



## **PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT**

### **August 2016**

#### **Bannerwood Park**

We continue working with Seattle University to construct covered batting cages adjacent to the field. We are managing the project and SU will pay for all construction costs.

#### **Botanical Garden**

We are working with the BBG staff, Garden Society and Northwest Perennial Alliance (NPA) to complete several improvements at the Bellevue Botanical Garden. NPA's new propagation area south of the perennial garden is now complete. We are also developing a landscape plan for the front of the garden to integrate the existing wetland plantings, rock garden and pathway system with the future wetland-sun terrace garden and Main Street landscape improvements.

#### **Burrows Cabin Relocation**

The City's oldest home, the Burrows Cabin, was relocated from its long-time location along 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE to Chism Beach the week of August 22. The cabin was officially set on its new foundation August 29, near where the home was originally built in the 1880's. The move was made possible with funding from the City Council as well as a contribution from its former owner.

#### **CIP Budget Development**

Proposals for the 2017-23 Capital Investment Program (CIP) have been submitted. Continued funding for the Renovation Program and Planning & Design, together with supplemental funding for Meydenbauer Beach Phase 1, Surrey Downs and Airfield Parks were requested. At the request of the Park Board, additional proposals were submitted to fund park improvements at the Bridle Trails/140<sup>th</sup> Street and Newport Hills neighborhood parks; design funding for the Ashwood Park improvements; and planning and design funds to initiate the Lake Sammamish Park levy project. The Leadership Team is now reviewing all City CIP proposals and expects to submit a proposed package to the City Manager in the near future.

#### **Downtown Park – Complete the Circle and Rotary Inspiration Playground Expansion**

Construction began July 11<sup>th</sup> and will last for approximately one year. Weather has been favorable and good progress has been made. Initial work has focused along the western portion of the park expanding the 100<sup>th</sup> Avenue parking lot and site preparations in the playground area. A portion of the 100<sup>th</sup> Avenue lot is expected to open in October so that the remainder of the SE parking lot can be closed to begin work on closing the circle. The park continues to experience heavy use and significant wear from hundreds of Pokémon players that crowd the remaining portions of the park daily. We have increased patrols and parking enforcement. Working with the BDA, preparations are underway to relocate the Magic Season Ice Rink to Ashwood Park for this year.

### **Grant Applications**

Council has accepted grants to assist in funding the following projects:

- Meydenbauer Bay Phase 1 (\$1m State);
- Downtown Park Inspiration Playground (\$500k State & \$75k King County approved, a \$1.0m State and \$500k Federal grant is pending);
- Bellevue Youth Theatre (\$36k King County);
- Robinswood Synthetic turf replacement (\$250k State);
- Ivanhoe Youth Theatre code compliance improvements (\$75k King County 4Culture)

We presented a \$500k grant request to the State RCO (ALEA) in August to assist with the Meydenbauer Bay phase 1 project. Results will be available this fall. We are now exploring the potential to apply for a grant in 2017 to replace the Wilburton synthetic turf soccer/lacrosse field.

### **Hidden Valley Sportsfield Improvements**

Consistent with a Memorandum of Understanding with Bellevue West Little League (BWLL), we installed scoreboards, scorer's tables, temporary home run fencing and a flagpole at the north ballfields in time for the Little League to host the State Little League Tournament in August. The Field 3 scoreboard is expected to be complete this fall, which will complete the phase 1 improvements outlined in the MOU. BWLL is paying for these improvements. Phase 2 includes the installation of a picnic shelter.

### **Meydenbauer Bay Phase 1 Park Development**

Final revisions to the 90% design plans are being completed and the design team is preparing final construction documents. We continue to work with our Utilities Department to redesign the sanitary sewer land option, which is expected to be constructed this winter and early spring in advance of our construction. All environmental and Land Use permits for the park project have been approved except for the Army Corps permit. Applications for construction permits have been made and are being reviewed by City staff. Plans remains on schedule for a May, 2017 construction start.

### **Park & Natural Areas Levy Projects Summary**

- **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:** Project complete.
- **Bellevue Airfield Park:** Site analysis and schematic design for the total site is complete. We are currently developing options and cost estimates to determine the scope of work for phase 1 construction. Permitting discussions are underway with City and State permitting agencies.
- **Botanical Garden Projects:**
  - **Ravine Garden:** Project complete.
  - **Visitor Center:** Project complete.
- **Neighborhood Parks:**
  - **Bridle Trails/140<sup>th</sup> Ave Property:** The Park Board unanimously endorsed the plan on May 10, and we are now preparing a report and scheduling a discussion to review the plan with Council.

