



## **PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT**

### **March 2015**

#### **Ashwood Park & Plaza**

No progress. The Purchase & Sale Agreement for Ashwood Plaza required the developer to maintain the Plaza for 5-years, which expired at the end of 2013. However, significant problems have been identified with the planter boxes, and we are now working with the previous building owner Hanover, the current building owner UDR and our legal department to resolve the problem before the City takes over maintenance obligations.

#### **Bannerwood Park Synthetic Turf**

Construction is complete and Seattle U. played their first games the weekend of February 13-15. SU has expressed interest in constructing batting cages adjacent to the field, and we have offered the same arrangement as the turf project (City manages the project, SU pays for construction). We are currently in discussions with SU.

#### **Bellevue Youth Theatre (BYT) Construction**

The Theatre is substantially complete and rehearsals are underway. Punch list items remain to be complete. We had wonderful turnout for the Grand Opening celebration March 14<sup>th</sup>: children singing, Council speaking, all systems functioning - a wonderful time had by all. The first performance in the new theatre took place March 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Building Occupancies**

The requirements to bring Highland Community Center up to current building code to allow for preschool programming are substantially more costly than initially estimated, so we are currently discussing whether to proceed with these improvements. The preschool programs at the Kelsey Creek Farmhouse will be discontinued after this school year.

#### **Crossroads Park adjacent development proposal**

A developer has approached the City requesting to redevelop the former Top Foods parcel adjacent to Crossroads Park into a residential community. We have been working with the developer and City staff to prepare a Development Agreement that will require the developer to create a major pedestrian access to the park with a permanent public easement. Some of the work will take place in the park, though work is not expected to begin until perhaps 2017.

#### **Downtown Park/Rotary Inspiration Playground Expansion**

Initial design is complete and Land Use permits are approved. The Bellevue Rotary Club has raised approximately \$1million toward the project and has resubmitted a \$1million capital appropriation request during the current legislative session. Three grant applications totaling \$1.5million have been submitted to the State, and we remain optimistic that two of these will be successful. King County has approved \$75,000 through its Youth Sports Facilities Grant

program. We are coordinating construction of this project with the Downtown Park Levy Project. The construction timeline depends on fund raising - \$1.5M is needed to initiate phase 1.

### **Downtown Park/WW I Monument**

Site work is expected to begin after Memorial Day, with completion expected before July 4. Staff is also proceeding with the interpretive panel fabrication for installation with the site work.

### **Grant Applications**

Staff is has submitted applications requesting State grant funding for Meydenbauer Bay (\$1M) and the Downtown Park Inspiration Playground development (\$1.5M). We have received and finalized grant contracts from King County for both the Bellevue Youth Theatre (\$36k) and Inspiration Playground (\$75k). Depending on the outcome of the State budget, we could receive \$1 million for the Inspiration Playground and \$500,000 for Meydenbauer. We expect to know at the conclusion of the current legislative session in June.

### **Hidden Valley Sportsfield Improvements**

Substantial completion has been achieved for both the gym and site work. A lengthy punch list has been developed for the site work, and the contractor is actively working on these items. A Grand Opening took place February 28. We have recently been approached by representatives of Bellevue West Little League, who have expressed interest in funding several site-related items including a picnic shelter, scoreboards and temporary home run fencing. We are currently discussing the feasibility and details of any arrangement, including recognition.

### **Meydenbauer Bay Phase 1 Park Development**

Internal review of the preliminary design plans and cost estimates is nearing completion. We continue to work with the regulatory community (City, State and Tribes) to determine the requirements that will allow our plans to move forward as smoothly as possible. Land use and environmental permit applications are expected to be submitted in April. We are also continuing discussions with Utilities and the State RCO to facilitate the relocation of the sewer line along the shoreline of the park in order to minimize any disruption either during or after relocation. That work is expected to occur in 2016, in advance of our expected 2017 construction schedule.

### **Newport Hills/"Tyler Property"**

The Newport Hills Community Club (NHCC) park committee has requested additional changes to the vision plan before presenting it to the NHCC Board for a formal recommendation. Once a recommendation is obtained, we will review the plan with the Park Board.

### **Park & Natural Areas Levy Projects Summary**

- **Synthetic Sportsfield at Wilburton Hill Park:** Project complete.
- **Synthetic Sportsfield at Newport Hills Park:** Project complete.
- **Lewis Creek Park Picnic Area:** Project complete.
- **BYT Construction:** Substantially complete - see above.
- **Bellevue Airfield Park:** Phase 1 design contract is on-hold.
- **Botanical Garden Projects:**
  - **Ravine Garden:** Project complete.
  - **Wetland-Sun Terrace Garden:** design complete, awaiting funding.

