



PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT

January 2012

Ashwood Park – Temporary use of park

Construction has started 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. Athletic uses will be relocated during the expected one-year construction period.

Bellevue Youth Theatre Design

The project has received Land Use approval and the construction permits have been submitted with approval anticipated in early to mid-2012. Because of the complex nature of the funding mechanisms and management requirements, we are no longer pursuing the King County Housing Authority's tax credit program. A grant application via the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) has been submitted to the State for discussion during the current legislative session.

Bellevue Airfield Park – Shared parking & landfill gas modifications

The modification to the shared parking requirement continues to be stalled in legal, though a final agreement is expected to be presented to the City Council early this year. Upgrades to the landfill gas extraction system have been completed, and the new venting system is working well.

Bellevue Airfield Park - Master Plan

Staff completed Master Plan environmental review documents, incorporating the off-leash proposal at Robinswood Park. It remains under review by permit staff. We will return to Council for adoption when the environmental review is complete, anticipated in March. After Master Plan adoption, staff will seek proposals for design work. See also Robinswood Off-leash plan.

Bel-Red Planning

Staff continues to participate in several current planning efforts that will affect the future park, open space, trail and greenway concepts adopted in the Bel-Red Corridor plans. The NE 15/16th roadway design, regional stormwater concepts, light rail station area planning, and stormwater enhancement plans for Utilities-owned property all include parks planning participation. Conceptual park & greenway plans along the West Tributary and Goff Creek, as well as the station area planning effort, were shared with the Park Board at their January meeting.

Boys & Girls Club Request @ Hidden Valley Park

The Boys & Girls Club of Bellevue has requested the use of Hidden Valley Park to construct a gymnasium to house three basketball courts and other sports-related facilities. The City Council reviewed this request at an August study session and authorized the staff to evaluate alternatives to allow this project to proceed. We developed several design options that incorporate a gymnasium and additional parking at Hidden Valley Park, and prepared cost estimates to install

synthetic turf on several athletic fields throughout the park system. After discussing options, the parties are now focusing on athletic field and parking improvements at Hidden Valley Park, and we continue to prepare information to assist in these discussions. The Council is expected to provide feedback on the conceptual deal points in the near future.

Light Rail Impacts

A final light rail route alignment has been approved by the parties, though it differs from the preferred option in the final EIS. Both options impact Mercer Slough Nature Park and Surrey Downs, and exceed available funding for this portion of ST2. Additional technical work is now underway to identify cost savings for this portion of the line, and will continue through most of the year. We are providing input to representatives of Sound Transit and the City as they evaluate options, costs and legal requirements.

Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) Projects

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

- **Playground equipment at Enatai Beach Park:** play equipment has been purchased site preparation is complete. The equipment and safety surface will be installed this spring as weather permits.
- **Crossroads Park Walkway Improvements:** Plans have been developed for a walkway connection between the Park, community center and adjacent shopping center. Permits are expected to be approved in early 2012 in order for construction to begin this summer.

Newport Hills/Tyler Property

Staff has been working with the Newport Hills Community Club to develop a vision for the recently acquired Tyler Property. Additional input from the neighborhood has been obtained through meetings, an on-line survey and other informational tools. Next steps will be to conduct a master planning process for the property, which will be based on the information gathered from the community.

Off-Leash Dog Area Study/Robinswood OLA Expansion

A preferred plan to expand and enhance the off-leash facilities at Robinswood Park has been incorporated into the environmental review documents for the Bellevue Airfield Master Plan. The plans are consistent with concepts previously endorsed by Park Board and Council. An environmental study has been completed and submitted as part of the land use and environmental review for Bellevue Airfield Park Master Plan.

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:** Weather and material supply issues have delayed the scheduled completion to February. Remaining work includes final paving, window installation, metal handrails, and roofing on the picnic shelters. The GC will return in spring to seed the turf area.
- BYT Construction:** See BYT design above.
- Botanical Garden Projects:**
 - **Ravine Garden:** Earthwork is complete. Fabrication of bridge components is underway. Work is expected to be complete in 1st quarter of 2012.

