



City of Kirkland Potential Parks Ballot Measure(s) 2023 & Parks Funding Exploratory Committee Process Overview

Finn Hill Neighborhood Alliance Meeting
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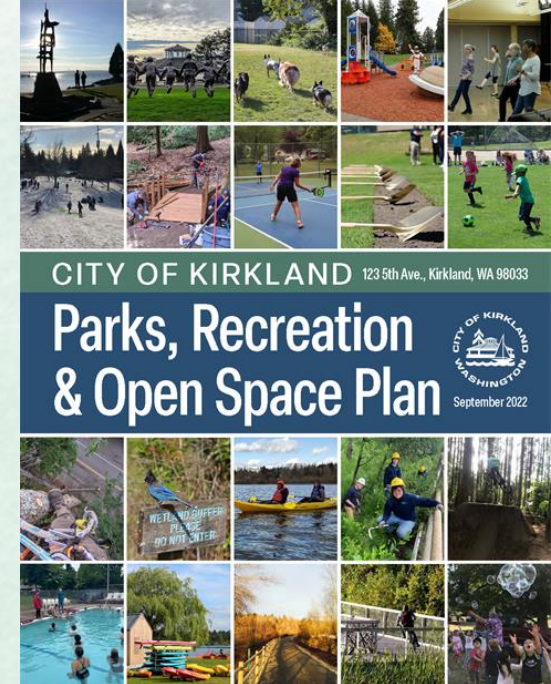
Agenda Overview

- What brought us here today?
 - 2022 Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan
 - Council Actions
- Parks Funding Exploratory Committee (PFEC) Process
- Next Steps
- Q&A



What brought us here today?

- **2022 Parks, Recreation & Open Space (PROS) Plan**
 - 4,700 + Kirkland Community Members provided input
 - Community needs identified
 - PROS Plan priorities → Potential ballot measure(s) elements
- **City Council Actions**
 - March 2022: Added Work Program item to explore potential comprehensive Parks ballot measure options for November 2023
 - August 2022: Established PFEC
 - *March-July 2023: Decide what action to take*



Community Needs Review: PROS

Most important amenities & facilities:

- parks and open spaces
- trails in parks/city trail system
- restrooms in parks
- lifeguarded beaches
- community gardens
- outdoor pool

Needs that are not being met:

- synthetic turf fields
- pickleball courts
- off leash dog parks
- restrooms in parks
- community gardens
- pool

Most important programs & services:

- special events
- environmental and outdoor programs
- fitness programs
- aquatics programs
- health and wellness programs
- sports programs

Needs that are not being met:

- adaptive/special needs programs
- culturally-specific programming
- environmental & outdoor programs
- after-school & camps
- special interest/education programs



Community Needs Review: PROS

Most important needs for improvement:

- indoor aquatics center
- new parks in the north area of Kirkland
- indoor recreation center
- new parks in my neighborhood
- more free or non-fee based special events and activities
- splash pads and other water play features

What actions would increase your participation:

- year-round restrooms
- recreation center or indoor aquatic complex
- better lighting/security
- better condition/maintenance of parks/facilities
- improved communications about offerings
- more parking
- more facilities or amenities



Parks Funding Exploratory Committee (PFEC)

44 members:

- 22 selected through open application process
- 22 from organizations specifically identified by Council
 - City of Kirkland Park Board
 - City of Kirkland Senior Council
 - Neighborhood associations (8)
 - EvergreenHealth Hospital
 - Green Kirkland Partnership
 - Kirkland Chamber of Commerce
 - Kirkland Downtown Association
 - Kirkland Parks and Community Foundation
 - Kirkland Promotores
 - Lake Washington Institute of Technology
 - Lake Washington School District
 - Northwest University
 - Splash Forward



PFEC Goal: Recommendation to Council

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If yes, provide recommended:


- Capital elements & associated costs
- Operating elements & associated costs
- Funding mechanism(s)

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How should we (Kirkland) pay for it?



PFEC Meeting Schedule



PFEC Stage	Date	Topic
Building Blocks: Current operations & complexity; PROS Plan Results	9/15	Welcome, Teambuilding, Overview, Juanita Beach Park Tour
	9/29	Peter Kirk Park & Community Center Tour, PFEC Roadmap, Benefits of Parks & Recreation, Aquatics in Kirkland
	10/13 Zoom	Parks & Rec 101: Current Operations & Future Possibilities: Maintenance Focus
	10/27 Zoom	Facility Feasibility Study Update with Opsis Architecture
Building Blocks: PFEC input on feasibility study direction; all about finance	11/10 Zoom	Parks & Rec 101: Current Operations & Future Possibilities: Recreation and Administration Focus
	12/8	Kirkland Budget, Funding Mechanisms & Ballot Measure History
Deliberation & Decision Making 	1/12/ 2023	Investment options to bring Kirkland community members Parks Services & Recreation Programs they want!
	1/9 & 21	Tours of City of Sammamish Community & Aquatic Center
	1/26	Feasibility Study Results & Continuing project selection conversations
	2/9	Project Selection & Funding Mechanism Conversation
	2/23	Final Recommendations for Council & Celebration
	<i>TBD</i>	<i>Potential extra meeting dates in Feb and early March if needed</i>
<i>Council Presentation</i>	<i>3/7 or 3/21</i>	<i>Tentative date for PFEC to present recommendations to Council</i>

Potential Ballot Measure Elements

7 Operating-
focused
Elements

15 Capital-
focused
Elements



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Next Steps

- January – February: PFEC Members discuss and decide recommendation to Council
- March: Council receives PFEC recommendation
- March-July: Council discusses and decides what action to take
- July 18: Last City Council Meeting to vote to place a measure on November 2023 ballot. *If Council votes for ballot measure:*
 - *August 1: Filing due date with King County*
 - *November 7: General Election*



Parks 2023 Ballot Measure Initiative Website

<https://Kirklandwa.gov/parks2023ballot>

Resources:

- Sign up for mailing list!
- PFEC Updates: Meeting materials
- Background materials, PROS Plan, Council Meeting Links





Thank you!

Questions?

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