



# KIRKLAND PARK BOARD

Date: August 13, 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**  
June Park Board Meeting Minutes *5 minutes*
4. **ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE** *5 minutes*
5. **REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS**  
No items
6. **PRESENTATIONS**  
Kirkland Dog Off-leash Group *30 minutes*
7. **COMMUNICATIONS** *15 minutes*
  - a. Correspondence
  - b. Staff Reports
    - August update
  - c. Committee Reports
  - d. Comments from the Chair
8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
  - a. Aquatics, Recreation and Community (ARC) Center Project Update *45 minutes*
    - Topic: Receive update on work plan for ARC Center Project
    - Action: Discussion only
9. **NEW BUSINESS**  
No items
10. **GOOD OF THE ORDER** *5 minutes*
11. **ADJOURNMENT** *Estimated meeting completion: 8:45 p.m.*  
Next meetings:  
September 10, 2014  
October 8, 2014

# **KIRKLAND PARK BOARD**

## **Minutes of Regular Meeting**

### **June 11, 2014**

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

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

Mr. White stated that the "Meeting Evaluation" agenda item would be changed to "Good of the Order."

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

Members present: Chair Adam White, Sue Contreras, Sue Keller, Rick Ockerman, Jim Popolow and Rosalie Wessels.

Vice Chair Kevin Quille and Ted Marx were excused.

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

Recording Secretary: Cheryl Harmon

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

Corrections to the May minutes were noted. Mr. Ockerman moved to approve the May minutes as amended. Ms. Contreras seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

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

Doug Rough spoke regarding Edith Moulton Park.

Tyler Litzenberger spoke regarding boat use near waterfront parks.

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

No items.

#### **6. PRESENTATIONS**

Don Harig, Parks Resource Section Manager of King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks, presented information regarding Big Finn Hill Park, including the history of the park's master plans, current use of sports facilities and trails, and an upcoming community meeting focusing on trail use.

## 7. COMMUNICATIONS

### a. Correspondence

No items.

### b. Staff Reports

Ms. Schroder reported on recreation registrations, July P&R month, pool opening on June 1<sup>st</sup>, peewee sports, athletic fields, Memorial Day, Juanita Beach volleyball courts, markets, event at Edith Moulton, Green Kirkland events.

Questions were asked regarding community volunteer event and recreation scholarships. Comments re: water right irrigation, fountain at Peter Kirk, north Juanita open space volunteer stewards, Juanita Bay Park

### c. Committee Reports

Ms. Keller reported on a Neighborhood Plan Meeting.

Mr. Popolow commented on being involved in planning an upcoming group volunteer service event.

Ms. Contreras reported on KDOG meeting and was asked for off-leash times, and asked questions regarding the architect used in the 2006 Indoor Recreation Facility Plan and dog waste in parks.

### d. Comments from the Chair

Mr. White commented on meetings with City Council and Kirkland Parks Foundation.

## 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### a. Edith Moulton Park Master Plan

Mr. Cogle reintroduced Curtis LaPierre of Otak who summarized feedback received at the community meeting, shared preliminary ideas for the schematic design and discussed next steps in the planning process.

### b. Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan Update

Mr. Cogle shared feedback received by the City Council at the presentation of the draft Plan at the June 3<sup>rd</sup> City Council Study Session, as well as items addressed in a letter by the Finn Hill Neighborhood Alliance.

The next steps of the update to the PROS Plan are geared toward adoption by City Council in August.

### c. 2013-2014 Work Plan Update

Ms. Schroder provided an update on the current phase of the Recreation and Aquatic Center planning process and shared upcoming meeting dates.

Mr. Cogle reminded the Board about off-leash portion of work plan.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

No items

**10. GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Comments were made about the Spirit of America 9/11 Memorial Sculpture, a trail system to connect Finn Hill to Juanita Beach and a request for a park in the neighborhood west of Juanita Drive

Questions were asked about gym space at a Finn Hill church, and parking near the Cross Kirkland Corridor.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Ockerman moved to adjourn. Ms. Keller seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

Meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

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Jennifer Schroder, Director  
Parks and Community Services

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Adam White, Chair  
Park Board

# KIRKLAND PARK BOARD

## Minutes of Special Meeting

### June 25, 2014

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The June 25<sup>th</sup> Park Board Special Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Adam White.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

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

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

Recording Secretary: Cheryl Harmon

#### 3. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Rick Colella spoke regarding the benefits of a 50-meter swimming pool.

Chris Lautman spoke regarding the benefits of a 50-meter swimming pool.

#### 4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Aquatics, Recreation and Community Center Project

Ms. Schroder, Ms. Murphy and Lauren Livingston, Principal of The Sports Management Group, reviewed the planning project schedule, described the upcoming site analysis tasks, shared feedback received to-date through community outreach efforts, and discussed elements of the preliminary building design.

#### 5. GOOD OF THE ORDER

No items.

#### 6. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

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Jennifer Schroder, Director  
Parks and Community Services

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Adam White, Chair  
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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Park Board

**From:** Michael Cogle, Deputy Director

**Date:** August 8, 2014

**Subject:** KDOG Presentation: Off-Leash Hours in Kirkland Parks

Tracy Doering, President of Kirkland Dog Off-leash Group (KDOG), will be presenting her organization's proposal for establishing limited off-leash hours in certain Kirkland parks. A copy of Ms. Doering's presentation slides is attached.

Based on Board interest in this topic, a follow up discussion for the Board can be scheduled for a future Park Board meeting.

Attachment



## Proposal for Limited Off-Leash Hours in Existing Kirkland Parks

### Considerations

- ▶ Popularity among dog owners
- ▶ Minimal potential conflict to other park users
- ▶ Avoid where adjacent road traffic/areas needing fencing
- ▶ Interest expressed to KDOG by Kirkland residents
- ▶ Distance from playgrounds, schools, daycares, etc.
- ▶ Water and/or trails access
- ▶ Ability to designate area within park
- ▶ Gain geographic locations (i.e., neighborhood coverage)
- ▶ Smaller fenced parks (e.g. Brookhaven) likely suitable for small dogs only
- ▶ Existing models - successful implementation in other cities

## Hours, Rules and Requirements

- ▶ Dawn to 9:30 a.m.
- ▶ Consistent rules/times across parks
- ▶ Clear, prominent signage as at Jasper's Park
- ▶ Updates to City of Kirkland and KDOG websites
- ▶ Waste bag dispensers and regular trash pick-up
- ▶ Designated stewards for each off-leash area

## Proposed Kirkland Parks for Limited Off-leash Hours

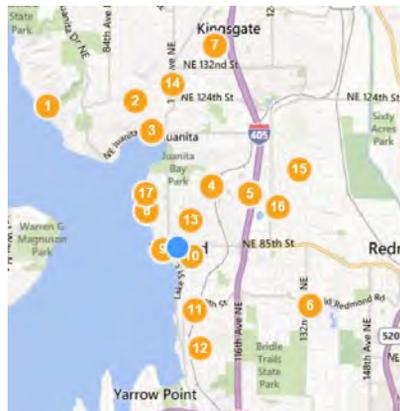
- ▶ Waverly Beach
- ▶ O.O. Denny
- ▶ Juanita Beach
- ▶ Kiwanis Park
- ▶ Heritage Park
- ▶ Crestwoods
- ▶ Brookhaven Park (possibly small dogs only)
- ▶ Spinney Homestead Park
- ▶ Carillon Woods

## Proposed Kirkland Parks (Cont'd)

- ▶ Snyder's Corner
- ▶ Edith Moulton (assuming no change in plan to expand designated area)
- ▶ North Rose Hill Woodlands Park
- ▶ Van Aalst Park
- ▶ Peter Kirk Park
- ▶ Mark Twain Park

## Neighborhood Coverage

- (1) O.O. Denny
- ~~(2) Juanita Heights~~
- (3) Juanita Beach
- (4) Crestwoods
- (5) Spinney Homestead
- (6) Snyder's Corner
- (7) Edith Moulton
- (8) Waverly Beach
- (9) Heritage
- (10) Peter Kirk
- ~~(11) Terrace Park~~
- (12) Carillon Woods
- (13) Van Aalst
- (14) Brookhaven
- (15) Mark Twain
- (16) North Rose Hill Wds.
- (17) Kiwanis



## Existing Models (a few examples, but there are many more)

- ▶ Portland, OR (extensive) <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/39523>
- ▶ Bellingham, WA (Bloedel Donovan Park) 6-10 a.m. year round <http://www.cob.org/services/recreation/parks-trails/bloedel-donovan-park.aspx>
- ▶ Tacoma, WA (in planning, modeled after Portland, OR) <http://www.metroparkstacoma.org/dogs>
- ▶ Richmond Beach, WA (seasonal/regular hours) <http://shoredog.org/parks.html>
- ▶ Vancouver, B.C. <http://www.dogfriendly.com/server/travel/uscities/guides/us/dogparks/dogparksBCVancouver.shtml>
- ▶ San Diego County, CA <http://www.padz.org/local.html>
- ▶ Santa Barbara County, CA <https://www.countyofsb.org/parks/parks01.aspx?id=9228>

## Existing Models (Cont'd)

- ▶ Connecticut (designated, seasonal and limited hours models) <http://www.visitconnecticut.com/dog-parks-off-leash>
- ▶ Brookline, MA (fee required) [http://www.brooklinema.gov/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=1108:paos-green-dog-prog&catid=642:paos-parks-and-recreation&Itemid=1330](http://www.brooklinema.gov/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1108:paos-green-dog-prog&catid=642:paos-parks-and-recreation&Itemid=1330)
- ▶ Newburyport, MA <http://www.cityofnewburyport.com/animal-control-regional-services/pages/off-leash-dog-parks-in-newburyport>
- ▶ Newtown, MA <http://www.newtonma.gov/gov/parks/city/offleash/>
- ▶ City of New York <http://nycoffleash.com/html/threat.htm> and <http://www.nycgovparks.org/facilities/dogareas>
- ▶ Sullivan's Island, SC <http://www.doggoes.com/parks/south-carolina/charleston/sullivans-island-off-leash-beach>



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**To:** Park Board  
**From:** Jennifer Schroder, CPRP, Director  
**Date:** August 8, 2014  
**Subject:** August Staff Update

## RECREATION DIVISION

- The fall and winter recreation guide is complete. It is now viewable online and will be distributed to over 40,000 homes on August 13<sup>th</sup>. Registration for both quarter's classes will begin also on the 13<sup>th</sup>.
- July was National Park and Recreation month and once again the recreation crew took over the display case in the main lobby of City Hall. Trying to pick and choose from the hundreds of activities and services that the Parks department provides proved to be the biggest challenge in transforming the display.
- A comparison of revenue for the first seven months continues to an increase. July was a good month for recreation revenues, contributing to over \$100,000 above last year at this time.



	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	TOTAL
2013	\$48,715	\$35,086	\$293,350	\$145,766	\$117,807	\$121,050	\$48,557	\$810,333
2014	\$46,858	\$37,019	\$357,149	\$150,639	\$122,939	\$125,830	\$71,072	\$911,505
variance	(\$1,857)	\$1,932	\$63,799	\$4,873	\$5,132	\$4,780	\$22,515	\$101,173

## North Kirkland Community Center

- Summer Camps have been in full swing since June 23<sup>rd</sup> and NKCC has been buzzing with activities. The sounds of Jump Rope Camp, Cheer Camp calls, and squeals of delight from Jr. Campers running through the sprinklers and the Kirkland fire truck spray are happy sounds staff loves to hear. The quiet sounds of Lego Engineers and Video Game Designers are also welcome! Preschool campers can be seen on the playground, in the art room engaged in messy projects, and roaming the halls as pirates and princesses, mermaids, monkeys and cows. Weekly productions from jump rope, cheer, and theatre camps have drawn audiences of up to 60!
- Experience It! has been seen in vertical banners, Peter Kirk and tennis camp banners, and also pool banners around town. Staff participated in Storytime at Juanita Beach and also a Hula performance at Juanita Beach Market.

## Aquatics/ Youth Basketball

- Peter Kirk Pool is open through September 1<sup>st</sup> with a variety of programs: early morning lap swim, evening open swim and family swim, Peter Kirk Learn-to-Swim swimming lessons, water aerobics and pool rentals. Currently, 2,940 participants are registered in summer aquatic programs generating \$190,000 in revenue.
- Peter Kirk Learn to Swim Swimming Lessons continue to be very popular. 50% of the swim lesson classes have waitlists. Learning to swim is an important life and safety skill for youth to learn, especially living near Lake Washington.

- Kirkland Orca Swim Team had a very successful year with 177 swimmers on the team. On Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, around 500 swimmers will compete in the Craze Championship Meet at the Snohomish Aquatic Center. This is an exciting way for swim team participants to end the season.
- Houghton, Waverly and Juanita beaches are now guarded through September 1<sup>st</sup>. Lifeguards are on duty noon-6pm daily. Along with providing water safety to the public who visit the beaches, lifeguards also do park maintenance tasks such as make sure the sand, docks, parking lots, and grass is free of harmful objects and trash.

### **Sports and Fitness**

- As we near the end of the summer sports camp season, staff has noticed an uptick in participation and revenue this year when compared to last summer. All contracted camps have boasted great numbers in addition to the city-operated tennis camp program. For example, UK Elite soccer camp was attended by over 190 children in the two weeks offered. When compared to last year's number of 150, attendance has increased by 21%.
- The city-operated summer tennis program has also been well-received with full-day camps operating at 80% capacity. The most popular tennis camp, located at Peter Kirk tennis courts, has operated at maximum capacity every week this summer. The newest offering, a full day tennis camp at Juanita Beach, has had a good showing for its inaugural season operating at about 65% capacity most weeks. Staff is confident next summer's camps will be even more well attended!
- The summer softball league is in full swing with 12 teams participating in two divisions. The season began the week of July 21<sup>st</sup> and will run through September. The winning team from each division will receive champion t-shirts.
- The beach volleyball league, in its second year, is finishing up their summer season. There were a total of 18 teams in three divisions participating this year which is an increase from the eight that played in 2013. The playoff tournament is scheduled for the week of August 18<sup>th</sup>. Champions from each division will receive custom championship tank tops.
- Staff began registration for the fall pee wee soccer league on July 15<sup>th</sup>. The league is currently 80% full with approximately 71 spots still open. The season will start on September 13<sup>th</sup> and will operate through the end of October. Staff expects to have over 60 coaches volunteer their time to lead one of the 34 teams. Many volunteer coaches are employed by companies like Microsoft and Google that participate in volunteer matching fund programs; the funds received through those programs are donated to our recreation scholarship fund to help pay registration fees for Kirkland's low income residents.
- Registration for fall and winter adult sports leagues will open on August 13<sup>th</sup>. Staff expects at least 36 teams to participate in the volleyball league and is hopeful to attract the minimum of six teams needed for the dodgeball league to operate. Both sports begin play in mid-September.

