



# KIRKLAND PARK BOARD

Date: September 10, 2014

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Council Chambers, City Hall

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

## AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
August Park Board Meeting Minutes *5 minutes*
4. **ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE** *5 minutes*
5. **REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS**  
No items
6. **PRESENTATIONS**  
No items
7. **COMMUNICATIONS** *5 minutes*
  - a. Correspondence
  - b. Staff Reports
    - September update
  - c. Committee Reports
  - d. Comments from the Chair
8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
  - a. Edith Moulton Park Master Plan *10 minutes*  
Topic: Receive update on development of park master plan  
Action: Discussion only
  - b. Aquatics, Recreation and Community (ARC) Center Project Update *90 minutes*  
Topic: Receive final report on ARC Center Project  
Action: Develop recommendation to City Council
9. **NEW BUSINESS**  
No items

**10. GOOD OF THE ORDER**

*5 minutes*

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

*Estimated meeting completion: 9:00 p.m.*

Next meetings:

October 8, 2014

November 12, 2014

December 10, 2014

# **KIRKLAND PARK BOARD**

## **Minutes of Regular Meeting**

### **August 13, 2014**

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

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

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

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

Sue Keller arrived at 7:12 p.m.

Rosalie Wessels was excused.

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

Recording Secretary: Katie Cava

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

The minutes of the June 11<sup>th</sup> and June 25<sup>th</sup> were reviewed. Ms. Contreras moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Ockerman seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

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

Ken Albinger spoke against Juanita Beach Park as a location for the potential Aquatics, Recreation and Community (ARC) Center.

Sasha Bailey spoke against using the North Kirkland Community Center as a location for the potential ARC Center.

Dave Godfrey spoke against using the North Kirkland Community Center as a location for the potential ARC Center.

Jon Erickson spoke against Juanita Beach Park as a location for the potential ARC Center.

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

No items.

## 6. PRESENTATIONS

Tracy Doering, President of Kirkland Dog Off-leash Group (KDOG) presented a proposal for establishing limited off-leash hours in certain parks.

Ms. Doering addressed questions and concerns raised by members of the Board.

Mr. White requested that the proposal for off-leash dog hours be added as an agenda item for a future meeting.

## 7. COMMUNICATIONS

### a. Correspondence

Ms. Schroder forwarded an email to the Board from Rick Colella regarding the Aquatics, Recreation and Community (ARC) Center.

### b. Staff Reports

Ms. Schroder reported on early registration response, increased program participation, revenue update, summer camp and aquatic program enrollment, growth of sport leagues (especially volleyball), annual closures for community center maintenance, Softball World Series at Everest Park, renewed interest in creation of a pickle ball court, Green Kirkland events and changes in moorage fees.

Questions and comments were made regarding Brookhaven Park gravel installation potentially blocking the park entrance, barriers to increasing aquatic and recreational opportunities, North Juanita Open Space update and future plans, Friday Market, what a great job the Maintenance staff has done at Everest Park, positive impact that maintenance is having on the new Kirkland neighborhoods, the Kirkland Levy report is EXCELLENT!

### c. Committee Reports

Ms. Keller reported on volunteering with the Green Team at Summerfest.

Ms. Contreras reported on the August 12<sup>th</sup> ARC Center open house at NKCC and provided a reminder that the City offers scholarships for adults as well as children.

Mr. Quille reported on the August 12<sup>th</sup> ARC Center open house and commented on the in-water posts at Doris Cooper Houghton Beach Park.

Ms. Contreras asked a questions regarding potential amenities at Edith Moulton and Waverly Beach parks.

### d. Comments from the Chair

Mr. White reported on the open house meeting at Edith Moulton Park.

## **8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **a. Aquatics, Recreation and Community Center Project Update**

Ms. Schroder shared an update on the Aquatics, Recreation and Community (ARC) Center project with the goal that the Board will be ready at its September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting to finalize a recommendation to City Council.

Questions were asked regarding vehicle and pedestrian traffic and transferring elements of Juanita Beach Master Plan to the North Kirkland Community Center site. Further comments were made about the speed of the decision, foot and bicycle traffic, success of a ballot measure to fund the project, project cost, purchasing land, preserving the tree canopy and maximizing the amount of open space retained at Juanita Beach Park.

Ms. Schroder and Mr. Cogle discussed the next steps in the process prior to the Board making its recommendation on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

No items

## **10. GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Comments were made about the condition of Marina Park bathroom facilities during Summerfest.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Quille moved to adjourn. Ms. Keller seconded. Motion carried (7-0). Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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Jennifer Schroder, Director  
Parks and Community Services

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Adam White, Chair  
Park Board



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**To:** Park Board  
**From:** Jennifer Schroder, CPRP, Director  
**Date:** September 5, 2014  
**Subject:** September Staff Update

## **RECREATION DIVISION**

### **North Kirkland Community Center**

- With summer camps and classes ending, the staff at the North Kirkland Community Center have had one week to prepare for fall programs. Closets, cupboards and shelves are being cleaned, organized, and inventoried, and supplies are being ordered to cover the needs for fall programs. The Facilities department is busy touching up paint and making sure repairs are made to keep staff and participants safe. Parks maintenance can be seen mowing and grooming the grounds. We thank both departments for their assistance in getting the Center ready for operation.
- Staff is busy interviewing and hiring to cover everything from Preschool Dance and Movement classes to front office support. Class registration numbers are being carefully monitored to not only ensure programs meet their minimum in registered participants, but also to determine if the size of waiting lists merit adding additional classes. The "welcome mat" is out and staff is eager and ready to greet customers on September 8<sup>th</sup> after the short hiatus.

### **Aquatics/Youth Basketball**

- Peter Kirk Pool ended another successful aquatics season on September 1<sup>st</sup>. This summer, 2,986 registrants participated in aquatics programs at the Peter Kirk Pool, generating over \$230,000 in revenue between June-September.
- Public swimming at the Peter Kirk Pool was very well attended this summer, generating the highest revenue ever collected: \$75,566. This was in part due to the increased number of individual and family season passes sold as well as the single admissions sold each public swim session, those looking to cool off from the warm summer weather!
- Lifeguards at Juanita, Houghton and Waverly beaches also ended the season on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Throughout the summer, lifeguards educated patrons on beach safety and swimming rules, provided lifejacket loaners to swimmers, made daily assists and rescues preventing life-threatening situations from occurring, provided first aid as well as assisted with daily maintenance tasks such as ensuring the sand, docks, parking lots and grass were free of harmful objects and trash.
- Orca Swim Team had a successful season wrapping up on August 17<sup>th</sup>. The 178-member team finished the season with a championship meet at Snohomish Aquatic Center. Swimmers competed in their favorite events, swimming against all teams in the Craze Swim Team League.
- Registration continues for the 2014 Kirkland Kids' Triathlon being held on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. This non-competitive event provides an excellent opportunity for youth to experience the sport of triathlon. The kids' tri is hosted by the City of Kirkland at Juanita Beach Park.
- Registration for City of Kirkland Youth Basketball is now open. Currently, 130 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls are registered for the program which begins on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Practice and games are held at local schools within Lake Washington School District.

- Pee Wee Basketball registration is under way. This year, fall and winter sessions are being offered to children ages 2½ to 6 on Saturdays beginning in late October. Pee Wee Basketball is designed to develop and improve preschoolers' basketball skills and techniques. This program is a great first step into preschool sport!

