Beach Park**. Currently when big events occur in the downtown core, merchants suffer with traffic congestion and lack of parking for customers. Big events at Juanita Beach allow for overflow parking on the north side eliminating impact on Juanita Village merchants and the neighborhoods. The City implies the ARC will provide

for overflow parking. No Way. There is not enough parking designated for events predicted to occur at the ARC.

**One question that has not been addressed is where is there another place to host the children's concerts? They were moved to Juanita a few years ago to the applause of downtown merchants who were tired of parking being taken up for several hours. Juanita was a perfect new location. Where will you move these concerts now? These concerts require the entire north side to accommodate attendees. Are you aware of this?** This does not qualify the north side as a parking lot, it occurs only for about three hours one day a week. It allow this event to happen.

And on another note, it is also Juanita's neighborhood park. It is lighted tennis courts, it is the ball fields that entertain us with future baseball stars, has the original historic home of the Juanita pioneers who developed Juanita Beach, had the foresight to build the Juanita bridge that connected Juanita to Kirkland in the days of Peter Kirk, plus it provides the needed open space for the densely populated multi-family community around the park. Siting at Juanita Beach is a program of destruction for the Juanita community and regional visitors that come to our city.

Parks, other than our two premier parks, do not have adequate parking and restroom facilities for events and gatherings. They are nature parks or neighborhood parks. Juanita Beach is the regional park in our city with even more potential if the original master plan is implemented. This land cannot be replaced.

South Juanita Beach cannot be separated from the north side. The master plan for the south side was not developed without the north side. There is already insufficient parking for all the activities on the south side. And per the master plan, more activities are going to be added to include more picnic shelters, increased boating accommodations and a new bathhouse. The north side is also designed for more picnic shelters, much needed in our city where groups can reserve space.

Please save the north side of Juanita Beach from commercial development. Juanita beach needs to exist as one park. On Saturday with the temperature near 60 degrees, there was hardly a parking space at the beach or at the "Spud's" lot on the north side. There were no events, paddleboard concessions, ball games, or swimming. This is truly a treasured park that needs to remain whole.

Karen Lightfeldt

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**From:** Patricia Sween [mailto:patricia.sween@gmail.com]
**Sent:** Sunday, February 22, 2015 5:48 PM
**To:** Cheryl Harmon
**Subject:** ARC site

Dear Parks Board Members,

I am writing to request that you look for a different site than Juanita Beach Park. It would be a huge loss to the community to lose that beautiful open space that is so heavily used.

An even greater concern is the already extreme traffic congestion in the Juanita Beach area. As a regular participant in the Parks Department Good to Go Pass, I have seen the time it takes to get through the traffic worsen when getting to classes. Locating the ARC in the Juanita Beach area would make that area an even bigger problem.

At one of the public meetings a parks employee stated that traffic was not an issue currently for classes. She doesn't live in Kirkland and obviously doesn't commute down Juanita Drive or she would know how backed up traffic is there.

If the city doesn't have an appropriate site, please postpone the decision until one can be purchased.

Thank you for your work on this.

Sincerely,

Patricia Sween
11311 116th Pl NE

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From: Mary Olavarria [mailto:marytolavarria@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2015 9:14 PM
To: Jennifer Schroder
Subject: Aquatics center

Hello,

I just read the info newsletter I received in the mail. I think an aquatics center would be great for the city, but the two city sites being considered are horrible places for it. Those two sites are already used in a good land use capacity and have been for years. We would definitely be losing something by changing either site to an aquatics center. The center needs to be only something the citizens gain, not something that is a trade-off for what we are losing. Destroying the present park at either site will be a bitter pill for forever….and you will never hear the end of the annexation area residents complaining that the city came in and destroyed our established park. Let's not go there.

If the city does not have unused land for the center, then acquiring land is essential, even at the higher cost. The old Albertson's property would be a great place to site the center, but it isn't on the list. Can it be considered?

Thank you,

Mary Olavarria

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**From:** g.braschel@comcast.net [mailto:g.braschel@comcast.net]
**Sent:** Sunday, February 22, 2015 11:59 AM
**To:** Jennifer Schroder
**Cc:** City Council
**Subject:** comments on proposee ARC

got the fancy brochure about the ARC in my mail box
you asked for comments

being a Govt project there will be lots of "experts" pushing at you one agenda or another - loudly of course because ONLY THEY are RIGHT !!!

I know, you have never experienced that phenomenon before.....sigh.... Sorry you will have to deal with it all....

My comment is simple

This ARC is a nice to have NOT a have to have.

Yeah I know- gov't staffers always need to cook up some project to justify their job position so you think the ARC is a matter of life or death - heavy sigh - but don't just make up stuff we don't need or cant afford so you can say look what we did ...Remember the definition of a Politician is some one who promises you a new bridge if you elect him / her ....when you don't even have a river.....

and most importantly If the ARC is so important- then Do it RIGHT or DONT DO IT at all

Make sure you have enuf money on hand to do the job correctly WITHOUT raising taxes even more-

I am retired on SS and the sales job Kirkland made to annex me in Kingsgate was taxes will be less - Yeah right - another lie - with all the utility taxes and other items Kirkland slipped in and the growing Kirkland tax load - my total tax bill is now way more- don't raise the taxes to pay for fluff like this when you cant even do the basic actually needed Public Works stuff now

the other issue is PARKING

I don't really care where you put it - if it is the RIGHT designed facility people will drive to it in large crowds and use it - if not it will be a well intentioned white elephant ( repeat - do it right or don't do it at all ) Make sure the design is functional and a reason for people to use it...not a mish mash designed by a committee that doesn't really do anything for anyone....

locating it at Juanita Beach is a warm fuzzy because it is already a park - but there is NO repeat NO parking NOW for the existing park in that area,

So how do you shoe horn into there another major draw...??? oh I know - Govt think again - build a ten story parking facility for $one Billion++ dollars and charge $30 an hour to use it because that's what it pencils out to cover the construction bond.....yeah, good deal all around...this is Kirkland after all and every one works at Microsoft and makes $200K a year right ...???

if you stick a tinky tiny little facility in so it will fit in at Juanita - it wont do the job ( see previous comment - do it right or don't do it ) and as there is NO parking now so the tiny facility will only serve to over whelm the parking available. but wont add any benefit because it was the wrong facility that wont be used....and there still wont be any parking because you wasted the existing limited parking by covering it with the non functional poorly designed ARC

If you build the ARC large enuf to do the job correctly and thus justify why you did it at all, then you will have large size major year round attraction .....and then the Juanita site is a non starter because you will have a major attraction that requires a LOT of parking and that Juanita site is too small already for the existing park....