### **Peter Kirk Community Center**

- On June 27<sup>th</sup>, the Peter Kirk Advisory Board hosted the KTUB Teen Feed. The Board served the teens hamburgers, fries, watermelon and cookies. The teens were thankful as always and the Advisory Board looks forward to continuing this tradition.
- This summer PKCC is offering some great van trips including sold out trips to Talouse Petit Kitchen and Lounge, Taproot Theatre, TreeHouse Point and the Raging River Café & Club to name just a few.
- PKCC will be operating on a limited schedule from August 18<sup>th</sup> through September 1<sup>st</sup> to accommodate the annual maintenance schedule. Staff will be available to the public for registrations and customer service.
- Peter Kirk Day Camp sold out all 10 weeks this summer. The campers have been enjoying the sunny weather by swimming several times a week and are scheduled to play their annual kick ball tournament on August 7<sup>th</sup> at Lee Johnson Field. They have spent several fun days at Everest Park and Houghton Beach. Several new field trips were added this summer including a trip to the

Museum of Flight, an opportunity to visit the top of the Space Needle and a day at Safeco Field to see the Mariners play.

## **MAINTENANCE DIVISION**

### **Athletic Fields**

- All spring and summer baseball and softball programs have come to a close. Kirkland American Little League, Kirkland National Little League, the Kirkland Merchants and Kirkland Baseball Commission and even the Senior Softball program had a successful run of championships, All Stars and tournaments in June and July. Despite the week of July downpours, the summer has gone very well.
- At Lee Johnson, the month of August kicks off fall programs. Uses include fall youth baseball (Kirkland Baseball Commission), adult softball (Kirkland Parks Softball Program), and adult men's baseball with a handful of games (Puget Sound Senior Baseball League).
- Everest is closed the first two weeks of August to prepare for the Little League Junior Softball World Series. The World Series occurs August 10<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup>. Come on down for a game! For a game schedule, visit the Junior Softball World Series website at: <http://www.jrsoftballworldseries.com/>.
- Kirkland American Little League fall program then begins just after Labor Day at Everest with a few weeknights and Sundays in September through early October. Also at Everest during the same timeframe of September and early October is Northwest University with fall practices.
- Crestwoods is almost all soccer beginning August 4<sup>th</sup> with Lake Washington Youth Soccer Association kicking off their season. LWYSA uses Crestwoods for weeknight practices through August and then practices and games weeknights and weekends September through early November.
- 132<sup>nd</sup> Square and Juanita Beach are soccer hot spots as well. 132<sup>nd</sup> Square is also used in the fall for softball practices by a couple of different select softball leagues.
- City/School Partnership sites host a variety of programs including youth baseball (Kirkland Middle School and Juanita High School), youth softball (Juanita High School), and youth football programs (flag and touch) and soccer. All school sites are booked solid weeknights – elementary schools, middle schools and high schools alike – with only a few weekend dates remaining currently available at elementary schools. Organizations with fall programs at the school sites include Kirkland Boys and Girls Club, Lake Washington Youth Soccer Association, Kirkland Baseball Commission, Juanita Baseball Club, Northwest Lady Sharks/Absolute Blast.

### **Notes from the Field**

- The beautiful weather draws a lot of people to Kirkland parks, from baseball and softball tournaments to picnic rentals and special events. Staff stays extremely busy maintaining landscape areas, cleaning and stocking restrooms and emptying record amounts of garbage.
- Thank you to Mid Pac, a Kirkland-based company, for donating their time and materials to complete the pickle ball court at Everest Park.
- Staff has spent additional time this month preparing Everest Park for the Junior Softball World Series. The park is looking great and will be ready for teams to arrive on Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. A few staff members will have the opportunity to use their artistic skills this year as the department has partnered with the tournament organizer to paint a 30 foot World Series logo on the outfield grass of A and B fields.



- The Harbor Masters have done a great job this summer helping to facilitate transient moorage needs and keeping the commercial areas of our docks clear and available for the commercial tour vendors that used our dock on a daily basis. The moorage fee changes that were made prior to the boating season have continued to result in increased moorage revenue for 2014.
- Juanita Beach and Juanita Bay parks were the sites of a partnership with King County Noxious Weed Board for the control of state-listed noxious weeds. King County staff, along with Washington Conservation Corp staff and some of Kirkland's Parks staff, teamed up for the control of Purple and Garden Loosestrife both on land and in the water. Two days were devoted to the process and indicators of die back are positive visuals as to the success of the effort.
- Reconditioning of park amenities continues with an added twist that is ecologically sensitive. When the program was initiated, typical oil based stain was used as the finishing product for all the wood structures like benches, picnic tables and trash enclosures. Through industry connections, staff heard about a Seattle company that makes water-based stains and ball field marking paint. An appropriate product was found for the City's applications and that would match the desired finish color. They utilized their lab and formulated a stain specific to the city's needs that also contains a moss growth inhibitor. Staff has completed Peter Kirk Park with the water-based product along with half of Doris Cooper Houghton Beach Park, and will be finishing Houghton, Marsh, Brink and Everest parks with the new stain this summer.



BEFORE



AFTER

## GREEN KIRKLAND PARTNERSHIP

- On June 4th, 13 volunteers joined GK Stewards at Crestwoods Park to work on maintenance weeding in the areas near the trailhead that marks the starting of the natural area.
- On June 7th, four volunteers formally became Green Kirkland Stewards with the completion of their new steward training. These Stewards will work in three different parks leading restoration activities supported by Green Kirkland staff. Bonnie Harpel and Helen Rasmussen (North Juanita Open Space), Stacey Good (Crestwoods Park) and John Bailey (Juanita Heights Park) are the new Stewards joining the program.
- On June 9th and 10th, over 100 students from the Environmental and Adventure School (EAS) spent the afternoon volunteering at Juanita Bay, Juanita Heights and Crestwoods parks. Students, teachers and adult chaperones participated in activities such as invasive blackberry and ivy removal, spreading mulch, and learning about forest health. Throughout the two days, EAS students volunteered a total of 313.5 hours and Stewards all commented about how hard the students worked.
- On June 11th 10 volunteers, including several from the US Navy, volunteered at Crestwoods Park removing invasive blackberry sprouts from the planted area at the entrance to the natural area. The event was led by GK Steward, Judi Radloff.
- On June 12th, five volunteers gathered at Juanita Bay Park to mulch the large cleared area in the southwestern portion of the park.
- On June 20<sup>th</sup>, 14 volunteers gathered at Carillon Woods to remove invasive blackberry and ivy. This event was led EarthCorps.

- On June 27<sup>th</sup>, Sharon Rodman represented the Green Kirkland Partnership at the Kenmore Health and Wellness Fair. During the fair Sharon spoke with attendees about the health benefits of volunteering and exercising in parks.
- On June 28<sup>th</sup>, four volunteers spent the afternoon at Juanita Bay Park spreading mulch and weeding around native plants. This event was led by Green Kirkland Stewards.
- On June 28<sup>th</sup>, six volunteers spent the afternoon at Juanita Heights Parks removing ivy within the park and building large rafts for it to compost on. This event was led by Green Kirkland Stewards, Kathy and John.
- Staff is excited to hear that the city's application for a Washington Conservation Corps (WCC) crew in 2015 from Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) was successful! This means that in February 2015, a WCC crew will be working at Juanita Beach (with Public Works) and Watershed parks (with Green Park Maintenance and Kirkland Partnership). The DNR Urban Forestry Restoration Project, administered by the Urban and Community Forestry Program, provides a great opportunity to enhance the capacity of urban forests to manage surface water, improve air and water quality, and improve the health of trees and forested sites in urban settings. The city is fortunate that, for the third year in a row, Kirkland was selected for a "free" crew.
- In July, a group of three Native Plant Stewards, Dave, Silas and Era, began restoration work in Everest Park. These Native Plant Stewards recently completed an intensive training by Washington Native Plant Society, which was funded by the King Conservation District. These Stewards will work at least 75 hours each doing restoration in Everest Park to complete their program requirements. Thereafter they have the option to continue their involvement as Green Kirkland Stewards. These three Stewards will be working at Everest Park every Monday from 10:30am to 12:30pm.
- On July 17<sup>th</sup>, a potluck lunch was hosted at Kiwanis Park to honor Kirkland's first Green Kirkland Steward, Carol Lee Power, before she moved to California at the end of July. Carol Lee volunteered at Kiwanis Park for seven years, mostly as a Lead Steward who organized monthly volunteer work parties. Together with the Kiwanis Sunrisers Club, Carol Lee activated the Friends of Kiwanis Park group, and hosted meetings in her home. We thank her for all her work to improve the Kiwanis Park forest, and wish her well in her new Santa Rosa home.
- On July 21<sup>st</sup>, 13 Symetra employees joined the Juanita Bay Stewards and regular volunteers for Symetra's Day of Service. These volunteers helped remove blackberry from a new areas and perform maintenance on the area planted for Arbor Day 2012.
- On July 22<sup>nd</sup>, nine volunteers from the conference company Finovate joined GKP staff, Katie, at Everest Park to the natural area near the north parking lot of invasive plants. This event is helping to prep Everest Park for Arbor Day on November 8th
- On July 26<sup>th</sup>, 19 community volunteers gathered at Cotton Hill to help remove one of the last patches of blackberry from the park, adjacent to the Cross Kirkland Corridor. This event was led by EarthCorps.
- On July 26<sup>th</sup>, 15 community volunteers spent the afternoon doing maintenance on natural areas within Juanita Bay Park. This event was led by GK Steward Kim Kuykendall.
- On July 27<sup>th</sup>, Katie Cava hosted an outreach booth at the Juanita Beach Friday market to talk to community members about the Green Kirkland Partnership. Many people who stopped by were excited to learn about the program and how to remove invasive plants in their own yards. It was a great opportunity to show of the new Green Kirkland Outreach brochures.



Symetra Volunteers at Juanita Bay Park

- The following tables summarize Green Kirkland Partnership events and other activities conducted by volunteers in May and June. The tables include event volunteers and ongoing volunteers (ongoing field and administrative work).

Date	Park/Work	Group Name	Number of Volunteers			Hours	Dollar Equivalent <sup>1</sup>
			Adult	Youth	Total		
5/2	Juanita Bay Park	Puget Sound Adventist Academy	10	27	37	148	\$3,358.12
5/3	N. Juanita Open Space	Lake Washington High School Key Club and Honors Society, Cub Scouts, W. Fraternal Life Assn. Lodge Seattle 181, Garden Gate HOA	22	24	46	138	\$3,131.22
5/3	N. Juanita Open Space	New Steward Training	4	0	4	4	\$90.76
5/4	Cotton Hill Park	Hertz-Ner Tamid Congregation	10	3	13	31	\$703.39
5/6	Cotton Hill Park	Eastside Prep Students	4	14	18	64.5	\$1,463.51
5/14	Crestwoods Park	Bastyr University, Lake Washington HS Key and Honors Club,	18	7	25	53	\$1,202.57
5/17	Kiwanis Park	EarthCorps Partnership, LWHS Honors Society, Friends of Kiwanis Park, I-CERV, Stanford Beyond the Farm, West of Market Neighbors, Inglemoor HS DECA	44	38	82	328	\$7,442.32
5/18	Watershed Park	St. Thomas School, Lake Washington HS Key Club and Honors Society, University Prep, Bellevue College	16	23	39	78	\$1,769.82
5/22	Juanita Bay Park	GK Stewards and Ford of Kirkland	16	0	16	32	\$726.08
5/24	Juanita Bay Park	Rose Hill Middle School NHS, Lake Washington HS Key Club.	9	18	27	81	\$1,837.89
5/31	Everest Park	GK Staff and AMLI	14	0	14	28	\$635.32
May Ongoing		Administrative	13	0	13	80.20	\$1,819.738
May Ongoing		Field Work	14	0	14	134.75	\$3,057.478
<b>Total</b>							<b>\$27,238.22</b>

Date	Park/Work	Group Name	Number of Volunteers			Hours	Dollar Equivalent <sup>1</sup>
			Adult	Youth	Total		
6/4	Crestwoods Park	LWHS Key Club and Honors Club	4	9	13	27	\$612.63
6/7	North Juanita Open Space	Garden Gate HOA, neighbors and ICS students	15	14	29	90	\$2,042.10
6/9	Crestwoods Park	GK Steward and EAS Students	5	22	27	81	\$1,837.89
6/9	Juanita Heights Park	GK Steward and Environmental and Adventure School (EAS) Students	3	25	28	70	\$1,588.30
6/10	Juanita Heights Park	GK Steward and EAS Students	3	24	27	67.5	\$1,531.58
6/10	Juanita Bay Park	GK Steward and EAS Students	8	23	31	95	\$2,155.55
6/11	Crestwoods Park	US Navy and Juanita Creek Dentistry	9	1	10	19.5	\$442.46
6/12	Juanita Bay Park	GK Stewards and volunteers	5	0	5	12	\$272.28
6/20	Carillon Woods	EarthCorps Partnership	9	5	14	46	\$1,043.74
6/22	Watershed Park	GK Stewards and volunteers	8	3	11	17.5	\$397.08
6/28	Juanita Bay Park	GK Stewards and volunteers	3	1	4	12	\$272.28
6/28	Juanita Heights Park	GK Stewards and volunteers	5	1	6	12	\$272.28
June Ongoing		Administrative	4	0	4	16.75	\$380.05
June Ongoing		Field	10	0	10	70.5	\$1,599.65
<b>Total</b>							<b>\$14,447.87</b>

- Upcoming volunteer events open to the general public:
  - Mondays, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<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, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at Carillon Woods, 9am-10am. Contact Lisa McConnell [kirby994@frontier.com](mailto:kirby994@frontier.com)
  - Wednesdays, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at Cotton Hill Park, 9:30am-11:30am. Contact Karen Story, [karen@nwnative.us](mailto:karen@nwnative.us)
  - Thursdays, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at Juanita Bay Park, 10am-12pm. Contact June Fletcher, [june@fletchersoftware.com](mailto:june@fletchersoftware.com)
  - Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 3pm-5pm at Crestwoods Park. Register at [www.greenkirkland.org](http://www.greenkirkland.org)
  - Saturday, August 23<sup>th</sup>, 10am-2pm at Watershed Park. Register at [www.earthcorps.org/volunteer.php](http://www.earthcorps.org/volunteer.php)
  - Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at Juanita Bay Park, 10am-1pm. Register at [www.greenkirkland.org](http://www.greenkirkland.org)
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- 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:** Jennifer Schroder, Director  
 Linda Murphy, Recreation Manager

**Date:** August 8, 2014

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

## RECOMMENDATION

That the Park Board receives an update on the work plan for the Aquatics, Recreation and Community Center Project, including:

- current facility programming and space considerations
- preliminary building massing models
- preliminary traffic studies
- results of recent community outreach efforts

No action is requested from the Board at this time. The Board will be asked to formulate a recommendation to the City Council at your September 10 regular meeting.

