



KIRKLAND PARK BOARD

Date: October 9, 2013

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Council Chambers, City Hall

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

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** *5 minutes*
September Park Board Meeting Minutes
4. **ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE** *5 minutes*
5. **REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS**
No items
6. **PRESENTATIONS**
No items
7. **COMMUNICATIONS** *15 minutes*
 - a. Correspondence
 - Letter from Carol and Robin Lake
 - b. Staff Reports
 - September update
 - c. Committee Reports
 - d. Comments from the Chair
8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - a. Waverly Beach Park Renovation Plan *30 minutes*
Topic: Review proposed Waverly Beach Park Renovation Plan
Action: Discussion only
 - b. Totem Lake Park Master Plan *30 minutes*
Topic: Preview schematic plan for Totem Lake Park
Action: Discussion only
 - c. Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan Update *30 minutes*
Topic: Provide input on Totem Lake Master Plan
Action: Discussion only
9. **NEW BUSINESS**
No items

10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** *10 minutes*
Discussion of potential land acquisition

11. **MEETING EVALUATION** *5 minutes*

12. **ADJOURNMENT** *Estimated meeting completion: 9:10 p.m.*
Next meetings:
November 13, 2013
December 11, 2013
January 8, 2014

KIRKLAND PARK BOARD

Minutes of Regular Meeting

September 11, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER

The September Park Board regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice Chair Shawn Fenn.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Chair Sue Keller arrived at 7:04 p.m.

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

Recording Secretary: Cheryl Harmon

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Contreras moved to approve the July minutes as presented. Mr. White seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Amanda Fletcher spoke regarding the petition submitted about "Louie Park"/McPherson Property.

Mary Rumpf spoke regarding "Louie Park"/McPherson Property.

Terry Trimmingham spoke regarding "Louie Park"/McPherson Property.

Bonnie Chun spoke regarding "Louie Park"/McPherson Property.

5. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

No items.

6. PRESENTATIONS

No items.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Correspondence

No items.

b. Staff Reports

Ms. Schroder reported on summer revenue, the Summer Feeding Program, volunteers at Juanita Beach Park and the North Juanita Open Space.

Mr. Cogle answered questions related to the Cross Kirkland Corridor.

Mr. Filan answered questions regarding North Juanita Open Space.

c. Committee Reports

Ms. Keller reported on the staircase at Cotton Hill Park.

Mr. Marx reported on the Juanita neighborhood meeting, Denny Fest and a parks-related survey.

Ms. Contreras reported on the City Council Study Session, joint meeting at OO Denny Park, South Rose Hill/Bridle Trails neighborhood meeting and asked a question regarding the induction of Chris Warren into the Plaza of Champions.

d. Comments from the Chair

Ms. Keller commented on current work plan.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Totem Lake Park Master Plan

Mr. Cogle reintroduced Andy Mitton of Berger Partnership who provided a brief overview of the planning process-to-date and presented three potential design alternatives for the development of Totem Lake Park.

Board members shared feedback on preferred elements of the design alternatives.

b. Waverly Beach Park Renovation Plan

Mr. Cogle reintroduced Peter Hummel of Anchor QEA who presented three design alternative plans for the renovation of Waverly Beach Park.

Board members shared feedback on preferred design elements for the site.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. Petition Regarding Acquisition of Park Land

In August, a petition was received from the community requesting that the City consider potential acquisition of a parcel in the South Rose Hill neighborhood.

Mr. Cogle presented the Board with background information on "Louie Park"/McPherson Property and answered questions regarding the site.

b. Juanita High School Pool Status

Mr. Cogle provided the Board with an update on the status of the swimming pool at Juanita High School. Lake Washington School District Board Members, Chris Carlson and Nancy Bernard, spoke regarding the pool, Juanita High School, the upcoming ballot measure and the School Board's position.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held regarding potential property acquisition.

11. MEETING EVALUATION

Announcements were made about the Urban Forest Restoration Plan, a joint Board and Commission Meeting and volunteer appreciate event.

"It's good to be back."

"Long, but interesting."

11. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. White moved to adjourn. Mr. Ockerman seconded. Motion carried (8-0).

Meeting was adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Jennifer Schroder, Director
Parks and Community Services

Sue Keller, Chair
Park Board

September 3, 2013

To: Kirkland Park Dept. Acquisitions Board

Re: Acquisition of vacant lot owned by the late Jack McPherson

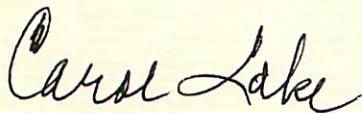
We own the property adjoining the above vacant lot. As one of the home owners most affected by the fate of the above property, we would like to go on record as favoring the acquisition of the property by the City of Kirkland for use as open or green space.

The lot in question is unsuitable for development because the back half of the property is wetlands and most of the remaining portion consists of a wetlands and easement owned in perpetuity by Michael and Sandy Smith. These conditions leave such a small area for development that selling the lot to a developer would be impractical.

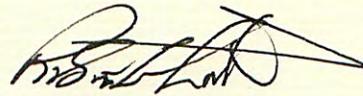
Maintaining the vacant lot as green or open space would require next to nothing from the City of Kirkland, as the residents would continue to mow the grass as they have been doing since Mr. McPherson passed away on July 6th.

Therefore, we urge the City to acquire the property for use as a neighborhood green space.

Sincerely yours,



Carol Lake



Robin L. Lake



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To: Park Board
From: Jennifer Schroder, CPRP, Director
Date: October 4, 2013
Subject: October Staff Update

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Aquatic Center Partnership Project – City and School District staff are scheduled to meet on October 8 to discuss initiating a study to replace the Aquatic Center at Juanita High School. Staff has set up a [project webpage](#) on the City's website which will serve as a resource for citizens interested in the project: www.kirklandwa.gov search "Aquatic Center". Staff is also preparing a budget request to the City Council for technical support for the project.
- Cross Kirkland Corridor – On October 15 the City Council will be conducting a public hearing and considering an ordinance which would establish interim land use regulations for properties adjoining the corridor. Also, a Community Walk is being planned for the Corridor on Sunday, October 27th. More details to come.
- Community Planning Day – Scheduled for Saturday, October 19th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Peter Kirk Community Center and KTUB, the emphasis of the event will be on visioning for the Comprehensive Plan and for the Cross Kirkland Corridor. Like the similar event held in June, various City projects will be seeking public input during the day. For parks, staff will again feature the PROS Plan and Totem Lake Park Master Plan. Board members are requested to attend the event and engage citizens in the planning effort.
- Edith Moulton Park Master Plan – Work has been initiated on the project, with wetland delineation and surveying work in progress. Staff is developing a project schedule and will be looking to schedule an initial public meeting later this fall. Staff will also be scheduling a site tour with the Park Board in the near future.
- KTUB Open House Celebration – The teen center has undergone a makeover and the YMCA staff is excited to share the changes with the community. An open house celebration will be held on Thursday, October 24th, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and the Board is invited. RSVP here: www.ktuboh.eventbrite.com/
- Special Events Policies – At its study session of October 1st, the City Council reviewed proposed changes to the City's policies related to special events. Staff will be preparing a final ordinance for Council consideration by the end of this year.
- Mid-Biennial Budget Review – The City Council will be holding a study session on November 6th (note that the regular meeting is moved to a Wednesday due to the general election on November 5th) to review the City's budget. For the Parks and Community Services Department, operating expenses overall are within the approved budget. Staff will be requesting additional funding for the aquatic center study as well as for purchase of a new wood chipper.

RECREATION DIVISION



- Recreation staff have been trained as site connectors in the *National Safe Place Program*. Staff at the North Kirkland and Peter Kirk community centers have been educated on the program and the two sites are designated as Safe Place locations. In King County, *Safe Place* quickly connects runaway and homeless youth ages 12-17 to services, either by reuniting them with their family or providing them with emergency shelter. The *Safe Place* emblem will be displayed at the entrances of both community centers.
- Recreation Revenues to date:

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	TOTAL
2012	\$41,025	\$25,822	\$292,534	\$139,963	\$99,568	\$112,559	\$47,481	\$118,452	\$150,563	\$1,027,867
2013	\$48,715	\$35,086	\$293,350	\$145,766	\$117,807	\$121,050	\$48,557	\$140,923	\$147,709	\$1,098,965
variance	\$7,690	\$9,265	\$816	\$5,804	\$18,239	\$8,491	\$1,076	\$22,471	(\$2,755)	\$71,098

- In preparation for Kirkland’s exploration of possible new public spaces in Kirkland, staff is exploring and researching aquatic center projects in neighboring communities such as Lynnwood, Sammamish, Snohomish and Federal Way, as well as attending stakeholder meetings with the City of Redmond as it explores the future of its community building spaces.

North Kirkland Community Center

- Registration numbers are one measurement of success. Over 1,200 participants are currently signed up to “Experience It” through Parks and Community Services fall classes located at North Kirkland Community Center.
- Currently, 81 NKCC classes are at full-capacity with 93 participants on waiting lists. Additional classes have been added and enrollments bumped up to accommodate as many participants as possible without compromising the integrity of the programs.
- Successful new classes this fall include Science/Art for 3’s instructed by popular resident science instructor Melissa Graham, Junior Engineering classes for ages 4 to 6 years, and after school Apprentice Engineering classes for ages 7 to 11 years instructed by the staff of Engineering for Kids.

Aquatics & Youth Sports

- Below is a table summarizing this summer’s activity at the City’s three guarded beaches:

	Waverly Beach	Houghton Beach	Juanita Beach	All Beaches
# of patrons in water	2,600	3,993	9,171	15,764
# of patrons on land/ potential swimmers	13,341	24,334	37,891	75,556
# of assists/ rescues of patrons	6	5	5	16
# of lifejackets loaned to patrons (lifejackets provide patrons with assistance reducing risk of accidents)	305	569	394	1,268
# of swim tests administered to patrons (swim tests determine what area is safe for a patron to swim reducing risk of accident)	492	628	469	1,589

- There was a signification reduction in rescues at Houghton beach, down 73% from 2012. This is likely due to the “island dock” being closed for the season on July 26th.

- Beaches were guarded seven days per week from noon to 6:00 p.m. from July 1st through September 2nd.
- Attendance on land and in water was taken five times per day at regular intervals.
- Note: Attendance on land and in water is taken 5 times per day: 12pm, 1:30pm, 3:00pm, 4:30pm, and 6:00pm. It is possible patrons are counted multiple times throughout the day, depending on length of beach visit.
- The 2013 Splash, Pedal, and Dash Kirkland Kids' Triathlon, put on by City's Recreation staff, was held on September 14th at Juanita Beach Park. This non-competitive event provided an excellent opportunity for 125 youth to be active and experience the sport of triathlon. This event was very successful and participants shared they had a wonderful experience.
- Youth Basketball registration and planning is now in full swing. 210 boys and girls in 3rd through 6th grades are currently registered. Practices begin in December and games begin in January at schools within the Lake Washington School District. This program is a great way for youth to get active, learn teamwork and enjoy the sport of basketball.
- Pee Wee Basketball registration is now open for the fall and winter seasons. Currently, 65 participants, ages 3-6, are registered for the fall season which begins October 26th. PeeWee Basketball is designed to develop and improve preschoolers' basketball skills and techniques. This program is a great first step into preschool sport!
- The City is currently accepting applications for 15 Basketball Referee and Pee Wee Basketball Coach positions. Staff will be hired for the season to referee youth basketball games and lead the Pee Wee Basketball Program.

Sports and Fitness

- The fall session of the Move It! program is underway with 160 registrants, currently. Staffing changes have led to the addition of a new instructor for the program: Charlene Watson. Charlene, who has also taught at Peter Kirk Community Center and Pro Sports Club, will be teaching the "Power Hour" class on Wednesday mornings and the "Low Impact Aerobics" class on Friday mornings.
- The fall season of volleyball and dodgeball programs have started. There are five dodgeball teams participating this season and 41 volleyball teams. The season will stretch into November, finishing before the Thanksgiving holiday. Staff is currently looking for a sponsor for the dodgeball and volleyball championship prizes and will be soliciting local businesses this month.
- The pee wee soccer league is going well despite the rainy weather. The 260 children are having fun each Saturday learning the basics of soccer. There are currently 49 volunteer coaches leading 26 teams. Staff will be re-evaluating expanding the program further, if possible, to accommodate more participants as there are currently another 60 children on the waitlist.
- Program planning for the summer of 2014 has started. Staff will be evaluating the successes of this past year and offering summer camp contractors opportunities to partner again for 2014. In addition, staff will be researching area trends and new sports camp ideas to add some fresh options to the lineup.

