



## **PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT**

### **February 2014**

#### **Ashwood Park & Plaza**

Work is complete on the Ashwood Park parking lot and landscaping along NE 12<sup>th</sup>. As part of our Purchase & Sale Agreement on the Ashwood Plaza, the developer was required to maintain the Plaza for 5-years, which expired at the end of 2013. However, significant problems have been identified with the planter boxes, and we are now working with the current building owners to resolve the problem before the City takes over maintenance obligations.

We have also received a number of questions and concerns about the status of the park, including a presentation to the Park Board from the “Keep Ashwood Green” neighborhood group. A report discussing the history of the park, current issues and proposed next steps has been prepared for your March packet.

#### **Aquatic Center Impacts/Odle Middle School Reconstruction**

We continue to work with City and School District staffs to minimize the operational impacts to the Bellevue Aquatic Center during the School District’s upcoming reconstruction of Odle Middle School. Construction is expected to occur from the end of school, 2014 thru fall of 2016, which will impact the availability of parking. We are discussing construction sequencing and program modifications to minimize disruption and maximize available parking.

#### **Bannerwood Park Synthetic Turf**

Seattle University has used Bannerwood Park for their home baseball games for four years, and would like to install synthetic turf to extend the use of the facility during the spring, which is their heaviest use period. We recently rejected a proposal from SU to share the cost of this work in return for a 10-year commitment for use because it lacked sufficient funds. We met again with representatives of SU to further explore the concept and await their response.

#### **Bellevue Youth Theatre (BYT) Construction**

Construction is approximately 60% complete. The roof beams are set and the concrete roof is in place. Water proofing and backfilling around and over the building is in process. The Crossroads Community Center has reopened after a three week temporary closure due to theatre construction. We continue to work with staff and our neighbors to communicate and minimize construction impacts. The theatre is expected to be complete late summer.

#### **Downtown Park/Rotary Playground Expansion**

Initial design is complete and environmental permits are in process. The Bellevue Rotary Club has raised approximately \$900,000 toward the project and has requested a \$1million appropriation from the State Legislature during their current legislative session to achieve their Phase 1 fundraising goal and expect to know in March. Phase 1 design and permitting is underway with a goal to start construction late this year.

### **Downtown Park/WW I Monument**

The project remains on-hold awaiting completion of fundraising by Robert Shay. No timetable has been established to finish this work.

### **Grant Applications**

Staff are preparing Washington State and King County grant applications due this spring. We expect to request matching funds for development at Meydenbauer Bay Park, Downtown Inspiration Playground and Bellevue Youth Theatre.

### **Hidden Valley Sportsfield Improvements**

Site work began February 17 with building demolition, erosion control and initial stormwater improvements. Site work will continue throughout the year, with completion expected by the end of the year. The gymnasium is expected to begin in April and complete by January 2015.

### **Meydenbauer Moorage & Pier Removal**

Four residential piers have been removed, and the pier reconstruction to accommodate 14 visitor day moorage slips is complete. Opening is scheduled this spring.

### **Meydenbauer Bay Phase 1 Park Development**

Proposals were received from nine consulting teams; we interviewed the top three and selected Anchor QEA. Anchor is a nationally recognized Seattle firm specializing in aquatic, shoreline and water resource projects. We are currently negotiating a design contract and hope to award a contract in March. Plans to demolish four residential houses are underway, including survey work and hazardous materials testing. The Utilities' sewer replacement project is expected to begin in mid-May.

### **Newport Hills/"Tyler Property"**

A park committee of the Newport Hills Community Club has developed two alternative concept plans for the park and has developed a questionnaire requesting feedback by Feb 28. After the committee has gathered the responses and completed their work, they plan to make a recommendation to us, and we will work with them to prepare a report and recommendation to the Park Board.

### **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:** Construction approximately 50% complete - see above.
- **Bellevue Airfield Park:** Phase 1 design contract is on-hold.
- **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:** Construction is approximately 80% complete. Windows, doors, siding and concrete sidewalks are nearing completion; Ceiling panels,

painting, landscaping and irrigation is underway.

