



## **PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT**

**January 2014**

### **Ashwood Park & Plaza**

Work is complete on the Ashwood Park parking lot and landscaping along NE 12<sup>th</sup>, with only punch-list items remaining.

As part of our Purchase & Sale Agreement on the Ashwood Plaza, the developer was required to maintain the Plaza for 5-years, which expires at the end of 2013. However, significant problems have been identified with the planter boxes, and we are now working with the current building owners to resolve the problem before the City takes over maintenance obligations.

### **Aquatic Center Impacts/Odle Middle School Reconstruction**

We continue to work with City and School District staffs to minimize the operational impacts to the Bellevue Aquatic Center during the School District's upcoming reconstruction of Odle Middle School. Construction is expected to occur from the end of school, 2014 thru fall of 2016, which will impact the availability of parking. We are discussing construction sequencing and program modifications to minimize disruption and maximize available parking.

### **Bannerwood Park Synthetic Turf**

Seattle University has used Bannerwood Park for their home baseball games for four years, and would like to install synthetic turf to extend the use of the facility during the spring, which is their heaviest use period. SU recently presented the City with a proposal to share the cost of this work in return for a 10-year commitment for use. We are currently discussing this potential partnership with SU.

### **Bellevue Youth Theatre (BYT) Construction**

Construction is approximately 35% complete. Excavation is complete, footings and the two concrete ring-walls are close to completion in preparation for roof beam placement. Delivery and setting of the roof beams will impact safe access to Crossroads Community Center, requiring closure of the center for up to three weeks in February. We are working with staff and our neighbors to communicate and minimize construction impacts. The theatre is expected to be complete late next summer.

### **Cricket Field in Bellevue**

Work is complete on Bellevue's first cricket "pitch" at North Robinswood Park. Practices are currently taking place, and a full game schedule is expected next year.

### **Downtown Park/Rotary Playground Expansion**

Initial design is complete and environmental permits are in process. The Bellevue Rotary Club has raised approximately \$750,000 toward the project. Council approved a Phase 1 construction design and permitting contract and construction documents are underway.

### **Downtown Park/WW I Monument**

The project remains on-hold awaiting completion of fundraising by Robert Shay. No timetable has been established to finish this work.

### **Hidden Valley Sportsfield Improvements**

Bids were received December 12 for the sportsfield and parking lot improvements, and the Council will be asked to award a contract at their January 6 meeting. If awarded, construction is scheduled to begin in early February, followed by the start of the gymnasium in April.

### **Meydenbauer Moorage & Pier Removal**

Four residential piers have been removed, and the pier reconstruction to accommodate 14 visitor day moorage slips is now complete.

### **Meydenbauer Bay Phase 1 Park Development**

The State Legislature recently approved \$3million to assist with initial development of Meydenbauer Bay, supplementing the \$9million approved in Bellevue's 2013-19 CIP budget. A formal contract with the State for the \$3million was approved by Council in December. We have received proposals from nine firms to complete design and permitting for phase 1 construction, and hope to award a design contract in February. We are also preparing plans for the demolition of four residential houses this summer along the bay.

### **Newport Hills/"Tyler Property"**

A park committee of the Newport Hills Community Club (NHCC) has developed two alternative concept plans for the park and is preparing a questionnaire for the neighborhood asking for preferences. Once the committee has completed their work and is prepared to make a recommendation, we will brief the Park Board.

### **Park & Natural Areas Levy Projects**

An update was provided at the April Park Board meeting, and work is now underway to create a web page to keep the community up to date about progress on the levy projects. A brief update on current and pending Park Levy projects was presented to City Council on August 5.

- **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 approximately 35% complete - see above.
- **Bellevue Airfield Park:** Phase 1 design contract is on-hold.
- **Botanical Garden Projects:**
  - **Ravine Garden:** Project complete.
  - **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:** Construction is approximately 75% complete. The roof, flashing, wall framing and site electrical is complete; erosion control has been installed to protect the site over the winter; the landscaping is underway at the Waterwise Garden and Wetland areas; windows, drywall and siding will begin in late December and irrigation will

begin in January. The remaining landscaping will proceed as weather allows.