### **Sports and Fitness**

- The fall session of the pee wee soccer league will begin on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September. We have a full league with 340 children, 20 more than the spring session. We also have 56 volunteer coaches that have agreed to donate their time and lead a team. The league will run through October 25<sup>th</sup>.
- The adult volleyball season will begin on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September, offering five divisions of play. All divisions except the Co-ed "C" division are full with several teams on the waitlist. Due to the lack of gymnasium space and the gym use restrictions set forth by the school district, we cannot accommodate any more teams.
- The City has hired three additional program attendants to assist with the fall and winter sports program. Ryan Mayfield, Ryanne Mueller and Kelsey Mydske will begin work on September 13<sup>th</sup> assisting with the pee wee soccer program. In addition, they will be supporting our volleyball, dodgeball and open gym programs. We are happy to have them on board!

### **Peter Kirk Community Center**

- The Peter Kirk Day Camp had another successful year. In the ten weeks of camp we had 490 happy 7 to 11 year olds participate which generated over \$98,000 in revenue. We had very positive feedback about this year's program from the campers, parents and staff.
- The Kirkland Steppers program has had a lot of fun this year on both local and destination walks. In August, the staff took about 50 walkers to a new City of Sammamish Park, Evans Creek Preserve, for a special destination walk.
- Fall registration is in full swing and PKCC programs are filling up. Many of the new van trips have sold out or have just a few spots left.
- PKCC was closed the last two weeks in August for yearly maintenance. While closed the floors were refinished, carpets and furniture shampooed, window treatments were replaced, a new ADA door was installed in the men's bathroom, the kitchen had a deep cleaning and much more. Staff was onsite to help the public with questions and program registrations during the closure.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### **Special Events**

- It's been a summer full of fun in Kirkland! During the month of July Kirkland played host to the Kirkland Wednesday Market, Celebrate Kirkland! Fourth of July Parade & Fireworks show, Summer Concerts at both Juanita Beach and Marina Park, Kirkland Uncorked, and the Kirkland Classic Car Show. Not to be out done, August followed with the Rue des Park Lane Flea Market, Summer Concerts, Kirkland Wednesday Market, Kirkland Summerfest, Junior Softball World Series, and Park to Park Open Water Swim. We'll keep that momentum going through September with the following events scheduled to take place:
  - September 20 – Susan G. Komen Seattle 3-Day
  - September 21 – TriFREAKS Kirkland Triathlon
  - September 26, 27, 28 – Kirkland Oktoberfest & 5K Run
  - September 24 – Kirkland Wednesday Market wraps up for the season

### **Youth Services**

- The We've Got Issues episode focusing on teen suicide is complete.  
[http://youtu.be/sDaW6mNtYuU?list=UU\\_vJluNZSbFPe99yMTogDQ](http://youtu.be/sDaW6mNtYuU?list=UU_vJluNZSbFPe99yMTogDQ)
- Youth Council resumed its twice-monthly meeting schedule on August 25<sup>th</sup> after taking the summer off.

- The Leadership Team of the Youth Council held its annual planning retreat on July 9<sup>th</sup>.
- KYC members are currently conducting new member recruitment. Applications are due September 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Teen Traffic Court held its first session at the new Regional Justice Center on August 8<sup>th</sup>. During the 2013-14 school year, 60 cases were heard.
- This year's summer feeding program took place June 24<sup>th</sup> through August 26<sup>th</sup>. This program was run exclusively by five volunteers and meals were provided by Sodexo (Lake Washington School District's Food Service provider). 350 meals were served during the summer between the two program sites: 132<sup>nd</sup> Square Park and Juanita Beach.

### **Other**

- The 2014 Month of Concern Food Drive is set for September. There will be one designated weekend (September 27 & 28) for storefront drives that correspond with Emergency Feeding Program's Mayors Day of Concern on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed to help collect food on both days. Registration can be done on-line:  
[http://www.kirklandwa.gov/depart/CMO/Neighborhood\\_Services/Month\\_of\\_Concern\\_for\\_the\\_Hungry.htm](http://www.kirklandwa.gov/depart/CMO/Neighborhood_Services/Month_of_Concern_for_the_Hungry.htm)
- The Juanita Farmers Market continues through the end of September.

## **MAINTENANCE DIVISION**

### **Notes from the Field**

- As the summer season wraps up here are some interesting facts about the amount of restroom products used between June and August. Needless to say it was a great summer!
  - 384 cans of cleaner
  - 8,160 rolls of toilet paper
  - 16,600 garbage can liners
  - 20,672 paper towels (there are blower options at each restroom)
  - 276 units of soap
- Special thanks to Kirkland resident Dennis Baum for his great underwater photography. We were in need of a couple shots of the Marina Park boat launch and Dennis volunteered his time and equipment to lend us a hand.



It is evident from these pictures that the launch is in need of repair. These repairs are part of the City's grant proposal to the State of Washington's the Boater's Facility Program.

- The parks received a nice dose of recent heavy rain. Enough water fell for the City to be able to shut off most irrigation systems. It's been a high-use summer on the utilities and the rains were a welcomed assistance to the budget.
- Staff performed the final pool back-wash this past week; no more 4:00 a.m. starts. It was a great pool season on the operational side with no mechanical breakdowns or closures. Staff was also complimented on the pool's excellent water quality.

- Artech will be performing preventative maintenance and applying a protective wax coating on all 27 pieces of public art over the next couple of weeks. Staff has contracted with the local art professionals for several years.

**Athletic Fields**

- Kirkland American Little League fall program begins this month with a few weeknights and Sundays. Additionally, Northwest University has fall practices at Everest Park into early October.
- Lake Washington Youth Soccer Association kicked off its season last month. LWYS is the largest fall field user commanding most of the available field space at the school and parks sites.

**GREEN KIRKLAND PARTNERSHIP**

- The Green Kirkland Partnership submitted an RFP to the University of Washington Restoration Ecology Network program (UW-REN). If accepted, a group of students will conduct restoration at a designated site within Everest Park. Green Kirkland Partnership has previously hosted five UW-REN groups in the past at both Crestwoods Park and Cotton Hill Park.
- During the month of August, Forterra's Washington Conservation Corps (WCC) Crew spent two days conducting restoration at Watershed Park. The crew did significant work on thinning invasive maple trees and removing regulated weeds (in collaboration with King County Noxious Weed Program). This crew time was paid for by a USFS grant from Forterra that will conclude by the end of 2014 with final crew days taking place in early September.
- On August 5<sup>th</sup> Green Kirkland Partnership hosted its first Steward Appreciation BBQ at O.O. Denny Park. Stewards and steward supporters gathered to honor and celebrate the Stewards' hard work in improving Kirkland's parks. All attending had a great time eating burgers and potluck food and playing a competitive game of urban forestry trivia.
- On August 5<sup>th</sup>, 13 Symetra employees volunteered at Cotton Hill in their final Symetra Day of Service volunteer event. These 13 volunteers made great headway into clearing some of the last un-enrolled areas of Cotton Hill Park.
- On August 9<sup>th</sup>, new Green Kirkland Stewards, Helen and Bonnie, hosted their first volunteer event without staff present. They led 16 neighborhood and community volunteers in removing invasive blackberry sprouts in planted areas. They have monthly events planned through November.
- On August 13<sup>th</sup>, 11 volunteered gathered at Crestwoods Park to clear invasive blackberries from new areas within the park. Many of the 11 volunteers came from the nearby Juanita Creek Dentistry.
- On August 22<sup>nd</sup> the Green Kirkland Partnership hosted an outreach table at the Juanita Beach Friday Market. Steward, Karen Story, and volunteer, Marcus Netters, assisted with outreach during the afternoon.
- The following table summarizes Green Kirkland Partnership events and other activities conducted by volunteers in May and June. It includes event volunteers and ongoing volunteers (ongoing field and administrative work).