Peter Kirk Community Center

- The Finish Line Celebration for the Kirkland Steppers took place on September 24th and was a huge success. Fairwinds Redmond sponsored the event by providing a delicious lunch buffet to everyone who had participated. There were over 80 participants in this year's program.
- The PKCC Advisory Board held a Baked Potato Feed and Bake Sale to raise money to help offset the cost of some of their ongoing projects, such as monthly movies and popcorn and participating annually with KTUB's Teen Feed. The event was a lot of fun and successful; after expenses the Board raised close to \$400.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

Youth and Human Services

- Around 40 Youth Council applications were submitted for by the September 20th deadline. Candidates were interviewed over a period of two days and 10 new members will be joining the group on October 14th.
- September's Teen Traffic Court heard eight cases.
- The 2014 Youth Summit will take place on Thursday, March 27, 2014 at Bastyr University. Youth Council members are currently working with the Lake Washington School District to plan this event.
- Kirkland's Month of Concern for the Hungry took place during the month of September. Storefront drives were held on September 7th and 28th. Over 5,600 pounds of food and \$1,300 in cash were collected.
- The final Juanita Friday Market of the year is October 4th.

MAINTENANCE DIVISION

Athletic Fields

- Lee Johnson Field – It has been a rainy September. Despite the rain and cold, baseball and softball continue. Parks Softball, depending on the weather, will wrap up Sunday, October 6th. Kirkland Baseball Commission will wrap up Sunday, October 13th. Crew will finish out the month of October conducting fall/winter maintenance on Lee Johnson.
- Crestwoods – Lake Washington Youth Soccer continues practices and games at Crestwoods through November.
- Everest – Northwest University and Kirkland American Little League continue with their fall programs which wrap up October 13th.
- Juanita Beach and 132nd Square Fields 2 and 3 continue to be used by Lake Washington Youth Soccer Association on weeknights, Parks pee wee soccer on weekends, and intermittently by select softball. Use continues at these sites through early November.
- City/School Partnership fields continue to be used by soccer and football programs and will wrap up in late October or early November.
- Ballfield billings will go out this month and the annual End-of-the-Year Athletic Field Users meeting will be scheduled after billings go out (for sometime late October to early November). 2014 first season applications (applications for March 1st through July 31st) will be due by December 1st.

Donations

- The Graham family donated a table in honor of Mac Graham, at Marina Park. Thank you to the Grahams for their donation.

Volunteers

- Two groups volunteered at Juanita Beach Park this past month: on September 14th, Latter Day Saints Kirkland Stake, and on September 25th, Up with People came to the park to help tackle invasive weeds. Both groups were a pleasure to work with and helped staff do some great "catch-up" work after the busy summer.
- United Way's September 20th Day of Caring was a huge day throughout the parks system with multiple sites receiving volunteer attention.
 - Wells Fargo provided 15 participants to help remove weeds and spread mulch in landscape beds at Rose Hill Meadows.
 - Berkley North Pacific sent 20 volunteers to help edge headstones and provide general cleaning at Kirkland Cemetery.
 - Forest Ridge School for Girls and the University of Washington brought 78 volunteers help prune shrubbery and weed along the walkway at Heritage Park.

Notes from the Field

- The fall clean up begins! Stormy weather created a lot of extra work this past week. Crews spent three days picking up debris, addressing tree concerns and tidying up after the heavy wind and rain combination at the end of September.
- With a tremendous effort from neighborhood volunteers, the south steps at Crestwoods Park were refurbished this past month. The upgrade helps make getting to school and using the park a little safer and a lot more enjoyable.



- Special thanks this month to our seasonal staff who did a great job this past summer helping keep Kirkland's parks and open spaces safe and clean. Staff could not keep up with demand without their efforts!
- Lots of projects are planned for the next few months, including tree plantings, landscape projects, turf renovations, drainage, painting, dock work and pruning.

GREEN KIRKLAND PARTNERSHIP

- On September 15th, the Green Kirkland Partnership, in coordination with Parks Maintenance, hosted the first volunteer event at the North Juanita Open Space. Nearly 20 volunteers (mostly neighbors) braved the downpour to spend the afternoon removing blackberry root balls and mulching cleared areas. Volunteers expressed much excitement about this creation of the Open Space in their neighborhood and are enthused by the opportunity to lend a hand in the project. The next volunteer event will be October 5th, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Staff thanks Park Board Chair Sue Keller for stopping by the event.
- On September 14th, the Green Kirkland Partnership hosted 60 volunteers from the Church of Latter-day Saints at Watershed and Kiwanis parks. Volunteers got a lot of work done at both parks and achieved their goal of getting to know their stake members. The event was planned in cooperation with Patrick Tefft, City of Kirkland Volunteer Coordinator.
- On September 20th, as part of the United Way of King County Day of Caring, the Green Kirkland Partnership hosted 157 volunteers from Microsoft and Blucora at Watershed, Juanita Bay, Heronfield Wetlands and Everest parks. Together, these volunteers contributed nearly 650 hours of restoration. The Juanita Bay and Watershed Park events were led by Green Kirkland Stewards, Everest Park was led by EarthCorps and Heronfield Wetlands was led by GKP staff.
- In early September, GKP staff explored a suggestion on where to find free burlap. GKP staff took a trip to Distant Lands Coffee in Renton where they were assured that there is as much free burlap as could be possibly used in sheet mulching. Staff and volunteers will begin substituting burlap for cardboard during future mulching events which will cut down significantly on materials costs.
- In late September, professional crews funded through Forterra's federal grant started restoration work on slopes too steep for volunteer activity. Through October, crews will be working on

selected steep slopes at Juanita Heights, Kiwanis, Carillon Woods, Cotton Hill and Watershed parks.

- On November 2nd, Green Kirkland Stewards will be gathering at the McAuliffe classroom to set their 2014 annual park plans. Staff is excited to be starting the planning process early this year and to test out this new method of having stewards set their goals collaboratively. The workshop will be followed by a plant identification and planting Best Management Practices training which will be optional for stewards to attend.
- The Green Kirkland Partnership has successfully recruited and oriented Jodie Galvan to be the Green Kirkland Steward for Juanita Beach Park! Jodie joins the steward team with a strong background in restoration and an enthusiasm for leading restoration events at the park. She will begin holding volunteer events in late Fall 2013.
- Green Kirkland stewards continue to host recurring volunteer events in their respective parks:
 - Juanita Bay Rollers: 4th Saturday of the month events at Juanita Bay Park from 10am to 1pm
 - Juanita Heights Park: Last Saturday of the month at Juanita Heights Park from 9am to 11am
 - Juanita Bay Park Volunteers: Thursday, 10am to noon at Juanita Bay Park
 - Highlands Neighborhood: Wednesday, 10am to 11am at Cotton Hill Park
 - Houghton Parks Volunteers: Wednesday, 9am to 10am Carillon Woods
- The following table summarizes Green Kirkland Partnership events and other activities conducted by volunteers in August. It includes event volunteers and ongoing volunteers (ongoing field and administrative work).

Date	Park/Work	Group Name	Number of Volunteers			Hours	Dollar Equivalent ¹
			Youth	Adult	Total		
8/15	Juanita Bay Park	GK Stewards & Target	0	6	6	16.5	\$374.39
8/22	Juanita Bay Park	GK Stewards, AT&T, Landis + Gyr	0	22	22	71	\$1,610.99
8/24	Watershed Park	EarthCorps Partnership & NW University	4	110	114	356	\$8,077.64
8/29	Juanita Bay Park	GK Stewards & volunteers	2	3	5	9.5	\$215.56
8/31	Juanita Heights Park	GK Stewards & Volunteers	3	15	18	36	\$816.84
Aug Ongoing	Administrative		0	4	4	44.80	\$1,016.51
Aug Ongoing	Field Work		0	19	19	93.98	\$2,132.41
Total							\$ 13,869.95

¹ Dollar Equivalent = Hours x \$22.69

- Upcoming volunteer events open to the general public:
 - Saturday, October 5th, at the North Juanita Open Space, 10am to 1pm. Register at www.greenkirkland.org
 - Saturday, October 12th, at Kiwanis Park from 9am to 12pm. Register at www.greenkirkland.org
 - Saturday, October 19th, at Juanita Bay Park, 10am to 2pm. Register at www.earthcorps.org/volunteer.php
 - Saturday, October 26th, at Juanita Heights Park, 9am to 11am. Register at www.greenkirkland.org
 - Saturday, October 26th, at Juanita Bay Park, 10am to 1pm. Register at www.greenkirkland.org

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- Wednesdays, October, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th at Cotton Hill Park, 10am to 11am. Contact Karen Story karen@tinyisland.com
- Wednesdays, October, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th at Carillon Woods 9am to 10am. Contact Lisa McConnell, kirby994@frontier.com
- Thursdays, October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st at Juanita Bay Park, 10am to 12pm. Contact Nona Ganz, 425.822.1618, nonaganz@frontier.com
- Photos of recent volunteer events can be viewed at www.facebook.com/GreenKirkPartnership



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MEMORANDUM

To: Park Board

From: Michael Cogle, Deputy Director

Date: October 4, 2013

Subject: Waverly Beach Park Renovation Project

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Park Board review a proposed renovation and phasing plan for Waverly Beach Park.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

The Park Board reviewed alternative concepts for the Waverly Beach Park Renovation Project at its September meeting. Subsequently, staff and the consultant team presented the concepts to the Market Neighborhood Association at their annual picnic on September 14th, as well as at the neighborhood's bi-monthly meeting on September 18th. The project was also presented to the Norkirk Neighborhood Association at their October 2nd meeting.

Based on the input received from neighbors, park users, staff and the Board, the consultant team from Anchor QEA has developed a proposed renovation and phasing plan for the park. Please see the attached documents. Staff is seeking Board input prior to the final community meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, October 23rd, at 7:00 p.m. at Heritage Hall. Final review of the plan will be scheduled for the Board's November meeting.

Given that the cost of completing all desired elements of the renovation plan will exceed the project's initial \$800,000 budget, staff and the consultant team are proposing the following criteria to help establish phasing priorities:

1. **Safety and Functionality:** These cover the most items in Phase 1 such as moving pedestrians off the entry drive and drainage improvements.
2. **Community Priorities:** These cover many items some small, like the outdoor shower, and some larger, like the upper parking lot.

3. **Permit Feasibility/Mitigation Sequencing:** This would include items such as “see-through” decking and off-setting swim area fills with an expanded beach to the south. This criterion may affect timing of some items more than is currently indicated.
4. **Legal/ADA:** This item pertains to issues like code compliance, and would affect several items such as pathway access in the lower park, and how the play area is designed to be more accessible.
5. **Major Maintenance & Repairs:** This item pertains to improvements/corrections identified for the dock and concrete bulkhead and also for the play area renovation.
6. **Construction sequence:** Ensuring that work completed in Phase I is not disrupted by subsequent phased improvements. It also means looking at where there are cost efficiencies such as grouping similar types of work in one phase.

Peter Hummel from Anchor QEA will attend the Board's October meeting to present the draft plan and answer questions.

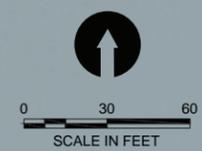
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 - Proposed OHWM
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 - Existing Minor Contour
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- Revise Waverly Way to one-way and include angled parking
- Upgrade upper parking area with more efficient layout, paving and striping, stormwater treatment
- Sculpture relocated within street view corridor
- Oneway
- Waverly Beach Park sign

