



# KIRKLAND PARK BOARD REGULAR MEETING

Date: October 9, 2019

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. **SPECIAL PRESENTATION** 10 minutes  
Lake Washington Youth Soccer
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** 5 minutes
5. **ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE** 5 minutes
6. **BUSINESS ITEMS**
  - a. Park Volunteer Program 20 minutes  
*Information Only*
  - b. Active Amenities in Parks 30 minutes  
*Information Only*
7. **COMMUNICATIONS** 30 minutes
  - a. Correspondence
  - b. Department Monthly Report
  - c. Staff Updates and Information
  - d. Park Board member reports
  - e. Comments from the Chair

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Estimated meeting completion: 8:40 p.m.

**Next Park Board Meetings:**

November 13, 2019

December 11, 2019 – Houghton Room

**Upcoming Neighborhood Meetings:** [www.kirklandwa.gov/neighborhoods](http://www.kirklandwa.gov/neighborhoods)

<b>Neighborhood</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>October Meetings</b>	<b>November Meetings</b>
Central Houghton <i>Heather McKnight</i>	Second Tuesday of odd months (No summer or December meetings)	No October Meeting	November 12 7PM, Houghton Fire Station
Everest <i>Mike Holland</i>	Fourth Tuesday odd months (No summer meetings)	No October Meeting	November 26 7PM, Houghton Fire Station
Evergreen Hill <i>Rosalie Wessels</i>	Third Wednesday of every month (No meetings in November, December, July, and August)	October 17 7 PM, Friends of Youth	No November Meeting
Finn Hill <i>Amanda Judd</i>	meets as needed	No October Meeting Scheduled	No November Meeting
Highlands <i>Richard Chung</i>	Third Wednesday odd months (November–May)	No October Meeting	November 20 7PM, Maintenance Center
Juanita <i>Rosalie Wessels</i>	Second Monday of odd months (No summer meetings)	No October Meeting	November 11 7PM, Kirkland Justice Center
Lakeview <i>Unassigned</i>	Inactive - No meetings at this time.	No October Meeting	No November Meeting
Market <i>Uzma Butte</i>	Third Wednesday odd months (No summer meetings)	No October Meeting	November 20 7PM, Heritage Hall
Moss Bay <i>Richard Chung/ Amanda Judd</i>	Second Monday odd months (No summer meetings)	No October Meeting	November 11 7PM, Heritage Hall
Norkirk <i>Daniel Triplett</i>	First Wednesday even months (No summer meetings)	October 2 7PM, Heritage Hall	November 6 7PM, Heritage Hall
North Rose Hill <i>Uzma Butte</i>	Third Monday of every month (No July or December meetings)	October 21 7PM, Rose Hill Fire Station	November 18 7PM, Fire Station 26
South Rose Hill/Bridle Trails <i>Susan Baird-Joshi</i>	Second Tuesday odd months (No summer meetings)	No October Meeting	November 12 7PM, Lake Washington Methodist Church
Totem Lake <i>unassigned</i>	Inactive - No meetings at this time.	No October Meeting	No November Meeting

# **KIRKLAND PARK BOARD**

## **Minutes of Regular Meeting**

### **September 11, 2019**

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

The September 11, 2019, Park Board Regular meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chair Rosalie Wessels.

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

Members Present: Chair Rosalie Wessels, Vice Chair Susan Baird-Joshi, Amanda Judd, Heather McKnight, Daniel Triplett, Richard Chung

Members Absent: Mike Holland, Uzma Butte

Staff Present: Lynn Zwaagstra, John Lloyd, Mary Gardocki, Linda Murphy, Jason Filan, Nicci Osborn

Recording Secretary: Heather Lantz-Brazil

#### **3. SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Cliff Harlow, President of Kirkland National Little League provided a presentation on Little League baseball and softball.

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

Karen Levenson  
Sharon Nelson

#### **5. PUBLIC HEARING – 132nd Square Park Master Plan**

##### **a. Presentation**

Mary Gardocki, Park Planning and Development Manager provided a presentation on the background of the 132nd Square Park Master Plan process. Doreen Gavin, AHBL President and Craig Skipton, AHBL Director of Landscape Architecture, provided a presentation on the proposed final draft Master Plan for 132nd Square Park. Staff and AHBL consultants answered questions from the Board.

##### **b. Public Comments**

Johanna Palmer  
John Anderson  
Jim McNerney  
Lile Ellefsen  
J.T. Kimbell

Allison Gresal  
Richard Martin  
Meredith  
Jarid Singer

c. Board Discussion and Recommendation

Ms. Judd moved to recommend approval of the Master Plan with the following edits: inclusion of the sledding hill in phase 1, consideration that the Board be included in program operation and design discussions, subsequent phases reviewed annually and prioritized for completion, and a community based subcommittee be formed no later than when construction starts to explore operations and programming for the parks. Ms. McKnight seconded. Mr. Chung moved to recommend Council consider both turf and grass. Ms. McKnight seconded. Motion carried (6-0). Ms. Wessels moved to amend the comment on inclusion of the sledding hill to instead say, "creation of informal sledding hill with grading comparable with the current sledding hill at the park". Ms. Judd seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

The Park Board recommended approving the 132nd Square Park Master Plan with the following five (5) edits:

1. In Phase 1, add the creation of an informal sledding hill with grading that is comparable to the current sledding hill at the park
2. Include the Park Board in the program operation and design process
3. Require the annual review of subsequent phases and prioritize for completion
4. Create a Park Board subcommittee before construction phase
5. That City Council consider both synthetic turf and grass options for the playfield

## **6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The June 12, 2019 meeting minutes were presented. Ms. Judd moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Ms. Baird-Joshi. Motion carried (6-0).

The July 10, 2019 meeting minutes were presented. Ms. Judd moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Ms. Baird-Joshi. Motion carried (6-0).

## **7. BUSINESS ITEMS**

a. Kirkland Urban South Development Proposal

John Burkhalter, Public Works Development Engineering Manager along with consultants provided a presentation regarding the Kirkland Urban South development. Staff and consultants answered questions from the Board.

## **8. COMMUNICATIONS**

a. Correspondence

b. Department Monthly Report

c. Staff Updates and Information

Jodie Galvan, Green Kirkland Supervisor extended invitation to the Board to serve as dignitaries at Green Kirkland Day, scheduled for October 19, 2019.

d. Park Board member reports

Mr. Triplett – Nothing to report.

Ms. Baird-Joshi – Denny Fest, South Rose Hill / Bridle Trails Neighborhood Association meeting.

Ms. Judd – Moss Bay Neighborhood Association meeting, Crossing Kirkland, Land Use session of the Sustainability Forum, community member expressed concerns about an event within the City, but not City operated, that had a Luau theme with possible cultural appropriation aspects.

Mr. Chung – Moss Bay Neighborhood Association meeting.

Ms. Wessels – Juanita Neighborhood Association meeting. Topic of recycling in the parks.

Ms. McKnight – Sustainability Forum and Sustainable Governance focus group.

e. Comments from the Chair

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Baird-Joshi moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. McKnight. The motion carried (6-0). The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

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Lynn Zwaagstra, Director  
Parks and Community Services

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Rosalie Wessels, Chair  
Park Board



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## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Park Board

**From:** John Lloyd, Deputy Director, Parks and Community Services  
Jason Filan, Parks Manager, Parks and Community Services  
Kevin Ball, Program Coordinator, Parks and Community Services

**Date:** Oct 9, 2019

**Subject:** Parks Management Volunteer Program

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Park Board meet Program Coordinator, Kevin Ball, and receive an update to the Parks Management (Parks Operations) Volunteer Program.

### **BACKGROUND DISCUSSION**

The City of Kirkland Parks & Community Services Park Management Division has worked with various Community groups, Faith organizations, Neighborhood Associations, Schools, Scouts, and Businesses to provide volunteer opportunities within Parks.