But that means a new site elsewhere with good access and lots of room to park for all the throngs of people you will attract ....which likely co$$t$ money we likely don't have....

So please DONT ask ME to pay for a feel good look what we did WHITE ELEPHANT in the WRONG location that doesn't serve the purpose intended....do it right in the right location - NOT Juanita

Good luck with this one.....

Grant Braschel

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**From:** Rita Harder [mailto:rharder6@frontier.com]
**Sent:** Sunday, February 22, 2015 4:36 PM

**To:** KirklandARC
**Subject:** The ARC discussion

I, having lived just up the hill from this park, am mortified by the very idea of taking this beautiful green area away to put up an aquatic center. I say NO NO NO. Leave it alone. What about the former Albertson's lot? Have you thought of putting the aquatic center there?
I'm sure there are a lot of cities which would dearly love to have our park.

Rita Harder
425-823-9143
Rharder6@frontier.com

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From: Pam Wall [mailto:pjhenninger@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 22, 2015 10:53 AM
To: KirklandARC
Subject: Proposed ARC site feedback

Hello,
While I don't mind a new indoor pool, the thought of adding a rec & community center to the north area of Juanita Park turns my stomach. It's one of the few open areas left for gathering or watching small children play soccer in the grass. There are also lovely old Hinoki trees (as well as other large & beautiful trees) that would be destroyed. Finally, Juanita and Finn Hill are already so congested, I can't begin to convey my horror at the thought of what a large center would do to make it worse. As it is, it is sometimes a challenge to get into or out of the Finn Hill area. We moved to this area because it was away from the downtown congestion, and the construction that has already happened in the area has already made it worse. Please put this project somewhere else or consider toning it down (indoor pool only) so as to not ruin this beautiful site.
Thank you for listening.
Pam Wall
Finn Hill district

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Bob Thompson [mailto:RPT123@frontier.com]
**Sent:** Sunday, February 22, 2015 3:42 PM
**To:** Jennifer Schroder
**Subject:** ARC Center

Dear Ms Schroder,

I just got the flyer for the proposed center and I do support both having one and doing it on city-owned land if possible.

I do have a comment about the Juanita Beach site. As you know, parking is becoming difficult throughout that area with all the development over the last few years. Traffic is also increasing since Juanita Drive is one of the few main roads off Finn Hill and the neighboring areas. So, if the site is chosen, I hope planning will include ways to ease both parking and traffic.

Sincerely,

Bob Thompson
Kirkland

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**From:** public [mailto:dowlinpub@frontier.com]
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2015 11:11 AM
**To:** Jennifer Schroder
**Subject:** Kirkland Aquatic Center Project

We received the City's publication about the new Aquatic center and wish to make a couple of comments. We do not text and though in the minority, there are others out there who would like to respond to your questions, but who do not text. Not only that, but I wanted to voice my opinion on what has been proposed.

1. We are in total agreement that there should be a center such as the City is proposing.
2. This center should be easily accessible to not only those who live in the area, but the large number of people coming from all over the region to participate in all the various activities that could be held in such a facility. This means that the location MUST be placed in an area that has access to I-405; has the vast capacity for parking of cars and buses at all hours of the day and night and all with <u>the least amount of impact to surrounding residential neighborhoods.</u>

The proposed features of the facility sound excellent although rather ambitious. We know that the Totem Lake location would require the purchase of the property first, but at the present time that place is and has been for the last 15-20 years an eyesore to our entire area. Nothing is happening to the property and nothing is being done to improve or develop that area. It has the size, away from residential areas, perfect accessibility, access to restaurants, gas stations and the type of shopping that people using such a facility would need.

To answer the texting question, we are in favor of such a facility DEPENDING ON THE LOCATION. The Juanita Beach location is absolutely the wrong place. In looking at the other locations that are mentioned on the website, we would have to go a look at a couple of them, but don't think any of them have ALL the features that the Totem Lake area has.

This is probably not what we were supposed to email you, but the brochure was very narrow in the ways to contact the City about our views.

Phyllis Dowlin

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**From:** Jennifer A. McWethy [mailto:jennifer@mcwethy.com]
**Sent:** Sunday, February 22, 2015 10:06 AM
**To:** Jennifer Schroder; City Council
**Subject:** ARC and JBP

Greetings,

I hope you can help me answer some common questions that keep arising from Kirkland residents:

1. How much has been spent studying ARC (traffic, environmental, site analysis, building plans, staff costs, etc.)
2. How does the city expect to mitigate traffic problems? Many are concerned they should be mitigated now, with or without ARC.
3. How much is the ARC project projected to cost? Accountability for deviations from expected cost?
4. Who will benefit and who will pay?
5. What is the impact on the Juanita Creek Basin and how would it be protected?
6. Does Kirkland really need such a large and expensive to maintain pool? Why such a large pool? Many are asking about the annual and long-term costs to maintain such a large aquatic center. Why in Kirkland, when other higher tax-base areas have not elected to take on such an enormous project?
7. Has the City considered downscaling the scope and size, or locating different parts to different sites?

I realize all this information is available in the hundreds of pages of reports and updates, but I think everyone would like a comprehensive executive summary rather than having to wade through mounds of reports and updates. Some voters have expressed concern about the ARC website, the push for the JBP site and the Park Department and City Council's transparency and accountability to the taxpayers. I am sure you have heard from a few outraged citizens and I can assure you there are even more yet who have not been as vocal. Citizens are very concerned about what the City Council will elect to do with this proposed behemoth project. What has truly stunned me has been the number of voters who were not even aware about this proposed project and their adamancy about not ruining JBP.

Your assistance and stewardship are greatly appreciated,

***Jennifer McWethy***

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**From:** Kirstin Larson [mailto:kirstinlarson@hotmail.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2015 12:35 PM
**To:** Jennifer Schroder
**Subject:** ARC input

Hi! I was trying to leave input via the website, but there was not an area for comments. I did find your email address, however, so I will try to leave my comments with you directly.

I visited the open house held at Kirkland Middle School this weekend. It is clear you have done a lot of work on this project! I would assume that the main objection to the Juanita Beach location is the congestion already present at that location. I wonder if you have thought at all about increasing foot traffic to the ARC in this location by widening the foot path between Juanita Bridge and Juanita Beach Park? This would allow folks who live downtown, in NorKirk and in Market neighborhoods to leave their cars at home and safely access the ARC by foot. Currently the small sidewalk in front of the coffee shop and Michael's is too narrow to accommodate bikes and pedestrians safely should they be trying to access the new ARC.

