



PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT

June 2012

Ashwood Park – Temporary use of park & fire station

Construction continues on the library's 3-level parking structure. Ashwood Park will remain open, though the parking lot is now used chiefly by library patrons. At the completion of the project, the lot will be repaved and the northern portions of the park and right-of-way will be landscaped. Athletic have been relocated during the expected one-year construction period.

At their June 4 study session, the City Council rejected the concept of locating a fire station at Ashwood Park, directing the staff to explore alternative downtown locations for a fire station. They would like to consider updating the Ashwood Park Master Plan during their upcoming budget deliberations.

Bellevue Youth Theatre Design

Land Use approval has been received and construction permits have been submitted and revised - approval is anticipated mid-2012. A grant application via the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) was not approved during the current legislative session. The Foundation has recently submitted an application to the State Dept. of Commerce CTED program for \$190,000.

Bellevue Airfield Park – Shared parking & landfill gas modifications

The modification to the shared parking requirement continues to be stalled in legal, though we continue to hope that a final agreement will be presented to the City Council this year. Upgrades to the landfill gas extraction system have been completed, and the new venting system is working well.

Bellevue Airfield Park - Master Plan & Design

Environmental approvals have been received, and staff recapped the Master Plan process and Robinswood Park off-leash planning for Council at their June 25th session with favorable reviews. We will return to Council for Master Plan adoption July 2. Eight firms have responded to a request for proposals for phase 1 design services, and screening is in process.

Bel-Red Planning

Staff continues to participate in several current planning efforts that will affect the future park, open space, trail and greenway concepts adopted in the Bel-Red Corridor plans. The NE 15/16th roadway design, regional stormwater concepts, light rail station area planning, and stormwater enhancement plans for Utilities-owned property all include parks planning participation.

Boys & Girls Club Request @ Hidden Valley Park

The staff continues to study the Boys & Girls Club of Bellevue's requested the use of Hidden Valley Park to construct a gymnasium to house three basketball courts and other sports-related facilities. The parties have developed the framework for a partnership that allows the BGCB to

construct the gymnasium, with the parties sharing the cost to improve the athletic fields and parking lot. Concept plans and cost estimates have been completed, and the partnership will be presented at a Council study session tentatively scheduled August 6.

Downtown Park/Rotary Playground Expansion

Parks staff has been working with representatives of the Bellevue Rotary Club to expand the Downtown Park playground as a universally-accessible play experience. The Rotary has committed to a 3-year, \$250,000 contribution as well as a community-wide fundraising campaign to secure the funding needed to complete the facility, estimated at \$1.5 – 2.5 million. The City would fund the project soft costs similar to our commitment at the Crossroads Park/Rotary water play area. We are working with a landscape architect and a committee of City and Rotary representatives, and a series of concept drawings and sketches were presented at the annual Rotary banquet on June 26. Staff and the Bellevue Rotary will present a Memorandum of Understanding for Council review later this summer or fall.

Light Rail Impacts

Technical work by Sound Transit and City representatives to identify cost savings for the Bellevue Way/112th portion of the line will continue through most of the year. We are providing input to the team as they evaluate options, costs and legal requirements.

Meydenbauer Moorage & House Demolition

Work continues on providing the necessary modifications to the existing marina to accommodate 14 short-term moorage slips consistent with the State grant used to help purchase the Meydenbauer Marina properties. Permit documents were submitted June 29.

Conditions of a separate State grant used to help purchase two waterfront house parcels require that the property be converted to public use by this fall. We anticipate Council approval of the contract to demolish the two houses and restore the property at their July 2 meeting, with work to be completed this summer. Public access will be restricted until conditional use permits are secured.

Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) Projects

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

- **Playground equipment at Enatai Beach Park:** COMPLETE - the play area is open for use.
- **Crossroads Park Walkway Improvements:** No Change (development on hold until BYT permit is complete). The project will include a section of the Bellevue Youth Theatre storm drain system, which is in permit review. Construction is expected to start fall/winter after the BYT permits are approved and the storm drainage pipe can be permitted and installed. The Project will be complete by the end 2012.

Newport Hills/"Tyler Property"

Staff is working with a park planning committee of the Newport Hills Community Club Board to develop the vision plan and suggested name for the park based on the previous outreach with the neighborhood. The planning effort is anticipated to continue through most of the year.