- **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:** No Change. The Conditional Use, Critical Areas Land Use and Environmental permit review continues. Construction permit applications have been submitted. A CUP public hearing is expected to occur in February 2012. Design plans are 95% complete.
- **Fundraising:** A recent \$200,000 grant from the Norcliffe Foundation has brought the Garden Society's fundraising total to over \$2.0million.
- Bridle Trails Neighborhood Parks:** Discussions continue with State Parks to secure rights to the Acheson property. We are also working with the representatives of the community to establish a timeline for the master planning work at both the NE 24th St. and Acheson. We will be attending a neighborhood meeting in March to kickoff the NE 24th Street planning effort.
- Lake Sammamish Neighborhood Park:** No activity.
- Surrey Downs Park Development:** On-hold pending final light-rail alignment and court relocation. The current alignment options will require modifications to the adopted Master Plan.
- Bellevue Airfield Park Development:** No activity.
- Downtown Park Development:** No activity.

Major 2011 Renovation Projects

The following major renovation projects were complete in 2011:

- Sportsfield lighting system renovations at Wilburton Hill and Bannerwood Parks;
- Re-roofing projects at Kelsey Creek Park, Meydenbauer Marina and the Botanical Garden;
- Infield reconstruction at Ivanhoe;
- Landscape improvements at the Downtown Park;
- Replaced inefficient light fixtures throughout our buildings;
- Replaced mechanical units at Crossroads Community Center, Bellevue Aquatic Center, Northwest Arts Center and Robinswood Tennis Center;
- Replaced fencing at Enatai, Killarney Glen, Highland and Lakemont Parks.
- Rebuilt irrigation systems at McCormick and Kelsey Creek Parks;
- Repaired, sealcoated & restriped parking lots at Hidden Valley, Robinswood Tennis Center and Meydenbauer Marina;
- Removed exterior staircases at Lakemont and Highland Park, and reconstructed staircases at Enatai and Chism Beach;
- Drainage & fencing improvements, and stadium painting at Bannerwood Park;
- Rebuilt skate ramps at the Highland Indoor Skate Park.

Major 2012 Renovation Projects

The following projects have been approved and work is underway:

- Door and lock upgrades at Highland Community Center, Ivanhoe Youth Theater, Northwest Arts Center, and at Resource Management facility;
- Carpet replacement at the Bellevue Aquatic Center;
- Restroom improvements at Chism Beach, Highland Community Center and Robinswood Tennis Center;
- Design for fitness room conversions at North Bellevue, Highland and Crossroads CC's;

- Install a zip line addition to the challenge course at Eastgate Park/SBCC;
- Reconstruct the small animal buildings at Kelsey Creek;
- Planning & design for program and storage improvements at the Kelsey Creek;
- Dock & pier inspections at Phantom Lake, Larson Lake, and Mercer Slough;
- Design and permitting to replace the swim dock at Clyde Beach & install transient moorage at Meydenbauer Marina;
- Install a heat recovery system at the Aquatic Center;
- Drainage, irrigation and infield improvements at two Wilburton Hill ballfields;
- Drainage improvements for the Ivanhoe and Lewis Creek Park soccer fields;
- Drainage and surface improvements at the Robinswood off-leash area;
- Complete phase 2 irrigation replacement at McCormick Park;
- Mercer Slough Blueberry farm drainage design and permitting;
- Mechanical system upgrades at the Golf Course pro shop, maintenance shop and Robinswood House Cabana;
- Lighting upgrades at the Downtown Park and security lighting at Kelsey Creek Park;
- Exterior painting of the Robinswood Tennis Center, golf course pro shop and North Bellevue Community Center;
- Replace sewer pumps at the Overlake Blueberry Farm, Newcastle Beach and Robinswood Park;
- Demolish two rental houses and restore property along Meydenbauer Bay;
- Fence & railing repairs at Lake Hills Park & Greenbelt, Lewis Creek, and Robinswood Park baseball field;
- Parking lot repairs at Robinswood, Lake Hills Park, Lewis Creek & NW Arts Center;
- Tree root pruning and root barrier installation at the Downtown Park;
- Storage yard expansion and access improvements at the Botanical Garden/Koh Property;
- Install a new pathway at the Botanical Garden and replace the Forest Park boardwalk;

Surrey Downs Master Plan

On hold pending resolution of the light rail alignment.

Shoreline Master Program

Park staff has provided feedback to the Development Services Staff regarding proposed policy and regulation updates and their potential impacts to park use and future park development. Discussions with the Planning Commission and City Council are ongoing.