



PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT

October 2013

Ashwood Park – Temporary use of park & future park plans

The library's 3-level parking structure is open for use and work is nearing completion on the Ashwood Park parking lot and landscaping along NE 12th. The Pacific Regent retirement community has organized an effort to retain Ashwood Park as a green space for downtown, and would like the City to update the current Master Plan consistent with that vision. The group has expressed interest in presenting their ideas to the Park Board.

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 been using Bannerwood Park for their home baseball games for three years, and would like to install synthetic turf to extend the use of the facility during the spring, which is their heaviest use period. We are currently discussing this as a potential partnership project, as it could also provide year-round community use. Initial feasibility and design work for the field is underway, and financial discussions are ongoing.

Bellevue Youth Theatre (BYT) Construction

Construction is approximately 25% complete. Excavation is complete, building footings and walls are underway. The sewer line replacement is complete and the new pedestrian link will be completed with handrails and walkway lighting in October. The Audio/Video System contract was awarded by Council in September. We continue to work with our neighbors to communicate and minimize construction impacts. The theatre is expected to be complete late next summer.

Bellevue Airfield Park – Shared parking & Phase 1 Design

The modification to the shared parking agreement was approved by Council in September. Staff will seek approval of an architecture and engineering agreement in November for the first phase of construction design and permitting.

Cricket Field in Bellevue

Work is underway on the development of Bellevue's first cricket "pitch" at North Robinswood Park. Construction is expected to be complete in time to host several games yet this fall.

Downtown Park/Rotary Playground Expansion

Initial design is complete and environmental permits will now be sought. The Bellevue Rotary Club has raised approximately \$750,000 toward the project. Because of this, we will seek Council approval for a Phase 1 design contract this fall.

Downtown Park/WW I Monument

No Change. The project is on hold awaiting the completion of fundraising by Robert Shay. We are working with the Eastside Heritage Center to develop interpretive signage for the memorial which will be fabricated and installed upon completion of the monument work. There is no current timeline for the fundraising completion and start of work.

Hidden Valley Sportsfield Improvements with the Boys & Girls Club of Bellevue

An agreement allowing the Boys & Girls Club to construct a gymnasium and to share the cost of completing sportsfield and parking lot improvements at Hidden Valley Park was approved by City Council in August and by the BGCB Board in September. BGCB continues project fundraising. Permit review continues for both the gymnasium and site development in hopes of an early 2014 construction start.

Meydenbauer Moorage & Pier Removal

Four residential piers have been removed, and the pier reconstruction is nearing completion at the Meydenbauer Marina to accommodate 14 visitor day moorage slips. The relocation of a sewer main through the park has been delayed to the summer of 2014.

Meydenbauer Bay Phase 1 Park Development

The State Legislature recently approved \$3million to assist with initial development of Meydenbauer Bay, which supplements the \$9million approved in Bellevue's 2013-19 CIP budget. We have hired temporary staff to assist with design and permits. We also expect to demolish at least four more residential houses next year with these funds.

Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) Projects

The Crossroads Park walkway connector to the shopping center is under construction as part of the BYT construction project and will be complete this fall.

Newport Hills/"Tyler Property"

No Change. Staff is working with a park committee of the Newport Hills Community Club (NHCC) to develop a vision and proposed name for the park. We will brief the Park Board when the committee has completed their work and is prepared to make a recommendation.

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 20% complete - see above.

