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## MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager

From: Lynn Zwaagstra, Director

Date: May 15, 2018

**Subject:** Regional Aquatics Facilities Exploration

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that City Council receive a summary of recent discussions to explore a regional approach to providing aquatics facilities. Following this report, City Council is requested to consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign a Memorandum of Understanding memorializing the City's intent to work cooperatively with the City of Bellevue, City of Redmond, and King County to further explore the feasibility of developing aquatic facilities.

## **BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:**

Since the early 2000's the cities of Kirkland, Redmond and Bellevue have each separately, and at times jointly, explored the siting and construction of an aquatics facility. This history is outlined below and in **Attachment A**. All 3 municipalities have completed feasibility studies in the past that determined that there is a high level of need and community interest in an aquatics facility. Kirkland and Redmond residents have expressed a sense of urgency for the construction of a facility due to the aging conditions of their respective high school pools, which serve a dual role as the community pool. In 2015, both Kirkland and Redmond pursued a public vote to fund an aquatics and recreation facility in their respective communities, but both initiatives failed to pass.

Starting in 2016 staff from the cities of Kirkland, Redmond and Bellevue were invited by King County to have conversations about a potential regional approach. In addition, the 2017/2018 King County Adopted Budget includes two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in King County Youth and Amateur Sports Facilities of anticipated bond funding to support a capital project for a regional aquatic facility serving the community on the east side of Lake Washington. According to King County staff, this money can only be used for construction, and not for feasibility assessment. Conversations have focused on the pros and cons of a regional approach, potential models, locations and funding mechanisms. Staff from each organization believe that there is merit to move these conversations forward.

In order to demonstrate a commitment to serious consideration, King County and the cities have discussed signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) affirming their commitment to explore a regional approach to building aquatics facilities that would meet the needs of the combined residents of the tri-municipality area.

King County has drafted an MOU stating that the 4 government entities will work collaboratively to explore the feasibility of a regional approach to construction of aquatics facilities. This would include examining an appropriate partnership model, facility siting options, construction costs,

funding options, and operational considerations. The MOU is being brought forward to each organization's governing councils for consideration. This MOU is not an agreement to build these facilities, but simply a commitment to jointly explore options in more detail. The MOU does not limit the City's ability to pursue independent options if it so chooses.

# **HISTORY:**

Community interest in an aquatics and recreation center (ARC) was documented in Kirkland's 2001 Parks, Recreation and Open space Plan (PROS). That began what is now an 18-year history of the project. Below is an overview of that history. A more detailed history including pertinent resolutions is included in **Attachment A**.

- 2001: Indoor Recreation Needs Survey indicated community need for an indoor recreation and aquatics facility.
- 2007: Indoor Recreation Feasibility Study recommended a 93,000 square foot indoor recreation and aquatics center.
- 2011: Parks Funding Exploratory Committee recommended investments in park maintenance and capital improvements. An indoor recreation and aquatics facility was tabled.
- 2012: Community approved the 2012 Parks Levy to provide for parks maintenance and capital investment.
- 2013: Lake Washington School District announced potential to close the Juanita Aquatic Center.
- September December 2013: City Council approved pursuit of an indoor recreation facility on the work plan and potential sites were identified.
- September October 2013: PROS Plan update included community surveys reiterating interest in aquatics and recreation. A telephone survey of 308 heads of households indicated community need for pools, youth programs and gym and sports courts. 57% indicated willingness to increase taxes for an aquatics center and 52% indicated willingness to increase taxes for a recreation center. An online survey with 690 completions did not report on percentage of community willing to increase taxes for an aquatics or recreation center.
- 2014: The Lake Washington School District Capital Facilities Bond Measure failed, leaving no options to repair or replace the Juanita Aquatic Center.
- 2014: City studied potential sites for an indoor recreation facility and received a feasibility study identifying a facility size, site locations, traffic assessment and funding options. City owned sites were rejected and the Park Board was authorized to seek privately owned site options. City staff and the Park Board were directed to complete concept design analysis, conduct public outreach and feedback processes and explore funding options for a report back to City Council on March 17, 2015.
- March 2014: A survey of registered voters indicated 76% support for a bond measure to fund an indoor community recreation and aquatic center.
- 2015: The City's 2015-2016 Work Program included exploring a ballot measure for the ARC. Council directed staff to pursue privately-owned sites for the ARC and begin preparations for a November ballot measure. The Christ Church property was selected and a Metropolitan Park District was selected as the funding mechanism to be placed on the November ballot.
- November 2015: The Metropolitan Park District (MPD) and ARC ballot measure failed. Conversations with the opponents after the ballot measure indicated that the primary opposition to the measure was not the facility itself, but the MPD funding mechanism.

