



## **KIRKLAND PARK FUNDING EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE**

### ***What is the Park Funding Exploratory Committee?***

The Park Funding Exploratory Committee will be a City Council-appointed group of citizens asked to consider and make recommendations regarding funding to help meet the capital, maintenance, and operational needs of the City's park, open space and recreation system.

### ***Who will be on the Committee?***

The Committee will be comprised of 30 – 40 citizens representing a broad array of key stakeholders. Committee members will represent park user groups, program participants, neighborhood associations, businesses, and select community institutions. The Committee will include up to three City Council members, one of whom will serve as Chairperson.

### ***How will the Committee be selected?***

Identified stakeholder groups will each be asked to appoint a representative to serve on the Committee. The City Council will formally appoint the Committee in July.

### ***What will the Committee do?***

The Committee process will involve gathering and interpreting information about the goals, issues, needs, and priorities of Kirkland's park, open space and recreation system; directing public outreach strategies such as citizen surveys and focus groups; exploring funding alternatives such as a park bonds and levies; and preparing conclusions and recommendations for Council consideration. Some of the major issues the Committee will be asked to consider include:

- the merits of placing ballot measure(s) to voters in either 2012 or 2013;
- the Eastside Rail Corridor;
- sustainable funding for Green Kirkland;
- community recreation center;
- park and open space needs of the newly-annexed neighborhoods;
- the future of Finn Hill Park and Recreation District (O.O. Denny Park);
- preservation of the historic Kirkland Cannery Building;
- the future of the actual Totem Lake property (not the mall)

### ***How often will the Committee meet?***

It is anticipated that the Committee may meet up to 6-8 times over the course of the next 8 to 10 months, beginning in August of this year. Preliminary conclusions and recommendations from the Committee will be requested by October, with final recommendations on possible ballot measures to be provided to the City Council in the spring of 2012. The Committee's meeting schedule will be established after the Committee holds its initial meeting.

### ***How can I get more information?***

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