



KIRKLAND PARK BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

Date: July 13, 2022; 6:00pm

Location: Juanita Beach Park

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. **LOCAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**
4. **PARK TOUR**

6:00 PM – Juanita Beach Park, 9703 NE Juanita Dr

6:45 PM – Depart for David E. Brink Site Visit, 555 Lake St S

7:30 PM – Depart for 132nd Square Park Site Visit, 13159 132nd Ave NE

8:15 PM – Tour concludes at Juanita Beach Park

5. **COMMUNICATIONS**
 - a. Correspondence
 - b. [Department Monthly Report](#)
 - c. Staff updates and information
 - d. Park Board member reports
 - e. Comments from the Chair

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Next Park Board Meeting:
September 14, 2022

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John Lloyd

From: John Lloyd
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2022 9:41 AM
To: Phil Allen
Subject: RE: New Aquatics Center for Kirkland?

Hello Mr. Allen,

Thank you for your email and for your support of a new aquatic facility in Kirkland. As we discussed at the Park Board meeting last week we are beginning the exploration and planning process for a potential ballot measure which would finally bring such a facility to Kirkland. You can learn more about this process on the project [website](#). Please feel free to reach out to the Park Board or any staff member if you have any further questions.



John Lloyd, Deputy Director

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Play It Forward: Imagine the Future of Kirkland's Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces
Our Kirkland: Report Non-Emergency Issues, Request Services and Ask Questions

From: Phil Allen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, June 8, 2022 8:00 PM
To: Park Board <parkboard2@kirklandwa.gov>
Subject: New Aquatics Center for Kirkland?

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Kirkland Parks Board,

I am one of potentially many people who is interested in seeing more aquatic facilities in the City of Kirkland. Over the last three years, I have regularly gotten up early in order to sign up for swim lessons for 3 grade school children at [kirklandparks.net](#). However, even waking up early, refreshing pages often, and plowing through the signup in as efficient a manner as I can manage, I still have end up with children taking lessons in different timeslots and in some cases on waitlists instead of lessons altogether. For those who simply needed a bit of coffee or had slower internet, they might be locked out of swim lessons.

To give an idea of how big the issue is, I see the population of 90k residents in Kirkland means there are probably about 1100 children of each year of age. This isn't exact, but should operate for the purpose of estimating. No matter which class is considered introductory on the current Peter Kirk Park schedule, it is likely there is a maximum of around 200 children per year (6 sessions, 6 classes per session, 6 children per class) that can go through introductory swim lessons, and your own data might show that most children actually sign up for as many sessions as their family's summer schedule allows. My guess would be that each child is signed up for 2 sessions, and so it is probably more like 100 unique children out of 1100 have an opportunity to take introductory swim lessons.

Of course, not all families will choose swim lessons as a potential activity each summer, but given the speed with which lessons are filled, the length of the waitlists (at least 8 in some cases), I think there is clear community desire for more lesson availability. There are some private industry options for residents as well, but since confident, practiced, trained swimmers makes participation in Kirkland waterfront significantly safer as well as providing for long term athletic

activity, it seems like a community benefit. Between the desire and the benefit, it seems like a clear priority, and the data leading into the PROS plan seems to back that up.

There will be capital cost in building such a facility (whether indoors or outdoors) and there will be ongoing operational costs, but there will also be revenue due to sale of lessons, pool rentals, and open swim spots; the existing Peter Kirk Pool numbers would be instructive for this.

It would be easy to get me to speak in support of an Aquatics Center, and while I'm also supportive of many of the other projects that can be found in the PROS plan, I believe the Aquatics Center is the item I would lead with in terms of building community support, and I think should be at the top priority among the items in the PROS plan.

Thanks,
Phil Allen
Houghton/South Kirkland



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MEMORANDUM

To: Park Board

From: Lynn Zwaagstra, Director of Parks and Community Services
Mary Gardocki, Park Planning and Development Manager

Date: July 6, 2022

Subject: Draft PROS Plan – City Council feedback

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Park Board receive the feedback from the City Council.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

The Park Board conducted a Public Hearing on [May 25, 2022](#) to receive feedback from the community as well as provide feedback on the draft Plan. Key issues that were identified by the Park Board include the following:

- Impressed with the overall ambition of the Plan.
- Importance of an Aquatic and Recreation Facility and indoor recreation space
- Concerns about potential community objections to relocating Lee Johnson Field and redeveloping Peter Kirk Park
- Parking capacity concerns related to synthetic turf fields
- 85th Street Station Area Plan impact on the park system
- Overall growth and increasing population of the city and resulting urban characteristics
- Need for land acquisition due to the shrinking supply of available land
- Activating the CKC and making more regional trail connections
- Desire to prioritize the extensive recommendations

There was no public comment voiced from the community. However, one community member entered a chat comment identifying the need for a new skate park.