In addition to volunteering with Community Services, Recreation programs, the Juanita Friday Market, and our Green Kirkland Partnership, the Parks Management team has a long list of opportunities for volunteers. Whether it be Scouts working to earn their Eagle Scout ranking, local businesses helping to clean a beach, classrooms of local students helping to spread arbor chips, and or neighborhoods helping to build a playground the system, staff will work to match the volunteer with the appropriate opportunity to serve.

With the addition of the Program Coordinator position in the Park Management Division, we have been able to enhance the opportunities and bring some definition to the program. Some of the goals of the program include:

- Increase Community Involvement
- Enhance Community Ownership
- Added level of awareness and Public safety with increased volunteerism
- Increasing health & beauty while decreasing debris & garbage

The Coordinator position helps with planning, oversight, recruitment, intake, supervision, assessment, and recognition. This position is working toward some additional offerings in 2020 that include an Adopt-a-Park program, Sunday's in the Park, and a MEGA Earth day event. Opportunities abound with Kirkland Parks and Community Services.

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**To:** Park Board

**From:** Mary Gardocki, Park Planning and Development Manager  
Jason Filan, Parks Operations Manager

**Date:** October 9, 2019

**Subject:** 2020 Active Amenities Listing - Feedback

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Park Board receive a listing of possible active amenities to be installed in 2020.

**BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:**

Each year, the department is allocated money into the Parks, Play Areas and Accessibility Enhancements fund (PKC 06600). This annual funding is designed to support life-cycle maintenance projects of our existing, aging assets as well as expand our active amenities inventory. Life-cycle maintenance is required to extend the useful life of our investments and ensure they continue to be safe and useable for the public. Typical maintenance items include:

- Playground replacements (such as Tot Lot, Terrace Park and Highland Park in 2019)
- Playground surfacing replacement
- Basketball/Tennis Court resurfacing
- Volleyball sand replacement
- Beach sand replacement

Maintenance replacements/resurfacing projects planned for 2020 include the replacement of playground equipment at North Kirkland Community Center, resurfacing of tennis and basketball courts at Peter Kirk Park, and the relocation of playground equipment from Juanita Beach to Windsor Vista Park. These projects total approximately \$200,000 of the \$250,000 budget leaving approximately \$50,000. These remaining funds support our annual opportunity to modestly expand our recreational offerings in various parks. This includes projects such as the new outdoor fitness equipment that will replace the current equipment at Crestwoods Park and introduce new fitness equipment at Peter Kirk Park. Installation of this equipment is planned for later this fall.

**NEXT STEPS:**





Staff is providing a listing of possible amenities that may be funded through the remaining \$50,000 budget. This list will assist the Park Board members to solicit community feedback at assigned neighborhood meetings on these options or additional suggestions. Park Board is requested to convey their findings to the Park Board at the January meeting.




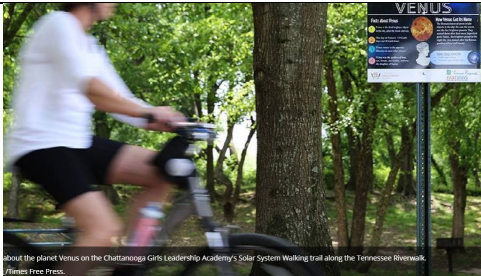

**Attachment A: Active Amenities Listing**

## Active Amenities Listing for 2020 (Total Budget) \$250,000

<b>NKCC</b> <b>(planned)</b>	Playground Replacement. Explore a themed playground.  Explore basketball court update (hoops)	<b>\$135,000</b>		
<b>Peter Kirk Park</b> <b>(planned)</b>	Tennis court resurfacing	<b>\$15,000</b>		
<b>Peter Kirk Park</b> <b>(planned)</b>	Resurfacing, updating and enlarging basketball court with three-point line.	<b>\$30,000</b>		
<b>Windsor Vista Park</b> <b>(planned)</b>	Relocation of playground equipment from Juanita Beach to Windsor Vista Park.	<b>\$20,000</b>		
<b>Juanita Beach Park</b>	Replace one horseshoe pit with a bocce ball court.	<b>\$5,000</b>		



<b>Edith Moulton</b>	Dog agility play features and water spigot	<b>\$7,500</b>	
<b>Various Sites TBD</b>	Hollow logs	<b>\$1,000</b>	 <p>naturalplaygroundsstore.com</p>
	Concrete ping pong table	<b>\$3,000- \$6,000</b>	 <p>www.concretetabledennis.com/products</p>
	Concrete corn hole		

	Concrete Foosball		
	Concrete Chess/checkers		
	Boulders	\$2,000 - \$5,000	
	Themed Trail	\$10,000	 <small>about the planet Venus on the Chattanooga Girls Leadership Academy's Solar System Walking trail along the Tennessee Riverwalk. /Times Free Press.</small>
	Outdoor Exercise Equipment	\$15,000	

**John Lloyd**

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**From:** Brad Williamson <brad.williamson@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 11:12 AM  
**To:** Park Board  
**Cc:** Brad Williamson  
**Subject:** Feedback on the 132nd square park master plan.

Dear Kirkland Parks Board,

I am writing to provide my feedback on the master plan for the 132nd square park.

I live on NE 128th place which is very close to the park. I frequently walk my dog through the park and often see the park used by the neighborhood for various activities. It is very neighborly, inclusive, felt like a community. It is refreshing to see many people use this park in harmony for a variety of purposes. I always see youth in the park being active in a way that would avoid them making negative choices.

I have been following the design work since its inception, which includes:

1. Submitting and reviewing documents from multiple public records request. Kirkland was not initially transparent about this.
2. Attending the outreach sessions.

I do see that feedback has been incorporated based on the meetings and the City and the vendor has listened to the residents, which I appreciate.

I do like proposed design, and the city has addressed a lot of concerns and feedback brought up by myself and fellow residents.

Having said this, I would like to provide some further comments, and thoughts that should be considered before recommending the final design to the council.

1. Use natural grass instead of artificial turf.

From the PRA, the city is looking at this park as a source of revenue and providing artificial turf was the quickest way to get the park functional to generate a revenue stream. This is very hypocritical given that Kirkland wants to pride itself on being sustainable and green. Artificial turf is anything but sustainable and green. If the parks board approves this, maybe you should also recommend to the council that you change the City's mission statement and remove sustainable and green from it.

2. Keep the park as an inclusive neighborhood park.

From the PRA, Kirkland plans to make the soccer field and park amenities available on a reserve basis. As such, you will evict and displace residents, from their own park. Where else can kids go to kick a soccer ball around? I would rather see kids deciding on the spur of the moment to go kick a ball around the park rather than be on the streets causing a public nuisance. There is a large immigrant population east of the park that visit. Where else would they go? Kirkland needs to strike a balance where people can use the park on an adhoc basis vs a reserve basis.

Thanks,  
Brad Williamson

12930 NE 128th PL, Kirkland WA 98034  
brad.williamson@outlook.com

**John Lloyd**

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**From:** Dulcy Hernandez <dulcylinnea@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 10:08 PM  
**To:** Park Board  
**Subject:** 132nd Square Park

Hi there. I have lived in this area for 12 of the last 15 years and am raising my children as well as various foster children in the community. We live within a few miles of 132nd Square Park in Kirkland city limits and very much love and appreciate it's fresh cozy vibrant green grass as well as it's open welcoming appeal.

We vote a "NO please" to synthetic turf and fences! Please keep our park natural and flowing! These are some of its greatest features for the myriad of cultures, socioeconomic levels, and ages who find connection with one another and nature here.

