



KIRKLAND PARK BOARD REGULAR MEETING

Date: September 14, 2022; 7:00pm

Meeting to be held virtually, via Zoom

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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. **COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR**
5. **ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE**
6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. June 8, 2022
 - b. July 13, 2022
7. **BUSINESS ITEMS**
 - a. PROS Plan Update
 - b. 2023 Parks Ballot Measure Initiative & Recreation and Aquatic Center Feasibility Study
8. **COMMUNICATIONS**
 - a. Correspondence
 - b. [Department Monthly Report](#)
 - c. Staff updates and information
 - d. Park Board member reports
9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Next Park Board Meeting: October 12, 2022

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KIRKLAND PARK BOARD Minutes of Regular Meeting June 8, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

The June 8, 2022 Park Board regular meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chair Amanda Judd.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chair Amanda Judd, Vice Chair Mike Holland, Board member Amy Ambrosini, Board member Tammy Cohen, Board member Tessa Hansen, Board member Crystal Thimsen, Board member Roshan Parikh

Members Absent: Board member Alison Cunningham

Staff Present: Parks and Community Services Director Lynn Zwaagstra, Deputy Director John Lloyd, Park Planning and Development Manager Mary Gardocki, Parks Operations Manager Jason Filan, Recreation Manager Sara Shellenbarger

Recording Secretary: Heather Lantz-Brazil, Administrative Assistant

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Vice Chair Mike Holland read aloud the Local Land Acknowledgement:

"We acknowledge that the Southern Salish Sea region lies on the unceded and ancestral land of the Coast Salish peoples, the Duwamish, Muckleshoot, Puyallup, Skykomish, Snoqualmie, Snohomish, Suquamish and Tulalip tribes and other tribes of the Puget Sound Salish people, and that present-day City of Kirkland is in the traditional heartland of the Lake People and the River People. We honor with gratitude the land itself, the First People – who have reserved treaty rights and continue to live here since time immemorial – and their ancestral heritage."

Board member Amy Ambrosini volunteered to read the Local Land Acknowledgement at the next Park Board meeting.

4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

No items presented.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The May 25, 2022 Park Board meeting minutes were presented to the Board and approved by unanimous consent.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Draft PROS Plan for Park Board Feedback and Adoption

Chair Amanda Judd introduced the business item, with a shift in focus to reviewing the June 7, 2022 City Council Study Session feedback on the Parks Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan and the impact on the schedule of the plan. Mary Gardocki, Park Planning and Development Manager gave a presentation on the feedback received from City Council and the impact to the schedule for the future possible adoption of the PROS Plan. Lynn Zwaggstra, Parks and Community Services Director gave a presentation on the ballot measure process. Staff answered questions from the Board and received feedback from the Board.

PARK BOARD RECESSED AT 8:08 PM FOR 7 MINUTES
PARK BOARD RECONVENED AT 8:15 PM

Motion to make a prioritization recommendation based on the items in the PROS Plan to City Council.

Moved by Board member Roshan Parikh, seconded by Vice Chair Mike Holland.

Vote: Motion failed 2-5.

Yes votes: Board member Roshan Parikh, Vice Chair Mike Holland

No votes: Chair Amanda Judd, Board member Amy Ambrosini, Board member Tessa Hansen, Board member Crystal Thimsen, Board member Tammy Cohen

7. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Correspondence
no comment

b. Department Monthly Report
Report will be posted on online on June 7, 2022.

c. Staff updates and information
Park Board special meeting on July 13, 2022, will be a park tour of David E. Brink Park and 132nd Square Park at 6 PM with dinner provided.
Sara Shellenbarger, Recreation Manager highlighted outdoor recreation teen programming opportunities and requested the Board share the information within their networks.
Mary Gardocki, Park Planning and Development Manager gave updates on capital projects: David E. Brink Park and 132nd Square Park.
Jason Filan, Parks Operations Manager gave an update on the geese at David E. Brink Park.

d. Park Board member reports
Board member Tessa Hansen reported that Phase 3 of the Google Campus – Feriton Spur Park will be opening on the same day as the next Park Board, July 13, 2022, at 5 PM.

e. Comments from the Chair
Chair Amanda Judd expressed thanks to the Board for their investment in parks and recreational programs and the Board process.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Amanda Judd adjourned the meeting at 9:41 PM.