- **Visitor Center:** Project complete.
- **Fundraising:** The fundraising campaign has reached its \$5million goal. \$3million has been received by the City, with the remaining pledges received over the next several years.
- **Bridle Trails Neighborhood Parks:**
  - **140<sup>th</sup> Ave Property:** The existing house will be removed this spring and we will begin work with the community to plan for future improvements.
  - **Bridle Trails Corner Park:** Project complete. A grand opening is scheduled May 2. We are working with BTCC to help organize the event.
- **Downtown Park “Complete the Circle” Development:** Design and construction documents are 95% complete and permit applications have been submitted. We have also completed an environmental review (SEPA) of the 1997 Master Plan Update for the Downtown Park, which had not been done. Letters requesting that the project be delayed pending further study of parking in downtown, including requests to build structured parking in the park, have been sent to the City. We are now preparing a report to be presented at an upcoming City Council Study Session. An open house took place March 26<sup>th</sup> to review the project with the community, with approximately 85 attending. The general tone of the meeting was positive, though a small number of residents continued to press for more parking. The sewer replacement project is now complete. Pending receipt of permits, construction is expected to begin in mid-July and be complete prior to the 2016 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration.
- **Hidden Valley/Boys & Girls Club Partnership:** substantial completion – see above
- **Lake Sammamish Neighborhood Park:** No activity.
- **Surrey Downs Park Development:** Park design is underway. We are preparing to demolish the court building after court operations are relocated, expected in July.

### **Renovation and Refurbishment**

*The following work originally scheduled for 2014 will be completed in 2015:*

- Accessibility improvements at NW Arts Center and Robinswood sports fields, see ADA improvements below;
- Replace fencing around the Kelsey Creek small animal area, project begins March 30<sup>th</sup>, with completion scheduled by mid April;
- Install a new fire sprinkler line at Kelsey Creek Education Barn;
- Replace/repair doors at Bellevue Aquatic Center;
- Replace playground equipment at Wilburton Hill Park and repair the zip-line;
- Install skirting at the Meydenbauer day moorage, complete;
- Stain Crossroads International restroom, bids received;
- Air curtain installation at Highland Community Center, complete;
- Complete Bannerwood synthetic turf project, complete;

*The following work is scheduled to be completed in 2015:*

- Paving, system wide asphalt repairs, sealcoat and stripe parking lots at Bannerwood, Crossroads (north lot & International), Eastgate Park, pathway repairs and entry

improvements at Hidden Valley Park, walkway and railing repairs at Highland Community Center, reset pavers at Lakemont Park, identifying projects;

- Energy conservation, NBCC replace exterior lighting to building and parking lot, install heat controls and variable frequency drives to mechanical equipment & boiler, re-commission mechanical equipment, and develop long term needs for chiller at the Bellevue Aquatic Center, scheduled for August/September during building closure;
- ADA improvements, create ADA access to Northwest Arts Center, including parking, bus load/unload area and accessible walkway to building, design and permitting are underway;
- Drainage repairs at Crossroads Park and North Bellevue Community Center parking lot, Lake Hills Park field 2;
- Irrigation, replace irrigation systems at Crossroad Park north section, Hillaire Park SE section;
- System wide fire and security alarm assessment, proposals have been received;
- Playground improvements at Cherry Crest Mini Park (replace boat), Ivanhoe Sports Park, Kelsey Creek relocate playground A & E, Lakemont Highlands Park, Saddle Pack Park, Skyridge Park;
- Restroom remodel at Clyde Beach Park, design completed, project is waiting for permits, shower repair at South Bellevue Community Center; replace partitions and upgrade lift station at Newcastle Beach Park, men's restroom remodel at Robinswood Tennis Center, project designed and in permitting;
- Roofing replacements at Crossroads Community Center (main building) bidding under way through US Communities, goes to council on April 6th, Kelsey Creek (animal and education barns, includes structural upgrades) design underway, mock up complete, awaiting completion of specifications and design. Plan to go out to bid Mid-April with Council approval in May, replace membrane roof at Robinswood Tennis Center, bidding under way through US Communities, due March 25<sup>th</sup>;
- Create new picnic shelter Enatai Beach Park;
- Landscape improvements at Hidden Valley Park 112<sup>th</sup> frontage;
- Sport court resurfacing at Highland Park, Lakemont Park, Lakemont Highlands Park, Spiritridge Park including asphalt repairs to basketball court;
- Indoor Skate park improvements at Highland Skate park including ramp reconfiguration and adding heat to entry area;
- Replace carpet at Highland Community Center and Ivanhoe Youth Theater;
- Sport Field improvements, re-aim and test poles at Marymoor Park, renovate infield at Robinswood North;
- Structural Repairs, replace fire escape at Highland Community Center, occupancy code upgrades at Highland Community Center, assess front decking at South Bellevue Community Center; stain hand and kick rails at MSEEC, Replace roof and repair siding at Robinswood Sport field restrooms, this will be completed with the Crossroads Roofing project, Siding repairs and painting at Robinswood Barn, McDowell House painting and window repairs;
- HVAC additions, add cooling to MSEEC community room;
- Docks and Shorelines, replace dock at MSEEC pond; design and permitting for Sweyolocken boat launch, Repair fishing dock at Newcastle Beach Park;
- Natural area management including Nature Space and Forest Management, Developed Parks Urban Forestry, Street Trees and Arterial Landscapes, and Greenways & Trails.