Thank you,  
Dulcy Hernandez  
425.326.7713

**John Lloyd**

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**From:** J.T. Kimbell <jtkimbell@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 8:24 AM  
**To:** Park Board  
**Subject:** Follow up on 132nd Square Park Master Plan

Hi Kirkland Park Board,

Thank you for the hearing last night. I am JT Kimbell, a 10 year resident of Kingsgate and I spoke last evening. I was the tall, bald man who spoke about pickup sports in the park and my concern about the turf field changing the character and availability of the park.

I appreciate you listening to me and thoughtfully considering all feedback. I know your job is often thankless, and you give a lot of your time and energy to help us out. I really appreciate it.

With the benefit of sleeping on the hearing for an evening, I have 3 follow up concerns I wanted to share. I would be more than happy to provide more details or meet with anyone to discuss these more.

**Concern #1: There has been no attempt to project the new park usage**

Every time a concern came up about projecting park usage, the answer was effectively "I don't know." While I know it's impossible to project the future, I think it's disingenuous to not know possible park usage. Between now and the City Council meeting, could 2 things be done:

- 1) Reach out to Bothell, Redmond, Woodinville, Issaquah, and Bellevue to understand the volume of usage on similar turf fields.
- 2) Reach out to LWYSA, Crossfire, Juanita Lacrosse, Cricket clubs, and any other parties that have previously expressed interested (this was mentioned several times) to understand their needs.

With just those 2 pieces of information, an informed projection on desired usage can be presented in the meeting. As this will be the city's 1st year round turf field and a regulation size field, demand from other programs will certainly increase over what is asked today.

As someone who plans software for a living, it is strange to me that a plan could be presented for approval with so many details left unknown. I would feel more comfortable knowing there was a holistic plan, not just a general design for the park.

**Concern #2: Executing phase 1 without phase 2 will have a significant negative impact on the park as a whole**

Only phase 1 is funded, with phase 2 currently a proposal with no funding. Something I heard years ago was "don't confuse hope with a plan." If phase 1 is executed without phase 2, the character of the park will be significantly impacted, especially the sledding hill. I believe that this impact was understated in the meeting last night and not properly quantified. Without a solid plan for how phase #2 will move forward, I don't believe this is a tenable plan that improves the park in a meaningful way.

Please see my approximation of the new plan below:

**Current field dimensions:** ~60 yards wide x ~100 yards long

**Regulation soccer field dimensions:** ~70 yards wide x ~120 yards long

**Current sledding hill:** Has 3 vectors of descent (depending on how adventurous the child is), 2 of which extend 50-100 feet into proposed new field area. New field will require grading the ground, eliminating over 50% of existing sledding hill



**Concern #3: Tearing up the field in spring 2020 will prevent summer 2020 usage, including the free soccer camp I am organizing.**

I am currently in discussions with Ambassador FC (out of Cleveland, Ohio) Overlake Christian Church, Risen Hope Church, and Antioch Bible Church to provide a free and low cost soccer camp at 132nd square park next August. The goal is to specifically provide something for the children of Kirkland Heights (the subsidized housing block across the street from the park). As there is no other suitable location in Kingsgate for this camp, if the fields are unavailable we would not be able to provide this camp to the kids of Kirkland Heights, as we must rely on them to walk themselves over to camp (as we cannot rely on their families to have the means to transport the children somewhere like 60 acres).

Making the park unavailable for summer 2020 would be very disappointing to me on a variety of levels, of which this one is the greatest.

Thanks,

JT

jtkimbell@yahoo.com  
425-691-9507



**Heather Lantz-Brazil**

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**From:** Kelly McPherson <kelly@oatmealforbreakfast.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 10:31 AM  
**To:** Park Board  
**Subject:** 132nd Square Park

Hello,

I had planned to attend last night's meeting, but there was a school meeting in conflict with it.

Is there an option to retain the fields without turf and fencing? I'm sure you're aware that our elementary school (John Muir) does not have a grass field. It's sand. I understand that it's a more economical choice for the school, so our children go to 132nd Square park for the field, both the wooded area west of the playground and to just run around in the grass and roll down the hill between the playground and the soccer field.

Thank you for all the work you've done to communicate the project and work to create a reasonable option for everyone. We just updated the playground in our neighborhood park and it was a very long process just for our little HOA!

~Kelly McPherson

**From:** [Kelli Curtis](#)  
**To:** [Park Board](#)  
**Subject:** FW: A new Service Request has been created [Request ID #3541] (Contact City Council) - Kirkland WA  
**Date:** Monday, September 30, 2019 12:51:51 PM

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**From:** OUR Kirkland <noreply-kirkland@qscend.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 23, 2019 3:32 PM  
**To:** Kelli Curtis <KCurtis@kirklandwa.gov>  
**Subject:** A new Service Request has been created [Request ID #3541] (Contact City Council) - Kirkland WA

## Kirkland WA

A new service request has been submitted and action needs taken.

### Service Request Details

**ID** 3541

**Date/Time** 9/23/2019 3:32 PM

**Type** Contact City Council

**Address** 11704 NE 141st Pl, Kirkland

**Origin** Control Panel

**Comments** Hi Cliff and Kirkland City Council,

I have two children that currently play Softball and T-Ball in the Kirkland National Little League and also participate in LWYSA, and contrary to this email from Cliff, I am NOT IN SUPPORT of our children playing on turf fields at 132nd. Feel free to add a second baseball diamond, dug outs on the lower field, but I implore you not to convert it to turf! I am deeply concerned about the adverse effects of turf on my own children's health, as well as their friends that will spend hundreds of hours practicing and competing on those fields not only in baseball, but also soccer. Here is a link to a study that spells out many of my concerns about our children playing on the chemical field and the unknown effect it may have on their health in the future. I also wonder, could the city be liable if a child gets cancer or an auto-immune disease and can prove they spent numerous hours playing on a turf field?

The city would have knowingly exposed 1,000's children to chemicals without knowing the long-term health consequences.

<http://www.center4research.org/children-athletes-play-toxic-turf-playgrounds/>

Plus, if the new drainage system does the job that it is supposed to do, then the wet field should not be as much of a problem. Playing sports means getting outside and getting dirty, which most kids love! They should be able to do so on a natural field as the sport was intended to be played.

I also have great concerns about losing many of the parks natural features such as the sledding hill, which kids flock to whenever it snows as it is the only safe place to do so in that neighborhood. The neighbors directly connected to the park and those folks in the Kingsgate & Totem Lake area should be listened to. The park is not just for sports and is in fact a neighborhood park, not a community park, based on acreage. Pushing these large changes on such a small park will have great affects on the livability factor and I don't think that is being taken into consideration.

Please feel free to reach out to me, I am very passionate about this issue and also very concerned for so called "improvements" that may adversely affect my children and the community.

Thank you for your time,  
Allison Griesel

**Submitter** Griesel, Allison  
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[allisongriesel@yahoo.com](mailto:allisongriesel@yahoo.com)  
I would like to submit anonymously : False

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**From:** [Kelli Curtis](#)  
**To:** [Park Board](#)  
**Subject:** FW: A new Service Request has been created [Request ID #3544] (Contact City Council) - Kirkland WA  
**Date:** Monday, September 30, 2019 12:51:17 PM

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**From:** OUR Kirkland <noreply-kirkland@qscend.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 23, 2019 3:36 PM  
**To:** Kelli Curtis <KCurtis@kirklandwa.gov>  
**Subject:** A new Service Request has been created [Request ID #3544] (Contact City Council) - Kirkland WA

## Kirkland WA

A new service request has been submitted and action needs taken.

### Service Request Details

**ID** 3544

**Date/Time** 9/23/2019 3:36 PM

**Type** Contact City Council

**Address** 12930 133rd PI NE, Kirkland

**Origin** Control Panel

**Comments** I am in favor of the upgrades at 132nd Sqr Park. My kids have played little league in Kirkland for years and when the fields are wet we have lots of cancelled games because it is unplayable. Our little league has no place to grow for more fields and it gets so wet in the spring. It would be great for year round youth sports for families. I think this is a good use of our taxes. I was extremely excited when I heard about this project as I was thinking it is about time. We are behind other parks and fields that are already turf.