Stewards and supporters at BBQ

Date	Park/Work	Group Name	Number of Volunteers			Hours	Dollar Equivalent <sup>1</sup>
			Adult	Youth	Total		
7/9	Crestwoods Park	GK Stewards and volunteers	5	1	6	12	\$272.28
7/10	Juanita Bay Park	Symetra	13	0	13	40	\$907.60

7/22	Everest Park	GK Staff and Finovate	8	0	8	24	\$544.56
7/26	Cotton Hill Park	EarthCorps, GKP Steward and volunteers	14	5	19	52	\$1,179.88
7/26	Juanita Bay Park	Microsoft and JB Rollers	11	4	15	45	\$1,021.05
July Ongoing	Administrative		3	0	3	12.7	\$288.16
July Ongoing	Field Work		17	0	17	103.5	\$2,636.58
Total							\$6,850.11

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

- Upcoming volunteer events open to the general public:
  - Mondays, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> at Everest Park, 10:30am-12:30pm. Contact Dave for more info: [Dave\\_cheryl2@msn.com](mailto:Dave_cheryl2@msn.com)
  - Wednesdays, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at Carillon Woods, 9am-10am. Contact Lisa McConnell [kirby994@frontier.com](mailto:kirby994@frontier.com)
  - Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 10am-1pm at Everest Park. Register at [www.earthcorps.org/volunteer.php](http://www.earthcorps.org/volunteer.php)
  - Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at North Juanita Open Space, 10am-1pm. Register at [www.greenkirkland.org](http://www.greenkirkland.org)
  - Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at Juanita Bay Park, 10am-1pm. Register at [www.greenkirkland.org](http://www.greenkirkland.org)
  - Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at Juanita Heights Park, 9am-11am. Register at [www.greenkirkland.org](http://www.greenkirkland.org)
  - Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at Watershed Park, 1pm-3pm. Register at [www.greenkirkland.org](http://www.greenkirkland.org)
- Photos of recent volunteer events can be viewed at [www.facebook.com/GreenKirkPartnership](http://www.facebook.com/GreenKirkPartnership)

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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Park Board

**From:** Michael Cogle, Deputy Director

**Date:** September 5, 2014

**Subject:** Edith Moulton Park Master Plan Update

**Recommendation**

That the Park Board receive an update on the creation of a master plan for Edith Moulton Park, including a summary of the open house event held in July.

No action is required of the Board at this time. A draft of the park master plan is scheduled to be presented to the Board in October.

**Background**

The design team from Otak, Inc. continues to work on the draft master plan for Edith Moulton Park. A brief project update will be presented to the Board by lead designer Curtis LaPierre at your September meeting.

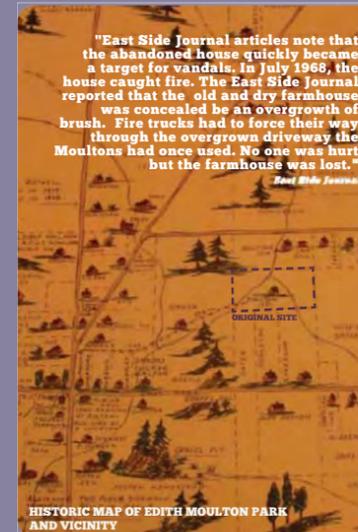
Attached for your information are the displays presented at the July workshop.

Attachment

## PARK BOARD MEETING PACKET 9/10/2014

### List of Attachments:

1. Schematic Design
2. Trail/Boardwalk Parking Concepts
3. Restoration Management
4. Moulton Homesite Alternative Two



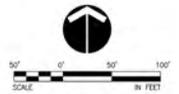
## TOPICS DISCUSSED AT JULY 22nd OPEN HOUSE MEETING AT THE THE PARK

1. Restroom Location
2. P-Patch Management
3. Restroom Potential Problems
4. Bike Lane Configuration
5. Off-leash Dog Trail
6. Juanita Creek Improvements
7. Trail Closures
8. Boardwalk

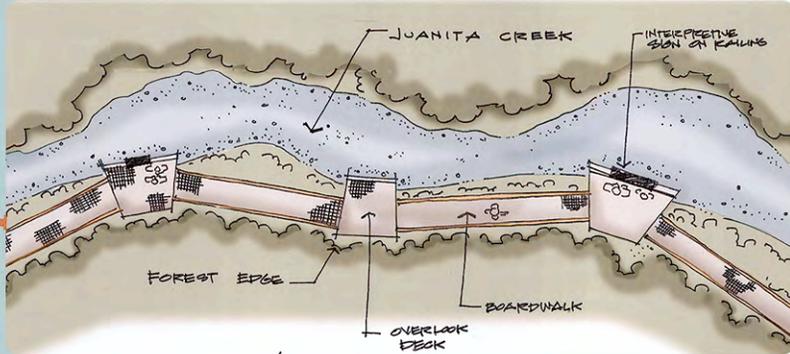


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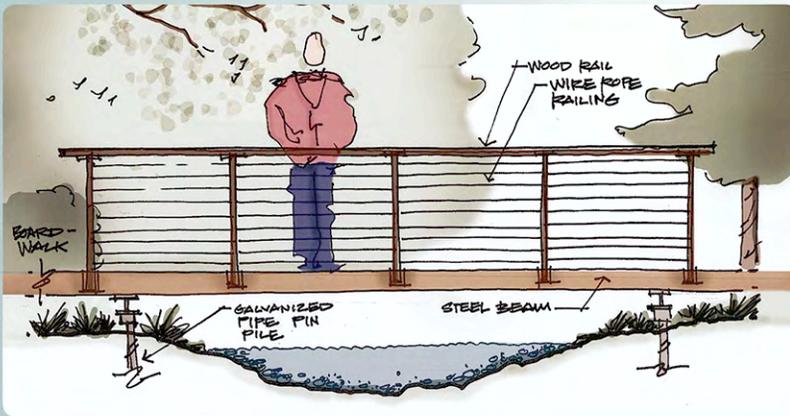
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|  | EXISTING PAVED LOOP TRAIL    |  | NEW BOARDWALK AND PEDESTRIAN STREAM CROSSINGS         |
|  | EXISTING TRAIL               |  | NEW TRAIL   |
|  | EXISTING TRAIL TO BE REMOVED |  | NEW OFF-LEASH DOG TRAIL (MOSTLY OVER EXISTING TRAILS) |