Thanks for your consideration,
Kirstin Larson

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**From:** Eileen Manton [mailto:eileen98034@yahoo.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2015 8:13 AM
**To:** Jennifer Schroder
**Subject:** Kirkland ARC

Hello, Jennifer Schroder,

We appreciate that you have made yourself available to receive feedback regarding the Kirkland ARC project. We are in favor of the project, and all that is planned for it, but do not agree that is should be located on the north side of Juanita Beach Park. That space is too small for the amount of activity and traffic that Kirkland ARC will bring. It is our feeling that a site near, or in, Totem Lake Mall would make more sense. It is a large, flat, area that is mostly unused at the moment, and would be visible from I405. Additionally, there would be sufficient parking. We would support the additional funding required to purchase a more suitable site.

Please do not allow the wonderful quality of life that is presently part of the South Juanita neighborhood to be destroyed by putting big, busy ARC there. Keep in mind that it is not just people involved here, but also the wildlife of Juanita Bay and Finn Hill that would be seriously impacted.

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Respectfully yours,

Eileen Manton and Charles Sota
8929 NE 119th Place
Kirkland, WA 98034

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**From:** joanneniles@comcast.net [mailto:joanneniles@comcast.net]
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2015 2:23 PM
**To:** Jennifer Schroder
**Subject:** Kirkland ARC

I am not opposed to the Kirkland ARC project if it is located other than the Juanita Beach area. I believe the Juanita Beach area should remain as is for the neighborhood and others to enjoy.
Joanne Niles

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**From:** Willa Conrad [mailto:willaconrad41@gmail.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2015 5:10 PM
**To:** Jennifer Schroder
**Subject:** Juanita/Kirkland ARC Centr

I am voicing my opinion this time. You have taken away the family/group picnic area/ball play area and gave it to the birds. You left no place for groups/families to have a picnic at Juanita Beach. Now you want to take away the little children's ball fields and soccer practicing area. Do you have something against families and children? It is difficult getting through Juanita now without adding more cars at this type of facility. Please save the park for families and children. There are other better suited areas. Thank You.

Willa Conrad
willaconrad41@gmail.com

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**From:** Paul Baker [mailto:pbaker56@hotmail.com]
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2015 10:24 AM
**To:** Jennifer Schroder
**Subject:** The Kirkland Aquatics, Recreation, & Community Center Project

Dear Jennifer Schroder,

**Imagine**
A Place Where You Can...

Imagination... It begins with either a dream, or a nightmare!

I have lived in Kirkland all of my life, and like the idea of an Aquatics, Recreation, & Community Center. It all depends on how we go about locating it, building it, maintaining it, and paying for it.

I like the North Kirkland Community Center site, simply because we already own the land, it has a four lane street to handle the traffic, and has easy 405 access.

My question, and the question that everyone should have is: How are we going to pay for building it, and maintaining it?

One reason cited for building it is, because the Aquatic Center at Juanita High School would close permanently. Why would the Aquatic Center close? The reason is because The Lake Washington School

District cannot afford to keep it open!

If The Lake Washington School District cannot afford to keep it open, how could anyone think that The City of Kirkland could? Maybe we are flush with money? Do we have a large stash of money hidden away, that I don't know about?
I don't think so - we have trouble maintaining our roads, parks, and traffic circles.

Where would the money come from? The sale of bonds (with added interest that we cannot afford), and /or a tax levy (that I, and many others cannot afford)?

My suggestion is, that if the community is in favor of the project, that we begin a collaborative effort to go ahead with it. That means we start fundraising. If people really want this, they will contribute to the fund. I know that not everyone could contribute financially, but they could donate labor. Construction companies could donate labor and equipment, to help build. It would be good PR, advertising, and marketing for them. The Building Department could even give them special consideration, such as expedited building permits, waivers, and reduced fees. Banks, and other businesses could contribute also (think Key Arena, Quest Field etc). Building supply companies might even be willing to donate materials. Artists could donate sculptures, and murals.

People are good at talk. How about if everyone puts their money where their mouth is? We can vote in favor of the project now, and then complain that our taxes went up later. The real test would be if a bank account was opened, and people contributed financially to pay for it.

**How about it? Let's not burden future generations with a large debt - Remember, the Jones' are already broke!**

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Paul Baker
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Kirkland, WA 98033-4915
(425) 822-6140

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**From:** Scott Morris [mailto:Scott.Morris@trilogy-international.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 25, 2015 8:54 PM
**To:** City Council; Cheryl Harmon
**Cc:** Kurt Triplett; Jennifer Schroder; Michael Cogle; board@finnhillalliance.org
**Subject:** Finn Hill Neighborhood Alliance letter regarding Aquatic and Recreation Center

Dear City Council and Park Board members:

I am attaching a letter from the Finn Hill Neighborhood Alliance (FHNA) in regard to the potential site of the Aquatic and Recreation Center. As the letter states, the FHNA board supports the proposal to construct the ARC but, regretfully, it believes that the Juanita Beach Park is not a good location for the building. FHNA encourages the City to continue its efforts to identify alternative sites for this important facility.

Best regards,

**Scott Morris**
**Finn Hill Neighborhood Alliance - President**
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PO Box 682, Kirkland WA 98083

**STAFF NOTE: The letter appears at the end of this document**

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**From:** Stephen DiPietro [mailto:stephen.dipietro@gmail.com]
**Sent:** Monday, March 02, 2015 10:45 PM
**To:** Mavis Karalius
**Subject:** Re: Aquatics Recreation Community Center (ARC)

Mavis,

The Bellevue Aquatic Center has a small therapy pool that is of great benefit to the differently-abled community. Does the ARC include this type of feature? I may have missed it.

Thanks,

Steph DiPietro

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From: anne and jim anderson [mailto:jaanderson56@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2015 7:52 PM
To: Jennifer Schroder
Subject: ARC

I was on the park funding committee several years ago. I still want to voice my concern about the lack of all weather sports fields for kids and adults in our community. Could that be an addition to the ARC? I think swimming is wonderful, but our kids spend too much time inside. Being outside running around with soccer, lacrosse and other sports is so healthy for kids. All of our neighboring cities have put a huge priority on having these fields with lights, and the only one in our community (beside at the high schools) is in a king county park, and was built by a private citizen. Please consider prioritizing kids in our community in this way.

Anne Anderson

Sent from my iPhone

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From: L F Inslee [mailto:lesterforrestinslee@me.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2015 11:23 AM
To: Jennifer Schroder
Subject: comment on the ARC

In my opinion, it would be amazing if somehow we could purchase land from Northwest University; what a great site, and underutilized. They would do well to consolidate their operation, and would certainly reap a huge benefit from having the ARC next door to their [remaining] campus.

