PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT
April 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. Staff met recently with representatives of several nearby residential buildings to discuss their interest in retaining Ashwood Park as a green space for downtown.

Aquatic Center Impacts/Odle Middle School Reconstrcution

We are working 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 spring of 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

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, grandstands and 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

A Ground Breaking ceremony occurred on April 2. We are working with our contractor, Pease Construction, 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. 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 May.

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 a May 11 auction. Workshop input has been incorporated into the design, we will be reviewing and finalizing design updates prior to seeking environmental permits.

Downtown Park/WW I Monument
No Change. Project is on hold awaiting the completion of fundraising by Robert Shay, who hopes to complete the project in '13. Staff is 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. A Conditional Use Permit, Critical Area Land Use permit, Clear and Grade, and Building permits have been submitted and are in review. A SEPA determination of non-significance has been issued. A public hearing is scheduled May 2.

Kelsey Creek Park Review
No Change. 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
Sound Transit formally approved the light rail alignment to downtown Bellevue on April 25, which will modify access to the Mercer Slough and eliminates access to Surrey Downs Park from 112th Avenue. We will continue to work with representatives of the City and Sound Transit to refine the plans related to these parks as they progress toward construction.

Meydenbauer Moorage & Pier Removal
Permits have been secured to renovate Pier 3 of Meydenbauer Marina to accommodate14 day moorage slips and to remove four nearby residential docks. We are out to bid on this project and expect to award a construction contract at the May 20 Council meeting. Construction is expected this summer. The relocation and reconstruction of a Utilities sewer main through the park originally expected to be constructed 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"
No Change. 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 was provided at the April Park Board meeting, and work is now underway to create a web page to keep the community up to date about progress on the levy projects. Project staff also participated in the April 24 Spring Expo Open House to highlight upcoming park 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:** 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 took place April 25th and construction will start May 1 and last approximately 18 months.
  - **Fundraising**: Including cash and pledged income, the fundraising total to-date is nearing $4million of the Garden Society's $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 are working with the neighborhood to identify 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 to name the park and to provide entry details. 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 final alignment 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 now reviewing consultant proposals to design the next phase of park development, which includes finishing the tree-lined promenade and canal and expanding the 100th Ave. parking lot. We hope to award a design contract 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 (scheduled for August), Bellevue Golf Course (fire alarm), Downtown Park pump vault repair **(complete)**, North Bellevue Community Center and Robinswood House (currently bidding);
- 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 (currently bidding) and Chism Beach Park **(complete)**;
- Sportsfield Renovation at Eastgate Park & Robinswood Park (Scheduled for Fall);
- Provide day moorage at Meydenbauer Marina; replace the Clyde Beach swim dock; remove residential docks at Meydenbauer Beach Park; work is currently out to bid, (scheduled for summer), and repair the Mercer Slough canoe float, (permits are underway) ;
- Repair playground surfacing at Crossroads Park water play(scheduled for Fall), replace play equipment and surfacing at Forest Ridge park **(project complete)**, rebuild skate ramps at Highland Park indoor skate park (scheduled for May/June) and resurface the tennis court at Enatai Neighborhood Park (scheduled for Fall);
- Add zip line to challenge course at Eastgate Park (bids received – see below),
- 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;
- Siding repairs at Robinswood House;
- Replace chairs at Ivanhoe Youth Theater **(complete)**;
- 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 were added in April. These improvements have been well received, and the use has increased significantly.

South Bellevue Community Center/Eastgate Park Challenge Course Expansion/Zipline

Permits have been received and bids have been submitted on expanding SBCC's existing Challenge Course with an aerial zipline tour. The facility will include 5 ziplines ranging from 100' to 450' in length, with two connecting bridges. We expect to award a contract on May 20, with construction to occur this summer.