Following the public hearing and subsequent discussion the Park Board passed a motion to move the plan forward for City Council's review with notes in the staff memo reflecting Park Board discussion.

City Council Study Session

City Council received the draft PROS Plan for discussion at their June 7 Study Session. Comments were relayed to the Park Board during the staff presentation on June 8. A more comprehensive summary of the comments are included as **Attachment A**.

NEXT STEPS:

August 3, 2022 – The 2022 PROS Plan will be brought to City Council for review and potential adoption.

Attachment A: City Council feedback

CITY OF KIRKLAND

COMPREHENSIVE PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE PLAN



SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK FROM CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION 2022-06-07

Date: Tuesday, 06/07/22

Time: 5:30 PM

Staff Attendance Lynn Zwaagstra, Director of Parks and Community Services (PCS)

(in chambers and John Lloyd, Deputy Director of PCS

online): Mary Gardocki, Park Planning and Development Manager

Jason Filan, Parks Operations Manager

Sara Shellenbarger, Recreation Manager

Jeff Milkes, Project Manager, BerryDunn

Tom Diehl, Manager, BerryDunn

Dave Peterson, Senior Consultant, BerryDunn

FEEDBACK / DISCUSSION

SORTED BY TOPIC	COUNCILMEMBER	FEEDBACK / DISCUSSION
Lee Johnson Field / Peter Kirk Park	Neal Black	(1) Do not see it as remaining a diamond field used only for baseball; see it as something that gets redeveloped as part of a broader plan to have a multitude of different uses, e.g. ultimate frisbee, baseball or softball, field that could be used more months out of the year; repurposing or redeveloping the field to make it more inclusive; jewel to have in heart of downtown Kirkland; part of corridor from the Marina, through historic downtown, to civic center, up into Kirkland Urban and all the way up into the Station Area Plan; strong interest in preserving that cross-section of Kirkland
	Amy Falcone	(2) Agrees with Councilmember Neal Black's comments; shares Park Board's passion of utilizing the space
	Kelli Curtis	(3) How can the space be utilized in a way that is more inclusive for the community to use in variety of ways
	Mayor Penny Sweet	(4) In 1982, Kirkland won the world Series on a diamond field; won't be able to eliminate it entirely from our downtown park
Taylor Fields	Neal Black	(5) Using Taylor Fields in a new and different way; something that has been talked about for years in different circles; great to find a way to get more recreational use out of that area if possible; not replacing Lee Johnson Field
Athletic Field Strategy, Availability and Conversions	Neal Black	(6) We have fields that are older, pretty simple (Highlands Park, Spinney Homestead Park, Soccer Field as Crestwoods Park); rectangle parks with tiny backstop; something to say about LOS to diamond field users too; a lot of ways to improve athletic fields so they are better for both rectangular and diamond use
	Jon Pascal	(7) Like recommendations around the field conversions

	Kelli Curtis	(8) More detail in this area such as how to compost the material when fields are replaced
	Mayor Penny Sweet	(9) With regard to priority for athletic fields, expensive item, but biggest bang for the buck; more kids/adults playing sports on rectangular fields
CIP Projects Listing	Jon Pascal	(10) Impressed by the number of new projects
Objective 1.7 – Prioritize and improve safety and security in parks and facilities	Jon Pascal	(11) Expanded legislative authority now granted to cities to install park zones along arterials and roadways where municipalities can locate speed enforcement cameras within park zones; PROS Plan should say considering that in the future (Houghton Beach Park, Juanita Beach Park as examples)
Parking Policies	Jon Pascal	(12) Didn't talk about parking policies; not just about paid parking, but time limited parking so more people can enjoy parks and for those that can't walk as far have access
Skate Park	Jon Pascal	(13) Glad to see the emphasis on skate park; something heard from teens having to travel to Woodinville or Redmond; major deficiency for size of Kirkland
Objective 1.1.g Consider a partnership arrangement with King County to increase the level of service provided at Big Finn Hill County Park. Objective 1.1.h Consider a partnership arrangement with the State of Washington to increase the level of service provided at Bridle Trails State Park.	Jon Pascal	(14) Should go a little bit further saying something about what happens if those entities no longer want the parks or can no longer afford to maintain them; Kirkland should be interested in taking on those parks; what types of situations would Kirkland want to step in and consider taking on ownership
	Deputy Mayor Jay Arnold	(15) Support stronger language on potential opportunity to take over Big Finn Hill Park; if we did that, what would programming it to its full capability compared to the future need of 58 acres
	Kelli Curtis	(16) Agree on pursuing acquisition of these properties; partnership with entities to program on these spaces as well
Goal 7 – Protect and Conserve the Natural Environment for Future Generations	Jon Pascal	(17) Goal is important to many people; didn't see strong language on preservation of open space and seizing opportunities to expand parks; working with the County, State, and nonprofits, working together to purchase open space; would like to see some policies or objectives around doing more of that; Juanita Heights Park for example, didn't see anything around Green Kirkland Partnership and park stewards in the document
	Amy Falcone	(18) Objective 4; canopy preservation; continue to monitor our canopy and increase frequency of monitoring
No net loss of parkland policy	Jon Pascal	(19) Adopt policies so future Councils can't repurpose parkland for other purposes without replacement for no net loss of parkland
Accessibility and Inclusiveness	Amy Falcone	(20) Glad to see plan moves beyond accessibility and the minimum standard for ADA compliance, for example Objective 1.7d; more to do on the programming side to be truly inclusive, add another objective around 5.4 specifically around inclusive programming (training instructors, not just separate classes or programs, create inclusive environments); create proactive initiative around