Dr. Forrest Inslee
Houghton Neighborhood

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**From:** Donna Kutz [mailto:donnakutz@gmail.com]
**Sent:** Monday, March 02, 2015 11:07 AM
**To:** KirklandARC
**Cc:** Planning Commissioners
**Subject:** Fwd: ARC Location Ideas!

Attached is my very quickly and rough /map/visual of proposal for the Totem Lake location for the Kirkland Aquatic Center.
Thanks again for your consideration,
Donna Kutz

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From: Lynne Warren [mailto:lynnewarren42@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2015 7:07 AM
To: Jennifer Schroder
Subject: New community center

Seems to me the perfect place for a new community center is totem lake mall area. That place has languished the 20 years I've lived here. Good access (and visible) from freeway and multiple directions. And now good terminus for cross kirkland corridor. At juanita beach is much too congested and waste of lake front. Just my thoughts.

Typos courtesy of my iPhone.

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**From:** Theresa Skurnik [mailto:tm.skurnik@gmail.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, February 26, 2015 7:31 PM
**To:** Jennifer Schroder
**Subject:** ARC plan

Hi,
I would like to suggest a salt water pool to avoid the usual chemicals used in the community pools. Due to my asthma and allergies, I can't take the smell inside the pool room; yet I would love to swim and do pool exercise for my health.
Thank you,
Theresa Skurnik

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**From:** Deanne [mailto:deagilbert@msn.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 25, 2015 9:44 AM
**To:** Jennifer Schroder
**Subject:** New aquatics, recreation center

I do not text, but do support the new aquatic center.

Deanne Gilbert
12703 NE 129th Ct H101
Kirkland 98034

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**From:** Jordan, Jill [mailto:JillJordan@dwt.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, March 05, 2015 9:08 AM
**To:** Cheryl Harmon
**Subject:** ARC - YES

Yes! Not only does the City of Kirkland need this type of facility (Peter Kirk pool is not adequate), but having a pool to replace Juanita High School is needed for swim teams, swimmers, swim lessons and swim therapy. Kirkland is a beautiful city on the water, and as you are aware, drowning is still a leading cause of death in children. There must be a place like this for people to learn how to swim, and to be able to swim for health and fitness and family bonding.

I've lived in the area my entire life (grew up in Kingsgate, attended Juanita HS). The area near Juanita beach has always been an eyesore. I don't agree with residents who say traffic will be awful. The ARC is not a shopping mall, it will not generate the type of car traffic that will be an increased burden. This would be a tremendous improvement and will go along with the other new retail and housing being built in the area.

Please approve!!

**Jill H. Jordan** | Davis Wright Tremaine LLP

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From: dwkenoyer@comcast.net [mailto:dwkenoyer@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 04, 2015 9:35 PM
To: City Council
Subject: ARC and Juanita Beach park

To Whom It May Concern,
I am a life long Kirkland resident. For 3 summers I was a lifeguard at Juanita beach. I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the ARC at the Juanita location. I believe the oposition is making many faulty assumptions about the parking and traffic issues. I have been around this type of facility in many locations and they do not create the traffic problems that people are suggesting . We need a facility like this in Kirkland and the Juanita location is ideal.
Sincerely
Douglas Kenoyer

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From: Mary-Alyce Burleigh [mailto:maryburl@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 04, 2015 4:49 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Proposed site of recreation center

Dear Mayor and Council,

I have been watching with great interest the process for siting/building this new center. I am very concerned that you are even considering siting this center at Juanita beach park. I was on the council when the master plan for this park was approved. At that time I wondered if we were trying to cram too much into this location. With the restoration of Juanita creek, the water side of the park lost a great deal of usable open space due to

buffers and wetlands. There is no picnic shelter either. This has resulted in a notable change in how this area is used as the space and facilities for group picnics has been significantly reduced.

As the city becomes more dense, with houses 10 feet apart that cover 50% of the land, with very small yards, open space such as the proposed site will be incredibly valuable. We must preserve it if we are to continue to be a livable community that takes into account the needs of all its citizens.

The open space on the north side of Juanita drive is one of the few places in the Juanita neighborhood where there is a flat ground/lawn that is not dedicated to a sports field. It is a rare piece of open space where kids can run and play, where adults can wander, dogs can be walked, frisbees can be thrown. To take away this space for the center is simply wrong. I won't even mention the concerns about traffic and parking and the loss of permeable land close to the lake.

Please continue to search for a more suitable site. Believe me I understand how difficult this may be, but if this project is to succeed, you must take into consideration the drawbacks and concerns of those who will be the most impacted by your decision. It is a pity that the city cannot work with the school district to take advantage of the site of the present pool facility at Juanita High School.

I could go on but I think you get my points. Keep looking please.

Regards,

Rev. Mary-Alyce Burleigh
12416 NE 112 St
Kirkland, WA
425 890-5010

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**From:** Jennifer A. McWethy [mailto:jennifer@mcwethy.com] **On Behalf Of** neighbors@juanitabaytownhomes.net
**Sent:** Monday, March 02, 2015 6:05 PM
**To:** Jennifer Schroder
**Cc:** City Council; Cheryl Harmon
**Subject:** ARC and JBP

Hello Jenny,

I noticed you replied rater late in the evening. You must have been working long hours. I appreciate your speedy reply and apologize for my delayed response. I should be clear that I support a scaled down version of ARC, but am opposed to siting ARC at JBP. I still have many concerns and questions. Following is a re-cap of our exchange. Further down, I have made notes regarding additional concerns. As always, I welcome your information.

1. How much has been spent studying ARC (traffic, environmental, site analysis, building plans, staff costs, etc.) Since August 2013, the City Council has authorized $480,000. Staff time is not itemized by project, so I have an accounting of the time spent on the project. The ARC project is in addition to ongoing work assignments and responsibility. I am surprised the City does not allocate staff costs to various projects, as most business do. What additional expenditures are approved and/or budgeted? Will it be enough to explore other options besides JBP?
2. How does the city expect to mitigate traffic problems? Many are concerned they should be mitigated now, with or without ARC. Once a site is selected a comprehensive traffic study would be conducted. The study would identify traffic mitigation improvements. I feel the traffic issues should be considered *before* a site is selected and insufficient information has been provided to voters

regarding mitigating traffic in the JBP vicinity. This area already has one of the lowest traffic ratings (E).

