



## **PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT**

### **March 2011**

#### **Ashwood Park – Temporary use of park**

The library is continuing with plans to construct a parking structure, and has requested the temporary use of Ashwood Park during construction. The City Council has conceptually agreed to this use. We expect to review revised plans in March, but still expect that we will need to relocate the athletic uses to other locations. We are assisting with the development of a formal agreement with the Library.

#### **Bellevue Youth Theatre Design**

Plans are complete and we expect to submit for permits in April. The King County Housing Authority has just received notification that they have received partial funding for a series of projects under the federally-sponsored New Markets Tax Credit Program. The BYT was one of the projects identified in the County's application, so we will be working with City staff and King County to determine if, and under what circumstances, the City can receive funding for the project.

#### **Bellevue Airfield Park – Shared parking**

The City Council has agreed with a proposed change to the shared parking requirement that includes changes to scheduled use and quantity of shared parking for future park use. Staff expects to present a final agreement to the City Council in early 2011.

#### **Bellevue Airfield Park - Master Plan**

The environmental review of the Master Plan, including the off-leash proposal at Robinswood Park, is ongoing. Staff will return to Council for adoption when the environmental review is complete. After Master Plan adoption, staff will seek proposals for design work. See also Robinswood Off-leash plan.

#### **Chapin Property request**

The Boys & Girls Club of Bellevue has requested the use of the City-owned Chapin property, located at the southeast corner of Bellevue Way and NE 20<sup>th</sup> Street, to construct a major community center. This follows up an earlier request to construct a center at Surrey Downs Park. We are currently analyzing this request, and expect the City Council to review it at an April study session.

#### **Cherry Crest Park Use Agreement with the Bellevue School District**

On March 7, City Council approved an agreement allowing the Bellevue School District to use parts of Cherry Crest Park to construct portions of a parking lot and to install an underground geothermal heating system as part of the adjacent Cherry Crest Elementary School reconstruction project. Construction is expected to begin immediately after school ends this summer.

### **Grant Applications**

Staff has applied for a State of Washington Boating Facilities Program (BFP) grant to offset the cost to evaluate options and develop plans to accommodate transient moorage at Meydenbauer Bay. The Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) requires the City to provide at least 14 transient moorage slips at the marina as a condition of acquisition grant funding. A presentation to the State will be made in April with the outcome expected in June.

### **Lewis Creek Park Playground Covers**

An additional awning has now been installed to increase protection on one of the play areas.

### **Light Rail Impacts**

The staff continues to work with the City's Transportation Department, Sound Transit and State Parks staff to evaluate the impacts of several alternative light-rail routes, and identify potential park mitigation measures for impacts to Surrey Downs Park and Mercer Slough.

### **Mercer Slough Environmental Educational Center**

A grand opening celebration for the Wetlab 2, constructed as a donation by the Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish Counties, is scheduled April 21 from 4 – 5:30PM.

### **Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) Projects**

Due to budget cuts, no new NEP projects will be approved in 2011-12. Approved NEP projects prior to 2011 being implemented by Planning and Design staff are as follows:

- **Playground equipment at Enatai Beach Park:** Staff will be purchasing the play equipment and is preparing for bidding in late March/early April. The project is expected to be complete late summer 2011.
- **Playground equipment at Newport Heights and Somerset Elementary:** The plan is being finalized, and new play equipment is being approved by the school district. The project is expected to be constructed this summer and completed in early fall.
- **Crossroads Park Walkway Improvements:** Staff has developed concept plans for a walkway connection between the park, community center and adjacent shopping center. The Mall management is reviewing the conceptual plans.
- **Restrooms at Robinswood, Ardmore, and Ivanhoe Parks:** projects on-hold due to O&M budget considerations.

### **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:** Construction is substantially complete. The soccer field, play area, and restrooms are open for use. Additional paving of north parking area, drainage, and tree pruning were recently completed. Final landscaping will take place in April. The baseball field will remain closed to allow the grass to establish until the scheduled grand opening on June 11.
- Lewis Creek Park Picnic Area:** The appeal to the Land Use decision has been

denied, and we are proceeding with permits and public bids in anticipation of awarding a construction contract in May. Pending further appeals to Superior Court, the project will proceed in May.

