



PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT

March 2008

Aquatic Center Feasibility Study

No Change. Staff and Ballard*King continue to work on the draft feasibility report, currently developing the financial proformas and site designs. The final report for the phone survey is complete and will be part of the feasibility report.

The study will include six site and five program options, but will not provide specific recommendations for program or site selection. The initial draft of the study should be complete in April, with a final report in June.

Ashwood Plaza Construction

Plaza Construction is approximately 30% complete. Construction is being coordinated with the 1020 Tower construction. The underground garage is complete and the Tower has reached it's full height allowing removal of the construction crane from the plaza. We anticipate project completion in June 2008.

Ashwood Park Master Plan

Staff is developing an RFP for design consultant selection for master plan work. We anticipate receiving and screening proposals in April 2008 with consultant interviews and contract negotiations taking place in May 2008.

Bellevue Botanical Garden Master Plan Update

At their March 11 meeting, the Parks Board recommended approval of the Master Plan Update by a 4-2 vote. Concerns were expressed about the size of the proposed visitor center and parking lot expansion. A study session with City Council is expected in April, and after completion of the SEPA process, we will ask Council to adopt the plan.

Bellevue Youth Theatre Design & Ivanhoe Lease Agreement

Staff is working with Becker Architects to complete a preliminary architectural study including program planning, code and site analysis, schematic alternatives and cost estimates. We are currently exploring alternatives at Ivanhoe Park, Crossroads Park, and sites in the Bel-Red corridor. A parking demand analysis has been completed for Crossroads Park. Upon completion of the preliminary study, staff will present the findings and recommendations to the Youth Theatre Board and Parks Board, and present a final architectural contract to the Council. We have been unsuccessful locating alternate storage facilities for the Bellevue School District, so negotiations to extend the lease agreement with the BSD at Ivanhoe Park remain on hold.

Bel-Red Corridor Study

Vice-chair Bennett presented the Park Board's views on the Bel-Red Plan at a special Planning Commission meeting on February 27. The Board reviewed and endorsed the draft Bel-Red Subarea Plan at their February meeting, and reviewed the proposed park concepts, projects and cost estimates. The Park Board will be asked to endorse the park projects at their April meeting, after which time the Planning Commission and City Council will initiate extensive work to implement this vision.

Crossroads Park Water Play

Construction is approximately 60% complete. A \$150,000 NEP project to complete the two family picnic shelters was overwhelmingly supported by the neighborhood, bringing the total construction funds raised to date to \$990,000, nearing our \$1 million goal. Construction completion and a grand opening celebration has been tentatively scheduled for June.

Eastgate Area Park Property (AKA: Boeing Property) – Shared access road and parking

Road construction and methane system modifications continue, with completion expected this summer. Staff continues work with the Department of Ecology to update the landfill restrictive covenant and landfill gas system reports, and with Schnitzer West (SW) to establish the final City cost of the shared road, landfill gas system upgrades, and parking lot construction, currently estimated at \$2-2.5million. We have also been requested by SW to modify their parking requirements contained in the Purchase & Sale Agreement, and we are studying their proposal.

Eastgate Area Park Property (AKA: Ex-Boeing Property) Master Plan

Council approved a professional services contract with The Portico Group on March 17th. The Master Planning process will begin with technical analysis preparing for public meetings that will begin in April.

Highland Skate Park

Construction is approximately 90% complete. Site grading, storm water system, and lighting is complete. Concrete work and site amenity installations continue. We expect an April project completion, with a grand opening celebration scheduled for May 16.

Lewis Creek Park

No Change. The staff is currently developing options to erect a cover over the playground equipment area to resolve a potential conflict between the north ballfield and the playground area.

Mercer Slough Environmental Educational Center

The overall construction is approximately 68% complete:

Classroom 1: - 75% complete. The completed items includes: all structural steel, gluelam beams, joist, wood framing, metal roofing and siding, windows, and insulation, with the drywall installation nearly complete. Next steps will be to mud and tape the drywall, painting, interior finishes, and installing the mechanical and electrical equipment.

Community Building: - 55% complete. The steel framing and beams are in place, along with the joist and roof decking/structural panels. The metal roofing is 90% complete. Next steps include installing the metal siding, windows, insulation and drywall.

Visitor Center: - 40% complete. Work complete to date includes the steel framing, roof panels, and wood framing. Following the completion of the Community Building's roof, the crew will then jump to the VC to complete this task. Additionally, the family restroom (included in the VC building) has been plumbed and passed inspection.

Wetlab 1: - 33% complete. Once the Community and Visitor Center buildings have their structure and roofs complete, our GC will then focus on the Wetlab. Currently, all the concrete work and the main steel structural components are complete.

Site grading – 90% complete. The lower parking lot will be used for staging and storage during construction. The remaining rough grading and then final grading will occur when the area is no longer needed for staging/storage – anticipated this spring.

Treehouse and Overlook – 62% complete – The main metal structural components have been placed and the wood structure has been fabricated and waiting for delivery. The decking is being installed, and we should soon be able to experience the overlook.

Utilities – 95% complete. All the main utility lines (water, sewer, gas, and power) have been installed awaiting building completion before final hook ups.

Wet Season Construction Moratorium – We have been allowed to resume some of the earthwork prior to the normal April 1 moratorium restriction due to favorable weather conditions and our contractor's erosion control practices (silt fences, detention swales, etc).

We are working with the Pacific Science Center and our Natural Resources staff to confirm the furniture requirements for the building, including interpretive displays, that we hope to include when the building opens. The capital campaign continues, and the funding gap to complete Phase 1 construction is now less than \$1 million.

Meydenbauer Bay Park Master Planning & Land Use Study

The Steering Committee is now taking a break while staff reviews and restructures the planning process and contract for the park master plan. Additional technical studies necessary to inform realistic park master plan alternatives are also being accomplished. The park planning process is anticipated to gear up again in April or May.

Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) Projects

Voting is complete for Northeast Bellevue, with the picnic shelters at the Crossroads Water Play area receiving the most votes, and thus approved. Resident suggested projects are now being reviewed for the Bridal Trails neighborhood area. 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.
- **Highland Park Skate Park:** See paragraph above.
- **Ashwood Plaza Construction:** See paragraph above.
- **Somerset Entry renovations:** Scoping underway.
- **Cougar Ridge Elementary:** Sports wall design 2008.
- **Crossroads Water Play Area Picnic shelters:** See paragraph above.

Robinswood Synthetic Fields

Final contractor punch list items are complete. As-built plans have been received, and final closeout is underway.

Sound Transit/East Link

In spite of the recent defeat of the transportation initiative, environmental work continues with the goal of publishing the final EIS and selecting a preferred alternative by the end of 2008. The preliminary draft EIS is now being reviewed by staff, and depending on the selected alternative, temporary or permanent park impacts may occur at Surrey Downs, Mercer Slough, and/or McCormick Park. A “Best Practices” Committee that includes Park Board members Roland and Karle continues their work to provide guidance to the Council.

Surrey Downs Master Plan

After community workshops in November and January, and a Park Board study session February 12, work is underway to develop a preferred alternative. A third community workshop is scheduled for April 1 to receive feedback on the preferred alternative, and a public hearing is expected at the May Park Board meeting to receive public comment on the preferred alternative. A Web site has been created to allow citizens to offer feedback to the staff.