



## **PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT May 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 and our legal department to resolve the problem before the City takes over maintenance obligations.

### **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. SU has submitted a proposal to turf the infield, and we have reached a tentative agreement on the basic business points that we will share with the Park Board and ask for feedback at their June meeting.

### **Bellevue Youth Theatre (BYT) Construction**

Construction is approximately two-thirds complete. Waterproofing roof systems and interior walls are process. Backfilling around the building, plaza walls and stairs are almost complete. The construction crew is installing fire water lines, mechanical and electrical systems. The theatre is expected to be complete this fall.

### **Budget Development**

The capital budget proposal has been submitted, which reflects the Park Board discussions in March and April. Additional development funds were requested for Surrey Downs Park, Downtown Park, Airfield Park and for the second classroom building at the Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center. Additional funding was also requested to supplement the land acquisition fund and to update the Ashwood Park Master Plan. Internal reviews will take place throughout the spring and summer, and a budget is expected to be presented to the City Council in the fall.

### **Downtown Park/Rotary Inspiration Playground Expansion**

Initial design is complete and Land Use permits approved. The Bellevue Rotary Club has raised approximately \$900,000 toward the project. The State Legislature did not grant the requested \$1 million appropriation in this current legislative session, but the Rotary expects to submit a

similar request during next year's legislative session. We have applied for \$500,000 in State grant funding, and will make a formal presentation in August. Preliminary results are expected in September. Phase 1 design and permitting continues. The construction timeline depends on fund raising, as a minimum of \$1.5M is needed to initiate phase 1.

### **Downtown Park/WW I Monument**

Mr. Shay has requested the City to fund this work after an unsuccessful fundraising effort. The City Council did not agree to this, but asked the Staff to assist him with his fundraising efforts to make this project a reality. We are now working with Mr. Shay to develop marketing materials. Following a final fundraising push, the targeted completion is Veteran's Day 2014.

### **Grant Applications**

Staff is has submitted applications requesting grant funding from the State of Washington for Meydenbauer Bay and Downtown Inspiration Playground development. Initial presentations were made this month, and final presentations are scheduled for August. We will also request funding from King County for the Bellevue Youth Theatre.

### **Hidden Valley Sportsfield Improvements**

Preparation of the building pad, storm water infrastructure, and utility work are complete and the Boys & Girls Club has started gymnasium construction. Pile driving is complete and the floor slab is expected to be poured in June. The site work continues on schedule. The synthetic turf conversion of Field 1 is underway, and site preparations on Fields 2-4 are under construction. Work will continue throughout the year, with completion expected by the end of the year.

### **Meydenbauer Bay Phase 1 Park Development**

The A/E contract with Anchor QEA LLC was approved by Council April 7<sup>th</sup>. The consultant team met with city staff at the Whaling building for a project kickoff meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup>. The first phase of design and information collection is underway.

Permits have been issued to demolish four rental houses, and work is anticipated to begin in early June. The Parks and the Utilities Departments will work closely throughout the design phase to agree upon the best location for the sewer line replacement which will now be coordinated with the park development schedule.

The City has applied for three separate State grants to assist with Phase 1 development (see Grant Applications).

### **Newport Hills/"Tyler Property"**

The Newport Hills Community Club park committee has received feedback on two proposed development plans through an on-line survey and submitted a proposed plan for staff review. We will now work with the committee and landscape architect to refine the plan and schedule a presentation 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 two-thirds 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 98% complete and a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy was issued 4/30. All major building components are complete and final landscaping and site improvements are underway. Staff and the BBG Society are moving into the center and minor punch list items remain to be finished. The Grand Opening weekend is June 13-15, with formal ceremonies scheduled June 14th.
  - **Fundraising:** A recent \$500,000 pledge has brought the fundraising campaign to near \$4.8million of the Garden Society's \$5million goal. The Society will make a presentation to City Council on June 2.
  
- **Bridle Trails Neighborhood Parks:**
  - **Acheson property alternative:** We continue to review several potential acquisition candidates with the Bridle Trails park committee, and are completing due diligence site investigation on one promising acquisition candidate.
  - **Bridle Trails Corner Park:** A construction is being recommended for approval at the June 2 City Council meeting. Construction will occur this summer and fall.
  
