



PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT

December 2014

Ashwood Park & Plaza

The Purchase & Sale Agreement for Ashwood Plaza required the developer to maintain the Plaza for 5-years, which expired at the end of 2013. However, significant problems have been identified with the planter boxes, and we are now working with the previous building owner Hanover, the current building owner UDR and our legal department to resolve the problem before the City takes over maintenance obligations.

Bannerwood Park Synthetic Turf

A construction contract was awarded by Council on Nov. 3 to Terra Dynamics to complete the conversion of the infield to synthetic surface. Construction is underway and expected to be complete early this spring in time for SU to host their home games this year.

Bellevue Youth Theatre (BYT) Construction

Construction is nearly complete. Punch list and building commissioning work is in process. We anticipate Occupancy Certification before the end of December. Staff has begun the move-in process and anticipates rehearsals beginning in January. A grand opening celebration is tentatively planned for March.

Budget Development

The capital budget was formally approved by Council December 1. Key CIP projects approved for FY15-21 include Surrey Downs Park development, Downtown Park Circle and northeast corner development, Airfield Park design, additional land acquisition funding and the Ashwood Park Master Plan Update.

Building Occupancies

In response to a request to rent one of our community centers to run preschool and school-aged educational programs, we are now working with our Recreation, Land Use and Permit staffs to determine the requirements for this use. We will complete fire and life safety improvements at the Highland Community Center in early 2015 and are continuing to study the needs at the Kelsey Creek Farmhouse.

Downtown Park/Rotary Inspiration Playground Expansion

Initial design is complete and Land Use permits are approved. The Bellevue Rotary Club has raised approximately \$1million toward the project and will resubmit a \$1million capital appropriation request during the upcoming legislative session. Grant applications have been submitted to the State for \$1.5million, and King County has just approved \$75,000 through its Youth Sports Facilities Grant program. We are coordinating construction of this project with the Downtown Park Levy Project. The construction timeline depends on fund raising - \$1.5M is needed to initiate phase 1.

Downtown Park/WW I Monument

No Change. The staff continues to assist Mr. Shay with his fundraising efforts to make this project a reality. Mr. Shay's latest goal is July 4, 2015. We have completed the interpretive panel design and will proceed to fabrication when a date is set for completing the monument.

Grant Applications

Staff is has submitted applications requesting State grant funding for Meydenbauer Bay (\$1M) and the Downtown Park Inspiration Playground development (\$1.5M). We have received and are processing grant contracts from King County for both the Bellevue Youth Theatre (\$36k) and Inspiration Playground (\$75k). Depending on the outcome of the State budget, we stand a good chance of receiving \$1 million for the Inspiration Playground and \$500,000 for Meydenbauer.

We have also submitted Letters of Intent in response to a potential State grant focusing on renovating and expanding existing outdoor youth sports facilities. We have identified synthetic turf replacements and other athletic field and sports court improvements, and will know next spring if this grant program is funded in the next State budget.

Hidden Valley Sportsfield Improvements

The gymnasium is under roof, windows, and wall panels are complete. The sportsfield improvements are near completion and parking lot construction is underway. The site work is expected to be complete by the end of the January, with the gymnasium complete in February.

Meydenbauer Bay Phase 1 Park Development

The consultant team presented preliminary designs to Park staff in mid-November. Over 60 residents attended a public open house on December 3 to show preliminary designs, answer questions and get public feedback. The plans were generally well-received, and they are now posted on the project web page. Staff continues to meet with the Utilities Department to establish the best location for the sewer line replacement which will need to be coordinated with park development.

Newport Hills/"Tyler Property"

No Change. The Newport Hills Community Club (NHCC) park committee is currently reviewing the vision plan to present to the NHCC Board to obtain a formal recommendation. Once a recommendation is obtained, we will review the plan with the Park Board.