- **Bridle Trails Corner Park:** Project complete.
- **Newport Hills: Tyler/Patterson acquisition:** Acquisitions complete, planning underway.
- **Downtown Park “Complete the Circle” Development:** Under construction
- **Hidden Valley/Boys & Girls Club Partnership:** Complete
- **Lake Sammamish Neighborhood Park:** No activity.
- **Surrey Downs Park Development:** Design is on-hold pending construction of light rail adjacent to the park. The District Court has been demolished and the site restored and available for park use.

### **Robinswood Park Tennis Center Off-leash Area**

Responding to requests from a group of regular users of this off-leash facility, we have completed several improvements: bench replacements and a picnic table has been installed, materials were supplied for DIY surface improvements, new signs have been installed and year-round water is now available. We are also assisting the group investigate the potential to install a picnic shelter and sign kiosk with the help of the City’s Neighborhood Match Program.

### **2016 Renovation Program**

*The following projects are scheduled for completion in 2016 (status in bold):*

- Paving: system wide minor asphalt repairs including seal coating and striping **ongoing**; at SE 40<sup>th</sup> Boat Launch phase 1 removal of the parking lot landscape planters, **deferred to 2017**;
- Park Furnishings: Philbrook interpretive signage installation **complete**; system wide refurbishment of park signage, benches, drinking fountains, picnic tables, bollards, trash cans, bleachers, kiosks, indoor furniture, major appliances, **ongoing**.
- ADA: install accessible ramp to sport courts at Cherry Crest Mini Park **complete**; Highland Ramp lifting **complete**; Northwest Arts Center Office ramp; **ITQ issued**;
- Irrigation & drainage system upgrades at the Bellevue Golf Course: replace controllers **complete** and irrigation pump by hole #7 **complete**; replace irrigation systems at Crossroads Park (south end), Kelsey Creek Park (main lawn area), and Zumdieck Park and install drainage to Wilburton Hill Park south ballfield, **contracts awarded, scheduled this fall**;
- Playground improvements at Wilburton Hill Park, Skyridge Park and Goldsmith Park **complete**; Kelsey Creek Park, **design complete, in permits**;
- Restroom remodels at Zumdieck **complete**, and Lakemont Park, **underway**;
- Roofing/wall restoration at Bellevue Aquatic Center **complete**; Replace roof on Fraser cabin **bids being evaluated, work to start in September**;
- Create picnic shelter Enatai Beach Park, **Project not started - consider deferral due to extended parking lot closure due to Sound Transit construction staging**;
- Sport court repairs and resurfacing at Evergreen, Norwood Village, Robinswood and Sunset Parks, **Complete**;
- Fencing repairs at Crossroads Park Par 3 course **complete**; Kelsey Creek Park frontage fencing; **ongoing**; Bellevue Botanical Garden Yao gate **complete**;
- HVAC repairs and replacements at Highland Community Center, **partially complete, est. September completion**; North Bellevue Community Center and Robinswood House office area **complete**;
- Replace synthetic soccer turf at Robinswood Park, **complete**;
- Dog Park renovation at Robinswood Park 148<sup>th</sup> dog corral **complete**;

- Paint and repair exterior siding and remove closet in game room at Crossroads Community Center, **complete**; building code upgrades, replace electrical panels and replace flooring at Ivanhoe Youth Theatre all **deferred due to lack of agreement with BSD**; re-seal log siding and replace art room flooring at Highland Community Center; **started – work should be completed in September**; repair trail stairs at Kelsey Creek Park **complete**; McDowell House painting and window repairs **deferred to 2017**;
- Replace dock at MSEEC pond, **scheduled for September**; design and permitting for Swayolocken boat launch reconstruction, **underway**; permitting and design for SE 40<sup>th</sup> Boat Launch, Enatai and Chism Beach Park dock repairs, **in progress, three permits received**; dock and bulkhead repairs at Chesterfield Beach, Meydenbauer Marina Pier 3, and Newcastle Beach Park, **in progress**;
- Natural area management including Nature Space and Forest Management, Developed Parks Urban Forestry, Street Trees and Arterial Landscapes, and Greenways & Trails, **in progress**.

### **Staffing**

Bret Wilson, 27-year Parks employee who managed the Renovation Plan for the past 5 years, retired June 30. Lynde Eller has been hired to replace Bret. Lynde has an extensive project management background, and will start September 6.