Heather Lantz-Brazil, Recording Secretary
Parks and Community Services

Amanda Judd, Chair
Park Board

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**KIRKLAND PARK BOARD
Minutes of Special Meeting
July 13, 2022**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The July 13, 2022 Park Board regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Amanda Judd.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chair Amanda Judd, Vice Chair Mike Holland, Board member Amy Ambrosini, Board member Tammy Cohen, Board member Alison Cunningham, Board member Crystal Thimsen, Board member Roshan Parikh

Members Absent: Board member Tessa Hansen

Staff Present: Parks and Community Services Director Lynn Zwaagstra, Park Planning and Development Manager Mary Gardocki, Parks Operations Manager Jason Filan, Aimee Allcock
Public Works Project Coordinator

Recording Secretary: Heather Lantz-Brazil, Administrative Assistant

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The following Local Land Acknowledgement was read aloud:

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4. PARK TOUR

Park Board members and staff toured Juanita Beach Park, David E. Brink Park and 132nd Square Park. Staff answered questions from the Board.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Correspondence
no comment

b. Department Monthly Report
no comment

c. Staff updates and information
Staff provided a summary of feedback from City Council Study Session on June 7, 2022, regarding the draft Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan. Staff invited the Board to attend

the David. E. Brink Park ribbon cutting on July 15, 2022, to celebrate the renovation of the park.

d. Park Board member reports

e. Comments from the Chair

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Amanda Judd adjourned the meeting at 8:27 PM.

Heather Lantz-Brazil, Recording Secretary
Parks and Community Services

Amanda Judd, Chair
Park Board



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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: September 14, 2022

Subject: 2023 Parks Ballot Measure Initiative & Recreation and Aquatic Center Feasibility Study

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Park Board receive an overview of the 2023 Parks Ballot Measure Initiative, and Recreation and Aquatic Center Feasibility Study.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

The Parks & Community Services Department (PCS) is in the process of finalizing the 2022 Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan, which acts as a six-year guide and strategic plan for managing and enhancing park and recreation services. The planning process included robust community engagement led and facilitated by BerryDunn, with supplemental engagement efforts led by the City. In total, the community engagement and inclusive needs analysis process incorporated the opinions, needs, and desires of over 4,700 Kirkland community members. As a result of the many public input opportunities initiated by the City, the engagement interwoven throughout the PROS Plan is extremely comprehensive.

At the end of 2021, City Council began considering potential parks ballot measure(s). The PROS Plan update process had been occurring for approximately 6 months and public interest in expanding park and recreation service levels, amenities and facilities had begun coming forward. In response, City Council allocated funding during the 2021 mid-biennial budget process for a potential parks related ballot measure(s) exploratory process.

