PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT
January 2011

Ashwood Park – Temporary use of park

The library is continuing with plans to construct a parking structure, and has requested the temporary use of Ashwood Park for access, parking and construction staging during construction. We expect that improvements will be made to the Ashwood parking lot and landscaping along NE 12th in return for the library's use of the park during construction, expected to begin in the spring of 2011. The City Council has conceptually agreed to the use. Due to budget concerns, the library may abandon the concept of using access drives through the park, so most of the park may remain open during construction. Because the parking lot will be used by library patrons, Enterprise staff will still need to relocate the athletic uses to other locations. We are assisting with the development of a formal agreement with the Library.

Bellevue Youth Theatre Design

Permit plans are complete and the fund raising effort is underway. The staff met with representatives of the King County Housing Authority, who has applied for grants on behalf of the BYT and City to assist in funding this project. Results are expected in late March. The City has recently been notified that the Bellevue Youth Theatre Foundation has secured a donation of up to $250,000 from the Microsoft Corporation for the building capital campaign.

Budget Proposals for 2011-2017

The City Council adopted the budget on December 13 with no major changes to the Parks CIP budget request.

Eastgate Area (Bellevue Airfield) Park – Shared access road and parking

Shared road construction and landfill gas system upgrade invoicing has been audited and paid. The City Council has agreed with a proposed change to the shared parking requirement that includes changes to scheduled use and quantity of shared parking for future park use. Staff expects to present a final agreement to the City Council in early 2011.

Eastgate Area (Bellevue Airfield) Park Master Plan

City Council concurred with the Park Board recommended Master Plan, further requesting that the environmental review for the plan also include the off-leash enhancement and expansion at Robinswood Park. Staff will return to Council for adoption when the environmental review of both Bellevue Airfield and Robinswood Parks are complete. Staff is now working on the Robinswood Park Off-Leash Study (see off-leash study below).

Lewis Creek Park Playground Covers

An additional awning to increase coverage on one of the play areas has been engineered and design is complete and procurement is underway. Construction of the footing is complete. Canopy delivery is expected in February with installation to follow shortly thereafter .

Light Rail Impacts
The staff continues to work with Transportation and Sound Transit staff to evaluate the impacts of several alternative light-rail routes, and identify potential park mitigation measures for impacts to Surrey Downs Park and Mercer Slough.

Mercer Slough Environmental Educational Center
The Master Builders Association completed their work on Wetlab 2. Staff will now complete final site restoration and landscape plantings, and will work with MBA and PSC t0 set a date for a grand opening.

Meydenbauer Bay Park & Land Use Plan
The City Council adopted the Meydenbauer Park and Land Use Plan as recommended by the Steering Committee and Park Board with implementation principles, at their December 13th Council meeting. The final plan publication is complete and the web site has been updated.

Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) Projects
Approved NEP projects being implemented by Planning and Design staff are as follows:

- **Playground equipment at Enatai Beach Park:** Design and layout is being reviewed by WA DOT (due to proximity of I-90), and staff is working with the playground representatives to purchase the play elements. The project is expected to be ready for bidding in early 2011 and under construction this coming summer. Anticipated completion is for late summer 2011.
- **Playground equipment at Newport Heights and Somerset Elementary:** Design and layout of new play equipment is being coordinated with the school's principal and with the school district. The project is expected to be ready for completion in the summer of 2011 and completion in early fall.
- **Crossroads Park Walkway Improvements:** Design concepts being developed.
- **Restrooms at Robinswood, Ardmore, and Ivanhoe Parks:** projects on-hold due to O&M budget considerations.

Off-Leash Dog Area Study/Robinswood OLA Expansion
Following up the Council's direction to include the Robinswood OLA concept into the environmental review process for Bellevue Airfield Park Master Plan, staff has been working to solicit feedback and understand community preferences for off-leash enhancements and expansion at Robinswood Park. Outreach has included; mailings, web site information, surveys and community meetings on October 14th and December 7th. The recommended enhancement and expansion plans preferred by the community are consistent with concepts previously endorsed by Park Board and Council and are being incorporated into the environmental review of the Bellevue Airfield Park Master Plan.