3. How much is the ARC project projected to cost? Accountability for deviations from expected cost? The projected cost depends on what site is selected. Does the cost include acquisition costs? Is there enough land for surface parking or will the project require a parking garage? There are several variables to consider to estimate cost. I see your attachment below itemizes preliminary cost estimates for three site options. Two seem to have already been rejected and the JBP option is unpopular. Do those cost estimates include the ARC website Park Board's recommended additions? Has a cost/benefit analysis been considered for each component of the project and the new additions?
4. Who will benefit and who will pay? The proposed ARC is for all citizens of Kirkland to benefit from. To pay for the construction, it is likely a voter approved measure would be considered. All citizens will pay, but it seems highly unlikely "all citizens will benefit." While some will use ARC, new taxes will increase the cost of living for all citizens. I think a smaller ARC somewhere other than JBP is more likely to be embraced by voters.
5. What is the impact on the Juanita Creek Basin and how would it be protected? Should the Juanita Beach site be selected, the code requires a 75' set back from the creek. City projects must follow the same environmental requirements and guidelines as any developer. Great efforts have been made to restore the Juanita Creek Basin and it seems many citizens are concerned about the impact on the environment. I referred to Kirkland's JBP Master Plan and made a few notes below which I hope you will address.
6. Does Kirkland really need such a large and expensive to maintain pool? Why such a large pool? Many are asking about the annual and long-term costs to maintain such a large aquatic center. Why in Kirkland, when other near-by higher tax-base cities have not elected to take on such enormous tax projects? The final size of the pool and the elements of the building have not been determined by the City Council. In regards to the pool, we know that both the city aquatic program and the programing at the Juanita High school Pool have waiting lists of individuals that wither want swimming lessons, pool rental time or open swim for exercise. It is unfortunate the State declined to re-build the pool at Juanita High, which does increase the need for public aquatics facilities. There are other pools in the region that can be utilized in the meantime: http://www.splashforall.org/files/Eastside%20Pools.pdf Can the current city aquatic program (are you referring to the Peter Kirk Pool?) be expanded? Any luck with other sites such as Totem Lake, St. Edwards or other identified options?
7. Has the City considered downscaling the scope and size, upgrading existing pools or locating different parts to different sites? Until the City Council selects a preferred plan to present to the voters, all possibilities can be considered. I find the response that everything depends the Council's site selection quite troubling.

New Question: Can you provide usage numbers from existing and closing facilities?

I am concerned the original identification of a "need" for an aquatics facilities has expanded to a far more encompassing, unfeasibly large and expensive project. I don't feel the City needs to build "everything" that has been added: a gym, track, Olympic sized pool, meeting rooms (which already exist at NKCC), wedding rental facilities, etc. I believe the largesse of these additions hurts the development of an aquatics center. This would all be nice, but is the City going far beyond what is needed and competing with facilities already available by the private sector? And more importantly, will the citizens vote for such an expanded larger project?

I reviewed the JBP Master Plan. There are some great uncompleted stated objectives which could fulfill some of the ARC objectives. http://www.kirklandwa.gov/Assets/Parks/Parks+PDFs/JuanitaBeach_MasterPlan/Juanita+Beach+Park+Master+Plan+7.07.06.pdf The stated Vision Statement for the Park indicates: *Juanita Beach Park is a*

*family friendly, multi-generational community park that fits the scale, character, and history of the park site and the surrounding neighborhood. The park provides waterfront access and a balanced mix of active and passive recreation opportunities while protecting and enhancing the natural environment.* Page 15: Provide recreation appropriate to the site character and Buildings should not dominate the landscape. The Plan addresses environmental concerns for the area for the protection of the Juanita Creek Basin. Page 39 addresses habitat Regulatory Implications. Has the proposal of ARC at JBP address the environmental impact or received input from USACE, NOAA, USWFS, DNR and WDOA?

**JBP should remain an open space:** This important and historic park should be a protected heritage for generations to come. Building the massive ARC at JBP is inconsistent with the Master Plan for JBP. The renovated park is beautiful and so many appreciate and are complimentary of this great accomplishment. What kind of legacy will the City Council and Parks Board be leaving by developing at JBP? I think it would be great if some portions of the original JBP Master Plan could be completed.

**Environmental Impact:** Funds and time have been spent on the recovery of the Juanita Creek Basin. Many of the proposed environmental aspects of the JBP Park Plan have not been completed and I don't feel a "set-back" of 75 ft. adequately address the environmental issues. Maybe you have additional information you can share to address these concerns.

**Perceived ARC Website Bias:** The Park Board ARC website appears biased towards JBP based on the sheer volume of content dedicated to the JBP site. The Poll also seems biased by the wording of the questions. I have heard from many citizens who expressed frustration their opposition to ARC at JBP has not been heard by the Parks Board or the City Council. Maybe other site options should have had more space on the ARC site.

**ARC Size and Cost:** The growing size is a cause of concern and confusion. I am greatly alarmed at all the *new additions* recommended by the Park Board. What percent of our population needs a 50 meter Olympic sized pool and is it worth the added cost? Large pools are expensive. I think the Parks Board should set priorities for the project. ARC has become a huge "catch-all" and I think the focus should be on the aquatics needs. Do previously reported cost estimates include all the additions?

**Is the size of ARC right for Kirkland?** In 2013, population estimates put Seattle at 650,000, Bellevue at 134,000 and Kirkland at 84,000. Seattle and Bellevue have far higher tax bases and neither of them have been so ambitious. This is a huge expense which involves millions in annual maintenance and more debt for the City of Kirkland. It seems the most vocal group for ARC at JBP are parents with kids in high school who are upset about the loss of their pool. Will they stay here and vote after they graduate?

**Kirkland's Density Problems have spread to Juanita:** Kirkland has become too dense. In our once quiet corner, people here are unhappy with the density foisted on Juanita with the 600 new apartments. The Juanita Village is too tall for this area and does not have enough parking. 600 units = 600+ new cars and a large impact on local traffic. Why were codes changed to allow taller buildings here? ***There should be no more tall buildings in this area!*** Residents here lost their views and the new landlords at the Village benefitted the most. There is no place to park at the shops and street parking is always full. One business owner said one of her biggest problems is the lack of parking. Just to put things in perspective: Density estimates: **Kirkland – 4,522/sq. mi.** Bellevue: 3,827/sq. mi; Redmond: 3,326.sq.mi. Annexed areas are already complaining they are not benefiting from being annexed by the City.

