



PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT

August 2010

Ashwood Park – Temporary use of Park

The library is proceeding with plans to construct parking on their property, and has requested the temporary use of Ashwood Park for access and parking during construction. We are establishing requirements for the library's use of the park during construction, expected to begin in the spring of 2011. The City Council has conceptually agreed to the use, and a public meeting has been scheduled for September 21 to review the plan with the neighbors. The park will likely be closed for a year, and the Enterprise staff will be relocating the athletic uses to other locations.

Bellevue Youth Theatre Design

Design development drawings are 95% complete and the fund raising effort is underway. The staff recently met with representatives of the King County Housing Authority, who will be applying for funding on behalf of the BYT and City to assist in funding this project. The City has recently been notified that we have received a \$25,000 LEED grant from King County.

Budget Proposals for 2011-2017

The budget draft has been submitted to the City Manager's office, and the City Manager will present his budget to the Council in September. The Park Board will review the latest budget information at their September meeting. The City Council will continue their review throughout the fall.

Eastgate Area (Airfield) Park – Shared access road and parking

Work continues on auditing SW's construction contract documents to establish the final City cost and payment for the shared road, landfill gas system upgrades, and parking lot construction, estimated at \$2.5million. The City Council agreed with a proposed change to their parking requirements at their June 28 Study Session, and we hope to present a final agreement to the City Council in September.

Eastgate Area (Airfield) Park Master Plan

City Council concurred with the Park Board recommendation of the sportfield oriented Alternative A as the preferred Master Plan, with the requirement that an off-leash area be expanded at Robinswood Community Park. Additionally, Council preferred the name Bellevue Airfield Park over the Park Board's recommended Airfield Park. Council requested that the environmental review for the plan also include the off-leash proposal at Robinswood. Staff will return to Council for adoption when the Master Plan Report and environmental review of both Airfield and Robinswood are complete. Staff is now working on the off-leash proposal at Robinswood Park (see off-leash study below).

Lewis Creek Park Playground Covers

An additional cover to increase coverage on one of the play areas is being engineered.

Light Rail Impacts

The staff continues to work with our Transportation staff and representatives of Sound Transit to evaluate the park impacts of several alternative light-rail routes. The park impacts of several 112th Street options are being evaluated.

Mercer Slough Environmental Educational Center

The Master Builders Association continues their work on Wetlab 2, which is nearing 90% complete. Work included this month is the interior drywall, metal deck structure, and mechanical units. MBA hopes to complete the project yet this year.

Meydenbauer Bay Park Master Plan & Land Use Study

Staff continues to respond to specific Council questions and requests for additional information prior to returning to Council. Additional marina studies are also underway.

Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) Projects

Approved NEP projects being implemented by Planning and Design staff are as follows:

- **Playground equipment at Ardmore Elementary:**
- **Playground equipment at Enatai Beach Park:** Design concepts are being developed.
- **Crossroads Park Walkway Improvements:** Design concepts being developed.

Off-Leash Dog Area Study/Robinswood OLA Expansion

Following up the Council's direction to include the Robinswood OLA concept into the environmental review process for the Airfield Park Master Plan, the staff is now developing design ideas and public outreach options for the project. Staff met with representatives of St. Andrews Church to discuss the concept of off-leash expansion adjacent to their facilities.

Park & Natural Areas Levy Projects

- Synthetic Sportsfield at Wilburton Hill Park:** Project complete.
- Synthetic Sportsfield at Newport Hills Park:** Construction began on July 12 and is approximately 25% complete. The new soccer field lighting system is installed, but there have been two wire theft occurrences in July. We are working closely with police and the contractor to deter further thefts.
- Lewis Creek Park Picnic Area:** Permit and environmental review is underway. Several neighbors have expressed concern about the project for security and environmental reasons, and a petition signed by 40 people objecting to the project has been received. We are reviewing and responding to these concerns.
- BYT Construction:** See BYT design above.
- Botanical Garden Projects:**
 - **Ravine Garden:** Design work is near completion on both the rigid and suspension bridges. Permit and environmental review is ongoing, with project construction expected next spring.
 - **Wetland-Sun Terraced Garden:** Construction documents are 50% complete. Design and permitting is expected to be complete by the end of the year.
 - **Visitor Center & Parking Lot:** Schematic Plans are complete. Staff is reviewing the schematic specifications and cost estimate. The BBG Society is excited about the plans and has continues their fundraising campaign.

