



## **PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT**

### **April 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**

At their June meeting the Park Board supported the business points of a proposed agreement with Seattle University to install synthetic turf on the infield at Bannerwood Park. SU will pay for the turf and the City will fund the project soft costs. In return, SU will have priority use of Bannerwood during specific periods of the spring and fall that don't conflict with the existing uses of Bannerwood. We continue to negotiate specific points of the agreement, including payments schedules and coordination with the School District, who owns the property.

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

Construction is approximately 70% complete. Waterproofing roof systems and interior walls are in-process. Roof soil and irrigation system are in the works to support the last roof layer, grass. The construction crew continues to install fire water lines, mechanical and electrical systems. Bellevue Youth Theatre is expected to be complete late 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 are ongoing, 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 \$870,000 toward the project. The Rotary expects to submit a \$1 million capital appropriation request during next year's legislative session. We have applied for \$500,000 State and a \$75,000 County grant funding. Preliminary grant results are expected this fall. Design and permit updates are in-process to coordinate with the Downtown Park Levy Project. 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 asked the Staff to assist him with his fundraising efforts to make this project a reality. We developed marketing materials and helped to develop an article for Its Your City. The targeted completion is Veteran's Day 2014.

### **Grant Applications**

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

### **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**

Initial design and information collection is underway under the direction of our A/E firm, Anchor QEA. Geotechnical borings and test pits are scheduled, and archaeological shovel testing has occurred. Demolition of four rental houses is underway with the abatement of hazardous materials. Demolition, grading and hydro-seeding will follow. The Parks and Utilities Departments are working closely to establish the best location for the sewer line replacement which will now be coordinated with the park development schedule.

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

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

Based on the on-line survey conducted by the Newport Hills Community Club park committee, a landscape architect is refining the vision plan and addressing site constraints and opportunities. Staff will schedule a presentation to the Park Board later this year to share the findings and recommendations of the staff and the NHCC.

## 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 70% 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 complete. However, the contractor is working on minor repairs/punch list items. The Grand Opening celebration was held on June 13-15. The Center received a positive turnout and the celebration was a success.
  - **Fundraising:** A major pledge has brought the fundraising campaign to near \$4.8million of the Garden Society's \$5million goal.
- **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:** City Council awarded a construction contract to Forma Construction on June 2 and the project is expected to begin in July with completion this fall.
- **Downtown Park Development:** Schematic design is complete and the design team is approximately 45% through design development, which includes finishing the tree-lined promenade, canal, a major entry feature and expanding the 100<sup>th</sup> Ave. parking lot. Options to construct parking under the park have also been studied, as the Old Bellevue Merchants Association 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 ways to keep parking open throughout the project. We are also working with the Utilities Department to determine the best method for them to replace a major sewer line through the park to minimize park impacts.
- **Lake Sammamish Neighborhood Park:** No activity.

- **Surrey Downs Park Development:** The Park Board and Council have endorsed the Master Plan Update, and 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 to incorporate these recommendations into the light rail construction plans and to determine optimum construction schedules for both projects. We are also preparing plans to demolish the court building and parking lots after court operations are relocated in early 2015. We will consider initiating design plans this summer, as development funds have been requested in the 2015-21 CIP 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 underway;
- 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;
  - Contract for auditing has been routed, 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, project is underway, scheduled for completion prior to Strawberry Festival; Crossroads CC paging system is in planning stage, currently seeking bids;
- 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, bids due end of June, project scheduled for October; Lake Hills fencing is scheduled for summer, Mercer Slough fencing has been postponed until 2016;
- Install new fire sprinkler line at Kelsey Creek Education Barn and new security/fire alarm panel at the Shorts House (BBG);
  - Projects being scoped - may require excavating existing line to make repairs or identify failure, currently getting bids, Shorts House will be completed during remodel project;
- Install a new pool liner at BAC's warm water pool;
  - Project scheduled for August/September building closure, Contract is approved;

- Assess the building envelope at the Winter's House & repair structural damage if necessary;
  - Assessment revealed structural damage; report received and is currently under review.
- Install/refinish wood flooring, carpet and interior improvements at the Shorts House;
  - Work scheduled to begin in July.
- 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 contract approved;
  - 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;
  - 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 installed 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 contract has been approved;
  - 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 being scoped - repairs scheduled for fall;
  - Kelsey Creek Barns: researching consultants to design roof replacement.
  - Lewis Creek roof being scoped (recent addition)