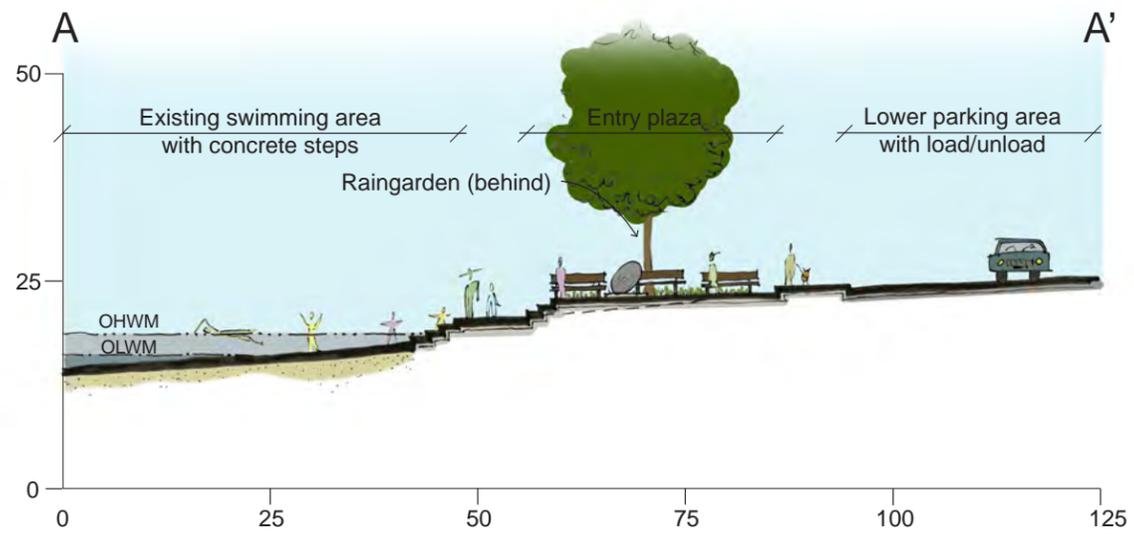
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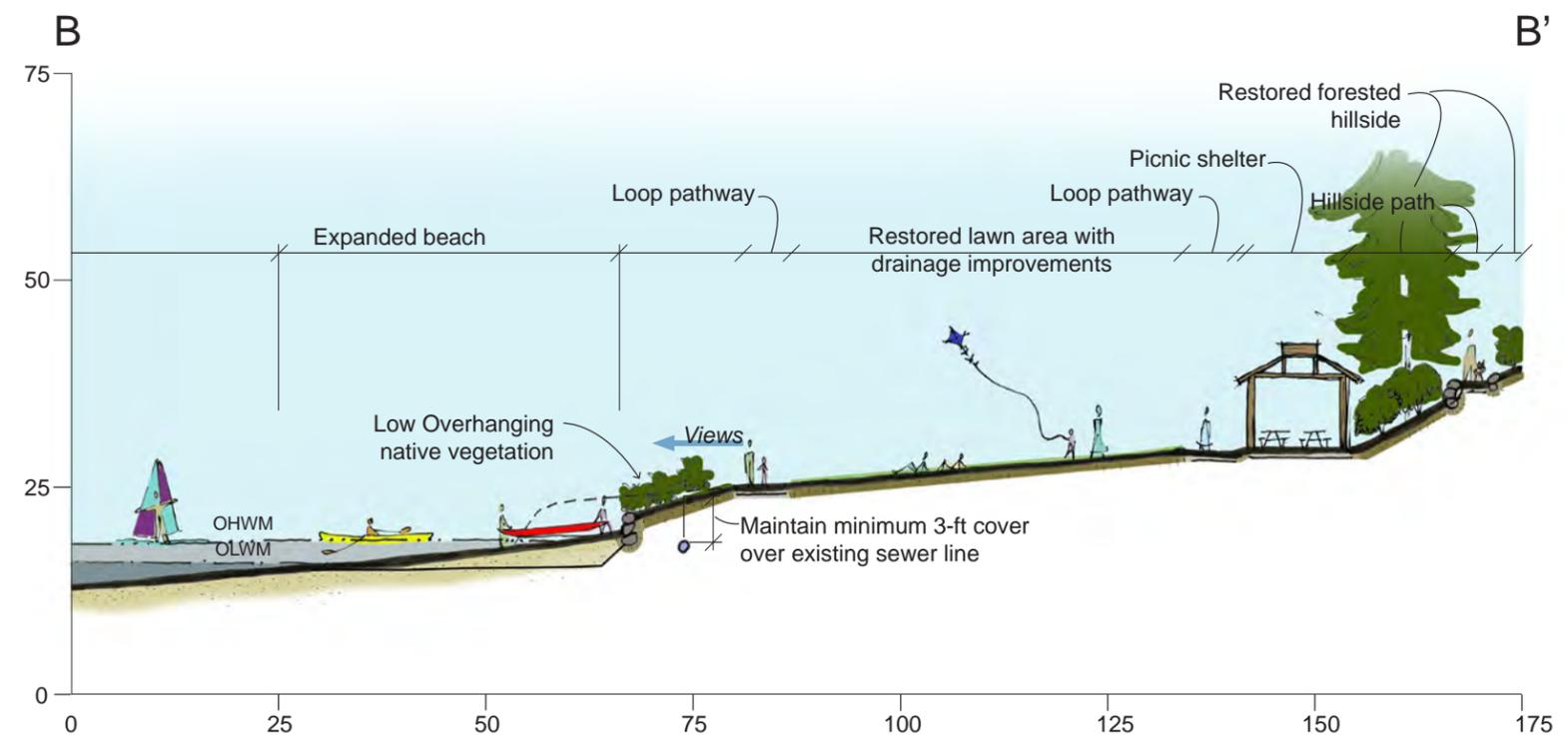
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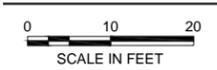
Waverly Beach Park
Preliminary Renovation Plan



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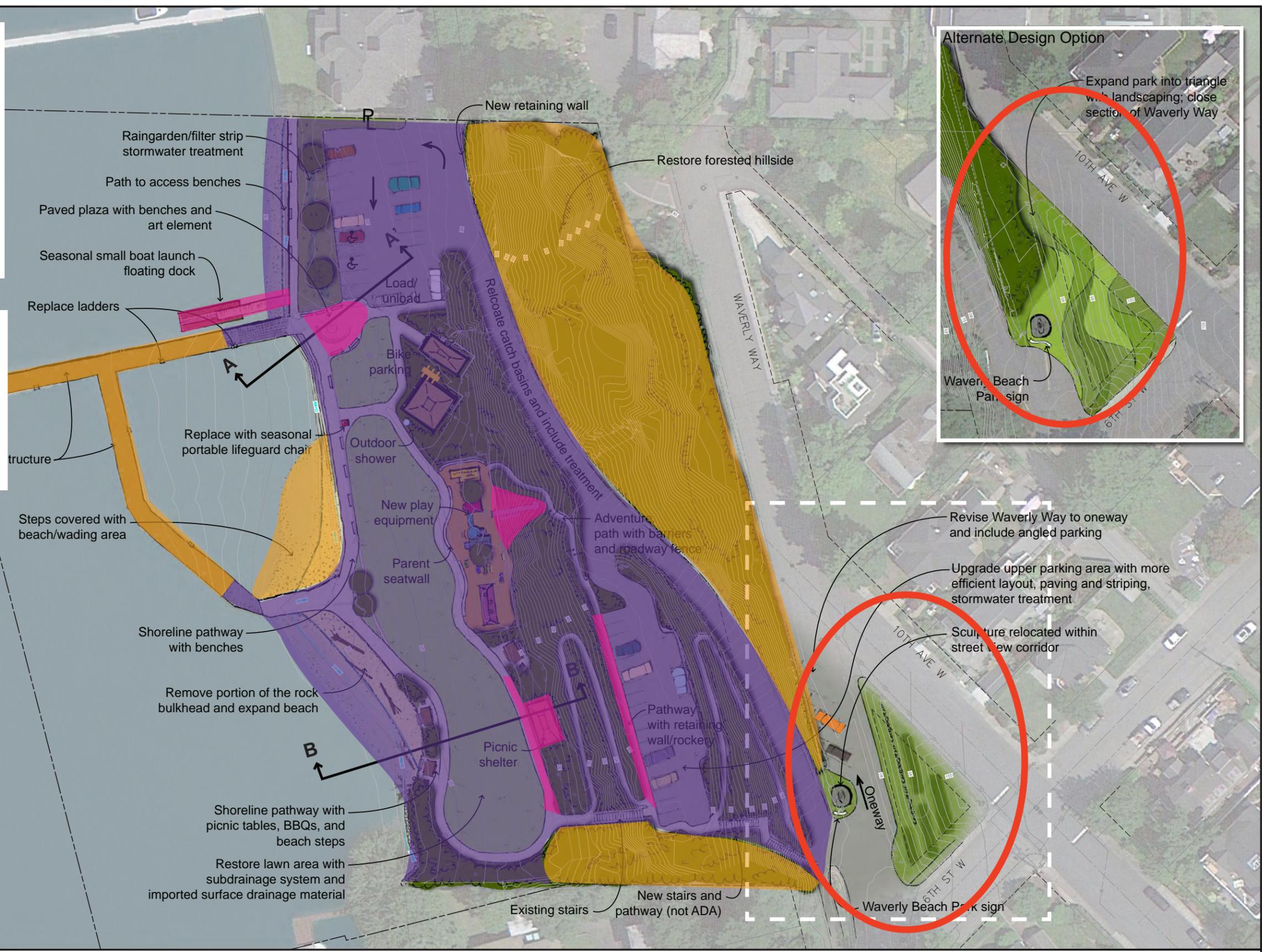


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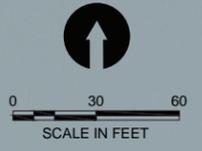


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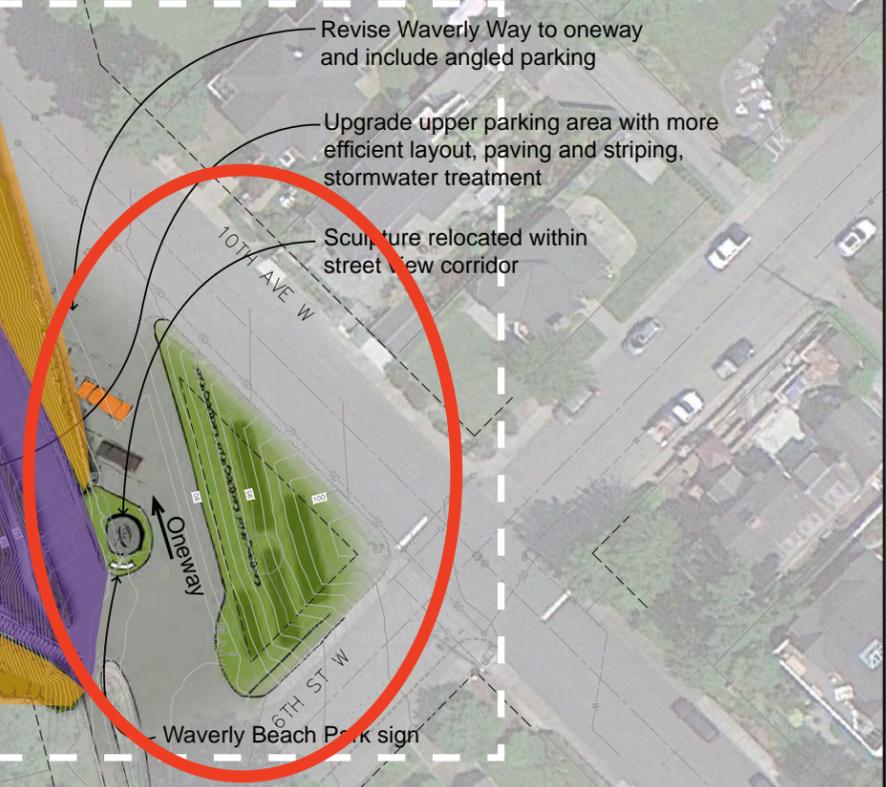
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MEMORANDUM

To: Park Board
From: Michael Cogle, Deputy Director
Date: October 4, 2013
Subject: Totem Lake Park Master Plan Draft Preferred Concept

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Park Board previews the preferred schematic plan for Totem Lake Park.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

The Park Board reviewed three concepts for the Totem Lake Park Master Plan at its September meeting. The concepts were presented to the community at a public workshop on Saturday, September 21st. A summary of the input received is included as Attachment A.

Based on community input and in response to the Council-approved Design Program (Attachment B), the design team led by The Berger Partnership is developing a preferred schematic for the park. The schematic design is still being developed as of the date of this memo; an initial schematic diagram is included as Attachment C. A more detailed (and colorful!) schematic design will be presented to the Board at the October meeting.

The preferred schematic design is a blending of the three concepts originally created, and features:

- Seating and amenities for viewing of habitat and wildlife;
- Enhances ecology by adding habitat features and hummocks to diversify plant species; removes invasive species;
- Suggests acquiring the Yuppie Pawn parcel for upland park amenities such as a playground, lawn area for picnicking, and restroom facility;
- Storm drainage structures are incorporated below the upland parcel to help with water quality and mitigation.
- Encourages the redevelopment of a corner of the Totem Lake Malls with a redeveloped retail / street connection to strengthen the connection to the hospital up 120th.
- The CKC is enhanced by an overhead spiral walk/bikeway feature and seating / small gathering areas

- Promenade feature along the west side provides a terrace for a re-developed edge that promotes interaction with local businesses.
- Assumes utilizing street parking and the parking available at a re-developed Totem Lake Mall.
- A complete looping trail system is completed by overhead walkway that connects to the CKC. Boardwalks are provided on the east property line.
- The KC parcel is enhanced with a boardwalk and re-vegetation of the open space.
- The triangle area in at Totem Lake BLVD and 124th takes diverted storm water and includes controls to release water into the lake.
- Totem Lake BLVD is widened with an added planting strip between the roadway and sidewalk. Planted median included.

Staff from the Berger Partnership will present the draft preferred concept to the Board at the October meeting. The proposed plan will be presented to the community at the Fall Community Planning Day on October 19th.

Attachments

ATTACHMENT A

Meeting Notes



Project: Totem Lake Park MP

Date: 9.23.13

Location: Yuppie Pawn Parking Lot

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Time: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Attendance: Approximately 20 people attended the meeting representing the adjacent neighborhood, Evergreen Health, Kirkland Greenways, Park Board Members, and City Staff.

Purpose: Public Workshop #2

Discussion:

The following hand written comments were provided by members of the public in response to two questions.