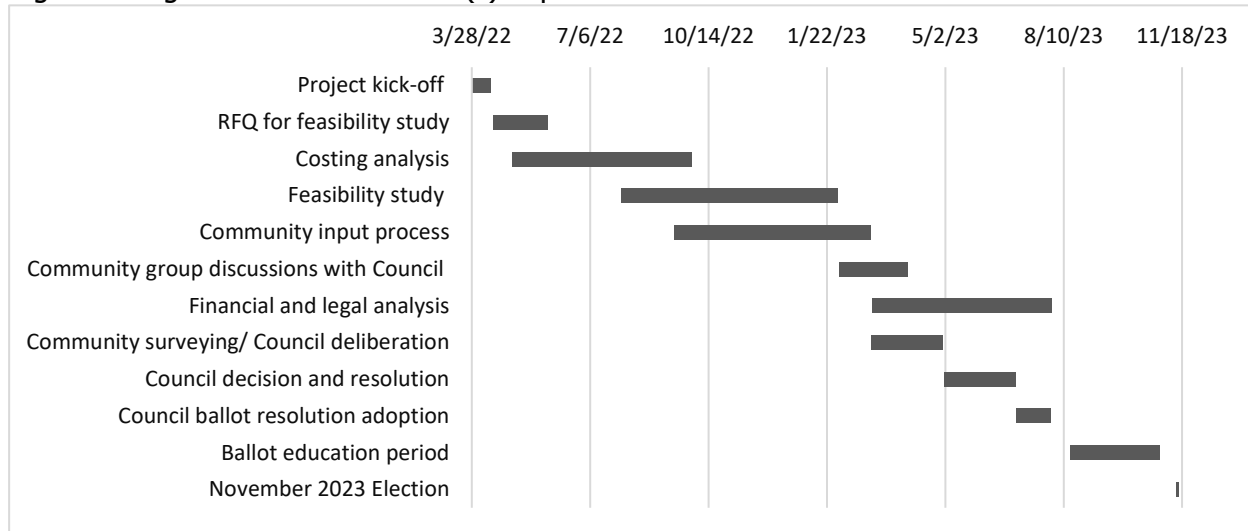
Preliminary results of the PROS Plan community engagement process were presented to City Council at the [January 28, 2022 Planning Retreat](#). Results and findings from the PROS Plan outreach process delivered strong messages from the community about needed park improvements, adding new park components (e.g., playground, pickleball court), constructing an indoor aquatics center, recreation center, and developing a trail network connecting parks throughout the city. The community expressed the need to provide more aquatics programming, sports programming, fitness activities, outdoor recreation opportunities, and more free or non-fee-based special events.

In response to hearing these community needs, City Council adopted a new work plan item at the [March 1, 2022 City Council meeting](#). The new work plan item reads:

*Explore potential comprehensive Parks ballot measure options to be placed before Kirkland voters in 2023 for the purpose of maintaining and expanding natural areas, open spaces, aquatic and recreational facilities, and program opportunities that enhance the health and wellbeing of the community to further the goals of **abundant parks, open spaces, and recreational services**.*

The City Council directed staff to take the necessary steps to place a potential ballot measure(s) on the November 2023 ballot. As shared at the [May 17, 2022 City Council meeting](#), the City Manager and PCS Director have chartered a “Ballot Action Team (BAT)” to steer the ballot measure(s) development. The BAT consists of leadership staff in the City Manager’s Office, PCS, Public Works, and Finance and will meet every other week through 2023 to keep the initiative on track. Figure 1 displays a high-level timeline of this body of work.

Figure 1: High-level Ballot Measure(s) Exploration Timeline



Community Engagement Component of the Ballot Measure(s) Exploration Process

Parks and recreation services are a vital component of the quality of life for all Kirkland community members, businesses, and visitors to the City. These services belong to the entire community and it is critical that the entire community understand the need and support the request for new investments for any ballot measure to be successful. To accomplish this, based on the successful model from the 2012 Parks Levy, staff recommended re-establishing the Parks Funding Exploratory Committee (PFEC) to lead a community input process to identify the capital and operating elements and the funding mechanisms to be placed on the ballot. After a comprehensive process, PFEC will present their recommendations to City Council in the first quarter of 2023.

At the [August 3, 2022 special meeting](#), City Council re-established the Parks Funding Exploratory Committee (PFEC) with Councilmember Kelli Curtis serving as the Chair. PFEC will be comprised of diverse stakeholders that have an interest in Kirkland’s parks and recreation

services, with delegates sought from specific organizations and a robust recruitment process for at-large positions. The PFEC Member Position Description that outlines member responsibilities and roles is included as **Attachment A**. This description also outlines what the City will provide to remove barriers to PFEC participation, including providing meals from Kirkland restaurants, with transportation and childcare support as needed.

