



PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT

November 2011

Ashwood Park – Temporary use of park

Construction has started on the library's 3-level parking structure. Ashwood Park will remain open, though once changes are made to the entry, the parking lot will be used chiefly by library patrons. At the completion of the project, the lot will be repaved and the northern portions of the park and right-of-way will be landscaped. Athletic uses will be relocated during the expected one-year construction period.

Aquatic Facility Follow-up

More detailed site and financial information is being prepared in anticipation of a follow-up Council discussion to assess the feasibility of a major aquatic facility in Bellevue.

Bellevue Youth Theatre Design

The project has received Land Use approval. Staff is preparing the building permit submittal with approval anticipated in early to mid-2012. The King County Housing Authority has notified us that they have received partial funding for a series of projects under the federally-sponsored New Markets Tax Credit Program. The BYT was one of the projects identified in the County's application. We are awaiting direction as to whether, and under what circumstances, the City will request funding for the project.

Bellevue Airfield Park – Shared parking & landfill gas modifications

The modification to the shared parking requirement continues to be stalled in legal, though a final agreement is expected to be presented to the City Council early next year. Upgrades to the landfill gas extraction system are underway, with completion by the end of the year.

Bellevue Airfield Park - Master Plan

Staff completed Master Plan environmental review documents, incorporating the off-leash proposal at Robinswood Park. It remains under review by permit staff. We will return to Council for adoption when the environmental review is complete, anticipated early next year. After Master Plan adoption, staff will seek proposals for design work. See also Robinswood Off-leash plan.

Bel-Red Planning

Staff is participating in several planning efforts that will likely affect the future park, open space, trail and greenway concepts adopted in the Bel-Red Corridor plans. The NE 15/16th roadway design, regional stormwater concepts, light rail station area planning, and stormwater enhancement plans for Utilities-owned property are all current planning projects that require parks planning participation. We have hired a design firm to assist in the development of conceptual park/greenway plans along the West Tributary and Goff Creek to help inform early decision-making, and the Park Board reviewed the work to-date at their November meeting.

Boys & Girls Club Request

The Boys & Girls Club of Bellevue has requested the use of Hidden Valley Park to construct a gymnasium to house three basketball courts and other sports-related facilities. The City Council reviewed this request at an August study session and authorized the staff to evaluate alternatives to allow this project to proceed. We have completed an initial analysis to incorporate a gymnasium and additional parking at Hidden Valley Park, and have prepared cost estimates to install synthetic turf on several athletic fields throughout the park system. The BGCB is now evaluating these alternatives and cost implications of the improvements.

Light Rail Impacts

A final route alignment has been established for the light rail, which significantly impacts both Mercer Slough Nature Park and Surrey Downs. Additional design work will be needed before final decisions are made, and we continue to work with representatives of Sound Transit and the City's Transportation and Legal staffs to evaluate options and costs.

Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) Projects

Approved NEP projects being implemented by Planning and Design staff are as follows:

- **Playground equipment at Enatai Beach Park:** Staff has purchased the play equipment and our contractor has completed site preparation. The play equipment will be installed and safety surface will be installed, weather permitting, though it is not expected to be complete until this spring.
- **Crossroads Park Walkway Improvements:** Staff has developed concept plans for a walkway connection between the park, community center and adjacent shopping center. The Crossroads Mall management has also developed concept plans for their portion of the work, and we are now coordinating our efforts in hopes of a spring construction.
- **Portable restrooms at Ardmore and Ivanhoe Parks:** seasonal portable restrooms will be installed at Ardmore and Ivanhoe, and will include privacy screens. Pricing is being secured, and construction is expected to start by the end of the year.

Newport Hills/Tyler Property

Staff is currently working with representatives of the Newport Hills Community Club to develop a vision for the recently acquired Tyler Property. We have gathered input at several neighborhood meetings, through an on-line survey and via the neighborhood newsletter and City web site. We presented the results of this feedback at their October meeting, and continue to receive input.

Off-Leash Dog Area Study/Robinswood OLA Expansion

A preferred plan to expand and enhance the off-leash facilities at Robinswood Park has been incorporated into the environmental review documents for the Bellevue Airfield Master Plan. The plans are consistent with concepts previously endorsed by Park Board and Council. An environmental study has been completed and submitted as part of the land use and environmental review for Bellevue Airfield Park Master Plan.