~Amy Sakoda

**Submitter** Sakoda, Amy E  
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I would like to submit anonymously : False

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**To:** [Park Board](#)  
**Subject:** FW: A new Service Request has been created [Request ID #3540] (Contact City Council) - Kirkland WA  
**Date:** Monday, September 30, 2019 12:52:00 PM

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**From:** OUR Kirkland <noreply-kirkland@qscend.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 23, 2019 3:30 PM  
**To:** Kelli Curtis <KCurtis@kirklandwa.gov>  
**Subject:** A new Service Request has been created [Request ID #3540] (Contact City Council) - Kirkland WA

## Kirkland WA

A new service request has been submitted and action needs taken.

### Service Request Details

**ID** 3540

**Date/Time** 9/23/2019 3:30 PM

**Type** Contact City Council

**Address** 8014 NE 121st St, Kirkland

**Origin** Control Panel

**Comments** Hello Kirkland City Council,  
My name is Cheryl Jordan-Aguilera and I am a resident up on Finn Hill and I have 2 sons that have been active participants in the wonderful programs through the Kirkland Parks Department and through Kirkland National Little League. Over the years, we've been frequent users of 132nd square park. When we heard about the improvements to be made regarding drainage for the lower field, and the overall redesign, I wanted to send my support and appreciation.

I've coached both soccer and t-ball on the fields there and can confirm what a mud bowl that lower field becomes. It would be amazing for it be usable year round despite the weather. I think this is a wise investment of tax payer dollars as our children are hearty northwesterners and want to get out there and practice their favorite sports often and they don't care about the

weather (even if their parents do, haha). There is continued and growing demand for more field space for our t-ball, baseball and softball teams and it would be incredibly helpful to have another reliable field to count on for KNLL. To also have a turf soccer field available would be amazing and I imagine, in high demand.

On a side note in a non-sports context, we would love to see the improvements to the play area and the designs being proposed for the community enjoyment. Really great ideas to create a peaceful place in the middle of an urban environment! I think this will increase the quality of life for many Kirkland residents in the long term.

Thank you for your work on this!  
Cheryl

**Submitter** Jordan-Aguilera, Cheryl C  
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**To:** [Park Board](#)  
**Subject:** FW: A new Service Request has been created [Request ID #3543] (Contact City Council) - Kirkland WA  
**Date:** Monday, September 30, 2019 12:51:23 PM

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**From:** OUR Kirkland <noreply-kirkland@qscend.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 23, 2019 3:35 PM  
**To:** Kelli Curtis <KCurtis@kirklandwa.gov>  
**Subject:** A new Service Request has been created [Request ID #3543] (Contact City Council) - Kirkland WA

## Kirkland WA

A new service request has been submitted and action needs taken.

### Service Request Details

**ID** 3543

**Date/Time** 9/23/2019 3:35 PM

**Type** Contact City Council

**Address** 9009 NE 117th Pl, Kirkland

**Origin** Control Panel

**Comments** Dear Park Board,

We would like to convey our strong support for the proposed improvements to 132nd Square Park. Our city needs to continuously improve our facilities where children play and are active, and these improvements are much needed. Not only do children need dedicated areas for play, these areas need to be well-maintained, accessible, and useable throughout the year (hence our strong support for turf fields).

We have had four children grow up in Kirkland, and all of them have been active in sports and play. Our youngest is ten, and plays baseball across the state and the country. Kirkland's facilities are hardly even up to par with other areas—and we all know one of the best ways to encourage kids to be active is to give them good facilities that are available year round.



Finally, improved and more available fields can provide more revenue for the city. If managed properly, this can easily offset much of the cost of the improvements.

The plan is not excessive; and spending money reasonably for parks should never be a debate.

Thank you for your time.

Chris, Vivian, Matthew, Olivia, Oliver and Luc Massot

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**From:** [Kelli Curtis](#)  
**To:** [Park Board](#)  
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**From:** OUR Kirkland <noreply-kirkland@qscend.com>  
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**To:** Kelli Curtis <KCurtis@kirklandwa.gov>  
**Subject:** A new Service Request has been created [Request ID #3539] (Contact City Council) - Kirkland WA

## Kirkland WA

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### Service Request Details

**ID** 3539

**Date/Time** 9/23/2019 3:29 PM

**Type** Contact City Council

**Address** 8325 NE 120th Pl, Kirkland

**Origin** Control Panel

**Comments** Hello City Council,

I'd like to offer some feedback on the 132 Square Park upgrades that could result in a turf multi use field. I support these changes and strongly feel that the Kirkland area is lacking in multi use fields.

Our family is an active family of Kirkland. Baseball and softball being two of the various sports our 12 and 8 year old children play. Our oldest plays year around baseball, as well. Playing baseball in the PNW is a struggle with the weather and Kirkland lacks hugely in the fields that can be played on when the weather is wet (which we all know is quite often). Currently, his last 3 weeks of baseball practices have been rained out because the fields are a mess from the rain at Juanita High School.

He also plays soccer. Yesterday he played on a

multi use turf field in Duvall. Both of my kids noted that we don't have anything like this at home.

Sports is a such a postitive outlet for kids in our community. Providing ways for them to play in all sorts of weather conditions is important part of the success of sports. I support adding multi use turf fields in the Kirkland area!

Sincerely,

Jessica Booth

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## Kirkland WA

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### Service Request Details

**ID** 3542

**Date/Time** 9/23/2019 3:34 PM

**Type** Contact City Council

**Address** 8818 NE 137th St, Kirkland

**Origin** Control Panel

**Comments** Good morning,  
I would like to express my excitement about the possibility of turf at the 132nd squared park. For years we have not had the opportunity to have a facility to play on when it has rained heavily in the mornings and have practice in the afternoon. This makes for a very frustrating spring when trying to schedule fields and get games played before deadlines. In some cases, our games are back up so much that our kids are having to play 6 out of 7 days in a row to get the games in.

Many cities around us have made the transition to turf fields, this has been a tremendous boost for athletics and activities for kids, the opportunity for year-round play is wonderful. If we do not keep up with our neighboring cities our registration fees will be going into field reservations in other cities. I would prefer that the money I spend goes back into the city we live and play in.

I am in favor of my tax dollars going into something that can be utilized by all community members and especially kids.

Thank you for your consideration, have a wonderful day

Kristian Dahl

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**To:** [Park Board](#)  
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## Kirkland WA

A new service request has been submitted and action needs taken.

Service Request Details	
<b>ID</b>	3545
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<b>Type</b>	Contact City Council
<b>Address</b>	Kirkland
<b>Origin</b>	Control Panel
<b>Comments</b>	<p>Hello,</p> <p>This is Larry Kilbride. I will not be able to attend this meeting but I would like to share some concerns.</p> <p>This all began almost 4 years ago and it has just been recent that the neighborhood has been invited to the process.</p> <p>Yes there was meetings held to tell us the plan and (somewhat) listen to our concerns. It is my personal opinion that The Council has left this item to the "Team " to accomplish.</p> <p>1 Artificial grass---I do not like it . I believe God makes good grass for our children to play on. I do not think appropriate investigation into the overall cost has been taken into consideration. How long will it last ? What is the cost to remove and replace ? Where is the money for that ?</p> <p>2 Traffic planning has not been REALLY accomplished. Just an attempt to say "no worries</p>

traffic and parking will be ok" Does someone really believe that to schedule games here will not bring people and cars ?

3 Existing bathrooms will in no way be sufficient for fields of teams and spectators.

4 This was originally a neighborhood park. You changed it to fit your wants and desires. There are about 1,000 low income families living near this park and using it regularly for their children.

You cannot have it both ways Council. You cannot be a Welcoming City and take from the less fortunate to give to others.