boardwalk  
concept



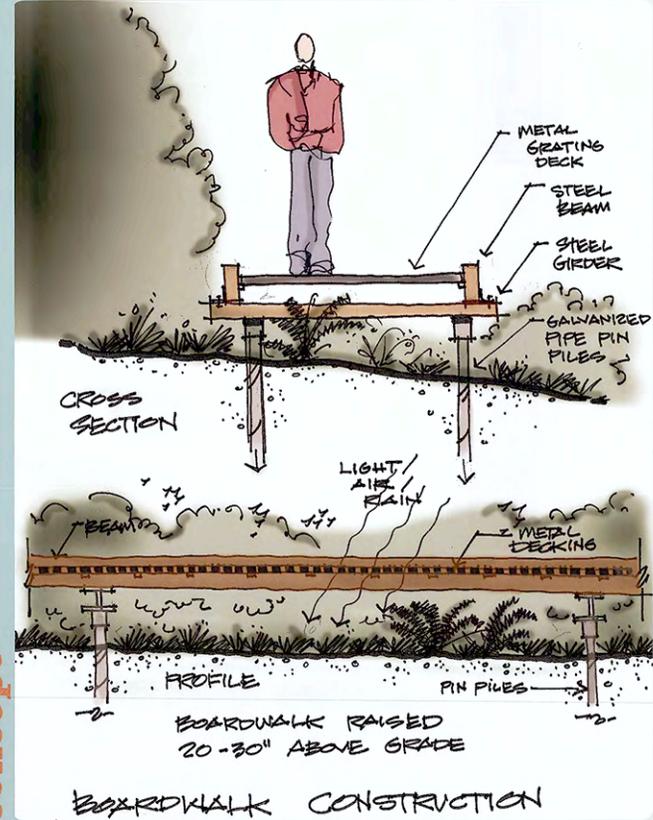
creek crossing  
bridge concept



off-leash  
dog trail concept



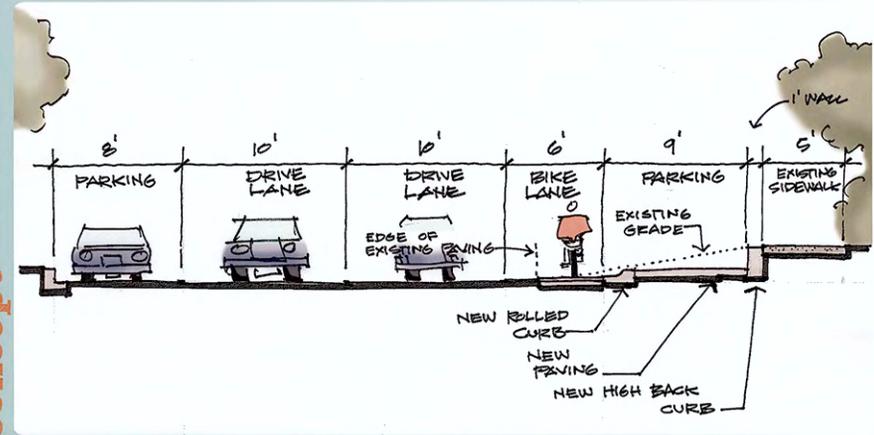
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metal  
grating



parking area  
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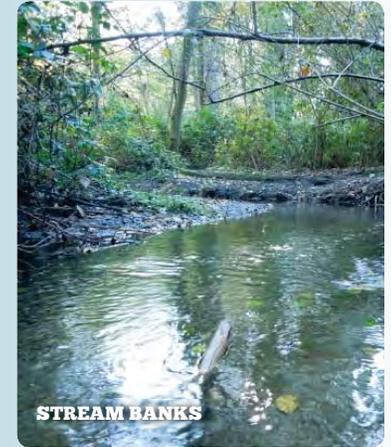
## restoration of disturbed areas

- Removal of English Ivy, Blackberries, and Other Invasive Species
- Replanting with Native Plant Species
- Soil Erosion Control



## stream and wetland habitat enhancements

- Replanting Degraded Stream Banks
- Decommissioning Trails too Close to the Stream
- Replacing Dirt Trails with Raised Boardwalks in Sensitive Areas
- Installing Stream Crossings



## forest management

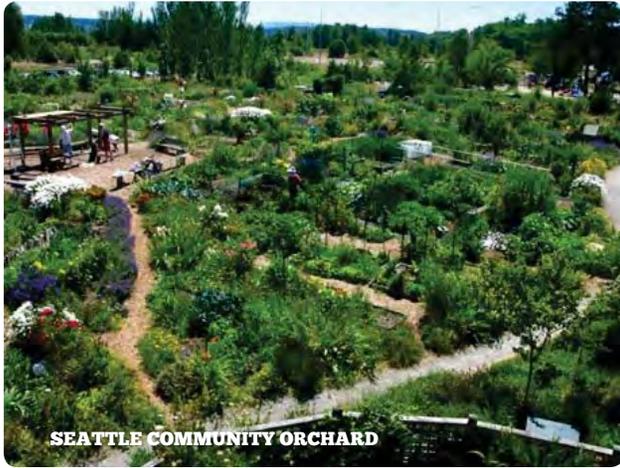
- Planting Young Shade-Tolerant Conifers
- “Snag” Non-Native Tree Species When Appropriate
- Increase Species Diversity



## historical and ecological interpretation

- Life of Early Puget Sound Redion Pioneers
- What Was It Like Being Edith Moulton Growing Up On the Property?
- Forest Ecology of the Puget Sound Lowlands
- Stream Ecology and Salmon in Juanita Creek





SEATTLE COMMUNITY ORCHARD



RAISED GARDEN BEDS



BLUEBERRIES



## homesite alternative 2

- 1 Raised Garden Beds
- 2 Community Orchard
- 3 Maintenance Vehicle Access Drive
- 4 Nut Trees
- 5 Berries
- 6 Moulton Home Site (Interpretive)
- 7 Kiosk



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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Park Board

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

**Date:** September 4, 2014

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

## RECOMMENDATION

That the Park Board review the final report on the proposed Aquatic, Recreation, and Community (ARC) Center project and formulate a recommendation to the City Council.

Staff suggests that the Park Board formulate its recommendation in three parts:

1. **The Facility**

*Staff/consultant recommendation: The ARC Center should be a multi-use, approximately 87,000 square feet facility as outlined in attached final report, to include: 32-meter x 13-lane pool, lap pool, recreation pool, 1-court gymnasium, fitness room, various recreation/activity classrooms, community meeting and event spaces, and other identified spaces.*

2. **Site Preference**

NKCC or Juanita Beach (or neither).

*Staff/consultant recommendation: Juanita Beach Park is the preferred site. See attached report for criteria and rationale.*

3. **Other Considerations**

Other related recommendations the Board might like to provide to the City Council (if any).

These might be related to any of the following:

- Site/Design principles (*see specific suggestions listed later in this memorandum*);
- Project timing/implementation;
- Facility spaces and components;
- Public involvement;
- Partnerships;
- Any other considerations as deemed appropriate by the Board.

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

1. Receive a staff/consultant presentation summarizing the final report and recommendations (presentation will include traffic engineer);
2. Ask questions of staff and consultant team (both during and after presentation);
3. Solicit public comment;
4. After closing public comment period, ask any additional follow-up questions of staff/consultants;
5. Develop a recommendation to Council via motion and vote.

## **BACKGROUND DISCUSSION**

### **1. Council Direction**

On May 6, 2014, the City Council unanimously passed R-5050 (attached) authorizing staff and the Park Board to conduct additional analysis of the Juanita Beach and North Kirkland Community Center (NKCC) park sites and to consider uses for a potential facility to meet the recreation and aquatic needs of Kirkland residents. The Council directed staff and the Board to conduct technical analyses for both sites to include an environmental assessment and completion of traffic studies, building massing studies, and cost estimating. As well, we were directed to continue to involve the community and potential project partners on consideration of possible facility components as well as siting preferences.

