



PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT

April 2013

Ashwood Park – Temporary use of park & future plans

Construction is nearing completion on the library's 3-level parking structure. Once the structure opens and cars can occupy this lot, work will begin on reconstructing the Ashwood Park parking lot and landscaping along NE 12th. Athletics have been relocated during the construction period. Staff met recently with representatives of several nearby residential buildings to discuss their interest in retaining Ashwood Park as a green space for downtown, and have a follow up meeting in mid-July to listen to their ideas for the park.

Aquatic Center Impacts/Odle Middle School Reconstruction

We are working 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 spring of 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

Over the past three years, Seattle University has used Bannerwood Park as their home baseball field. SU has funded several improvements to the facility during that time, including upgrades to the dugouts, bullpens, grandstands and scoreboard. SU would like to install synthetic turf to extend the use of the facility during the spring, which is their heaviest use period. We are currently discussing this as a potential partnership project, as it could also provide year-round use of this facility for the community.

Bellevue Youth Theatre (BYT) Construction

Theater excavation is halfway complete. Our new storm line connection is complete and Crossroads Community Center is open again to the public. The new pedestrian walkway between the Mall and park should be ready to use next month. Pease construction will begin theater foundation footings next month. We continue to work with our neighbors to communicate construction impacts. The theatre is expected to be complete in late summer of 2014.

Bellevue Airfield Park – Shared parking & Phase 1 Design

The modification to the shared parking requirement has been signed and staff will seek Council approval of the parking agreement. We anticipate Council approval of a contract for the first phase of construction design and permitting in July.

Cricket Field in Bellevue

The staff has met with a representative of a local cricket club who has requested that we develop a cricket “pitch” at one of our parks. Cricket is a rapidly growing sport in the United States, though Bellevue does not currently serve this growing segment of our population. We are currently investigating the potential to incorporate a pitch into one of our parks and schedule games.

Downtown Park/Rotary Playground Expansion

Consistent with our MOU with the Bellevue Rotary Club, design development work has concluded and environmental permits will be secured. Further architectural, engineering and construction permitting will be on hold until the first phase of funding is available. The Bellevue Rotary Club continues to fund raise, and has approximately \$750,000 committed to the capital campaign. The first phase of development is estimated at 1,400,000.

Downtown Park/WW I Monument

Project is on hold awaiting the completion of fundraising by Robert Shay, who hopes to complete the project in '13. Staff is also working with the Eastside Heritage Center to develop interpretive signage for the memorial.

Hidden Valley Sportsfield Improvements with the Boys & Girls Club of Bellevue

The staff and representatives of the Boys & Girls Club of Bellevue (BGCB) continue to negotiate the terms of an agreement to allow the BGCB to construct a gymnasium and to share the cost of completing sportsfield and parking lot improvements at Hidden Valley Park. BGCB continues project fundraising and has submitted the gymnasium plans permit. A Conditional Use Permit, Critical Area Land Use permit, Clear & Grade, and Building permits have been submitted and are in review. Environmental review has been complete.

Kelsey Creek Park Review

No Change. The staff is reviewing the current conditions at Kelsey Creek Park to determine if long-term modifications are needed to the existing uses or facilities at that site. Past and current plans, practices and financial information have been reviewed, and meetings with staff have been conducted. More information is being gathered in hopes of developing a long-range strategy for the continued success of this facility.

Meydenbauer Moorage & Pier Removal

Construction is underway on the renovation of Pier 3 at Meydenbauer Marina to accommodate 14 day moorage slips and to remove four nearby residential docks. In-water work cannot start until mid-July in accordance with permit restrictions. The relocation and reconstruction of a Utilities sewer main through the park originally expected to be constructed this summer has been delayed to the summer of 2014.

Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) Projects

The Crossroads Park walkway connector to the shopping center is under construction as part of the BYT construction project and should be complete next month.

Newport Hills/"Tyler Property"

No Change. Staff is working with a park committee of the Newport Hills Community Club (NHCC) to develop a vision and proposed name for the park. We will brief the Park Board when the committee has completed their work and is prepared to make a recommendation.

Park & Natural Areas Levy Projects

An update was provided at the April Park Board meeting, and work is now underway to create a web page to keep the community up to date about progress on the levy projects. Project staff also participated in the April 24 Spring Expo Open House to highlight upcoming park 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:** See above.
- **Botanical Garden Projects:**
 - **Ravine Garden:** Project complete.
 - **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:** Cornerstone General Contractors has started construction, which will last approximately 18 months. This month's work includes: rough grading, 40% of the footings are installed, detention vaults are being built, 30% of the underground utility lines have been installed, and all tree protection is complete.
 - **Fundraising:** Including cash and pledged income, the fundraising total to-date is nearing \$4million of the Garden Society's \$5million goal.
- **Bridle Trails Neighborhood Parks:**
 - **Acheson property & alternative:** We are working with the neighborhood to identify alternative projects in lieu of Acheson.
 - **NE 24th St. Site:** We continue in permitting, with construction expected to occur late summer through the end of the year. On-line voting is complete, and the community will be recommending "Bridle Trails Corner Park" as the park's name. At their September meeting we will ask Park Board to recommend the new park name to Council for approval.
- **Lake Sammamish Neighborhood Park:** No activity.
- **Surrey Downs Park Development:** The final light-rail alignment will eliminate vehicle access to the park from 112th, so we will begin work with the neighborhood in the near future to revise the Master Plan, which we hope to complete before the end of the year.
- **Bellevue Airfield Park Development:** See above.
- **Downtown Park Development:** Staff has selected a consultant to design the next phase of park development, which includes finishing the tree-lined promenade and canal and expanding the 100th Ave. parking lot. We hope to award a design contract in the 3rd quarter of '13.

Renovation and Refurbishment - *Work is scheduled to be completed in 2013 on the following:*

- Minor asphalt repairs at Lewis Creek, SE 32nd Street Park, Chism Beach (**Complete**), Bovee, Newcastle, Meydenbauer Marina, Crossroads North Parking lot, Spirtridge, Robinswood House, Robinswood Teen Barn, Lake Hills, Goldsmith and the Bellevue Aquatic Center. Most work will occur in the summer and fall;
- Larger pavement repairs at Robinswood Park/148th Street parking lot, SE 40th Street Boat Launch drive (**complete**), the Ranger Station, Bellevue Golf Course cart paths, gravel replenishment at the Downtown park circle and trail reconstruction at Washout Way (**complete**). Most work will occur in the summer and fall;
- ADA improvements at the Robinswood Tennis Center entrance (**design underway**);
- Bannerwood scoreboard replacement, (**complete**);
- Mechanical System upgrades at the Bellevue Aquatic Center (scheduled for August), Bellevue Golf Course (fire alarm), Downtown Park pump vault repair (**complete**), North Bellevue Community Center and Robinswood House (currently bidding);
- Botanical Garden - remodel the Shorts House for temporary staff offices (**complete**) and move the Sharps Cabin (part of the Visitor Center project - **complete**);
- Roofing projects at North Bellevue Community (**Scheduled for July**) and Chism Beach Park (**complete**);
- Sportsfield Renovation at Eastgate Park & Robinswood Park (Scheduled for Fall);
- Provide day moorage at Meydenbauer Marina, replace the Clyde Beach swim dock, and remove residential docks at Meydenbauer Beach Park (under construction); and repair the Mercer Slough canoe float (permits are pending);
- Repair playground surfacing at Crossroads Park water play (scheduled for Fall), replace play equipment and surfacing at Forest Ridge park (**project complete**), rebuild skate ramps at Highland Park indoor skate park (**project complete**) and resurface the tennis court at Enatai Neighborhood Park (scheduled for Fall);
- Add zip line to challenge course at Eastgate Park (see below),
- Repair the storage shed and out building at Kelsey Creek Park;
- Install way finding signage at Kelsey Creek Park (**underway**);
- Design and permitting of the Kelsey Creek House and Education Barn to meet programing and code requirements;
- Paint exterior of the Overlake Blueberry Farm building (**complete**);
- Siding repairs at Robinswood House (**project scope being developed**);
- Replace chairs at Ivanhoe Youth Theatre (**complete**);
- Energy conservation projects at Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center and North Bellevue Community Center (**Project has been modified to include the installation of an interface to allow communication from one source to all HVAC systems**)

South Bellevue Community Center/Eastgate Park Zipline

Construction is underway on the installation of an aerial zipline tour adjacent to SBCC's existing Challenge Course. It will include 5 ziplines ranging from 100' to 450' in length and two connecting bridges. The tour is expected to be open to the public early this fall.