Respectfully Submitted  
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**From:** [Kelli Curtis](#)  
**To:** [Park Board](#)  
**Subject:** FW: 132 Park Upgrade  
**Date:** Monday, September 30, 2019 12:50:49 PM

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**From:** Ken Brown <kmbrown88@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 24, 2019 3:46 PM  
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**Subject:** 132 Park Upgrade

To whom it concerns,

I've been made aware that there are conflicting interests in upgrading the 132nd St. park, the discussion/question being if there should even be upgrades. I believe it is vital to keep our kids interested in outdoor activities. There already is a lack in active life styles with our youth (and adults) with the competition of video games and phones. There is also a already a lack in appropriate outdoor facilities to encourage outdoor activities such as soccer, baseball, football, etc. Most of the time I have to drive my children to parks/fields.

Regarding the 132nd Park, from experience I have witnessed how wet/soaked it can become in the spring/fall months, which risks injury, and again deters kids from playing on the fields.

So I believe it is extremely important to look at improving the fields. Our kids already live to much of a sedentary lifestyle, thus we need to encourage outdoor activities and to do so we need appropriately safe, maintained, fields/parks.

Please consider the upgrade of the 132nd park.

Much appreciated.

Thank you.

V/r

Ken Brown

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**From:** [Kelli Curtis](#)  
**To:** [Park Board](#)  
**Subject:** FW: 132nd park master plan feedback for council consideration  
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**From:** Brad Williamson <brad.williamson@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 26, 2019 10:35 AM  
**To:** Penny Sweet <PSweet@kirklandwa.gov>; Jay Arnold <JArnold@kirklandwa.gov>; Tom Neir <TNeir@kirklandwa.gov>; Toby Nixon <TNixon@kirklandwa.gov>; Kelli Curtis <KCurtis@kirklandwa.gov>; Dave Asher <DAsher@kirklandwa.gov>; Jon Pascal <JPascal@kirklandwa.gov>  
**Subject:** 132nd park master plan feedback for council consideration

Dear Mayor Sweet, and Council,

According to the council calendar, the council will be reviewing the master plan for the 132nd square park at the next general meeting.

I respectfully request that the council

1. Not accept the 132nd square park master plan as passed by the park board, and give the neighborhood an opportunity to truly participate in the process.
2. Not base the plan purely on an original contract between the vendor and the city.
3. Focus on a solution where the turf and park is returned to its natural state after the stormwater work. Specifically, use natural turf instead of artificial turf.
4. Keep the park as a neighborhood park, not a community park.

**You are going to be responsible for a decision that is going to have a negative impact on the residents; something that cannot be reversed once done.**

As I have mentioned in a previous email, I filed numerous public record requests with the city and from all the documentation and "public hearings", and public outreach was definitely an afterthought, and that your primary focus is on "pay for play" and how you can profit from this. The plan was essentially solidified from day 1.

Additionally, after reviewing the documents, I can say that the City of Kirkland's vision statement is simply rhetoric and a waste of space.

Now, let's look at Kirkland's vision statement, and break this down.

1. *Civic engagement, innovation and diversity are highly valued*

Public outreach was an after-thought. Proper community engagement should have started at the beginning of the design process, not at the end. Even your assistant city manager Jim Lopez who attended the evergreen hill neighborhood association

said at the beginning of "public outreach" artificial turf was the way to go and implied my way or the highway. He only cares what he thinks.

2. *We are respectful, fair and inclusive*

The new park will be inclusive if you have the money. As you know, 132nd is near Kirkland Heights which has a lot of low-income housing and residents utilize the park very heavily. Many do not have the funds to pay for play. When the weather is great, 132nd park is heavily utilized by children and adults. It is currently an inclusive environment where people from all walks of life are enjoying the park in harmony.

Furthermore, I would rather see kids making positive choices by kicking a soccer ball around than being on the street.

Please don't displace residents from the park. Continue to make this park available to all residents on an ad-hoc basis, and please don't fence off the playing fields for an elite group of people.

3. *Kirkland strives to be a model, sustainable city that values preserving and enhancing our natural environment for our enjoyment*

Artificial turf is not sustainable and natural. I have concerns over the chemical run off from the turf, and heating issues which can be hazardous to children. Please use natural turf instead of artificial turf.

My other thoughts, which include issues with parking, lighting, are echoed in the e-mail from Johanna Palmer to the council representing the Evergreen Hill Neighborhood Association.

Parks are an important part of any city. They need to be made available to everyone to enjoy.

I live nearby the 132<sup>nd</sup> park, use the park regularly and enjoy the beauty that Kirkland offers its residents.

While I do appreciate that the city is investing in parks, this master plan will have a negative impact on the area.

Kirkland needs to make right from wrong with its residents and come up with a plan that is natural, sustainable, fair and inclusive whilst providing proper civic engagement.

Thanks,  
Brad Williamson  
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**From:** [Kelli Curtis](#)  
**To:** [Park Board](#)  
**Subject:** FW: 132nd Square Park  
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**Subject:** 132nd Square Park

Council Members,

I am writing in support of adding turf and lighting to 132<sup>nd</sup> Square Park. My sons play soccer, flag football and baseball with various organizations in Kirkland. While Kirkland's parks are amazing, the City has limited fields that are turf or have lighting. This severely impacts the ability for teams to play in the late fall and early spring when it is rainy, and the days are short. By adding turf and lights at 132<sup>nd</sup> Square Park, we are effectively adding capacity to our parks, which allow them to be used for more hours and on more days.

I realize neighbors may have concerns with adding lighting to parks. I have read the City of Kirkland Master Plan (August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019) and appreciate the design work that has been done to minimize the impact on neighboring properties. The engineering plans call for using energy efficient LED lights with fixtures that have full-cutoff illumination to avoid directing light upward or causing unwanted glare. This should minimize the impact on neighboring properties.

Please add lighting and turf to 132<sup>nd</sup> Square Park, so we can increase the utilization of our parks.

Sincerely,  
Chris Roark  
Kirkland, WA 98033

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**To:** [Park Board](#)  
**Subject:** FW: 132nd Square Park Master Plan  
**Date:** Monday, September 30, 2019 12:50:42 PM  
**Attachments:** [132nd Square Park Master Plan.docx](#)

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**From:** johanna@thepalmers.com <johanna@thepalmers.com>  
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**To:** Jay Arnold <JArnold@kirklandwa.gov>; Dave Asher <DAsher@kirklandwa.gov>; City Council <citycouncil@kirklandwa.gov>; Kelli Curtis <KCurtis@kirklandwa.gov>; Tom Neir <TNeir@kirklandwa.gov>; Toby Nixon <TNixon@kirklandwa.gov>; Jon Pascal <JPascal@kirklandwa.gov>; Penny Sweet <PSweet@kirklandwa.gov>; Kurt Triplett <KTriplett@kirklandwa.gov>  
**Subject:** 132nd Square Park Master Plan

Honorable Mayor, Council Members, City Manager,

I am writing on behalf of the Evergreen Hill Neighborhood Association.

After many hours of discussions and participation in the limited public input, the members of the Evergreen Hill Neighborhood association has voted to oppose the 132nd Square Park Master Plan. Specifically, the opposition is to the replacement of the natural grass with synthetic turf on Field 2 after the stormwater project is completed.

I have attached a letter outlining our reasons.

We look forward to your discussion of this issue at your next meeting.

Please see the attached letter.

Johanna Palmer

Chair, Evergreen Hill Neighborhood Association

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Kirkland City Council

Honorable Mayor, Council Members,

At the September 18, 2019 meeting of the Evergreen Hill Neighborhood Association, the members present unanimously voted to oppose the 132<sup>nd</sup> Square Park Master Plan as approved by the Park Board. Specifically, the opposition is to the replacement of the natural grass with synthetic turf on Field 2 after the storm water project is completed.

