



PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT

April 2009

Aquatic Center Feasibility Study

At their March 23 study session briefing, the Council asked staff to further define program needs, site considerations and alternative funding sources, including capital and operating partners. They were generally supportive of the need for a major aquatic facility to meet the recreational and competitive swimming needs, but were concerned about the cost of building and operating such a facility. The staff has met with SPLASH and is currently developing a strategy to seek additional information and move this project forward.

Ashwood Park Plaza Construction

Substantial completion of the plaza has occurred and punch list items are complete with the exception of As-Built documents and O&M manuals. Contract closeout will begin shortly.

Ashwood Park Master Plan

Staff is developing an RFP for consultant selection for master plan work. We anticipate master planning to begin in early '09.

Bellevue Youth Theatre Design

Schematic design is ongoing. The Staff presented a report to the Park Board in March on the facility's location southeast of the Community Center.

Crossroads Park Water Play

The construction contract to install two custom-built picnic shelters was approved April 20, with completion expected in June 2009. Safety surface repairs will also occur this spring.

Eastgate Area Park Property (Ex-Boeing Property) – Shared access road and parking

Work continues on auditing SW's construction contract documents to establish the final City cost and payment for the shared road, landfill gas system upgrades, and parking lot construction, estimated at \$2.5million. A substantial partial payment for the road has been made. We continue to evaluate SW's request to modify their parking requirements contained in the Purchase & Sale Agreement.

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

The results of the public involvement process and the three design alternatives were presented at the January 13 Park Board meeting. The Park Board generally favored active development that included athletic fields and a recreation building, and provided feedback on the other program elements. A similar presentation was made at the March 16 City Council study session, and the Council generally agreed with the Park Board's views that lighted athletic fields was the highest

priority element. The design team will prepare a final plan recommendation, which will be presented at a final community meeting later this spring, followed by a Park Board recommendation and final Council action.

Grant applications

Staff continues to await final State budget action to determine whether the applications for funding assistance for the Cich Property on Meydenbauer Bay (\$1 million) and the Carrigan Property on Lake Sammamish (\$950,000) will be successful. On March 24, planning and Youth Theatre staffs presented our request for \$250,000 from King County to offset design and construction costs for the theater. We expect to know the results of both later this spring.

Levy Projects

The project sequencing plan was presented to the Park Board in March. Combining \$40.5 million in levy proceeds with existing City CIP resources yields a total capital program of \$73 million, \$53 million for park development projects and \$20 million for park acquisition over the next 20 years. The status of the development projects is as follows:

- Synthetic Sportsfields at Newport Hills and Wilburton Hill Parks:** Consultant agreements with DA Hogan & Assoc.(Newport Hills) and Bruce Dees & Assoc.(Wilburton Hill) were approved by Council on March 16, and design/permit work is underway. Community meetings are scheduled for April 27 (Newport Hills) and May 6 (Wilburton Hills).
- Lewis Creek Park Improvements:** We are preparing contracts necessary to secure the consultant team to prepare design work necessary for the picnic area and trail improvements.
- BYT Construction:** See BYT design above.
- Botanical Garden Projects:**
 - **Ravine Garden:** A design contract with Sahale Bridge was approved on April 20, and work has begun.
 - **Wetland-Sun Terraced Garden:** We are reviewing qualified designers to complete design work on this garden.
 - **Visitor Center & Parking Lot:** Staff is preparing a RFP for design services to design the visitor center and parking lot.
 - **Maintenance Area development:** We are preparing a survey of the site and working with Resources Management staff to develop project scoping and cost estimates for this work.
- Bridle Trails Neighborhood Park:** Staff has met with representatives of the neighborhood association to determine the steps needed to identify a site and prepare plans for park improvements in this area. The staff will prepare information on the Bridle Trails levy project to collect feedback at a neighborhood picnic organized by the Bridal Trails neighborhood on May 30.
- Lake Sammamish Neighborhood Park:** No activity.
- Surrey Downs Park Development:** No activity. See Surrey Downs Master Plan.
- Eastgate Properties Park Development:** No activity. See Eastgate Area Master Plan.
- Downtown Park Development:** No activity.

Lewis Creek Park Playground Covers

Bid opening is scheduled for April 30 for construction of a sun/rain cover over the playground area. Work is expected to be complete in June.

Mercer Slough Environmental Educational Center

The MSEEC received a King County Green Globe award for environmental design at an April 22 ceremony in Seattle. The results of our request for LEED certification is expected this spring. Also, the staff is developing an agreement with the Master Builders of King County, who have agreed to construct Wetlab 2. Work is scheduled to begin later this spring.

Meydenbauer Bay Park Master Plan & Land Use Study

Technical work continues on an EIS, with a draft expected to be issued in early June. The Steering Committee will meet 3 – 4 times during June and July to prepare their recommendation for inclusion in the Final EIS. The FEIS is scheduled to be released late 2009.

Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) Projects

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, which is expected to begin this spring.
- **Ashwood Plaza Construction:** Complete
- **Somerset Entry renovations:** Council awarded the construction contract in April. Construction is anticipated to be complete in Summer 2009.
- **Cougar Ridge Elementary:** Sports wall design/construction 2009.
- **Crossroads Pea Patch:** Natural Resources will manage the project, with assistance from planning staff. Gardens should be ready for planting in May.
- **Crossroads Water Play Area Picnic shelters:** See paragraph above.

Off-Leash Dog Area Study

Park Board endorsed, by a 4-3 vote, the recommendations contained in the draft off-leash study at their April meeting, which followed the preliminary findings presented at their November, 2008 meeting. Several concerns were expressed, including the use of NEP funding to construct off-leash facilities, the concept of a one-year trial program, and the identification of Robinswood Park as the preferred location in lieu of Eastgate.

Surrey Downs Master Plan

The park portion of the plan was adopted by council on March 16. Staff continues work on a process to work with the Surrey Downs community and Boys & Girls Club of Bellevue to resolve the building issue, which we hope to begin this spring.