Starting in 2016, Kirkland was asked to participate in discussions with King County and the cities of Redmond and Bellevue on a potential regional approach. These discussions yielded interest in exploring the feasibility of a regional approach to construction of aquatics facilities.

# **MOU OBLIGATIONS**

The primary requirements of the MOU on each party are outlined below:

- Each party shall complete a preliminary assessment identifying suitable sites within their jurisdictions for both regional and local public aquatics;
- Parties agree to then cooperate and share all pertinent information relevant to public aquatics, including prior needs assessments and market analyses;
- King County shall be responsible for engaging a consultant to develop a public aquatics assessment (the "Feasibility Study"), to include:
  - o analysis of each party's individual public aquatics need,
  - o identifying potential synergies, cost-sharing opportunities,
  - creating an evaluation framework for site selection (for example: travel time, population density, demographics, etc.),
  - capital cost estimates for one (1) regional facility and up to three (3) local
  - facilities, and
  - financing recommendations;
- Parties will deliver the Feasibility Study to the elected officials of each party to determine a future course of action.

# **FUNDING**

Each of the 4 government entities are asked to contribute up to fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for the sole purpose of developing the Feasibility Study contemplated in the memorandum of understanding. The funding source would be the Council's Special Projects reserve. Should Council wish to move forward with this MOU, staff would bring forward a fiscal note to the next Council meeting to appropriate the funding.

A resolution affirming Kirkland's commitment to explore the regional approach to building aquatics facilities is attached for City Council consideration and potential adoption.

Attachment A – 2001-2014 ARC History

## Attachment A

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

#### <u> 2001 - 2007</u>

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

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

### 2011-2012

In order to resolve some of the funding needs for park capital investments and deferred maintenance, the Kirkland City Council convened a citizen panel representing a broad cross section of the community in 2011. Known as the Parks Funding Exploratory Committee (PFEC), the panel recommended a series of investments which eventually were approved by voters as part of a 2012 Parks Levy. The PFEC evaluated whether to include an aquatics facility in the 2012 ballot measure. Ultimately the PFEC recommended not including a pool facility in the ballot measure for several reasons. In general, there were too many unknowns about the project, such as how much it would cost, where would it be located and what would it cost to operate. These questions couldn't be answered in time to get a package to the 2012 ballot. In addition, the LWSD had yet to decide whether the Juanita pool would be replaced in 2014 and the PFEC felt that funding it in the 2012 levy would be premature. Finally, the cost of including an indoor aquatic facility would either make the ballot measure too large, or require significant cuts to the rest of the capital projects in the levy. The initial purpose of the parks levy was to restore maintenance and operations resources for Kirkland parks, so the PFEC was not interested in such a large capital component, and the other capital projects were deemed to be more urgent. In the end, the PFEC recommended that the City pursue an indoor aquatics facility in 2021 when the existing Parks bonds were retired and when the capital projects included in the 2012 Parks Levy would be completed. The City Council concurred with those recommendations and did not include an indoor aquatics facility in the 2012 Parks Levy which was passed by the voters.

### <u> 2013 – 2014</u>

#### August 2013: School District proposes closure of Juanita Aquatic Center

In August of 2013 the City Council received input from citizens and members of the Lake Washington School District (LWSD) Board of Directors regarding the potential closure of the Juanita High School swimming pool, known as the Juanita Aquatic Center. The testimony asked that the City of Kirkland consider participating in the building of a new aquatic facility to replace Juanita. Kirkland is a key potential partner because the pool is the only public year-round aquatic facility in the Kirkland community, and is utilized extensively not just by students, but by residents for competitive swimming, youth and adult swim lessons, fitness, and recreation. Other partners could include entities such as Redmond, Bothell, Evergreen Health, Wave Aquatics, and Northwest University. The District had determined that the facility was nearing the end of its useful life and that a renovated or new pool would not be included in a future school bond measure to replace the high school. A school ballot measure was scheduled for February 2014, and if passed would cause the LWSD to close the pool early as 2017, leaving Kirkland residents without access to a public year-round swimming pool in our community.