**Traffic and Parking:** My first impression of the drawings on the ARC site where OMG - bicyclers and children running around next to Juanita Drive. Scary *and more slowdowns*. What will the City do if medics cannot rescue a child at ARC because of the traffic? This area is mostly two lane roads and many of them are very narrow. I have seen NO satisfactory response about the traffic problem or "mitigation." This issue should be paramount in discussions *before* a site is selected or promoted. I have yet to see any explanations

on how the traffic crunch and parking issues can be eased. Many feel this low traffic rating area *already needs mitigating due to Juanita Village.* The City is already studying the availability of downtown parking http://www.kirklandwa.gov/NewsRoom/NRDowntownParkingDiscussions_s3_p10251.htm. Parking availability is also an issue near JBP. ARC is starting to feel like a stalled Rolls Royce on Juanita Drive which I paid for, but cannot even use.

**Ethics and Transparency:** Per the City's own code of ethics, the push for ARC at JBP does not promote public confidence in the integrity of the government and its fair operation. The lack of information and transparency seems at odds with Kirkland's Ethics Code (which I applaud). http://www.kirklandwa.gov/Assets/City+Council/Council+PDFs/Code+of+Ethics+Adopted.pdf

It is only reasonable that taxpayer's expect those in fiduciary positions to handle funds and planning wisely, ethically *and transparently*. How can voters support ARC when the size and costs are unknown? People always want things, but it does not mean they really need them or can afford them. Therein lies the fine balancing, common sense and wisdom we hope for from those who tax and spend our money. As a nation, citizens are already feed up with government debt, deficits and overspending. Something to deeply consider in pursuing this project.

**Other Opinions:** Please see this link someone shared with me: http://www.kirklandviews.com/blog/2015/2/18/letter-juanita-beach-aquatics-recreation-center-arc-travesty#disqus thread. Addition comments can be found at these new sites: http://savejuanitabeach.weebly.com/ and https://www.facebook.com/SaveJuanitaBeachPark

Personally, I think the site, size growth and ambition of ARC is damaging prospects for goodwill, approval and funding by taxpayers. Support for ARC is not lacking and I would support a smaller ARC project. However there is a growing and vocal opposition to ARC at JBP.

I hope you appreciate the time I have put into learning about ARC and the issues. I am sure you have spent years and I am just trying to catch-up since I had not even heard of ARC before the end of last year. I would rather be attending to other issues, but I feel strongly about the Parks Board and the City Council making the best decision.

Reluctantly attending to my civil duties,

***Jennifer M***
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CITY OF KIRKLAND
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

February 24, 2015

City of Kirkland

Attn: Mayor Walen

123 5th Ave.

Kirkland, WA 98033

Mayor Ann Walen,

To provide a brief introduction and understanding as to my background I will briefly share my education and employment history. Following my BA and graduate education in Park Management I was employed by the US Navy to design, equip and program park and recreational facilities for the then infant Naval Submarine Base Bangor, our nation's largest nuclear base, located near Silverdale, WA. As the Special Services Director (Park and Recreation Director in lay terms) I designed the recreation complex with attached bowling alley, the child care and youth centers, a 500 seat theater, the auto hobby center and outdoor recreational trails and parks. I was also asked to assist in designing the two story library and the nondenominational base chapel. The recreation complex housed a double gym, large L-shaped pool, racket and hand ball courts, a photo hobby shop, retail space and the recreation offices. The recreation complex won the military's top design award.

Through this process I became aware that the most important planning aspect of these facilities was usability. Not only the interior layout, but the actual setting and location. Without patrons recreational facilities serve limited populations and intern fail. To promote usability, accessibility is critical. Visibility as definitely complimentary. Visibility reduces the need and cost of advertising. In short, the location of recreational facilities is the most important aspect of the original planning.

There have been several locations mentioned for the proposed Kirkland recreational complex. In brief let me again stress "location" is the primary key to its success. At Bangor the recreation complex was intentionally placed between the on-base housing and the military barracks, as well as adjacent to the Base Exchange, Commissary, theater, chapel and youth and child care centers. Prime accessibility. Additionally, this provided the opportunity for large common parking area utilized by all.

Back to Kirkland's planed sites. Juanita's traffic is already overcrowded. This is especially true in the summers when the park's parking overflows filling the north parking area. The complimentary improvements greatly improved the parks utilization maximizing adjacent land. It is beautiful, please don't ruin it. For numerous reasons, Juanita is NOT a desirable location in any aspect of accessibility, usability or visibility. The jail location (labeled as the Kirkland Justice Center) is definitely not a pleasant recreational environment for individuals or families. Just the thought of it will turn many off, limiting

use before it is even built. Who wants to take the children or grandchildren to play near a local jail? How inviting it this to new comers? Additionally, due to the location, accessibility is not convenient. If you want invisibility, this is your answer.

The idea of building the recreation center at Totem Lake Mall is by far the wisest choice. Not only is it more central to apartments, condos and foot traffic, but also the hospital for employee utilization. As an example, enter the existing mall on a cool rainy morning and observe how many walkers are now mall-walking in the existing facility. The location already has a draw. Complimenting this is the visibility of its location. Highway 405 provides free publicity. The Totem Lake location is real plus with existing freeway off ramps. No additional costly road construction will be needed. Parking is no problem and will add big time to savings compared to the cost of constructing a parking garage at other locations. Sure the land will cost, but look at the long term benefits. Bothell and Woodinville residents will also have easy access. Adjacent shopping is complimentary. What an ideal location for meeting visitors.

If you need to see the result of the wrong location of a facility please drive by ---------- on the south east corner of 124th Ave NE and NE 116th St. Notice the number of empty office fronts and apartments. Notice the lack of adequate parking.

The decision is the city planners to make, but in doing so please consider the Totem Lake Mall as a top priority. I do believe as hard as the city has tried to revitalize this facility, this may be your golden opportunity.

I wish you well in the process. Should you like to discuss this further, feel free to contact me at my home number listed above.

Respectfully,

Al Drinkwine

Al Drinkwine

February 25, 2015

Kirkland City Council
Kirkland Park Board
City Hall
123 Fifth Avenue
Kirkland, Washington 98033

Siting of Aquatic and Recreation Center

Dear City Council and Park Board Members:

I write to you on behalf of the Board Members of the Finn Hill Neighborhood Alliance. We have been actively following the siting evaluation for the new Aquatic and Recreation Center (ARC). We are in support of building a new facility in Kirkland, as we understand the need to replace the Juanita High School pool and the importance of having an indoor aquatic facility for our lakefront community. However, we regret that we are unable to support siting the ARC at Juanita Beach Park at this time.

This was a very difficult decision by our Board, as we have a close working relationship with our Parks Department. We have enjoyed working with the department on a variety of issues related to the protection, expansion, and restoration of our invaluable park and open space lands.

