



PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT

September 2009

Aquatic Center Feasibility Study

No Change. Staff continues to meet with several nearby cities to continue evaluating the idea of alternative funding mechanisms to address regional aquatic needs.

Ashwood Park Master Plan

The King County Library System requested the use of Ashwood Park to construct underground parking for the adjacent Bellevue Regional Library. We were unable to work out a solution amicable to both parties, so the library is proceeding with plans to construct parking on their property, and has requested the temporary use of Ashwood Park for parking during construction. We are currently working with City staff and the library to review plans and requirements for the use of the park during construction, which is expected to begin in late 2010. The master planning effort is on hold.

Bellevue Youth Theatre Design

The architect has begun design development drawings. The design team is continuing work with the fund raising team to develop promotional illustrations for the effort.

Crossroads Park Water Play

The shelter installation is complete and in use, though the roof is not satisfactory and the contractor will submit plans for replacement in September. Safety surface repairs are complete and in use, though also not accepted until additional repairs are made.

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

No Change: Work continues on auditing SW's 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. We continue to evaluate and negotiate SW's request to modify their parking requirements contained in the Purchase & Sale Agreement.

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

At the September 10th Parks & Community Services Board meeting, Staff shared technical information about the property and reviewed feedback from the previous community workshops, online surveys and correspondence from the community, Parks & Community Services Board and City Council. The park system recreational needs and opportunities were then reviewed before viewing a range of three updated design alternatives. Over 600 responses have been received to-date to the 4th on-line survey asking preferences to the three design alternatives. The Park Board will be asked to prepare a recommendation for the Council at their October meeting. The master planning summary and Park Board recommendation will be shared with the City Council in November.

Grant applications

Staff is preparing a grant application for LEED assistance sponsored by King County for the Youth Theatre project. Results of the grant request will be known in the fourth quarter 2009. The project will also receive a \$75,000 grant from the King County 4 Culture program, with the possibility of receiving additional funds in future grant cycles. An additional \$221,000 has been approved by the State RCO for the 2004 Meydenbauer Bay acquisition project, bringing the total approved for this project to-date of over \$700,000. Formal Council approval will be requested in September. Our Grant request for brownfields clean-up at the Eastgate landfill under the Federal Economic Stimulus Program, submitted with the help of the Economic Development Department, was denied.

Park & Natural Areas Levy Projects

A total capital program of \$73 million, \$53 million for park development and \$20 million for park acquisition, was approved in November, 2008. The sequencing program presented to the Board in March will be delayed because the projected \$28.5 million in CIP resources will be delayed due to the economic recession. The status of the development projects is as follows:

- Synthetic Sportsfield at Wilburton Hill Park:** The construction project was awarded by Council to A-I Landscape and Construction on September 2. Construction is expected to start the week of September 28.
- Synthetic Sportsfield at Newport Hills Park:** Design and permit work continues. The Park Board reviewed responses to the concerns expressed by the neighbors and answers to their questions at their September meeting, and were satisfied that the project should proceed as planned. We plan to submit for permits this fall, and expect construction to proceed next spring.
- Lewis Creek Park Improvements:** The existing plans are being updated, and we will be completing design and permitting this fall/winter.
- BYT Construction:** See BYT design above.
- Botanical Garden Projects:**
 - **Ravine Garden:** Design work continues on both the rigid and suspension bridges.
 - **Wetland-Sun Terraced Garden:** We have recommended JGM Landscape Architects to continue their work on this garden, and hope to have a contract approved by council on October 5.
 - **Visitor Center & Parking Lot:** 22 proposals were reviewed by a team of City staff and Botanical Garden Society. Interviews were conducted with five firms, and we are currently negotiating a contract with the architectural firm of Olson, Sundberg, Kundig and Allen. We hope to have a contract presented for Council approval October 5.
 - **Maintenance Area development:** We are preparing a survey of the site and working with Resources Management staff to develop project scoping and cost estimates for this work.
- Bridle Trails Neighborhood Park:** Park staff is supporting the efforts of the Bridle Trails Community Club to process and prepare a recommendation for park levy project(s). City and neighborhood web sites are available for residents to get information and forward park levy project ideas for consideration. The

recommendation will be forwarded to the Park Board and Council. Staff and committee members will attend a general Bridle Trails Community Club meeting on September 24th.

- Lake Sammamish Neighborhood Park:** No activity.
- Surrey Downs Park Development:** No activity. See Surrey Downs Master Plan.
- Eastgate Properties Park Development:** No activity. See Eastgate Area Master Plan.
- Downtown Park Development:** No activity.

Lewis Creek Park Playground Covers

Installation is complete. We will be adding an additional cover to increase coverage on one of the play areas.

Mercer Slough Environmental Educational Center

The Master Builders has begun construction on Wetlab 2, and framing is complete. Their goal is to complete construction by the end of the year.

Meydenbauer Bay Park Master Plan & Land Use Study

Works continues on responses to the DEIS comments, and the FEIS is scheduled to be released mid-November 2009. City Council will be presented with the FEIS, the draft Master Plan and the Steering Committee Recommendation Report for transmitting to the Park Board.

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 in process.
- **Somerset Entry renovations:** Work is substantially complete. Project completion is anticipated in September.
- **Cougar Ridge Elementary Sports Wall:** Staff is coordinating the project with the Issaquah School District staff to work around school programming. Construction is expected to occur this fall.
- **Crossroads Water Play Area Picnic shelters:** See paragraph above.

Off-Leash Dog Area Study

Work is on-hold pending the results of the off-leash decision on the Eastgate Area Master Plan. Once a decision is reached, we will return to the Park Board with the results of the additional work requested.

Surrey Downs Master Plan

The process to resolve the building issue is on hold.

