

City of Bellevue

# Kelsey Creek Community Park

Sheep Shearing Event and Anniversary Year



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March 28, 2022





# Sheep Shearing 2022 Overview

- Saturday, April 30,
   11 a.m. 4:00 p.m.
- Kelsey Creek Community Park
- In Person Event
- Shuttle Services will be provided





# **Sheep Shearing Event**

- Over 4,500 participants annually
- Variety of demonstrations and activities

















# Sheep Shearing Event Activities

# Sheep Shearing Past and Present





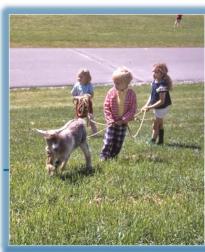


The first official "Wild and Wooley" Sheep Shearing Event was hosted in 1994

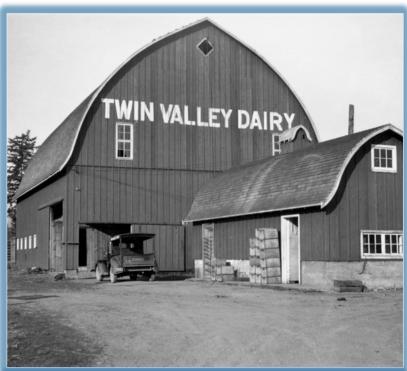


# Kelsey Creek Through the Years

- Too tears Twin Valley John
- Kelsey Creek Community
   Park marks its 50<sup>th</sup> year
   as a public park
- Twin Valley Dairy marks 100 years since its founding
- The Iconic Kelsey Creek barns are listed in the Washington Heritage Barn Registry











# Noise Control Amplified Sound Code Amendment

### **Study Session**

Nick Whipple, Planning Manager Kristina Gallant, Senior Planner Development Services Department

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### **Direction**

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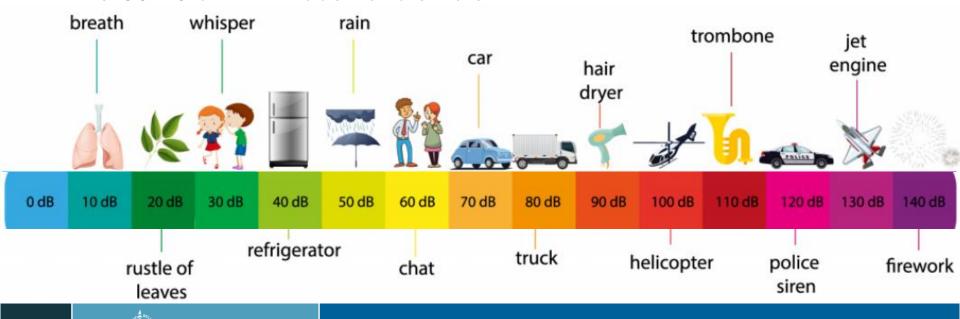
- 1. Noise Control
- 2. Sound Amplification
- 3. Proposed BCCA
- 4. Public Engagement
- 5. Initiation Follow-Up



## **Noise Control**

- Purpose to minimize harmful noise exposure
- Maximum environmental noise levels, in decibels (dBA)
  - 55-60 dBA in residential districts
  - 57-65 dBA in commercial districts
  - 60-70 dBA in industrial districts

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# **Sound Amplification**

- Permit necessary if "clearly audible across a real property boundary, or at least 75 feet from the source"
- Permit only regulates noise impacts, not events
- Additional 10 dBA with Noise Permit
- Separate path for amplified sound for certain large events and events in parks

### **Permit Decision Criteria**

- No amplification on Sundays or holidays
- Only permitted 8:00 AM 5:00 PM, Monday-Saturday
- No more than four days per week
- Subject to decibel limits
- Subject to quiet zone prohibitions
- Protections for schools and hospitals

# **Proposed BCCA**



- Remove ban on amplification on Sundays and holidays
- Amend time limit:
  - 8 AM-8 PM, Sunday-Thursday
  - 8 AM-10 PM, Friday-Saturday

# **Public Engagement**

- Broad notification
  - Neighborhood News
  - Cultural and Economic Development Newsletter
- Direct engagement representatives of residents, events, cultural organizations, and business community
- Online presence on city webpage



# **Council Initiation Follow-Up**

### **Opportunities Outside the Code**

- Streamlining information about different permit pathways
- Improving clarity of permit application materials
- Developing improved FAQs, other supporting guidance