Question 1 - What I like the most:

- I like the continuous boardwalk around the lake the best. Loops are nice.
- I am most interested in connecting the two sides of the highway, as well as creating outdoor relaxation areas.
- I like options 2 and 3 if we can pull it off, but I think I like the feature in option 1 with the boardwalk closer to the lake.
- The most important thing is to connect all the surrounding neighborhoods to CKC and the Transit Center with comfortable facilities for all ages and abilities on foot, in wheelchairs and on bikes. 120th is not the best walk/bike route. It is too hilly. Totem Lake Blvd. is less steep.
- Developing the area for walkers and kids. I don't care for the bridges.
- Connecting Totem Lake to the CKC.
- Don't build parking. This area already has way too much parking. Bike access/parking is key though.

Question 2 - What I didn't see here but would like to:

- Trail from hospital to the lake project. It is a nice walk. Peaceful for hospital staff.
- I would like to see additional consideration to ensuring that adjacent property parking is not affected.
- I also like the idea of a double loop.
- Also interested in open/grassy areas for families.

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- Power Line Trail. Need walk trail/stairs up and parking spaces up top. Would like to turn Yuppie Pawn site into part of park with parking spaces and elevated wooden structures to view the lake.
- Nice to remove invasive exotic brush and reeds so people can see the lake.
- Pizza store, restaurants, auto supply and banks are not part of malls and not attractive. How can we add back entrances and elevated views?
- Pavilions for studying the ecology and sitting and observing nature.
- More areas for kids.
- Security for people enjoying the park.
- Ped/wheelchair/bike access to hospital, doctor's buildings, Transit Center, Lake Washington Technical College (LWTC), are key. These connections must be comfortable for all ages and abilities.
- Yes for parking.
- Clear edges of lake.

Additional notes from the design team based on conversations at the meeting:

- Benches and places to hang out are needed.
- Consider parking on un-used uphill portion of the Condominium properties east of the Hotel. Or, use this area to make the connection up the hill better.
- Have we considered loops within the loops?
- Totem Lake Blvd crossing – have we considered an option that goes under the roadway like the Sammamish River Trail in Kenmore? If we can't do this, the grade separated options is preferred over the at-grade crossing.
- One attendee felt that the contemplate scheme was too austere – Liked the other options better.
- Consider how to separate walkers from bikers. Conflicts where the two meet (passing along the trail is uncomfortable).
- In planning for Totem Lake Boulevard – consider separation between pedestrians as well as bikes from roadway (planting strip). (Like a cycletrack).
- Heard a couple concerns about impacts to the wetland from bicycles on the boardwalks.
- Concerns with the trail up the hillside to the east and stability. How will this trail be built and maintained? Seems like an impossible task.
- Several folks liked the spiral overpass on Influence but preferred several elements of Integrate.

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- There seemed to be consensus that acquiring the Yuppie Pawn site was needed to develop park program. Acquiring the Hotel was nice, but realized as too ambitious.
- Heard from several people about making the intersection of Totem Lake BLVD and 124th into a round-about.
- Places are needed to gather, sit and read.
- Integrate bikes into the concept.
- Provide parking at the top of the Seattle City Light Right of Way and provide ramp / stairway down the hill.
- Pizza hut is ugly, can this be fixed?
- The idea of adding elevated wood structures to look at / study the lake.
- Note that the hospital staff had presented ideas to the Mall developers for an escalator; I think they would be open to conversations about a switchback path, additional benches for resting, other creative ways to provide access, etc.
- The concept of stormwater ponds at the Carlton Hotel site transitioning into habitat ponds within the existing park area was discussed. The concept seemed well-received without much further elaboration. We also discussed stormwater treatment of runoff prior to the ponds; this seemed acceptable, but the reaction wasn't strong.
- At least one attendee didn't like the 'open' nature show in Option B, without the hummocks. Adding vertical relief and trees seemed to be well accepted.
- I was (Greg Johnston) asked about fish use. Wouldn't expect much in the way of salmon or trout in this headwater area due to high temps and low oxygen. Have not found any solid documentation of fish use. We recently found sticklebacks in the outlet stream doing fish removal for the ongoing construction. However, anecdotally from a web search it appears that the lake may be used by some "warm water" fish such as bass, crappie, yellow perch, brown bullhead catfish, etc.

Meeting Adjourned

The preceding is assumed to be a complete and correct record of the significant items and actions agreed upon at the above meeting. Please advise the author immediately of any additions or corrections to the minutes. Work is proceeding on the basis of this record.

Prepared by:

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Berger Partnership PS

Andy Mitton

Associate, Landscape Architect

c: All present

RESOLUTION R-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND RELATED TO ESTABLISHING A FORMAL DESIGN PROGRAM TO GUIDE CREATION OF A TOTEM LAKE PARK MASTER PLAN.

WHEREAS, in December of 2010 the City Council adopted Resolution R-4856, approving a Preliminary Action Plan for revitalizing the Totem Lake Business District and directing City departments to reprioritize work tasks accordingly.

WHEREAS, the Park Board in 2011 forwarded recommendations to the Council regarding potential park-related projects, including for the City to develop a master plan for the Totem Lake Park property; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Land Institute in 2011 also recommended that Totem Lake Park be developed as a catalyzing strategy along with development of the Cross Kirkland Corridor to help create a "sense of place" in Totem Lake; and

WHEREAS, in February 2013 the City Council formally adopted the City's 2013 – 2014 Work Program, which included emphasis on Totem Lake revitalization; and

WHEREAS, in March 2013 the City Council authorized funding for creation of a Totem Lake Park Master Plan and directed staff and the Park Board to work with the property owner King Conservation District and interested citizens in developing the Plan; and

WHEREAS, a Design Program should be established to guide schematic design and creation of a park master plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

Section 1. That the Totem Lake Park Master Plan incorporates the following elements hereby referred to as the Design Program:

1. Provide a loop trail that enhances and energizes the site.
2. Provide appropriate amenities to support use of the site (benches, signage, environmental and historical interpretation, seating areas, etc.).

3. Enhance connectivity to and from the park, to include Evergreen Medical Center and the Totem Lake Transit Center. Develop connections in cooperation with Seattle City Light at the utility easement and with local property owners on the "north hill" to allow adjacent community users to access the site.
4. Study and recommend parking opportunities and improved pedestrian access.
5. Provide improved pedestrian connections at Totem Lake Blvd. and N.E. 124th Street.
6. Develop the Cross Kirkland Corridor to enhance the experience of Totem Lake Park and provide connections to surrounding businesses.
7. Study the development of an upland parcel or parcels for future community center, parking, and link to Totem Lake Mall properties.
8. Explore further how adjacent parcels could be re-developed to strengthen and support the programming of the park.
9. Enhance the ecological function of the park and the quality of water leaving the lake. Develop a vegetation and wildlife management plan that looks to diversify the existing vegetation, remove invasive species and support a diverse population of wildlife.
10. Make recommendations on how to improve water quality and how management of the site may help alleviate future flooding issues.
11. Consider how public art could be incorporated into the planning process to energize the site and create an awareness of the lake.
12. Develop and maintain views and access to open water but don't provide for boating activities due to the limited size of the lake.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting on the _____ day of _____, 20____.

SIGNED IN AUTHENTICATION THEREOF this _____ day
of _____, 20__.

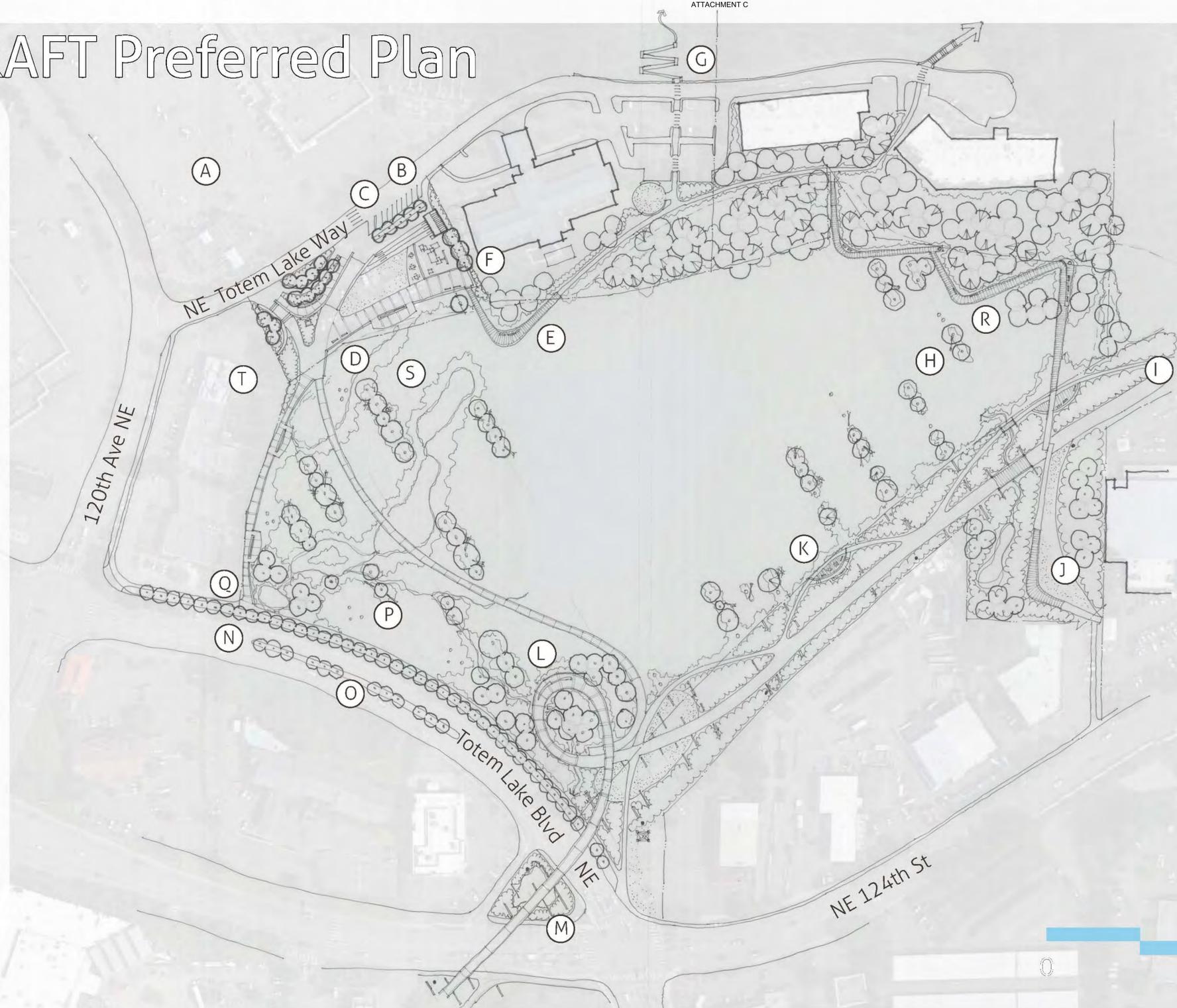
Mayor

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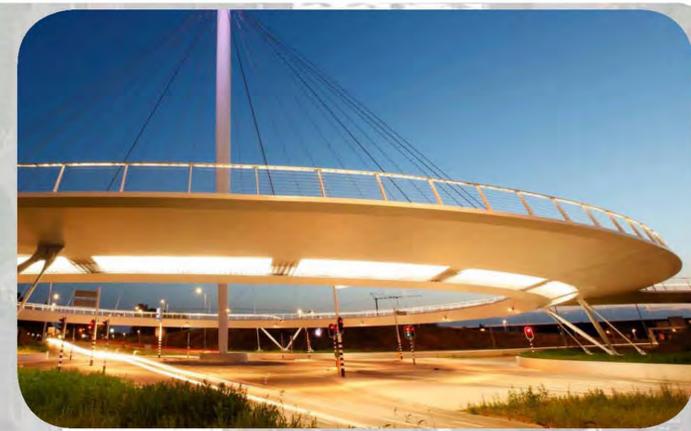
City Clerk

Totem Lake Park DRAFT Preferred Plan

- (A) Redevelopment of NW Corner
- (B) Parking
- (C) Upland Park
- (D) Promenade
- (E) Viewing Pier
- (F) Play Area
- (G) SCL Powerline Trail
- (H) Hummock Restoration Planting
- (I) Cross Kirkland Corridor Improvements
- (J) Passive Open Space
- (K) Trail Respite
- (L) Spiral Ramp w/ Overhead Crossing
- (M) Stormwater feature
- (N) Bus Stop
- (O) Median Planting
- (P) Buffer/Edge Enhancement
- (Q) Improved Entry & Sidewalk
- (R) Loop Boardwalk Trail
- (S) Mitigation
- (T) Outdoor Space



Inspired by the intersection of Nature and the City, artistic elements frame the centerpiece of this landscape. The site is connected to the CKC by way of a sculptural spiral ramp overpass that allows pedestrians to access the site above traffic. Artistic elements are imprinted on the land that then translate into habitat creation in the wetland for species diversity by way of removing invasive plants.



