

RESOLUTION R-5284

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND ADOPTING AN ACTION PLAN FOR 2017-19 TO GUIDE CITY PARTICIPATION IN THE EVOLUTION OF THE TOTEM LAKE BUSINESS DISTRICT.

1 WHEREAS, the City Council committed City resources toward the
2 renewal of the Totem Lake Business District and adopted R-4856; and
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4 WHEREAS, the actions that were delineated in R-4856 and the
5 action plan that followed it have been largely achieved; and
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7 WHEREAS, among the completed actions was over \$51 million
8 in public improvements including but not limited to: \$30M for a new
9 Public Safety Building; \$5M to purchase the Cross Kirkland Corridor;
10 \$3.6M to repurpose the CKC as an interim trail for bike and pedestrian
11 travel; and \$4.5M to mitigate flood events; and
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13 WHEREAS, the City has completed and has begun to implement
14 a number of plans including the Cross Kirkland Corridor Master Plan and
15 the Totem Lake Park Plan, to guide further redevelopment and
16 enhancement of the business district; and
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18 WHEREAS, the City has recommitted to the redevelopment of
19 the Totem Lake Mall, assigning the 2006 development agreement to
20 new owners, CenterCal, that will result in a prosperous mall, the Village
21 at Totem Lake, graced by quality public spaces, and retail and residential
22 development due to be completed in 2018; and
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24 WHEREAS, the City Council at its December 13, 2016 meeting
25 adopted a 2017-2022 Capital Improvements Program that included an
26 expanded and accelerated Totem Lake Park capital project to respond
27 to extensive redevelopment in the Totem Lake Business District, by
28 creating nearby quality recreation and open space, as well as
29 investments to improve intersections and sidewalks in the Totem Lake
30 Area and to design and construct a bicycle and pedestrian bridge
31 connecting the Cross Kirkland Corridor to Totem Lake Park; and
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33 WHEREAS, as per the resolution and action plan, the City has
34 maintained a continuous connection to stakeholders, advising them of
35 Totem Lake activity through quarterly newsletters and Totem Lake
36 Conversations meetings, together with soliciting ideas and implementing
37 changes to the Kirkland Comprehensive Plan to improve the economic
38 climate of the Totem Lake Business District; and
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40 WHEREAS, the City sponsored a Totem Lake Symposium on April
41 13, 2016 to receive input from developers, commercial brokers,
42 architects, Totem Lake property owners and neighborhood
43 representatives on what should be done in the future planning and

44 development of the Totem Lake Business District to achieve the transit-
45 oriented Urban Center vision for the business district; and
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47 WHEREAS, among the suggestions expressed by Symposium
48 attendees and others was to bring cohesion to the appearance and
49 character of Totem Lake, including consideration of renaming streets to
50 eliminate confusion and disorientation, through implementation of a
51 wayfinding plan and district-wide design standards that expand upon
52 the environment created by the Totem Lake Mall redevelopment; and
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54 WHEREAS, Symposium attendees expressed support for a
55 vibrant real estate market, and noted the need for flexibility and
56 incentives to attract development that furthers the Urban Center vision;
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59 WHEREAS, it is recommended that the City Council adopt a new
60 resolution delineating continued actions to revitalize the Totem Lake
61 Business District.
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63 NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City
64 of Kirkland as follows:
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66 Section 1. The City Council adopts the revised Action Plan for
67 the Totem Lake Business District included as Attachment A to this
68 resolution.
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70 Section 2. The City Manager shall request that all pertinent City
71 departments incorporate relevant Action Plan into their 2018 work plans.
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73 Section 3. City staff shall develop an enhancement plan for the
74 Totem Lake Business District that extends and is compatible with design
75 elements developed by the Village at Totem Lake, provides a sense of
76 identity through consistent design, identification and development of
77 public spaces, wayfinding that assists navigation around the district and
78 access to I-405, and suggests opportunities for businesses to contribute
79 to the public realm.
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81 Section 4. City staff shall seek grant funding and private
82 contributions in addition to City funding to help build the multi modal,
83 pedestrian and transit-oriented business district planned within the
84 Urban Center.
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86 Section 5. City staff shall make the City Council aware of
87 development proposals within the Urban Center that support the vision
88 but require zoning flexibility or incentives to move forward and shall
89 obtain direction from the City Council about how to best respond to the
90 proposals.
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92 Section 6. The City Capital Improvement Projects list shall
93 prioritize funding for public facilities that support the Urban Center
94 including but not limited to the Totem Lake Connector Bridge, Totem
95 Lake Park, mobility improvements near the Villages at Totem Lake, and
96 improvements to NE 132nd Street in conjunction with Washington State
97 Department of Transportation (WSDOT) I-405/NE 132nd Street ramps.

98 Section 7. With the passage of Sound Transit 3 in November
99 of 2016, City staff shall work with Sound Transit, WSDOT and METRO
100 to implement capital facilities to serve Bus Rapid Transit on I-405 and
101 increase transit levels of service to the Totem Lake Business District.
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103 Section 8. City staff shall coordinate with WSDOT and Sound
104 Transit on the planning and implementation of a transit oriented
105 development (TOD) at the current Kingsgate Park & Ride.
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107 Section 9. City staff shall review the Planned Action Ordinance
108 (PAO) study and make recommendations about redevelopment
109 incentives that the ordinance could provide.
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111 Section 10. City staff shall review the intended jobs housing
112 balance for the Totem Lake Business District as set forth in the
113 Comprehensive Plan, and recommend ways of encouraging more
114 commercial development if necessary.
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116 Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open
117 meeting this 21st day of November, 2017.
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119 Signed in authentication thereof this 21st day of November,
120 2017.



Amy Walen, Mayor

Attest:



Kathi Anderson, City Clerk