



PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT

March 2013

Ashwood Park – Temporary use of park

Construction continues on the library's 3-level parking structure. Ashwood Park remains open, though the parking lot is now used chiefly by library patrons. When completed, the lot will be repaved and the northern portions of the park and right-of-way will be landscaped. Athletics have been relocated during the construction period.

Bannerwood Park Synthetic Turf

Over the past three years, Seattle University has used Bannerwood Park as their home baseball field. SU has funded several improvements to the facility during that time, including upgrades to the dugouts, bullpens and grandstands, and we just shared the cost to install a new scoreboard. SU would like to install synthetic turf to extend the use of the facility during the spring, which is their heaviest use period. We are currently discussing this as a potential partnership project, as it could also provide year-round use of this facility for the community.

Bellevue Youth Theatre (BYT) Design & Construction

Council awarded a construction contract with Pease Construction Inc. at their March 4th meeting, and the contract is now signed. We are working with Pease to ready the project for a May 1 start, and continue to work with Crossroads Community Center staff to minimize impacts and center closures during construction. A Ground Breaking ceremony is scheduled for April 2, and the theatre is expected to be complete in late summer of 2014.

Bellevue Airfield Park – Shared parking

The modification to the shared parking requirement has been signed and staff will seek Council approval of the parking agreement.

Bellevue Airfield Park Phase 1 Design

Contract negotiations continue with the selected consultant team. We anticipate Council approval of a contract for the first phase of construction design and permitting in April.

Downtown Park/Rotary Playground Expansion

Consistent with our MOU with the Bellevue Rotary Club, work is continuing on the next phase of design and the Rotary will initiate their major fundraising effort with an April 11 auction. Design workshops with Rotary, staff and the public were held in February. Workshop input is being incorporated into the design in preparation for permit submission.

Downtown Park/WW I Monument

Project is on hold awaiting the completion of fundraising by Robert Shay, who hopes to complete the project in '13. We are also working with the Eastside Heritage Center to develop interpretive signage for the memorial.

Hidden Valley Sportsfield Improvements with the Boys & Girls Club of Bellevue

The staff and representatives of the Boys & Girls Club of Bellevue (BGCB) continue to negotiate the terms of an agreement that would allow the BGCB to construct a gymnasium and to share the cost of completing sportsfield and parking lot improvements at Hidden Valley Park. BGCB continues project fundraising and has submitted the gymnasium plans permit. We expect to submit site plans for permits in early April. A Conditional Use Permit application has been submitted, and a public meeting was held as part of the process on January 9.

Kelsey Creek Park Review

The staff is reviewing the current conditions at Kelsey Creek Park to determine if long-term modifications are needed to the existing uses or facilities at that site. Past and current plans, practices and financial information have been reviewed, and meetings with staff have been conducted. More information is being gathered in hopes of developing a long-range strategy for the continued success of this facility.

Light Rail Impacts

Technical work by Sound Transit and City representatives to refine the alignment and identify cost savings for the Bellevue Way/112th portion of the line continues. We continue to provide input to the team, including alternatives and programmatic changes to Mercer Slough and Surrey Downs Park. An open house is scheduled April 3 to review final alternatives and cost savings.

Meydenbauer Moorage

Environmental permit documents were submitted in July to modify Pier 3 at the marina to accommodate 14 day moorage slips. Construction permit applications were submitted in January, with construction expected this summer. The relocation and reconstruction of a Utilities sewer main through the park and marina originally expected this summer has been delayed to the summer of 2014.

Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) Projects

The Crossroads Park walkway connector to the shopping center will be completed as part of the BYT construction project.

Newport Hills/"Tyler Property"

Staff is working with a park committee of the Newport Hills Community Club (NHCC) to develop a vision and proposed name for the park. We will brief the Park Board when the committee has completed their work and is prepared to make a recommendation.

Park & Natural Areas Levy Projects (An update will be provided at the April Park Board meeting.

- **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:** See BYT design above.
- **Botanical Garden Projects:**
 - **Ravine Garden:** Project complete.