- BYT Construction:** See BYT design above.
- Botanical Garden Projects:**
  - **Ravine Garden:** Permit and environmental review is ongoing, with project construction expected to begin late spring/early summer 2011.
  - **Wetland-Sun Terraced Garden:** Land Use approval has been secured. The project is now on-hold pending the availability of project funding.
  - **Visitor Center & Parking Lot:** Final design development plans have been supported by representatives of the BBG Society, which will now be presented to the Garden Society and partner groups in April. The design team is proceeding with construction and permit documents.
  - **Fundraising:** The BBGS's ongoing fundraising efforts recently secured a \$506,000 donation for the Ravine Garden, bringing their total raised-to-date to over \$1.2million.
- Bridle Trails Neighborhood Park:** At their February 22nd meeting, Council concurred with the park recommendations of the Bridal Trails Community Club Board. As recommended, the City has acquired the 2 acre Pashchinskiy property (2402 134<sup>th</sup> Ave NE). Staff will proceed with negotiations with State Parks for park development rights at the Acheson property and begin working with the neighborhood to Master Plan both properties.
- Lake Sammamish Neighborhood Park:** No activity.
- Surrey Downs Park Development:** No activity. See Surrey Downs Master Plan.
- Eastgate Properties Park Development:** No activity.
- Downtown Park Development:** No activity.

### Major 2011 Renovation Projects

- Plans for sportsfield lighting system renovation at Bannerwood and Wilburton Hill Park are underway. The project will be bid in April, with construction after the season in August & September;
- The installation of a heat recovery system at the Aquatic Center, which is projected to save significant utility costs, is planned for installation late this summer;
- Design is complete, permits are being updated and a small animal barn will be reconstructed at Kelsey Creek this summer/fall;
- Plans are underway to re-roof the small barns at Kelsey Creek, the whaling building and caretakers house at Meydenbauer Marina and the Botanical Garden visitor center this summer;
- Design is underway on major improvements to the ball fields at Hidden Valley #1 and Wilburton Hill #1 & #2, including infield reconstruction and irrigation adjustments. Work will take place after the season this fall;
- Painting is scheduled to take place this summer at the Kelsey Creek Barns, Bannerwood stadium, Enatai Beach trellis and Newcastle Beach lifeguard stand;
- Mechanical units are scheduled to be replaced this year at Crossroads Community Center, Northwest Arts Center, Bellevue Aquatic Center and Robinswood Tennis Center;
- Fences have been replaced at Enatai Neighborhood Park and scheduled for replacement at

Killarney Glen in April.

- The irrigation system at McCormick Park will be replaced later this spring;
- Parking lot repairs, sealcoating & restriping at the Botanical Garden, Hidden Valley Sports Park, Robinswood Tennis Center and Meydenbauer Marina are scheduled to be bid in June, with work complete by the end of summer;
- Plans to reconstruct exterior staircases at Enatai, Chism Beach, Lakemont Park and Highland Park are underway, with construction starting late this summer;
- Plans to expand the storage yard and develop an access drive at the Botanical Garden/Koh Property are underway, with work expected to be complete by the end of the year.
- Several planning efforts are also underway, including building use studies at Kelsey Creek and Hidden Valley Sports Park and a shoreline improvement study for Clyde Beach Park.
- Work continues on updating the 7-year Renovation Plan, which is expected to be complete late this spring.

### **Surrey Downs Master Plan**

On hold pending resolution of the light rail alignment and building issue.

### **Shoreline Master Program**

The City is updating its 1974 Shoreline Management Plan to meet State requirements. The goal of the Plan is to ensure ecologically appropriate development. Park staff is reviewing and providing feedback to the Development Services Staff regarding proposed policy and regulation updates and their potential impacts to park use and future park development.