



PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT

March 2014

Ashwood Park & Plaza

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 current building owner to resolve the problem before the City takes over maintenance obligations.

We have received a number of questions and concerns about the status of the park, including a presentation to the Park Board from the “Keep Ashwood Green” neighborhood group. A report discussing the park’s history, current issues and proposed next steps was in your March packet.

Aquatic Center Impacts/Odle Middle School Reconstruction

We continue to work with City and School District staffs to minimize the operational impacts to the Bellevue Aquatic Center during the School District’s upcoming reconstruction of Odle Middle School. Construction is expected to occur from the end of school, 2014 thru fall of 2016, which will impact the availability of parking. We are discussing construction sequencing and program modifications to minimize disruption and maximize available parking.

Bannerwood Park Synthetic Turf

Seattle University has used Bannerwood Park for their home baseball games for four years, and would like to install synthetic turf to extend the use of the facility during the spring, which is their heaviest use period. We recently rejected a proposal from SU to share the cost of this work in return for a 10-year commitment for use because it lacked sufficient funds. SU has submitted a revised proposal to turf the infield that we are currently reviewing.

Bellevue Youth Theatre (BYT) Construction

Construction is approximately 60% complete. The roof beams are set and the concrete roof is in place. Water proofing and backfilling around and over the building is in process. The construction crew is forming for the plaza and parking lot turn-around retaining wall. We continue to work with staff and our neighbors to communicate and minimize construction impacts. The theatre is expected to be complete this fall.

Downtown Park/Rotary Inspiration Playground Expansion

Initial design is complete and environmental permits are in process. The Bellevue Rotary Club has raised approximately \$900,000 toward the project. The State Legislature did not grant the requested a \$1million appropriation in this current legislative session. Phase 1 design and permitting continues and depending on fund raising, Phase 1 construction will begin late this year or will coordinated with construction of the Downtown circle in 2015.

Downtown Park/WW I Monument

The project remains on-hold awaiting completion of fundraising by Robert Shay. Mr. Shay has recently asked that the City fund this work after an unsuccessful fundraising effort. No formal response has been provided, and no timetable has been established to finish this work.

Grant Applications

Staff is preparing Washington State and King County grant applications due this spring. We expect to request matching funds for development at Meydenbauer Bay Park, Downtown Inspiration Playground and Bellevue Youth Theatre.

Hidden Valley Sportsfield Improvements

Site work began February 17. Preparation of the building pad, storm water infrastructure, and utility work is underway. Work will continue throughout the year, with completion expected by the end of the year. The gymnasium is expected to begin in April and complete by January 2015.

Meydenbauer Bay Phase 1 Park Development

The A/E contract with Anchor QEA LLC is scheduled for Council approval April 7th. A kick off meeting with the consultant team is tentatively scheduled for April 11th. The meeting will provide an opportunity for city and consultant staffs to exchange questions, share information, and prepare early schedules for the design process and public engagement.

Meanwhile, permits have been submitted to demolish four rental houses this spring. The Utilities Department's sewer replacement project, which had been expected to begin in mid-May, has been postponed for at least two years.

Newport Hills/"Tyler Property"

No Change. A park committee of the Newport Hills Community Club has developed two alternative concept plans for the park and has developed a questionnaire requesting feedback by Feb 28. After the committee has gathered the responses and completed their work, they plan to make a recommendation to us, and we will work with them to prepare a report and recommendation to the Park Board.

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:** Project complete.
- **BYT Construction:** Construction approximately 60% complete - see above.
- **Bellevue Airfield Park:** Phase 1 design contract is on-hold.
- **Botanical Garden Projects:**
 - **Ravine Garden:** Project complete.
 - **Wetland-Sun Terraced Garden:** The project is on-hold pending the availability of funding.
 - **Visitor Center:** Construction is approximately 90% complete. All windows, doors, siding and concrete sidewalks are complete; ceiling panels and painting are almost complete; and final landscaping and irrigation is underway.
 - **Fundraising:** Including cash and pledged income, fundraising is nearing

\$4.2million of the Garden Society's \$5million goal, and they are in discussions with a major donor to help reach their final goal.

