

RESOLUTION R-5551

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND ESTABLISHING A PARKS FUNDING EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL THE CAPITAL AND OPERATING ELEMENTS AND FUNDING STRUCTURES INCLUDED IN POTENTIAL PARKS MEASURES TO BE PLACED ON THE NOVEMBER 2023 BALLOT.

1 WHEREAS, parks and recreation services are a vital
2 component of the quality of life for all Kirkland community
3 members, businesses, and visitors to the City; and
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5 WHEREAS, Kirkland values an exceptional parks, natural
6 areas, and recreation system that provides a wide variety of
7 opportunities aimed at promoting the community's health and
8 enjoyment; and
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10 WHEREAS, Council has continuously included parks and
11 recreation in biennial council goals, most recently with the 2021-
12 2022 goal of Abundant Parks, Open Spaces & Recreation Services,
13 which seeks to provide and maintain natural areas and
14 recreational facilities and opportunities that enhance the health
15 and wellbeing of the community; and
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17 WHEREAS, in the past, significant funding for parks and
18 recreation in Kirkland has been secured through bonds and levies
19 placed on the ballot and approved by Kirkland voters; and
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21 WHEREAS, the Parks and Community Services Department
22 ("PCS") is completing an update to the Parks, Recreation, and
23 Open Space Plan, which acts as a strategic guide and informs the
24 Council of the community's level of interest in capital and
25 operating investments for Kirkland's parks; and
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27 WHEREAS, to respond to the community's stated interests
28 in expanding and enhancing Kirkland's parks and recreation
29 programs, the Council set aside funding to explore the possibility
30 of Parks-related ballot measure options during the City's mid-
31 biennial budget process in 2021; and
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33 WHEREAS, the Council also revised its 2021-2022 City
34 Work Program to include a goal to explore potential
35 comprehensive Parks ballot measure options to be placed before
36 Kirkland voters in 2023 for the purpose of maintaining and
37 expanding natural areas, open spaces, aquatic and recreational
38 facilities, and program opportunities that enhance the health and
39 wellbeing of the community to further the goals of abundant
40 parks, open spaces, and recreational services; and

41 WHEREAS, to advance this City Work Program goal, the
42 City Manager recommends engaging a group of community
43 members and local organizations and business groups to
44 participate in a Parks Funding Exploratory Committee ("PFEC") to
45 meet throughout September 2022 through February 2023 to
46 recommend to the Council appropriate capital and operating
47 elements and funding mechanisms to include in potential
48 November 2023 ballot measure options; and

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

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57 WHEREAS, PFEC should include stakeholders who have an
58 interest in Kirkland's parks and recreation services in an
59 organizational or personal capacity; and

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61 WHEREAS, the Council will consider the Parks Funding
62 Exploratory Committee's recommendations no later than March
63 2023 and may take action to place a measure on the November
64 ballot at any subsequent Council meeting but no later than July
65 18, 2023.

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

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70 Section 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized and
71 directed to establish a Parks Funding Exploratory Committee with
72 members as identified in Exhibit A to this Resolution. The Parks
73 Funding Exploratory Committee will meet and deliberate
74 consistent with the tentative schedule included in Exhibit A, which
75 the City Manager has authority to modify.

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77 Section 2. The Parks Funding Exploratory Committee shall
78 recommend to the Council no later than March 21, 2023, the
79 capital and operating elements and funding mechanisms to be
80 included in potential Parks November 2023 ballot measures.

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82 Section 3. To maximize the effectiveness of the Parks
83 Funding Exploratory Committee, the City Manager is authorized to
84 appoint a limited number of additional members or replacement
85 members to the committee. Prior to making any such
86 appointments, the City Manager shall notify the City Council of the
87 pending appointment and provide an explanation of why the
88 appointment will be beneficial to the committee process.

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Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 3 day of August, 2022.

Signed in authentication thereof this 3 day of August, 2022.


Penny Sweet, Mayor

Attest:


Kathi Anderson, City Clerk

Parks Funding Exploratory Committee Members

Specific Organizations that will identify a delegate to serve on Committee

Organization Type	Specific Organization
City Organizations	Chair/Convener: Councilmember Kelli Curtis Park Board Delegate from each active Neighborhood Association (12)* Youth Council Senior Council Planning Commission Green Kirkland Partnership Park Steward
Community and Civic Associations	Kirkland Chamber of Commerce Kirkland Downtown Association Kirkland Parks and Community Foundation Individuals opposed to previous park ballot measures (2) Individuals concerned with taxes and gov't efficiency (2)
Community Groups and/or Affiliated Community Members	Kirkland Promotores Right to Breathe Committee Eastside for All Eastside Pathways
Aquatics	Splash Forward
Education	Lake Washington School District Northwest University Lake Washington Technical Institute
Health	EvergreenHealth Hospital

*Of the 13 neighborhood boundaries, only 12 have active neighborhood associations. Totem Lake does not.

Open Application for Community Members in Activity/Interest and Identity Groups

Category	Activity/Interest or Identity Group
Community and Civic	Service Clubs of Kirkland (2)
Community Group	Affordable Housing Provider (1) Affordable Housing Resident (1)
Aquatics Groups	Organized Aquatics (2)
Activity/Interest Groups	Outdoor Field Sports (2) Outdoor Court Sports (2) Indoor Sports (2) Fitness and Training (1) Informal/Pickup Sports (1) Lifelong Learning Activity (1) Performing Arts (1)
Education	Parent with school-age children at home (1)
Health	Health and Wellness (1)
Businesses	Large Business (1) Small Business (1)
At-Large Community Members	Youth (2) Renter (2) Disability and/or neurodiverse community members (2)

Parks Funding Exploratory Committee Schedule**

PFEC Meeting Date	Topic
Thursday, September 15, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Welcome, Teambuilding, Overview, Juanita Beach Park Tour
Thursday, September 29, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Peter Kirk Park and Community Center Tour, Teambuilding, Benefits of Parks & Recreation
Thursday, October 13, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Parks & Rec 101: Current Operations & Future Possibilities: Maintenance Focus
Thursday, October 27, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Parks & Rec 101: Current Operations & Future Possibilities: Recreation and Administrative Focus
Thursday, November 10, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Tour of Aquatics Center in another municipality
Thursday, December 1	<i>If Needed</i>
Thursday, December 8, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Kirkland Budget, Funding Mechanisms & Ballot Measure History
Thursday, January 12, 2023, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Feasibility Study Results: Investment options to bring Kirkland Community Members Parks services and Recreation programs they want!
Thursday, January 26, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Project Selection Criteria & Begin Project Selection and Funding Mechanism Conversation
Thursday, February 9, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Project Selection and Funding Mechanism Conversation
Thursday, 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

**Subject to be adjusted as the Committee begins work