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To: Parks & Community Services Board

From: Doug Sanner, Fiscal Manager, Parks & Community Services

Subject: 2011-2017 Parks Capital Investment Program (CIP) Budget
(No Board action requested)

At your May 11 meeting Glenn Kost and I will provide an overview of the City of Bellevue budget process, an update on the recently released City financial forecast, and a review of Parks capital projects for possible inclusion in the 2011-2017 CIP. This presentation is informational, and we welcome your questions and feedback.

Background

The budget is one of the City’s key policy documents. The process for developing the 2011-2012 Operating Budget and 2011-2017 CIP, known as “Budget One”, aligns the City’s operating and capital budgets with outcomes valued by the community and endorsed by Council. On February 8, Council identified seven community outcomes, which form the basis for developing the City budget:

- Safe Community
- Improved Mobility
- Healthy & Sustainable Environment
- Economic Growth & Competitiveness
- Innovative, Vibrant & Caring Community
- Quality Neighborhoods
- Responsive Government

On April 26, the City Finance Department updated the City’s financial forecast. Executive summary information from that presentation is provided below:

- The economic recession has eroded Bellevue’s tax base. Regional economists anticipate that recovery will be slow and Bellevue will take years to fully recover.
- The 2011-2012 General Fund budget gap is estimated at \$20.1 million for the next two years.
- For the 2011-2017 CIP, expenditures are expected to exceed revenues by \$11 million. This is without the addition of any major new discreet projects or other high priority projects.

Following this overview, Glenn Kost will review potential Parks CIP items for possible inclusion in the 2011-2017 CIP. The adopted Parks CIP is currently \$107M over a seven-year period, and includes the 2008 Parks & Natural Areas Levy, City CIP Match and Challenge Grant (\$57M); the Parks Renovation & Refurbishment Program (\$25M); and ongoing Property Acquisition (\$10M). Throughout this summer, Parks budget proposals will be evaluated and ranked by multi-departmental staff teams (aka “Results Teams”) created by the City Manager for each of the seven outcomes. No board action is needed at this time, and staff will return at a later date to review the project rankings and recommendations of the Results Teams and the City Manager’s Preliminary Budget.

Attachments

- Role of Boards and Commissions (from April 12 Council Study Session)

Attachment A

Memory Bank Question: What is the role of Council-appointed Boards and Commissions in the Budget One Process?

Council has vested five advisory Boards and Commissions with responsibility for making budget-related recommendations:

Transportation Commission
Parks & Community Services Board
Environmental Services Commission
Human Services Commission, and
Arts Commission.

The role of each of these Boards and Commissions remains essentially the same under Budget One – advisory to Council; however each of the Boards and Commissions will also have an opportunity to provide their recommendations for consideration by the Results Teams.

For Parks, Transportation, and Environmental Services, the Board and Commissions will review and prioritize proposed lists of capital projects for recommendation to Council. The Environmental Services Commission will also continue to provide its recommendation on Utility rates.

Both the Human Services and Arts Commissions will continue to make recommendations on funding allocations to specific community agencies. Each of these Commissions has historically been allocated a fixed amount of funding for distribution. Should Council determine to adjust those fixed funding amounts up or down, the recommended allocations will be adjusted accordingly.