



## **PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT**

### **October 2012**

#### **Ashwood Park – Temporary use of park & fire station**

Construction continues on the library's 3-level parking structure. Ashwood Park will remain open, though the parking lot is now used chiefly by library patrons. At the completion of the project, the lot will be repaved and the northern portions of the park and right-of-way will be landscaped. Athletics have been relocated during the expected one-year construction period.

At their June 4 study session, the City Council rejected the concept of locating a fire station at Ashwood Park, directing the staff to explore alternative downtown locations for a fire station. They will consider updating the Ashwood Park Master Plan during their upcoming budget deliberations.

#### **Bannerwood Park Synthetic Turf**

For the past three years, Seattle University has used Bannerwood Park as their home baseball field. During that time, we have worked cooperatively to complete several improvements, including upgrades to the dugouts, bullpens and grandstands funded by SU. We are now sharing the cost to upgrade the scoreboard, and they have expressed interest in installing synthetic turf to extend the use of the facility during the spring, which is their heaviest use period. We are currently discussing this project, as it could also increase the community use of this facility year-round.

#### **Bellevue Youth Theatre Design**

Construction permits have been approved however Utilities and Park staff are working on a revision to replace a sanitary sewer main as part of the theater construction. Bid documents are being prepared so that the theater (including sewer line replacement) can be ready for bid and construction this coming winter and spring. A grant application via the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) was not approved during the current legislative session. The Foundation is optimistic that they will receive \$190,000 from the State Dept. of Commerce CTED program and expects to hear in November about a grant application to 4Culture.

#### **Bellevue Airfield Park – Shared parking**

The modification to the shared parking requirement continues to be stalled in legal.

#### **Bellevue Airfield Park - Master Plan & Design**

On July 2 the Council adopted the Master Plan and new park name Bellevue Airfield Park. Eight firms responded to a request for proposals for phase 1 design services, and contract negotiations are in process with the preferred consultant team.

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

At their September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting the City Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the Bellevue Rotary Club outlining a partnership to expand the Downtown Park playground. The playground will be expanded with a focus on inclusive, accessible play opportunities. The Rotary has committed to a 3-year, \$250,000 contribution as well as a community-wide fundraising campaign to secure the funding needed to complete the facility, estimated at \$3.5 million. The City will fund the project soft costs similar to our commitment at the Crossroads Park/Rotary water play area. The next phase of design is now underway. A successful 'Play for all EXPO' was held in Downtown Park on September 29<sup>th</sup> to engage the public in the universally-accessible project goals.

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

An Agreement has been reached with Robert Shay regarding the elements and construction details of the WW I monument in Downtown Park. We will update the Park Board in the near future.

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

At their Study Session of August 6, the City Council endorsed the concept of a partnership between the City and the Boys & Girls Club of Bellevue (BGCB). Under the terms of the partnership, the City would lease a parcel of land at Hidden Valley Park to the BGCB, who would construct a multi-use gymnasium to house three basketball courts and other sports-related facilities. The parties would then share the cost to complete additional improvements, including the installation of synthetic turf on several athletic fields and an expansion to the parking lot. When not in use by the BGCB, the gym would be available to the City at no cost. We presented the proposal to the Park Board in September, and a public meeting to introduce the project to the community was held on October 11. The parties are now developing formal agreements to memorialize our agreement, and detailed design and engineering is now underway. A public hearing to take comments for the project will be held at the November 15 Park Board meeting.

### **Light Rail Impacts**

Technical work by Sound Transit and City representatives to identify cost savings for the Bellevue Way/112<sup>th</sup> portion of the line continues. We are providing input to the team as they evaluate options, costs and legal requirements. We continue to discuss access and programmatic changes to the Surrey Downs Park and Master Plan, and met with representatives of Surrey Downs in early September to discuss options. We are now working with a consultant and other City staff to analyze options.

### **Meydenbauer Moorage & House Demolition**

Environmental permit documents were submitted early July to modify the existing marina to accommodate 14 short-term moorage slips consistent with the State grant used to help purchase the Meydenbauer Marina properties. Construction is expected next year. Demolition of two waterfront homes owned by the City is complete. Public access will be restricted until conditional use permits are secured. We are also working closely with Utilities staff to coordinate the relocation and reconstruction of a sewer main through the park, which is expected to occur next summer.

## Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) Projects

Approved NEP projects being implemented by Planning and Design staff are as follows:

- **Crossroads Park Walkway Improvements:** Development is on hold until the BYT permit is complete because the project includes a section of the Bellevue Youth Theatre storm drain system. Construction will occur during the BYT construction project.

## Newport Hills/"Tyler Property"

The Newport Hills Community Club (NHCC) is undergoing changes to their Board and to their Park Planning Committee. This committee has been charged to develop a vision plan and suggest a name for the park. Staff is working with this committee to complete the plan, and will brief the Park Board when the committee has completed their work.

