



## BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

AB 6047  
April 5, 2022  
Regular Business

### AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

<b>TITLE:</b>	AB 6047: Renaming the Skate Park at Mercerdale Park to the "Kirk Robinson Skate Park"	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution
<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b>	Pass Resolution No. 1622 renaming the Skate Park at Mercerdale Park to the "Kirk Robinson Skate Park."	

<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	City Council		
<b>STAFF:</b>	Mayor Salim Nice Ali Spietz, Chief of Administration		
<b>COUNCIL LIAISON:</b>	n/a		
<b>EXHIBITS:</b>	1. Resolution No. 1622 2. Bothell Reporter Article about Kirk Robinson		
<b>CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:</b>	n/a		

<b>AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE</b>	\$ 5,500.00
<b>AMOUNT BUDGETED</b>	\$ 0
<b>APPROPRIATION REQUIRED</b>	\$ 5,500.00

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This agenda bill is to recognize Kirk Robinson's dedication to the Mercer Island community by renaming the Skate Park at Mercerdale Park to the "Kirk Robinson Skate Park" in his honor.

### BACKGROUND

Former Mercer Island Resident, volunteer firefighter, and Marine Patrol crew member Kirk Robinson passed away Friday, October 4, 2019.

Kirk moved to Mercer Island from the Dominican Republic with his family in 1979 at the age of 2. From an early age, skateboarding was and continued to be a focus of Kirk's life. Early in high school, he was noted for his rebellious hairstyle, which hung down over his right eye. His impressive collection of skateboards is a testament to his love of skateboarding. He sought to share his early pursuit with anyone that was interested.

Kirk graduated from Mercer Island Senior High School in 1995 and attended Westmont College in Santa Barbara, CA, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Kinesiology and Sports Medicine. Kirk accumulated an extraordinary group of lifelong friends while there, where he served as a dorm counselor.

As Kirk grew up, community service became a central focus of his life. Throughout high school and until he passed, he went on annual missions to Mexico and built hundreds of houses for families in need. He became a board member of the foundation that sponsored the Tijuana housing project and of the Mercer Island Presbyterian Church. Perhaps more important are the experiences of the groups of young people he led in building the houses.

Kirk decided upon graduation that he wanted to be a firefighter. After serving as a volunteer firefighter for Mercer Island, he joined the Bothell Fire Department at age 23. Kirk served the Bothell Fire Department for 18½ years, rising to Lieutenant. Kirk's infectious personality and tireless work ethic quickly made him a favorite among his peers. He was a member of the technical rescue team, water rescue team, honor guard and served as a Competency Based Training (CBT) instructor. He assisted with the 9/11 response effort and, in 2005, deployed to Hurricane Katrina. Kirk participated in the Firefighter Stair Climb each year to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society funds. He was always the first to volunteer to help with any need of family, friends, the community, or the Bothell Fire Department.

Over his lifetime, Kirk touched countless lives. He was omnipresent in every community he was a part of and will forever be remembered for his compassion and relentless drive to make a difference for others. Kirk had an infectious personality and tireless work ethic. A hallmark of his legacy is the many individuals to which he tirelessly helped in whatever they needed, building a studio for yet-to-be recording artist or counseling young individuals.

## **ISSUE/DISCUSSION**

In honor of Kirk Robinson's service to Mercer Island and Bothell and their communities, Resolution No. 1622 (see Exhibit 1) is proposed for City Council consideration and approval. The Resolution, if passed, will re-name the Skate Park at Mercerdale Park to the "Kirk Robinson Skate Park," serving as a lasting tribute to Kirk Robinson and his family, friends, and colleagues.

In addition, signage will be added at the park acknowledging the new park name and information about Kirk Robinson and his legacy will be included in the signage. The approximate cost for the design, fabrication and installation of the sign is \$5,500.

## **NEXT STEPS**

If the proposed Resolution is approved, staff will design and procure the signage and estimate installation in August 2022 at the park.

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

1. Pass Resolution No. 1622 acknowledging and commending Kirk Robinsons' service to the Mercer Island community by renaming the Skate Park at Mercerdale Park to the "Kirk Robinson Skate Park."
2. Appropriate \$5,500 from the Capital Improvement Fund to design and install a sign at the "Kirk Robinson Skate Park" which includes information about Kirk Robinson and his legacy.