

RESOLUTION R-4990

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND RELATED TO ESTABLISHING A FORMAL DESIGN PROGRAM TO GUIDE CREATION OF A TOTEM LAKE PARK MASTER PLAN.

WHEREAS, in December of 2010 the City Council adopted Resolution R-4856, approving a Preliminary Action Plan for revitalizing the Totem Lake Business District and directing City departments to reprioritize work tasks accordingly; and

WHEREAS, the Park Board in 2011 forwarded recommendations to the Council regarding potential park-related projects, including for the City to develop a master plan for the Totem Lake Park property; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Land Institute in 2011 also recommended that Totem Lake Park be developed as a catalyzing strategy along with development of the Cross Kirkland Corridor to help create a "sense of place" in Totem Lake; and

WHEREAS, in February 2013 the City Council formally adopted the City's 2013 – 2014 Work Program, which included emphasis on Totem Lake revitalization; and

WHEREAS, in March 2013 the City Council authorized funding for creation of a Totem Lake Park Master Plan and directed staff and the Park Board to work with the property owner, King Conservation District and interested citizens in developing the Plan; and

WHEREAS, a Design Program should be established to guide schematic design and creation of a park master plan;

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

Section 1. That the Totem Lake Park Master Plan incorporates the following elements hereby referred to as the Design Program:

1. Provide a loop trail that enhances and energizes the site.
2. Provide appropriate amenities to support use of the site such as benches, signage, environmental and historical interpretation, and seating areas.
3. Enhance connectivity to and from the park, to include Evergreen Medical Center and the Totem Lake Transit Center. Develop connections in cooperation with Seattle City Light at the utility easement and with local property owners on the "north hill" to allow adjacent community users access to the site.

4. Study and recommend parking opportunities and improved pedestrian access.
5. Provide improved pedestrian connections at Totem Lake Blvd. and N.E. 124th Street.
6. Develop the Cross Kirkland Corridor to enhance the experience of Totem Lake Park and provide connections to surrounding businesses.
7. Study the development of an upland parcel or parcels for future community center, parking, and link to Totem Lake Mall properties.
8. Explore further how adjacent parcels could be re-developed to strengthen and support the programming of the park.
9. Enhance the ecological function of the park and the quality of water leaving the lake. Develop a vegetation and wildlife management plan that looks to diversify the existing vegetation, remove invasive species and support a diverse population of wildlife.
10. Make recommendations on how to improve water quality and how management of the site may help alleviate future flooding issues.
11. Consider how public art could be incorporated into the planning process to energize the site and create an awareness of the lake.
12. Develop and maintain views and access to open water but don't provide for boating activities due to the limited size of the lake.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting on the 6th day of August, 2013.

Signed in authentication thereof this 6th day of August, 2013.



Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk