



PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT

February 2013

Ashwood Park – Temporary use of park

Construction continues on the library's 3-level parking structure. Ashwood Park remains open, though the parking lot is now used chiefly by library patrons. When completed this spring, the lot will be repaved and the northern portions of the park and right-of-way will be landscaped. Athletics have been relocated during the construction period.

Bannerwood Park Synthetic Turf

Over the past three years, Seattle University has used Bannerwood Park as their home baseball field. SU has funded several improvements to the facility during that time, including upgrades to the dugouts, bullpens and grandstands, and we are also sharing the cost to upgrade the scoreboard. SU would like to install synthetic turf to extend the use of the facility during the spring, which is their heaviest use period. We are currently discussing this as a potential partnership project, as it could also provide year-round use of this facility for the community.

Bellevue Youth Theatre (BYT) Design & Construction

Construction permits have been secured and bid documents have been posted. Sealed bids will be opened February 19th with a construction contract award anticipated at a March Council Meeting. A Ground Breaking ceremony has tentatively been scheduled for April 2. Construction on-site should begin May 1 and the theatre is expected to be complete in the summer of 2014. We continue to work with the Crossroads Community Center staff to minimize impacts and potential center closures during construction. The Youth Theatre Foundation recently received a second \$75,000 grant from 4Culture.

Bellevue Airfield Park – Shared parking

The modification to the shared parking requirement remains stalled in legal.

Bellevue Airfield Park Phase 1 Design

Contract negotiations continue with the selected consultant team. We anticipate Council approval of a contract for the first phase of construction design and permitting in March.

Downtown Park/Rotary Playground Expansion

At their September 17th meeting the City Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the Bellevue Rotary Club outlining a partnership to expand the Downtown Park playground. The playground will be expanded with a focus on inclusive, accessible play opportunities. The Rotary has committed to a 3-year, \$250,000 contribution as well as a \$3.5 million fundraising campaign to complete the facility. The City will fund the project soft costs similar to our commitment at the Crossroads Park/Rotary water play area. The next phase of design is underway. Design workshops with Rotary, staff and the public will be held in February.

Downtown Park/WW I Monument

No change. Agreement has been reached with Robert Shay regarding the details of the improvements to the WW I monument in Downtown Park. He continues to raise funds for the project in hopes of completing the project in '13.

Hidden Valley Sportsfield Improvements with the Boys & Girls Club of Bellevue

The staff and representatives of the Boys & Girls Club of Bellevue (BGCB) continue to negotiate the terms of an agreement that would allow the BGCB to construct a gymnasium and to share the cost of completing sportsfield and parking lot improvements at Hidden Valley Park. BGCB continues project fundraising and is preparing architectural plans for the gymnasium. The City is preparing detailed site plans. A Conditional Use Permit application has been submitted, and a public meeting was held as part of the process on January 9.

Kelsey Creek Park Review

The staff is reviewing the current conditions at Kelsey Creek Park to determine if long-term modifications are needed to the existing uses or facilities at that site. Past and current plans, practices and financial information have been reviewed, and meetings with staff have been conducted. More information is being gathered in hopes of developing a long-range strategy for the continued success of this facility.

Light Rail Impacts

Technical work by Sound Transit and City representatives to refine the alignment and identify cost savings for the Bellevue Way/112th portion of the line continues. We continue to provide input to the team, including alternatives and programmatic changes to Surrey Downs Park.

Meydenbauer Moorage & House Demolition

Environmental permit documents were submitted in July to modify Pier 3 at the marina to accommodate 14 day moorage slips. Construction permit applications will be submitted in January, with construction expected next summer. Demolition and site restoration of two waterfront homes owned by the City is complete. Public access to these properties will be restricted until conditional use permits are secured. We are also working with Utilities staff to coordinate the relocation and reconstruction of a sewer main through the park, which is also expected to occur this summer.

Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) Projects

The Crossroads Park walkway connector to the shopping center will be completed as part of the BYT construction project.

Newport Hills/"Tyler Property"

Staff is working with a park committee of the Newport Hills Community Club (NHCC) to develop a vision and proposed name for the park. We will brief the Park Board when the committee has completed their work and is prepared to make a recommendation.

