AGENDA

Parks/Cemetery Committee Meeting
PW Conference Room
24301 Roberts Drive
Black Diamond, WA 98010

Date: Thursday, March 20, 2014
Time: 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Attendees: Councilors Deady (Chair) and Morgan, City Administrator Christy Todd and supporting Staff.

1. Review of King County Property Tax allocation and distribution to Black Diamond (Action Item).

2. Bryant/Boy Scout garden partnership status update.

3. Brief update on the Cemetery Board’s meeting held on February 20, 2014.

4. Brief update on the Marathon/Half Marathon/10k/5k event being discussed.

5. Review of Draft work Committee Work Plan.

6. Planning for the “Earth Day” event this year.

7. Adjournment
Parks/Cemetery Committee Packet Materials

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Attachments

- Email received by staff outlining the City’s allocation of new funds being generated with the passage of the King County Property Tax Levy passed in August of 2013
- King County Ordinance 17568, April 30, 2013
- Draft flier created by Pack 459 describing the Community Garden Project on Mr. Bryant’s property.
Greetings from King County Parks,

On August 6, 2013, King County voters overwhelmingly approved a six-year, 18.77-cent parks property tax levy which is expected to generate $62 million in 2014. The levy requires a portion of these funds be distributed to the cities of King County for local parks and system projects. Given current estimates, we anticipate distributing $4.3 million to the cities of King County this year.

The City of Black Diamond’s preliminary 2014 levy proceeds estimate is $8,981. We want to ensure a smooth distribution process. Attached you will find a copy of King County Ordinance 17568 which outlines the eligible expenditures of levy proceeds and the formula used to calculate levy proceeds. The second attachment is the Parks Property Tax Levy Agreement that must be executed in order for the County to distribute levy proceeds to your jurisdiction.

1. **The Levy Agreement:** The agreement details the terms and conditions for managing and expending levy proceeds, and annual reporting requirements. Please follow the instructions below to complete and sign the agreement. Please note, the County cannot distribute funds until your signed agreement has been returned:
   - Page 1 – Please fill in the name of your city on the first page (two places), but leave the date field blank (we will fill that in).
   - Page 2 – Section 1.1.B, please fill in the name of your city.
   - Page 4 – Section 7, please provide contact information for your city.
   - Page 6 – Please fill in the name of your city and provide the signature of your authorized representative, but leave the space for the date empty (we will fill that in).

2. **Return the Agreement:** If you would like a hardcopy of the signed original, please return two (2) signed originals to:

   King County Parks
   201 South Jackson Street
   Seattle, WA 98104
   Mailstop: KSC-NR-0700
   Attn: J. Villapudua

3. **Levy Distributions:** King County’s Finance Management section will oversee automatic quarterly transfers of collected levy proceeds. If you have questions regarding the transfer process for levy proceeds, please contact Megan Menkveld at 206-296-7473.

If you have other questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at john.villapudua@kingcounty.gov or 206-477-4598. If you are no longer the appropriate contact for this communication, please notify me at your earliest convenience so we can update our records and notify the correct individual within your jurisdiction.

Kind regards,
John Villapudua
King County Parks
Business Development & Partnerships Team
201 S. Jackson Street, Seattle, WA 98104
PIs note my new ph#: (206) 477-4598
AN ORDINANCE providing for the submission to the
qualified electors of King County at a special election to be
held in King County on August 6, 2013, of a proposition
authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the levy
limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW for a period of
six consecutive years, at a total rate of not more than
$0.1877 per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation in
the first year with annual increases by the percentage
increase in the consumer price index or the limitation in
84.55 RCW, whichever is greater in years two through six,
for the purpose of maintaining and operating King County's
parks system; improving parks, recreation and mobility by
acquiring open space and continuing to develop regional
trails; repairing, replacing, and improving local parks and
trails in King County's cities; funding environmental
education, maintenance, conservation and capital programs
at the Woodland Park Zoo.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:
1. King County owns and operates a system of regional and local parks and trails that consists of twenty six thousand acres of parklands and more than one hundred seventy five miles of regional trails. The county provides regional trails, regional recreational facilities, regional natural area parks, and local rural parks, and is the transitional provider of local parks in the urban unincorporated areas. Examples of regional county parks and trails include Marymoor Park, Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park, the Weyerhaeuser King County Aquatic Center and the Sammamish River Trail.