In September 2013 the LWSD Board adopted a resolution **(Exhibit A)** affirming its intent to enter into future pool partnerships with cities and/or other interested entities. The resolution also authorized directing an undetermined amount of unspent funds from the District's 2006 capital bond measure towards a portion of future pool facility project(s) enabling use by high school swim and dive teams. The District estimated that \$10 to \$12 million would remain once all the school projects are completed. However, these funds would be necessary for other District purposes should the proposed 2014 bond measure fail.

## September 2013: City Adds Indoor Recreation Facility to Work Plan

In response, the City Council passed Resolution 5003 **(Exhibit B)** in September 2013 adding the issue to the City's official work plan, with the objective to "partner with the Lake Washington School District and other interested public and private organizations to explore options for replacing the Juanita Aquatic Center by 2017". The City Council also authorized new funding for consultation, planning and community outreach.

## December 2013: Initial Sites Identified

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

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

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

### January 2014: Site Selection Narrowed

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

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

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

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

- Complete feasibility and cost analysis for converting Peter Kirk Pool to year-round use by 2017 as an interim solution;
- Provide a report to the City Council with recommendations from the Park Board on facility components and siting by no later than April 1, 2014.

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

### February 2014: School Bond Measure Fails Twice

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

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

### March 2014: Initial Site Analysis Conclusions and Facility Component Recommendations

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Recreation pool with waterslides, sprays and moving current channel
- Competition/lap pool
- Locker rooms
- Family and special needs locker rooms
- Meeting/Birthday party room
- Gymnasium
- Fitness center

- Wood floor studio
- Child watch room
- Community Hall
- Kitchen
- Art studio
- Dance room
- Program classrooms
- Management/operation spaces

#### April 2014: Sites Narrowed to Juanita Beach and NKCC

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

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

#### September 2014: Final Report is Presented

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

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

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

### A. Park Board Facility Recommendations

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

Recommendation on specific facility components included:

1. Lap Pool Size:

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

2. Gymnasium Size:

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

3. Community Hall:

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

4. Energy and Environmental Design:

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

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

B. Park Board Siting Recommendations

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

- ✓ Site Capacity (Size)
- ✓ Central Location
- ✓ Prominent Siting & Visibility
- ✓ Availability of Utilities
- ✓ Soils & Construction Costs
- ✓ Zoning Implications
- ✓ Adequate Parking Capacity

- ✓ Site Aesthetics
- ✓ Neighborhood Context & Impacts
- ✓ Scale Relative to Neighboring Buildings
- ✓ Surrounding Land Uses
- ✓ Access to Public Transportation
- ✓ Access for Non-Motorized

✓ Transportation

✓ Impacts on Existing Landscape

- $\checkmark$  Costs for Demolition & Relocation
- ✓ Required Grading

## NKCC Site

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

### Juanita Beach Site

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

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

## Search for New Site Recommended by Park Board

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

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

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

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

Attachments

### INTENT TO ENTER INTO FUTURE POOL PARTNERSHIPS

#### RESOLUTION NO. 2166

WHEREAS, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2164 placing a bond measure on the February 2014 ballot;

WHEREAS, the bond measure is proposed in order to provide space for increasing enrollment and replacement of aging schools;

WHEREAS, the February 2014 measure includes funding for the modernization of Juanita High School, but does not include funding for the replacement of the pool currently sited on the Juanita High School campus known as the Juanita Aquatic Center;

WHEREAS, approximately 300 Lake Washington School District students participated in high school swim and dive teams using the Juanita Aquatics Facility and the Redmond Aquatic Center during the 2012-13 school year;

WHEREAS, the district values the swimming program in its athletic program;

WHEREAS, the district is nearing completion of the construction called for in the bond measure approved by the voters in February 2008, which provided funding for the district's Phase 2 modernization program;

WHEREAS, the district anticipates the projects in the Phase 2 modernization program to be completed for less than the currently allocated resources;

WHEREAS, should the upcoming 2014 bond measure not pass, these unspent monies will be needed for portables and other temporary student housing measures;

WHEREAS, should the upcoming 2014 bond measure pass, these unspent monies would be available to enter into pool partnership(s) with cities and/or other entities to fund a portion of pool projects which will enable use by high school swim and dive teams for practice and competition; and,

WHEREAS, the ability to repurpose unspent funds will require a formal public hearing be conducted prior to authorization by the Board of Directors.