- **Fundraising:** Including cash and pledged income, fundraising is nearing \$4.2million of the Garden Society's \$5million goal.
- **Bridle Trails Neighborhood Parks:**
  - **Acheson property & alternative:** We continue working with the neighborhood to identify alternative projects in lieu of Acheson, and have reviewed several potential acquisition candidates with the park committee.
  - **NE 24<sup>th</sup> St. Site:** A decision by the Hearing Examiner on the SEPA appeal is expected by years end. Depending on the decision, additional process may be required. This has delayed construction into the spring.
- **Downtown Park Development:** Research and design is underway for the next phase of park development, which includes finishing the tree-lined promenade and canal and expanding the 100<sup>th</sup> Ave. parking lot. Staff has met with representatives of recreation, special events, maintenance and land use to make sure the project addresses the needs of the community. We are also working with the Utility Dept. to study the feasibility of addressing storm drainage needs of the park and greater downtown core with this project. We continue to study underground parking options under the park to address the needs of downtown Bellevue.
- **Lake Sammamish Neighborhood Park:** No activity.
- **Surrey Downs Park Development:** We are completing our work with the Surrey Downs community to update the Master Plan. A preferred park plan was well received at a Nov 21 community meeting attended by approximately 20 residents. A final meeting is scheduled with two Surrey Downs committees on January 7 to present final plan refinements, followed by a presentation to the Park Board January 14 where the Park Board will be asked to recommend adoption of the updated master plan. A study session is tentatively schedule with the Council on January 27.

**Renovation and Refurbishment** – *the following work has been completed in 2013:*

- Minor asphalt repairs at Lewis Creek, SE 32<sup>Nd</sup> Street Park, Chism Beach, Meydenbauer Marina, Robinswood House, Bovee, Newcastle, Crossroads North Parking lot, Spiritridge, Robinswood Teen Barn, Lake Hills, Goldsmith and the Bellevue Aquatic Center;
- Larger pavement repairs at Robinswood Park/148<sup>th</sup> Street parking lot, SE 40<sup>th</sup> Street Boat Launch drive, Ranger Station, Bellevue Golf Course cart paths and trail reconstruction at Washout Way, gravel replenishment at the Downtown park circle;
- Accessibility improvements at the Robinswood Tennis Center entrance & Eastgate Park ballfield;
- Replaced the Bannerwood scoreboard;
- Upgraded mechanical systems at the Bellevue Aquatic Center , NW Arts Center (fire alarm), Downtown Park pump vault repair and North Bellevue Community Center;
- Botanical Garden - remodeled the Shorts House for temporary staff offices and moved the Sharps Cabin to accommodate the Visitor Center project;
- Re-roofed the North Bellevue Community Center and Chism Beach Park restroom;
- Renovated sportsfields at Eastgate Park & Robinswood Park;
- Installed day moorage at Meydenbauer Marina, replaced the Clyde Beach swim dock, removed 4 residential docks at Meydenbauer Beach Park and repaired the Mercer Slough canoe float;

- Remodeled the Crossroads Community Center restrooms;
- Completed maintenance area & access drive improvements at the Botanical Garden/Koh site;
- Replaced playground surfacing at Crossroads Park water play, replaced play equipment and surfacing at Forest Ridge Park, rebuilt the indoor skate ramps at Highland Park and resurfaced the tennis court at Enatai Neighborhood Park;
- Rebuilt the storage shed at Kelsey Creek Park;
- Installed way-finding signage at Kelsey Creek Park;
- Painted the exterior of the Overlake Blueberry Farm building;
- Replaced the audience chairs and installed a portable building at Ivanhoe Youth Theatre;
- Waterproofed the east wall of SBCC;
- Replaced the Robinswood Tennis Center carpet;
- Designed a new drainage system for the Mercer Slough blueberry fields;
- Installed an automatic gates at the Nursery and Bellefields maintenance yards;

### **South Bellevue Community Center/Eastgate Park Zipline**

Construction is complete on the installation of an aerial zipline tour adjacent to SBCC's existing Challenge Course. It includes 5 ziplines ranging from 100' to 600' in length and two connecting bridges. The tour remains open on a limited basis - grand opening is expected next spring.