



PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT

January 2009

Aquatic Center Feasibility Study

No Change. The draft feasibility report was presented to the Park Board at their November 13 meeting. The Board supported the need for an aquatic center in Bellevue, and leaned toward options C, D and E in the report. Staff will convey the Board's comments to the Council at a study session expected in March. The study analyzes seven locations and five program options and also discusses a potential regional approach. Specific recommendations for program or site selection is not expected.

Ashwood Park Plaza Construction

Substantial completion of the plaza has occurred and punchlist items are complete with the exception of O&M manuals, contract closeout will begin shortly.

Ashwood Park Master Plan

Staff is developing an RFP for consultant selection for master plan work. We anticipate master planning to begin in early '09.

Bellevue Botanical Garden Master Plan Update

Master Plan Update was adopted by Council on 1-5-09. The written report is expected to be complete by the end of January. Staff is now beginning follow up work on several of the key recommendations in the plan, including the development of engineering design and cost estimates for the suspension bridge at the ravine garden.

Bellevue Youth Theatre Design

A contract has been signed with the architectural firm of Becker & Associates to complete the design of a new facility at Crossroads and renovations to the Ivanhoe facility. Schematic design is now underway to finalize the location of the proposed facility near the Community Center.

Bel-Red Corridor Study

The Council continues to discuss the financial package needed to implement the recommendations proposed in the plan, which is likely to include a combination of revenue sources, including development incentives, impact fees and local improvement districts. A final determination is expected the first quarter of '09.

Crossroads Park Water Play

On January 5, City Council approved the purchase and installation of two custom-built picnic shelters. Completion is expected in June 2009.

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

Road construction and methane system modifications and construction staging restoration are nearly complete, though we have not yet accepted the work from the contractors. The update to the restrictive covenant has been updated. 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. A substantial partial payment for the road has been approved. We continue to evaluate SW's request to modify their parking requirements contained in the Purchase & Sale Agreement.

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

The Master Planning process continued with our third public meeting November 18 at the South Bellevue Community Center, attended by approximately 80 citizens, who shared their preferences concerning three plan alternatives at smaller breakout groups. Over 1,200 individual comments have been received to-date from citizens via the various feedback mechanisms used during the master planning process (meetings, comment cards, web surveys, petitions, email). The results of the public involvement process and the three design alternatives were presented at the 1/13 Park Board meeting. The Park Board generally favored active development that included athletic fields and a recreation building, and provided feedback on the other program elements. The staff has requested time to discuss these issues at a City Council study session in hopes of receiving additional feedback to aid in the development of a preferred alternative, which will be presented at the final community meeting later this spring.

Grant applications

Applications for funding assistance were submitted in May to offset the acquisition costs for the Cich Property on Meydenbauer Bay (\$1 million) and the Carrigan Property on Lake Sammamish (\$950,000). Depending on the level of funding approved in the State budget, we may receive up to \$1million for the Meydenbauer property. In January, planning and Bellevue Youth Theatre staffs prepared an application requesting \$250K to offset design and construction costs for the theater.

Levy Projects

With approval of the \$40.5 million levy on November 4, the staff is now gearing up to begin the process of implementing the identified projects. Workload planning is underway, and Park Board and Council presentations to review and establish project sequencing and staffing is expected in the first quarter of '09. Combining levy proceeds with City CIP resources yields a total of \$53 million available for park development projects.

Lewis Creek Park Playground Covers

The staff has recommended the installation of a sun/rain cover over the playground equipment area to resolve a potential conflict between the north ballfield and the playground area. Geotech work is complete and a conceptual design is complete. An open house for the neighborhood will be held on January 31st. If well received, installation will be complete in late spring 09.

Mercer Slough Environmental Educational Center

No Change. As both City and PSC staff use the buildings, we are finding minor changes that are required. Our contractor is completing these items and is working to achieve the final Certificate

of Occupancy. The results of our request for LEED certification is expected this spring.

Meydenbauer Bay Park Master Plan & Land Use Study

Master planning and the Steering Committee process is currently on-hold pending the completion of work on a preliminary draft EIS, which is underway. Initial draft documents are expected for internal review in February, and a draft EIS is expected to be issued in March or April. A site visit and next regular meeting of the Steering Committee is tentatively planned for March.

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 expected to begin this spring.
- **Ashwood Plaza Construction:** See paragraph above.
- **Somerset Entry renovations:** Design complete, advertisement for bids expected in Jan.
- **Cougar Ridge Elementary:** Sports wall design/construction 2009.
- **Crossroads Pea Patch:** Design was on-hold pending a decision on the Youth Theatre. Design can now proceed.
- **Crossroads Water Play Area Picnic shelters:** See paragraph above.

Off-Leash Dog Area Study

The Park Board, Council and staff have been presented with several requests to provide off-leash dog facilities throughout the community over the past few years. Most recently, requests have been made to provide facilities in the Downtown Park and in the new Eastgate Area Park. The Planning and Resource Management staffs are working with off-leash area advocates to develop a City-wide plan to accommodate these interests. Preliminary results were presented at the Park Board meeting in November. We anticipate a follow-up report and recommendations will be presented to the Park Board in March.

Surrey Downs Master Plan

The SEPA was completed 1/22, and we hope to bring the preferred master plan and building parameters to Council for adoption in February. Staff is now developing a process to work with the Surrey Downs community and Boys & Girls Club of Bellevue to resolve the building issue, which we hope to begin shortly after adoption of the master plan.