PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT
January 2013

Ashwood Park – Temporary use of park
Construction continues on the library's 3-level parking structure. Ashwood Park remains open, though the parking lot is now used chiefly by library patrons. When completed this spring, 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 construction period.

Bannerwood Park Synthetic Turf
Over the past three years, Seattle University has used Bannerwood Park as their home baseball field. SU has funded several improvements to the facility during that time, including upgrades to the dugouts, bullpens and grandstands, and we are also sharing the cost to upgrade the scoreboard. SU 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 use of this facility for the community.

Bellevue Youth Theatre (BYT) Design & Construction
Construction permits have been secured and bid documents have been posted. Sealed bids will be opened February 19th with a construction contract award anticipated at a March Council Meeting. A Ground Breaking ceremony has tentatively been scheduled for April 2. Construction on-site should begin May 1 and the theatre is expected to be complete in the summer of 2014. We continue to work with the Crossroads Community Center staff to minimize impacts and potential center closures during construction. The Youth Theatre Foundation recently received a second $75,000 grant from 4Culture.

Bellevue Airfield Park – Shared parking
The modification to the shared parking requirement remains stalled in legal.

Bellevue Airfield Park Phase 1 Design
Contract negotiations continue with the selected consultant team. We anticipate Council approval of a contract for the first phase of construction design and permitting in March.

Downtown Park/Rotary Playground Expansion
At their September 17th 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 $3.5 million fundraising campaign to complete the facility. 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 underway. Design workshops with Rotary, staff and the public will be held in February.

Downtown Park/WW I Monument
Agreement has been reached with Robert Shay regarding the details of the improvements to the WW I monument in Downtown Park. He continues to raise funds for the project in hopes of completing the project in '13. We will provide a Park Board update in the near future.

Hidden Valley Sportsfield Improvements with the Boys & Girls Club of Bellevue
The staff and representatives of the Boys & Girls Club of Bellevue (BGCB) continue to negotiate the terms of an agreement that would allow the BGCB to construct a gymnasium and to share the cost of completing sportsfield and parking lot improvements at Hidden Valley Park. BGCB continues project fundraising and is preparing architectural plans for the gymnasium. The City is preparing detailed site plans. A Conditional Use Permit application has been submitted, and a public meeting was held as part of the process on January 9.

Kelsey Creek Park Review
The staff is reviewing the current conditions at Kelsey Creek Park to determine if long-term modifications are needed to the existing uses or facilities at that site. Past and current plans, practices and financial information have been reviewed, and meetings with staff have been conducted. More information is being gathered in hopes of developing a long-range strategy for the continued success of this facility.

Light Rail Impacts
Technical work by Sound Transit and City representatives to refine the alignment and identify cost savings for the Bellevue Way/112th portion of the line continues. We continue to provide input to the team, including alternatives and programmatic changes to Surrey Downs Park.

Meydenbauer Moorage & House Demolition
Environmental permit documents were submitted in July to modify Pier 3 at the marina to accommodate14 day moorage slips. Construction permit applications will be submitted in January, with construction expected next summer. Demolition and site restoration of two waterfront homes owned by the City is complete. Public access to these properties will be restricted until conditional use permits are secured. We are also working with Utilities staff to coordinate the relocation and reconstruction of a sewer main through the park, which is also expected to occur this summer.

Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) Projects
The Crossroads Park walkway connector to the shopping center will be completed as part of the BYT construction project.

Newport Hills/"Tyler Property"
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

- **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**: Bid opening is scheduled February 12 and contract approval in March. Construction is expected to start in May and last approximately 18 months.
  - **Fundraising**: Including cash and pledged income, the fundraising total to-date has now reached $3.8million of the total $5million goal.
- **Bridle Trails Neighborhood Parks:**
  - **Acheson property:** After a long period of negotiations, State Parks decided to retain control and responsibility of the park so that its use is more closely aligned with the adjacent Bridle Trails State Park. The neighborhood is aware of this situation and accepts the outcome, as it preserves public use of the property.
  - **NE 24th St. Site:** At their December 9 meeting, the City Council endorsed the park plan that was strongly supported by BTCC and the Park Board. We are proceeding with design and permitting with work expected to be complete in '13.
- **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:** We are now seeking consultants to design the next phase of park development, which includes finishing the tree-lined promenade and canal and expansion of the 100th Ave. parking lot. We hope to have a consultant contract to present to Council in the 2nd quarter of '13.

2102 Renovation Projects

The following major renovation projects are complete:

- Upgraded doors and locks at four facilities;
- Replaced the carpet at the Bellevue Aquatic Center;
- Upgraded restrooms at Highland CC & Chism Beach;
- Converted a meeting room into a fitness room at North Bellevue CC;
- Built a small animal building at Kelsey Creek Farm;
- Upgraded athletic fields at Wilburton Hill (2), Ivanhoe and Lewis Creek Parks;
- Upgraded surfacing and fencing at the Robinswood Park/148th Street off-leash area;
- Replaced irrigation at McCormick Park;
- Upgraded mechanical systems at the Golf Course pro shop & maintenance area; Robinswood House Cabana and the Aquatic Center;

- Replaced the mansard roof at North Bellevue CC;
- Replaced sewer pumps at Overlake Blueberry Farm, Newcastle Beach & Robinswood Park;
- Removed two rental houses along Meydenbauer Bay;
- Repaired fences & railings at Lake Hills Park & Greenbelt, Lewis Creek Park and Robinswood Park baseball field;
- Repaired parking lots at Robinswood, Lake Hills Park, Lewis Creek & NW Arts Center;
- Root pruned and installed tree root barrier at the Downtown Park;
- Reconstructed approximately one-half of the cart paths at the Bellevue Golf Course.

Work will be completed in 2013 on the following 2012 Renovation projects:

- Improve the storage yard and access drive at the Botanical Garden/Koh Property;
- Add ziplines to the challenge course at Eastgate Park/South Bellevue CC;
- Replace the swim dock at Clyde Beach Park;
- Renovate Pier 3 at Meydenbauer Marina to accommodate 14 day moorage slips;
- Reconstruct the Forest Park boardwalk;

Robinswood Park Off-Leash Areas

Responding to recent concerns and conflicts at the off-leash corral behind the Robinswood Tennis Center, we implemented a change that limits the time that horses have priority use at this facility to one-hour a week. Horses had previously enjoyed priority at all times, though most use was for dogs off-leash. We also recently completed significant improvements to the off-leash coral near 148th Ave SE as part of the 2012 Renovation Program, including new surface materials, dog wash area, enlarged entry, walkway, shelter and kiosk.

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. The Planning Commission has completed its work and forwarded the plan to the Council.