The resolution also noted that:

- According to the standards of the National Recreation and Parks Association, the current Kirkland public aquatic facilities do not meet local needs and Kirkland lacks recreation and aquatic facilities to more broadly serve its general population, especially in comparison with national statistics and trends;
- 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;
- The 2007 Kirkland Indoor Recreation Feasibility Study described a prototype recreation center which would respond to community needs and interests;
- 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;
- The Juanita Aquatic Center is the only 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;
- 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;
- 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;
- The City Council has determined that 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;
- The City Council would like to better understand the recreation and aquatic facility siting options, interests, and level of support by residents.

## **2. Project Consultant Team**

The current phase of study was initiated in June of this year. The prime consultant, The Sports Management Group, is working with a technical team of subconsultants which include:

- Aquatic Design Group (ADG), an aquatics planning and design firm, to provide programming, concept design and cost estimating services;
- Fehr & Peers Traffic Consultants to assess traffic impacts and identify actions needed to mitigate impacts;
- KPFF Civil Engineers to prepare costing level documents for grading, utility relocation, and stormwater treatment and detention;
- AECOM to provide cost estimates based on more refined and detailed data developed during this phase of technical analysis.

The City also retained the services of Historical Research Associates (HRA) to conduct a cultural resources assessment of the NKCC site. A prior cultural resources assessment was referenced for the Juanita Beach Park site.

## **3. Final Report**

Attached is the final report compiled by The Sports Management Group. The report features the following information:

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

At the Board meeting staff and members of the consultant team will present the major highlights and recommendations from the report.

## **4. Additional Recent Community Outreach**

In addition to the public outreach outlined in the final report, staff is continuing to engage the community for this project. Staff invited residents and property owners near Juanita Beach to a meeting on September 3 to learn more about the project and to express their concerns. Consistent with the City's notification guidelines for development projects, a mailed invitation was sent to nearly 1,400 addresses within 300 feet of the park site, and approximately 30-35 people attended the meeting. A summary of the feedback recorded at the meeting is attached; in short, the vast majority of meeting attendees were opposed to siting a new recreation facility at Juanita Beach.

Staff has also been invited to discuss the project at the Juanita Neighborhoods Association's September 8 meeting. At the Board's September 10 meeting we will be able to report on the feedback received.

We also continue to receive correspondence from citizens expressing their views; copies of recent emails and a summary of recently received comment cards are also attached to this memorandum. Previous correspondence from community members has been provided to the Board in preceding project reports.

## 5. Additional Cost Considerations: Mitigating Displacement of Park Facilities at Juanita Beach

Should the ARC Center be sited on the north side of Juanita Beach the playfields and potentially the tennis courts would be displaced. Staff has analyzed how the potential loss of these park amenities could be addressed and suggest the following possible mitigation measures:

- **Playfields.** Currently the two fields at Juanita Beach are used primarily by KNLL (Kirkland National Little League) for tee-ball games, coach-pitch games, and practice time. In staff conversations with LWSD & KNLL there are viable options within the LWSD inventory to provide field space & programming that would not only be sufficient mitigation for the loss of the Juanita Beach fields but would be an enhancement for field user groups and students at each school site: Finn Hill and Kamiakin Middle Schools. The proposed funding source to improve and maintain the school fields would be the 2012 Parks Levy, which provides funding specifically identified for future City-School partnership projects.

*\$150,000 - \$200,000 - Field Capital Improvements (irrigation, fencing, turf repair)*

- **Tennis Courts.** There are two lighted tennis courts at Juanita Beach, the only lighted courts in Kirkland's park system. To offset the loss of evening tennis opportunities, lights could be added at the existing tennis courts at Peter Kirk Park. Another option would be to construct replacement courts elsewhere in the community, preferably in the Juanita area (such as at NKCC).

*\$50,000 - Install lighting at Peter Kirk Park tennis courts; and/or:*

*\$120,000 - \$160,000 - Construction new replacement courts elsewhere*

## 6. Summary of Recommendations

### A. The Facility

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 87,000sf would include a community hall, caterer's kitchen/classroom, party room, arts rooms, gymnasium, fitness room, studios, activity room, recreation pool, 32-meter lap pool, hot tub, coffee bar, locker rooms, administrative office and other support spaces. *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.*

Key decision points:

#### 1. Lap Pool Size:

Much of the planning process for the project has centered on lap pool size. Options which have been discussed have ranged from a standard 25-yard x 8-lane lap pool to an Olympic-sized 50-meter pool. A middle option - a 32-meter x 13-lane lap pool - was determined as the "right size" based on a comparative analysis of features and benefits (see page 9 of report). The analysis considered current user programs, potential for growth, and operational sustainability.

***The consultant team and staff recommend the 32-meter x 13-lane lap pool option.***

2. Gymnasium Size:

To meet on-going demand for active indoor recreation space in Kirkland, the consultant has provided an option and a recommendation to increase the size of the gym in the Juanita Beach option to accommodate two courts with an elevated walking/jogging track, or design the project to allow space for a future expansion. (Note: due to site constraints this is not a viable option at the NKCC site).

***The staff recommendation is to reject a larger gymnasium option at Juanita Beach, thereby restricting the building's potential overall footprint and the resulting increase in parking demand. However, the City should continue to pursue additional needed gymnasium space elsewhere in the community.***

3. Roof-top Deck:

The Juanita Beach site affords the opportunity to take advantage of scenic views and the inclusion of a roof-top deck to support rental functions and community events has been suggested.

***The consultant team and staff recommend incorporating a roof-top deck at the Juanita Beach site.***

**B. Site Selection**

A comparative analysis of the NKCC and Juanita Beach sites (see page 36 of report) clearly points towards Juanita Beach as the site that best addresses the siting criteria developed for the project. These criteria include:

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

***The consultant team and staff have concluded that, of the sites the City Council has asked us to consider, Juanita Beach Park is the best site for the ARC Center.***

Key decision point:

If Juanita Beach is, as staff and the consultant team have concluded, the best of the sites we have studied, is it ultimately the site in our community where the ARC Center should be built? This is a more difficult question to consider, as the selection of Juanita Beach for a new facility would mean that a tremendous gain in indoor recreation space for the Kirkland community would come in large measure at the expense of valued outdoor recreation and open space (while about 2/3 of Juanita Beach Park would remain as open space/outdoor recreation, up to 1/3 of the park would be needed for the ARC Center building and requisite parking).

The City has been seeking a potential site for a new indoor recreation facility intermittently since 2007, and, as a result of the pending closure of the Juanita Aquatic Center, aggressively for

much of the past 12 months. However, no other sites have emerged as viable options. Discussions with potential project partners, such as educational and health institutions and neighboring cities, have not resulted in opportunities to site the project elsewhere on another's property. Adequate private property available for sale or for long-term lease has not been identified, and appears unlikely to be identified for the foreseeable future.