**CITY OF KIRKLAND****Department of Parks & Community Services**

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MEMORANDUM

To: Park Board

From: Michael Cogle, Deputy Director

Date: October 4, 2013

Subject: PROS Plan Update – Telephone Survey Results

Recommendation

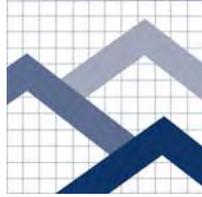
That the Park Board reviews the results of the PROS Plan telephone survey.

Background

The random telephone survey conducted by Elway Research was completed in September. A report from the consultant is attached to this memorandum. Overall, the City received good grades from Kirkland citizens on our park and recreation system. A desire for more youth programs were identified as a high priority for expansion, and respondents indicated support for funding aquatics/indoor recreation facilities.

Staff will present the findings in more detail at the Board's October meeting.

Attachment



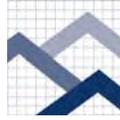
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Community Survey: Priorities and Performance

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Community Survey: Priorities and Performance

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INTRODUCTION

This report summarizes the results of a telephone survey conducted on behalf of the City of Kirkland Parks and Community Services Department. The survey was conducted to inform the process to update Kirkland's Comprehensive Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan (PROS Plan).

The survey was conducted as part of an extensive community engagement program which also included discussions with stakeholders and community meetings, as well as an on-line questionnaire on the City's website. Some 304 randomly-selected heads of Kirkland households were interviewed between September 5-10, 2013. Survey respondents were asked about:

- Their use of city parks;
- The value they placed on them;
- The current quality and quantity of recreational opportunities in Kirkland;
- Priorities for expanded recreational opportunities; and
- Willingness to support public funding of expanded recreational opportunities.

Demographic information was also collected so as to compare and contrast answers.

The survey was administered by Elway Research, Inc. The questionnaire was designed in collaboration with Conservation Technix, Inc., SvR Design and staff of the Parks and Community Services Department.

The report includes Key Findings, followed by annotated graphs summarizing the results to each question. The full questionnaire and a complete set of cross-tabulation tables are presented in the appendix.



METHODS

SAMPLE:	304 Heads of household in Kirkland. The sample frame was registered voter households, meaning that at least one person in the household was registered to vote. Approximately 88% of the households in Kirkland have at least one registered voter, qualifying them for this survey. Respondents were not required to be registered to be interviewed.
TECHNIQUE:	Telephone Survey 17% of these interviews were conducted via cell phone.
FIELD DATES:	September 5-10, 2013
MARGIN OF ERROR:	$\pm 5.7\%$ at the 95% confidence interval. That is, in theory, had this same survey been conducted 100 times, the results would be within $\pm 5.7\%$ of the results in this survey at least 95 of those times.
DATA COLLECTION:	Calls were made during weekday evenings and weekend days. Trained, professional interviewers under supervision conducted all interviews. Up to four attempts were made to contact a head of household at each number in the sample before a substitute number was called. Questionnaires were edited for completeness, and a percentage of each interviewer's calls were re-called for verification.

It must be kept in mind that survey research cannot predict the future. Although great care and the most rigorous methods available were employed in the design, execution and analysis of this survey, these results can be interpreted only as representing the answers given by these respondents to these questions at the time they were interviewed.



RESPONDENT PROFILE

In interpreting these findings, it is important to keep in mind the characteristics of the people actually interviewed. This table presents a profile of the 304 respondents in the survey.

Note: Here and throughout this report, percentages may not add to 100%, due to rounding.

GENDER:	50%	Male
	50%	Female
AGE:	11%	18-35
	21%	36-50
	38%	51-64
	25%	65+
	3%	No Answer
HOUSEHOLD:	31%	Couple with children
	38%	Couple with no children
	8%	Single with children
	20%	Single with no children
	2%	No Answer
HOME:	79%	Single family house
	3%	Duplex or multiplex
	18%	Apartment or condo

The decision to use the registered voter list as the sample frame will typically result in a sample that is somewhat older than the general population. This was the case in this survey, where 25% of respondents were over 65 years of age, whereas 14% of the population is over 65.



KEY FINDINGS

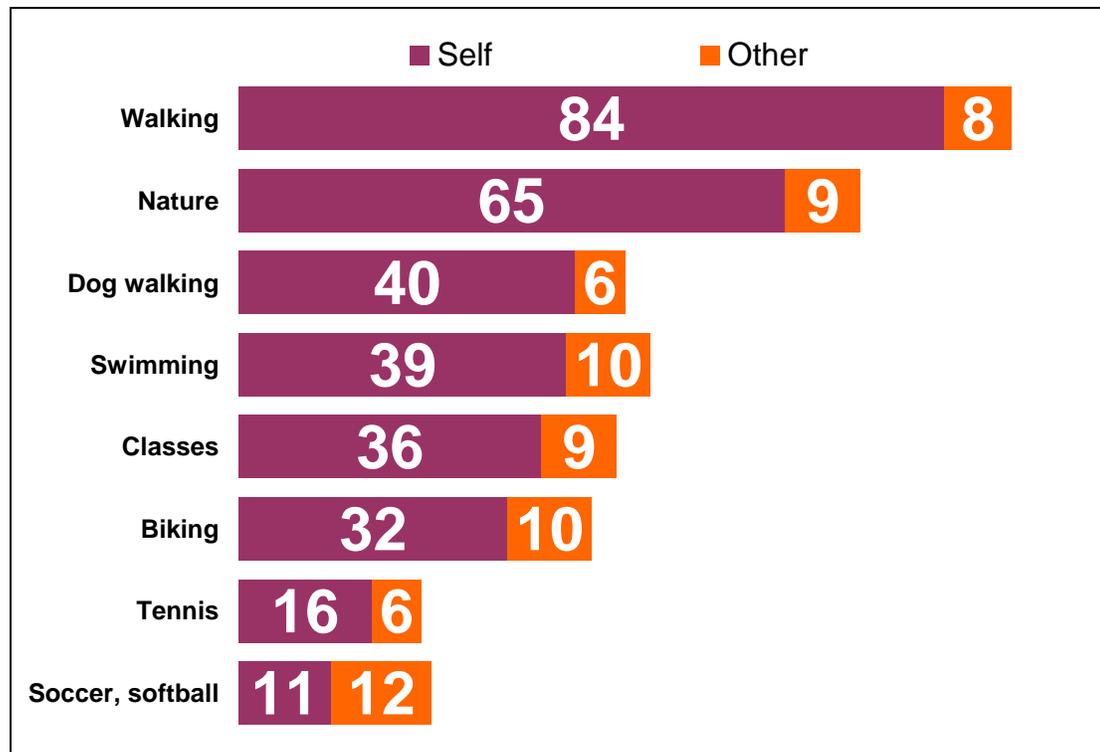
- ◆ **Nearly 9 in 10 respondents said that parks and recreation were “important” or “essential” to the quality of life in Kirkland, including 45% who said they were “essential.”**
- ◆ **9 in 10 households include someone who has visited a city park in the last year.**
 - 6 in 10 households visited a city park more than once a month over the summer.
 - Half live within a 10-minute walk of a city park.
- ◆ **City gets high grades for the quality and upkeep of its parks.**
 - 85% gave a “A” or “B” grade for overall quality of the parks.
 - 81% gave an “A” or “B” for park upkeep and maintenance.
- ◆ **City recreation programs are considered “inexpensive” (20%) or “reasonably priced” (48%).**
- ◆ **Overall satisfaction with the quantity and quality of recreation facilities and programs is high.**
 - Most said Kirkland has “about the right number” of most types of facilities and programs.
 - The notable exception was swimming pools, of which 57% said more were needed.
 - Most graded each type of recreation facility or program as an “A” or “B.”
 - The lone exception was “Indoor Sports Facilities, like Gymnasiums,” for which 40% gave an “A” or “B.”
- ◆ **Youth programs are the highest priorities for expansion.**
 - The top-rated priorities “if Kirkland were to expand its recreation facilities” were: 1) Before and after school programs; 2) Summer youth programs; and 3) Youth sports.
- ◆ **Most were willing to increase taxpayer support to develop an Indoor Aquatics Center and an Indoor Recreation Center.**



FINDINGS

Major findings are presented in the following section in the form of annotated graphs and bullets. The full results are appended in detailed cross-tabulations.

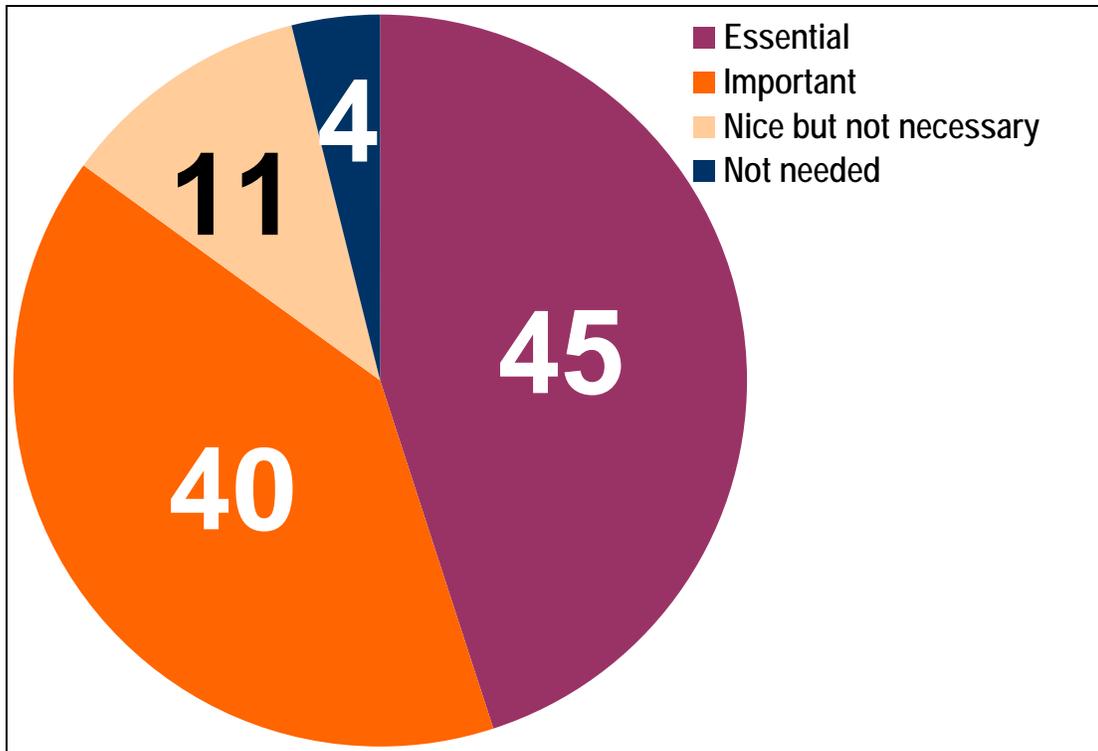
Kirkland Residents Engage in a Variety of Recreational Activities



Q1: These first few questions are about activities that you may or may not take part in. As I read each one, tell me whether you or someone in your household does this regularly. The first one is... Walking...Getting close to nature...Dog Walking...Swimming...Biking...Taking classes, such as fitness, arts, preschool programs...Tennis...Soccer or Softball

- Residents who lived within a 10-minute walk from a city park were more likely than those who live closer to engage in 7 of these 8 activities**
 - The exception was dog walking (where there was no difference)
 - Of those who lived within a 10-minute walk of a park
 - 72% reported getting close to nature, vs. 58% of those farther away;
 - 41% participated in classes, vs. to 32% of those farther away;
 - 44% reported swimming regularly, vs. to 34% of those farther away.
- Walking topped the list for every demographic category**
 - At least 8 in 10 respondents reported walking regularly in every age category, both genders, and every household category
- “Getting close to nature” was more popular among older residents**
 - 70% of those over 50 did that regularly, compared to 55% of those under 50.
 - It was most popular among people who were single and without children at home (74%)

Parks & Recreation Rated as Important to Essential to Quality of Life in Kirkland



Q2: When you think about the things that contribute to the quality of life in Kirkland, would you say that city parks and recreation opportunities are... 1) Essential to the quality of life here; 2) Important; 3) Nice to have, but not really necessary; 4) More of a luxury that we don't need.

- Importance of parks to quality of life increases with age**
 29% of those under 36 said parks were “essential to the quality of life here”, vs.
 50% of those over 50
- Residents living alone were most likely to say parks are "nice, but not necessary" or "not needed" (21%).**



9 in 10 Households Include Someone Who Has Been to a Kirkland Park in the Last Year



Q3: Have you or any member of your household been to a park in Kirkland in the last year?

Q4: Has anyone in your household taken a class or participated in an activity sponsored by Kirkland Parks and Community Services within the last year?

