



PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT February 2012

Ashwood Park – Temporary use of park

Construction continues on the library's 3-level parking structure. Ashwood Park will remain open, though the parking lot is now used chiefly by library patrons. At the completion of the project, the lot will be repaved and the northern portions of the park and right-of-way will be landscaped. Athletic uses will be relocated during the expected one-year construction period.

Bellevue Youth Theatre Design

The project has received Land Use approval and the construction permits have been submitted with approval anticipated in early to mid-2012. Because of the complex nature of the funding mechanisms and management requirements, we are no longer pursuing the King County Housing Authority's tax credit program. A grant application via the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) has been submitted to the State for discussion during the current legislative session.

Bellevue Airfield Park – Shared parking & landfill gas modifications

The modification to the shared parking requirement continues to be stalled in legal, though we continue to hope that a final agreement will be presented to the City Council this year. Upgrades to the landfill gas extraction system have been completed, and the new venting system is working well.

Bellevue Airfield Park - Master Plan

On February 23, Development Services Department issued a determination of non-significance for the Master Plan environmental review documents. The 14-day comment period is underway. If no comments are received, the environmental review is complete and we will return to Council for adoption, anticipated in April. After adoption, staff will seek proposals for design work.

Bel-Red Planning

Staff continues to participate in several current planning efforts that will affect the future park, open space, trail and greenway concepts adopted in the Bel-Red Corridor plans. The NE 15/16th roadway design, regional stormwater concepts, light rail station area planning, and stormwater enhancement plans for Utilities-owned property all include parks planning participation. Conceptual park & greenway plans along the West Tributary and Goff Creek, as well as the station area planning effort, were shared with the Park Board at their January meeting. A follow-up discussion on the NE 15th/16th road alternatives and impacts is expected at the April Park Board meeting.

Boys & Girls Club Request @ Hidden Valley Park

The Boys & Girls Club of Bellevue has requested the use of Hidden Valley Park to construct a gymnasium to house three basketball courts and other sports-related facilities. The City Council reviewed this request at an August study session and authorized the staff to evaluate alternatives

to allow this project to proceed. The parties have now developed the framework for a partnership that allows the BGCB to construct the gymnasium, with the parties sharing the cost to improve the athletic fields and parking lot. The partnership will be presented to the Park Board at their March meeting, with a Council study session to be scheduled soon thereafter.

Light Rail Impacts

A final light rail route alignment has been approved by the parties, though it differs from the preferred option in the final EIS. Both options impact Mercer Slough Nature Park and Surrey Downs, and exceed available funding for this portion of ST2. Additional technical work is now underway to identify cost savings for this portion of the line, and will continue through most of the year. We are providing input to representatives of Sound Transit and the City as they evaluate options, costs and legal requirements.

Meydenbauer Moorage, House Demolition & Funding Request

The provision of 14 short-term moorage slips is a requirement of the State grant used to help purchase the Meydenbauer Marina properties. We recently received a State boating facilities grant to fund half of the cost to design and permit the necessary modifications to the marina to accommodate these slips. We have evaluated several options, and worked with the neighbors to develop a plan that minimizes neighborhood impacts. We will request approval of a design contract at the 3/19 Council meeting.

Conditions of a separate State grant used to help purchase two waterfront house parcels require that the property be converted to public use by this fall. We are now developing plans to remove these two houses and restore the property to turf.

Staff has also submitted funding requests to the State Legislature to assist with the initial phases of the Meydenbauer Bay Park. The request is coordinated through the City Manager's Office.

Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) Projects

Approved NEP projects being implemented by Planning and Design staff are as follows:

- **Playground equipment at Enatai Beach Park:** Additional modifications to the existing irrigation system have been completed. The equipment and safety surface will be installed this spring as weather permits. The project will be complete for summer use.
- **Crossroads Park Walkway Improvements:** The permits are being finalized and an agreement is being executed with the Mall ownership to conduct work on their property. Both should be completed by mid-April. Construction is expected to start this spring, with completion by early summer 2012.

Newport Hills/"Tyler Property"

Initial concepts have been organized after working with the Newport Hills Community Club with input from the neighborhood. The master planning process will be initiated with a community outreach meeting in March. The planning process will continue through most of the year.