		inclusive programming; allowance of aids or liaisons to educate public to access the programs
	Kelli Curtis	(21) Supporting individuals with neurodiversity or disabilities in our programming, not just park spaces
School properties	Amy Falcone	(22) How will future urbanization impact how park space is defined and our level of service? Could we see park space diminished if school district starts to build other things on their property, creating less outdoor space for use
Waterfront park access and water safety	Amy Falcone	(23) Explore more on water safety; look for ways to increase safety in a more formal way (policy, lifejacket loaner program, etc.)
	Kelli Curtis	(24) Talk about solution or needs; concurs with Amy Falcone on the item
Land Acquisition / acres per person	Deputy Mayor Jay Arnold	(25) As we update/refine our previous acres per person metric, we will need to add parks; 58 acres need in the next 5 years, would like to compare that number of acres to Big Finn Hill Park and Bridle Trails State Park; would that fit the 20 year need? Would like enough information to say we are realistic about those acquisition goals over 20 years given population growth
Guidelines vs Standards	Deputy Mayor Jay Arnold	(26) More clarification
Financing Options / Ballot Measure	Deputy Mayor Jay Arnold	(27) Plan talks about bonds in general as a possibility; would like to see other financing options in more detail
	Mayor Penny Sweet	(28) We will move into a deep discussion when we proceed into the ballot measure process and should incorporate that into the plan
Impact Fees	Deputy Mayor Jay Arnold	(29) Precise language within the document around impact fees; concerned that if plan defines things as deficiencies (vs growth opportunity), then we can't use impact fees to correct them
Cross Kirkland Corridor	Deputy Mayor Jay Arnold	(30) Precise language when we are talking about the corridor vs the interim trail; alignment with CKC Master Plan
Cricket	Deputy Mayor Jay Arnold	(31) Update language of Cricket category from nontraditional to unserved; was mentioned in focus groups and highlighted as a future interest; details on how we would support this regionally
Executive Summary	Kelli Curtis	(32) Would like to see a description of what our long-term vision is for our park system; we need to answer the questions: Where are we going from here?; What are our greatest needs? Tell our story. What are our greatest needs?; What kind of open space do we need?; What fields and courts?; elevate the information so people can access it quickly
Aquatics Space / Facility	Kelli Curtis	(33) Need for specific language in Goal 1 that we need an aquatic center
Pickleball	Kelli Curtis	(34) Demand for Pickleball was clear in the community; creative solutions for addressing the need (tennis court conversions for example)
Sports Data	Kelli Curtis	(35) Would like to see data expanded on more sports/recreation trends that are more applicable to Kirkland. The charts on

		p 55 included saltwater fishing and hunting which are not relevant to Kirkland Parks. We have 11 miles of shoreline, what is the demand for water activities, pickleball, lacrosse, etc? You stated there is more demand for rectangle vs diamond fields but please include data to back up those statements.
Cover Photo	Kelli Curtis	(36) Update photo of person paddleboarding without lifejacket
Red line next version of document	Kelli Curtis / Mayor Penny Sweet	(37) Requesting red line version so changes to document stand out
Long term vs short term	Kelli Curtis	(38) Document language of long term vs short term in actual years for accountability, like Sustainability Master Plan