- **Overall park visitation goes up with age:**

90% of those over 65 have visited a park, compared to 76% of those under 36

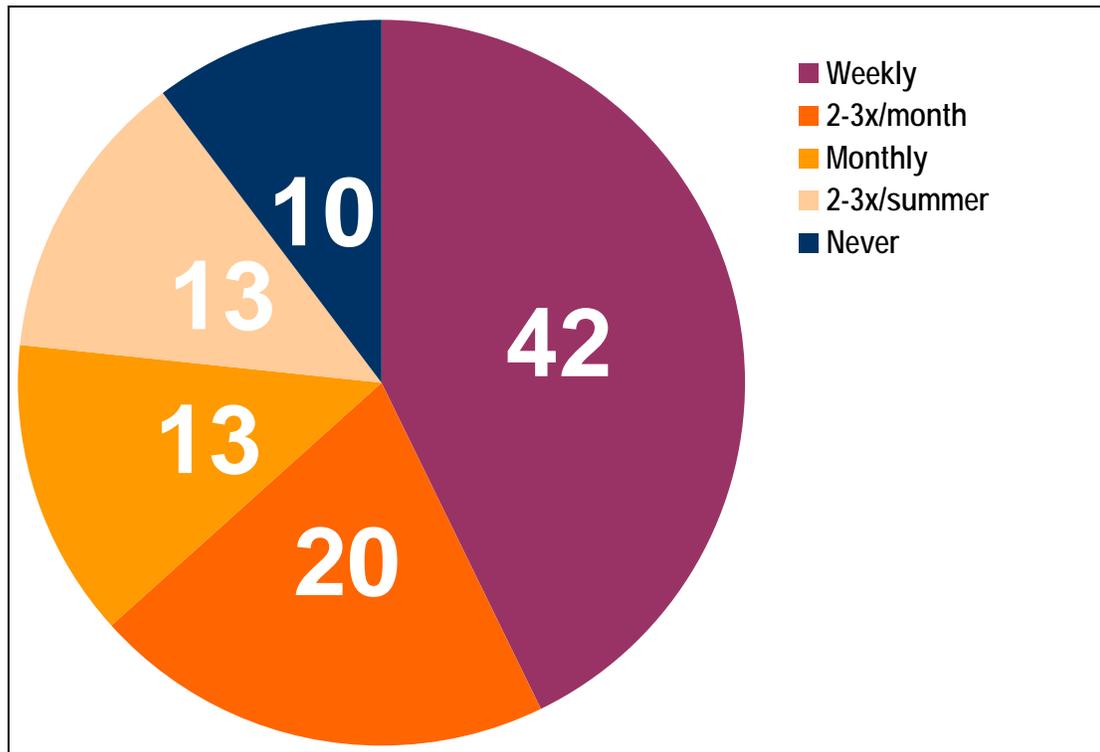
- **Women were more likely than men to have taken a class (29% vs. 12%)**

- There were no other demographic differences

- **Proximity to a park did not make a difference in class enrollment**



6 in 10 Households Include Someone Who Visited a Kirkland Park More Than Once a Month This Past Summer

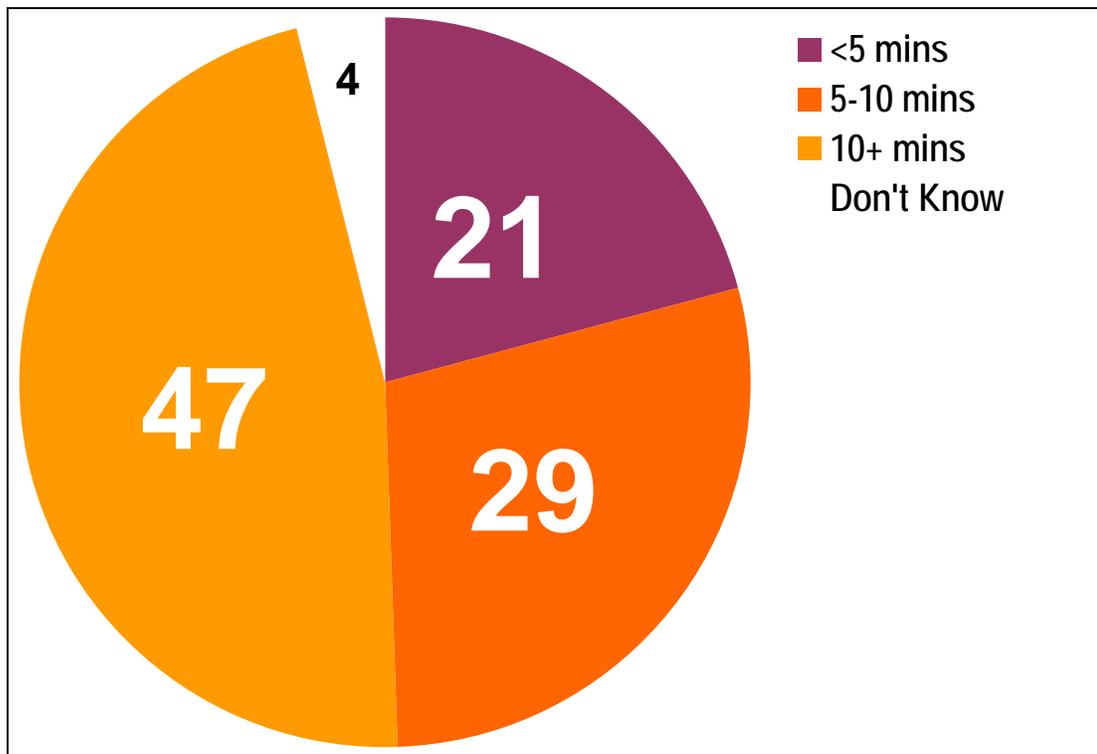


Q5: Thinking about this summer. About how often has someone from your household visit a City Park in Kirkland? Would you say...

- **Households with children were more frequent park visitors than households without. Visiting at least weekly were:**

48% of single parent households and 47% of "couple with children" households, but close behind at 42% were couples with no children, while only 34% of singles with no children at home visited a park at least weekly.

Half Live Within 10 Minute Walk of a City Park



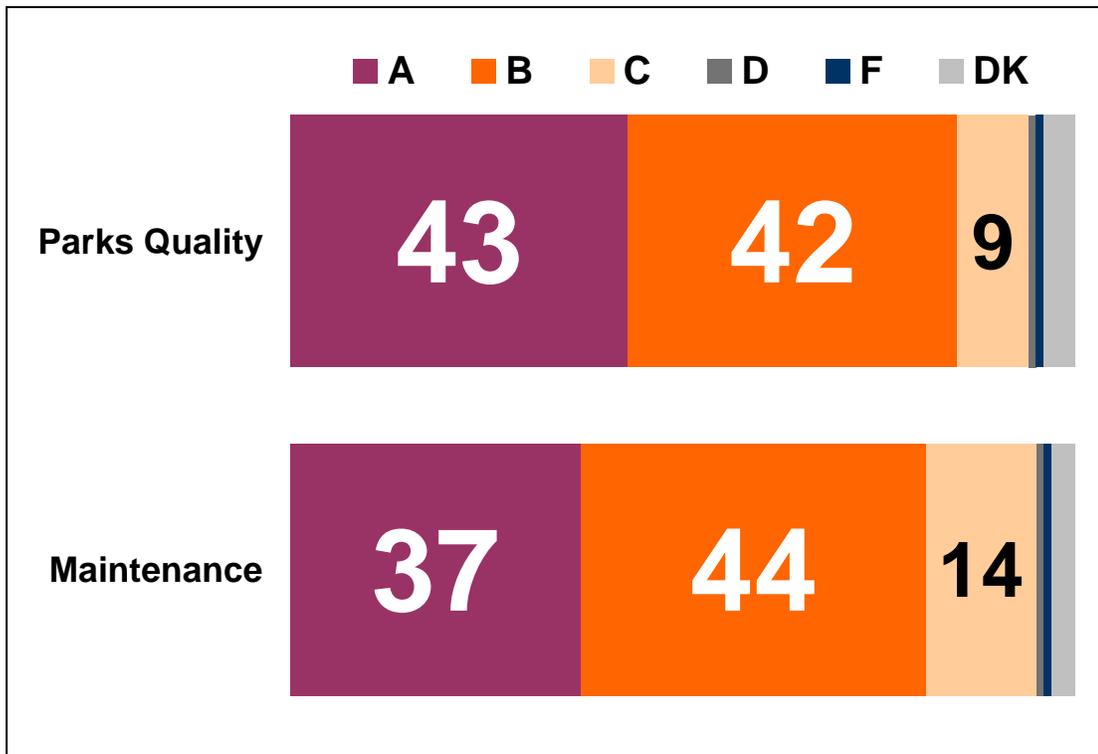
Q5.1: When you visit a city park, how do you typically get there

Q6: If you were to walk, how long would it take you to walk to the city park nearest to your home?

- **Of those who visited a city park this past summer, more drove than walked**
Multiple answers were allowed, so the percentages sum to more than 100%
- **62% typically drive to a city park, including**
78% of those who live more than 10 minutes away
- **45% typically walk, including**
75% of those who live within 5 minutes of a park
- **Of those who live 5-10 minutes from a park**
56% drive
54% walk



City Gets High Grades for Parks Quality and Upkeep



Q7: Thinking now about all the parks and recreation programs in Kirkland... What grade would you give Kirkland Parks for overall quality? We'll use a letter grade – like they do in school. Would you grade their overall quality as: A for Excellent, B for Good, C for Satisfactory, D for Unsatisfactory or F for Poor?

Q8: How would you grade the maintenance and upkeep of city parks in Kirkland? Would you give them an A for Excellent, B for Good, C for Satisfactory, D for Unsatisfactory or F for Poor?

- **30% gave an “A” grade for both Quality and Maintenance**

- 74% gave an “A” or “B” for both

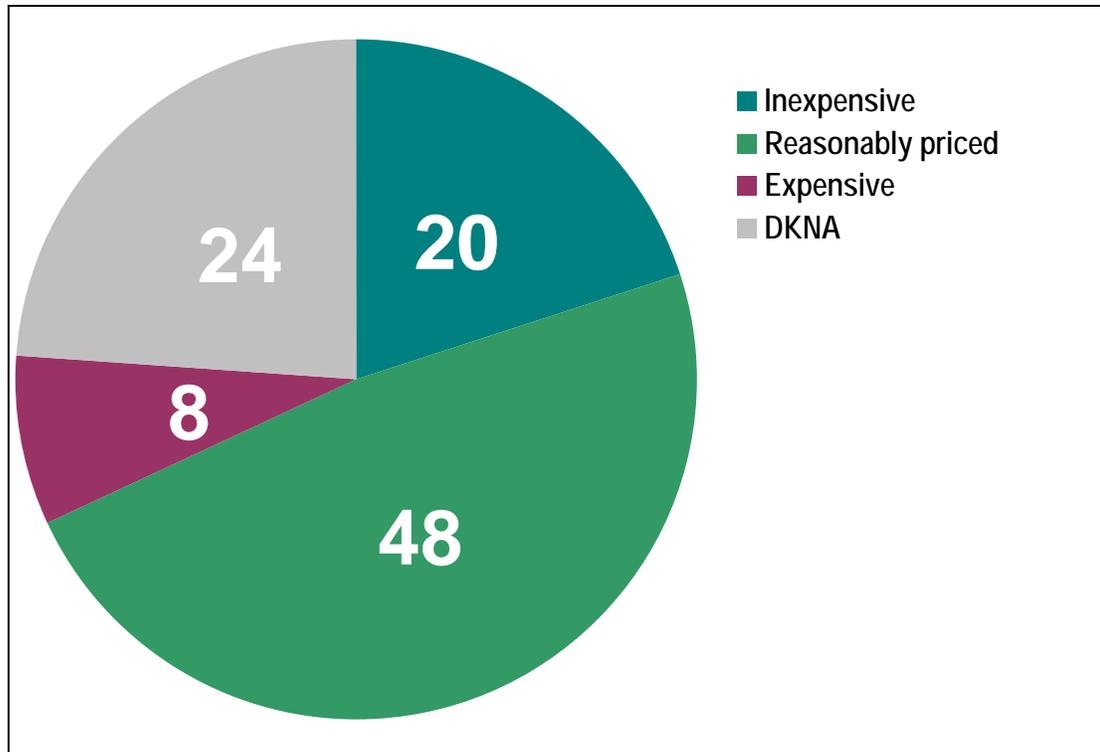
- **Grade for overall quality related to Proximity**

58% of those who live within a 5-minute walk of a park gave a grade of “A”; only 39% of those who lived 10+ minutes away gave a grade of “A”.

- **And to Frequency of Use**

57% of weekly visitors gave an overall grade of “A”; compare to 33% of those who visited less often; and 33% of those who did not go to a park this summer.