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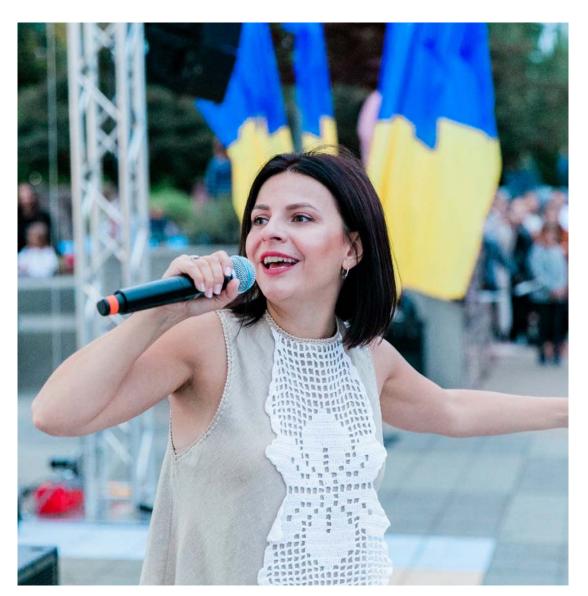




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Ukrainian International Festival, Crossroads Park





# Agenda

- 1. Background
- 2. Value & Social Impact
- 3. Proposed Guiding Principles
- 4. Next Steps
- 5. Timeline





# Background

- Started in early 2000s.
   Last updated in 2018
- 3 programs: Eastside Arts Partnership, Special Projects, PowerUp
- City Council sets overall guidelines and approves annual awards.
- Arts Commission & Staff administer the program and recommend annual awards.











# **Grants Review – This year**

### Eastside Arts Partnerships (EAP)

- \$112,550 total
- 32 grants to:
  - 18 Community Partners
  - 14 Pro Partners

#### Power Up

- \$15,000 total
- 3 grants, \$5,000 each to:
  - Pacific Ukrainian
     Society
  - American Asian Performing Arts Theatre
  - Bellevue Arts
     Museum

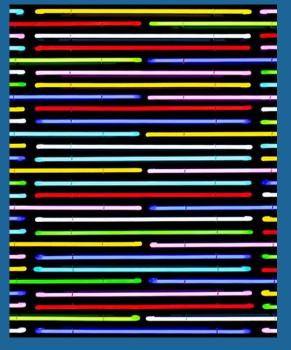
#### **Special Projects**

- \$17,450 total
- 10 grants to:
  - 6 individuals
  - 4 nonprofits



# Value & Social Impact

- 1,131,129 estimated people served in 2022
- 188,765 free or reduced admissions
- Provides 16,976 scholarships for arts education programs











# Value & Social Impact

#### **Positive Social Outcomes:**

- 50% Increase in Community Activities
- 40% More likely to have diverse friends
- Improved Social Skills by 25-39%
- Encourage Empathy and decrease distrust of others.









Based on feedback from grantees over the last four years and conversation with the City's DEI staff.



Make sure our grant program reflects the current needs of our arts and culture community.



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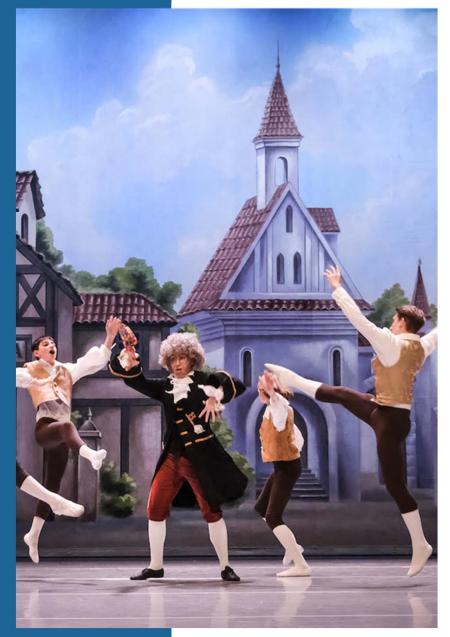




# **Next Steps**

#### Staff will:

- incorporate feedback received at this time
- make sure we are meeting our goals to provide an equitable and inclusive grant process.
- ensure that the City is meeting its legal requirements in granting public funds.



Emerald Ballet Theatre Coppelia Ballet



# **Timeline**

Jan & Feb Gather information, meetings with City DEI staff

**March 8** Brief Arts Commission

**March** Feedback sessions with previous grant applicants, Arts

Commission Grants Subcommittee, City legal staff, City DEI staff

March 28 Brief City Council

**April 5** Return to Arts Commission for recommendation

May Return to City Council for approval

**July** Provide info sessions, release new guidelines

**August** Begin collecting applications



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