The members compiled a list of nine reasons they are opposed to the Master Plan. They are outlined below, in no particular order.

- 1) The option of natural grass was not offered, and alternatives were not considered. When the storm water project was first proposed in 2014, the plans were to return Field 2 to its current state with better drainage. At the April 20, 2018 Public Works, Parks, & Human Services Committee Meeting it was requested that staff analyze the opportunity to include synthetic turf rather than natural grass. At the March 20, 2019 Evergreen Hill NA meeting, the Assistant City Manager told the members that the city **intends** to install synthetic turf. This statement was repeated at the first open house. Additionally, this plan was specified in a contract between the City of Kirkland and the project management company prior to any civic engagement.
- 2) Diversity and economic issues. Our neighborhood and park are composed of residents that are very diverse and inclusive. Our neighborhood has the largest low-income housing in the city and its residents utilize the park heavily. Many do not have the funds to pay for play nor the ability to travel to practices and games.
- 3) The value of spontaneous play. It is very important for children and adults to have access to places for spontaneous play. The new field with its increased scheduling (mostly for non-neighborhood groups) will substantially decrease the time available for spontaneous play for local park users.
- 4) Environmental Issues. The synthetic turf is not renewable, recyclable nor sustainable. Concerns about the chemicals used in the synthetic turf have not been addressed. There are concerns that chemical compounds could be washed into the local storm water system.
- 5) Personal health issues. Synthetic turf can get significantly hotter, especially during summer months, which can cause personal injury. These injuries are not limited to heat stroke, dehydration and blisters.
- 6) The financial expense. The installation of synthetic turf will cost over \$2 million more than natural. The 10 year cost of ownership for synthetic turf is \$1,6 million more than natural grass. This number is only achieved if rental fees are raised from the current \$2.00-\$8.50 per hour to over \$40 an hour plus \$20 an hour for lights AND rental hours increases 300% from its current levels. The 2,460 hours of programming needed to meet this estimate averages over 6.5 hours a day, 7 days a week. Current users such as KNLL could be priced out of the park.
- 7) Impacts on neighbors from lights and noise. The possible impacts of lights and noise (PA systems?) have not been addressed.

- 8) Parking issues. Parking is limited. There are plans to light the fields after dark, but not the parking lot.
- 9) The park should be classified as a neighborhood park. 132<sup>nd</sup> Square Park should have been classified as a neighborhood park when its neighborhood plan was quickly adopted as part of the comprehensive plan. It is the only developed public park for over 13,000 residents. Our neighborhood is underserved for parks. Designation of this park as a community park takes park availability away from the neighbors and gives it to other community members that live in neighborhoods better served with parks.

It is difficult to express the disappointment felt by the residents of our neighborhood in this process. We were not asked what we wanted, only offered options the city wanted. Public outreach conducted by the city, and the project management company, was perceived as unnecessary burden to give people the illusion that the city was engaged with its residents.

Please do not accept the 132<sup>nd</sup> Square Park Master Plan as passed by the Park Board.

Give the neighborhood the opportunity to truly participate in the process.

Do not turn our vibrant, inclusive park into an exclusive club for those that can afford to pay for play.

Respectfully,

The Evergreen Hill Neighborhood Association  
Representing the greater Kingsgate neighborhood  
Johanna Palmer  
Chair



**From:** [Kelli Curtis](#)  
**To:** [Park Board](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Synthetic field turf and lighting at the 132nd Square Park vs. other alternatives.  
**Date:** Monday, September 30, 2019 12:50:02 PM

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**From:** john rudolph <JohnRudolph@Live.com>  
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**To:** Penny Sweet <PSweet@kirklandwa.gov>; Jay Arnold <JArnold@kirklandwa.gov>; Dave Asher <DAsher@kirklandwa.gov>; Kelli Curtis <KCurtis@kirklandwa.gov>; Tom Neir <TNeir@kirklandwa.gov>; Toby Nixon <TNixon@kirklandwa.gov>; Jon Pascal <JPascal@kirklandwa.gov>; Kurt Triplett <KTriplett@kirklandwa.gov>; Lynn Zwaagstra <LZwaagstra@kirklandwa.gov>  
**Cc:** john rudolph <JohnRudolph@Live.com>  
**Subject:** Synthetic field turf and lighting at the 132nd Square Park vs. other alternatives.

To: Thursday,  
 September 26, 2019  
 Kirkland City Council, City Manager & Parks Director

From:  
 John Rudolph  
 11 Slater Street  
 Kirkland, WA. 98033

Re:  
 132nd Square Park

Dear Kirkland City Council members, City Manager and Parks Director:

I am writing to you all, to express my concerns, opinion and historical knowledge related to sports fields in Kirkland, specifically here today related to the possible installation of synthetic field turf and lighting at the 132nd Square Park vs. other alternatives.

As a 35 year resident of Kirkland, the majority of my volunteer time in our community has been in working with children's sports programs.

Over the years, I have coached well over 700+ children in 5 different sports...and have worked with well over 3000 parents from blended families.

I'd like to share with you some of the greatest logistical challenges over that time, for you to consider during the decision process:

- (1) The availability of athletic fields to keep up with the growing number of children here in Kirkland
- (2) Fields to withstand our challenging Northwest weather patterns that can cause delays, cancellations & excessive maintenance
- (3) Field availability that syncs well with working families schedules, especially at the end of the work / school day
- (4) Field lighting availability to help offset the challenges of usable time for numerous programs & daylight savings time nuances

While considering the long-term field use applications for 132nd Square Park, please consider that many outdoor Kirkland children's sports programs are saddled with the historical reality of field "rain-outs".

These rain outs typically occur because part of the fields are made up of high quality sports dirt, while the remainder of the sport field area is grass.

The dirt areas often are more challenging, especially when they get rained on early in the day and cannot recover in time for after school or weekend play.

The grassy areas of the fields often drain well, and can handle the majority of most light rainy days here in the Northwest - sometimes allowing play to continue - depending on their saturation point.

Having said that, often, if the grassy areas if played on during questionable times or after heavy rain...they then are then slow to recover - thus affecting costly ongoing maintenance and future use.

Often the result of these types of field delays and cancellations can be quite challenging for - parents, children,

volunteers, coaches, organizers and City staff in having to make new arrangements.

Its worth noting here, that youth sports field studies in other wet weather areas of the US shows a 52-68% decrease in field cancellations for turf fields...and that number is higher once early evening play is allowed with lighting systems.

The opportunity to help get our children moving more, and be in a positive, healthy and safe environment is a good thing for us all to be helping to accomplish.

With more and more children, often playing unhealthy video games or living young lives with limited exercise...this unique opportunity at 132nd Square Park would allow for extended use for both adults and children... both to have the

opportunity to get exercise in a controlled and safely lighted environment with minimal maintenance compared to grass fields.

Please feel free to call me with any questions you may have from my comments, and I thank you kindly for your collective work - in moving towards a final resolution of this matter.

Kind regards,

*John*

John Rudolph

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**From:** [Kelli Curtis](#)  
**To:** [Park Board](#)  
**Subject:** FW: In favor of the 132nd park renovations  
**Date:** Monday, September 30, 2019 12:50:09 PM

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**From:** Mark Hopwood <markhop@live.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 26, 2019 5:26 PM  
**Subject:** In favor of the 132nd park renovations

I know you receive a bunch of negative comments due to some email campaigns that have been waged against the current proposal but I wanted to give you my full support. The turf fields will generate more revenue for the parks department and allow for year round use by a greater number of teams. This in turn will allow for even more improvements to other parks and improve the overall livability of Kirkland. Please don't let the vocal minority against this project sway you to not looking towards the future.

Thank you for improving our local park.