## Park & Natural Areas Levy Projects

- **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:** See BYT design 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:** Design is complete and permits are secured. Construction timing is dependent on BBG Society fundraising and current budget request. Staff is preparing for bid and construction in early 2013.
  - **Fundraising:** Fundraising total to-date now exceeds \$3million.
- **Bridle Trails Neighborhood Parks:**
  - **Acheson property:** We have agreed to break off negotiations with the State. Since reaching conceptual agreement on a property transfer late in 2011, State Parks changed their position and prefers that the use of the property be more closely aligned with the State Park. We expressed reservations about this approach, and recently agreed that further discussions would prove fruitless. The neighborhood has been made aware of this situation, and accepts the outcome, as it continues to preserve the public use of the property.
  - **NE 24<sup>th</sup> St. Site:** A plan update with parking options was strongly supported at the BTCC membership meeting on September 20. The plan was unanimously endorsed by the Park Board at the October 9 meeting. We will review the plan with the Council, and unless otherwise directed, will proceed with design, permitting and construction.
- **Lake Sammamish Neighborhood Park:** No activity.
- **Surrey Downs Park Development:** On-hold pending final light-rail alignment and court relocation decision. The current alignment options will require modifications to the adopted Master Plan. We are working with a consultant to assist the staff evaluate park modifications.

- **Bellevue Airfield Park Development:** See above.
- **Downtown Park Development:** No activity.

### Renovation Projects

Work is underway on the following major renovation projects for 2012:

- Door and lock upgrades at the Resource Management facility, Highland Community Center, Ivanhoe Youth Theater & Northwest Arts Center is complete;
- Carpet replacement at the Bellevue Aquatic Center is complete;
- Restroom improvements are complete at Highland Community Center, underway at Chism Beach, and the work at the Robinswood Tennis Center restroom has been canceled;
- The fitness room conversion at North Bellevue is underway and will be complete by December;
- Layout & design for a zip line addition to the challenge course at Eastgate Park/SBCC is underway and a public meeting to present the plan was held on Sept. 27;
- The small animal building at Kelsey Creek farm has been installed and the site work, including new security lighting, will be complete before the end of the year;
- Dock & pier inspections at Phantom Lake, Larson Lake, and Mercer Slough are complete; follow up repair work is being scoped and designed.
- Design Development to replace the swim dock at Clyde Beach & install transient moorage at Meydenbauer Marina is complete and permit applications were submitted June 29. Construction Documentation is underway.
- Bids have been rejected on the installation of a heat recovery system at the Aquatic Center. The project is being re-evaluated. Repairs to HVAC system have been done in lieu of the heat Recovery system.
- Drainage, irrigation and infield improvements at two Wilburton Hill ballfields will be completed this fall;
- Drainage improvements at the Ivanhoe and Lewis Creek Park soccer fields are complete;
- Research and design work is complete on the improvements to the Robinswood off-leash area, and work is expected this fall;
- Phase 2 irrigation replacement at McCormick Park is complete; Phase 3 has been approved for winter 2012 completion.
- Mercer Slough Blueberry farm drainage design is underway;
- Mechanical system upgrades at the Golf Course pro shop, banquet room and maintenance shop are complete. The Robinswood House Cabana air conditioning has been installed;
- The mansard replacement at North Bellevue Community Center is complete;
- Sewer pumps at the Overlake Blueberry Farm, Newcastle Beach and Robinswood Park are expected to be complete by years end;
- Demolition and site restoration is complete on two rental houses along Meydenbauer Bay;
- Fence & railing repairs are complete at Lake Hills Park & Greenbelt, Lewis Creek Park and Robinswood Park baseball field;
- Parking lot repairs at Robinswood, Lake Hills Park, Lewis Creek & NW Arts Center are complete;
- Tree root pruning and root barrier installation at the Downtown Park is complete;
- Design is complete and the permit process is underway on improvements to the storage yard and access drives at the Botanical Garden/Koh Property;
- A new pathway at the Botanical Garden has been installed, and work on replacing the Forest

- Park boardwalk is underway;
- Golf cart pathway reconstruction is underway along six holes of the Bellevue Golf Course, with completion expected in November.

### **Robinswood Park Off-Leash uses**

We are working with the users of the off-leash corral behind the tennis center following up the recent request at the Park Board meeting to clarify the priority of uses between horses and dogs.

### **Shoreline Master Program**

Park staff continues to provide feedback to the Development Services staff regarding potential impacts to park use and future park development of the proposed Shoreline Master Program updates. Parks staff and Board Chair Robinson provided testimony to the Planning Commission at their March 28 meeting regarding the impacts of the SMP to the Meydenbauer Bay Park Master Plan. A Park Board discussion was held in September regarding the Phantom Creek and Weowna Park drainage work.