



Legislation Text

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A MOTION approving a report on the Fairwood fiftieth anniversary community celebration plan in accordance with the 2015/2016 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 17941, Section 89, Proviso P1, and authorizing the release of \$25,000.

WHEREAS, Ordinance 17941, Section 89, contains a proviso stating that twenty-five thousand dollars could not be expended or encumbered until the executive transmits a report on plans for the Fairwood community fiftieth anniversary celebration during the summer of 2016 and a motion that approves the report and the motion is passed by the council; and

WHEREAS, Fairwood is an unincorporated community in King County and 2016 marks the fiftieth year of its development; and

WHEREAS, the Fairwood area forms a plateau, which extends from the bluffs of the Cedar river valley on the north and east down to State Route 167 and the Kent valley on the west, surrounds the city of Seattle watershed of Lake Youngs on the south and borders Renton to the east and Maple Valley to the southeast; and

WHEREAS, Fairwood is made up of single family and multifamily homes interspersed with rural and undeveloped areas and contains two distinct business areas serving the residents; and

WHEREAS, Fairwood has a diverse history dating back to a settlement in the late 1880's when coal was discovered by Martin Cavanaugh; and

WHEREAS, farming and ranching were the major activities along with many lake resorts where city of Seattle residents would come for recreation; and

WHEREAS, one of the first known buildings in the Fairwood area is the Elliot Dairy Farm that operated from 1906 to 1968 and is now designated as an historic landmark; and

WHEREAS, the Fairwood area had many coal mines including the Lake Youngs coal mine where Petrovisky park is located and Firewood Mine where Fairwood Greens, Fairwood West and Fairwood Crest were developed beginning in 1968; and

WHEREAS, the area as it is recognized today was developed in the 1950's and 1960's with the building of the Cascade Shopping Center and Fairwood Greens Golf Course and commercial development around 140th Avenue SE and Petrovisky Road; and

WHEREAS, the Fairwood Library was opened in 1964 in the Cascade-Spring Glen Country Club, with a new library opened in 1986 on 140th Avenue SE and reopened in December 2015 after a renovation and expansion; and

WHEREAS, Fairwood is served by the school districts of Renton, Kent and Tahoma; and

WHEREAS, Fairwood receives fire protection and emergency medical services from fire districts 40 and 37 policing services from the King County sheriff's office through a sheriff substation located in the Fairwood Center, and family medical services from Valley Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, there are many large lakes and community parks in the Fairwood area, including Fairwood Golf and Country Club, Spring Lake and Lake Desire park, Soos creek trail and park, McGarvey park, Petrovitsky park and the Cedar river trail; and

WHEREAS the population of Fairwood is expected to grow to over 28,000 residents this year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

The report related to the Fairwood Fiftieth Anniversary Community Celebration Plan, submitted as Attachment A to this motion in accordance with Ordinance 17941, Section 89, Proviso P1, is hereby approved and the appropriation is released.