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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager

From: Mary Gardocki, Park Planning and Development Manager
Lynn Zwaagstra, Director

Date: October 15, 2019

Subject: Resolution to Adopt a Master Plan for 132nd Square Park

RECOMMENDATION:

That City Council adopts the attached resolution that:

- Approves the proposed Master Plan for 132nd Square Park;
- Provides direction to return to Council with funding options for Phase 2 elements at the November 6 Council meeting;
- Provides direction to include a Synthetic Turf Strategic Plan in the 2019 CIP update; and
- Provides direction to update the Athletic Field Use Policy to ensure unscheduled, unprogrammed time on all athletic fields, including 132nd Square Park.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

At their meeting on October 1, 2019, the City Council received a briefing and background materials on the [Master Plan for 132nd Square Park](#), (which is also Exhibit "A" to the resolution) initially proposed to be implemented in two phases. Phase 1 funded components include a synthetic turf field, fencing, lighting and an ADA accessible path to access the field with a cost estimate of \$2,941,068 and an estimated reimbursement of \$1,082,835 from a Department of Ecology grant. Total project budget for design development and construction of the first phase of improvements has been approved in the Parks' CIP for \$2,184,000. Funding is derived from REET, Kirkland Parks Levy, Park Impact Fees and Reserves.

Additional improvements identified in the Master Plan as Phase 2 include expanded parking, new lighting, a new restroom building, a relocated play hill, an expanded playground and new picnic shelters. The project cost estimate for construction only to complete Phase 2 of the master plan is \$2,385,300.

The Council provided key Master Plan suggestions, such as: funding Phase 2 elements; ensuring unscheduled time on the turf field for neighborhood use; outreach to lower income park users; and design suggestions around fencing and the play hill. However, the Council supported the overall Master Plan and the implementation of synthetic turf and lighting, as well as the Phase 2 elements of the expanded parking, new restroom, updated playground and equipment, picnic shelters and the new play hill. Each of the Council expressed interests can be accommodated under the existing Master Plan as currently written. The modest changes discussed can be accommodated as the park plan moves into the design phase. Therefore, staff recommends that the Council adopt the attached resolution approving the 132nd Square Park Master Plan.

In order to ensure the Council's interests are memorialized and implemented, additional direction to staff related to the Master Plan has been included in the attached resolution. The most important of these interests was to provide options for funding key elements of Phase 2, or funding implementation of the Master Plan in its entirety. To remain on schedule for design and construction of the combined stormwater and park project, staff will need direction on which components of Phase 2 to include in the initial design in November. The City Manager will propose funding options for the remaining master plan components at the November 6 Council meeting. Final Council direction will be incorporated into the design, and then funding decisions will be included in the 2019 – 2024 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Update that will come before the Council on December 10. Because the Master plan provides enhanced capacity to the park system, funding to complete the plan implementation will likely come primarily from park impact fees.

Other elements in the resolution include direction to provide options for funding a Synthetic Turf Strategic Plan in the 2019 CIP update, and direction to update the Athletic Field Use Policy to ensure unscheduled, unprogrammed time throughout the park system, including at 132nd Square Park after the synthetic turf field is completed.

Attachment A – Resolution R-5393, Adopting a Master Plan for 132nd Square Park

RESOLUTION R-5393

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND ADOPTING A MASTER PLAN FOR 132ND SQUARE PARK AND PROVIDING FOR FUNDING OPTIONS AND UPDATED ATHLETIC FIELD USE POLICIES.

1 WHEREAS, in 2011 the City of Kirkland ("City") assumed
2 ownership from King County of the 9.76-acre public property known as
3 132nd Square Park; and
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5 WHEREAS, in 2012 citizens of Kirkland voted to approve a
6 Kirkland Parks Levy to provide ongoing funding for park maintenance
7 and park improvements; and
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9 WHEREAS, a portion of Kirkland Parks Levy ("Levy") funds as
10 well as park impact fees have been appropriated to develop and
11 implement a master plan for 132nd Square Park; and
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13 WHEREAS, the Park Board ("Board") and Department of Parks
14 and Community Services ("Department") organized and completed an
15 extensive planning process to create a vision for 132nd Square Park,
16 involving important stakeholders and interested residents; and
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18 WHEREAS, the Department has now completed the 132nd
19 Square Park Master Plan ("Master Plan"); and
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21 WHEREAS, the City has received from the Board a written
22 report and recommendation on the proposed Master Plan; and
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24 WHEREAS, improvements to 132nd Square Park will
25 enhance the level of service of Kirkland's park system to help meet
26 the current and future needs and interests of park users; and
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28 WHEREAS, in a public meeting the Council considered the
29 written report and recommendation of the Park Board; and
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31 WHEREAS, the Council recommends alignment of field use
32 with the Athletic Field Use Policy; and
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34 WHEREAS, the Council recommends availability of free
35 and unscheduled open play as well as scheduled play on the
36 synthetic turf field.
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38 NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council of
39 the City of Kirkland:
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41 Section 1. The 132nd Square Park Master Plan reviewed by
42 the Park Board as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached to this
43 Resolution is hereby adopted.

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45 Section 2. The City Manager shall provide the City Council
46 with options for funding Phase 2 elements of the 132nd Square
47 Park Master Plan at the November 6, 2019 City Council meeting.

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49 Section 3. The City Manager shall provide the City Council
50 with funding options for developing a Synthetic Turf Strategic Plan
51 as part of the City Council's 2019-2024 Capital Improvement Plan
52 (CIP) update.

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54 Section 4. The City Manager shall update the Parks and
55 Community Services Athletic Field Use Policy to ensure
56 unscheduled, unprogrammed time throughout the City of
57 Kirkland park system, including at 132nd Square Park following
58 installation of the synthetic turf field.

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60 Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in
61 open meeting on the ____ day of _____ 2019.

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63 Signed in authentication thereof this ____ day _____,
64 2019.

Penny Sweet, Mayor

Attest:

Kathi Anderson, City Clerk