



PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT

March 2010

Aquatic Center Feasibility Study

SPLASH remains active and hopeful that a new facility will come to fruition in the near future. After meeting with area park directors to determine their interest in pursuing a partnership or joint funding mechanism, a report and request for direction was provided to the City Manager in January to share with the City Council – no direction has been given.

Ashwood Park – Temporary 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 access and parking during construction. We are working representatives of the library to establish requirements for the use of the park during construction, which is expected to begin in late 2010. We hope to present this issue to the City Council in the second quarter of 2010.

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 (Airfield) Park – 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 (Airfield) Park 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 of no less than five acres be created at Robinwood Community Park. They also asked that the environmental review for the plan also include the off-leash proposal at Robinswood. Staff will return to Council for adoption when the Master Plan Report and environmental review of both Airfield and Robinswood are complete. Council further preferred the name Bellevue Airfield Park over the Park Board's recommended Airfield Park.

Grant applications

A new cycle of State grant funding will be available in 2011, and Staff attended a workshop in late February to learn more about the next cycle of funding. We are currently evaluating possible grant opportunities.

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 continues to work with our Transportation staff and representatives of Sound Transit to evaluate the park impacts of several alternative light-rail routes, 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 continues their work on Wetlab 2, which is nearing 50% complete. MBA hopes to complete the project 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, who then forwarded the draft master plan to the Parks Board for their review and recommendation. The Parks Board was briefed on the project at their February 9 meeting, and conducted a public hearing March 9 that was attended by approximately 80. A full Board discussion is expected at the April 13 meeting.

Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) Projects

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

- **Playground equipment at Ardmore Elementary:** Approved funding is on hold pending the completion of the School District's rebuild of the school, which is in process.
- **Playground equipment at Enatai Beach Park:** No activity.

Off-Leash Dog Area Study/Robinswood OLA Expansion

Following up the Council's direction to include the Robinswood OLA concept into the environmental review process for the Airfield Park Master Plan, the staff is now investigating the design process, permit requirements, and public outreach options for the project.

Park & Natural Areas Levy Projects

- Synthetic Sportsfield at Wilburton Hill Park:** Construction is substantially complete, and punchlist items now being completed. The field was open for organized soccer and lacrosse play on March 8, and has been very well received. A grand opening celebration is scheduled for May 1.
- Synthetic Sportsfield at Newport Hills Park:** We applied for permits and environmental review in October. A SEPA determination is expected March 25. If the decision is not appealed, we will be ready for construction immediately after the neighborhoods the week of July 5. If appealed, the project would likely be delayed until this fall.
- Lewis Creek Park Picnic Area:** The updated plans are expected to be ready for

permit submittal by the end of March. 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 April in anticipation of a summer construction.
 - **Wetland-Sun Terraced Garden:** Design is underway. Pre-application conference has been held. Design and permitting expect to be complete late summer.
 - **Visitor Center & Parking Lot:** Several meetings have taken place with City Staff, BBG Society representatives, and Garden members to review the program elements. Two different concepts have emerged from the conceptual design phase, and we are meeting the week of March 22 to decide the design direction.
 - **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 June.
- 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. The document was well received by Council at their March 22 Study Session, and we will seek adoption upon completion of SEPA.

Surrey Downs Master Plan

A formal report was submitted to the City on February 26 by the Surrey Downs Park Committee recommending the construction of a 13,000 sq ft activity building in the “development zone” of the Surrey Downs Master Plan. The building would focus on activities for adults and families. No action has been taken on this recommendation.