## BACKGROUND DISCUSSION

On April 1, 2014, the City Council received recommendations from the Park Board regarding a preference for the siting of a potential new community recreation facility, as well as recommendations for a preferred facility type. The Council concurred with the Park Board recommendation for a new aquatics, recreation, and community center. Therefore staff is proposing to give the project the working title of "The ARC" to emphasize the potential facility's multiple functions.

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

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

The Council directed the Park Board and staff to conduct additional analyses of two sites: the northern portion of Juanita Beach Park and the North Kirkland Community Center and Park (NKCC) site. Technical analysis for both sites will include a review of environmental considerations, completion of traffic studies,

a civil engineering report, building concept plans, building massing studies, 3D modeling, and refined cost estimates. Two options are being considered for NKCC. Option 1 is the lower portion of the site, west of 103<sup>rd</sup>, and Option 2 closes the southern half of 103<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE to construct the building on the southern portion of the site and across 103<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE.

## **PROJECT UPDATE**

At the July 15<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting staff and Lauren Livingston, Principal of The Sports Management Group, presented an overview of the status of the project work plan, preliminary traffic analysis, presentation of the preliminary building massing models of the proposed facility at Juanita Beach Park and NKCC site, and the outcomes of the Focus Group discussions.

### **Project Work Plan Schedule**

The current phase of study was initiated on June 9<sup>th</sup>. The prime consultant, The Sports Management Group expanded their technical team to 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;
- Cost Estimator, AECOM, to provide cost estimates for each of the three building sites based on more refined and detailed data developed during this phase of technical analysis.

The City retained the services of Historical Research Associates (HRA) to conduct a cultural resources assessment of the North Kirkland Community Center and Park site. A historical resources assessment was previously performed for the Juanita Beach Park site.

The duration of the Concept Plan Study is three months, culminating with a presentation of the Concept Plan Study report to the Park Board on September 10<sup>th</sup>, and to the City Council at their September 16<sup>th</sup> Study Session.

### **Preliminary Traffic Assessment**

A preliminary traffic impact assessment to identify existing and future traffic circulation and congestion implications for each of the proposed sites is underway. Staff will present preliminary findings of existing study area traffic conditions (during PM peak hour 5-6pm), preliminary traffic generation for the proposed ARC Center sites, and locations where traffic issues could occur. **(Attachment A)**

### **Building Massing Studies**

The consultant team has developed site plans for each option, illustrating proposed building locations and associated parking, and relationship to the site, streets, and surrounding buildings. Three-dimensional computer generated models have been developed which illustrate the impact of the proposed building mass on the site and neighborhood. These models represent the scale of all of the existing buildings which surround the proposed sites, the ARC center, and parking lots or structures. These are simply diagrams at this point, and do not represent the actual architecture for the buildings, which are not yet designed. **(Attachment B)**

The first two options look at placing the facility at the North Kirkland Community Center and Park site. In Option 1 the building is located entirely in the southwest corner of the site, at the corner of 124<sup>th</sup> St and

103rd Ave. The parking is located in a multi-level raised structure to the north of the building. In this option, the existing playground on the parcel to the west of 103rd Ave. remains intact, along with the mature trees and landscaping on that portion of the site. This option is extremely challenging due to the significant slope from west of 103rd Avenue NE. There will be an extensive amount of cut and fill required to accommodate both the building and the parking. This site is insufficient in size for a 50-meter pool.

The second option at the NKCC site proposes the partial closure of 103rd Ave. This allows the building to run parallel to 124th street, with all of the parking in a single level deck over parking on grade along the west edge of the site. This still requires a substantial amount of re-grading, and portions of the building are buried into the higher portion of the site on the east end. This option requires the relocation of the existing utilities that run under the 103<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE to route them around the new building, which adds to the cost of construction.

The third option is on the north parcel of the Juanita Beach Park site. Because this site is level, and larger, all of the required parking can be accommodated at grade, without the need for a new deck or structure. The building can also be designed to allow for expansion of the gymnasium. The larger site also allows sufficient space for building outdoor terraces or decks off the community room and recreation pool. The upper level spaces will have great views across to Lake Washington. The construction will require the relocation of the historic Forbes house to another location within the Park site. Vehicular access is proposed off 97th Avenue, to avoid impacting the traffic flow on Juanita Drive.

### **Community Outreach**

The Council provided direction to conduct community outreach regarding possible facility components and siting preferences. An outreach plan has been developed and is being implemented. Highlights include:

- Focus Group Discussions  
The focus groups have assisted staff and the consultant team in determining if the space plan and programming requirements were on track with the current needs and unmet demand of the community. A summary of each of the three focus group sessions is attached (**Attachment C**)
  - The first focus group meeting consisted of users of the North Kirkland Community Center and the Peter Kirk Community Center and potential users of a new center. Attendees indicated that the team was on track with the combined aquatics, recreation and community space plan. However, they expressed a strong desire to incorporate a two-court gym and indoor walking track.
  - The second focus group consisted of aquatic users and continued the discussion regarding the appropriate pool program that the community would support and would be financially viable.
  - The third focus group was again the aquatic users with the consultant team providing an analysis of the "right-size" pool to address current user programs, potential for growth, and operational sustainability.
- Peter Kirk Community Center Advisory Board  
The advisory board, a group of seniors who advise staff on PKCC programs and activities, received an ARC Center project presentation from staff in July. The response of the group was positive and they were pleased that seniors were included as part of the process.

- NKCC Neighbors  
In late July staff invited residents living near NKCC to a meeting to discuss the project. Residents expressed concerns about the siting of a new facility at the NKCC site, particularly its impact to surrounding properties. Notes of the evening and comments from participants are included in **Attachment D**.
- Public Open Houses  
An open house was held on July 16<sup>th</sup> with visual displays to disseminate information and gather community input. Public open houses provided a two-way conversation with community members to share the project's purpose and progress and to gauge the community's interest and support of the project and the space program.  
  
The July 16<sup>th</sup> event was an interactive session with the community and provided a first look at the concept plans and siting of the three options. An estimated 50 persons attended. A detailed summary of the event is provided in **Attachment E**.  
  
A second public open house is scheduled to be held on August 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Other Outreach  
The City has developed a project webpage on the City's website for public information and is conducting an extensive outreach with flyers, posters, activity guide ad, and banners at key public locations and circulated through program participants. Emails received from citizens regarding the project are included as **Attachment F**.

### **Cost Estimates**

Cost consultant AECOM will develop cost estimates for each site and program option. To provide the most defined estimations, they will be based on the work of the concept team and the current design concepts, civil engineering estimates of grading cost, utility service, and the relocation of utilities under 103<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE, and storm water treatment and detention costs; and cost identified by the traffic engineer for traffic mitigation, circulation, and parking.

The cost estimates for the three options will be presented to the Park Board on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Next Steps**

The Sports Management Group and their technical team will work to finalize the traffic analysis, building massing models, and cost estimates of the proposed facility at Juanita Beach Park and North Kirkland Community Center sites. An assessment of environmental considerations has been initiated and will be completed. Mitigation measures for each proposed site will be reported.

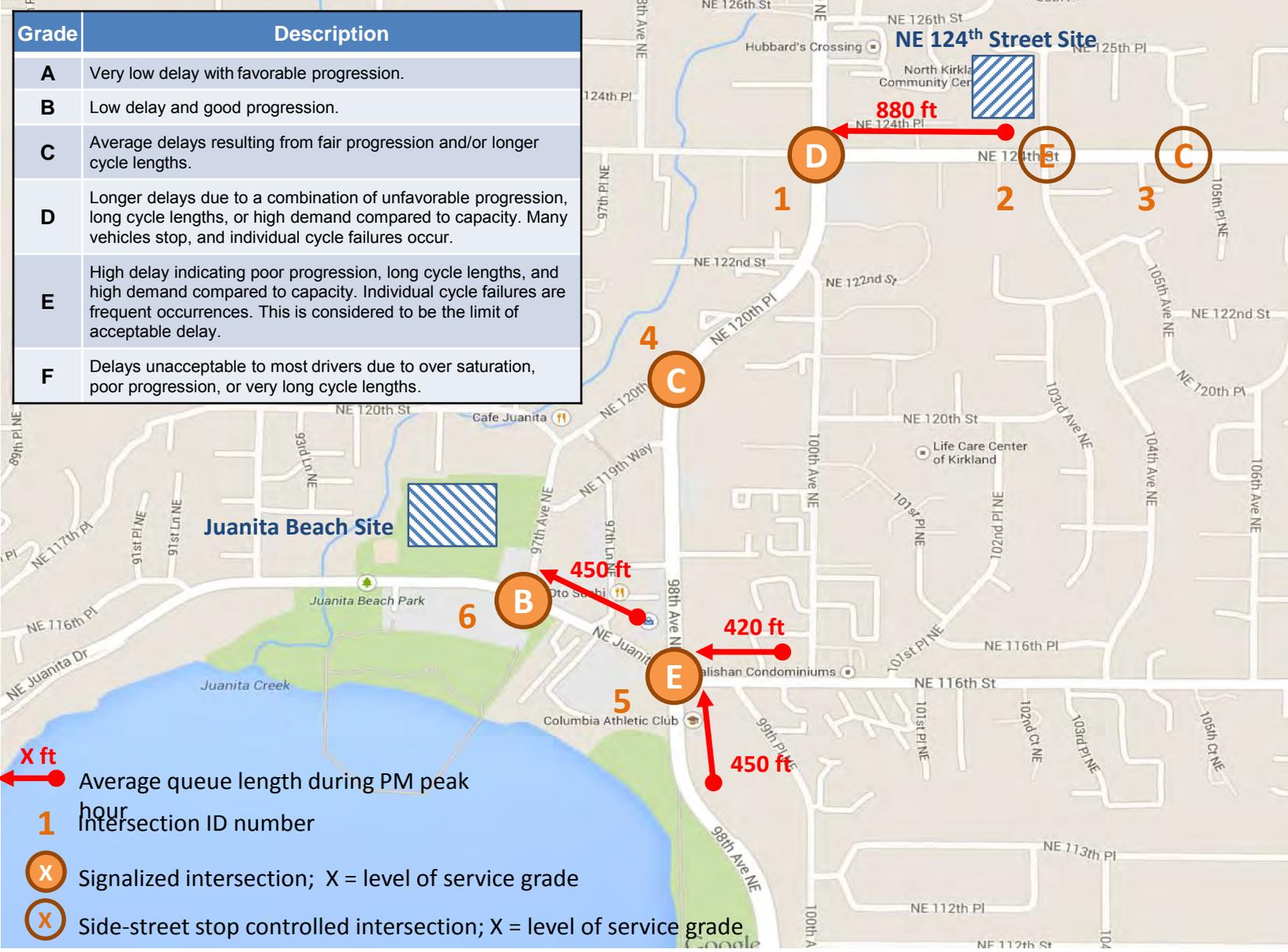
The final studies will be presented to the Park Board on September 10<sup>th</sup> and to Council at the September 16<sup>th</sup> Study Session.

Attachments

# Preliminary Traffic Assessment

## Existing PM peak hour conditions near proposal sites (5 – 6 PM)

Grade	Description
A	Very low delay with favorable progression.
B	Low delay and good progression.
C	Average delays resulting from fair progression and/or longer cycle lengths.
D	Longer delays due to a combination of unfavorable progression, long cycle lengths, or high demand compared to capacity. Many vehicles stop, and individual cycle failures occur.
E	High delay indicating poor progression, long cycle lengths, and high demand compared to capacity. Individual cycle failures are frequent occurrences. This is considered to be the limit of acceptable delay.
F	Delays unacceptable to most drivers due to over saturation, poor progression, or very long cycle lengths.