Nevertheless, we have come to the conclusion that siting the ARC at Juanita Beach Park raises significant concerns regarding traffic congestion on Juanita Drive, which provides primary access to our neighborhood and is depended upon by residents for their daily commutes and errands. Most importantly, locating the ARC on the north side of Juanita Beach Park conflicts with our organization's commitment (and the City's own PROS policy) to protect remaining park land. A building of the size proposed, with heavy projected use, would remove important park and open space from the surrounding densely populated neighborhood, and eliminate opportunities for outdoor recreational activities that take place at the park.

We ask that the City devote its resources to more aggressively exploring sites other than parks or outdoor recreational areas. We believe that Kirkland's residents will be better served in the long run if the City finds a more suitable site that does not require a stark trade-off in terms of traffic congestion and loss of open space.

Submitted on behalf of the FHNA Board of Directors,

Scott Morris
President

cc: Kurt Triplett
Jenny Schroder
Michael Cogle

MARCH 03, 2015

DIRECTOR JENNIFER SCHRODER
KIRKLAND PARKS AND COMMUNITY CENTER
123 5TH AVENUE
KIRKLAND WA 98033

REFERENCE: KIRKLAND AQUATICS, RECREATION & COMMUNITY PROJECT – PERSONAL RESPONSE FROM A PROPERTY OWNER & SENIOR CITIZEN.

COMMENTS:

(I) FOR LOCATION I VOTE FOR PROPERTY NORTH OF JUANITA PARK, NEAR FORBES CREEK INLET TO LAKE.

(II) FOR FACILITY FEATURES I VOTE ~~ONLY~~ YES FOR AN OLYMPIC SIZE SWIMMING POOL THAT COULD BE USED ① FOR SCUBA DIVING AND WATER SAFETY INCLUDING WHOLESOME DIET, FITNESS AND WATER RESCUE ② RECREATION FOR TODDLERS BEING SAFELY INTRODUCED TO WATER SAFETY ACTIVITIES ③ SWIMMING LESSONS & EXERCISE IN A LARGE POOL FOR ALL AGES. ④ TRAINING OF OLYMPIC ATHLETES, & COMPETION.

(III) FOR PROPOSED FACILITY FEATURES, I VOTE NO FOR GYNASIUM, DANCE STUDIO, HOT TUB, CATERER'S KITCHEN AND COOKING CLASSROOM, PARTY ROOM, ARTS AND ENRICHMENT CLASSROOMS, COFFEE BAR, COMMUNITY HALL.

(IV) FOR ADDITIONAL FEATURES I VOTE YES FOR CHILD WATCH ACTIVITY ROOM, FAMILY AND

PLEASE THINK ABOUT THIS COMMENT!

(V) THE MAJOR EMPHASIS OF THIS NEW FACILITY SHOULD BE NOT FOR RECREATION BUT FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF CITIZENS OF ALL WALKS OF LIFE AND AGES, IN WHOLESOME ACTIVITIES RELATED TO WATER SAFETY, WHEN USING ~~TO~~ RIVERS, LAKES, STREAMS, PUGET SOUND AND OCEAN BEACHES HERE IN THE NORTHWEST, ESPECIALLY WESTERN WASHINGTON, THIS COMMENT BEING ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT IF PUBLIC MONIES ARE GOING TO BE SPENT. LET SOCIALIZATION BE SECONDARY TO THE MAJOR PURPOSE OF THIS EXPENSIVE PROPOSED FACILITY. IT SHOULD COME NATURALLY TO USERS OF THIS FACILITY, AS DESIGNED BY THE CONTENTS OF THIS LETTER.

(VI) QUESTION? WHAT STAFF REQUIREMENTS ~~TO~~ DO YOU ENVISION FOR THIS PROPOSED FACILITY?

SINCERELY,

JAMES E.W. WALSH, CHEMISTRY & MATH TUTORING IN THE FUTURE.
410 13TH AVENUE WEST
KIRKLAND, WA 98033-5311
VOICE MAIL 425 229 0100

Re: ARC Site.

Kirkland desperately needs more objective debate on the proposed ARC site! In the past decade substantial funds were granted to develop Juanita Beach Park, now a beautiful site that is attracting increasing numbers of users county-wide. Why now with the ARC, add a new source of congestion for this lovely Juanita area environment, and thereby create a new layer of crowd-related problems and stress! Surely there must be properties with more wide open space within Kirkland boundaries?

In addition to a formerly happy Juanita Beach park-user population, the ARC will also negatively affect an already crowded and stressed Juanita Village. In essence this means two unhappy populations. And In reality, ARC users too will eventually become the third stressed group considering both traffic and limited parking.

The Juanita Beach visitor population has already grown to the degree that parking is often a problem. Add the current parking issues at Juanita Village and I ask "why on earth would you add the ARC to exacerbate these problems?" Further consideration should also be given to the actual green grass area; should this space for children and families really be sacrificed for more concrete and pollution from traffic? Another additional concern is the summer ball diamond and the parking problems for this population. Multiple populations will be sacrificed; I urge you to consider them before it's too late. The ARC should be a treasured gift to Kirkland, not an albatross creating new stresses.

In conclusion we who love Kirkland should be cognizant of pending problems, rather than impulsively adding to them. You all have a critical role, demanding much forethought, and I thank you for serving.

Arlene McDowell, Kirkland resident.

Arlene McDowell
(425) 823-1238

ATTACHMENT D

City of Kirkland Voters
n=400
**FINAL**

Hello, my name is _____. May I speak to **(NAME ON LIST).**

Hello, my name is _____, and I'm conducting a survey for EMC Research on behalf of the City of Kirkland to find out how people in your area feel about some of the different issues facing them. We are not trying to sell anything, we will not ask for a donation, and we are collecting this information on a scientific and completely confidential basis.

