PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT
September 2010

Ashwood Park – Temporary use of Park

The library is proceeding with plans to construct parking on their property, and has requested the temporary use of Ashwood Park for access and parking during construction. We are establishing requirements for the library's use of the park during construction, expected to begin in the spring of 2011. The City Council has conceptually agreed to the use, and a public meeting has been scheduled for September 21 to review the plan with the neighbors. The park will likely be closed for a year, and the Enterprise staff will be relocating the athletic uses to other locations.

Bellevue Youth Theatre Design

Design development drawings are 95% complete and the fund raising effort is underway. The staff recently met with representatives of the King County Housing Authority, who will be applying for funding on behalf of the BYT and City to assist in funding this project. The City has recently been notified that we have received a $25,000 LEED grant from King County.

Budget Proposals for 2011-2017

The budget draft has been submitted to the City Manager's office, and the City Manager will present his budget to the Council in September. The Park Board will review the latest budget information at their September meeting. The City Council will continue their review throughout the fall.

Eastgate Area (Bellevue Airfield) Park – Shared access road and parking

Work continues on auditing Schnitzer West's (SW) construction contract documents to establish the final City cost and payment for the shared road, landfill gas system upgrades, and parking lot construction, estimated at $2.5million. At their June 28th meeting the City Council agreed with a proposed change to an existing SW shared parking requirement. The proposed update includes changes to scheduled use and quantity of shared parking for the future park. Staff is negotiating the easement and we hope to present a final agreement to the City Council in October.

Eastgate Area (Bellevue Airfield) Park Master Plan

City Council concurred with the Park Board recommendation of the sportfield oriented Alternative A as the preferred Master Plan, with the requirement that an off-leash area be expanded at Robinswood Community Park. Additionally, Council preferred the name Bellevue Airfield Park over the Park Board's recommended Airfield Park. Council requested that the environmental review for the plan also include the off-leash proposal at Robinswood. Staff will return to Council for adoption when the Master Plan Report and environmental review of both Airfield and Robinswood are complete. Staff is now working on the off-leash proposal at Robinswood Park (see off-leash study below).

Lewis Creek Park Playground Covers
An additional awning to increase coverage on one of the play areas is being engineered and design is near completion.

Light Rail Impacts
The staff continues to work with our Transportation staff and representatives of Sound Transit to evaluate the park impacts of several alternative light-rail routes. The park impacts of several 112th Street options are being evaluated.

Mercer Slough Environmental Educational Center
The Master Builders Association continues their work on Wetlab 2, which is nearing 90% complete. Work included this month is the interior drywall, metal deck structure, and mechanical units. MBA hopes to complete the project yet this year.

Meydenbauer Bay Park Master Plan & Land Use Study
Staff continues to respond to specific Council questions and requests for additional information prior to returning to Council. Additional marina studies are also underway.

Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) Projects
Approved NEP projects being implemented by Planning and Design staff are as follows:

- **Playground equipment at Ardmore Elementary:** The school has been rebuilt, new playground equipment is in place and the school year has started. Staff will make final payments and close out this project.
- **Playground equipment at Enatai Beach Park:** Design concepts are being developed.
- **Crossroads Park Walkway Improvements:** Design concepts being developed.

Off-Leash Dog Area Study/Robinswood OLA Expansion
Following up the Council's direction to include the Robinswood OLA concept into the environmental review process for the Airfield Park Master Plan, staff is now developing design ideas and public outreach options for Robinswood Park. Staff met with representatives of St. Andrews Church to discuss the concept of off-leash expansion adjacent to their facilities. A community meeting is planned for October 14, for citizen feedback regarding off-leash improvement and expansion options.

Park & Natural Areas Levy Projects

- ☐ **Synthetic Sportsfield at Wilburton Hill Park:** Project complete.
- ☐ **Synthetic Sportsfield at Newport Hills Park:** Construction began on July 12 and is approximately 60% complete. The new soccer field lighting system is installed, but there have been two wire theft occurrences in July. We are working closely with police and the contractor to deter further thefts.
- ☐ **Lewis Creek Park Picnic Area:** Permit and environmental review is underway. Several neighbors have expressed concern about the project for security and environmental reasons, and a petition signed by 40 people objecting to the project has been received. We are reviewing and responding to these concerns.
- ☐ **BYT Construction:** See BYT design above.

- ☐ **Botanical Garden Projects**:
  - **Ravine Garden**: Design work is near completion on both the rigid and suspension bridges. Permit and environmental review is ongoing, with project construction expected next spring.
  - **Wetland-Sun Terraced Garden**: Construction documents are 50% complete. Design and permitting is expected to be complete by the end of the year.
  - **Visitor Center & Parking Lot**: Schematic Plans are complete. Staff is reviewing the schematic specifications and cost estimate. The BBG Society are excited about the plans and continue their fundraising campaign.
  - **Maintenance Area development**: A perimeter security fence has been installed around the site. The condition of the house is being evaluated for potential future use as a maintenance facility, while minor improvements are being made to support maintenance and storage operations.
- ☐ **Bridle Trails Neighborhood Park:** Park staff is supporting the efforts of the Bridle Trails Community Club (BTCC) to prepare a recommendation for park levy project(s) for their neighborhood. BTCC presented their recommendation to their Board in August and has invited the neighborhood to their General Meeting on September 30. The Community Club plans to make their recommendation to the Park Board in October.
- ☐ **Lake Sammamish Neighborhood Park:** No activity.
- ☐ **Surrey Downs Park Development:** No activity. See Surrey Downs Master Plan.
- ☐ **Eastgate Properties Park Development:** No activity.
- ☐ **Downtown Park Development:** No activity.

Park & Open Space Plan Update

The Park Board recommended adoption of the updated Plan at their February meeting, SEPA is complete, and City Council adopted the Plan in May. The final report is expected this fall.

Property Issues

Staff is working with representatives of the Bellevue School District to extend the existing Use Agreement at Ivanhoe Park & Youth Theatre to continue the recreational use of this School District-owned property. We are also discussing a potential property exchange to allow for a more environmentally-sensitive reconstruction of the Cherry Crest Elementary School. Both of these issues have been discussed with the City Council and we are working with the school district on these agreements.

Renovation Projects

Several major renovation projects are being undertaken this year. Lighting replacement projects at the Highland Park ball field, Newport Hills soccer field, the Robinswood Tennis Center and the South Bellevue Community Center gymnasium are funded in part by a Federal Stimulus Grant that recognizes the energy efficiency of new, state-of-the-art lighting systems. The Newport Hills project is complete, and the remaining three projects are under construction.

Major roofing replacements at the Bellevue Aquatics Center, Highland Community Center, Northwest Arts Center, Crossroads Golf Course building and the Wilburton House are underway, and will be complete this fall.

Surrey Downs Master Plan

On hold pending resolution of the building issue.