# Preliminary Traffic Assessment

*How many vehicle trips would the Community Center generate?*

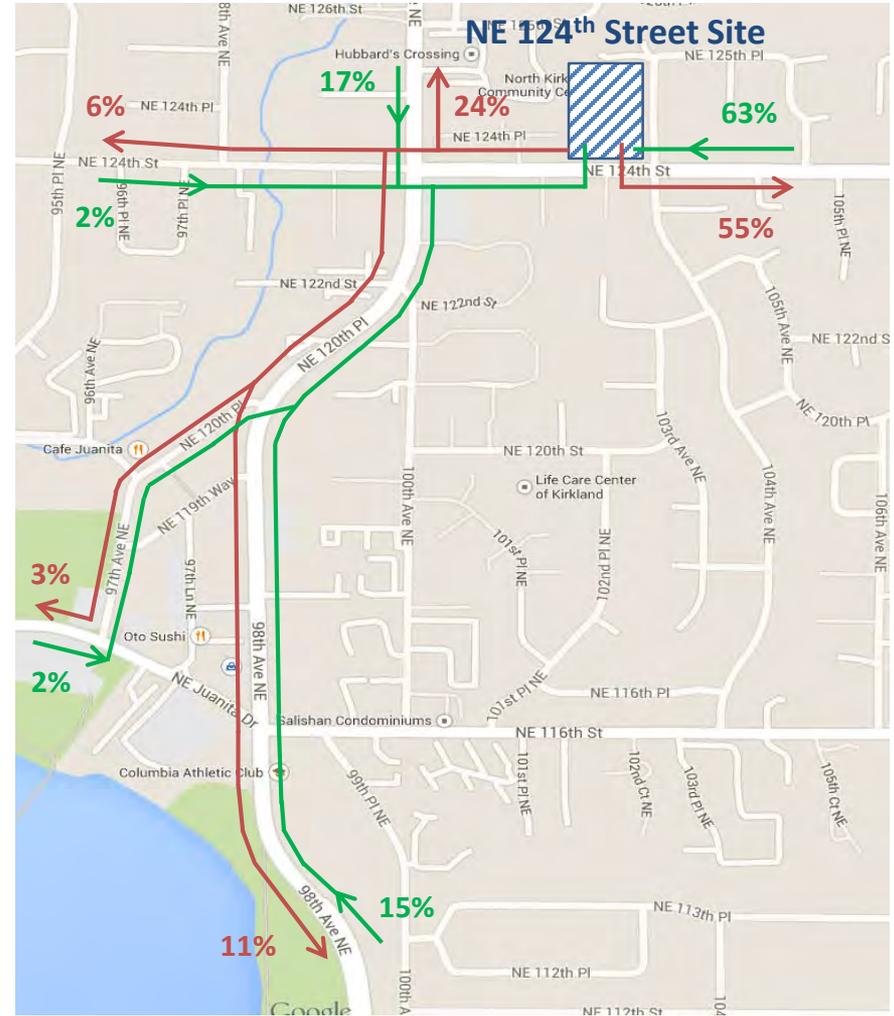
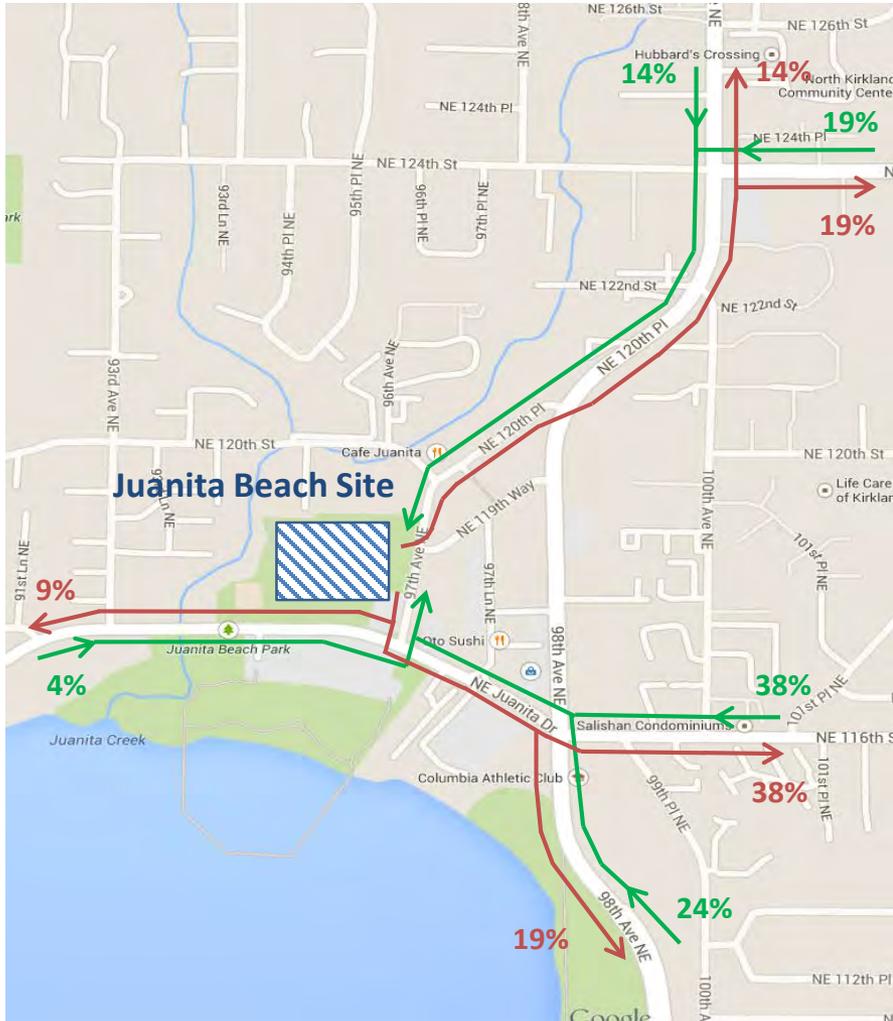
Weekday Vehicle Trip Generation			
#	Time of Day		Trip generation range
1	Weekday PM commute	5 – 6 PM	150 – 180 vehicle trips
2	Weekday peak hour of demand at proposed Center	7 – 8 PM	260 – 320 vehicle trips

- Programmed activities would vary by day of week and season of year
- Most adult programs would not start until after 6:30 PM
- Assume automobile trip generation would be the same at both proposal sites

# Preliminary Traffic Assessment

Attachment A

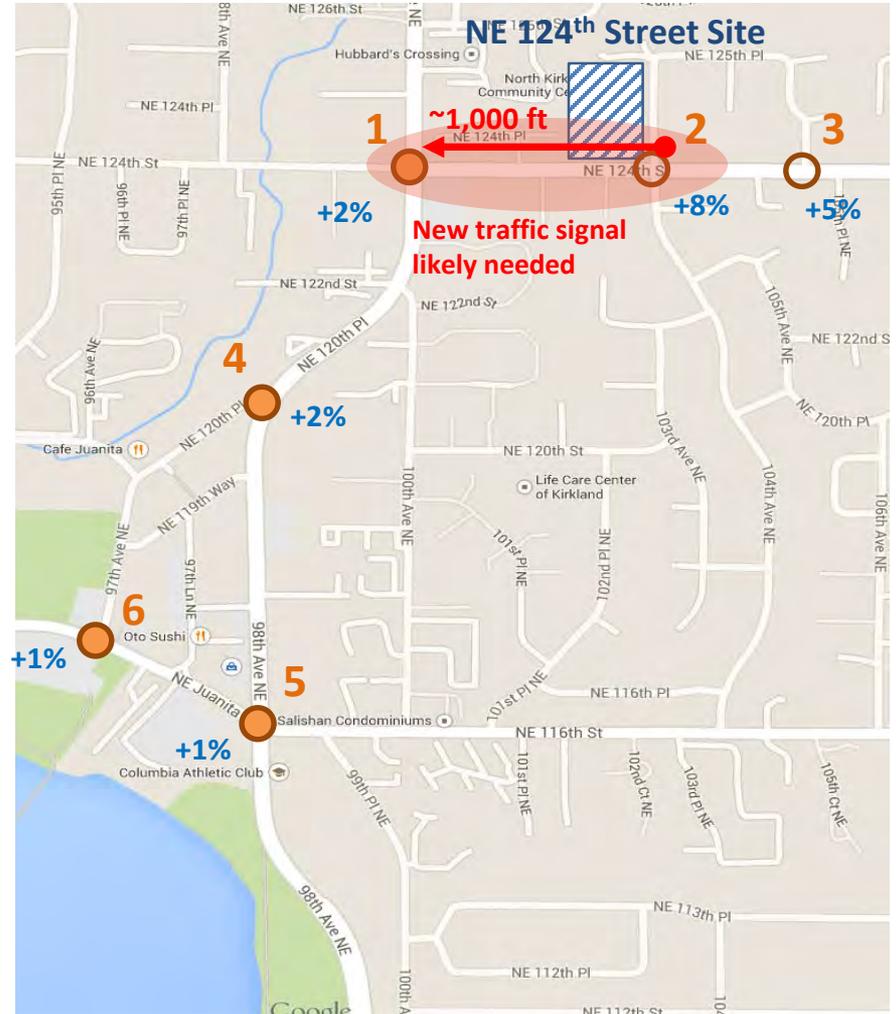
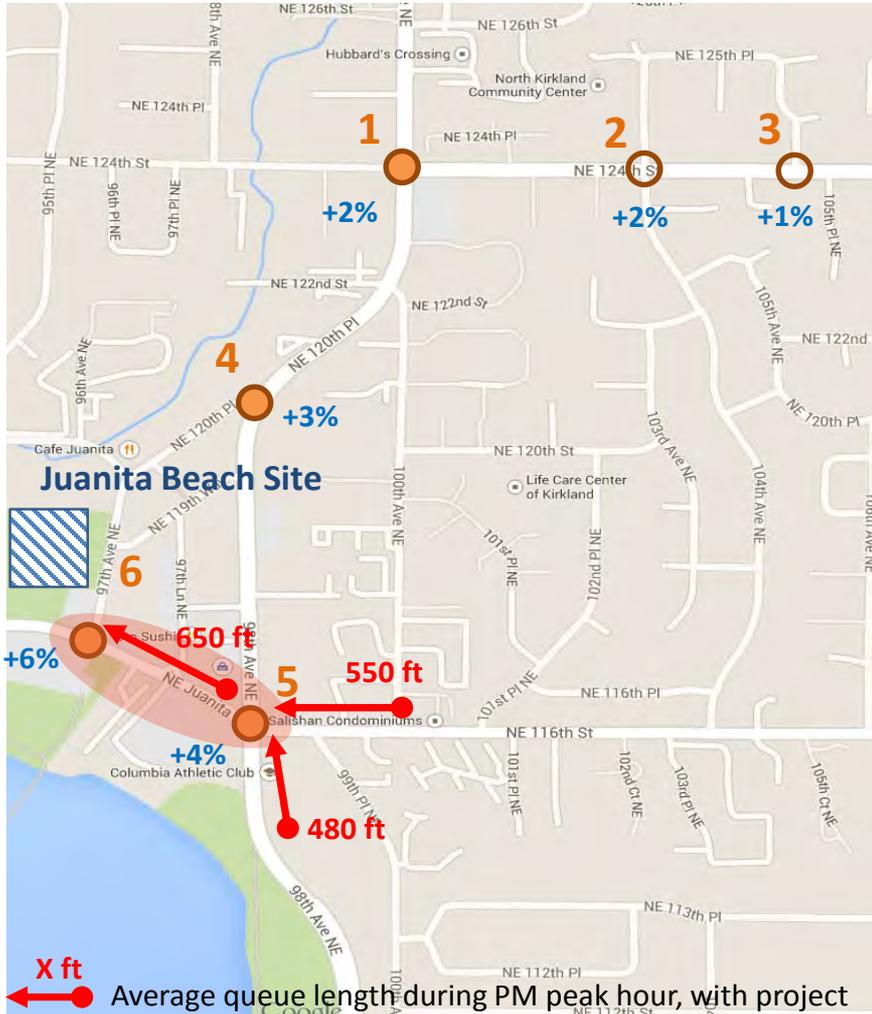
*Where would trips come from and go to during the PM peak hour?*



1% of inbound and outbound distribute to other streets

# Preliminary Traffic Assessment

*How could traffic be affected on NE Juanita Drive and NE 124<sup>th</sup> Street under each proposal?*