- **Wetland-Sun Terraced Garden:** Design is complete and Land Use approval has been secured. The project is on-hold pending the availability of funding.
- **Visitor Center & Parking Lot:** The City Council awarded a construction contract to Cornerstone General Contractors at their March 4th meeting. Groundbreaking is scheduled for April 25th and construction is expected to start in May and last approximately 18 months.
- **Fundraising:** Including cash and pledged income, the fundraising total to-date has now exceeded \$3.8million of the \$5million goal.
- **Bridle Trails Neighborhood Parks:**
 - **Acheson property & alternative:** We were unable to reach agreement with State Parks to assume responsibility for the park, so the project is not feasible. We have started working with the neighborhood to identify potential alternative projects in lieu of Acheson.
 - **NE 24th St. Site:** We are continuing with design and permitting, with work expected to be complete in '13. We are also working with the neighborhood on an official park name as well as entry details for the park. A park update was provided at the Bridle Trails Community Club's March 21 meeting.
- **Lake Sammamish Neighborhood Park:** No activity.
- **Surrey Downs Park Development:** On-hold pending final light-rail alignment and court relocation decision. The current alignment options will require modifications to the adopted Master Plan. We are working with a consultant to assist the staff evaluate park modifications.
- **Bellevue Airfield Park Development:** See above.
- **Downtown Park Development:** Staff is currently soliciting proposals from A&E consultants to design the next phase of park development, which includes finishing the tree-lined promenade and canal and expansion of the 100th Ave. parking lot. We hope to begin design work in the 2nd quarter of '13.

Renovation and Refurbishment - *Work is scheduled to be completed in 2013 on the following:*

- Minor asphalt repairs at Lewis Creek, SE 32Nd Street Park, Chism Beach, Bovee, Newcastle, Meydenbauer Marina, Crossroads North Parking lot, Spiritridge, Robinswood House, Robinswood Teen Barn, Lake Hills, Goldsmith and the Bellevue Aquatic Center. Most work will occur in the summer and fall;
- Larger pavement repairs at Robinswood Park/148th Street parking lot, SE 40th Street Boat Launch drive, the Ranger station, Bellevue Golf Course cart paths, gravel replenishment at the Downtown park circle and trail re-construction at Washout Way (**complete**). Most work will occur in the summer and fall;
- ADA improvements at the Robinswood Tennis Center entrance;
- Bannerwood scoreboard replacement, (**complete**);
- Mechanical System upgrades at the Bellevue Aquatic Center, Bellevue Golf Course (fire alarm), Downtown Park pump vault repair (**complete**), North Bellevue Community Center and Robinswood House;
- Botanical Garden - remodel the Shorts House for temporary staff offices (**complete**) and move the Sharps Cabin (part of the Visitor Center project);
- Roofing projects at North Bellevue Community and Chism Beach Park (**complete**);

- Sportsfield Renovation at Eastgate Park & Robinswood Park;
- Provide day moorage at Meydenbauer Marina; replace the Clyde Beach swim dock; remove residential docks at Meydenbauer Beach Park, and repair the Mercer Slough canoe float;
- Repair playground surfacing at Crossroads Park water play, replace play equipment and surfacing at Forest Ridge park, rebuild skate ramps at Highland Park indoor skate park and resurface the tennis court at Enatai Neighborhood Park;
- Add zip line to challenge course at Eastgate Park,
- Repair the storage shed and out building at Kelsey Creek Park;
- Install way finding signage at Kelsey Creek Park;
- Design and permitting of the Kelsey Creek House and Education Barn to meet programing and code requirements;
- Paint exterior of the Overlake Blueberry Farm building;
- Structural repairs at Robinswood House;
- Replace chairs at Ivanhoe Youth Theater;
- Energy conservation projects at Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center and North Bellevue Community Center;

Robinswood Park Off-Leash Areas

We completed a significant renovation of the off-leash coral near 148th Ave SE in December of 2012, including the replacement of surface materials and fencing, a new dog wash area, enlarged entry, walkway, shelter and kiosk. Wood chips will be added this spring. These improvements have been well received, and the use has increased significantly.

Shoreline Master Program

Park staff continues to provide feedback to the Development Services staff regarding potential impacts to park use and future park development of the proposed Shoreline Master Program updates. The Planning Commission has completed its work and forwarded the plan to the Council.