- **Downtown Park Development:** Schematic design is complete - which includes finishing the tree-lined promenade, canal, and expanding the 100<sup>th</sup> Ave. parking lot. We are working closely with staff to address programming, maintenance, and access needs for the park. We have presented the park expansion plans to the Bellevue Downtown Association and the Old Bellevue Merchants Association (OBMA). Options to construct parking under the park have also been studied, as OBMA continues to express concerns about the lack of parking in Old Bellevue, identifying Downtown Park as one option to solve the problem. We continue to resist this option, but are now studying the option of splitting the project into two phases. The first phase would expand the 100<sup>th</sup> Ave parking lot before closing the SE parking lot to complete the circle. We are also working with the Utilities Department, who has identified the need to replace a major utility line that bisects the park, and we are currently discussing methods to complete the project with minimal park impacts.
  
- **Lake Sammamish Neighborhood Park:** No activity.
  
- **Surrey Downs Park Development:** The Park Board recommended approval of the updated Master Plan Update and 112<sup>th</sup> Street wall solution on April 8, and the City Council endorsed these plans on April 28. We will now update the environmental review and revise the Comprehensive Plan before returning to Council to request formal plan adoption later this year. We are working with Transportation and Sound Transit staffs to incorporate these recommendations into the light rail construction plans. We are also preparing plans to demolish the court building and parking lots

after court operations are relocated in early 2015. Development funds have been requested in the 2015-16 budget.

### **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;
  - Permits have been obtained and demolition is schedule to begin in June;
- Remodel the commercial kitchen at the Bellevue Golf Course Pro-Shop;
  - This project is complete;
- 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, project has been postponed until 2016;
- Complete energy audits for Mercer Slough EEC, Highland Center, North Bellevue CC, Crossroads CC and Lewis Creek Visitors Center;
  - Project will be starting mid-summer;
- Install electrical connections for special events at the Crossroads Park plaza, install paging system at Crossroads Community Center;
  - Electrical upgrades for International Plaza have been designed, permits are in review project completion scheduled for June prior to Strawberry Festival; 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);
  - Project being scoped - may require excavating existing line to make repairs or identify failure;
- Install a new pool liner at BAC's warm water pool;
  - Project scheduled for August/September building closure, bids are due June 4;
- Assess the building envelope at the Winter's House & repair structural damage if necessary;
  - Assessment revealed structural damage, which is being investigated for scoping.
- 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;
  - Work is complete at the Botanical Garden

- Goddard Park design complete;
- Hidden Valley Park design complete and ready to bid;
- DTP deferred due to conflict with DTP Circle completion;
- Install maintenance building at Hidden Valley Park;
  - Included in overall CIP project, completion fall 2014.
- Provide Citywide forest management, trail refurbishment and streetscape repairs;
  - On-going
- Paint and seal the Bannerwood Park stadium and Enatai Beach boathouse wall;
  - Bannerwood: specification complete, project scheduled for late summer,
  - Enatai: defining scope of work;
- 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 summer, including donated playground equipment;
  - Tam-O'Shanter is underway. The old structure has been demolished; the new structure is being installed with the help of volunteers. Work is nearing completion;
  - Forest Glen surface tiles have been ordered and will be install late summer'
  - Crossroads resurfacing is complete, and a new concrete pathway around the spray park has been installed;
- 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 renovation being bid, and we are also exploring a pre-fab restroom alternative;
  - Lewis Creek toilets have been replaced;
- Replace roofing on the Sharp's Cabin at BBG and Robinswood House. Investigate roofing options for the two large Kelsey Creek barns. Complete roofing repairs at Lewis Creek Visitor Center. Re-roof the Robinswood House and complete siding repairs.
  - Sharp's Cabin roof complete;
  - Robinswood House Roof is complete; siding repairs under investigation;
  - Kelsey Creek Barns: researching consultants to design roof replacement.
  - Lewis Creek roof being scoped (recent addition)

