

Kenmore Boathouse

Frequently asked Questions

Brief Description of the Project

The Kenmore Boathouse is intended to provide storage for rowing shells for use by rowing programs including the Kenmore Rowing Club and Northshore School District High School. The 40'x70' steel structure will provide enclosed storage for 20 rowing shells. The building will sit on a concrete pad and include a small second story area for exercise machines, meeting and coach space.

What public process did the City go through in designing the project?

Planning for water access at Rhododendron Park has had considerable history. Concepts were first developed in 2013 for water access improvements. Kenmore Waterfront Activity Center volunteers participated in the planning phases. Public interest surveys were conducted during the Walkways and Waterways planning phases in 2015 and 2016 to assess and document interest and public support for new water access facilities in Kenmore. A citizen committee formed in 2018 helped guide design of the boathouse, working with city staff and consultants. Representatives of the Northshore School District, Pocock Foundation, Kenmore Rowing Club and Kenmore Waterfront Activities Center participated as well as local citizens experienced in growing and operating rowing programs. The committee toured local boathouses and interviewed program managers as part of the design process. A public open house is planned in 2019.

How much of the project is grant-funded?

The project is approximately 77% grant-funded.

How Can I Help?

Contributions are invited to help furnish the building interior with storage cabinets, oar racks and boat dollies. Funding for scholarships helps all youth to participate. A trailer is needed in order to participate in regional regattas. Donations are welcome.

When is the boathouse scheduled to be open?

The boathouse is scheduled to be open for use in 2021.