Forty-three members of PFEC have been either appointed by groups or selected as at-large members to give voice to many aspects of the Kirkland Community. Park Board is represented by Vice-Chair, Mike Holland. All members were contacted the first week of September and the first meeting will be held on September 15, 2022 at Juanita Beach Park. PFEC will meet approximately twice a month through February 23, 2023, and will provide recommendations to City Council in March 2023. See **Attachment B** for a full roster and meeting schedule.

Feasibility Study

During the [May 17, 2022 City Council meeting](#), staff received City Council's support to begin a Feasibility Study process to evaluate the feasibility for an indoor aquatics and recreation center(s). Staff completed the procurement process and selected Opsi Architecture as the consultant. The consultant will provide four concept plans: one for a large facility, two options for medium facilities, and a park redevelopment conceptual plan for Peter Kirk Park. The consultant will work with PCS staff to identify possible locations for each facility. These plans will be used during the potential ballot measure(s) community input process. Park Board and City Council will receive updates and presentations throughout this process.

A series of kickoff meetings were held with Opsi Architecture and city staff in mid-August. Opsi will share progress with the PFEC in November and final concepts will be presented to PFEC in January.

Simultaneously, staff are identifying a slate of potential capital and operating investments to be considered for potential ballot measure(s), based on goals and priorities established in the draft PROS Plan, and conducting siting and costing analysis for each investment. Staff are also developing communications materials and plans. Final steps to the process involve funding mechanism research, community surveying and adoption of a resolution directing the City staff to proceed with legal steps necessary to pursue ballot measure(s).

Attachment A: PFEC Member Position Description

Attachment B: PFEC Member Roster and Schedule

Parks Funding Exploratory Committee Position Description

Community Members creating recommendations for potential 2023 Parks ballot measure(s)

Why a Parks Funding Exploratory Committee?

Community feedback over the past few years, including from over 4,700 Kirkland community members who provided input as part of the 2022 [Parks, Recreation and Open Space \(PROS\) Plan](#) update, has shown a strong desire to add an aquatic center and additional indoor recreation space in Kirkland. Community members also want year-round access to restrooms, a strengthened trail network, better lighting and parking at facilities, increased maintenance of parks, pickleball courts, diverse and inclusive recreation programming, and more.

The City Council has heard that the community wants fast action to deliver improvements, enhancements and expansion of parks and recreation services identified during the PROS Plan update. On March 1, 2022, the City Council adopted resolution R-5514 directing staff to:

Explore potential comprehensive Parks ballot measure options to be placed before Kirkland voters in 2023 for the purpose of maintaining and expanding natural areas, open spaces, aquatic and recreational facilities, and program opportunities that enhance the health and wellbeing of the community to further the goals of abundant parks, open spaces, and recreational services.

The City Council is looking for input from Kirkland community members, groups, and businesses to help identify the right elements to include in potential November 2023 ballot measure(s) and the appropriate funding mechanism(s) that could be part of the ballot measure(s).

To carry out this important work, on [August 3], 2022, the City Council approved the formation of a Parks Funding Exploratory Committee (PFEC) to determine the highest priorities for parks and recreation and provide recommendations to the City Council regarding what capital and operating elements and funding mechanisms the ballot measure(s) should include.

PFEC Composition

PFEC should be comprised of members who reflect the diversity of the Kirkland community, including with respect to race; ethnicity; gender; sexual orientation; gender identity; the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability; status as a homeowner or renter; neighborhood; family composition; languages spoken; policy perspective; and age.