Intent to Enter into Future Pool Partnerships Resolution No. 2166 September 9, 2013

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors intends, should the 2014 bond measure pass, to authorize a portion of the unspent Phase 2 modernization funds for potential pool partnership(s) in order to benefit Lake Washington School District student athletes.

APPROVED by the Board of Directors of Lake Washington School District No. 414 in a regular meeting held on the 9<sup>h</sup> day of September 2013.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS LAKE WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 414

Secretary, Board of Directors

#### RESOLUTION <u>R-5003</u>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Resolution 4963 acknowledged that because over the course of two years new issues might arise that required substantial City resources and City Council review, the adopted 2013-2014 City Work Program would be evaluated during the midbiennial budget process to proactively determine whether emerging items could be accommodated, deferred, or if the City Work Program must be revised or reprioritized; and WHEREAS, in August of 2013 the Lake Washington School District Board of Directors adopted a resolution to place a school bond measure on the February 2014 ballot; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 2014 school bond measure does not include funding for the replacement of the Juanita Aquatic Center, located at Juanita High School in Kirkland, and therefore the Aquatic Center will close as early as 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Juanita Aquatic Center is the sole public indoor, year-round aquatic facility in the Kirkland community which provides a variety of critical recreational, educational, competitive, and health and wellness activities for citizens of all ages; and

WHEREAS, in September of 2013 the Lake Washington School District Board of Directors adopted a resolution affirming its intent to enter into future pool partnerships with cities and/or other entities and resolving to authorize a portion of unspent existing school capital funds for potential pool partnerships should the 2014 school bond measure pass; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the critical importance of recreation programs and facilities which positively impact the social, health, and economic well-being of the community and make Kirkland, Washington an attractive and desirable place to live, work, play, and visit while contributing to its ongoing economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to partnering with the Lake Washington School District and other interested public and private organizations to explore options for replacing the Juanita Aquatic Center by 2017;

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

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

- 1. Revitalize the Totem Lake Business District through continued implementation of the Totem Lake Action Plan to further the goals of **Financial Stability** and **Economic Development**.
- 2. Partner with the private sector to attract tenants to Kirkland's major business districts to further the goal of **Economic Development**.

- 3. Reenergize neighborhoods through partnerships on capital project implementation and plan updates while clarifying neighborhood roles in future planning and transportation efforts to further the goal of **Neighborhoods**.
- 4. Complete the Comprehensive Plan update and incorporate new neighborhoods into all planning documents to further the goals of **Balanced Transportation, Parks and Recreation, Diverse Housing, Economic Development, Dependable Infrastructure** and **Neighborhoods.**
- 5. Implement the Development Services Organizational Review recommendations and simplify the Zoning Code to further the goals of **Economic Development** and **Neighborhoods**.
- 6. Develop a City-wide Multimodal Transportation Master Plan to further the goals of Economic Development Neighborhoods, Balanced Transportation, and Dependable Infrastructure.
- Achieve Kirkland's adopted legislative agendas, with emphasis on securing transportation revenues and funding for the NE 132<sup>™</sup> Street ramps to I-405 to further the goals of **Balanced Transportation** and **Dependable Infrastructure**.
- 8. Complete the Cross Kirkland Corridor Master Plan and construction of the Interim Trail to further the goals of **Economic Development**, **Parks**, **Neighborhoods** and **Balanced Transportation**.
- 9. Develop a cost effective 2015-2016 Budget that maintains Kirkland's AAA credit rating and implements an improved performance management system that delivers desired outcomes to further the goal of **Financial Stability**.
- 10. Continue partnership initiatives with employees to achieve sustainability of wages and benefits to further the goal of **Financial Stability**.
- 11. Complete construction and occupy the Public Safety Building to further the goal of **Public Safety**.
- 12. Continue implementation of the Fire Strategic Plan recommendations, including evaluation of a Regional Fire Authority and resolution of a consolidated Finn Hill Fire Station to further the goal of **Public Safety**.
- 13. Partner with the Lake Washington School District and other interested public and private organizations to explore options for replacing the

Juanita Aquatic Center by 2017 to further the goals of **Parks and Recreation**.

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

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

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

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

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Attest:

Anderson ty Clerk

#### RESOLUTION R-5029

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND SELECTING SITES AND USES TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A POTENTIAL FACILITY TO REPLACE THE JUANITA AQUATIC CENTER AND DIRECTING THE PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO SOLICIT RESIDENT INPUT.