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:** Project complete.
- **BYT Construction:** Construction nearly complete - see above.
- **Bellevue Airfield Park:** Phase 1 design contract is on-hold.
- **Botanical Garden Projects:**
 - **Ravine Garden:** Project complete.
 - **Wetland-Sun Terrace Garden:** on-hold pending the availability of funding.
 - **Visitor Center:** Project complete.
 - **Fundraising:** The fundraising campaign has reached its \$5million goal. \$3million has been provided to the City, with the remaining pledges received over the next several years.
- **Bridle Trails Neighborhood Parks:**
 - **Acheson property alternative:** Working closely with the Bridle Trails Community Club, we have purchased the 1.65-acre “Ginzburg” property along 140th Avenue NE for a future neighborhood park. We are now preparing to remove the existing home on site that is in very poor condition.
 - **Bridle Trails Corner Park:** Construction is substantially complete and open for public use. Final punch list items remain to be completed, and a grand opening celebration is expected this spring. We continue to investigate the potential to bury power lines adjacent to the park.
- **Downtown Park “Complete the Circle” Development:** Design is nearly complete, and construction permit applications were submitted in mid-December 2014. Options and costs to construct underground parking have been shared with the Old Bellevue Merchants Association, who continue to press for structured parking in Downtown Park. The City has created an ad-hoc committee to investigate solutions to the parking problem in downtown, with representatives of OBMA, the City and BDA. An open house will be scheduled in the first quarter of 2015 to reintroduce the project to the community and to answer questions. The Utilities Department sewer replacement project is scheduled to begin in January and last through April.
- **Lake Sammamish Neighborhood Park:** No activity.
- **Surrey Downs Park Development:** We have requested Council approval to retain the Berger Partnership to initiate detailed park design. Park development funds have been approved in the 2015-21 CIP budget. We are also prepared to demolish the court building after court operations are relocated, expected in April of 2015.

Renovation and Refurbishment

The following work was completed as scheduled in 2014:

- Asphalt repairs at Meydenbauer Beach, Hillaire, Crossroads Park and Phantom Lake loop trail;
- Removed four rental houses at Meydenbauer Bay Park and the Nursery House;
- Remodeled the commercial kitchen at the Bellevue Golf Course pro-shop;

- Completed the following studies leading to future work:
 - Building code assessment at the Kelsey Creek Farmhouse & Highland CC;
 - Energy audits at Mercer Slough EEC; Highland, North Bellevue & Crossroads CC's; and Lewis Creek VC;
 - Building envelop assessment at the Winter's House;
 - Structural assessment & roofing options for the Kelsey Creek barns;
 - Dock inspections for most Lake Washington docks and floats
- Renovated the drainage system at Lake Hills Community Park;
- Electrical improvements at Crossroads Park to assist with special events;
- Replaced backstops and dugout fencing at Lake Hills Park;
- Installed a new pool liner at the Aquatic Center's warm water pool;
- Installed new wood flooring and completed interior remodeling at the Shorts House (BBG);
- Acoustical improvements & interior remodeling at Highland CC;
- Reconstructed irrigation systems at Goddard, Wildwood, Hidden Valley (north) and Botanical Garden;
- Constructed a maintenance building at Hidden Valley Park;
- Citywide forest management, trail refurbishment and streetscape repairs;
- Painted and sealed the Bannerwood Park stadium and Enatai Beach boathouse wall;
- Replaced playground surfaces at Crossroads spray park and Forest Glen Park; replaced curbing at Norwood Park playground and replaced a play structure at Goldsmith;
- Renovated the Tam O'Shanter playground;
- Renovated the restroom and installed a new water line at Hidden Valley (north);
- Restroom & roof repairs at Lewis Creek Park VC;
- Re-roofed the Robinswood House and the Sharp's Cabin (BBG);
- Re-lamped the Robinswood soccer field lights;
- Initiated siding repairs to the Robinswood House (complete in '15);
- Installed card readers at Bellefield & City Nursery entry gates;
- Painted the Kelsey Creek Farmhouse exterior & Highland CC windows; stained the MSEEC exterior beams;
- Installed a new swim dock at Clyde Beach;
- Interior improvements at the Koh House (BBG) storage building;

The following work originally scheduled for completion in 2014 will be completed in 2015:

- Accessibility improvements at NW Arts Center and Robinswood sports fields;
- Replace fencing around the Kelsey Creek small animal area;
- Install a new fire sprinkler line at Kelsey Creek Education Barn;
- Replace/repair doors at Bellevue Aquatic Center;
- Replace playground equipment at Wilburton Hill Park and repair the zipline;
- Install skirting at the Meydenbauer day moorage.