**Staff recommends that Juanita Beach Park be selected as the site for the ARC Center for the following reasons:**

- **Juanita Beach is an excellent location for a successful indoor recreation facility of the type and size desired by the community, based on identified siting criteria.**
- **Juanita Beach is the favored location of the sites known to be available, based on a comparative analysis.**
- **Juanita Beach, as a City-owned and controlled property, allows the Council to continue to move forward with facility development in a timely manner.**

#### **C. Other Considerations: Design and Site Principles**

Staff concurs with the consultant recommendations for building and site design principles (see page 65), which include:

- The Kirkland ARC Center is envisioned as a state-of-the-art facility, designed in the longstanding tradition of Northwest modern architecture.
- The new center will have a timeless character, fitting into the context of its site while projecting a strong civic presence.
- The design should create a seamless incorporation of the new center into the surrounding park, so that it enhances the park, and is not a building sitting in a park. The choices of materials, roof forms, hardscape, and landscape improvements will integrate the facility into its surroundings.
- The site around the building will be beautifully landscaped, with native plant materials and trees that create a natural setting for experiencing the center. The impact of the parking areas will be minimized by means of abundant plantings, which will also help provide for onsite storm water retention and filtration.

In addition, staff recommends the following additional principle for Juanita Beach:

- ***The facility should be designed and placed in such a way as to maximize retention of unified park open space and provide continued outdoor park experiences on the north side of the park. A cost-benefit analysis should occur during schematic design phase to consider:***
  - ***Shrinking the building footprint while maintaining all desired space components (consider potential for "stacking" facility spaces by adding an additional story).***

- *Minimizing amount of space used for parking by continuing to explore structured parking options. Also explore the notion of overflow "green parking areas" as described in the approved park master plan.*

## **7. Next Steps**

The City Council is scheduled to receive the final report and accompanying recommendations at their meeting of September 16, 2014. Additional next steps will be determined at that time.

### Attachments:

- A – Resolution R-5050
- B – Correspondence
- C – Final Report from The Sports Management Group

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:

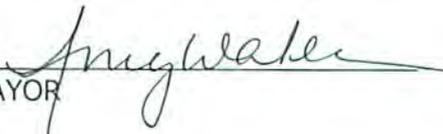
Section 1. The Parks and Community Services Department is authorized to:

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

Kirkland Aquatics, Recreation and Community Center  
Comments received through September 5, 2014

**From:** Nona Ganz <[nonaganz@frontier.com](mailto:nonaganz@frontier.com)>  
**Date:** August 18, 2014 2:15:28 PM PDT  
**To:** [citycouncil@kirklandwa.gov](mailto:citycouncil@kirklandwa.gov)  
**Subject:** Aquatic Center

Hello Council members,

I attended last week's open house on the proposed aquatic center and the two site locations. Since I am leaving town for a while, I would like to let you know my thoughts about it. To start, thank you for taking on this issue. A city the size of Kirkland most certainly should have a community center and should have a swimming pool that can be used year round. Unfortunately, I do not like the two proposed locations in park land. Please continue to look for a location in commercially-zoned areas where such a large facility will not have a significant impact on existing neighborhoods and will not pave over our existing open space. The spaciousness of Juanita Beach Park is priceless and will always be tremendously treasured as our city grows or develops. These valuable open spaces need to be protected. As you all know, once they are paved over, it is most likely they always will be that way. I understand the City has looked at some commercial areas and has not found a potential site, but I would encourage you to continue that search and not stop and settle on park land since it is available and costs nothing. Since the Juanita High School pool may be around for some time, there doesn't seem to be the urgency anymore to move fast. It is better to take even more time and find the right spot even if the price is higher.

Many thanks!  
Nona

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**From:** Jennifer A. McWethy [<mailto:jennifer@mcwethy.com>]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 31, 2014 5:08 PM  
**To:** Jennifer Schroder; City Council; Amy Walen; Kurt Triplett; [ken.albinger@casne.com](mailto:ken.albinger@casne.com); [dougrough@aol.com](mailto:dougrough@aol.com); Kari Page; Jason Filan  
**Subject:** ARC - NOT AT JUANITA BEACH PARK! PLEASE SHARE AND ATTEND THE MEETING AT THE NORTH KIRKLAND COMMUNITY CENTER, 12421 103RD AVE NE ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD AT 6:30 PM.  
**Importance:** High

Dear Jennifer,

I have lived in in older condo complex kitty-corner from the park for 15 years. Ever since I have lived here, there has been construction – repaving of Juanita Drive, Juanita Village, the water pump station, the Watergate Condominiums. It has been non-stop and the traffic has become unbearable. I think the City of Kirkland needs to give this area a break.

**Oppose ARC at Juanita Beach Park!**

**Traffic, Traffic and More Traffic Congestion:**

**NKCC traffic impact** – 124<sup>th</sup> Ave NE is a 5 lane road with easy on/off access to/from I-405. 124<sup>th</sup> is 5 lanes and much better suited to safely handle the increased traffic. It also has N and S bound on-ramps to 405 which would mean fewer traffic miles and lights to get to the facility.

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**Juanita Beach Park traffic impact:** Juanita Drive and NE 116<sup>th</sup> are 2-3 lane roads. We have already suffered from increased traffic from the dense high rise condos at the behemoth Juanita Village. The last thing we need is more traffic on the narrow roads in this area, especially on NE Juanita Drive. It used to take 4 minutes to get to 405 and now it takes 20-30 minutes, wasting gas and time.

116<sup>th</sup> does not even have an on-ramp for southbound traffic from 405. Anyone coming from the north would have to take Exit 20 onto NE 124<sup>th</sup> Ave NE and clog traffic even further on 2 lane residential routes and other areas around Juanita Beach Park.

Route 1 from NE 124<sup>th</sup> – 100<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, NE 120<sup>th</sup> Place, 97<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE (past the German Retirement Home).

Route 2 from NE 124<sup>th</sup> – 100<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, 98<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, NE Juanita Dr.

Route 3: from NE 124<sup>th</sup> – 100<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, 98<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, NE 119<sup>th</sup> Ave, 97<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, NE Juanita Drive.

Route 4: from NE 124<sup>th</sup> – 93<sup>rd</sup> Ave NE, NE Juanita Dr.

**Emergency Access:** Medics and police access would be easier at the NKCC site.

**Residential Density:** Hundreds of apartments and condominiums in the area (93<sup>rd</sup>, 97<sup>th</sup>, 100<sup>th</sup> and 116<sup>th</sup> et. al.) already make this area too dense. In addition, the City of Kirkland approved over 600 NEW units in this area:

**Juanita Village**

Avalon Juanita Village                    211 Units  
9740 NE 119<sup>th</sup> Way  
Kirkland, WA 98034

Waterscape at Juanita Village    196 Units  
11801 97<sup>th</sup> Ln NE  
Kirkland, WA 98034

Chelsea Apartments                    196 Units  
11718- 11720 97<sup>th</sup> Ln NE  
Kirkland, WA 98034

**The Watergate**                            16 Units

Total: 619 new units around Juanita Beach Park

**Kirkland Park Tax-Payer Dollars:** Juanita Beach Park was just recently re-modeled into a more natural environment. Increased traffic would be adverse to those goals and the tax-payer dollars spent to improve Juanita Beach Park. Families come to enjoy the water, the outdoors, walks, picnics and time with family.

**Environmental Impact:** ARC at Juanita Beach Park would have a negative environmental impact on Lake Washington, wildlife and especially on Juanita Creek. ARC at JBP is also contrary to the goals of the Juanita Creek Restoration, Riparian and Watershed Enhancement Projects. The report card for Juanita Creek rates the creek "Poor" in the areas Streamside Conditions, In-stream Habitat and Fish and Wildlife. How is the increasing density in this area affecting Juanita Creek? How much more riparian damage and waste would enter Juanita Creek? Just a few references: .