WHEREAS, research indicates that swimming is an activity that provides considerable individual and community benefits: it improves general health and wellness; it can be continued for a lifetime; it allows those who are unable to walk or run the opportunity for exercise; it fills a recreational need for both individuals and families across all economic and social strata; and it improves community safety by enhancing water safety for our children; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of swimming promote an active and fit community that, in turn, ensures that Kirkland remains attractive as both an economically vibrant city and as a recreational destination; and

WHEREAS, aquatic facilities have been an essential part of the Kirkland community and culture for over 45 years, beginning with construction of Peter Kirk Pool in 1968, followed in 1971 with the construction of the Juanita Aquatic Center at Juanita High School; and

WHEREAS, since 2001 the City of Kirkland's Comprehensive Park, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan has identified the need for more multi-use recreation space in the community; and

WHEREAS, the 2007 Kirkland Indoor Recreation Feasibility Study described a prototype multi-use recreation center which would respond to community needs and interests and which included an aquatics facility component; and

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

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

WHEREAS, in August of 2013 the Lake Washington School District Board of Directors adopted a resolution to place a school bond measure on the February 2014 ballot; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 2014 school bond measure does not include funding for the replacement of the Juanita Aquatic Center, located at Juanita High School in Kirkland, and therefore the Aquatic Center will close as early as 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Juanita Aquatic Center is the sole public indoor, year-round aquatic facility in the Kirkland community which provides a variety of critical recreational, educational, competitive, and health and wellness activities for residents of all ages; and

WHEREAS, in September of 2013 the Lake Washington School District Board of Directors adopted a resolution affirming its intent to enter into future pool partnerships with cities and/or other entities and resolving to authorize a portion of unspent existing school capital funds for potential pool partnerships should the 2014 school bond measure pass; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to partnering with the Lake Washington School District and other interested public and private organizations to explore options for replacing the Juanita Aquatic Center by 2017; and

WHEREAS, in September of 2013 the City Council adopted a resolution amending the City's 2013-2014 Work Program to include studying options for replacement of the Juanita Aquatic Center and subsequently allocated funding for this purpose; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to better understand the aquatic siting options, interests, and level of support by residents;

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

<u>Section 1</u>. The Parks and Community Services Department is directed to:

1. Conduct further investigation and analysis of locations for a facility to replace the Juanita Aquatic Center, to include, but not be limited to: Juanita Beach Park, South Norway Hill Park, and the North Kirkland Community Center.

- Design a facility to serve needs of the Lake Washington School District as well as the broadest possible general public population.
- Conduct outreach with the community and potential project partners on possible facility components as well as siting preferences.
- Complete feasibility and cost analysis for converting Peter Kirk Pool to year-round use by 2017 as an interim solution.
- 5. Provide a report to the City Council with recommendations from the Park Board on facility components and siting by no later than April 1, 2014.

<u>Section 2</u>. The City Manager is authorized and directed to implement steps necessary to achieve these tasks.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 21st day of January, 2014.

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

MAYOR

Attest:

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#### 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:

<u>Section 1</u>. The Parks and Community Services Department is authorized to:

- Conduct further investigation and analysis of Juanita Beach Park and the North Kirkland Community Center as locations for a community recreation and aquatic facility.
- Conduct technical analyses for both sites to include an environmental assessment and completion of traffic studies, building massing studies, and cost estimating.
- 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 yearround 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.

<u>Section 2</u>. 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:

Winderson City Clerk

#### RESOLUTION <u>R-5076</u>

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

WHEREAS, since 2001 the City of Kirkland's Comprehensive Park, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan has identified the need for more multi-use recreation space in the community; and

WHEREAS, the 2007 Kirkland Indoor Recreation Feasibility Study described a prototype multi-use recreation center which would respond to community needs and interests and which included an aquatics facility component; and

WHEREAS, aquatic facilities have been an essential part of the Kirkland community and culture for over 45 years, beginning with construction of Peter Kirk Pool in 1968, followed in 1971 with the construction of the Juanita Aquatic Center at Juanita High School; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the Lake Washington School District has determined that the Juanita Aquatic Center has reached the end of its useful life and has furthermore decided that the Aquatic Center will not be retained at the time of Juanita High School's modernization or replacement; and

WHEREAS, the Juanita Aquatic Center is the sole public indoor, year-round aquatic facility in the Kirkland community which provides a variety of critical recreational, educational, competitive, and health and wellness activities for residents of all ages; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to partnering with interested public and private organizations to explore options for meeting both the current and future general recreation needs of Kirkland residents and for replacing the Juanita Aquatic Center; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<u>Section 1</u>. The Parks and Community Services Department is authorized to:

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

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

<u>Section 2</u>. The City Manager is authorized and directed to implement steps necessary to achieve these tasks.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 21st day of October, 2014.

