



PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT

February 2010

Aquatic Center Feasibility Study

No Change. 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 in January for the City Manager to share with the City Council – no direction has been given.

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 continue. The design team has developed illustrations for the fund raising effort. The staff recently met with representatives of the King County Housing Authority to discuss creative ways to assist in funding this project.

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 February 1st meeting the City Council reviewed additional master plan information. Council concurred with 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. Council further suggested that Bellevue Airfield Park could be an acceptable name for the new park. Staff will return to Council when the Master Plan Report and SEPA are complete, and the off-leash improvement process has been determined.

Grant applications

A new cycle of State grant funding will be available in 2011, and staff will be attending a workshop in late 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 in spring 2010.

Light Rail Impacts

The staff is working with our Transportation staff and representatives of Sound Transit to evaluate the effects of several "Segment B" alternative light-rail routes on the Mercer Slough, including recent alternatives that bisect the Slough. The Winters House, Blueberry Farm, boat launch and maintenance operations are all potentially impacted.

Mercer Slough Environmental Educational Center

The Master Builders Association is completing Wetlab 2, and while the pace of construction has slowed significantly in recent months, MBA is planning on completion yet this year.

Meydenbauer Bay Park Master Plan & Land Use Study

The Steering Committee completed their charge November 19, 2009, with unanimous approval of their recommendation report and the draft master plan in which their report is included. On February 1, 2010 the Steering Committee Co-chairs updated the City Council on their recommendations and informed the Council that the Committee had reached unanimous agreement. The Council thanked the Committee and forwarded the draft master plan to the Parks Board for their review and recommendation. The Parks Board was briefed on the project and the Steering Committee recommendations on February 9, with a public hearing scheduled March 9.

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 have completed the installation and the wall has been used heavily every day.

Off-Leash Dog Area Study

Design process, permit requirements and development coordination of the potential Robinswood Park off-leash expansion with the Eastgate Area Master Plan is being investigated. Once understood, 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 90% complete. The turf has been installed, and the field is expected to open early March 2010. A grand opening celebration is scheduled for May 1.
- **Synthetic Sportsfield at Newport Hills Park:** We have applied for permitting and environmental review. A SEPA determination is expected in February. If the decision is not appealed, we will be ready for construction late this spring. If appealed, the project could be delayed to late summer.

Lewis Creek Park Improvements: No Change - 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. Pre-application conference has been held. 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. Several meetings have taken place with City Staff, BBG Society representatives, and Garden members.
 - **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 April.
- 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 working to update of the inventory and maps. The Park Board reviewed the updated draft Plan at their January and February meetings, and recommended adoption to the City Council. Staff will review the updated document with Council at an upcoming Study Session prior to seeking adoption.

Surrey Downs Master Plan

The process to resolve the building issue remains on hold – no direction has been given.