Mark Hopwood

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**From:** [Kelli Curtis](#)  
**To:** [Park Board](#)  
**Subject:** FW: 132nd Sqaure Park Master Plan  
**Date:** Monday, September 30, 2019 12:50:36 PM

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**From:** VIRGINIA PANKAU <v\_pankau@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 26, 2019 6:59 AM  
**To:** Kelli Curtis <KCurtis@kirklandwa.gov>  
**Subject:** 132nd Sqaure Park Master Plan

Hello Ms. Curtis,

PLEASE NO SYNTHETIC TURF WITH LIGHTS AND A FENCE.

PLEASE KEEP OUR PARK NATURAL AND NEIGHBORLY.

Thank you very much for considering my request.

Virginia Pankau

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**To:** [Park Board](#)  
**Subject:** FW: 132nd park master plan - unacceptable  
**Date:** Monday, September 30, 2019 12:49:56 PM

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**From:** Fabio Gobbo <fgobbo@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 27, 2019 12:00 PM  
**To:** Kelli Curtis <KCurtis@kirklandwa.gov>  
**Subject:** 132nd park master plan - unacceptable

Hello Councilmember Kelli Curtis,

I would like to say that my family strongly disagree's with the cities master plan for 132<sup>nd</sup> Street park.

This is a neighborhood park and is well used by the community, once drainage issues are addressed the park should be restored back to natural grass and maintained in its current format.

Thank you,  
Fabio Gobbo  
425-442-2624

Please consider the impact to the environment and your responsibility to it before printing this e-mail.

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**From:** [Kelli Curtis](#)  
**To:** [Park Board](#)  
**Subject:** FW: 132nd Square Park Upgrade Proposal  
**Date:** Monday, September 30, 2019 12:49:49 PM

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**From:** Todd Greenberg <todd.greenberg@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 27, 2019 12:17 PM  
**To:** Penny Sweet <PSweet@kirklandwa.gov>; Jay Arnold <JArnold@kirklandwa.gov>; Dave Asher <DAsher@kirklandwa.gov>; Kelli Curtis <KCurtis@kirklandwa.gov>; Tom Neir <TNeir@kirklandwa.gov>; Toby Nixon <TNixon@kirklandwa.gov>; Jon Pascal <JPascal@kirklandwa.gov>; Kurt Triplett <KTriplett@kirklandwa.gov>; Lynn Zwaagstra <LZwaagstra@kirklandwa.gov>  
**Cc:** Jennifer Greenberg <jenwinchell@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** 132nd Square Park Upgrade Proposal

Hello Kirkland City Council Members –

We understand there is a proposal on the table to add Turf fields and lights to 132<sup>nd</sup> Square Park. We have kids who play baseball and soccer through various Kirkland organizations and while some of the Kirkland Parks are amazing we do lack capabilities to play baseball during the many wet months. I think we speak for hundreds of other Kirkland families who would support this proposal as our kids practices and games are often rained out while our friends and neighbors who play in Bellevue, Issaquah and Sammamish often play the same day as they have Turf Fields.

Please approve the proposal to add Turf and Lights to 132<sup>nd</sup> Square Park and consider other Turf Field projects in the future.

Thanks very much for your consideration.  
Todd and Jen Greenberg  
Kirkland, WA 98033

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**Heather Lantz-Brazil**

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**From:** Kelli Curtis  
**Sent:** Monday, September 30, 2019 12:50 PM  
**To:** Park Board  
**Subject:** FW: 132nd Square Park Concerns

-----Original Message-----

From: Michelle Pollak Landwehr <mpollakpr@gmail.com>  
Sent: Saturday, September 28, 2019 10:54 AM  
To: Penny Sweet <PSweet@kirklandwa.gov>; Jay Arnold <JArnold@kirklandwa.gov>; Tom Neir <TNeir@kirklandwa.gov>; Toby Nixon <TNixon@kirklandwa.gov>; Kelli Curtis <KCurtis@kirklandwa.gov>; Dave Asher <DAsher@kirklandwa.gov>; Jon Pascal <JPascal@kirklandwa.gov>  
Subject: 132nd Square Park Concerns

Dear Mayor Sweet and Council Members,

I'm unable to attend the Oct 1 meeting in person but would like to express my comments and concerns.

I'm writing to ask you to not move forward with the plans for the 132nd Square Park. I live in the neighborhood directly off of the park. This is my and my child's neighborhood park and changing the landscape of it along with the addition of the lights will make it significantly less attractive and will make my quiet neighborhood less quiet. Additionally, there is not enough parking to accommodate the activities that you are hoping to draw. And so I'm guessing people attending these future events will park in my neighborhood. I and my neighbors do not want this to happen. There are already a lot of drivers who cut through it at high speed to avoid traffic. This will only make it worse.

Please reconsider this proposal and move these plans to a location that is more appropriate.

Thank you,  
Michelle Landwehr  
(415) 254-6156

Sent from my iPhone, please excuse typos.

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**From:** Jason Filan

**Sent:** Thursday, October 3, 2019 8:18 AM

**To:** DON CONRARD <photoboy335@comcast.net>

**Cc:** Amy Bolen <ABolen@kirklandwa.gov>; Tracey Dunlap <TDunlap@kirklandwa.gov>; Lynn Zwaagstra <LZwaagstra@kirklandwa.gov>; John Lloyd <JLloyd@kirklandwa.gov>; Ryan Fowler <RFowler@kirklandwa.gov>; Kurt Triplett <KTriplett@kirklandwa.gov>

**Subject:** RE: Kirkland Off-Leash Dog Parks

Hi Mr. Conrard,

Thank you for your email with regards to our off-leash sites here in Kirkland. Please accept this follow up on behalf of our City Manager, Kurt Triplett, and please feel free to contact me at your convenience if you have any questions after reading this reply. I have emailed back and forth with Patty in the past and appreciate your families feedback and volunteerism at Jaspers.

The photo's you shared definitely show room for improvement. The photo's I saw from the LDS church volunteer event back on Sept 7<sup>th</sup> shared a much different story. (see below) We had deferred some maintenance at Jasper's knowing the group was coming but I never would have imagined it would deteriorate so quickly. We will put together an "in-house" work party and have staff spend a day at the site this month sometime. You are right the volunteers did a great job spreading hog fuel, cleaning signs, and giving the site a really great spruce up.

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The surface material we have been using (hog fuel) has some nice qualities but also has some qualities about it that lend itself to mushy scenarios in real heavy rains. We notice that real fine material gets soupy. That site has a nice slope to it and in those low spots where the moisture tends to settle it's been at times not the best. Staff have peeled back all that area by the entry more than once without sustained success. We're going to try a different material (cedar chips) to see if that will hold up better. The rock is a good idea but with the way our customers dig up there it would be a mess in a hurry and we're reluctant to introduce another material that would have some unintended consequence.

No excuse on the bags and water fountain not being available. Staff replenish bags every week and sometimes we'll have customers take entire rolls but usually people are really respectful so that normally shouldn't happen. The fountain lost an actuator and tubing, parts were ordered last month we just need to get out there and perform the



work. We would like the fountain in the back as well but getting a permit to pipe across that little creek as you walk back proved to be really costs prohibited.

When we worked with the Community to develop the Edith Moulton site part of the feedback we received was Neighbors wanted a walking trail that they could utilize with their pets. We did some modelling of off-leash walking trails in the region and came up with what you experienced. We've been getting only positive feedback about the improvements but I can see the concern as the slope up to the trails is pretty decent. Worth noting is that through the Community process re-vitalizing the parking area near the trail wasn't something the Neighbors valued and so we did not include that as part of the investment. There had been some historical challenges with that parking area. In our Master Plan we actually have a pea patch garden slated for that area that the Community was interested in.

Sorry for the long email. You had a lot of great questions there hopefully this has been of some help. Please feel free to call me at your convenience to discuss more if you like. I have a question for you Mr. Conrard. If an additional bench was to show up at Jasper's site. Where would the consensus be to place one?