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:** Construction is complete and the park is open.
- **BYT Construction:** See BYT design above.
- **Botanical Garden Projects:**
 - **Ravine Garden:** The project is complete and a successful grand opening celebration occurred on May 13 (Mother's Day).
 - **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 project remains in permit review, which is anticipated to be complete in fall 2012. Construction timing remains dependent on BBG Society fundraising.
 - **Fundraising:** Fundraising total to-date has now exceeded \$2million.
- **Bridle Trails Neighborhood Parks:**
 - **Acheson property:** Since reaching conceptual agreement on a property transfer late in 2011, State Parks has changed their position and prefers to be more involved in the final outcome of the property. We are now reviewing this new direction.
 - **NE 24th St. Site:** Very positive responses were received to the preliminary park plan presented at the 3rd community meeting on June 14. The plan will now be refined with input from city departments. A recommended plan will be presented at the BTCC quarterly meeting in September, followed by a presentation and recommendation at a fall Park Board meeting.
- **Lake Sammamish Neighborhood Park:** No activity.
- **Surrey Downs Park Development:** On-hold pending final light-rail alignment and court relocation. The current alignment options will require modifications to the adopted Master Plan.
- **Bellevue Airfield Park Development:** Eight design firms submitted proposals for phase 1 design work, and they are now being screened.
- **Downtown Park Development:** No activity.

Renovation Projects

Work is underway on the following major renovation projects for 2012:

- Door and lock upgrades at the Resource Management facility is complete, and work is underway at Highland Community Center, Ivanhoe Youth Theater & Northwest Arts Center;
- Carpet replacement at the Bellevue Aquatic Center will occur during their fall closing;
- Restroom improvements are complete at Highland Community Center, underway at Chism Beach, and the work at the Robinswood Tennis Center restroom has been canceled;
- Design for the fitness room conversion at North Bellevue is underway. Highland and Crossroads conversions have been deferred in favor of NBCC;
- Design for a zip line addition to the challenge course at Eastgate Park/SBCC is underway.
- The small animal building at Kelsey Creek farm is scheduled for reconstruction after the farm's summer programming;

- Planning & design for program and storage improvements at the Kelsey Creek facilities;
- Dock & pier inspections at Phantom Lake, Larson Lake, and Mercer Slough are complete; follow up repair work is being scoped and designed.
- Design to replace the swim dock at Clyde Beach & install transient moorage at Meydenbauer Marina is complete and permit applications were submitted June 29.
- Bids have been rejected on the installation of a heat recovery system at the Aquatic Center. The project is being re-evaluated.
- Drainage, irrigation and infield improvements at two Wilburton Hill ballfields will be completed this fall;
- Contracts were approved for drainage improvements at the Ivanhoe and Lewis Creek Park soccer fields in June. Work will occur this summer;
- Research and design work is underway on the drainage and surfacing improvements at the Robinswood off-leash area;
- Phase 2 irrigation replacement at McCormick Park is complete; Phase 3 has been approved for 2012 completion.
- Mercer Slough Blueberry farm drainage design is underway;
- Mechanical system upgrades at the Golf Course pro shop, Banquet Room and maintenance shop are complete. The Robinswood House Cabana upgrades will occur this summer;
- Lighting upgrades at the Downtown Park and security lighting at Kelsey Creek Park will be completed later this year;
- Exterior painting of the Robinswood Tennis Center and golf course pro shop is complete;
- Bids will be presented on July 16 to replace the mansard roof at North Bellevue Community Center;
- Sewer pumps at the Overlake Blueberry Farm, Newcastle Beach and Robinswood Park are expected to be complete this fall;
- A contract to demolish two rental houses along Meydenbauer Bay and restore property will be presented for approval July 2 and work will begin later in July;
- Fence & railing repairs are underway at Lake Hills Park & Greenbelt, and will be completed later this summer at Lewis Creek Park and at the Robinswood Park baseball field;
- Parking lot repairs at Robinswood, Lake Hills Park, Lewis Creek & NW Arts Center will be completed this summer;
- Tree root pruning and root barrier installation at the Downtown Park is complete;
- Design is complete and the permit process is underway on improvements to the storage yard and access drives at the Botanical Garden/Koh Property;
- A new pathway at the Botanical Garden has been installed, and work on replacing the Forest Park boardwalk is underway;
- New electrically operated basketball backboard winches have been installed at the South Bellevue Community Center;

Shoreline Master Program

Park staff continues to provide feedback to the Development Services staff regarding potential impacts to park use and future park development of the proposed Shoreline Master Program updates. Parks staff and Board Chair Robinson provided testimony to the Planning Commission at their March 28 meeting regarding the impacts of the SMP to the Meydenbauer Bay Park Master Plan. Additional work has occurred, and a Park Board discussion is expected in July.