



PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT

January 2010

Aquatic Center Feasibility Study

SPLASH continues to meet with potential private partners and remains hopeful that a new facility will come to fruition in the near future. After having met with area park directors to determine their interest in pursuing a partnership or joint funding mechanism, we provided a progress report and request for direction for the City Manager to share with the City Council.

Ashwood Park Use of Park

The library is proceeding with plans to construct parking on their property, and has requested the temporary use of Ashwood Park for parking during construction. We are working representatives of the library to review plans and establish requirements for the use of the park during construction, which is expected to begin in late 2010. We have submitted proposed elements of an agreement to the library representatives, and hope to discuss this issue with the City Council in the first quarter of 2010. The master planning effort remains on hold.

Bellevue Youth Theatre Design

Design development drawings are underway. The design team has developed illustrations for the fund raising effort. The schematic design and the Foundation's upcoming fundraising campaign was received enthusiastically by Council on December 7, 2009. The staff recently met with representatives of the King County Housing Authority to discuss creative ways to assist in funding this project, and will be following up with King County to explore options.

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

No Change: 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. We continue to evaluate and negotiate SW's request to modify their parking requirements contained in the Purchase & Sale Agreement.

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

At their January 4th meeting the City Council reviewed the project background, and discussed the merits of the three master plan alternatives. Council considered the Park Board recommendation of the sportfield oriented Alternative A as the preferred Master Plan, with the requirement that an off-leash area be created at Robinwood Community Park of no less than five acres and recommended park name of Airfield Park. Staff will return to Council at the next available Council date to respond to questions posed at the January 4 meeting.

Grant applications

A new cycle of State grant funding will be available in 2011, and staff will be attending a workshop in February to learn more about the next cycle of funding.

Lewis Creek Park Playground Covers

Initial installation is complete. We will be adding an additional cover to increase coverage on one of the play areas. The play features that were removed as part of the installation will be re-installed at the time of the additional cover construction.

Light Rail Impacts

The staff is working with our Transportation staff and representatives of Sound Transit to evaluate the effects of several alternative light-rail routes that run parallel to Bellevue Way along Mercer Slough. The Winters House, Blueberry Farm, boat launch and maintenance operations are all potentially impacted by several alternatives being studied. The Council has requested that an additional alternative be studied that will have greater impacts on the Slough, which we will also study.

Mercer Slough Environmental Educational Center

No change. The Master Builders Association is completing Wetlab 2, and has revised the schedule to have the project done by this summer.

Meydenbauer Bay Park Master Plan & Land Use Study

The FEIS and draft Master Plan were released November 12, 2009. On November 19, 2009, the Steering Committee confirmed their recommendations for the Meydenbauer Bay Park and Land Use Plan. After the Council is briefed on the draft Master Plan and Steering Committee Recommendations Report, these two documents will be transmitted to the Park Board. The project is tentatively scheduled on Park Board agendas for February, March, and April of 2010.

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 in process.
- **Cougar Ridge Elementary Sports Wall:** Roy E Dunham Contractors has constructed the concrete wall and is in the process of final grading, seeding, and asphalt work. Completion is expected to occur in mid-February.

Off-Leash Dog Area Study

Work is on-hold pending the results of the off-leash decision on the Eastgate Area Master Plan. Once a decision is reached, we will return to the Park Board with the results of the additional work requested.

Park & Natural Areas Levy Projects

- Synthetic Sportsfield at Wilburton Hill Park:** Construction began the week of September 28 and is approximately 75% complete. The turf has been installed, and the field is expected to open by early March 2010. We are now considering a grand opening celebration in May.
- Synthetic Sportsfield at Newport Hills Park:** We have applied for permitting and environmental review. A SEPA determination is expected in late January. If the decision is not appealed, we expect to be ready for construction late this spring. If

appealed, the project could be delayed to late summer.

- Lewis Creek Park Improvements:** Staff is working with our design consultants to update the picnic area design, which is expected to be ready for permit submittal in the first quarter of 2010. We are also developing plans for trail expansion and forest management as part of the overall project.
- BYT Construction:** See BYT design above.
- Botanical Garden Projects:**
 - **Ravine Garden:** Design work is near completion on both the rigid and suspension bridges. We expect to apply for permits in February and be ready for construction this summer.
 - **Wetland-Sun Terraced Garden:** Design is underway. No timetable has been set for this project.
 - **Visitor Center & Parking Lot:** Design work, led by the architectural firm of Olson Kundig Architects, has begun, with the first in a series of stakeholder meetings held January 21 to review the current needs and programming.
 - **Maintenance Area development:** We are preparing a survey of the site and working with Resources Management staff to develop project scoping and cost estimates for this work.
- Bridle Trails Neighborhood Park:** Park staff is supporting the efforts of the Bridle Trails Community Club to prepare a recommendation for park levy project(s) for their neighborhood. An original list of over 50 project ideas has been narrowed to six. The staff is now researching project feasibility and developing project cost estimates. Based on neighborhood feedback and project feasibility information, the Community Club hopes to finalize their recommendation in time to share their preferences with the Park Board in March.
- Lake Sammamish Neighborhood Park:** No activity.
- Surrey Downs Park Development:** No activity. See Surrey Downs Master Plan.
- Eastgate Properties Park Development:** No activity. See Eastgate Area Master Plan.
- Downtown Park Development:** No activity.

Park & Open Space Plan Update

Planning staff is working with Camron Parker to update the Park & Open Space Plan. The community outreach portion of the plan is complete, we are completing an update of the inventory, and the Park Board held its initial review in January. A second review is scheduled for February.

Surrey Downs Master Plan

The process to resolve the building issue is on hold.