<http://www.kirklandwa.gov/Assets/Public+Works/Public+Works+PDFs/Surface+Water/Juanita+Creek+Watershed+Report+Card.pdf>

<http://www.kirklandwa.gov/Assets/Public+Works/Public+Works+PDFs/Surface+Water/SWMP/references.pdf>

Wetland, lake, stream and upland habitats are regulated by state, federal, and local agencies. More than half a dozen key agencies will have review and approval of proposed master plan activities at Juanita Beach

Park [http://www.kirklandwa.gov/Assets/Parks/Parks+PDFs/JuanitaBeach\\_MasterPlan/Juanita+Beach+Park+Master+Plan+7.07.06.pdf](http://www.kirklandwa.gov/Assets/Parks/Parks+PDFs/JuanitaBeach_MasterPlan/Juanita+Beach+Park+Master+Plan+7.07.06.pdf)

### **South Juanita Residence – Please Attend:**

1. THE MEETING AT THE NORTH KIRKLAND COMMUNITY CENTER, 12421 103RD AVE NE ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD AT 6:30 PM. And,
2. The next Juanita Neighborhood Association general meeting is scheduled for Monday, Sept 8th, 2014 at [Juanita Elementary School](#) at 7 p.m.

*Jennifer McWethy, MBA, CPC*

(425) 821-3205  
FAX (425) 821-3078

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**From:** [Crusingal4@aol.com](mailto:Crusingal4@aol.com) [<mailto:Crusingal4@aol.com>]

**Sent:** Monday, September 01, 2014 10:27 AM

**To:** Jennifer Schroder

**Subject:** Reg: the sites for the ARC

Dear Jennifer:

I received the notice about the meeting of the proposed "ARC": center for Juanita.

I live on N.E. Juanita Dr next to Juanita Beach and the traffic is getting harder to get out of my driveway, since they have increased the toll on the 520 Bridge and the growth for this area. I wouldn't want to see anymore traffic for the North side of Juanita Beach if the site chosen would be here. There already is a lot of foot traffic, and lack of parking for the beach/park on the sunny days we have. What would it be like when there would be a Center there also?

Would you be taking away the tennis courts and the overflow of picnic areas which is now there?

The perfect spot would be at the North Kirkland Community Center where there is already space for the design and parking wouldn't be a problem, as it isn't on a main street, like Juanita Dr.

That is my input for this upcoming plans.

Thank you,  
Charlotte Jordan  
9201 NE Juanita Dr  
# 201  
Kirkland, WA 98034  
[crusingal4@aol.com](mailto:crusingal4@aol.com)

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**From:** City Webmaster [<mailto:ironpointadmin@kirklandwa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 01, 2014 1:53 PM  
**To:** AskAQuestion  
**Subject:** Ask a Question Form (response #4411)

## Ask a Question Form (response #4411)

### Survey Information

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### Survey Response

Name	Dr. Mark Travrs
Address	9610 NE 120th St, C203

Zip Code	98034
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E-mail	<a href="mailto:drmarktravers@yahoo.com">drmarktravers@yahoo.com</a>
Please Contact me	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
My question/comment is	<p>ARC Center I am very concerned about the ARC project. I just learned about it and I am stunned that this is a possibility. I have lived here for 10 years. I moved to this Kirkland and Juanita for the QUALITY of life. I love the update to the new Juanita Beach. However, the parking is overflowing into the Juanita Park and into the YES center. In addition, when I go towards 116th, it may take 2 - 3 lights before I get through it just because of the people traffic. Now, there is a proposal to add the ARC center. This project will add no VALUE to the area - it will only add revenue to the taxes and to the local businesses. The downside is: More traffic and pollution More noise. Removal of a beautiful park and replace with urban congestion. People live here because of the natural environment and the quality of life. Removal of trees and grass = decrease area for relaxation and peace and dogs and sunning and having a life. Reduction of the home values and desirability of area - would you rather live close to Central park or in the Bronx? The only people that benefit are the businesses and the government tax base. 80% of Everyone else will have a LOWER QUALITY LIFE AND LIFESTYLE. I am very concerned! Dr. Mark Travers</p>

**From:** marc [<mailto:marceb@msn.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 02, 2014 6:10 AM  
**To:** Jennifer Schroder; Linda Murphy  
**Subject:** Feedback on Proposed ARC

Living on Finn Hill I spend time at both sides of Juanita Beach. Last Friday as I was walking from the gravel lot through the stand of large cottonwood trees on my way to the Farmer's Market, I realized again how much I value the open space. The current configuration of tennis courts, baseball fields, easy access to the creek, parking and open space to through a Frisbee makes it a wonderful park.

Please do not build the ARC at Juanita Beach.

Marc  
P.S. I still think the best location for it is in the Totem Lake area even if it increases the cost of the project.

Sent from Windows Mail

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**From:** Mike McCarthy [<mailto:m.m.mccarthy@earthlink.net>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 02, 2014 9:15 PM  
**To:** Jennifer Schroder  
**Subject:** ARC site

Hello Jennifer,  
In case in miss the meeting tomorrow:  
Consider this-  
The Juanita beach site currently offers open spaces, trees, occasional overflow parking.  
The North Kirkland site is more centrally located, not so imposing to the area,  
is near the high school, and elementary, but I do not see any provision for parking in the massing model.  
Mike McCarthy  
Juanita Beach Neighbor

[m.m.mccarthy@earthlink.net](mailto:m.m.mccarthy@earthlink.net)

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**From:** Leslie Thomson [<mailto:lesliethomson@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 03, 2014 10:57 AM  
**To:** KirklandARC; [citycouncil@kirklandws.gov](mailto:citycouncil@kirklandws.gov); Jennifer Schroder  
**Cc:** Leslie Thomson; Sarah - Unit 110  
**Subject:** Aquateic, Recreation Community Center - concerns

Dear City Council Members, Parks /Service and ARC organizers.

I received a letter in the mail regarding the ARC project in Juanita Beach area. I was excited about the project at first. Although on closer review, walking and driving in my neighborhood of Juanita Beach, I became concerned.

The city prides itself on "extensive park system" and "preserving opening spaces". The ARC project for Juanita Beach - reduces the park system and closes open spaces. It is not clear how the ARC Project follows the spirit of the citizens of Kirkland

On Page 149 of the package provided - the following statement was provided. Existing Parks should not be considered to preserve Kirklands open space. When did the city council change its views on open space.

Traffic and parking: The traffic during the morning and afternoon rush needs to be improved. Not enough road and too many cars. The intended use of ARC and the hours of operation are during the peak traffic hours. There would be additional traffic concerns.

With the new apartments there is limited parking to conduct business in the area. I personally walk and only use my vehicle to carry heavy items.

Address the traffic and parking density issues in the Juanita Beach area prior to adding additional conjection. As many of the buildings are next to the sidewalks, there is no space to develop additional roads for the vehicles.

I am requesting that each council member and all parties involved with the ARC project walk around the Juanita Beach Area during the morning and afternoon traffic peaks and try to cross the street safely at the corner of 100th/116th/Market/Juanita Drive. Also cross the steet at Spuds and the beach park. You will be surprised what you find without a paid impact study.