Park & Natural Areas Levy Projects

- ☐ **Synthetic Sportsfield at Wilburton Hill Park:** Project complete.
- ☐ **Synthetic Sportsfield at Newport Hills Park:** Construction is substantially complete and the soccer field, play area and restrooms are open for use. Final landscaping will take place this spring prior to an anticipated grand opening. The

soccer field opened for use on Nov. 8. The baseball field will remain closed until spring to allow the grass to establish.

- ☐ **Lewis Creek Park Picnic Area:** No Change - The environmental "Determination of Non Significance" decision has been appealed. A preliminary hearing has been scheduled February 3. If the Hearing Examiner upholds the decision, we will proceed as planned with a spring construction start. Construction permit review is in the final stages. If the Hearing Examiner determines that more study is needed, then the project will be delayed.
- ☐ **BYT Construction:** See BYT design above.
- ☐ **Botanical Garden Projects**:
  - **Ravine Garden**: Design work is near completion on both the rigid and suspension bridges. Permit and environmental review is ongoing, with project construction expected to begin late spring/early summer 2011.
  - **Wetland-Sun Terraced Garden**: A SEPA determination of non-significance has been issued, and Land Use approval is expected in January, after which we will place the project on-hold pending the availability of project funding.
  - **Visitor Center & Parking Lot**: The design development phase is complete, and construction plans have started. Staff meets regularly with Garden Society representatives to review various plan components.
  - **Fundraising**: The BBGS is continuing their fundraising efforts in support of project development.
  - **Maintenance Area development**: The condition of the house is being evaluated for future use as a maintenance facility. Minor improvements have been made to support maintenance and storage operations, including installation of a new roof on the house and creation of a material storage area. Additional work on the storage yard and access drive is expected this year.
- ☐ **Bridle Trails Neighborhood Park:** At their October 12 meeting, the Park Board endorsed the park recommendations of the Bridal Trails Community Club (BTCC) Board. One of the projects involves property acquisition, and the City Council authorized staff to proceed with negotiations to acquire the property at their November 22 meeting. A comprehensive report and recommendation will be presented to the Council in early 2011.
- ☐ **Lake Sammamish Neighborhood Park:** No activity.
- ☐ **Surrey Downs Park Development:** No activity. See Surrey Downs Master Plan.
- ☐ **Eastgate Properties Park Development:** No activity.
- ☐ **Downtown Park Development:** No activity.

Park & Open Space Plan Update

The City Council adopted the Plan in May, and the final report has been distributed to Park Board at the January meeting. Staff is now updating the on-line version.

Property Issues

Staff is working with representatives of the Bellevue School District to allow for the use of portions of Cherry Crest Park to allow for a more environmentally-sensitive reconstruction of the Cherry Crest Elementary School. Both issues have been discussed with the City Council, and a revised proposal was discussed by Council January 18. Final action is expected in late February.

2010 Renovation Projects

- Energy-efficient lighting systems have been installed at the Highland Park ball field, Newport Hills soccer field, Robinswood Tennis Center and the South Bellevue Community Center gymnasium, funded in part by a Federal Stimulus Grant.
- Parking lot improvements at Kelsey Creek, Bannerwood Park and Chism Beach are complete
- Major roofing replacements at the Bellevue Aquatics Center, Highland Community Center, Northwest Arts Center, Crossroads Golf Course and the Wilburton House are complete.
- The Robinswood Tennis Center indoor courts have been resurfaced.
- Mechanical systems have been replaced at the Aquatics Center, Lake Hills Clubhouse and Highland Community Center, and the Downtown Park fountain pumps have been replaced.
- New carpeting has been installed at the Lake Hills Clubhouse, Crossroads maintenance shop and Robinswood House.
- Fencing replacements are complete at the Robinswood soccer fields, BBG Yao Garden and Kelsey Creek Park horse corral.
- The large foundation has been removed from the newly-acquired Tyler Property in Newport Hills, and the site is now open for public use;
- A pedestrian bridge at Kelsey Creek has been replaced.
- Irrigation system repairs and upgrades are complete at MSEEC, Westwood Highlands and Enatai Neighborhood Park,
- Plans are complete for future infrastructure and code upgrades at the Ivanhoe Youth Theatre, including mechanical, fire sprinkler and alarm systems, and seismic upgrades;
- The Kelsey Creek Park small animal shelter design is complete, with construction anticipated in 2011.

2011 Renovation Projects

The final list of 2011 Renovation projects is being finalized.

Surrey Downs Master Plan

On hold pending resolution of the light rail alignment and building issue.