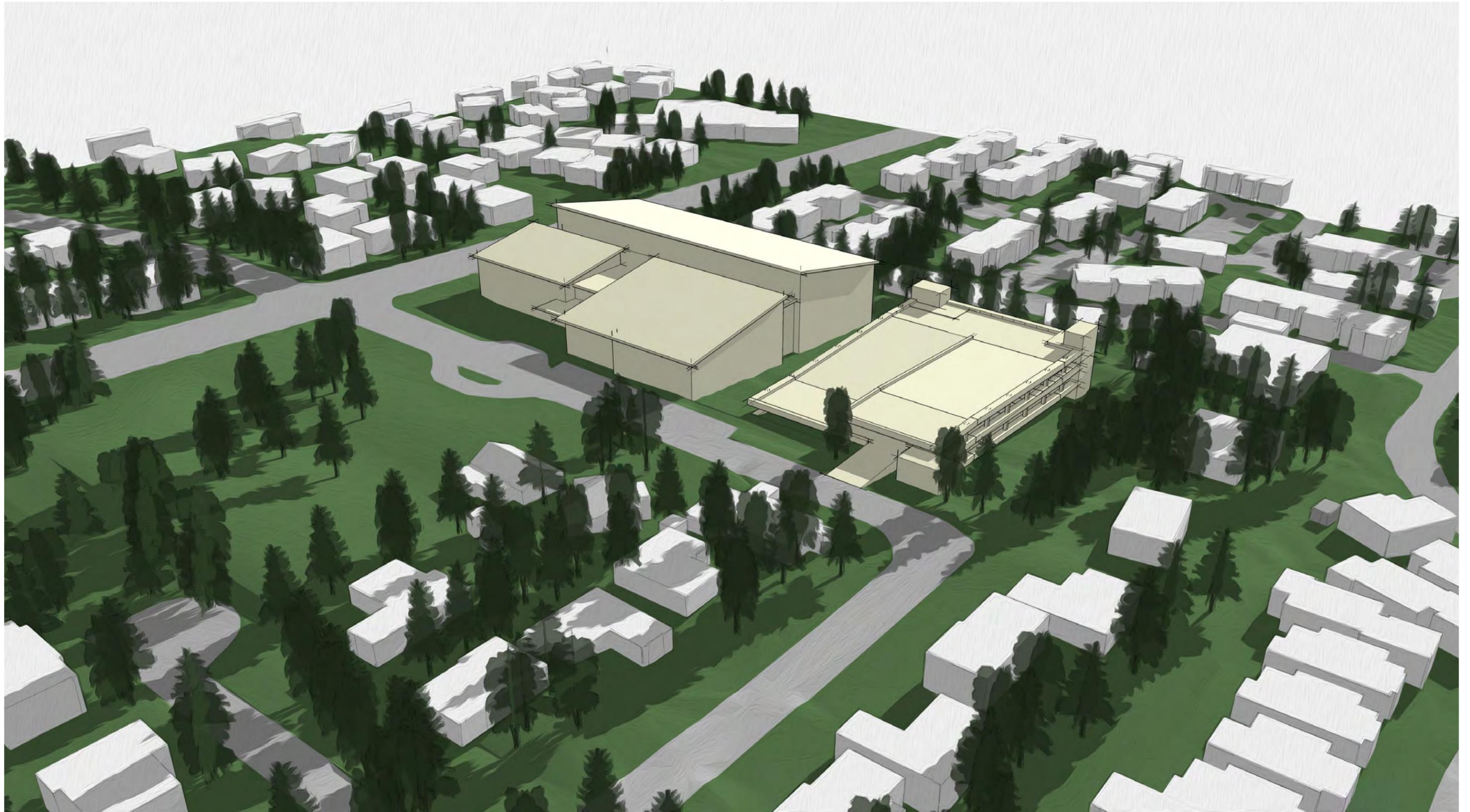


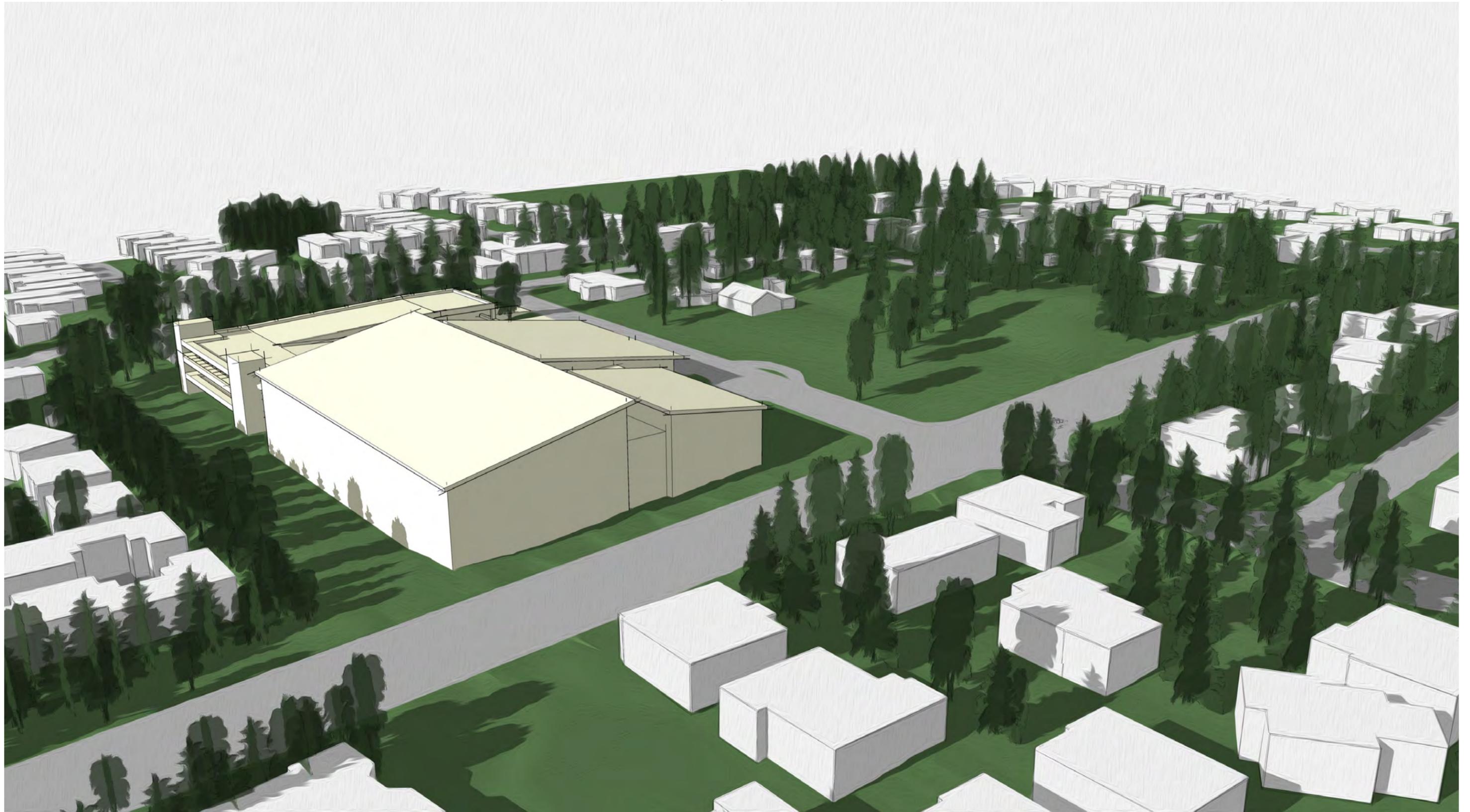
Signalized intersection

Side-street stop controlled intersection

+XX% Percent increase of total vehicles entering intersection

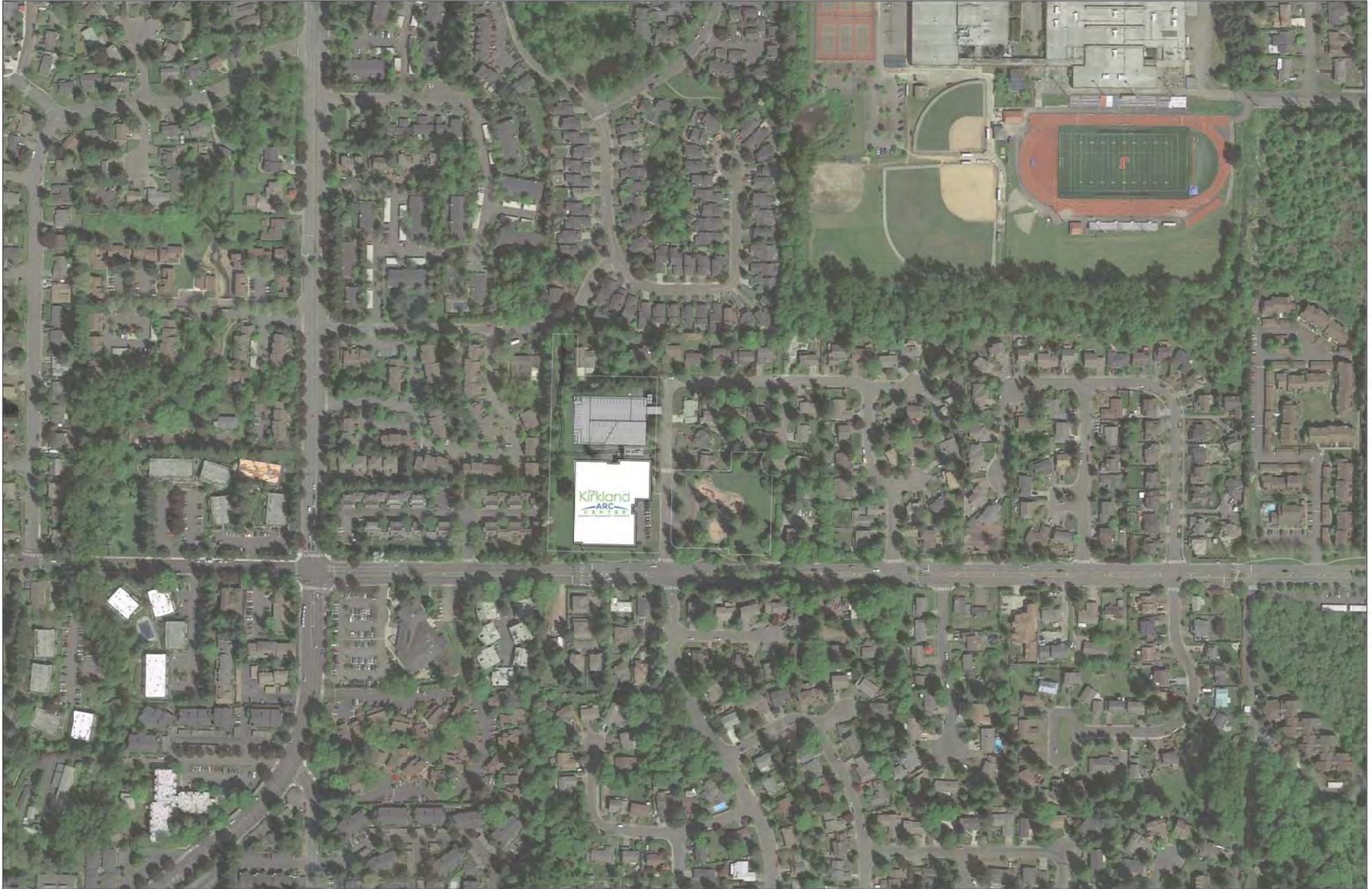
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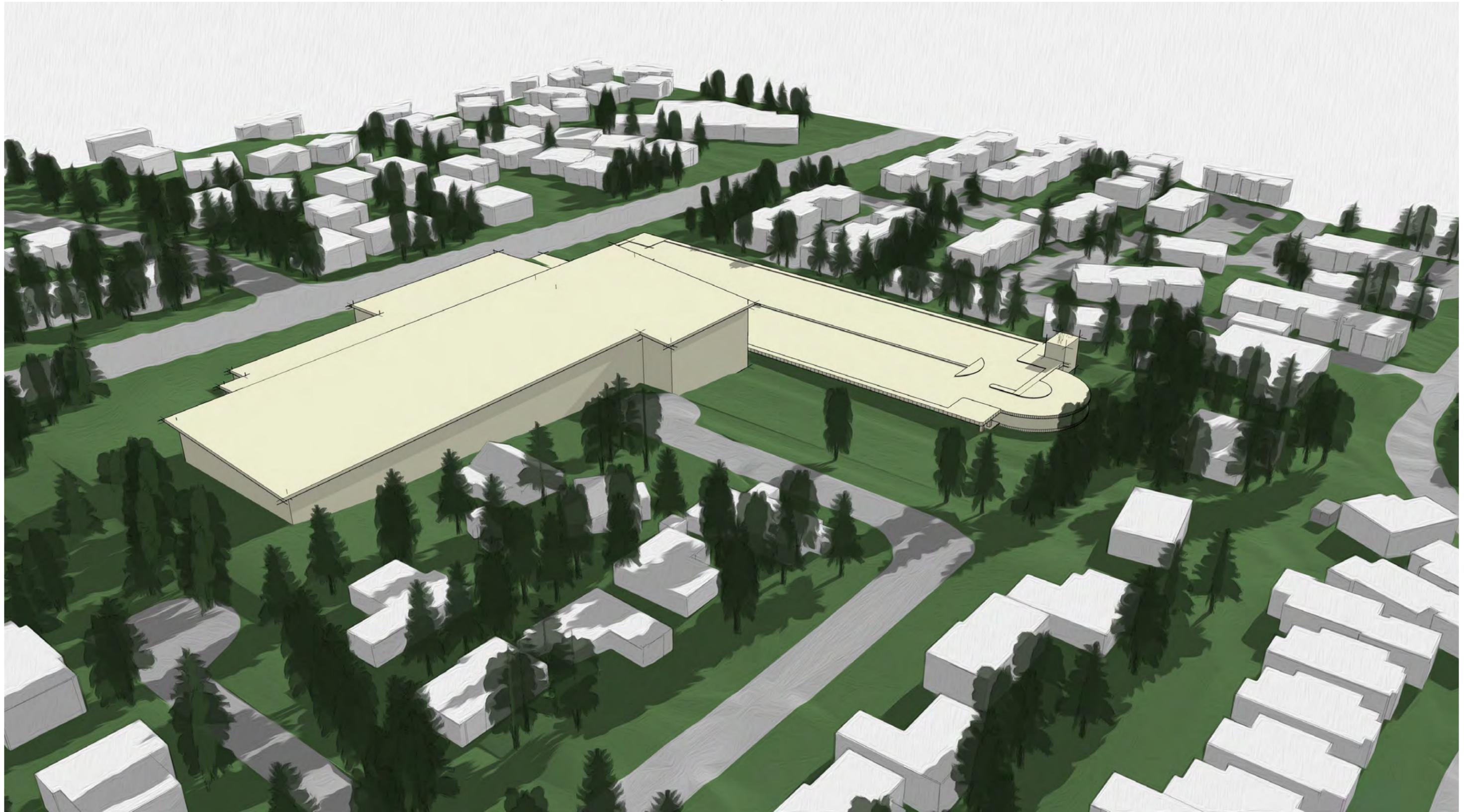


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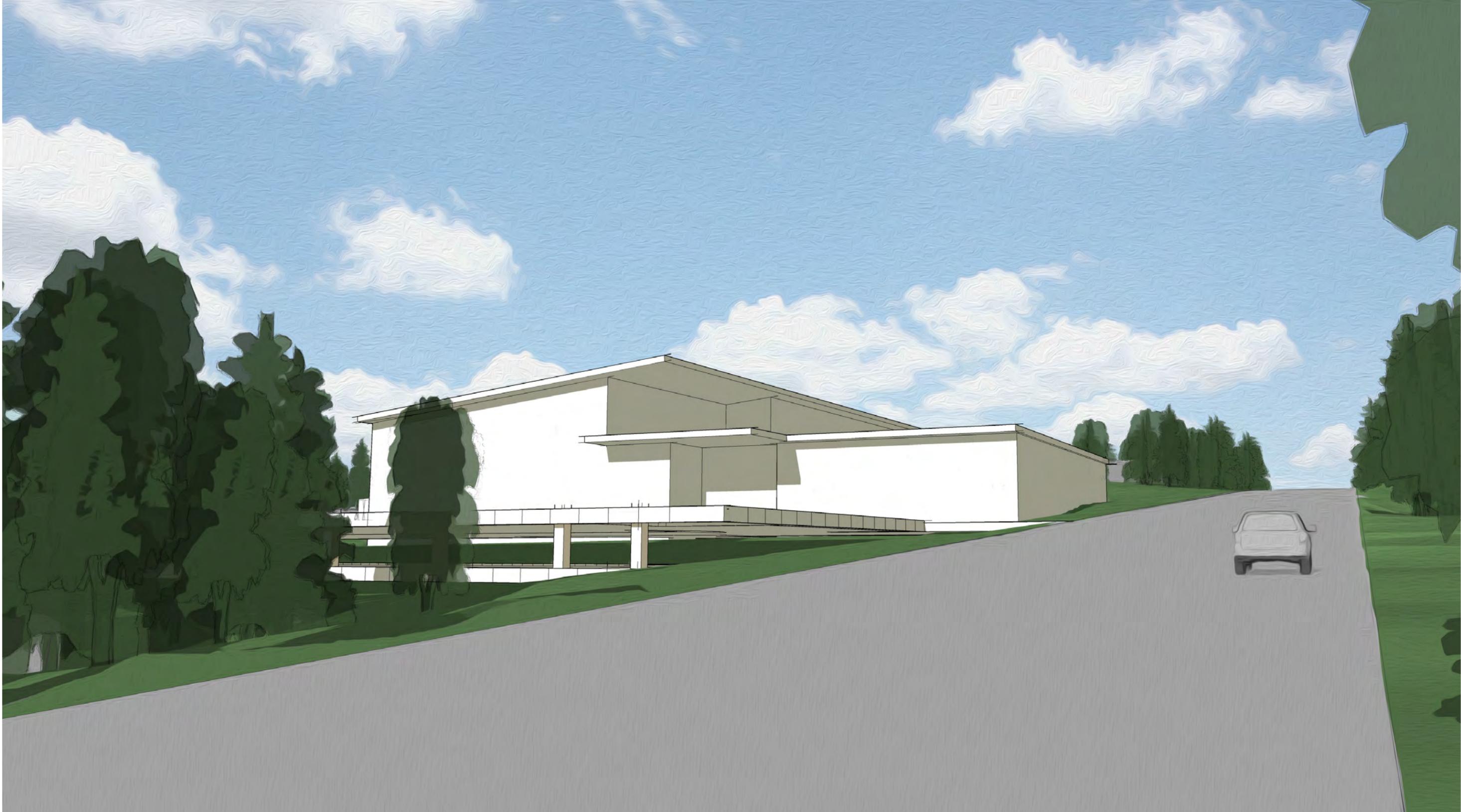


