



PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT

February 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 is currently awaiting agenda time to convey this information at a City Council study session. 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 punch list 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 complete and web site has been updated. 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 and marketing graphics for the proposed visitor center in support of the Garden Society's pending capital campaign.

Bellevue Youth Theatre Design

Schematic design is underway, with a concentration on finalizing the facility's proposed location southeast of the Community Center. A brief Park Board presentation is expected in March.

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. Discussions are ongoing with the contractor, who will be completing repairs to the rubber safety surface this spring.

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

Road construction, methane system modifications and construction staging restoration are nearly complete, though we have not yet accepted the work from the contractors. 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 results of the public involvement process and the three design alternatives were presented at the January 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 is currently awaiting agenda time to discuss the current plan alternatives and Park Board feedback at a City Council study session. After this meeting, the design team will prepare a final plan recommendation, which will be presented at a final community meeting later this spring, followed by a Park Board recommendation and final Council action.

Grant applications

Staff continues to await final State budget action to determine whether the applications for funding assistance for the Cich Property on Meydenbauer Bay (\$1 million) and the Carrigan Property on Lake Sammamish (\$950,000) will be successful. 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 a Park Board presentations to review and project sequencing is expected in March. Combining levy proceeds with City CIP resources yields a total of \$53 million available for park development projects over the next 20 years.

Lewis Creek Park Playground Covers

Design is nearly complete for a sun/rain cover over the playground equipment area to resolve a potential conflict between the north ballfield and the playground area. A neighborhood open house was held January 31st and the project was well received by those in attendance. Installation is expected 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 being reviewed internally, and a draft EIS is expected to be issued in April. A site visit and next regular meeting of the Steering Committee is planned in 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:** Project is out to bid. Contractor bids due February 24, 2009.
- **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, with a follow-up report and recommendation to be presented to the Park Board in March.

Surrey Downs Master Plan

The SEPA was completed 1/22, and we continue to await agenda time to request Council adoption of the master plan and building parameters. Staff has developed 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 this spring.