2. Public parks, natural areas, and trails contribute to a high quality of life. A robust system of parks and trails provides: physical, social and mental health benefits to individuals; economic opportunity through recreation and tourism; economic growth for private businesses that must attract and retain skilled workers; and environmental benefits and cultural resource protection through open space conservation. King County's parks system provides all these benefits to King County residents and businesses.

3. The 2002 Parks Business Transition Plan, which was adopted by the King County council, became the blueprint for establishing the regional parks system we have today. The parks and recreation division of the department of natural resources and parks has successfully focused its lines of business on regional parks and trails, backcountry trails, natural lands, and local parks in unincorporated King County and has been implementing business practices that generate revenue from park system
assets by implementing or increasing user fees and establishing corporate
and community partnerships that enhance park amenities and leverage
public and private dollars to improve parks and increase access to parks.

4. Consistent with the recommendations of past parks-related task forces,
the county has sought voter-approved levies on two prior occasions: in
2003, to provide maintenance and operating funding for the parks and
recreation division for the period of 2004-2007; and in 2007, to provide
funding for maintenance and operating, as well as funding for open space
acquisition and asset maintenance and improvement, for the period of
2008-2013. Voters approved the levies on both occasions that they were
on the ballot. The voter-approved levies have helped keep the parks
system open, clean and safe.

5. Approximately seventy percent of the operating budget of the parks
and recreation division is provided by the 2008-2013 voter-approved
operations and maintenance levy, with approximately seventeen percent
generated through business activities and entrepreneurial efforts. King
County general fund support to the parks and recreation division was
eliminated as of 2011.

6. In 2013, the 2008-2013 voter-approved Open Space and Trails Levy
will fund approximately seventy-seven percent of the parks and recreation
division's asset management budget. Historically, the real estate excise
tax funded nearly all of the parks and recreation division's asset
management program; however, the real estate excise tax has declined 83 percent from 2006 to 2012.

7. The effective rate of the combined levies in 2013 is $0.1331 per one thousand dollars of assessed value. A comparable effective levy rate beginning in 2014 would need to be $0.1478 per one thousand dollars of assessed value. Due to the loss of general funds and real estate excise tax, a higher levy rate is necessary in the future to achieve the recommendations of all the past parks task forces and the council-approved parks business transition plan.

8. Parks levy citizen oversight committees were established to monitor the expenditures of the proceeds from the 2004-2007 and 2008-2013 levies. In every year of its review, the committee has concluded that the county has complied with all levy requirements.

9. As specified under Motion 12809, the King County executive developed and implemented an annual process to review and recommend for council approval open space projects funded by the Open Space and Trails Levy through coordination with the conservation futures tax program.

10. The King County executive convened the King County parks levy task force in June 2012 to recommend a funding plan for the current park system and how to address the parks and recreation needs of King County residents in the future. The task force, which met from June to October, was comprised of twenty-two individuals representing all geographic areas.
of the county, as well as business, recreation, community, and environmental interests.

11. The task force issued a report in October 2012, recommending that the county replace the expiring levies and put a ballot measure before the voters in 2013 that requests a six-year inflation-adjusted property tax levy lid lift at a total rate of $0.1901 per one thousand dollars of assessed value. The task force recommended continuing to fund maintenance and operations of King County's parks system, as well as funding critical infrastructure repair and replacement, acquisition and stewardship of open space, as such lands can provide for passive or active recreation opportunities and/or protection of habitat and water quality, and the continued development of regional trail corridors, including strategic connections between trails and transportation hubs to improve mobility. The task force also recommended providing support to King County's cities for local parks and recreation capital purposes and to the Woodland Park Zoological Society for education and conservation programs, horticulture and maintenance, and capital improvements.