Additionally, the City seeks members who represent these types of activity/interest or identity groups:

- Service Clubs of Kirkland
- Affordable Housing Provider
- Affordable Housing Resident
- Organized Aquatics
- Outdoor Field Sports
- Outdoor Court Sports
- Indoor Sports
- Fitness and Training
- Informal/Pickup Sports
- Lifelong Learning Activity
- Performing Arts
- Parent with school-age children at home
- Health and Wellness
- Large Business
- Small Business
- Youth
- Renter
- Disability and/or neurodiverse community members

PFEC will be made up of 30-50 Kirkland community members volunteering their time including:

- Chaired by Councilmember Kelli Curtis
- 20-30 members will represent specific organizations that City Council asked to participate in PFEC
- An open application process will be used to identify:
 - 20-30 at-large members will be chosen through an open application process

PFEC Process

PFEC will meet twice a month from September 2022 through February 2023. The Committee will compile and make recommendations to City Council in the spring of 2023 regarding what the potential ballot measure(s) should include. Based on community input, City Council will make a final decision on the ballot measure(s) in late spring or early summer of 2023.

Meetings in September will begin with PFEC members getting to know one another and an educational process on parks and recreation (including tours), funding history, background on Kirkland's budget, and conversation about available ballot measure funding mechanisms. PFEC members will also discuss what the City learned from the PROS Plan community engagement and what community members' greatest needs are. City staff and consultants will provide PFEC members with detailed cost and feasibility information related to potential investments named in the PROS Plan and identified by PFEC, City Council, the Park Board, and community members. Based upon their review of comprehensive information, PFEC members will make recommendations to Council for what capital and operating elements and funding mechanisms the potential ballot measure(s) should include.

PFEC Member Role

The City greatly appreciates the time of PFEC volunteer members, who are asked to:

- Attend at least 90% of PFEC meetings (2-3 hours each, typically on Thursday evening – see attached meeting schedule)
- Care about parks and recreation in Kirkland
- Live, work or play in Kirkland
- Enjoy great food! Dinner from Kirkland restaurants will be provided at all meetings.
- Have time (2+ hours/week) to review materials provided by staff that will help inform PFEC recommendations
- Come with an openness to engage in conversation with people with diverse perspectives
- Agree to PFEC agreements of how to interact with one another in the group, to be written collaboratively during the first meetings
- Ask any questions that arise – all questions are good questions!
- Be committed to the City's efforts related to [diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging](#)

The City will provide:

- Dinner from Kirkland restaurants
- Educational meetings and tours of existing and model facilities
- PROS Plan information and other existing community input
- Transportation and childcare support as needed

Apply to be an at-large PFEC member! The City is currently seeking community members to apply for the activity/interest and identity group and at-large PFEC positions. All materials are available at <https://www.kirklandwa.gov/parks2023ballot>.

Application timeline:

- Thursday, August 4: Application opens
 - Applications are accepted through the online form or via paper copy
- Thursday, August 25, 8:00 p.m.: Application due date
- Friday, August 26 – Wednesday, August 31: Application review process, including contacting selected members
- Thursday, September 1: PFEC member list announced on website
- Thursday, September 15: First PFEC meeting

Parks Funding Exploratory Committee Members

Name	Organization
Councilmember Kelli Curtis, Chair	City Council
Mike Holland	Park Board
Susan Heuther	Senior Council
Stacey Good	Green Kirkland Partnership Park Steward
Gian Hamid	Youth Representative
Scott Morris	Finn Hill Neighborhood Association
Bob Keller	Highlands Neighborhood Association
Aaron Jacobson	Lakeview Neighborhood Association
Liz Hunt	Market Neighborhood Association
Alex Chen	Moss Bay Neighborhood Association
Mary-Alyce Burleigh	North Rose Hill Neighborhood Association
Karin Quirk	Kirkland Chamber of Commerce
Celestina Hendrickson	Kirkland Downtown Association
Adam White	Kirkland Parks and Community Foundation
Ken MacKenzie	Individuals opposed to previous park ballot measures
Maru De La Pena	Kirkland Promotores
Susan Pappalardo	Splash Forward
Lori Kloes	Evergreen Health Hospital
Brian Buck	Lake Washington School District
Ryan Porter	Northwest University
Amy Morrison	Lake Washington Technical Institute