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:** See BYT design above.
- **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 & Parking Lot:** Public bids were received from 6 contractors. Staff is reviewing the lowest apparent bidders' references and verifying all bid requirements have been met. Staff will bring the bid recommendation to City Council for contract approval in March. Construction is expected to start in May and last approximately 18 months.
 - **Fundraising:** Including cash and pledged income, the fundraising total to-date has now reached \$3.8million of the total \$5million goal.
- **Bridle Trails Neighborhood Parks:**
 - **Acheson property:** After a long period of negotiations, State Parks decided to retain control and responsibility of the park so that its use is more closely aligned with the adjacent Bridle Trails State Park. The neighborhood is aware of this situation and accepts the outcome, as it preserves public use of the property.
 - **NE 24th St. Site:** At their December 9 meeting, the City Council endorsed the park plan that was strongly supported by BTCC and the Park Board. We are proceeding with design and permitting with work expected to be complete in '13.
- **Lake Sammamish Neighborhood Park:** No activity.
- **Surrey Downs Park Development:** On-hold pending final light-rail alignment and court relocation decision. The current alignment options will require modifications to the adopted Master Plan. We are working with a consultant to assist the staff evaluate park modifications.
- **Bellevue Airfield Park Development:** See above.
- **Downtown Park Development:** Staff is currently soliciting proposals from A&E consultants to design the next phase of park development, which includes finishing the tree-lined promenade and canal and expansion of the 100th Ave. parking lot. We hope to have a consultant contract to present to Council in the 2nd quarter of '13.

Work will be completed in 2013 on the following:

- System wide minor asphalt repairs are scheduled at Lewis Creek, SE 32Nd Street Park, Chism Beach, Bovee, Newcastle, Meydenbauer Marina, Spiritridge, Robinswood House, Robinswood teen Barn, Lake Hills, Goldsmith and the Bellevue Aquatic Center. Larger asphalt projects are scheduled at Crossroads North Parking lot and pathway repairs, Robinswood House 148th Parking lot, SE 40th Street Boat Launch, the Ranger station and Bellevue Golf Course, Granite Walkway renovation at the Downtown park, trail reconstruction at Washout way;
- ADA improvements at the Robinswood Tennis Center entrance;
- Bannerwood scoreboard replacement;
- Mechanical System/HVAC/equipment upgrades at the Bellevue Aquatic Center (Blue

Lagoon pumps, WW Pool Air handler, coils, dampers, and controls), Bellevue Golf course (fire alarm), Downtown Park (pump vault repair), North Bellevue Community Center (replace roof top units), Robinswood House (furnaces & a/c);

- BBG development, renovation Shorts house for temporary staff offices, move sharps cabin;
- Roofing projects at North Bellevue Community and Chism beach park;
- Sportsfield Renovation at Eastgate Park, Robinswood park;
- Dock upgrades at Meydenbauer Marina (renovate Pier 3 to accommodate 14 day moorage slips transient moorage) and Clyde Beach park (swim dock replacement), removal of 4 residential dock in from of Meydenbauer park, repair gangway to canoe float;
- Playground surfacing repairs at Crossroads Park, Replace play equipment and surfacing at Forest Ridge park, Rebuild skate ramps at Highland indoor skate park, add zip line to challenge course at Eastgate park, Tennis court resurfacing at Enatai Neighborhood Park;
- Storage shed and out building repair at Kelsey Creek Park;
- Park way finding signage at Kelsey Creek Park;
- Design and permitting of Kelsey Creek House and education barn to meet programing and code requirements;
- Painting exterior of building at Overlake Blueberry farm;
- Structural repairs at Robinswood house;
- Park furnishing include replacing chairs at Ivanhoe Youth Theater and other unidentified projects;
- Energy conservation projects at
- Contingency projects include South Bellevue Wall sealing, Downtown Park WWI memorial, Robinswood Tennis Center carpet replacement, Highland Center door repairs;
- Urban Forestry for NR, Grounds, Streetscapes and Trails

Robinswood Park Off-Leash Areas

Responding to recent concerns and conflicts at the off-leash corral behind the Robinswood Tennis Center, we implemented a change that limits the time that horses have priority use at this facility to one-hour a week. Horses had previously enjoyed priority at all times, though most use was for dogs off-leash. We also recently completed significant improvements to the off-leash coral near 148th Ave SE as part of the 2012 Renovation Program, including new surface materials, dog wash area, enlarged entry, walkway, shelter and kiosk.

Shoreline Master Program

Park staff continues to provide feedback to the Development Services staff regarding potential impacts to park use and future park development of the proposed Shoreline Master Program updates. The Planning Commission has completed its work and forwarded the plan to the Council.