12. The King County executive supports the findings and recommendations of the task force and has put forth a funding proposal that is consistent with the goals and priorities of the task force, decreasing the rate recommended by the task force by utilizing updated forecasts for real estate excise tax, which enabled adjustments to be made to the overall funding assumptions.
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Definitions. The definitions in this section apply throughout this ordinance unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

A. "Conservation futures tax program" means the program defined in K.C.C. chapter 26.12.

B. "Levy" means the levy of regular property taxes, for the specific purpose and term provided in this ordinance and authorized by the electorate in accordance with state law.

C. "Levy proceeds" means the principal amount of funds raised by the levy, any interest earnings on the funds and the proceeds of any interim financing following authorization of the levy.

D. "Limit factor" means the ratio of the most recent June Consumer Price Index to the immediately previous June Consumer Price Index, which is the final published CPI-W Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, as calculated by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, or its successor, expressed as a multiple of one hundred percent to achieve the result of one hundred percent plus inflation, or the limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW, whichever is greater.

E. "Parks system" means any building or other structure, park, open space, natural area, resource or ecological land, trail, or other property owned or otherwise under the jurisdiction of the parks and recreation division of the department of natural resources and parks.

F. "Recreation grant program" means the community partnerships and grants program through which King County provides funds to recreation-oriented groups, sports
associations and community-based organizations to undertake any combination of
developing, operating or maintaining a public park or recreation facility or program in
King County for public benefit.

SECTION 2. Levy submittal to voters. To provide necessary funds for the
purposes identified in section 4 of this ordinance, the King County council shall submit to
the qualified electors of the county a proposition authorizing a regular property tax levy
in excess of the levy limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW for six consecutive
years, with collection commencing in 2014, at a rate not to exceed $0.1877 per one
thousand dollars of assessed value in the first year of the levy period. In accordance with
RCW 84.55.050, this levy shall be a regular property tax levy subject to the limit factor.

SECTION 3. Deposit of levy proceeds. The levy proceeds shall be deposited
into a dedicated subfund of the parks and recreation fund, or its successor.

SECTION 4. Eligible expenditures. If approved by the qualified electors of the
county, levy proceeds shall be used for the following purposes:
A. Forty-seven percent for maintenance and operations of King County’s parks
system, of which no more than one and three tenths percent of total levy proceeds is for
the recreation grant program;
B. Thirty-nine percent for:
1. Acquisition, conservation and stewardship of additional open space lands,
natural areas, resource or ecological lands;
2. Acquisition and development of rights of ways for regional trails;
3. Major maintenance repair, replacement and improvement of parks system
4. Development of trailhead facilities to increase access to parks and trails;

C. If the county council, in its sole discretion, finds that annual revenues from the real estate excise tax 1 and real estate excise tax 2 from the real estate excise taxes imposed under K.C.C. 4A.51.100 and 4A.510.120 have increased sufficiently that the levy amount needed for the purposes identified in subsection B. of this section should be reduced, it may reduce the annual dollar amount levied for the parks levy based on this finding and the entire dollar amount of the reduction in the levy proceeds for that year shall be allocated solely to the distribution of levy proceeds for the purposes set forth in subsection B. of this section. Such annual reduction shall not limit the authority of the council to levy in any future year without such reduction or to modify the distribution of levy proceeds levied in any future year;

D. Seven percent for distribution to cities in King County for their local parks system projects, of which amount fifty percent shall be distributed based on city population and fifty percent shall be distributed based on the assessed value of parcels within a city;

E. Seven percent for distribution to the Woodland Park Zoological Society for: environmental education with emphasis on accessibility to traditionally underserved populations throughout the county; horticulture and maintenance of buildings and grounds; conservation and animal care for rare, threatened or endangered Pacific Northwest species; and board-approved capital projects/campaigns in existence as of December 31, 2012; and

F. Of the proceeds designated for distribution to King County cities and the Woodland Park Zoological Society, a portion shall be retained by the county to be used
for expenditures related to administration of the distribution of levy proceeds. Eligible
administrative expenditures shall include all costs and charges to the parks and recreation
division or the county associated with or attributable to the purposes listed in subsections
D. and E. of this section of this ordinance. Consistent with RCW 84.55.050, as it may be
amended, levy proceeds may not supplant existing funding.