Respectfully, I cannot support the ARC in the Juanita Beach Park.

Thank you,

Leslie A. Thomson  
9727 NE Juanita Drive  
Suite 108  
Kirkland, WA 98034  
mobile 808-778-8601

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From: Donna Kutz [<mailto:donnakutz@gmail.com>]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 5:19 PM  
To: City Council  
Subject: Aquatic Center

City Of Kirkland

Please reconsider putting the Aquatic Center across from Juanita Beach park. While the drawings may look pretty on paper, the location would be a nightmare. This area is already congested with pedestrians, traffic, bikes, and little league teams. The added congestion and loss of open space should not have to happen. The nature of all of the many swim meets and practices that happen at the aquatic center make a very, very busy place. The North Kirkland location, Rose Hill, and St. Edwards Park make a

heck of a lot more sense. Rose Hill location is not along a main street and would not add to traffic congestion. Yet the location is still convenient to the freeway.

The Aquatic Center in Federal Way is in a location that can handle the strain, please use this as a basis to find a similar location for Kirkland. City planning should always be to enhance the quality of life in Kirkland. Poor planning by squeezing a very busy center into a very busy spot would only lessen quality of life for all for many years to come. Common sense here...please use it!

Too bad Totem Lake Mall, or somewhere in the Kingsgate area isn't available?

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely Your,

Donna Kutz

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**From:** Jennifer A. McWethy [<mailto:jennifer@mcwethy.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 03, 2014 1:50 PM  
**To:** Jennifer Schroder  
**Subject:** FW: I am against the construction of arc at Juanita beach.

Forwarding comments from others.

**From:** [cptskygy1@frontier.com](mailto:cptskygy1@frontier.com) [<mailto:cptskygy1@frontier.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 03, 2014 1:25 PM  
**To:** [jennifer@mcwethy.com](mailto:jennifer@mcwethy.com)  
**Subject:** I am against the construction of arc at juanita beach.

We have overbuilt in the area already, no more, no more traffic congestion.

Robert Hansen,  
Juanita Bay

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**From:** Judy Beck [<mailto:judybeck3sigma@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 03, 2014 6:20 PM  
**To:** Jennifer Schroder  
**Subject:** Proposed Community Center

Dear Ms. Schroder:

I am unable to attend your meeting tonight regarding the proposed site.

My main concern is the traffic on Juanita Drive as it is already very difficult to enter into our condo at 9123 NE Juanita Drive and also to exit onto Juanita Drive.

Juanita Park gets lots of public use during the week and also the Farmer's Market is well attended. It is a great attraction for the citizens of Kirkland. If the community center is put on the same street (Juanita Drive), I feel that will jeopardize the use of Juanita Park because the traffic flow will make it impossible for citizens to get to the park.

Thank you

Judy Beck  
9123 NE Juanita Drive  
Kirkland, WA 98034

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**From:** Dariush Azimi [<mailto:dariush.azimi@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 04, 2014 7:45 AM  
**To:** Jennifer Schroder  
**Subject:** ARC Site Selection Meeting

Hello Jennifer,

I am an owner in the Juanita Beach neighborhood and, unfortunately, was unable to attend your meeting on ARC yesterday, Wednesday Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

I visited Kirkland ARC website and subscribed to the City of Kirkland email system to receive updated info. Having studied both sites, I am in favor of Juanita Beach Site because the Aquatic activities of the ARC makes more sense that the Center to be built on the shore. The other advantage of the Juanita Beach Site is that there is no need to demolish any existing building saving time and money. Furthermore, there is a lot of open space around Juanita Beach Site making development, accessibility and parking much easier than NKCC.

Regards,

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Juanita Beach Park Neighbors  
September 3, 2014 Meeting Notes

**ATTENDEES:**

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The City's staff reached out by mail and invited residents and property owners within 300 feet of Juanita Beach Park (JBP) to a meeting to share the latest information on the Aquatics, Recreation and Community Center (ARC) project and receive feedback. Jennifer Schroder, Director presented an overview of the proposed ARC. Possible program elements and site locations were discussed. Jennifer reviewed the informational boards that were used and displayed at earlier Open House events. She encouraged everyone to share their thoughts and stay engaged with the project's process.

The majority of responses from the group were against JBP as the final location for the project.

The following are concerns and questions raised during the meeting:

Traffic

- The traffic study did not analyze peak traffic use times of 4-7pm and mornings
- Juanita Drive congestion
- Increased congestion during summertime
- Backups on NE 116<sup>th</sup> Street
- Traffic on 97<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE



#### Site Selection

- Why were the other proposed sites rejected?
- What were the site selection criteria used?
- Will other sites be considered?
- Revisit sites at Totem Lake and Albertsons
- Is the Albertsons site big enough?
- Is there a staff preference between the NKCC and JBP sites?
- Consider using a site where there are existing buildings
- Consider sites in commercial areas

#### Impact to Juanita Beach Park

- Loss of ball fields, tennis courts, open space, Forbes House
- Loss of trees
- Loss of green space
- Don't implement master plan elements on north side of park; leave park as it is today
- Ensure that there is overflow parking for beach users on the north side of park
- Eliminates the current use of JBP

#### Public Process

- What was the process for the 2007 community center survey?
- Past surveys are not reflective of increased density near JBP
- Conduct survey of JBP users
- Public outreach about the project is lacking – nobody knows about it
- Expand public outreach

#### Environment

- Doesn't fit with city's adopted Climate Action Plan
- Building will impact water and air quality
- Impact to wildlife and creek habitat

#### Partnerships

- What is school district's role in new building?
- What is school district's obligation to provide swimming facilities?
- What contact has there been with major property owners (e.g. Juanita Village land-owners)?
- The builders of Juanita Village indicated that their development would be offset by the existence of the open space at Juanita Beach
- The city should consider partnership with school district to build facility
- Can the city partner with the state to operate the pool at St. Edward State Park?

#### Other comments

- The building doesn't fit the character of the neighborhood
- It's important to keep a public swimming facility in the community
- There should only be one "destination" feature per neighborhood
- Consider splitting up elements of center into smaller facilities
- Consider building a pool-only on the NKCC site



The following is feedback received via comment cards:

COMMENT	NAME
<p>OK. So each community or neighborhood should share their resources with the city. We do! Juanita hosts the biggest and most popular beach – that is our job! A pool and community center should be hosted elsewhere. Juanita cannot be a destination for everything.</p>	<p>Denise DesHarnais</p>
<p>Juanita Beach Park is a <u>great</u> please for a center like this. It is an area build for crowds, density and the center and the surrounding businesses will complement each other very well.</p>	<p>Wage Praeger</p>
<p>We hope the city is listening to the feelings of the community and the neighbors of Juanita Beach. This is not an appropriate location for such a huge center. Please take it somewhere else!</p>	<p>Holly Palfreyman</p>
<p>Please keep our open green spaces. It is a vital part of our community. I'll go to 24 Hour Fitness if I want to swim.</p>	<p>Michelle Simeoni</p>
<p>Not in Juanita Beach. Three swimming pools in Kirkland. Keep green area. Traffic is awful now.</p>	
<p>Not in my back yard! Too much traffic. Do surveys at Beach for the users' opinions.</p>	
<p>Why do we have to destroy a beautiful open space for a "center" when there must be a commercial space available? "NIBY."</p>	<p>Bonnie Burns</p>