

RESOLUTION R-3345

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND ACCEPTING AND ACTING ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE WAVERLY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND ESTABLISHING CITY POLICY FOR THE PRESENT AND FUTURE PUBLIC USE OF THE WAVERLY SITE

Whereas, the City Council has received and reviewed the report and recommendation of the Waverly Site Advisory Committee, established by Resolution R3193, concerning the future utilization and possible development of the former Waverly School site; and

Whereas, the Waverly Advisory Committee, during the course of its study and review, held numerous public forums and hearings; and

Whereas, the recommendations of the Waverly Site Committee include utilization and development of the Waverly site primarily for passive park uses and the retention of Waverly Hall as a structure having historical and architectural significance; and

Whereas, the City Council has, in public session, met with the Advisory Committee, reviewed the report and recommendation and on January 28, 1987, at special meeting called for such purpose, received public comment on the Committee's report and recommendations; and

Whereas, the City has had further technical studies done regarding the structural soundness of Waverly Hall, estimated costs of demolition and/or rehabilitation of Waverly Hall, including the amount, nature and impact of the presence of asbestos or asbestos-containing materials, seismic improvements and tenant improvements; and

Whereas, the City Council has further considered the question raised by members of the general public regarding utilization of Waverly Hall or that portion of the Waverly site for future use for senior citizen or similar public or private housing; now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

Section 1. The City Council accepts the recommendation of the Waverly Advisory Committee that housing is an inappropriate use of the Waverly site.

Section 2. The City Council acknowledges the recommendation of the Advisory Committee with respect to the suggested historical and architectural significance of Waverly Hall; however, the Council finds such significance to be not

sufficient, in and of itself, to support the retention of the building in light of the study of its condition and cost of rehabilitation as made by Gerald Cichanski, AIA. Therefore, the Council determines that Waverly Hall should not be retained, but should be demolished. Nevertheless, reasonable effort should be made to determine if some architectural feature of Waverly Hall, such as an entrance archway, can be preserved.

Section 3. The Waverly site is to remain in public ownership and uses on the site shall be for the benefit of the public in general. The City Council agrees with and accepts the recommendation of the Committee regarding use and development of the Waverly site in general:

- a. Acceptable uses and improvements to the site are as follows:
  - picnic areas
  - viewpoints
  - open lawn areas
  - walking and jogging paths
  - preservation of terraces
  - gardens
  - outdoor amphitheatre
  - site or historical interpretive markers
  - parking for users of the site and as a
    - potential site for underground parking for use by the general public
- b. Future uses of the site may include new public facilities, including structures, subject to City Council approval.
- c. Administration of the site to be under the supervision of the Parks and Recreation Department, with the understanding that the City Council reserves to itself the authority to designate other and future uses and developments on the site for such general public purposes and uses as the Council may hereafter determine.

Section 4. The City administration is hereby directed to initiate steps leading to call for bids to demolish Waverly Hall, provided that the bid specifications and contract shall clearly provide:

- a. If determined feasible, the retention and preservation of some architectural feature of Waverly Hall, such as an entrance archway.
- b. That no demolition site work shall be commenced on the site by the successful bidder or contractor until all environmental review required by SEPA and the Kirkland SEPA ordinance

in conjunction with issuance of the demolition permit has been completed, including any administrative or judicial review of such environmental review documents or determinations.


Section 5. The Director of Administration and Finance is directed to provide copies of this resolution to members of the Waverly Advisory Committee, Kirkland Park Board, Kirkland Planning Commission, Kirkland Chamber of Commerce, Kirkland Historic Commission and those persons and other organizations which appeared before the Waverly Advisory Committee for which addresses are available.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in regular, open meeting this 28th day of January, 1987.

Signed in authentication thereof this 28th day of January, 1987.

  
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MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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DEPUTY CLERK  
Director of Administration & Finance  
(ex officio City Clerk)