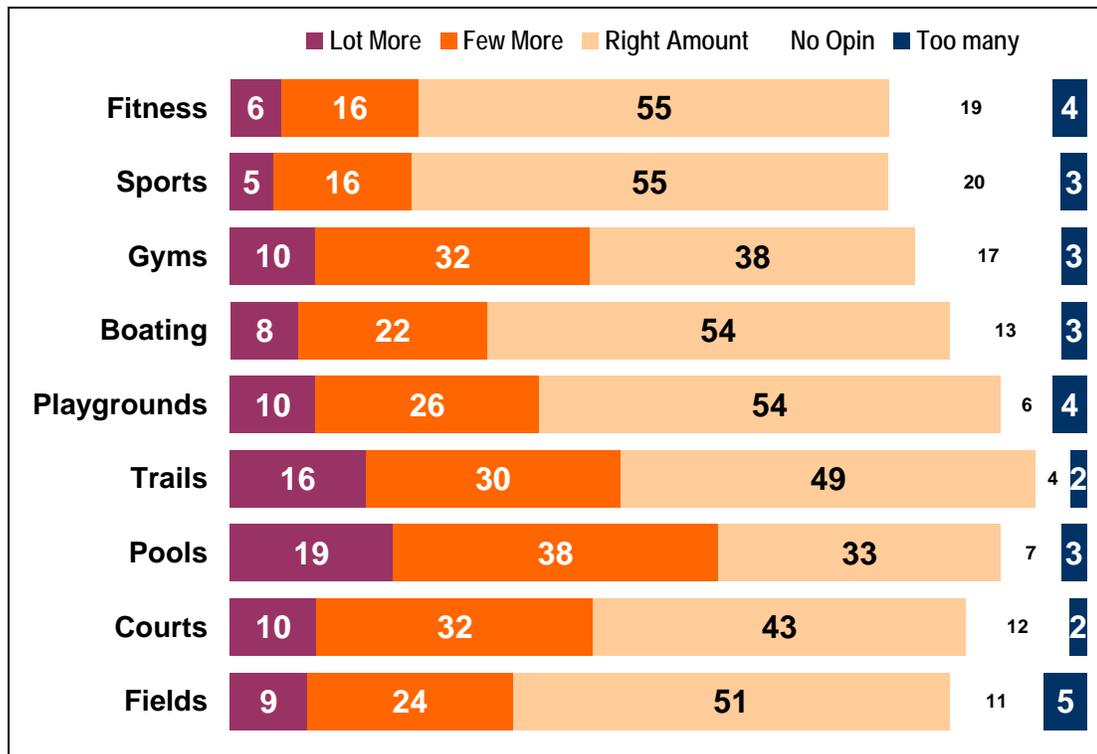
City Recreation Programs Considered “Reasonably Priced” to “A Good Bargain”



Q9: How would you rate the affordability of city recreation programs? Would you say they are...1) Inexpensive and a good bargain; 2) Fair and reasonably priced; 3) Too expensive

- Assessment of affordability was consistent across demographic categories**
 That is, respondents in each demographic category gave similar answers
- Those who graded the parks an “A” overall were more likely than lower graders to think they were “inexpensive”:**
 27% who gave a “A” said city recreation programs were inexpensive; vs. 15% who gave a “B”; and 18% who gave a “C” or lower.

Quantity of Recreation Facilities and Programs: Most Think Kirkland has “About the Right Number” of Most Types of Facilities and Programs

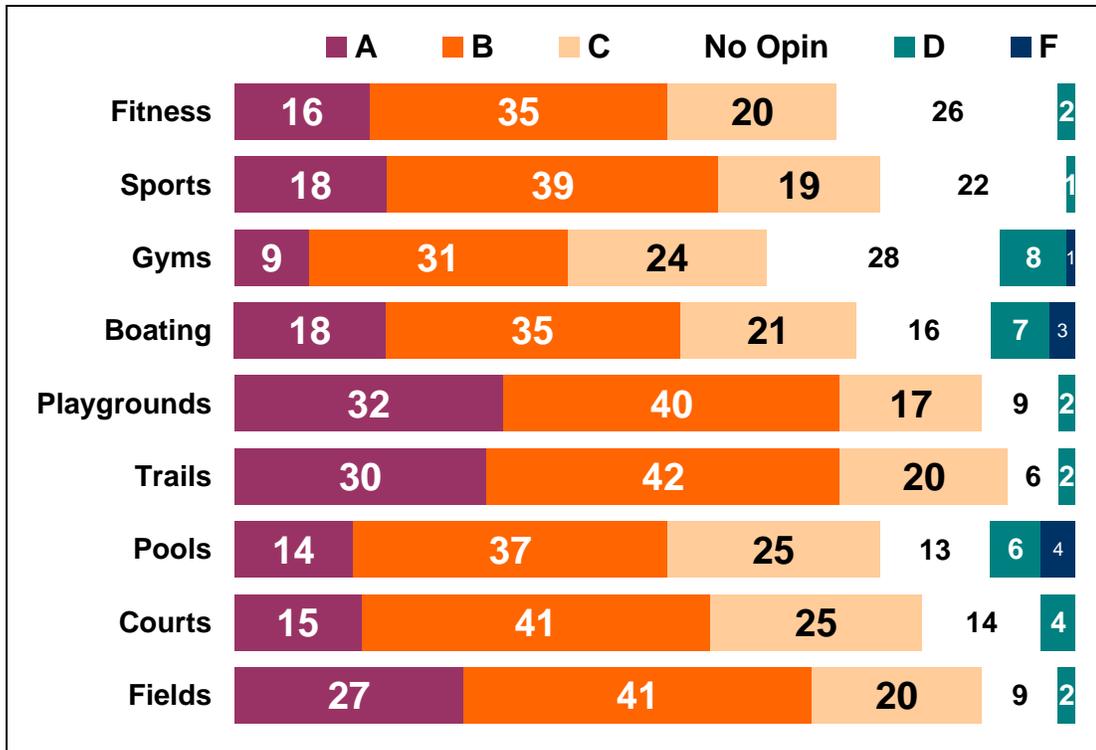


Q10 The City of Kirkland is updating its plans for the future of city parks and recreation, which means thinking about both the number and the type of parks and recreation facilities in the city. These next few questions are about what you would like to see. The first question is about the number of facilities and programs. I am going to read a list of types of recreation facilities. As I read each one, tell me whether you think Kirkland needs A Lot More of that type of facility... A Few More... We have About the Right number now... or We have More than we Need already. The first one is...

- Fitness classes and programs
- Organized sports programs
- Indoor sports facilities, like gymnasiums
- Boating and fishing facilities
- Playgrounds for young children
- Trails and walking paths
- Swimming pools
- Sports fields, like soccer and baseball
- Sport courts, like basketball and tennis

- **Most respondents (57%) think Kirkland need more swimming pools**
 - A majority in every demographic category said the city needs “a lot more swimming pools” (19%) or “a few more” (38%).
- **For every other facility mentioned, either majorities said that there were about the right amount or they were evenly divided on the number needed.**

Quality of Facilities: Most Rate Each Type of Facility and Program as “Excellent” or “Good”

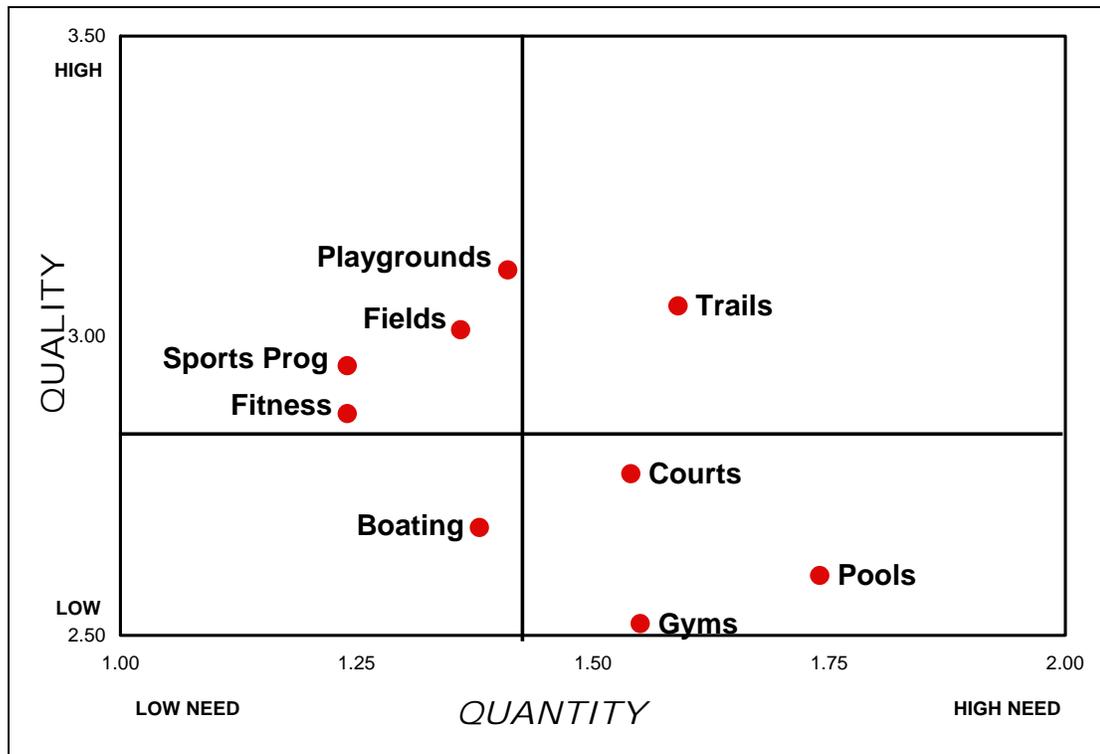


Q11 Now I will read that same list again. This time, tell me how you would rate the overall quality of these facilities and programs in Kirkland. We'll use a letter grade, again, where A is Excellent, B is Good, C is Satisfactory, D is Unsatisfactory and F is Poor quality

- **For 8 of the 9 facilities listed, majorities gave a grade of “A” or “B” for their overall quality.**
 - The lone exception was “Indoor Sports Facilities, like Gymnasiums,” for which 40% gave an “A” or “B”.
- **The highest grades were for**
 - Playgrounds (72% “A” or “B”)
 - Trails (72%)
 - Sports Fields (68%)



Quality & Quantity of Recreation Facilities/Programs

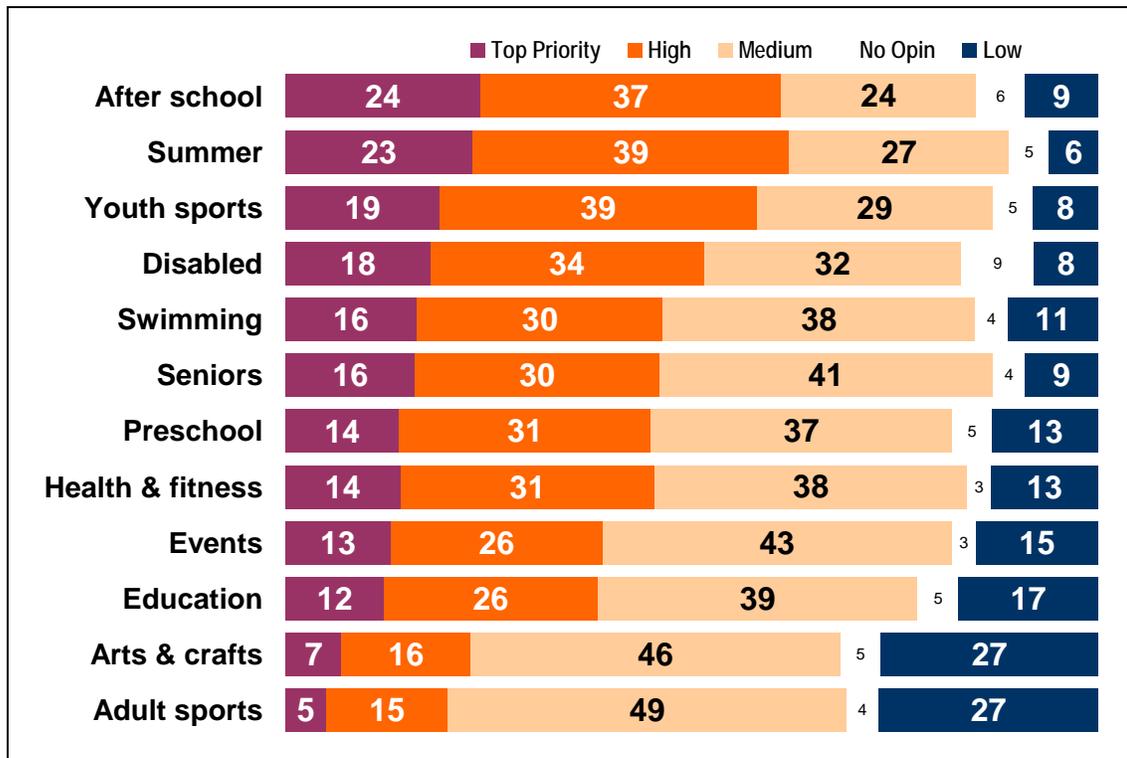


Quadrant Graph: Plots the average score for each program on the question of Number of programs by Quality of programs. Bisecting lines are at the average score for each scale.

