

RESOLUTION NO. 333

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODINVILLE, WASHINGTON ESTABLISHING POLICIES AND COMMITMENTS ADDRESSING THE NORTSHORE PARKS AND RECREATION SERVICE AREA AQUATICS CAPITAL FACILITIES NEEDS.

WHEREAS, it has long been acknowledged my many in the community that aquatics facilities and activities in the Northshore area are vital and highly valued resources for citizens of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, in the Northshore area, aquatics facilities and resources have diminished over the last several years, including the closing of the Sorenson Pool in Woodinville, as well as the operations of the Northshore and St. Edward pools being contracted out to the Northwest Center resulting in the need for an annual operating subsidy to these facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Northshore School District and the cities of Bothell and Woodinville have made a commitment of a total of \$100,000 annually to an operating subsidy to keep the Northshore Pool open for the past three years and in 2006 have committed to an additional three year \$100,000 annual subsidy, and

WHEREAS, the City of Kenmore made a commitment of \$25,000 annually to an operating subsidy to keep the St. Edwards State Park pool open for the past three years (2004, 2005,2006) and is considering a similar commitment for the next three years (2007, 2008, 2009), and

WHEREAS, the continued subsidy from these three jurisdictions was predicated on the expectation of a commitment of the Northshore jurisdictions to a long term decision regarding the aquatics needs of the area, and

WHEREAS, a \$105,000 study commissioned by the Northshore School District, the cities of Bothell, Kenmore and Woodinville, along with King and Snohomish Counties, and conducted by the Northshore Parks and Recreation Service Area (PRSA) to analyze the comprehensive aquatics needs of the Northshore area was completed in 2004 and circulated to the member jurisdictions in 2005 for review; and

WHEREAS, the 2004 study concluded that a regional multi-faceted aquatics center would meet the needs of the Northshore area in a cost effective, comprehensive manner and that a regional funding plan involving a public vote, led by a regionally represented entity such as the Northshore Parks and

Recreation Service Area (PRSA), would be the appropriate implementation strategy; and

WHEREAS, at a joint meeting in June, 2005 the elected representatives from Bothell, Kenmore, Woodinville, the Northshore School District, directed that a Resolution of potential support be drafted to provide an opportunity for all of the Northshore jurisdictions to confirm their support and commitment to provide necessary resources to move this proposal forward in a timely and effective manner; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the closure of one or both of the Northshore and St. Edwards pools in the next three to five years is the most likely outcome, absent an implementation plan to move this issue to the voters of the Northshore area;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODINVILLE, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Woodinville, recognizing the significant benefit that aquatics brings to the community, hereby affirms the City's commitment to address the short and long term aquatics facilities needs in the Northshore area in a publicly involved, cost effective and meaningful manner.

Section 2. As the 2005 Aquatics Needs Study concludes, the Woodinville City Council acknowledges that the most viable and cost effective option for a facility to meet the long term aquatics needs of the Northshore area is a regional aquatics center potentially containing elements such as:

- a. An indoor 25 meter x 25 meter competitive pool with a 1 meter diving board.
- b. 6000 square foot indoor leisure pool
- c. 1000 square foot warm water therapy pool
- d. Community rooms and other auxiliary support spaces

Section 3. The City of Woodinville also concurs with the 2004 Aquatics Needs Study that the most cost effective methodology for funding the construction and operations of this type of regional aquatics facility is a public general obligation bond and potential operating levy measure put before the voters of the Northshore area in 2008 or 2009. A successful public vote on these measures would mean that a regional aquatics facility, sited in the Northshore area, could be open and operating by 2010 or 2011.

Section 4. The identification of an appropriate option for siting of this regional aquatics facility is an extremely important step in this process. Accordingly, the following criteria should be utilized in evaluating options for siting:

- a. The site should be as highly visible and centrally located as feasible within the Northshore area. For example, visibility from I-405 or SR 522 would be an advantage.
- b. Near major transportation corridors, with easy access to transit and pedestrian facilities.
- c. 4 to 6 acres is an optimum range to consider
- d. Compatibility with adjacent properties.
- e. The aesthetics of the site should be considered
- f. The necessity and cost of land acquisition will be a major decision factor.
- g. Availability and cost of infrastructure to the site.
- h. Other

Section 5. Given the intent of the parties to proceed toward a final resolution, the City of Woodinville concurs that the scope of further work should include:

- a. Consideration for entering into a consultant contract to update survey data, conduct community outreach, confirm stakeholder involvement, facilitate consensus building around options/needs, and design and facilitate effective public and elected official communications.
- b. Naming of a citizen oversight committee comprised of members representing each agency and key interest groups.
- c. Conduct a formal siting analysis process.
- d. Facilitate a governance and operations discussion
- e. Develop a clear and concise financial pro-forma for each option, which includes capital and operational expenses and revenues.

Section 6. It is recognized that to move this issue forward there are resources that must be committed by each participating jurisdiction. These could include:

- a. Staff time. It is recognized that each jurisdiction may need to invest some staff time to this project. This is preliminarily estimated at approximately 8 to 10 hours per month, per jurisdiction.
- b. Budget implications for 2007 and 2008. There is also recognition that there will be required a small funding commitment from each jurisdiction for professional consultant resources needed to accomplish this task. The current estimate for these services is \$95,000 for 2007. The requested distributed amount from each jurisdiction (Bothell - \$23,940; Kenmore - \$14,060; Woodinville - \$7,410; King County - \$22,325; Snohomish County - \$14,915; Northshore School

District - \$9,500; and the Northwest Centers - \$2,850) is predicated on a detailed analysis of population and current pool usage. Each jurisdiction will be considering this Resolution, which commits to this level of financial partnership in approximately the same time frame as Woodinville has set for Council consideration.

- c. It is important to note that this commitment of resources in 2007 does not commit any of the jurisdictions to a specific aquatics center facility solution or to any public vote related to center options. It simply provides the Council and the community with the knowledge and tools necessary to make these decisions
- d. If the PRSA jurisdictions decide to move forward with a public vote, the cost of the election and campaign would be distributed as allowed by law. By State regulations, the main source of funding for the majority of campaign related tasks, including marketing materials and advertisements, must be borne by the private sector.

Section 7. In recognition of the regional nature of this project and the importance of bringing together a strong representation of the key supporters of this project, the following are identified as potential partners and participants:

- a. The City of Bothell
- b. The City of Kenmore
- c. The City of Woodinville
- d. King County
- e. Snohomish County
- f. The Northshore School District
- g. The Northwest Center
- h. University of Washington, Bothell
- i. Cascadia Community College
- j. Community aquatics user groups
- k. Bastyr University
- l. City of Kirkland
- m. City of Mill Creek
- n. Therapeutic services organizations
- o. Others.

Section 8. It is acknowledged that if this Resolution is adopted by the cities of Bothell, Kenmore, Woodinville, King and Snohomish County and the Northshore School District, the immediate next step would be to work with the impacted PRSA jurisdictions to develop a scope of work and draft consultant contract to be considered by the PRSA as soon as possible.

It is also acknowledged that if any member jurisdiction declines to participate in this effort or if any jurisdiction fails to contribute its financial contribution established in Section 6(b); the project scope shall be reduced to

meet available funding or any jurisdiction may withdraw from this effort without penalty.

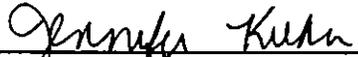
Section 9. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Resolution or any resolution adopted or amended hereby, should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution.

RESOLVED this 11th day of June 2007.



CATHY VONWALD, MAYOR

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:



JENNIFER KUHN
CITY CLERK/CMC