Park & Natural Areas Levy Projects

- Synthetic Sportsfield at Wilburton Hill Park:** Project complete.
- Synthetic Sportsfield at Newport Hills Park:** Project complete.
- Lewis Creek Park Picnic Area:** Construction will continue through the end of the year. Current work includes planting, right of way improvements, relocation of a utility pole, roof installation, and installation of the pervious asphalt.
- BYT Construction:** See BYT design above.
- Botanical Garden Projects:**
 - **Ravine Garden:** Earthwork and bridge footings are near completion. Work expected to be complete in 1st quarter of 2012.
 - **Wetland-Sun Terraced Garden:** Design is complete and Land Use approval has been secured. The project is on-hold pending the availability of funding.
 - **Visitor Center & Parking Lot:** The Conditional Use, Critical Areas Land Use and Environmental permit review continues. Construction permit applications have been submitted. A public hearing is expected to occur before the end of the year. Design plans are 95% complete.
 - **Fundraising:** Commitments received to-date from the Garden Society's ongoing fundraising efforts total over \$1.7m of their \$5m goal.
- Bridle Trails Neighborhood Parks:** Discussions continue with State Parks to secure rights to the Acheson property. We are also working with the representatives of the community to establish a timeline for the master planning work at both Pashchinskiy and Acheson, which we hope will begin in early 2012.
- Lake Sammamish Neighborhood Park:** No activity.
- Surrey Downs Park Development:** No activity. On-hold pending the results of the light-rail alignment.
- Bellevue Airfield Park Development:** No activity.
- Downtown Park Development:** No activity.

Major 2011 Renovation Projects

- Sportsfield lighting system renovations at Wilburton Hill and Bannerwood Parks are complete, with parking lot lighting at Bannerwood to be complete by early next year;
- The installation of a heat recovery system at the Aquatic Center, which is projected to save significant utility costs, has been delayed until next year;
- The estimated cost to construct a small animal barn at Kelsey Creek exceeded the budget, and we are now re-scoping the project. Staff is working with a building supplier for a potential solution for this area.
- Work is complete on re-roofing one small barn and a portion of the house at Kelsey Creek Park, the whaling building and caretaker's house at Meydenbauer Marina and the Botanical Garden visitor center;
- Drainage, irrigation and infield improvements at Hidden Valley #1, Bannerwood and Wilburton Hill #1 & #2 has been deferred pending the outcome of the discussions between the City and the Boys & Girls Club on potential upgrades to these fields.
- Infield reconstruction at Ivanhoe will proceed as scheduled this fall;
- A series of energy-efficiency projects are underway throughout our buildings, including replacing inefficient mechanical units and light fixtures.

- Painting has been postponed for the Robinswood Tennis Center due to moisture content and cold weather. Work will be restarted in spring 2012;
- Mechanical units have been replaced at Crossroads Community Center and Bellevue Aquatic Center, and will be replaced at Northwest Arts Center and Robinswood Tennis Center later this year;
- Fence replacement is complete at Enatai, Killarney Glen, Highland and Lakemont Parks.
- Irrigation improvements have been completed at McCormick and Kelsey Creek Parks;
- Parking lot repairs, sealcoating & restriping at the Hidden Valley Sports Park, Robinswood Tennis Center and Meydenbauer Marina are complete;
- Removal of the exterior staircases at Lakemont and Highland Park, and reconstruction of the staircases at Enatai and Chism Beach is complete;
- Plans to expand the storage yard and to improve access to the Botanical Garden/Koh Property are underway. Permits applications are in, and work is expected to occur in 2012;
- Meydenbauer Marina transient moorage design work is underway, which is partially funded (up to \$100,000) by a State Grant. Staff is working with an engineering firm to determine the most cost and functionally effective renovation options.
- Skate ramps have been rebuilt at the Highland Indoor Skate Park.
- Work continues on updating the 7-year Renovation Plan and next year's Renovation Plan, which will be complete by year's end.

Surrey Downs Master Plan

On hold pending resolution of the light rail alignment and building issue.

Shoreline Master Program

Park staff has provided feedback to the Development Services Staff regarding proposed policy and regulation updates and their potential impacts to park use and future park development. Discussions with the Planning Commission will continue through at least the end of the year.