This graph locates the 9 facilities in terms of the combined ratings for quantity and quality, resulting in four relative categories:

- **High Need, High Quality:**
 - Trails
- **High Need, Low Quality:**
 - Swimming Pools
 - Sports Courts, like basketball and tennis
 - Indoor sports facilities, like gymnasiums
- **Low Need, High Quality**
 - Playgrounds for young children
 - Sports fields, like soccer and baseball
 - Organized sports programs
 - Fitness classes and programs
- **Low Need, Low Quality**
 - Boating and fishing facilities

Youth Programs Rated as Highest Priorities



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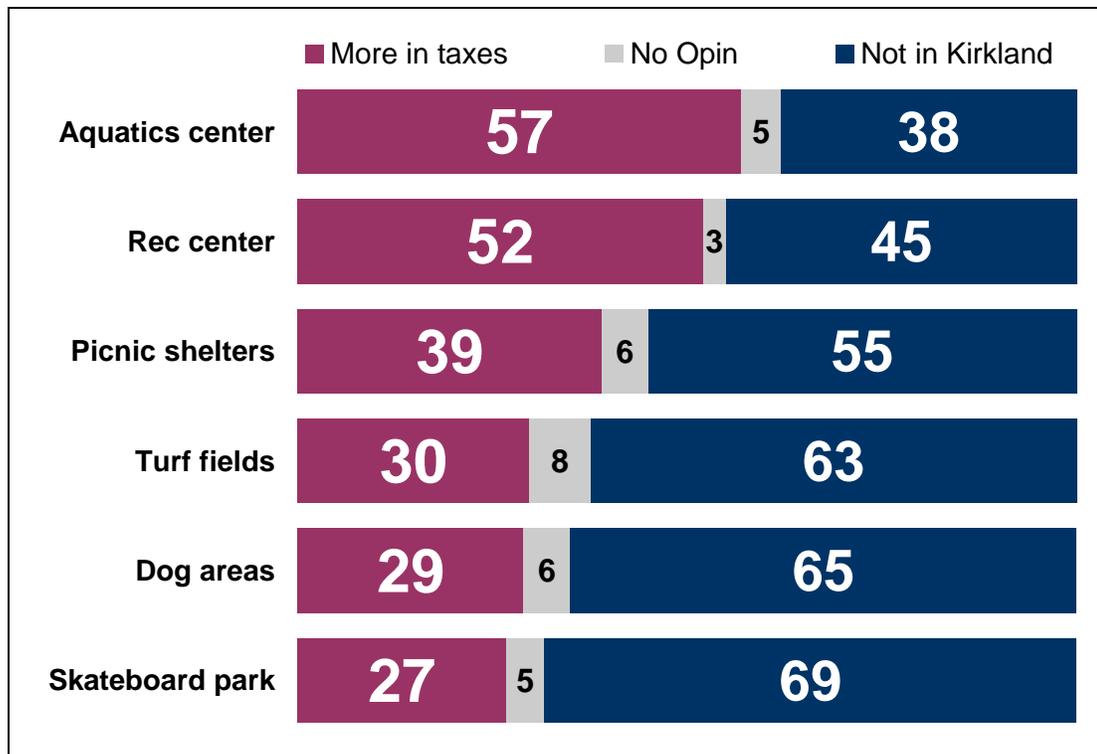
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- **Asked to rate of 12 potential recreation categories in terms of their “priority for expansion,” respondents rated programs for youth in the top 3 spots.**

- There were not significant differences in the ratings between age categories, or between household with and without children, for the most part.
- Respondents over age 65 gave the highest rating to After School Activities (32% “top priority”);
- Single parents gave the highest rating to Summer Youth Programs (35% “top”);
- Singles with no children at home gave the highest rating for Youth Sports (26% “top”).

Willingness to Increase Taxes for Recreation Experiences



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- A multi-purpose indoor recreation center
- Group picnic shelters
- Lighted, synthetic turf playfields
- More off-leash dog areas
- A skateboard park

- Putting their money where their priorities are, 57% said they would support “increasing taxpayer support” to help develop an aquatics center and a multi-purpose recreation center.**
 - The only age category in which there was not a majority in favor were resident over age 65.
 - Among those over 65, the response was the same for both the aquatics center and the recreation center:
 - 49% favored “increased taxpayer support” to have them in Kirkland
 - 46% were willing to forgo having those facilities in Kirkland.



DISCUSSION

The Kirkland residents interviewed for this survey appreciate their city's parks and recreational opportunities. Parks and recreation are considered to be vital to Kirkland's quality of life, and small wonder: 9 in 10 households had personal experience in a city recreation facility in the last year, and most households included regular users of city parks.

Residents also appreciate the City's work to provide and maintain parks and recreational opportunities. The City gets high marks for the quality of existing recreation facilities and programs; the upkeep of city parks and facilities; and for reasonably priced recreation programs.

Most residents think that the city has "about the right amount" of most types of facilities and programs. Or maybe there could be "a few more." Almost no one said the city has too many of any of the facilities listed.

Looking to the future, residents put the highest priority on expanding youth programs, particularly an aquatics center and indoor multi-purpose recreation center.

The high levels of appreciation and satisfaction with existing programs and facilities provides a solid base upon which to build for the future. Residents value their parks and recreation spaces and the City has a proven track record of building and maintaining high quality facilities and programs.

A majority of these residents said they would favor "expanding taxpayer support" to develop an aquatics center and a recreation center. Expressing support for a concept in a survey is not the same thing as supporting spending taxpayer dollars in the real world, of course. But these findings indicate that residents see a need for these additions and are willingness to favorably consider putting resources into to priority recreation facilities.



QUESTIONNAIRE

with Data



TOPLINE DATA

SAMPLE	304 Kirkland adults
MARGIN OF SAMPLING ERROR	±5.7% at the 95% level of confidence
FIELD DATES	September 5-10, 2013
GENDER	MALE...50% FEMALE...50%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The data are presented here in the same order as the questionnaire • The figures in bold type are percentages of respondents who gave each answer. • Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding. 	

1. These first few questions are about activities that you may or may not take part in. As I read each one, tell me whether you or someone in your household does this regularly. The first one is...

ROTATE	SELF	OTHER	NONE/NA
A. Walking.....	84	8	8
B. Getting close to nature.....	65	9	26
C. Dog walking.....	40	6	54
D. Swimming.....	39	10	51
E. Biking.....	32	10	58
F. Taking classes, such as fitness classes, arts activities Pre-school programs, and so on.....	36	9	55
G. Tennis.....	16	6	79
H. Soccer or Softball.....	11	12	77

2. When you think about the things that contribute to the quality of life in Kirkland, would you say that city parks and recreation opportunities are...

- 45 Essential to the quality of life here
- 40 Important
- 11 Nice to have, but not really necessary
- 4 More of a luxury that we don't need.
- 0 [UNDEC]

3. These next questions are about parks in Kirkland. Have you or any member of your household been to a park in Kirkland in the last year?

- 53 YES, SELF
- 6 YES, OTHER
- 34 YES, BOTH SELF & OTHER **TOTAL HOUSEHOLD: 92%**
- 8 NO

4. Has anyone in your household taken a class or participated in an activity sponsored by Kirkland Parks and Community Services within the last year?

16 YES, SELF

6 YES, OTHER

5 YES, BOTH SELF & OTHER **TOTAL HOUSEHOLD: 27%**

71 NO

2 DK

5. Thinking about this summer. About how often has someone from your household visit a City Park in Kirkland? Would you say...

42 At least once a week

20 Two or three times a month

13 About once a month

13 Two or three times over the summer

8 [DID NOT VISIT KIRKLAND PARK] > SKIP TO Q6

2 DK/NA > SKIP TO Q6

- 5.1. [IF 1-4] When you visit a city park, how do you typically get there? Do you...

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

45 Walk

8 Bicycle

62 Drive

2 [OTHER]

6. If you were to walk, how long would it take you to walk to the city park nearest to your home?

21 Less than 5 minutes

29 5 to 10 minutes

47 More than 10 minutes

4 Not sure

7. Thinking now about all the parks and recreation programs in Kirkland.... What grade would you give Kirkland Parks for overall quality. We'll use a letter grade – like they do in school. Would you grade their overall quality as: A for Excellent, B for Good, C for Satisfactory, D for Unsatisfactory or F for Poor?

43 A=Excellent

42 B=Good

9 C=Satisfactory

1 D=Unsatisfactory

1 F=Poor

4 DK

8. How would you grade the maintenance and upkeep of city parks in Kirkland? Would you give them an A for Excellent, B for Good, C for Satisfactory, D for Unsatisfactory or F for Poor?

- 37 A=Excellent
- 44 B=Good
- 14 C=Satisfactory
- 1 D=Unsatisfactory
- 1 F=Poor
- 3 DK

9. How would you rate the affordability of city recreation programs? Would you say they are...

- 20 Inexpensive and a good bargain
- 48 Fair and reasonably priced
- 8 Too expensive
- 24 [DK/NA]

10. The City of Kirkland is updating its plans for the future of city parks and recreation, which means thinking about both the number and the type of parks and recreation facilities in the city. These next few questions are about what you would like to see. The first question is about the number of facilities and programs. I am going to read a list of types of recreation facilities. As I read each one, tell me whether you think Kirkland needs A Lot More of that type of facility...A Few More... We have About the Right number now or We have More than we Need already. The first one is...

ROTATE	LOT	FEW	RIGHT	TOO MANY	DK
A. Sports fields, like soccer and baseball.....	9	24	51	5	11
B. Sport courts, like basketball and tennis.....	10	32	43	2	12
C. Swimming pools.....	19	38	33	3	7
D. Trails and walking paths	16	30	49	2	4
E. Playgrounds for young children	10	26	54	4	6
F. Boating and fishing facilities.....	8	22	54	3	13
G. Indoor sports facilities, like gymnasiums.....	10	32	38	3	17
H. Organized sports programs.....	5	16	55	3	20
I. Fitness classes and programs.....	6	16	55	4	19

11. Now I will read that same list again. This time, tell me how you would rate the overall quality of these facilities and programs in Kirkland. We'll use a letter grade, again, where A is Excellent, B is Good, C is Satisfactory, D is Unsatisfactory and F is Poor quality The first one is...

ROTATE	A	B	C	D	F	DK
A. Sports fields, like soccer and baseball.....	27	41	20	2	0	9
B. Sport courts, like basketball and tennis.....	15	41	25	4	0	14
C. Swimming pools.....	14	37	25	6	4	13
D. Trails and walking paths.....	30	42	20	2	0	6
E. Playgrounds for young children.....	32	40	17	2	0	9
F. Boating and fishing facilities.....	18	35	21	7	3	16
G. Indoor sports facilities, like gymnasiums.....	9	31	24	8	1	28
H. Organized sports programs.....	18	39	19	1	0	22
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ROTATE	TOP	HIGH	MED	LOW	DK
A. Before and after school programs for youth.....	24	37	24	9	6
B. Summer programs for youth.....	23	39	27	6	5
C. Sports programs for youth.....	19	39	29	8	5
D. Activities and programs for disabled participants.....	18	34	32	8	9
E. Community events and festivals.....	13	26	43	15	3
F. Activities and programs for seniors.....	16	30	41	9	4
G. Swim instruction and aquatic activities.....	16	30	38	11	4
H. Health and fitness programs.....	14	31	38	13	3
I. Programs for preschool age children.....	14	31	37	13	5
J. Informational and educational classes.....	12	26	39	17	5
K. Arts and craft classes.....	7	16	46	27	5
L. Sports programs for adults.....	5	15	49	27	4

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ROTATE	MORE TAXES	NOT IN KIRK	DK/NA
A. An indoor aquatics center, that could include a pool, slides and other water activities	57	38	5
B. A multi-purpose indoor recreation center	52	45	3
C. Group picnic shelters	39	55	6
D. Lighted, synthetic turf playfields	30	63	8
E. More off-leash dog areas	29	65	6
F. A skateboard park.....	27	69	5

14. I have just a few last questions for our statistical analysis. How old are you?

- 11** 18-35
- 22** 36-50
- 38** 51-34
- 25** 65+
- 3** no ans

15. Which of these best describes your household at this time:

- 31** Couple with Children at Home
- 38** Couple with No Children at Home
- 8** Single with Children at Home
- 20** Single with No Children at Home
- 2** [NA]

16. And which of these best describes your home:

- 79** Single family house
- 3** Duplex or multi-plex
- 18** Apartment or Condominium

17. Thank you very much. You have been very helpful. [RECORD GENDER]

- 50** MALE
- 50** FEMALE