- **Bridle Trails Neighborhood Parks:**
 - **Acheson property alternative:** We continue working with the neighborhood to identify alternative projects in lieu of Acheson, and continue to review several potential acquisition candidates with the Bridle Trails park committee.
 - **NE 24th St. Site:** The appeal process is complete. The project will be bid this spring, construction will occur this summer and complete this fall.
- **Downtown Park Development:** Schematic design is underway, which includes finishing the tree-lined promenade, canal and expanding the 100th Ave. parking lot. We are working closely with staff to address programming, maintenance and access needs for the park. Options to construct parking under the park have also been studied, and we expect to share the results of this study with the Park Board and City Council this spring. The Utilities Department has identified the need to replace several major utility lines that bisect the park, and we are currently discussing potential park impacts of this project.
- **Lake Sammamish Neighborhood Park:** No activity.
- **Surrey Downs Park Development:** We continue to work with the joint Surrey Downs Park & Transit Advisory Committees to update the Master Plan and resolve the 112th Avenue park edge concerns. Options to address noise concerns while still providing a green edge to the park have been developed and a noise study has been completed. A meeting to review the options and the noise study has been scheduled for April 3, and a recommendation will be finalized for Park Board action at their April 8 meeting. A Council study session is tentatively scheduled April 14 to review the Park Board recommendation. We are also developing a cost estimate and preparing to demolish the court building and parking lots once the court operations have been relocated in early 2015.

Renovation and Refurbishment

The following work is scheduled for completion in 2014:

- Accessibility improvements at NW Arts Center, Robinswood sports fields;
 - Design work for ADA parking and access to NWAC is underway; asphalt work to improve access to the Robinswood sports fields will be completed this summer;
- Pavement repairs and restoration at Meydenbauer Beach, Hillaire and Crossroads Park;
 - Scheduled for summer
- Demolish four rental houses at Meydenbauer Bay Park;
 - Design, permit and haz-mat assessment underway;
- Remodel the commercial kitchen at the Bellevue Golf Course Pro-Shop;
 - This project is under construction, scheduled for completion in May;
- Building code and accessibility assessment at the Kelsey Creek Education Barn and House;
 - Currently in planning stage to determine course of action;
- Repair drainage systems at Lake Hills Community Park & Mercer Slough blueberry farm;
 - Design complete;
- Complete energy audits for Mercer Slough EEC, Highland Center, North Bellevue CC, Crossroads CC and Lewis Creek Visitors Center;

- Schedule has not been developed yet;
- Install electrical connections for special events at the Crossroads Park plaza, install paging system at Crossroads Community Center;
 - Electrical upgrades for International Plaza are being designed, project completion scheduled for June, Crossroads CC paging system is in planning stage;
- Replace fencing around small animal area at Kelsey Creek; repair backstops and dugout fencing at Lake Hills Park and replace farm fencing around Mercer Slough Blueberry farm;
 - Kelsey fencing is being designed, project scheduled for summer; Lake Hills & Mercer Slough fencing is scheduled for summer;
- Install new fire sprinkler line at Kelsey Creek Education Barn and new security/fire alarm panel at the Shorts House (BBG);
 - No status update yet;
- Install a new pool liner at BAC's warm water pool;
 - Project scheduled for August/September building closure;
- Assess the building envelope at the Winter's House;
 - Assessments underway. Roof project will include some siding replacement. Remaining siding needs are currently being assessed.
- Install/refinish wood flooring, carpet and interior improvements at the Shorts House;
 - Work to begin after new visitor's center opens in late summer.
- Replace/repair doors at Bellevue Aquatic Center (blue lagoon);
 - Doors and hardware are currently being specified.
- Complete acoustical improvements & interior modifications at Highland Community Center;
 - Project scheduled for fall.
- Renovate irrigation systems at Downtown Park, Goddard, Hidden Valley (north end) and Botanical Garden turf area;
 - No status update yet.
- Install maintenance building at Hidden Valley Park;
 - Included in overall CIP project.
- Provide Citywide forest management, trail refurbishment and streetscape repairs;
 - On-going
- Paint and seal the Bannerwood Park stadium and Enatai Beach boathouse wall;
 - No status update.
- Upgrade the playground surface at Crossroads spray park and Forest Glen Park; replace curbing at Norwood Park playground and replace play structures at Goldsmith, Tam O'Shanter and Wilburton Hill Parks;
 - Goldsmith equipment will be installed this spring. Tam-O'Shanter is being designed; Forest Glen & Crossroads resurfacing will be done this spring, and a new concrete pathway has been bid.
- Renovate the restroom and install a new water line at Hidden Valley Park, replace toilets at Lewis Creek Park and complete a system-wide assessment of all exterior restrooms;
 - Hidden Valley restroom is currently being designed; replacement toilets at Lewis creek have been bid.
- Replace roofing on the Sharp's Cabin at BBG and Robinswood House. Investigate roofing options for the two large Kelsey Creek barns. Complete siding repairs at the Robinswood House.
 - Sharp's Cabin complete; Robinswood House will be bid in April; researching consultants for Kelsey Creek Barn roofs.