SECTION 5. Call for special election. In accordance with RCW 29A.04.321,
the King County council hereby calls for a special election to be held in conjunction with
the primary election on August 6, 2013, to consider a proposition authorizing a regular
property tax levy for the purposes described in this ordinance. The King County director
of elections shall cause notice to be given of this ordinance in accordance with the state
constitution and general law and to submit to the qualified electors of the county, at the
said special county election, the proposition hereinafter set forth. The clerk of the council
shall certify that proposition to the King County director of elections in substantially the
following form:

The King County council has passed Ordinance ___ concerning funding for
parks, trails, recreational facilities and open space. This proposition would replace two
expiring levies and fund maintenance and operations of the King County parks system;
trails and open space for recreation, habitat and water quality; city parks; and zoo
programs, all subject to citizen oversight. This proposition authorizes an additional
property tax of $0.1877 per $1,000 of assessed value for collection in 2014 and
authorizes increases by the annual percentage change in the CPI or the limitation in 84.55
RCW, whichever is greater, for five succeeding years. Should this proposition be:

Approved? ___
SECTION 6. Distributions. Each distribution of levy proceeds to a King County city or to the Woodland Park Zoological Society, or its successor, for the eligible purposes identified in section 4 of this ordinance shall be subject to the execution of a contract between the county and each entity for the same project. Distribution of levy proceeds to King County for open space acquisition purposes shall be in accordance with the annual conservation futures tax process for the development, review and recommendation to the King County council as set forth in the open space and natural lands acquisition process, which is included as Attachment A to this ordinance.

SECTION 7. Parks levy citizen oversight board established.

A. If the proposition in section 5 of this ordinance is approved by the qualified electors of King County, a parks levy citizen oversight board shall be appointed by the executive. The board shall consist of nine members. Each councilmember shall nominate a candidate for the board from the councilmember’s district no later than ninety days from the start of the first year of collections. If the executive does not appoint within sixty days of the nominations a person who has been nominated by a councilmember, the executive must request that the councilmember should within thirty days of the request nominate another candidate for appointment. Members shall be confirmed by the council. Members shall be residents of King County and may not be elected or appointed officials of any unit of government, except that citizens serving in a civic capacity on a local board or commission would be eligible to serve on the parks levy citizen oversight board.
B. The board shall review the allocation of levy proceeds and progress on achieving the purposes of this proposition. The report shall include information on the status of addressing maintenance needs and controlling noxious weeds in King County's parks system. On or before December 31, 2015, the board shall review and report to the King County executive, the King County council and the regional policy committee on the expenditure of levy proceeds for 2014. Thereafter, the board shall review and report to the King County executive, the King County council and the regional policy committee annually. Any report to the King County council under this section shall be made in the form of a paper original and an electronic copy with the clerk of the council, who shall retain the original and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers. The parks and recreation division shall provide the board with all reports on division activities that the division transmits to the King County council in accordance with K.C.C. 7.08.090. The board expires December 31, 2020.

SECTION 8. Ratification. Certification of the proposition by the clerk of the King County council to the director of elections in accordance with law before the election on August 6, 2013, and any other acts consistent with the authority and before the effective date of this ordinance are hereby ratified and confirmed.

SECTION 9. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the
Ordinance 17568

remainder of the ordinance or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

Ordinance 17568 was introduced on 2/25/2013 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 4/29/2013, by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Ms. Patterson, Mr. McDermott and Mr. Dembowski
No: 2 - Ms. Lambert and Mr. Dunn
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:

Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

PROVVED this ___ day of ______, 2013.

Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: A. Open Space and Natural Lands Acquisition
OPEN SPACE AND NATURAL LANDS ACQUISITION

The overall approach for funding allocation and coordination with the Conservation Futures Tax (CFT) program for the acquisition of open space and natural lands through the countywide parks levy is proposed as follows:

1. Early each calendar year, the Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP) will set a proposed allocation for open space from levy funds for the following fiscal year.

2. Staff will generate proposals for the use of these funds, taking into account opportunities to leverage resources with funding from Conservation Futures, as well as from other local, state, and federal funding sources.

3. An overall proposal allocating the open space funds to specific projects will be developed and discussed with the Citizens Oversight Committee (COC) that is responsible for developing CFT funding recommendations. These discussions are expected to occur in the spring, during the same time frame during which the COC annually reviews CFT project proposals. This will create an opportunity for the COC to provide an advisory recommendation regarding allocation of these parks levy funds.

4. Taking the COC’s recommendations into account, DNRP will develop a proposed budget for these parks levy funds.

5. The DNRP proposed budget for parks levy funding will be reviewed by the County Executive, and ultimately County Council, as part of the overall budget process for the following year.
We need your help

Last year in Washington state there were 18.5 million visits to the food bank. We had in Washington state a 6.1% of people go hungry were the nation only had 5.7%. Washington state is rated 15th in the nation for hunger and 22nd for food insecurity. As a state we have 1.1 people that are food insecure. Washington state currently has 470,000 children who qualify for free or reduce lunches.

On a local level we have two food banks one in the city of Maple Valley and one in the city of Black Diamond. Currently the city of Black Diamond contributes to families of all levels giving on the average of over a 100lbs of food a months. With Maple Valley giving to 1,813 unduplicated families. Donating to 41% children and 12% seniors. Each week the Maple Valley food bank sees an average of 250 families.

From this local level we have one more means to fight hunger. Community soup kitchens like High Road. Currently High Road prepares and serves over 300 plus meals a week at 3 different locations.

Please Help with our Cause

Who We Are

About Us

Pack 459 was founded in the mid 90’s and has existed for over 15 years. With the current sponsor organization of the Maple Valley Arboretum. Pack 459 has help over 100 boys to journey through the cub scout ranks and continue on with local Boy Scout troops.

Please Contact Us for Questions or Donations

Phone: 206-383-4873
Email: denleader8@yahoo.com

Sponsors

Darrell R. Bryant and Marie S. Fieldhouse,

Pack 459 Cub Scout Garden

Giving Back To the Community
While “Doing your Best"
On the Journey to Eagle

From the late 1920s, the birth of a new program arose. Originally started as a pilot program and given the name cubbing. By 1933, the program was in full motion, later given the name cub scouts in 1945.

The program enlists a basic motto of "Do Your Best" and is backed up by the 12 core values.

- Citizenship
- Compassion
- Cooperation
- Courage
- Faith
- Health and Fitness
- Honesty
- Perseverance
- Positive attitude
- Resourcefulness
- Respect
- Responsibility

Giving Back To the Community

Pack 459 was graciously given the use of a local resident's property for a truly heart lifting event. This property is to be used to better the community and help teach young boys the true meaning of

"DO A GOOD TURN DAILY"

The Plan.....

To have an all youth constructed raised bed garden. Construction to be done by two life scouts from troop 711 working on their eagle project. Consisting of 10 12' x 4' raised bed vegetable planters and 3 ornamental planters. All planters to be fully irrigated. With the walk ways to be constructed of crushed rock.

Goals.....

- To donate all harvest items to local soup kitchen.
- To help bring the community closer together.
- To help teach young boys the importance of "Doing a Good Turn"
- To help instill the 12 core values of cub scouts.
- To leave a lasting mark on the environment.
- To create a family bond.
- To install a feeling of personal achievement
- To just have fun

Pack 459
Troop 711