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

MAYOR

Attest:

W Anderson

Council Meeting: 05/15/2018 Agenda: New Business Item #: 11. c.

## **RESOLUTION R-5318**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CITY OF REDMOND, CITY OF BELLEVUE AND KING COUNTY TO PURSUE A FEASIBILITY STUDY TO EXPLORE A REGIONAL APPROACH TO BUILDING AN AQUATIC FACILITY(IES) FOR THESE COMMUNITIES.

1 WHEREAS, research indicates that swimming is an activity that 2 provides considerable individual and community benefits; improves 3 general health and wellness; can be continued for a lifetime; allows 4 those who are unable to walk or run the opportunity for exercise; fills a 5 recreational need for both individuals and families across all economic 6 and social strata; and improves community safety by enhancing water 7 safety for our children; and

WHEREAS, aquatic facilities have been an essential part of the Kirkland community and culture for 50 years, beginning with construction of Peter Kirk Pool in 1968, followed in 1971 with the construction of the Juanita Aquatic Center at Juanita High School; and

WHEREAS, since 2001, the City of Kirkland ("City") Comprehensive Park, Recreation, and Open Space ("PROS") Plan identified the need for more multi-use aquatic and recreation space in the community; and

WHEREAS, the 2007 Kirkland Indoor Recreation Feasibility Study prepared described a prototype multi-use recreation center which could respond to community needs and interests, including an aquatic facility component; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the critical importance of aquatic and recreation programs and facilities to the social, health, and economic well-being of the community helping make Kirkland an attractive and desirable place to live, work, play and visit; and

WHEREAS, the cities of Kirkland, Redmond, Bellevue and King County have individually completed a needs assessment and market analysis of aquatic facilities for their individual cities and county; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the four entities have met multiple
times since 2016 to explore opportunities to collectively develop public
aquatic facilities which address public health, safety, and recreational
needs within each party's jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, code cities organized under Chapter 35A RCW, have
the powers and authority afforded a municipal corporation under
Washington state law to cooperate with other governmental agencies,
counties or cities to acquire, finance, improve, and use land or other
property for civic purposes, and

WHEREAS, the 2017/2018 King County Adopted Budget includes
 Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) in King County Youth and Amateur
 Sports Facilities of anticipated bond funding to support a capital project
 for a regional aquatic facility serving the community on the east side of
 Lake Washington.

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

60 <u>Section 1</u>. The City Manager is authorized and directed to 61 implement steps necessary to achieve these tasks.

63 <u>Section 2</u>. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed 64 to sign a memorandum of understanding to memorialize the City of 65 Kirkland's intent to work cooperatively with the City of Redmond, City 66 of Bellevue and King County and contribute fifteen thousand dollars 67 (\$15,000) to pursue a joint feasibility study to explore the potential of a 68 regional approach to constructing aquatic facilities to meet the 69 expressed community needs.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open
meeting this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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74 Signed in authentication thereof this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,
75 2018.

Amy Walen, Mayor

Attest:

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Kathi Anderson, City Clerk

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING between KING COUNTY and the cities of BELLEVUE, KIRKLAND, and REDMOND

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is made by and between King County, a home rule charter county, through the Parks and Recreation Division of its Department of Natural Resources and Parks ("County"), and the Cities of Bellevue ("Bellevue"), Kirkland ("Kirkland"), and Redmond ("Redmond"), each a municipal corporation in Washington state, to specify the terms and conditions under which the County and the cities (hereinafter, the "Parties") will cooperate to improve the state of aquatic facilities and opportunities in King County, Washington.

