

RESOLUTION NO. 720

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATION OF ITS PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION TO REPURPOSE THE SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE AT KOBAYASHI PARK AS A PUBLIC SHELTER FOR KOBAYASHI PARK AND A PUBLIC TRAILHEAD FACILITY FOR THE CHAMBERS CREEK TRAIL

WHEREAS, the City acquired the property that now comprises Kobayashi Park, including the existing single family residence, in 2004, to preserve and protect the property which is adjacent to Chambers Creek as open space property for public use and enjoyment; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of the Kobayashi Park property, including the existing single family residence, was funded primarily through a \$500,000.00 grant from the Pierce County Conservation Futures program which is funded through a property tax paid by all taxpayers in Pierce County, and the balance of funds came from another grant from the Washington State Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation, and City general fund monies; and

WHEREAS, the County and State programs that funded the acquisition are legally limited to the acquisition, preservation and protection of open space land for public use and enjoyment; and

WHEREAS, since acquiring Kobayashi Park, the City has worked diligently with the City of Lakewood and Pierce County to secure property and property easements for the implementation of a public nature trail beginning in Kobayashi Park through the Chambers Creek Canyon to Chambers Bay; and

WHEREAS, in addition to work on the Chambers Creek Trail, the City has repeatedly studied various plans and ideas for potential uses of the single family residence within Kobayashi Park; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the City Council directed its Parks and Recreation Commission to study and recommend to the Council a plan for the future of the house at Kobayashi Park; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission worked on the project for approximately a year, and utilized on a volunteer basis the services of a number of design professionals, and ultimately recommended to the Council in September of 2011, that the house be repurposed into a public park shelter for Kobayashi Park and a public trailhead for the Chambers Creek Trail; and

WHEREAS, since 2011, the Council has studied the Parks and Recreation Commission recommendation as well as other alternatives and has now determined that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommendation is in the best public interest because it preserves and protects the Park for public use and enjoyment, is consistent with the City's intent in acquiring Kobayashi Park and is consistent with the requirements of the sources of funding used for the original acquisition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON:


Section 1. Approval of Parks Commission Recommendation: The City Council hereby approves the September 2011 recommendation of the University Place Parks and Recreation Commission to repurpose the single family residence at Kobayashi Park into a public park shelter and public trailhead for the Chambers Creek Trail.

Section 2. Process. Work to finalize the final design, cost, funding, and methods of project delivery for the repurposing of the house at Kobayashi Park will commence and be reviewed by the City

Council at a future study session. Any final bids or contracts for implementation of the repurposing work are subject to Council approval.


Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage by the City Council.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL APRIL 15, 2013.



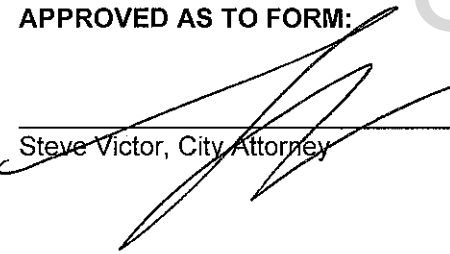
Ken Grassi, Mayor

ATTEST:



Debora Nicholas, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Steve Victor, City Attorney