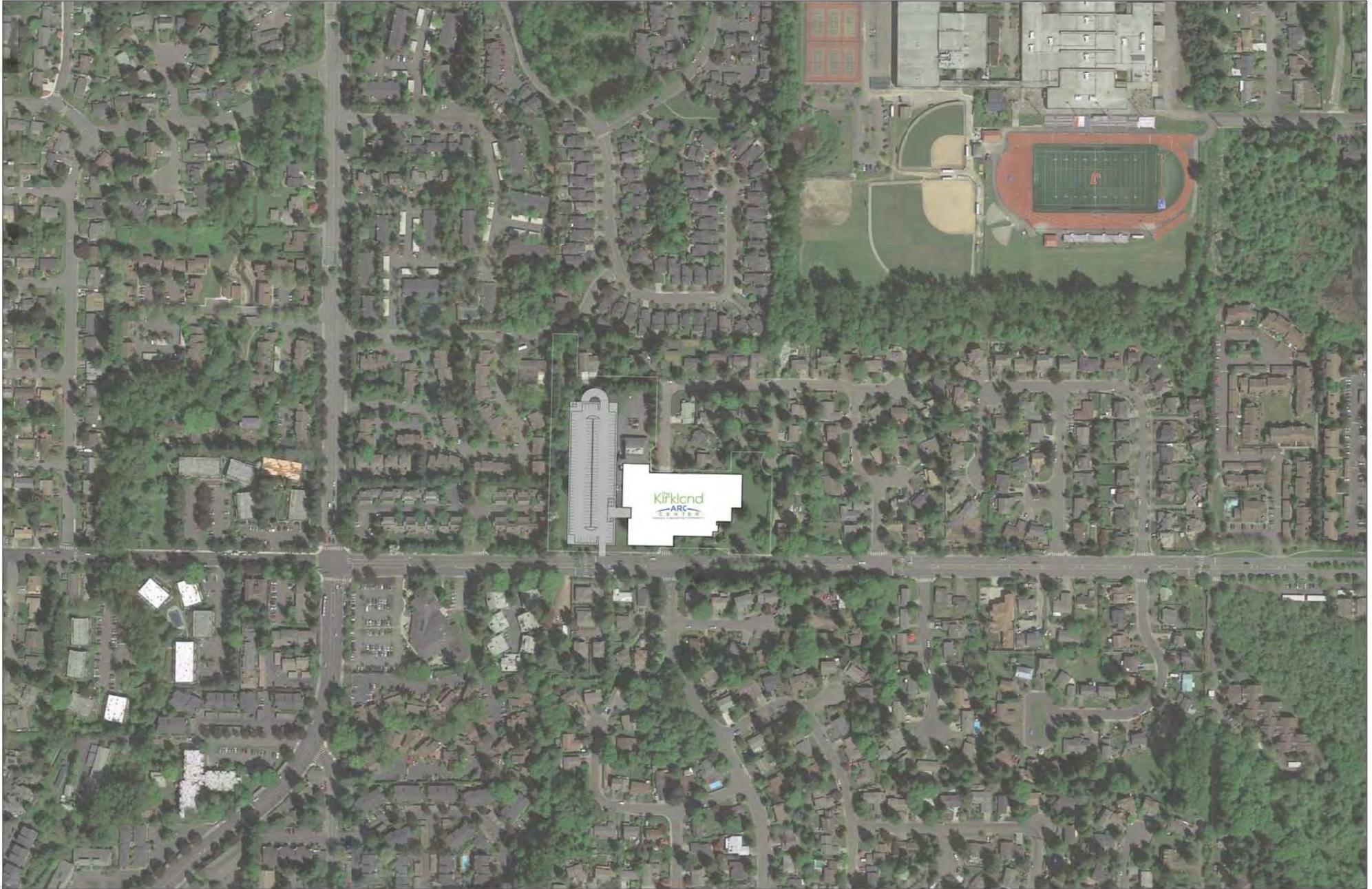
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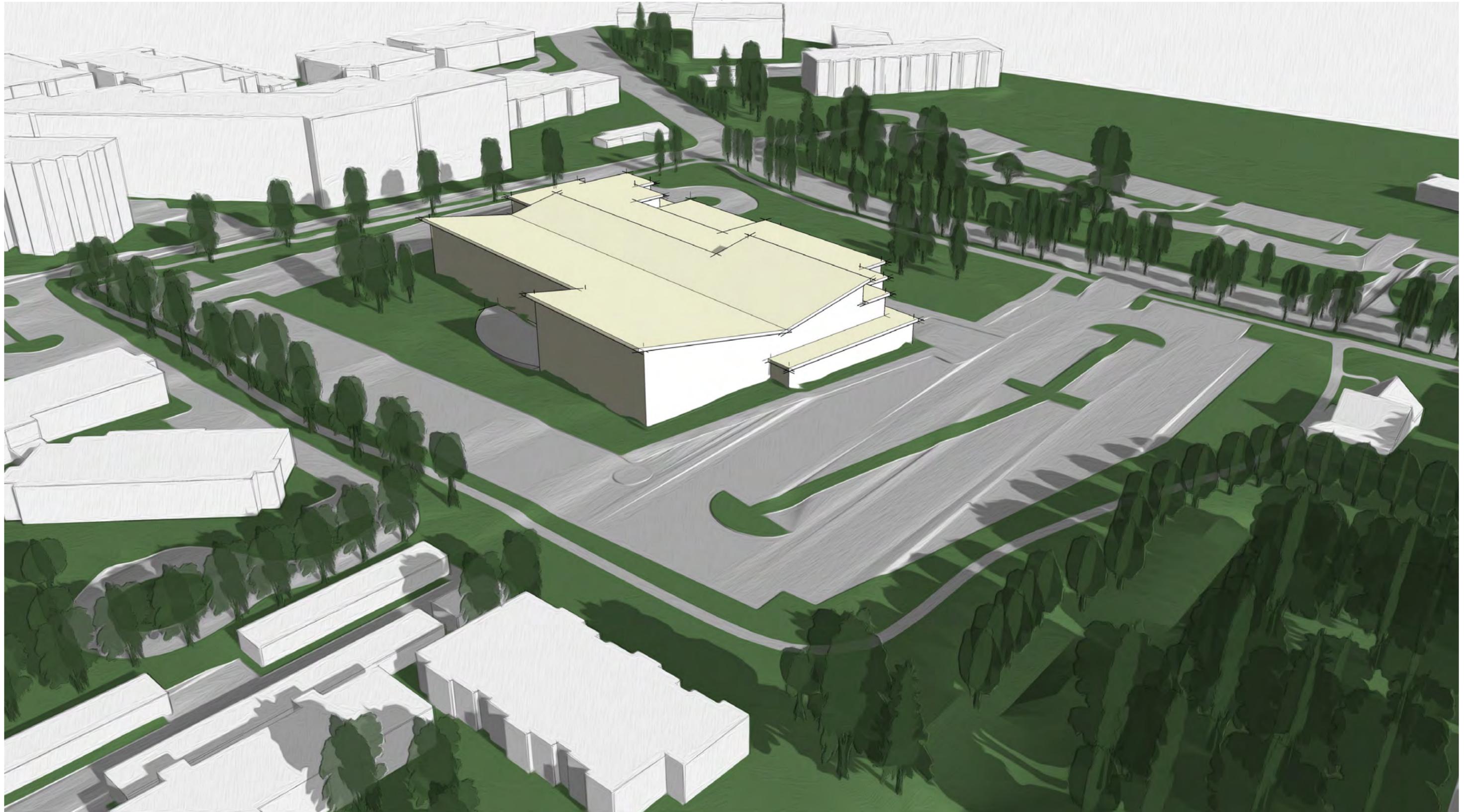


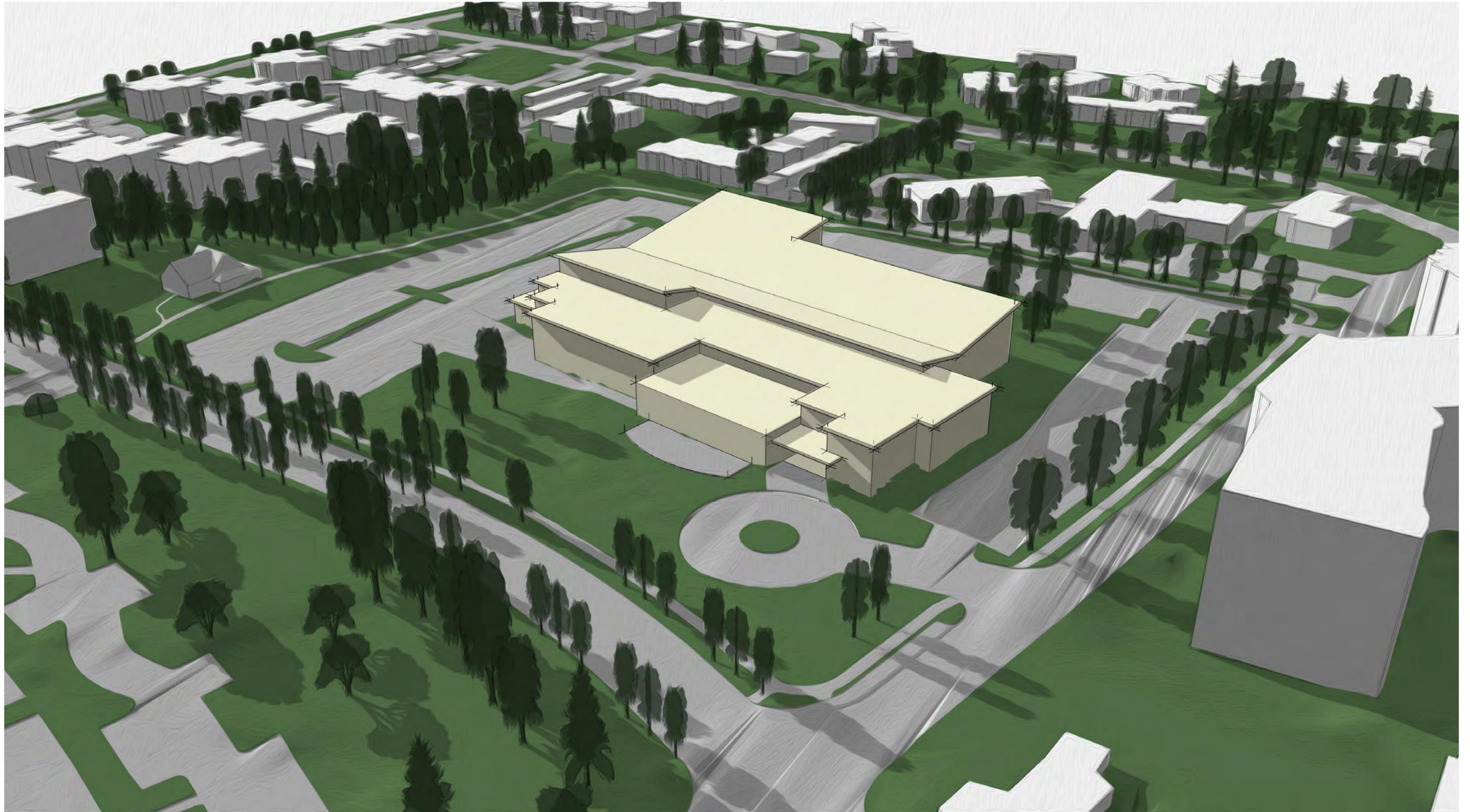




ATTACHMENT B















## Program Focus Group Meeting Notes

June 9, 2014

### FOCUS GROUP ATTENDEES:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| Karen Perrault - NKCC fitness Instructor                       | Melissa Graham - NKCC Preschool Art/Science Instructor            |
| April Quedado - NKCC Fitness Instructor                        |   |
| Craig Anderson - Kirkland Parks' Adult Volleyball team manager | Cory Shepard - Past Teen Center Director & LWSD Basket Ball Coach |
| Nicci Noteboom - Renter of NKCC Community Hall                 | Mary Lou Dutton - PKCC Advisory Board Member                      |
| Courtney Acitelli - NKCC Parent/Child Participant              | Judy Cloes - PKCC Participant                                     |
| Maureen Ward - Youth Dance participant                         | Betty Stevens - Senior Council Member                             |
| Karen Refroe-Gielgens - NKCC Preschool Music Instructor        | Laura Miller - Preschool & Fitness Instruction                    |

A representative group of North Kirkland Community Center participants and instructors were invited to take part in a focus group session regarding a potential new aquatics, recreation and community center. Participants were selected from each age group, from parents with toddlers to senior adults, and that represented a full range of programming interests including art, dance, move-it (fitness), music, education, recreation, sports, and more.

Jennifer Schroder, Director of Parks and Community Services, and Lauren Livingston of The Sports Management Group facilitated the focus group session. The session began with a PowerPoint presentation that provided a brief project history, including community input over the years and has resulted in the proposed space components. Images of the spaces, and the activities that could be offered in them, were presented to the group. The focus group was asked “Did we get it [the space components] right?” The two-hour session posed a number of questions to the group and the themes that emerged are summarized below. The focus group participants also had questions that have been listed below. The questions provide guidance to staff as they develop and implement strategies to inform the public about the project.

### THEMES

The space program has the needed and desired components with the exception of a two-court gym with a walking/jogging track. The group felt strongly this was important to add to meet current needs and interest. The support was across all age groups with strong support for the track from older adults.

The social component of the center is very important to users. A coffee bar, space to sit and visit or “be” are very important to include.

The group felt the community would be very supportive of a new center. Other communities have these centers— Kirkland deserves it.

Seniors were enthusiastic about the center and felt seniors would and could travel to the site. Warm-water exercise classes and an indoor walking track were of high interest.



Questions asked by focus group participants:

1. Is a 50-meter pool an Olympic sized pool?
2. Is the Albertson site completely out of the running? Why?
3. What is the projected year for breaking ground/completion?
4. How involved will WAVE be in aquatics programming?
5. What is the source of funding for the building? Is it attached to a school bond passing?
6. How big will the basketball courts be? Will there be at least two courts for tournament play?
7. What will happen to the existing community centers if the Juanita Beach location is chosen? Can NKCC be repurposed?
8. What will be the height for the gym ceiling?
9. Concerns and questions about room space; why is there one room less for programming than NKCC has now?
10. Can we get sponsorships? Evergreen Health? Costco?
11. Will there be naming opportunities?
12. Can we put a questionnaire/survey in the next brochure to see what the community thinks?
13. Will the pool, if smaller than 50 meters, meet the current and future community needs? If smaller, will we outgrow it in the near future?
14. "Has anyone seen the new Silverdale Community Center? How can Silverdale afford to build a center and Kirkland can't?"
15. Where will the existing baseball diamonds go if the Juanita Beach location is chosen?
16. If all the community feedback is positive, can it go on the November 2016 ballot?
17. Will there be a walking track?
18. Has there been a study that shows the numbers of kids and adults that are using gym space now? How many are turned away because of lack of available space?
19. What is the plan for choosing a location? Does this need to be done soon or do you plan to go forward with both options and see how it plays out?



## Aquatic Focus Group Meeting Notes

June 10, 2014

### FOCUS GROUP ATTENDEES:

Aaron Hughes - Water Polo

Becca Watson – WAVE Masters

Eric Bartleson - Newport High Swim Coach

Monica Mayes - Inglemoor High Swim Coach

Matt Gillingham - LWSD Administrator

Lacey Ethier – Synchronized Swimming

Pat Manson – Juanita High Swim Coach

Grant Neil – Orca - Kirkland Parks Swim Coach

Katie Walker – RET Physical Therapy

Dale Hale – LWHS Swim Coach

Carolyn Scott- Kirkland Parks Aqua Aerobics

Tyson Wellock - WAVE Coach

Justin Fleming - Shadow Seals Swim Team

Andrea Freeman – Bothell Swim Coach

Carly Parker – Juanita High School Coach

Annie Price – Woodinville Swim Coach

Guillermo Romano – Shadow Seals Swim Team

Ben Sharpe – RET Physical Therapy

On June 10, 2014, the City of Kirkland Parks and Community Services Department hosted a focus group meeting to discuss community aquatic needs and interest. Participants were invited by the City and selected because of their interest in a new pool to meet their program's needs. Dennis Berkshire of Aquatic Design Group, Mark Schatz of The Sports Management Group, and Department Director, Jennifer Schroder, facilitated the two-hour focus group meeting. The goal of the meeting was to gain information regarding the current demand for pool time and pool availability to serve the demand. Using information gathered from the focus group, the consultant team will project future demand and develop a recommendation for the "right size" pool(s) for the proposed City of Kirkland aquatics, recreation and community center.

