



PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT

May 2010

Aquatic Center Feasibility Study

NO CHANGE - Project remains on-hold. SPLASH remains active and hopeful that a new facility will come to fruition in the near future. After meeting with area park directors to determine their interest in pursuing a partnership or joint funding mechanism, a report was provided to the City Manager in January to share with the City Council – no direction has been given or timetable established.

Ashwood Park – Temporary use of Park

The library is proceeding with plans to construct parking on their property, and has requested the temporary use of Ashwood Park for access and parking during construction. We are working representatives of the library to establish requirements for the use of the park during construction, which is expected to begin in late 2010. We hope to present this issue to the City Council this summer.

Bellevue Youth Theatre Design

Design development drawings are 85% complete. The design team has developed illustrations for the fund raising effort, which has begun in earnest. The staff recently met with representatives of the King County Housing Authority, who will be applying for funding on behalf of the BYT and City to assist in funding this project.

Budget Proposals for 2011-2017

Consistent with the City's new budget format, staff has prepared budget proposals for Capital Investment Projects, and reviewed the list of proposals with the Park Board in May. A follow-up meeting is expected this fall prior to the City Council taking final budget action.

Eastgate Area (Airfield) Park – Shared access road and parking

No Change: 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. We continue to evaluate and negotiate SW's request to modify their parking requirements contained in the Purchase & Sale Agreement.

Eastgate Area (Airfield) Park Master Plan

City Council concurred with the Park Board recommendation of the sportfield oriented Alternative A as the preferred Master Plan, with the requirement that an off-leash area be expanded at Robinswood Community Park. Additionally, Council preferred the name Bellevue Airfield Park over the Park Board's recommended Airfield Park. Council requested that the environmental review for the plan also include the off-leash proposal at Robinswood. Staff will return to Council for adoption when the Master Plan Report and environmental review of both Airfield and Robinswood are complete. Staff is now working on additional details regarding the

off-leash proposal at Robinswood Park (see off-leash study below).

Lewis Creek Park Playground Covers

Initial installation is complete. We will be adding an additional cover to increase coverage on one of the play areas. The play features that were removed as part of the installation will be re-installed at the time of the additional cover construction in summer 2010.

Light Rail Impacts

The staff continues to work with our Transportation staff and representatives of Sound Transit to evaluate the park impacts of several alternative light-rail routes. The recent alternative that bisected the Slough is no longer being considered, and the 112th Street option that could affect Surrey Downs Park is now being evaluated.

Mercer Slough Environmental Educational Center

The Master Builders Association continues their work on Wetlab 2, which is nearing 70% complete – the windows, green roof, and siding have been installed and the interior work is under construction. MBA hopes to complete the project yet this year.

Meydenbauer Bay Park Master Plan & Land Use Study

The Parks Board was briefed on the Steering Committee's report and recommended master plan at their February 9 meeting, and conducted a public hearing March 9 that was attended by approximately 80. On April 13, by a 6-1 margin, the Park Board recommended approval of the master plan, which is scheduled to be presented to the City Council on June 7.

Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) Projects

Approved NEP projects being implemented by Planning and Design staff are as follows:

- **Playground equipment at Ardmore Elementary:** Approved funding is on hold pending the completion of the School District's rebuild of the school, which is in process.
- **Playground equipment at Enatai Beach Park:** No activity.
- **Crossroads Park Walkway Improvements:** No activity.

Off-Leash Dog Area Study/Robinswood OLA Expansion

Following up the Council's direction to include the Robinswood OLA concept into the environmental review process for the Airfield Park Master Plan, the staff is now developing design ideas and public outreach options for the project. We have scheduled a meeting with representatives of St. Andrews Church to discuss the concept of off-leash expansion adjacent to their facilities.

Park & Natural Areas Levy Projects

- Synthetic Sportsfield at Wilburton Hill Park:** Construction is complete, the field is in use and has been very well received. The contract closeout process is underway.
- Synthetic Sportsfield at Newport Hills Park:** Bids were opened May 13 for the construction contract, and we are scheduled to award both a construction contract and a separate synthetic turf installation contract on June 7. We expect to begin construction immediately after the neighborhood's 4th of July picnic in the park. A contract for the new lighting system was awarded May 3, and work on that project is expected to be complete prior to the start of park construction.

- Lewis Creek Park Picnic Area:** Plans have been submitted for permits and environmental review (SEPA). A community meeting was held on May 4 at the Visitor Center. Three community members participated in this meeting, and the discussion focused around environmental issues. We are also developing plans for trail expansion and wetlands/forest management as part of the overall project.
- BYT Construction:** See BYT design above.
- Botanical Garden Projects:**
 - **Ravine Garden:** Design work is near completion on both the rigid and suspension bridges. Permit and environmental review is ongoing, and we hope to be ready for construction this fall.
 - **Wetland-Sun Terraced Garden:** Design is ongoing and is currently at 95% design/development review. Pre-application conference has been held. Design and permitting expect to be complete late summer.
 - **Visitor Center & Parking Lot:** The design team has met twice with a stakeholders group comprised of representatives of the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society and several garden partner groups. Schematic Plans are nearly complete, and the team is now developing preliminary floor plans for further review.
 - **Maintenance Area development:** A perimeter security fence has been installed around the site, and we continue to make minor improvements to allow the site and former house to be used for maintenance and storage purposes.
- Bridle Trails Neighborhood Park:** Park staff is supporting the efforts of the Bridle Trails Community Club to prepare a recommendation for park levy project(s) for their neighborhood. An original list of over 50 project ideas has been narrowed to six. The staff is now researching project feasibility and developing project cost estimates. They are scheduled to present their process and current findings to the Board in June, and based on additional neighborhood feedback and project feasibility information, the Community Club hopes to finalize their recommendation in time to share their preferences with the Park Board this fall.
- 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.

Park & Open Space Plan Update

The Park Board recommended adoption of the updated Plan at their February meeting, SEPA is complete, and City Council adopted the Plan in May.

Surrey Downs Master Plan

A formal report was submitted to the City on February 26 by the Surrey Downs Park Committee recommending the construction of a 13,000 sq ft activity building in the “development zone” of the Surrey Downs Master Plan. The building would focus on activities for adults and families. No action has been taken on this recommendation.

