



PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT

November 2008

Aquatic Center Feasibility Study

The draft feasibility report was presented to the Park Board at their November 13 meeting. The Board was enthusiastic about the various options for an aquatic center in Bellevue, and leaned toward options C, D and E in the report. Staff will convey the Board's comments to the Council at the presentation expected in January. The study analyzes seven locations and five program options and also discusses a potential regional approach. Specific recommendations for program or site selection will not be provided.

Ashwood Park Plaza Construction

Substantial completion of the plaza has occurred and punchlist items are being addressed.

Ashwood Park Master Plan

Staff is developing an RFP for consultant selection for master plan work. We anticipate master planning to begin in early '09.

Bellevue Botanical Garden Master Plan Update

The Master Plan report is in final draft review. A request for Council to adopt the plan has been tentatively scheduled for January.

Bellevue Youth Theatre Design & Ivanhoe Lease Agreement

A contract has been signed with the architectural firm of Becker & Associates to complete the design of a new facility at Crossroads and renovations to the Ivanhoe facility. Schematic design is now underway.

Bel-Red Corridor Study

At their September 9 meeting, the Park Board did not oppose a proposed change to the park and open space plan necessitated by the Wright-Runstead Plan for the former Safeway parcel, though expressed concern about the lack of regulatory authority proposed in the land use code to implement the park vision. Chair Keeney conveyed this message to the City Council in writing and at the Council's September 22 study session. The Council is now discussing the financial package needed to implement the recommendations proposed in the plan.

Crossroads Park Water Play

Construction is nearly complete. The columns have been installed, leaving only the safety surface repairs to complete the project. Phase 2, an NEP project to install two family picnic shelters, is expected to be complete in Spring 2009.

Eastgate Area Park Property (Ex-Boeing Property) – Shared access road and parking

Road construction and methane system modifications and construction staging restoration are nearly complete, though we have not yet accepted the work from the contractors. Staff continues work with the Department of Ecology, Schnitzer West and Boeing to update the landfill restrictive covenant, landfill gas system reports, and associated documents. Staff has begun the audit process of SW's construction contract documents to establish the final City cost of the shared road, landfill gas system upgrades, and parking lot construction, currently estimated at \$2-2.5million. We continue to evaluate SW's request to modify their parking requirements contained in the Purchase & Sale Agreement. Council approved the update to the restrictive covenant at the 10/20 City Council meeting.

Eastgate Area Park Property (Ex-Boeing Property) Master Plan

The Master Planning process continued with our third public meeting November 18 at the South Bellevue Community Center. After a presentation by the project team, approximately 80 citizens shared their preferences concerning three plan alternatives at smaller breakout groups. Over 1,000 individual comments have been received to-date from citizens via the various feedback mechanisms used during the master planning process (meetings, comment cards, web surveys, petitions, email). We will present the three alternatives and results of the public involvement process to the Park Board and City Council in January in hopes of receiving feedback to aid in the development of a preferred alternative to be presented at the final community meeting in February or March.

Grant applications

Applications for funding assistance were submitted in May to offset the acquisition costs for the Cich Property on Meydenbauer Bay (\$1 million) and the Carrigan Property on Lake Sammamish (\$950,000). Depending on the level of funding approved in the State budget, we may receive up to \$1million for the Meydenbauer property.

Highland Skate Park

Project is complete and contract closeout is nearing completion.

Levy Projects

With approval of the \$40.5 million levy on November 4, the staff is now gearing up to begin the process of implementing the identified projects. Workload planning is underway, and a Council presentation to review project sequencing and staffing is expected in the first quarter of '09. Combining levy proceeds earmarked for park development projects with additional revenue sources, a total of \$53 million is available for park development projects.

Lewis Creek Park Playground Covers

The staff has recommended the installation of a sun/rain cover over the playground equipment area to resolve a potential conflict between the north ballfield and the playground area. Geotech work is complete and conceptual design is complete. An open house for the neighborhood will be held in December. If the concept is well received, installation will be complete this spring.

Mercer Slough Environmental Educational Center

As both City and PSC staff use the buildings, we are finding minor changes that are required.

Our contractor is completing these items and is working to achieve the final Certificate of Occupancy. We have submitted all required materials to the US Green Building Council for LEED certification, with results expected in early '09.

Meydenbauer Bay Park Master Plan & Land Use Study

A public scoping meeting for the EIS was held October 29th to allow public comment regarding alternatives and potential impacts that should be analyzed in the EIS. After the official scoping portion of the meeting was closed, a community workshop followed to discuss the alternatives. The following evening, October 30th, the Steering Committee met to review the alternatives and the revised project process and schedule. A site visit for the Steering Committee is planned for January 2009. Now that the EIS has begun, regular Steering Committee meetings and master planning is on hold until the Draft EIS is issued in March/April 2009.

Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) Projects

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

- **Playground equipment at Ardmore Elementary:** Approved 2005 funding is on hold pending the coordination with the School District's rebuild of the school site, which is expected to begin this spring.
- **Ashwood Plaza Construction:** See paragraph above.
- **Somerset Entry renovations:** Design underway.
- **Cougar Ridge Elementary:** Sports wall design/construction 2009.
- **Crossroads Pea Patch:** Design was on-hold pending a decision on the Youth Theatre. Design can now proceed.
- **Crossroads Water Play Area Picnic shelters:** See paragraph above.

Off-Leash Dog Area Study

The Park Board, Council and staff have been presented with several requests to provide off-leash dog facilities throughout the community over the past few years. Most recently, requests have been made to provide facilities in the Downtown Park and in the new Eastgate Area Park. The Planning and Resource Management staffs are working with off-leash area advocates to develop a City-wide plan to accommodate these interests. Preliminary results were presented at the Park Board meeting in November. We anticipate a follow-up report and recommendations will be presented to Park Board and Council in the first quarter 2009.

Renovation Projects

The Planning staff is assisting the Resource Management staff complete several park renovation projects by the end of 2008, including paving, fencing, and several building-related projects.

Surrey Downs Master Plan

The SEPA process for the preferred master plan is nearing completion. PCD is now reviewing comments received from the Surrey Downs Community Club and Park Committee. We hope to bring the preferred master plan and building parameters to Council for adoption in January. An internal process to develop a process to resolve the building issue is underway, which is expected to begin early 2009 after adoption of the remaining components of the master plan.

