



PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT

March 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 and revised with approval anticipated 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 and environmental review is complete. Staff will return to Council for adoption, anticipated in April. Staff has initiated a request for proposals for Architecture and Engineering design services. Qualified Firms will be interviewed in May.

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. The Council is expected to discuss the overall Bel-Red Plan at an April 2 study session.

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. We are now completing a survey and geotechnical work at the park in order to develop more detailed concept plans and cost estimates. The partnership will be presented at an upcoming Park Board and Council study session.

Downtown Park/Rotary Playground Expansion

Parks staff has been working with representatives of the Bellevue Rotary Club to expand the Downtown Park playground as a universally-accessible play experience. The Rotary has committed to a 3-year, \$250,000 contribution as well as a community-wide fundraising campaign to secure the funding need to complete the facility, estimated at \$1.5 – 2.0 million. The City has agreed to fund the project soft costs similar to our commitment at the Crossroads Park/Rotary water play area. We are now securing design assistance to work with a committee of City and Rotary reps to complete concept drawings and sketches.

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. Council approved a design contract on 3/19 and design work is underway.

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:** 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 development permit has been finalized and an agreement has been executed by the Mall ownership to conduct work on their property. The project will include a section of the Bellevue Youth Theatre storm drain system, which is in permit review. Construction is expected to start fall/winter after the BYT permits are approved and the storm drainage pipe can be permitted and installed. The Project will be complete by the end 2012.

Newport Hills/"Tyler Property"

Initial planning concepts are being developed after completing outreach with the neighborhood. The Newport Hills Community Club has established a park committee to work with the City throughout the planning process, which will start with a community meeting in April, and will likely continue through most of the year. We will update the Park Board as plans are developed.

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:** Final clean up and project turnover is currently underway and the Contractor will complete all final punch list items in April. Once we receive slightly warmer weather, the grass seeding will follow. A grand opening celebration will be scheduled for later this summer.
- BYT Construction:** See BYT design above.
- Botanical Garden Projects:**
 - **Ravine Garden:** Bridge installation is underway. Completion, including landscaping, is expected by mid0-April, with a May 13 (Mother's Day) grand opening scheduled to coincide with other activities at the Garden.
 - **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 has resubmitted documents for the first round of development permit comments. On April 19th, the public hearing for the Conditional Use, Critical Areas Land Use and Environmental permits will be held by the City's Hearing Examiner, which is the last major step in the Land Use approval. Design plans are 95% complete, and will be completed at the end of the development 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 took place 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:** A request for design service proposals has been issued.
- 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 farm;
- Planning & design for program and storage improvements at the Kelsey Creek facilities;
- 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. Design and permitting is underway.
- 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. Parks staff and Board Chair Robinson provided testimony to the Planning Commission at their March 28 meeting regarding the impacts of the SMP to the Meydenbauer Bay Park Master Plan.