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1. GENDER **[RECORD FROM OBSERVATION]**
    1. Male
    2. Female

2. Would you say things in the City of Kirkland are going in the right direction or are they pretty seriously off on the wrong track?
    1. Right Direction
    2. Wrong Track
    3. (DNR: Don't know)

3. Why do you say that? _____ **[OPEN END RESPONSE, DO NOT PROBE]**

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

**SCALE:** 1. Excellent 2. Good 3. Only fair 4. Poor 5. Not Sure 6. (DNR: Refused)

**(AFTER EACH AS NECESSARY: Would you rate that as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?)**
**[RANDOMIZE]**

4. The job Kirkland City government does overall
5. The job Kirkland City government does spending your tax dollars responsibly
6. The overall quality of the parks and recreation system in Kirkland

**[END RANDOMIZE]**

7. As you may know, the Lake Washington School District may need to close the indoor pool at Juanita **(wah-KNEE-tah)** High School as soon as twenty seventeen. This is the only publically available indoor pool in Kirkland and supports the activities of a number of aquatic sports clubs, public exercise time, and lifeguard training and water safety classes and swim lessons. Knowing this would you say you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the City developing plans for a new Aquatic, Recreation and Community Center in Kirkland?
    1. Strongly Support
    2. Somewhat Support
    3. Somewhat Oppose
    4. Strongly Oppose
    5. (DNR: Don't Know/NA)

8. The City of Kirkland would need to present a voter-approved property tax ballot measure to voters in order to fund a new Aquatic, Recreation and Community Center. This measure would provide funds to build a facility that could include a competition and exercise pool, a warm water recreation pool, a gymnasium, fitness rooms and exercise studios, classrooms for arts and education, and community gathering and banquet spaces. In general, do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose a Kirkland Aquatic, Recreation and Community Center measure?
    1. Strongly Support
    2. Somewhat Support
    3. Somewhat Oppose
    4. Strongly Oppose
    5. (DNR: Don't Know/NA)

9. The City of Kirkland estimates the cost to build an Aquatic, Recreation and Community Center on city owned property at forty-eight million dollars. If voter approved, the City would likely issue thirty year bonds that would cost the owner of a medium priced home in Kirkland about sixty six dollars per year or about five dollars and fifty cents per month. Knowing this would you say you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose building an Aquatic, Recreation and Community Center?
    1. Strongly Support
    2. Somewhat Support
    3. Somewhat Oppose
    4. Strongly Oppose
    5. (DNR: Don't Know/NA)

10. The City of Kirkland has been evaluating locations for a possible Aquatic Recreation and Community Center Facility and would like your input. The sites currently being considered are:
**[RANDOMIZE L1-L4]**
**[READ LIST]**

**[L1]** Juanita **(wah-KNEE-tah)** Beach Park on the north side of Juanita Drive by the ball fields

**[L2]** The North Kirkland Community Center site on north east one twenty fourth street

**[L3]** Private Properties near the Totem **(TOE-dum)** Lake Mall

**[L4]** Private Properties near the Cross Kirkland Corridor

Regardless of how you feel about a new facility, if it were being built, which location would be your first choice?
    1. Juanita **(wah-KNEE-tah)** Beach Park on the north side of Juanita Drive by the ball fields
    2. The North Kirkland Community Center site on North East 124th street
    3. Private Properties near Totem **(TOE-dum)** Lake Mall
    4. Private Properties near the Cross Kirkland Corridor
    5. (Makes No Difference/Don’t Care)
    6. (None)
    7. (Other)

11. Based on siting **(SIGH-ting)** criteria and analysis of city owned properties, the north side of Juanita **(wah-KNEE-tah)** Beach Park by the ball fields is identified as an option to build the Aquatic, Recreation and Community Center Facility. Would you say you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose building an Aquatic, Recreation and Community Center at Juanita **(wah-KNEE-tah)** Beach Park?
    1. Strongly Support
    2. Somewhat Support
    3. Somewhat Oppose
    4. Strongly Oppose
    5. (DNR: Don't Know/NA)

12. Some have opposed building a facility at the Juanita **(wah-KNEE-tah)** Beach Park site because of concerns about current traffic congestion in and around Juanita Beach Park. They say that an Aquatic, Recreation and Community Center would make the traffic problem much worse. Knowing this concern would you say you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the building an Aquatic, Recreation and Community Center at Juanita **(wah-KNEE-tah)** Beach Park?
    1. Strongly Support
    2. Somewhat Support
    3. Somewhat Oppose
    4. Strongly Oppose
    5. (DNR: Don't Know/NA)

13. And some have opposed building a facility at the Juanita **(wah-KNEE-tah)** Beach Park site because they say the open space and trees should not be sacrificed. Knowing this concern would you say you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the building an Aquatic, Recreation and Community Center at Juanita **(wah-KNEE-tah)** Beach Park?
    1. Strongly Support
    2. Somewhat Support
    3. Somewhat Oppose
    4. Strongly Oppose
    5. (DNR: Don't Know/NA)

14. Purchasing private property may cost an additional ten to twenty million dollars. Knowing this, which would you prefer the City do?

**[ROTATE FIRST TWO STATEMENTS]**

    1. Build an Aquatic, Recreation and Community Center on City owned property at Juanita **(wah-KNEE-tah)** Beach Park or North Kirkland Community Center **OR**
    2. Build an Aquatic, Recreation and Community Center at a different location even if it requires purchasing private property.
    3. (DNR: Makes no Difference)
    4. (DNR: Neither)
    5. (DNR: Don’t Know/Not Sure)

15. One potential location suggested is to purchase property in or near Totem **(TOE-dum)** Lake Mall. Again it would cost between ten and twenty million dollars more to purchase land to build there. Knowing this would you say you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose building an Aquatic, Recreation and Community Center in or near Totem **(TOE-dum)** Lake Mall?
    1. Strongly Support
    2. Somewhat Support
    3. Somewhat Oppose
    4. Strongly Oppose
    5. (DNR: Don't Know/NA)

**[IF Q15=3 or 4 OPPOSE THEN ASK Q16]**

16. Why do you say that? _____ **[OPEN END RESPONSE, DO NOT PROBE]**

17. And some have suggested purchasing land to build an Aquatic, Recreation and Community Center near the Cross Kirkland Corridor, again it would cost as much as twenty million dollars more to build. Knowing this would you say you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose building an Aquatic, Recreation and Community Center near the Cross Kirkland Corridor?
    1. Strongly Support
    2. Somewhat Support
    3. Somewhat Oppose
    4. Strongly Oppose
    5. (DNR: Don't Know/NA)

**[IF Q17=3 or 4 OPPOSE THEN ASK Q18]**

18. Why do you say that? **_____ [OPEN END RESPONSE, DO NOT PROBE]**

And for statistical purposes only:

19. What year were you born? **[RECORD YEAR - VALID RANGE: 1910-1997; IF REFUSED, CODE AS 9999]**

20. **[AGE RANGE - CODE FROM PREVIOUS QUESTION]**
    **[IF Q19=9999 THEN ASK FOLLOWUP:** "Would you say you are age **(READ LIST)**…"**]**
    1. 18-29
    2. 30-39
    3. 40-49
    4. 50-64
    5. 65 or over
    6. (DNR**:** Refused)

**THANK YOU!**