- **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 50% complete. This month's work includes: the steel beam framing has been erected on all four buildings, the roof decking has been installed on 25% of the buildings, the wood framing for the exterior walls of the education building has started, the parking lot retaining walls are complete, the permanent irrigation and site electrical are both 5% complete, 90% of the underground utility lines (fire, storm drain, electrical, water) have been installed and the wetland garden is 45% complete.
 - **Fundraising:** Including cash and pledged income, fundraising recently exceeded \$4million of the Garden Society's \$5million goal.
- **Bridle Trails Neighborhood Parks:**
 - **Acheson property & alternative:** We are working with the neighborhood to identify alternative projects in lieu of Acheson, and met with the park committee in September to review a potential acquisition candidate. We are now completing due diligence and feasibility assessment of two parcels.
 - **NE 24th St. Site:** The SEPA decision has been appealed by a neighbor, so a hearing has been scheduled in early October and expected to delay construction potentially into next spring. The name "Bridle Trails Corner Park" was recommended as the park's name at the September Park Board meeting, which will be presented to the Council for adoption in October.
- **Lake Sammamish Neighborhood Park:** No activity.
- **Surrey Downs Park Development:** The final light-rail alignment will eliminate vehicle access to the park from 112th. We are working closely with a park committee of Surrey Downs to update the Master Plan, and hope to complete community outreach by the end of the year. The committee is surveying residents to determine their current interests in park amenities. A public meeting was held on Sept. 25 with approximately 20 residents attending. We will update the Parks Board at their Oct. 8th meeting and will request feedback on the plan.
- **Downtown Park Development:** A design contract has been executed with MacLeod Reckord, a prominent landscape architectural firm that worked extensively on the original DTP design, to implement the next phase of park development, which includes finishing the tree-lined promenade and canal and expanding the 100th Ave. parking lot.

Renovation and Refurbishment - *Work is scheduled to be completed in 2013 on the following:*

- Minor asphalt repairs at Lewis Creek, SE 32Nd Street Park, Chism Beach, Meydenbauer Marina, Robinswood House, **(Complete)**, Bovee, Newcastle, Crossroads North Parking lot, Spiritridge, Robinswood Teen Barn, Lake Hills, Goldsmith and the Bellevue Aquatic Center. Most work will occur in the summer and fall;
- Larger pavement repairs at Robinswood Park/148th Street parking lot, SE 40th Street Boat Launch drive Ranger Station, Bellevue Golf Course cart paths and trail reconstruction at

Washout Way (**complete**), gravel replenishment at the Downtown park circle. Most work will occur in the summer and fall;

- ADA improvements at the Robinswood Tennis Center entrance (**design complete, currently bidding project**) & Eastgate Park ballfield, (scheduled for Fall);
- Bannerwood scoreboard replacement, (**complete**);
- Mechanical System upgrades at the Bellevue Aquatic Center (**complete**), Bellevue Golf Course (fire alarm), Downtown Park pump vault repair (**complete**), North Bellevue Community Center (**complete**) and Robinswood House (**canceled and moved out**);
- Botanical Garden - remodel the Shorts House for temporary staff offices (**complete**) and move the Sharps Cabin (part of the Visitor Center project - **complete**);
- Roofing projects at North Bellevue Community and Chism Beach Park (**complete**);
- Sportsfield Renovation at Eastgate Park & Robinswood Park (Scheduled for Fall);
- Provide day moorage at Meydenbauer Marina, replace the Clyde Beach swim dock, and remove residential docks at Meydenbauer Beach Park (under construction); and repair the Mercer Slough canoe float (project is scheduled);
- Repair playground surfacing at Crossroads Park water play (**underway**), replace play equipment and surfacing at Forest Ridge park (**project complete**), rebuild skate ramps at Highland Park indoor skate park (**project complete**) and resurface the tennis court at Enatai Neighborhood Park (underway);
- Add zip line to challenge course at Eastgate Park (**complete**),
- Repair the storage shed and out building at Kelsey Creek Park, (tack building design complete. (scheduled for October);
- Install way finding signage at Kelsey Creek Park (**underway**);
- Paint exterior of the Overlake Blueberry Farm building (**complete**);
- Siding repairs at Robinswood House (**project scope being developed**);
- Replace chairs at Ivanhoe Youth Theatre (**complete**);
- Install a mechanical system computer interface to allow communication from a single source to all HVAC systems;
- Contingency Projects: SBCC wall waterproofing (**underway**), Downtown Park WWI Memorial interpretive signage (underway), Robinswood Tennis Center carpet replacement (**complete**), Highland Center door repairs (**complete**), Mercer Slough drainage design (complete by end of year), Crossroads Park parking lot & lighting improvements , Bellevue Nursery & Bellefield auto gate installation, Ivanhoe Youth Theater portable building (underway), Robinswood North Cricket pitch installation (underway).

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 is open to the public on a limited basis this fall, with a grand opening anticipated next spring.