Again thank you for taking the time to write us. Look forward to hearing from you.

Warm regards,

Jason  
Parks Manager  
City of Kirkland  
(425) 587 - 3341





**From:** DON CONRARD <[photoboy335@comcast.net](mailto:photoboy335@comcast.net)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 2, 2019 3:10 PM

**To:** Kurt Triplett <[KTriplett@kirklandwa.gov](mailto:KTriplett@kirklandwa.gov)>

**Cc:** Amy Bolen <[ABolen@kirklandwa.gov](mailto:ABolen@kirklandwa.gov)>; Tracey Dunlap <[TDunlap@kirklandwa.gov](mailto:TDunlap@kirklandwa.gov)>; Jason Filan <[JFilan@kirklandwa.gov](mailto:JFilan@kirklandwa.gov)>; Park Board <[parkboard2@kirklandwa.gov](mailto:parkboard2@kirklandwa.gov)>

**Subject:** Kirkland Off-Leash Dog Parks

Dear Kirkland City Manager Mr. Kurk Triplett,

My wife and I have been taking, Sierra, our Siberian Husky to Jasper's Dog Park almost every day for a year. Like all huskies, our dog needs a lot of exercise and loves running and wrestling with other dogs at the off-leash dog parks.

Unfortunately, Jasper's is in such poor condition that it has become a health hazard for the dogs. Several dogs, including ours, have contracted kennel cough, giardia, sprained paws, splinters stuck in their throats and other diseases, at Jasper's. In addition, this spring several trees weakened by last winter's snowstorm fell down, one narrowly missing a young woman holding a baby.

At a recent meeting of the South Hill Bridal Trails Neighborhood Association, Park Board Representative Susan Baird-Joshi, announced the city was accepting input on dog parks.

In my view, the city should concentrate on repairing, upgrading and maintaining its existing off-leash dog parks before adding any new ones.

### **Edith Moulton Dog Park**

Nice park, but not popular park with dog owners because the design, featuring a fenced trail leading through the woods, makes it impossible to keep an eye on your dog. Dogs have jumped the fence without the owner seeing them. A common comment among people using the park is: "The person who designed this park doesn't know anything about dogs." The entrance also is too far from parking for older dog owners and those with disabilities. Not sure why the road leading to the entrance and a small parking lot is blocked.

### **Jasper's Dog Park**

Jasper's is a very popular park with Kirkland dog owners but needs of a lot of maintenance.

Topping the list is the large puddle (photo attached) that forms in the winter near the lower gate. Dogs can't resist playing the mud. They also pee and poop in it and then drink the water, creating a serious health hazard for the animals. A regular dog owner who visits the park happens to be a heavy equipment operator. He suggests the area needs to be dug out and filled with gravel to create a French drain. Regular visitors to the park refer to it as "The Swamp."

The fences at both Edith Moulton and Jasper's are too low. Even smaller dogs can, and do, jump over the fence. Dog park fences need to be six feet high.

The water fountain near the street at Jasper's has not worked in a year. It would be better if it was inside the park like Robinswood Dog Park in Bellevue. Robinswood is a great example of a dog park featuring a healthy environment for dogs.

Volunteers from the Mormon Church came to Jasper's a few weeks ago and spread a load of tree bark around the park. That was greatly appreciated, but a lot more tree bark is needed to cover the dirt and exposed plastic sheeting (photo attached) that catches the dog's feet and causes them to trip and fall, potentially injuring their legs. We are also almost out of plastic poop bags (photo attached).

We could use more benches where the dog owners can sit. A covered area to protect dog owners from the rain also would be nice.

Finally, if the city decides to open a third dog park, Watershed Park behind Northwest College, which I believe is owned by the city, would be a great location.

Thank you,

Don, Patty and Mark Conrard  
12021 NE 67th St.  
Kirkland, WA 98033

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Park Board

**From:** Jodie Galvan, Green Kirkland Partnership Supervisor  
 John Lloyd, Deputy Director, Parks and Community Services

**Date:** October 9, 2019

**Subject:** Green Kirkland Day

## RECOMMENDATION

That the Park Board receive an invitation to serve as dignitaries at Green Kirkland Day on Saturday, October 19.

## BACKGROUND DISCUSSION

Green Kirkland Day will take place on Saturday, October 19 between 10am and 1pm/2pm and includes forest restoration events at five locations: McAuliffe Park, Juanita Bay East, NRH Woodlands Park, Watershed Park, and Edith Moulton Park. Green Kirkland Day is GKP's signature annual event. This year is especially exciting because City Council members have agreed to have a Council member attend each event. Park Board members were invited to join the Councilmembers and serve as dignitaries at each of the restoration events at the September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Dignitaries are the primary speaker(s) at one of the five locations and help GKP staff and Stewards launch each event with gratitude for this powerful partnership and inspiration for the day ahead. Park Board support for the Green Kirkland Partnership is greatly appreciated.

**North Rose Hill Woodlands** between 10am and 2pm (speaking at 12pm) (Space for **65** volunteers) City Council Representative: Councilmember Jon Pascal

**Watershed** between 10am and 2pm (speaking at 12pm) (Space for **65** volunteers) City Council Representative: Councilmember Kelli Curtis

**Juanita Bay East** between 10am and 1pm (speaking at 10am or 12:40pm) (Space for **25** volunteers) City Council Representative: Deputy Mayor Jay Arnold

**Edith Moulton** between 10am and 1pm (speaking at 10am) (Space for **25** volunteers) City Council Representative: Councilmember Toby Nixon, Park Board Representative: Susan Baird-Joshi

**McAuliffe** between 10am and 1pm (speaking at 10am or 12:40pm) (Space for **25** volunteers) City Council Representative: Mayor Penny Sweet

If you would like to volunteer for one of these events, please RSVP to Jodie Galvan via email ([jgalvan@kirklandwa.gov](mailto:jgalvan@kirklandwa.gov)).



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## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Park Board  
**From:** John Lloyd, Deputy Director, Parks and Community Services  
**Date:** October 9, 2019  
**Subject:** Park Board Liaison Role

### **BACKGROUND**

The Park Board mission statement is as follows:

"The mission of the Park Board shall be to provide policy advice and assistance to the Department of Parks and Community Services (PCS) 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."

The job description of the Park Board discusses involving the community and meeting with volunteer groups and neighborhoods to determine needs and interests. Some years ago, the Park Board decided to assign each board member to be the liaison with one or more neighborhood organizations. Neighborhood Liaison assignments and meeting schedules are included on the Park Board agenda each month. While each neighborhood is assigned a primary Board member, any Board member may attend any neighborhood meeting as long as no more than four Board members are present.

Park Board members have requested assistance in meeting liaison role expectations. After discussion, it was determined that the following two strategies would be used to prepare Park Board members for neighborhood meetings.

Park Board members should use the monthly report provided by staff and pick out key items to convey to the neighborhoods. This could be followed by questions and feedback.

Staff will highlight a topic or a discussion question for use with neighborhoods that would solicit community input for consideration. Discussion questions could be related to upcoming Park Board agenda items or be generic in nature.

### **RECOMMENDED DISCUSSION TOPICS**

The following items are possible discussion items to be conveyed to the community. Additional discussion items may be found in the monthly report or may be raised by individual community members.

Green Kirkland Day is Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm at various parks. Volunteers can find out more information or sign up to volunteer at [greenkirkland.org](http://greenkirkland.org). Advanced registration is preferred but is not required.  
The 132<sup>nd</sup> Square Park master plan was presented to City Council for review on

October 1<sup>st</sup>. The master plan will be brought back for final approval at a future City Council meeting.

The Juanita Beach Bathhouse project team is working to hone the site layout based on conversations with the Department of Ecology. A revised schedule will be developed once we receive the necessary approvals.

The Totem Lake Park development is still waiting on a few permits before going out to bid. We are hopeful the project will go to bid this fall.