The following summarizes the information shared and the group discussion.

### NORTHSHORE SCHOOL DISTRICT

- Would prefer to practice after 4pm
- Space needed around diving boards for team and meets, with depth at least 12 feet deep
- Woodinville H.S. = 25-40 girls, 20-30 boys, currently about 10-12 swimmers per lane in 3 lanes, would prefer 3-6 lanes for practice
- Bothell H.S.= 25- 30 girls, 20-26 boys, 2-4 divers, 6-8 swimmers per lane
- Inglemoor H.S. = 45 girls, 25 boys, 6 divers



#### **LAKE WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**

- Need at least 6 lanes per team
- Currently practices after school for 1.25 hours, would prefer 90 minutes
- Lake Washington H.S. = 32 girls, 40 boys, 2-6 divers
- Juanita H.S. = 40 boys, 40 girls, 5 divers

#### **BELLEVUE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

- 80-100 girls on swim team
- Practice outdoors during boys and girls season at Newport Swim and Tennis Club

#### **HIGH SCHOOL MEETS**

- Meets occur on Tuesday and Thursdays
- About 3 hours, 2:30-5:30pm
- Currently run meets with 4 teams
- 25-100 spectators
- Final Meets
  - 20-25 teams but not all swimmers attend, have to qualify
  - 400-500 spectators
- Meets require locker and deck space, meet manager space

#### **CLUB MEETS**

- 8 meets a year Saturday and Sunday
- Mini meets Friday and Saturdays
- Synchro 3 meets a year Sat and Sunday at Juanita H.S.Pool (6 meets per/year but move them around)
- 8 lanes max used for meets
- 300-400 spectators

#### **WATER POLO**

- Currently practices from 9-10:30pm
- Prefer earlier time slots
- Need 2 pools or 1 pool with moveable bulkhead to divide pool
- Need 25m x 12m width



## SYNCHRO

- Currently practices in 1 lane
- Would prefer 4-9pm timeslot in 3-6 lanes (ideally 6 lanes)
- Currently losing recruits due to time of practice and limited lanes to practice)

## WAVE

- 260 active members age 5-18, year round USA swim team group
- At capacity and would like more space
- Older kids= 6 to a lane
- Younger kids= 9-10 per lane
- High School age=6-8 per lane and as much as 12 per lane

## QUESTIONS TO GROUP

*"Would your business plan support additional lane rentals?"*

Answer: There is not a choice; we have to pay what it costs because there is no other option

## MASTERS

- 80 active members, age 18-68
- At lane capacity, 5 per lane
- Practice AM and noon but would like to add PM if there was space (Ideally 7pm)
- Currently practice for 1 hour, would prefer 1.5
- Masters 1 meet per year, currently on Sunday but would prefer Saturday
- Request additional deck space for dryland and stretching

## SHADOW SEALS

- Practice for 90 mins on Sunday afternoon
- 24 swimmers
- 3-4 per lane
- Requests for new facility:
  - Multiple ADA lifts, shallow gutters, space around lifts for multiple wheel chairs, family changing rooms, portable lifts

## ORCA SWIM TEAM

- June – August
- 180 participants limited due to size of pool
- Waiting lists to participate
- Up to 10-12 in a lane



- Practice 7am, 7:50am, 8:35am, and 4pm. for 40- 45 minutes
  - Participants register into a practice timeslot which is divided up by age both in AM and PM
- Prefer all age groups practice at the same time

### AQUAEROBICS

Requests for new facilities

- Need a lip to hold onto
- Backs need to be able to be flat against wall (no railings on wall in water), need wall space
- 82-86 degrees
- Need stairs, ramp or beach entry
- About 20 participants per class
- Warm Water Therapy
  - Water temp 92 degrees

### RET PHYSICAL THERAPY GROUP

Requests for new facility

- Warm space
- 88-90 degrees
- Zero depth entry
- 4 foot depth
- Deep and shallow water
- 1 on 1 training during off hours (9am-6pm)
- Trend is younger patients enrolling in water therapy (30 years old and older)
  - Average 20 patients
- Interested in working with City of Kirkland, need water space in Kirkland

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE GROUP

- Want to be able to grow programs, not be restricted by space
- Suggest a bulkhead to divide pool to allow for multiple programs
- 8 lanes too small
- Club swim teams in the area need pool space
- A lot of other recreation opportunities already exist in community such as basketball programs, dance classes, etc. should focus on aquatics needs
- Surrounding communities do not have a pool



Aquatic Focus Group Meeting 2  
Meeting Notes

June 30, 2014

**FOCUS GROUP ATTENDEES:**

Aaron Hughes - Water Polo

Carolyn Scott- Kirkland Parks Aqua Aerobics

Becca Watson – WAVE Masters

Tyson Wellock - WAVE Coach

Monica Mayes - Inglemoor High Swim Coach

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Grant Neil – Orca - Kirkland Parks Swim Coach

Rick Colella – WAVE Masters

The City hosted a follow up aquatics group focus session. The session was facilitated by Dennis Berskshire of Aquatic Design Group and Jennifer Schroder, Director of Community Service. The purpose of this meeting was to report the recommendations that were developed as a result of the input received from the aquatics stakeholders.

The recommendations were based on analysis performed by the aquatics consultant. The analysis considered the pool in the current base program, which is an 8 lane pool. This pool would be a replacement for the Juanita High School pool planned for demolition. The 8-lane pool meets the current basic pool requirements however, it does not provide swim team training time at the preferred time or provide for program expansion.

The consultant developed a comparison of the features and capacity of an 8-lane pool, 32meter pool, and a 50meter pool. The recommendation is for a minimum pool size at 32meters. The pool would provide 13 short course lanes and include a moveable bulkhead. This pool will serve both current and future needs.

This option does not preclude the potential development of a 50meter pool. But the pool meets all of the school district requirements and significantly enhances their access to pool time for training and competition.

The response of the focus group attendants was positive. Their interests were addressed and they were pleased by the proposed change to the space program. The comparison of the 3 pool types follows.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	8-LANE	32-METER	50-METER
1	Pool Length (feet)	75	105	164
2	Pool Width (feet)	67	75	75
3	Pool Water Surface Area (square feet)	5,075	7,925	12,350
4	Number of 8' wide lanes	8	13	20
5	Maximum # of Swimmers with 6 per lane	48	78	120
6	Maximum Occupancy of Pool	253	396	617
7	Satisfy Standard Swim Meet of 6-lanes for Competition Plus 2 Warm-up or Cool Down Lanes	Yes	Yes	Yes
8	Satisfy Regional Swim Meet of 8-lanes for Competition Plus 3 Warm-up or Cool Down Lanes	No	Yes	Yes
9	Satisfy State-Wide Swim Meet of 10-lanes for Competition Plus 3 Warm-up or Cool Down Lanes	No	Yes	Yes
10	Satisfy Minimum H <sub>2</sub> O Polo Wall Goal Field of Play of 75' x 45' of Deep Water	Yes	Yes	Yes
11	Satisfy H <sub>2</sub> O Polo 25-Yard Floating Goal Field of Play	No	Yes	Yes
12	Satisfy 2 Teams practicing Simultaneously with 4-lanes Per Team	Yes	Yes	Yes
13	Satisfy 2 Teams practicing Simultaneously with 6-lanes Per Team	No	Yes	Yes
14	Satisfy 3 Teams practicing Simultaneously with 6-lanes Per Team	No	No	Yes
15	Satisfy 50-Meter Long Course Swimming	No	No	Yes
16	Satisfy Spring Board Diving	Yes	Yes	Yes
17	Satisfy Simultaneous Diving and 6-Lanes for a Swim Meet	No	Yes	Yes
18	Satisfy H <sub>2</sub> O Polo 25-Meter Floating Goal Field of Play	No	Yes	Yes
19	Satisfy H <sub>2</sub> O Polo 30-Meter Floating Goal Field of Play			
20	Satisfy H <sub>2</sub> O Polo 2 Simultaneous Wall Goal Fields for Tournament or Training	No	Yes	Yes
21	Satisfy Simultaneous 6-Lane Swimming and Wall Goal H <sub>2</sub> O Polo	No	Yes	Yes
22	Satisfy Synchronized Swimming Minimum 25-Meter by 12 Meter Pool Area	No	Yes	Yes
23	Provide Minimum Shallow Water for Recreational and Instructional Swimming	Yes	Yes	Yes
24	Estimated Pool & Pool Deck Construction Cost (Incl. 30% soft costs)	\$1,222,748.00	\$1,863,069.00	\$2,858,895.00



North Kirkland Community Center Neighbors

Attachment D

July 23, 2014 Meeting Notes

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The City staff reach out by mail and invited residents living near the North Kirkland Community Center (NKCC) to a meeting to share our latest information on the Aquatics, Recreation and Community Center (ARC) project and receive feedback. Jennifer Schroder, Director presented and overview of the proposed ARC. Possible program elements and site locations were discussed. Jennifer reviewed the informational boards that were used and displayed at the July 16<sup>th</sup> Open House. She encouraged everyone to share their thoughts and stay engaged with the project's process.

The responses of the group were very positive on the project with mixed opinions of final location.

#### COMMENTS AND THEMES THAT WERE SHARED:

- Like NKCC's Option 1 site but switch Parking lot and Building
- Presently bothered by outdoor basketball court.
- Other things are happening in the parking lot that is not good for the neighborhood
- NKCC's Option 2 – No vote
- Juanita site I like best.
- NKCC's Option 1 – No vote “concern about activity in garage”
- Center should not be placed at NKCC - it is a residential area.
- Juanita site offers more parking opportunity with the beach side parking
- Hate to lose open space at Juanita ... vote for NKCC's options
- Traffic concerns for the NKCC site
- NKCC site is surrounded by many houses with families & young children, safety concerns with increase traffic
- What would the new playground be?
- Concern there is a service gap of playgrounds in the area if we lost the NKCC playground
- Neither site is a good or great site
- It would be sad to lose the playground or outdoor basketball court
- Too big of building ... not the character of the neighborhood
- NKCC's present Playground is an attractive positive draw to our community
- What is the timeline for this project?
- If a person wanted to sell their property to the city, what is the process?
- If you buy a property with an easement would you adjust my easement?
- Have you consider a smaller plan with a smaller building.
- My family is very active here and enjoys Juanita site also

# Open House Meeting Notes

July 16, 2014

## Introduction

The Park Board sponsored an Open House on July 16, 2014 in the Peter Kirk Room at City Hall. An estimated 50 persons attended, with significant representation of the swim community

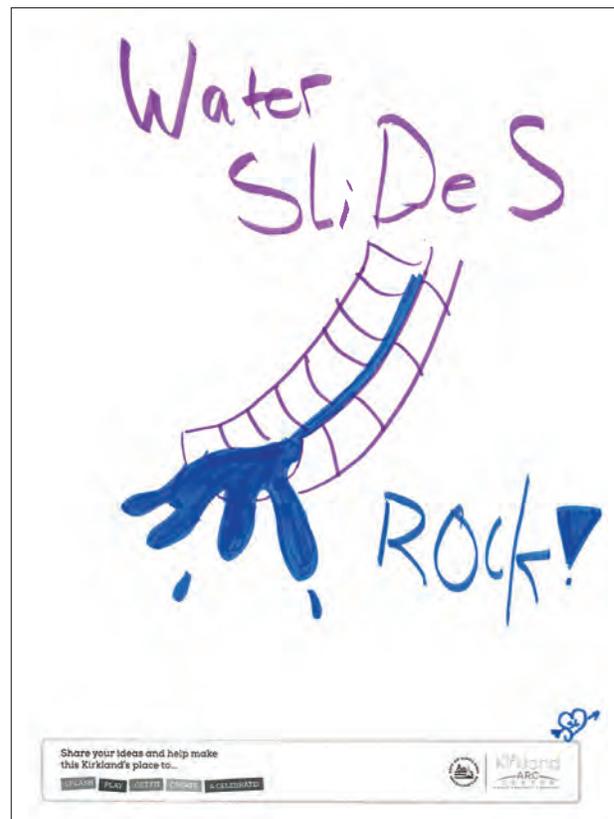
There were eight stations staffed by Park Board members, consultants, and city staff. Each station was designed to disseminate information and elicit comments, ideas and recommendations from the public. The first station provided sign-in and orientation. The final station was the “Kids Korner” where young attendees created drawings about the ARC Center. The other six stations included:

- Station 2 – Project Background PowerPoint
- Station 3 – Visualization Activity
- Station 4 – Program Activity
- Station 5 – Aquatics Programming Image Boards
- Station 6 – Concept Studies
- Station 7 – Building Sites

The following themes emerged from activities at the stations.

## Station 2 – Project Background

A PowerPoint presentation provided attendees an overview of the project, including project history, site options, building options, and space/activity components of the proposed program.





### Station 6 – Concept Studies

Boards showing the floor plans and massing studies of the three options (Juanita Beach Park, North Kirkland Option 1, and North Kirkland Option 2) were presented. Participants were encouraged to share their feedback and comments. The overall consensus was that participants are excited about the project and want it to be built sooner than later. Support was unanimous.

A number of participants expressed their belief that there were gymnasiums and fitness centers nearby, and they prefer space is shifted to expand the pool to a 50m. A suggestion made to move the bleachers to the second floor so that the parents were not on the deck.

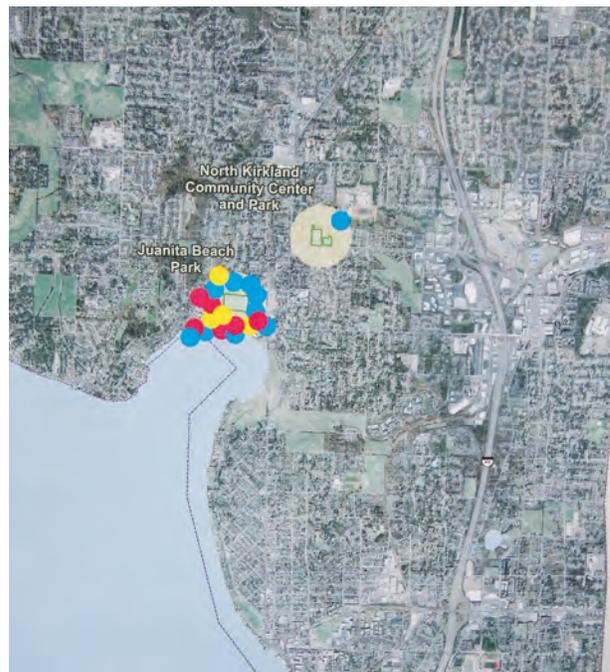
A majority of attendees preferred the Juanita site and liked the concept of the two-story building with parking and open space around the building. Concerns include traffic on Juanita Drive (especially in the mornings), the loss of open space, relocation of the Little League fields, and relocating the Forbes House. Supportive comments on this site included the synergy with the surrounding apartment buildings, whose tenants could walk to the center, connection with the hiking/biking trail, connection with the park, views to the Lake, possibility of roof deck for more views, possibility of a jogging trail around the site. An attendee raised the important point that this center would be great for the local businesses, and would result in center users going across the street to get coffee, lunch, or whatever at Juanita Village. Participants were very favorable about the connection to the waterfront park across the street.

