



PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT

June 2008

Aquatic Center Feasibility Study

Staff and Ballard*King continue to revise the draft feasibility report to make sure all information is accurate and defensible. The study analyzes six sites and explores six specific program options, including a dispersed model that will explore a multi-jurisdictional/multi-location solution. Specific recommendations for program or site selection will not be provided. The initial draft of the study should be complete by the end of June and Staff will present the final draft/findings in July.

Ashwood Park Plaza Construction

Plaza Construction is approximately 70% complete. Construction is being coordinated with the 1020 Tower construction. Concrete planters are close to completion, soil transitions to Ashwood Park have begun with planting anticipated next month. Project completion is expected in August.

Ashwood Park Master Plan

Staff is developing an RFP for design consultant selection for master plan work. We anticipate receiving and screening proposals in July 2008 with consultant interviews and contract negotiations taking place in August 2008.

Bellevue Botanical Garden Master Plan Update

SEPA Process is now underway. Public comment period began on June 12th and will be complete June 26th. After completing the SEPA process, we will ask Council to adopt the plan in July. Design drawings for the Ravine and Wetlands Gardens is nearing completion. The Master Plan report draft will be available for review by end of June.

Bellevue Youth Theatre Design & Ivanhoe Lease Agreement

Becker Architects has completed a preliminary architectural study including program planning, code and site analysis, schematic alternatives and cost estimates for theatre expansion. Alternatives at Ivanhoe Park, Crossroads Park, and sites in the Bel-Red corridor were explored. A parking demand analysis was also completed for Crossroads Park and Ivanhoe. Staff presented expansion plans to the park board at the June 10, 2008 meeting. Park board asked staff to conduct a community meeting prior to returning to the park board. A community meeting has been scheduled for July 1, and Staff will present the results of the outreach effort at the July park board meeting.

Bel-Red Corridor Study

The Park Board endorsed the park concept and project list at their May meeting. The Planning Commission and City Council continue to review the work to-date, and proposed implementation strategies, including the concept of park impact fees and developer incentives.

Crossroads Park Water Play

The grand opening celebration on June 7th was a well attended celebration of the soon to be open water spray playground. Construction is 95% complete. We will remove the last of the construction fence and open the water spray playground prior to the Strawberry Festival on June 27 - 29. An NEP project to install two family picnic shelters will be completed this fall.

Eastgate Area Park Property (AKA: Boeing Property) – Shared access road and parking

Road construction and methane system modifications continue, with completion expected this summer. Staff continues work with the Department of Ecology to update the landfill restrictive covenant and landfill gas system reports, and with Schnitzer West (SW) to establish the final City cost of the shared road, landfill gas system upgrades, and parking lot construction, currently estimated at \$2-2.5million. We have also been requested by SW to modify their parking requirements contained in the Purchase & Sale Agreement, and we are studying their proposal.

Eastgate Area Park Property (AKA: Ex-Boeing Property) Master Plan

The Master Planning process has been initiated with technical analysis and our first public meeting held on May 28th at the Spiritridge Elementary School gym. Interest in our new park is high, over one-hundred community members discussed their desires for the new park and we continue to hear from folks who were unable to attend. We are looking forward to sharing some park design alternatives based on what we've heard from the community at our next public meeting on July 17th.

Highland Skate Park

Project is complete and closeout will begin shortly. The grand opening celebration on May 16 was attended by over 500 people, complete with skate demonstrations and competitions.

Lewis Creek Park Playground Covers

The staff has studied options to erect a cover over the playground equipment area to resolve a potential conflict between the north ballfield and the playground area. A report and recommendation has been prepared and an open house for the neighborhood is being organized.

Mercer Slough Environmental Educational Center

See attached MSEEC update sheet. We are working with the Pacific Science Center and our Natural Resources staff to confirm the furniture requirements for the building, including interpretive displays, that we hope to include when the building opens. The capital campaign continues, and the funding gap to complete Phase 1 construction is now less than \$1 million.

Meydenbauer Bay Park Master Planning & Land Use Study

Steering Committee meetings resumed May 29, 2008. The new consulting firm, EDAW, Inc., was introduced and led a discussion about park program. The next steering committee meeting is

scheduled for July 31, preceded by a public workshop July 30, where conceptual park alternatives will be developed.

Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) Projects

Resident suggested projects are being scoped for Northwest Bellevue neighborhood area. Approved NEP projects being implemented by Planning and Design staff are as follows:

- **Playground equipment at Ardmore Elementary:** Approved 2005 funding is on hold pending the coordination with the School District's rebuild of the school site.
- **Highland Park Skate Park:** See paragraph above.
- **Ashwood Plaza Construction:** See paragraph above.
- **Somerset Entry renovations:** Design underway.
- **Cougar Ridge Elementary:** Sports wall design 2008.
- **Crossroads Water Play Area Picnic shelters:** See paragraph above.

Robinswood Synthetic Fields

Final contractor punch list items are complete. As-built plans have been received, and final closeout is underway.

Sound Transit/East Link

A "Best Practices" Committee that includes Park Board members Roland and Karle continues their work to provide guidance to the Council, and a presentation was made to the Park Board on their findings at their May 10 Board meeting.

Surrey Downs Master Plan

The proposed final plan was presented to the Parks Board on May 13th and was unanimously recommended for approval. The proposed Master Plan and Development Zone Parameters were presented to Council May 19, and received positive feedback. SEPA process has begun and is expected to be complete in September. We will then request City Council to adopt the master plan. The process to determine a building program is expected to begin in Fall.