Off-Leash Dog Area Study/Robinswood OLA Expansion

A preferred plan to expand and enhance the off-leash facilities at Robinswood Park has been incorporated into the environmental review documents for the Bellevue Airfield Master Plan. The plans are consistent with concepts previously endorsed by Park Board and Council.

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:** The construction work is in the final stages and the project will be substantially complete in March, with grass seeding to follow later this spring. A grand opening celebration will be scheduled this summer.
- BYT Construction:** See BYT design above.
- Botanical Garden Projects:**
 - **Ravine Garden:** Earthwork is complete. Fabrication of bridge components is near completion, with installation to begin in early March and complete in April. A grand opening celebration is scheduled May 13.
 - **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:** The design team is now responding to the first round of construction permit comments. In the meantime, the Conditional Use, Critical Areas Land Use and Environmental permits continue to be reviewed, with a public hearing scheduled for April 19th. Design plans are 95% complete, and will be completed at the end of the permit process, which is anticipated to occur in fall 2012.
 - **Fundraising:** A recent \$200,000 grant from the Norcliffe Foundation has brought the Garden Society's fundraising total to over \$2million.
- Bridle Trails Neighborhood Parks:** Discussions continue with State Parks to secure rights to the Acheson property. A kick-off master plan meeting for the NE 24th St. site is scheduled on March 29.
- Lake Sammamish Neighborhood Park:** No activity.
- Surrey Downs Park Development:** On-hold pending final light-rail alignment and court relocation. The current alignment options will require modifications to the adopted Master Plan.
- Bellevue Airfield Park Development:** No activity.
- Downtown Park Development:** No activity.

Renovation Projects

Work is underway on the following major renovation projects for 2012:

- Door and lock upgrades at Highland Community Center, Ivanhoe Youth Theater, Northwest Arts Center, and at Resource Management facility;
- Carpet replacement at the Bellevue Aquatic Center;
- Restroom improvements at Chism Beach, Highland Community Center and Robinswood Tennis Center;
- Design for fitness room conversions at North Bellevue, Highland and Crossroads CC's;
- Install a zip line addition to the challenge course at Eastgate Park/SBCC;
- Reconstruct the small animal buildings at Kelsey Creek;
- Planning & design for program and storage improvements at the Kelsey Creek;
- Dock & pier inspections at Phantom Lake, Larson Lake, and Mercer Slough;

- Design and permitting to replace the swim dock at Clyde Beach & install transient moorage at Meydenbauer Marina (a neighborhood meeting was held on 2/16 to share transient moorage and house demolition information with neighbors);
- Install a heat recovery system at the Aquatic Center;
- Drainage, irrigation and infield improvements at two Wilburton Hill ballfields;
- Drainage improvements for the Ivanhoe and Lewis Creek Park soccer fields;
- Drainage and surface improvements at the Robinswood off-leash area;
- Complete phase 2 irrigation replacement at McCormick Park;
- Mercer Slough Blueberry farm drainage design and permitting;
- Mechanical system upgrades at the Golf Course pro shop, maintenance shop and Robinswood House Cabana;
- Lighting upgrades at the Downtown Park and security lighting at Kelsey Creek Park;
- Exterior painting of the Robinswood Tennis Center, golf course pro shop and North Bellevue Community Center;
- Replace sewer pumps at the Overlake Blueberry Farm, Newcastle Beach and Robinswood Park;
- Demolish two rental houses and restore property along Meydenbauer Bay;
- Fence & railing repairs at Lake Hills Park & Greenbelt, Lewis Creek, and Robinswood Park baseball field;
- Parking lot repairs at Robinswood, Lake Hills Park, Lewis Creek & NW Arts Center;
- Tree root pruning and root barrier installation at the Downtown Park;
- Storage yard expansion and access improvements at the Botanical Garden/Koh Property;
- Install a new pathway at the Botanical Garden and replace the Forest Park boardwalk;

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 continues their discussions, with an upcoming focus on the potential impacts of the proposed new regulations on the Meydenbauer Bay Master Plan.