At-Large Members (alphabetical by first name)		
Adelheid Kutscher	Jory Hamilton	Samuel Rapoport
Bradley Brown	Juliana Born	Shivani Jain
Chad Winkle	Kali Hopf Oswald	Sue Contreras
Heui young Joo	Marty Eagleson	Todd Pemble
Jamie Blackard	Melanie Anne Walling	Tom Reese
Jessica Perez	Nasim Ghazanfari	Vincent Campos
John West	Phillip Allen	Yasi Raouf
Jordan Passon	Reece Gleadle	

*Of the 13 neighborhood associations, only 6 submitted delegates

Parks Funding Exploratory Committee Schedule

PFEC Meeting Date	Topic
September 15, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Welcome, Teambuilding, Overview, Juanita Beach Park Tour
September 29, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.	Peter Kirk Park and Community Center Tour, Teambuilding, Benefits of Parks & Recreation
October 13, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Parks & Rec 101: Current Operations & Future Possibilities: Maintenance Focus
October 27, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Parks & Rec 101: Current Operations & Future Possibilities: Recreation and Administrative Focus
November 10, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Feasibility Study Update
December 1, evening TBD	Tour of Aquatics Center in another municipality
December 8, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Kirkland Budget, Funding Mechanisms & Ballot Measure History
January 12, 2023, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Feasibility Study Results
January 26, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Project Selection Criteria & Begin Project Selection and Funding Mechanism Conversation
February 9, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Project Selection and Funding Mechanism Conversation
February 23, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Final Recommendations for Council & Celebration
Tuesday, March 7, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Tentative date for PFEC to present recommendations to Council

From: [Phil Allen](#)
To: [Park Board](#)
Subject: Re: New Aquatics Center for Kirkland?
Date: Wednesday, July 13, 2022 3:30:26 PM

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Kirkland Parks Board,

I had some further thoughts on this topic. At the last Park's Commission meeting, there were some recommendations to dream big, to ponder what may happen if the City owned Big Finn Hill Park. I've thought through and see how the City could gain ownership of Big Finn Hill Park, but I think it would require a deal that only the people involved would be proud of. On the other hand, even if it were a the sort of deal that everyone should be proud of, I would vote against a ballot measure that concentrated this investment in basically any one neighborhood.

I've been to Big Finn Hill Park and a number of other Finn Hill parks and facilities. Softball and basketball come to mind. It's a great area, but it is effectively in the corner of Kirkland. Placing a large facility there would seem to benefit a small number of neighborhoods greatly at the expense of all residents.

Here's what I am thinking. Instead of one large facility (Dream Big Solo), I think about the different sort of indoor facilities that could be discussed. Community centers, like the North Kirkland Community Center; Aquatics centers, like the Peter Kirk Pool (and if you wish to count it, the Juanita Aquatics Center); and indoor athletics centers (which I think are described in the proposal but I can't think of an indoor volleyball/soccer/tennis/etc hosting facility in Kirkland). As a proposal, acquire smaller properties and build a number of these facilities in Kirkland, dispersed throughout the neighborhoods, so that every resident is reasonably close to one of these in each category, presumably at similar total cost.

Example: Moss Bay, I believe, houses the Peter Kirk Pool. This gives the residents summer access to a pool. If among the four adjacent neighborhoods there were that community center and indoor recreation center, then it is east to say they have access to those facilities as well. Repeat for the other 12 neighborhoods.

This is probably accomplishable with smaller parcels and every voter would be able to look at the plan and say, "For my portion of the ~300 million dollars I am getting something close enough that I can use". I can this Dream Big Multi, and it would be easy for me to foresee people voting for it.

Some special rules would need to be made to make the pattern work for Finn Hill (the only neighborhood adjacent to one other neighborhood), but I think in concept that Dream Big Multi, building and utilizing sites throughout Kirkland, is the one that would clearly pass on the ballot.