# RECITALS

WHEREAS, King County, Washington possesses significant inland and coastal water resources, including 100 miles of marine shoreline, 760 lakes and reservoirs, and 975 wetlands; and

WHEREAS, drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional death for youth (age 1-17) in the state and represents a public health issue that demands attention and commitment of civic resources; and

WHEREAS, swimming instruction is associated with an 88 percent reduction in drowning of children according to a 2009 study published in the Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine (Brennar, R. et al., Association between swimming lessons and drowning in childhood: A case-control study. 163(3): 203-210); and

WHEREAS, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends all children over six should learn to swim (Saluja, G. (2006). Swimming Pool Drownings among US Residents Aged 5-24 years: Understanding Racial Disparities. American Journal of Public Health); and

WHEREAS, the cities of Kirkland, Redmond and Bellevue have individually completed a needs assessment and market analysis of aquatics for their individual cities; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the Parties have met multiple times since 2016 specifically to explore opportunities to collectively develop public aquatic facilities which address public health, safety, and recreational needs within each party's constituencies; and

WHEREAS, the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 36.01.010, state statute authorizes the County to make such contracts as may be necessary to the exercise of its corporate or administrative powers, and King County Charter Article 1, Section 120, authorizes the County, in the exercise of its powers and the performance of its functions and services, to agree by contract to cooperate with any one or more other governments, and to share the responsibilities of such powers, functions, and services; and

WHEREAS, code cities organized under RCW Title 35A, have the powers and authority afforded a municipal corporation under Washington state law to cooperate with other governmental agencies, counties or cities to acquire, finance, improve, and use land or other property for civic purposes; and

WHEREAS, the 2017/2018 Adopted King County Adopted Budget includes Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) in King County Youth and Amateur Sports Facilities of anticipated bond funding to support a capital project for a regional aquatics facility serving the community on the east side of Lake Washington;

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties desire to memorialize their intent to work cooperatively with respect to the following:

- **A. Purpose; Commitments.** The Parties are engaged in an ongoing, forward-looking dialogue to address the unmet need for public recreational aquatic facilities ("public aquatics") in the northeast region of King County. This MOU provides summary of these discussions to date, and identifies the Parties' key commitments toward a shared goal of improving the current state of public aquatics:
  - 1) Each party shall complete a preliminary assessment identifying suitable sites within their jurisdictions for both regional and local public aquatics.
  - 2) Parties agree to then cooperate and share all pertinent information relevant to public aquatics, including prior needs assessments and market analyses.
  - 3) King County shall be responsible for engaging a consultant to develop a public aquatics assessment (the "Feasibility Study"), to include:
    - o analysis of each party's individual public aquatics need,
    - o identifying potential synergies, cost-sharing opportunities,
    - creating an evaluation framework for site selection (for example: travel time, population density, demographics, etc.),
    - capital cost estimates for one (1) regional facility and up to three (3) local facilities, and
    - o financing recommendations.
    - 4) Deliver the Feasibility Study to the elected officials of each party to determine a future course of action.
- **B. Feasibility Study Funding.** Each party agrees to contribute Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for the sole purpose of developing the Feasibility Study contemplated in this MOU. The Parties shall timely remit funds upon request by King County.
- **C. Term.** The term of this MOU shall commence on the date it is fully executed by the Parties, and shall expire one-hundred-twenty (120) days following the completion of the Feasibility Study.

**D. Liaisons; Notices.** As between the Parties, all communication, notices, coordination and other aspects of this MOU shall be managed by each party's designee, currently the following individuals:

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425.587.3301	425.556.2310
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- **E. MOU Limitations.** The Parties, by and through their undersigned representatives, understand, acknowledge and agree that this MOU creates an agreement to continue to plan in good faith through the end of the Term, PROVIDED that this MOU does not preclude any party pursuing other opportunities or partnerships simultaneously and the Parties also understand, acknowledge and agree that this MOU creates no other legal right, obligation or cause of action, and the Parties expressly agree that this MOU does not bind or otherwise require the Parties to authorize or to execute an agreement to develop public aquatics infrastructure. Nothing in this MOU shall create any legal right, obligation or cause of action in any person or entity not a party to it.
- **F. Counterparts.** This agreement may be signed in any number of counterparts, each of which is an original, and all of which taken together constitute one single document.
- IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Memorandum of Understanding.

[ SIGNATURE PAGES FOLLOWS ]

KING COUNTY

Kevin R. Brown, Director Parks and Recreation Division

# CITY OF BELLEVUE

Brad Miyake, City Manager City of Bellevue

# CITY OF REDMOND

John Marchione, Mayor City of Redmond

# CITY OF KIRKLAND

Amy Walen, Mayor City of Kirkland