A number of attendees indicated that a right turn lane from 97th onto Juanita Beach Drive, and a pedestrian crossing so pedestrians do not delay the traffic during the summer are important traffic mitigation measures.

There were a number of negative comments regarding the North Kirkland Community Center site. Most concerns are about the scale of the building in the residential neighborhood, and the slope of the site. Attendees expressed their concerns about a building and a parking structure in this neighborhood, and its appearance. There is also concern about the potential loss of the train playground.

### Station 7 – Potential Site Locations

A board provided an aerial/GIS image of the City boundaries, highlighting the two site options, Juanita Beach Park and North Kirkland Community Center. Participants were invited to place dot stickers on their preferred site location. The Juanita Beach Park site was the overwhelming favorite; results show only one sticker count (versus Juanita Beach’s 19) for the North Kirkland Community Center site.



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## COMMENT CARD FEEDBACK

COMMENT	NAME	EMAIL	CONTACT	NO CONTACT
Save Juanita Beach Park! It is a great Regional asset due to the waterfront location. If lost, future generations will question our community values. South Juanita has already absorbed enough density and traffic. Go with the smaller complex at NKCC.	Jon Ericson	<a href="mailto:Ericson.jon@comcast.net">Ericson.jon@comcast.net</a>		x
We need indoor and outdoor locations for weddings of various sizes. Ideally, an outdoor space for ceremony and an indoor room with patio for reception. Reception space should adjust to various sizes. Contact me if you want more information regarding wedding planning.	Carolyn Hayek	<a href="mailto:hayekservices@gmail.com">hayekservices@gmail.com</a>		x
I think adding an ARC to the City of Kirkland is a great idea. I hope the city moves forward and starts building ASAP. Thank you for including the residents of Kirkland.	Leng			X
While a 50 yard pool would be nice, I like the idea of the 32x25 yard pool with 13 lanes. Two teams would be able to practice at the same time.				
School Bus Parking?				x
The Juanita site seems like the best choice. There would still be the next door park available while having more space available for ARC. Some of the current facilities would still be available and parking would be more easily dealt with.				
Please don't take away from Juanita Beach. Already congested and not enough room. Will be even more important open space in 5 more years. Traffic already too congested.	Karen Lightfeldt	<a href="mailto:klightfeldt@comcast.net">klightfeldt@comcast.net</a>		

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<p>Please consider updating the site selection criteria to be applied to the final selection as there may be insights from the engineering design and public review that would add new criteria and remove others. Also consider tiering the criteria as to traffic and public safety; site functionality; cost weighing factors also may be applicable. Please post the final selection criteria on the project website well in advance of selection. Thanks.</p>	Mike Wert	<a href="mailto:Mawert1@frontier.com">Mawert1@frontier.com</a>		x
<p>North Kirkland Community Center is the best location and we will still keep Juanita Beach for phase 2 development. 2035 Master Plan calls for purchasing more park land and preserving open space, why would we building on an existing waterfront park? Make sure you exhaust all public/private partnerships like Totem Lake.</p>				x
<p>The community is desperate for more pool space for fitness and not just play. Please build pool first, then plan to add on other exercise facilities when there are funds for it.</p>	Julie Voss			
<p>A 50 meter pool on the Juanita Park Site would draw users from across 3 counties. It would be a huge boost to Kirkland's reputation as a recreation hub and full service community. The Juanita site also has the commercial and retail core to support this broad use. NKCC does not.</p>	Wade Praeger			
<p>I would love to see year-round swim lessons for kids! Peter Kirk Pool is great but sessions fill up quickly and I would love for my kids to continue learning beyond summer. Thanks.</p>	Michelle Janson	<a href="mailto:Michelle_krippendorf@yahoo.com">Michelle_krippendorf@yahoo.com</a>		x

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<p>This project started because there was a need for a pool. Current facilities do not meet the need and will not be available in the future. This project must include a 50 meter pool. That is the only responsible way to move forward. Anything else is a mistake.</p>	Aaron Miller	<a href="mailto:runsforcookies@gmail.com">runsforcookies@gmail.com</a> 541-404-6504		x
<p>Regarding the study session on July 15<sup>th</sup> and traffic analysis, comment made that it was assumed many of the competitive swim team members would bike or take the bus. I don't believe this will be the case, especially during the school year when it gets dark early.</p>	Julie Soedel	<a href="mailto:jsoedel@microsoft.com">jsoedel@microsoft.com</a>		x
<p>Concern with Juanita Beach density already and condos/apts. are still in the process of adding tenants and limited lanes for traffic. North Kirkland site has better access-multiple lanes of traffic. The best site is Totem Lake, perfect site, easy regional access, space.</p>	Deb Seier	<a href="mailto:Ericson.jon@comcast.net">Ericson.jon@comcast.net</a>		x
<p>50 meter pool, "if you building it, they will come"          Community space for neighborhoods to use specifically.</p>				
<p>Please consider not skimping on the competitive aspect of the pool. I know the community will love the water slides, river, etc., but it would be a shame to lose swim teams, masters, high school swimming, etc...</p>	Patty Bredice	<a href="mailto:pattybredice@aol.com">pattybredice@aol.com</a> 425-820-5898		x

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COMMENT CARD FEEDBACK

<p>Consider placing the lap pool bleachers over the locker rooms this frees up space at the other end of the pool and would allow lengthening the pool to 50 meters without increasing the size of the building. Bleachers need to also be by swim lesson pool area for parent viewing.</p>	<p>Julie</p>	<p><a href="mailto:julie@nwface.com">julie@nwface.com</a></p>	<p>x</p>	
<p>We need square feet of water. Juanita is always crowded swimming—safety. If we are growing, we need 2 big pools...think big.</p>	<p>Karl Voss</p>	<p>425-417-0668</p>		<p>x</p>

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Comments received by email through August 8, 2014

Hi Linda,

I will not be able to attend the open house about the swimming pool center.

Every day I use the Northshore YMCA pool. What it is missing is windows. The one in Coal Creek has windows and it makes all the difference during the day. The hard part about any large pool area is getting the lighting and sound buffering right. I hope you can hire an expert when designing these two aspects. The lighting can't be glaring because then the lifeguard can't see well. Much of the new energy saving lights do cause more glare than more traditional lights. But there are also other problems with them in that they offer inadequate lighting and no one can see the pool bottom clearly. The challenge can be to figure out how to install lights that can go over the middle of the pool. For safety and comfort it is best to be able to see well while using any pool.

The other thing I want to mention is the popularity of the aqua aerobic classes at the Y. The majority of the pool is about 4 to 5 feet deep. We sometimes have over 35 people in the classes and another 10 using the deep-end which is 6 feet deep. They need to be floating while exercising due to feet, hip, or knee problems. It worries me that you may not be planning the right time of pool situation for aqua exercise classes. As the population ages there will continue to be a great need for these types of activities. The biggest problem at the Y is that there is a great deal of competition between the lap swimmers, the families that want swim lessons and the people that need the whole pool for aqua exercise classes. They all need to use the same pool.

I have visited the warm water classes at the Coal Creek YMCA. The deep end is not even 6 feet deep so you can't really tread water. It is a difficult pool to do any vigorous exercises because the water level changes from 1 foot to 5 feet so rapidly because it is used for toddlers as well as seniors with mobility issues. My friend likes it for the arthritis class so I guess it is good for that because the warmer temperature is great if you can't move around much. It is too warm for any active exercise. The lap pool there doesn't really have a deep end for treading water and is sometimes too cold for anything other than lap swimming.

One of my other concerns has to do with lighting in other areas of the facilities. When you have entry rooms with high ceilings they are harder to heat and the lighting is often inadequate because it can't be designed to produce even lighting especially with new energy-saving limitations. Also, sound often bounces around when lots of people gather in these spaces. I feel architects often design things for looks or for energy saving guidelines and don't take into consideration some of the more practical aspects of a public building. People over 50 need three times as much light as those that are 20 years old. They also have a harder time seeing when the lighting used is spot lighting and causes glare. In the Pacific Northwest having good lighting can reduce the negative feelings caused by the winter blues. This is true in a dance or yoga class as much as it is in a swim class. The use of natural light is extremely important in rooms where people exercise as well as other public areas of an athletic facility. I know it is

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early in the process to be thinking about these things but site location can affect whether there are windows or not.

I know I have written about these same issues before and you will probably hear from me again. They are very important to me as a regular pool user.

Best Regards,  
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**Subject: Re: ARC Center: Opinion of residents near NKCC**

Thank you, Lindsay, for speaking on behalf of those of us most directly and adversely effected by such an enormous project. We chose this neighborhood precisely because of its character

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and peace. My husband and I echo your well-stated request for a more appropriate location for this endeavor.

Sincerely,  
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**Date:** July 28, 2014 at 1:22:13 PM PDT

**To:** <[jschroder@kirklandwa.gov](mailto:jschroder@kirklandwa.gov)>

**Subject:** Kirkland ARC

Mrs. Schroder,

I'm Ben Wilson. I live in and own the house at 10314 NE 125<sup>th</sup> PL, in the immediate vicinity of the North Kirkland Community Center. Sorry that my wife and I were unavailable to attend the meeting last Thursday. We have had time to review the drawings of the proposed new ARC facility as well as watch the portion of the last city council meeting devoted to the subject. Here is some of our feedback and comments on the subject.

1. The block formed by 125<sup>th</sup> PL, 103<sup>rd</sup> AVE, 124<sup>th</sup> ST, and 105<sup>th</sup> AVE (this is what I will call "our neighborhood") is currently a very quiet area with a fairly high concentration of children ages 9 and younger. Kids in our neighborhood (including four of our own) enjoy walking to the Train Park and playing and riding bikes in the streets. The pedestrian walkways connecting our loop to adjacent streets makes our neighborhood the location of many morning and weekend strolls and a place for pedestrians who want to avoid the noise and traffic of 124<sup>th</sup> ST. Our primary concern for proposals one is the impact on traffic through our neighborhood. The infrequent large events at the NKCC that we get now produce parking problems and increased vehicular traffic in our neighborhood. These disturbances would be very bothersome and potentially dangerous if they occurred more than a few of times a year. This new facility would create a perpetual parking and traffic problem in our neighborhood. Knowing the popularity of doing laps in a pool before or after work, we seem guaranteed to have increased noise both morning and night and no time of day when it will be safe for our children to play in the street. For proposal one to be acceptable we would need some physical barrier to prevent traffic from the ARC from driving down 125<sup>th</sup> PL and 105<sup>th</sup> AVE. Without such a consideration being made we would probably move out of the neighborhood.
2. Having the parking garage for proposal one hidden from 125<sup>th</sup> ST really means that it is put directly into the face of our neighborhood. The parking garage is the loudest and ugliest part of

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the structure, but in its current location it is what we would be hearing from our house and seeing when we walk out our front door. Putting it anywhere else would help keep the neighborhood peaceful.

3. Proposal 2 is a big problem for several reasons. It tears up all the green space in our neighborhood and is very encroaching. It sounded like the city council understood this idea from the segment of the city council meeting we saw.
4. We prefer proposal three. Not only does it keep our neighborhood quiet and green, it has several other advantages being in the Juanita Village area, including being more pedestrian friendly not requiring a parking garage.
5. This is a question. If proposal three is enacted what is the plan for the current NKCC?

Thank you for reaching out to us on this subject. We are excited to have this new facility in the Juanita neighborhood.

Ben Wilson

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Hi

I have been to many indoor pools in the US and Canada and the ones I like best and the ones that seem to be best attended are indoor pools with a wave pool. Wave pools are great for all ages. Young kids play in the shallow area and teenagers bob around in the deep end. I believe that the general public is getting more exercise in facilities with a wave pool than a regular pool because of the wave action.

I think a kids water "play" area is a waste of lifeguards time and does not provide "water" exercise- the kids are just running around like in a playground. Also, these are only good for very young kids to get exercise. You can have one where all the water drains so no need for a lifeguard. Canada has many of these in parks outside.

Please let me know what I need to do for Kirkland to have an indoor wave pool. I can start collecting signatures, etc.

Sincerely,  
Mari Bercaw

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**From:** Philipp Schonger [<mailto:philippschonger@hotmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 17, 2014 11:59 AM

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**To:** Jennifer Schroder  
**Subject:** RE: Kirkland ARC - FLOWRIDER

Hi Jennifer,

Nice meeting you yesterday. I sent the message below to the [kirklandarc@kirklandwa.gov](mailto:kirklandarc@kirklandwa.gov) address this morning but received a "delivery failure" due to the address being restricted.

I wanted to follow up on the suggestion I had for adding a FlowRider to the ARC. Could you please forward this as appropriate.

Thanks!  
Philipp

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Hi,

I wanted to send a quick note and say "Thanks" for the opportunity to provide feedback for the Kirkland ARC last night. It was very informative and it was nice to meet some of the project team members including the architect.

As promised I'm sending some follow-up information on having a FlowRider Surf Simulator added to the ARC as there are number of reasons that would benefit the community and the City. Building a new ARC is the perfect opportunity to add something that currently doesn't exist anywhere on the Eastside or Seattle. The closest one is located in the new [Snohomish Aquatic Center](#) and it has been very popular since its opening early this year. Here's an article about the Snohomish Aquatic Center's [wickedly popular surfing machine](#).

Adding a FlowRider will expose kids and adults to another water activity, give them the opportunity to be challenged, grow, compete, and build another community around that sport. This is not an "amusement park" type of attraction, but something that requires skills and practice to become good at. It is also an opportunity for additional revenue to support offsetting the operating expenses of the facility. There are many creative ways how a FlowRider can add significant value to the proposed ARC and I believe there would be strong community support to make this happen.

You can find more information about the FlowRider itself [here](#) including case studies and business justifications.  
There's even a facebook group for the [Pacific Northwest FlowRiders](#).

Hope this information helps. Please let me know if you have any questions and I'd be happy to help.

Thanks!  
Philipp