



PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT

August 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. Athletics 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 this fall. 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 and is preparing a grant application to 4Culture.

Bellevue Airfield Park – Shared parking

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.

Bellevue Airfield Park - Master Plan & Design

On July 2 the Council adopted the Master Plan and new park name Bellevue Airfield Park. Eight firms responded to a request for proposals for phase 1 design services, and screening and contract negotiations are in process. We anticipate recommending a design contract for Council award in October.

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 – 3.5 million. The City would fund the project soft costs similar to our commitment at the Crossroads Park/Rotary water play area. A preferred conceptual playground plan was presented at the annual Rotary banquet on June 26th. Staff and the Bellevue Rotary will present a Memorandum of Understanding for Council review in September. A 'Play for all EXPO' will be held in Downtown Park on September 29th to engage the public in the universally-accessible project goals. Staff will update the Park Board this October or November.

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

At their Study Session of August 6, the City Council endorsed the concept of a partnership between the City and the Boys & Girls Club of Bellevue (BGCB). Under the terms of the partnership, the City would lease a parcel of land at Hidden Valley Park to the BGCB, who would construct a multi-use gymnasium to house three basketball courts and other sports-related facilities. The parties would then share the cost to complete additional improvements, including the installation of synthetic turf on several athletic fields and an expansion to the parking lot. When not in use by the BGCB, the gym would be available to the City at no cost. We will present the proposal to the Park Board in September, and initiate public outreach in October. The parties will also be developing a formal agreement to memorialize our agreement, and detailed design and engineering will also be required.

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. We are currently discussing access and programmatic changes to the Surrey Downs Park and Master Plan, and will be meeting with representatives of Surrey Downs in early September to discuss options.

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. Environmental permit documents were submitted early July.

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. Council approved a contract to demolish the two houses and restore the property at their July 2 meeting. Demolition began August 20th. 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:

- **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"

The Newport Hills Community Club (NHCC) has assembled their Park Planning Committee in order to develop a vision plan and suggested name for the park. A first meeting was held, and the committee is developing a draft of the plan. Staff is working with this committee to complete the plan, and hopes to update the Park Board on the status of the vision plan later this fall.

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:** See BYT design 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:** The project remains in permit review, which is anticipated to be complete in fall 2012. Construction timing is dependent on BBG Society fundraising and current budget request. The earliest start of construction would occur on May 1.
 - **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 that the planning and development of the property be more closely tied to the State Park. We have expressed reservations about this approach, and no formal talks have been scheduled between the parties.
 - **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 is now being refined and will be presented to the BTCC membership meeting on September 20, 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 decision. 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. Screening and contract negotiations are underway.
- **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 be completed during their facility closure in August;
- Restroom improvements are complete at Highland Community Center, underway at Chism Beach, and the work at the Robinswood Tennis Center restroom has been canceled;
- The fitness room conversion at North Bellevue is underway. Staff is soliciting quotes for the work and the construction work is anticipate to occur this fall;

- Layout & design for a zip line addition to the challenge course at Eastgate Park/SBCC is underway and a public meeting to present the plan is scheduled for Sept. 27.
- The small animal building at Kelsey Creek farm is scheduled for reconstruction after the farm's summer programming in mid-September. Included in this work is the new security lighting at the farm;
- Dock & pier inspections at Phantom Lake, Larson Lake, and Mercer Slough are complete; follow up repair work is being scoped and designed.
- Design Development to replace the swim dock at Clyde Beach & install transient moorage at Meydenbauer Marina is complete and permit applications were submitted June 29. Construction Documentation is underway.
- 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;
- Drainage improvements at the Ivanhoe and Lewis Creek Park soccer fields are complete;
- Research and design work is underway on the improvements to the Robinswood off-leash area, and work is expected this fall;
- Phase 2 irrigation replacement at McCormick Park is complete; Phase 3 has been approved for winter 2012 completion.
- Mercer Slough Blueberry farm drainage design is underway;
- Mechanical system upgrades at the Golf Course pro shop and maintenance shop are complete. The Banquet Room will be completed in September. The Robinswood House Cabana upgrades are complete;
- The mansard replacement at North Bellevue Community Center is under construction and should be complete by the end of September;
- Sewer pumps at the Overlake Blueberry Farm, Newcastle Beach and Robinswood Park are expected to be complete this fall;
- Demolition is underway on two rental houses along Meydenbauer Bay, with completion by the end of September;
- Fence & railing repairs are underway at Lake Hills Park & Greenbelt, Lewis Creek Park and Robinswood Park baseball field, with completion this fall;
- Parking lot repairs at Robinswood, Lake Hills Park, Lewis Creek & NW Arts Center are complete;
- 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;

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. A Park Board discussion is expected in September regarding a request for information on the Phantom Creek and Weowna Park drainage work.