PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT
October 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. A study session with the City Council has been requested in November to review the design concept and the BYT Foundation's fundraising campaign.

Crossroads Park Water Play
The shelter installation and safety surface repairs are complete, so the project is now complete.

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 their October 13th meeting, the Park Board reviewed the project background and discussed the merits of the three master plan alternatives. The Park Board recommended (5-2) the sportfield oriented Alternative A as the preferred Master Plan, with the requirement that an off-leash area be created at Robinwood Community Park of no less than five acres. The Board also recommended (7-0) Airfield Park as the preferred new park name. The master planning process and Park Board recommendations will be shared with the City Council in November.

Grant applications

Staff prepared a grant application for LEED assistance sponsored by King County for the Youth Theatre project. Results of the grant request will be known in November 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.

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-1 Landscape and Construction on September 2. Construction began the week of September 28 and is going smoothly.
- ☐ **Synthetic Sportsfield at Newport Hills Park:** Design is in for permitting. 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. The neighbors have continued to express opposition to the project, and have contacted several City Council members, and the staff has conveyed information to the Council about the process and plans. A public informational meeting as part of the SEPA process is scheduled for November 17.
- ☐ **Lewis Creek Park Improvements:** Staff is working with our Land Use Officials to verify the current wetlands and other environmental permitting issues that will need to be resolved as part of the development. All issues will be incorporated into the update of the existing plans, and we will be completing design and permitting this fall/winter.
- ☐ **BYT Construction:** See BYT design above.
- ☐ **Botanical Garden Projects**:
  - **Ravine Garden**: Design work is near completion on both the rigid and suspension bridges. We expect to be in for permitting by the end of November and should be ready for construction in spring 2010.
  - **Wetland-Sun Terraced Garden**: The contract with JGM Landscape Architects was approved on Oct 20. Project kick-off is scheduled for Nov 10.
  - **Visitor Center & Parking Lot**: A design contract with the architectural firm of Olson, Sundberg, Kundig and Allen was approved by Council on Nov 2. Staff will now execute the contract and start design work.
  - **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 held a neighborhood meeting on October 22nd where

neighborhood members had an opportunity to hear about proposed park projects and express their preferences.

- ☐ **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. The play features that were removed as part of the installation will be re-installed at the time of the additional cover construction.

Mercer Slough Environmental Educational Center

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

Meydenbauer Bay Park Master Plan & Land Use Study

The FEIS and draft Master Plan are scheduled to be released November 12, 2009. On November 19, 2009, the Steering Committee will hold their 21st and final meeting to confirm their recommendations for the Meydenbauer Bay Park and Land Use Plan. On December 14, 2009, Council will be presented with the FEIS, the draft Master Plan and the Steering Committee Recommendation Report for transmitting to the Park Board. The project is scheduled on Park Board agendas for January, February, and March of 2010.

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 complete.
- **Cougar Ridge Elementary Sports Wall**: Staff is coordinating the project with the Issaquah School District staff to work around school programming. Bids are due in mid November, and the 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.