



## **PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT**

### **June 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 the spring of 2011. We hope to present this issue to the City Council this summer.

#### **Bellevue Youth Theatre Design**

Design development drawings are 95% complete and the fund raising effort is underway. 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. The Leadership Team has prioritized the proposals, and they are now being reviewed by the internal Results Teams. 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 are finalizing our review of SW's request to modify their parking requirements contained in the Purchase & Sale Agreement, and hope to present a recommendation to the City Council in July.

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

### **Lewis Creek Park Playground Covers**

No change- Initial installation is complete. The new cover being engineered. 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 112<sup>th</sup> Street option that could affect Surrey Downs Park and the Winters House is now being evaluated.

### **Mercer Slough Environmental Educational Center**

The Master Builders Association continues their work on Wetlab 2, which is nearing 80% complete – MBA hopes to complete the project yet this year.

### **Meydenbauer Bay Park Master Plan & Land Use Study**

The City Council was presented with the Park Board's recommendation for the Council adoption of the Meydenbauer Bay Park and Land Use Plan. Staff briefed Council on the Master Plan and the Steering Committee's Master Plan report and recommendations. Staff is currently developing responses to specific Council questions and requests for additional information prior to returning to Council.

### **Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) Projects**

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

- **Playground equipment at Ardmore Elementary:** No activity.
- **Playground equipment at Enatai Beach Park:** No activity.
- **Crossroads Park Walkway Improvements:** Design concepts being developed.

### **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. Staff met 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:** Project complete.
- Synthetic Sportsfield at Newport Hills Park:** Bids were opened May13, and a construction contract was awarded to Precision Earthworks Inc. on June 7. Construction will begin immediately after the neighborhood's 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic in the park. The new soccer field lighting system is currently being installed and is expected to be complete prior to the start of park construction.
- Lewis Creek Park Picnic Area:** Permit and environmental review is underway. We

are also developing plans for trail expansion and wetlands/forest management as part of the overall project. Several neighbors have expressed concern about the project for security and environmental reasons, and we are reviewing and responding to these concerns.

- 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 development is 95% complete. Pre-application conference has been held. Design and permitting is expected to be complete by the end of the year.
  - **Visitor Center & Parking Lot:** Schematic Plans are 90% complete, and the team is now developing preliminary floor plans for final review.
  - **Maintenance Area development:** A perimeter security fence has been installed around the site, and we are investigating the condition of the house for future use as a maintenance facility. We continue to make minor improvements to allow the area 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. A project status update was presented to the Park Board on June 8 by the Bridle Trails Community Club and City Staff. Based on additional neighborhood input, 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. The final report is expected this summer.

### **Property Issues**

Staff is working with representatives of the Bellevue School District to extend the existing Use Agreement at Ivanhoe Park & Youth Theatre to continue the recreational use of this School District-owned property. We are also discussing a potential property exchange to allow for a more environmentally-sensitive reconstruction of the Cherry Crest Elementary School.

### **Surrey Downs Master Plan**

No change. 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.