- **Fundraising:** Including cash and pledged income, fundraising is nearing \$4.2million of the Garden Society's \$5million goal, and they are in discussions with a major donor to help reach their final goal.
  
- **Bridle Trails Neighborhood Parks:**
  - **Acheson property alternative:** We continue working with the neighborhood to identify alternative projects in lieu of Acheson, and continue to review several potential acquisition candidates with the Bridle Trails park committee.
  - **NE 24<sup>th</sup> St. Site:** The Hearing Examiner ruled in favor of the City on the SEPA appeal. The appellant has until March 11 to appeal this decision to Superior Court. The project remains on-hold until resolution.
  
- **Downtown Park Development:** Schematic design is underway for the next phase of park development, which includes finishing the tree-lined promenade, canal and expanding the 100<sup>th</sup> Ave. parking lot. We are working closely with staff to address programming, maintenance and access needs for the park. Options to construct parking under the park are also being studied, and we expect to share the results of this study with the Park Board and City Council this spring. The Utilities Department has recently identified the need to replace several major utility lines that bisect the park, and we are currently discussing potential park impacts of this project.
  
- **Lake Sammamish Neighborhood Park:** No activity.
  
- **Surrey Downs Park Development:** We continue to work with the joint Surrey Downs Park & Transit Advisory Committees to update the Master Plan. A preferred park plan has gained strong neighborhood support, but the 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue park edge continues to concern the neighbors. Options to address noise concerns while still providing a green edge to the park are still being developed and we hope to discuss potential solutions with the Park Board in April. A study session is will be scheduled with Council after the Park Board has made a recommendation. We are also developing a cost estimate and preparing to demolish the court building and parking lots once the court operations have been relocated in early 2015.

### **Renovation and Refurbishment**

*The following work is scheduled for completion in 2014:*

- Accessibility improvements at NW Arts Center, Robinswood sports fields & Tennis Center;
- Pavement repairs and restoration at Meydenbauer Beach, Hillaire and Crossroads Park;
- Demolish four rental houses at Meydenbauer Bay Park;
- Remodel the commercial kitchen at the Bellevue Golf Course Pro-Shop;
- Building code and accessibility assessment at the Kelsey Creek Education Barn and House;
- Repair drainage systems at Lake Hills Community Park & Mercer Slough blueberry farm;
- Complete energy audits for Bellevue Aquatic Center, Mercer Slough Education Center, Highland Center, North Bellevue Community Center, Crossroads Community Center and Lewis Creek Visitors Center;
- Install electrical connections for special events at the Crossroads Park plaza, install paging system at Crossroads Community Center;
- Replace fencing around small animal area at Kelsey Creek; repair backstops and dugout fencing at Lake Hills Park and replace farm fencing around Mercer Slough Blueberry farm;

- Install new fire sprinkler line at Kelsey Creek Education Barn and new security/fire alarm panel at the Shorts House (BBG);
- Install a new pool liner at BAC's warm water pool;
- Assess the building envelope at the Winter's House;
- Install/refinish wood flooring and carpet and interior improvements at the Shorts House;
- Replace/repair doors at Bellevue Aquatic Center (blue lagoon);
- Complete acoustical improvements & interior modifications at Highland Community Center;
- Renovate irrigation systems at Downtown Park, Goddard, Hidden Valley (north end) and Botanical Garden turf area;
- Install maintenance building at Hidden Valley Park;
- Provide Citywide forest management, trail refurbishment and streetscape repairs;
- Paint and seal the Bannerwood Park stadium and Enatai Beach boathouse wall;
- Upgrade the playground surface at Crossroads spray park and Forest Glen Park; replace curbing at Norwood Park playground and replace play structures at Goldsmith, Tam O'Shanter and Wilburton Hill Parks;
- Renovate the restroom and install a new water line at Hidden Valley Park, replace toilets at Lewis Creek Park and complete a system-wide assessment of all exterior restrooms;
- Replace roofing on the Sharp's Cabin at BBG and Robinswood House. Investigate roofing options for the two large Kelsey Creek barns. Complete siding repairs at the Robinswood House.