Thanks,
Phil Allen

On Wed, Jun 8, 2022 at 11:00 PM Phil Allen <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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: John Lloyd, Deputy Director, Parks and Community Services
Date: September 14, 2022
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.

- **New artwork installed at Juanita Beach Park and Edith Moulton Park**
 - The City of Kirkland has a policy requiring that 1% of funding for certain Capital Improvement (CIP) Projects be set aside for public art.
 - The artwork for both parks was designed and built by Urban Rock Design
 - Urban Rock was selected by a joint committee comprised of Kirkland Cultural

Arts Commission and Park Board members.

- Edith Moulton Park
 - Park Board reviewed the design and recommended approval to City Council at the [January 9, 2019](#) meeting.
 - The objectives and design goals of the project was to create an interactive piece of art that is congruent with the historical aspects of the land and how it was acquired by the City of Kirkland. The structure reflects the history of the property and family homestead. The design is intended to be interactive, which allows the artwork to be used for seating or play.



- Juanita Beach Park
 - Park Board reviewed the design and recommended approval to City Council at the [February 10, 2021](#) meeting.
 - Seating elements installed near the playground represent the area's timber-rich landscape.
 - Metal discs installed on the seating elements and on the railing of the boardwalk translate historic photos of the site's past.



- **Harvest Festival**

- Join us for Kirkland's 2nd Annual Harvest Festival on Saturday October 1st at Juanita Beach Park! The Harvest Festival will feature food trucks, music, apple cider pressing demonstrations, activities for children at the "Kids Korral", seasonal competitions, and a vendor marketplace. A special thank you to MorningStar Senior Living, Google, and Neal Smiles Orthodontics for sponsoring this fun community event.
- Please help spread the word about this free event.

- **Wheels & Reels Fall Drive In Movie Series**

- Enjoy a night out under the stars at Juanita Beach Park with our Fall Drive-in Movie Series. The parking lot opens at 6:00 PM and the movie starts at 7:00 PM. Watch each movie on our giant LED movie screen! \$20 per vehicle, pre-registration is required. To register, visit [KirklandParks.net](https://www.kirklandparks.net).
- September 17th – Togo
- October 22nd – Casper
- November 4th – Christopher Robin
- **Pop-Up Dog Parks**
 - Back by popular demand! A pop-up dog park opened at Heritage Park on Wednesday September 7th. The park will remain in place until mid-October, depending on the weather and wear and tear on the park.
 - Initially the pop-up dog park at Snyder's Corner was scheduled to be moved to Heritage Park in September. However, due to of overwhelming community support, staff shifted some resources around and the park at Snyder's Corner will remain in place until mid-October.
 - Funding has been requested in the 2023-2024 budget to continue providing pop-up dog parks throughout the community.
- **Kirkland Health & Wellness Fair**
 - The 2022 Kirkland Health and Wellness Fair is scheduled for Saturday, October 8, 2022 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Juanita High School (10601 NE 132nd St, Kirkland, WA 98034). This free event is open to all and is a collaboration of King County Promotores Network (KCPN), the City of Kirkland, and Public Health Seattle-King County. A variety of services will be offered including: COVID-19 vaccinations, flu shots, health exams, dental services, information and resource exhibits, music, food, kids' activities, giveaways, volunteer opportunities, and much more. For more information contact Anny Smith at asmith@kirklandwa.gov.
- **Goose deterrent system installed at Juanita Beach Park**
 - Did you notice the new orange lights installed at Juanita Beach? Over the years we have tried all kinds of different strategies to try and live with the waterfowl along our waterfront park areas. We have installed a few of these lights at the park as our latest attempt to keep the geese from becoming too comfortable. The flashing light does not harm the geese, but rather it annoys them so they leave the area. If these lights are determined to be successful, more may be installed next summer.



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