

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT

Resolution No. 5416, adopting a Master Plan and park name - Bellevue Airfield Park, for the Eastgate Area Properties.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with adopting this master plan.

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POLICY CONSIDERATION

Shall Council adopt the Park Master Plan and official name for Bellevue Airfield Park?

BACKGROUND & TIMELINE

The Eastgate Area Properties are comprised of three parcels totaling 27.5 acres. A full review of the property, planning process, and master plan elements has been presented in agenda memos for previous Council meetings. A brief recap of the events and timelines are as follows:

- **May 2008 thru February 2010.** Community outreach for the master plan was conducted. There was significant interest in this planning process from nearby residents and several interest groups, with over 2,700 comments received.
- **January thru October 2009.** The Parks & Community Services Board reviewed the process and plan alternatives at three meetings, taking public testimony on each occasion. On October 13, 2009, the Park Board recommended Alternative A as the preferred Master Plan (**Attachment 1**), subject to an off-leash area of at least 5-acres being created at Robinswood Park with funds from the Eastgate Area Properties Levy project, and recommending the name *Airfield Park*.
- **March 2009 thru February 2010.** Council reviewed the project at four Study Sessions. At the February 1, 2010 meeting, Council supported the Park Board's recommendations but directed staff to work with the community to develop a plan to expand the Robinswood off-leash areas, and to include an environmental review of the resulting plan into the environmental analysis of the Airfield Park Master Plan prior to returning to Council for adoption. Council agreed with the Park Board's reference of the former airfield into the park name, preferring *Bellevue Airfield Park* as the new name.
- **September 2010 thru June 2011.** A community planning effort was conducted to explore the feasibility of expanding the off-leash facilities at Robinswood Park. Community support was received for Conceptual Plan D, which would expand off-leash facilities at Robinswood Park from 1.75 to 5.75 acres (**Attachment 2**).
- **June 2011 thru March 2012.** An environmental analysis (SEPA) was conducted for the Bellevue Airfield Park preferred Master Plan and Robinswood Off-Leash plan, with a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) issued.

COSTS, FUNDING & TIMING

The estimated cost to implement the preferred Bellevue Airfield Master Plan is \$23 million. The proposed Plan assumes that park development will occur in phases over a long period of time. Phased development is typical of the City’s large scale community park developments projects. Familiar examples include Downtown Park and Crossroads Community Park that began with adopted Master Plans in the 1980s, and have undergone multiple development phases.

\$1.6 million is currently available to complete Phase 1 design and permitting. No construction funds are currently available. Phase 1 design and permitting is expected to combine the need for access, site preparation, and infrastructure systems with the desire to provide priority recreational facilities. The scope of work will likely include landfill pre-loading and cap, new methane and leachate systems, stormwater system upgrades and pond improvements, entry and parking improvements, trail extensions, and one synthetic sports area.

The overall program also provides for the expansion of the Robinswood off-leash areas in accordance with the attached plans. The timing of this work is recommended to occur when the existing off-leash uses at Airfield are displaced.

NEXT STEP

Staff will return at a later time to request approval of a design contract for Phase 1 improvements.

EFFECTIVE DATE

If adopted by Council, this Resolution will become effective immediately.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt Resolution No. 8416 , adopting a Master Plan and park name - Bellevue Airfield Park, for the Eastgate Area Properties.
2. Do not adopt Resolution No. 8416 , and provide alternative direction to staff.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Resolution No. 8416 , adopting a Master Plan and park name - Bellevue Airfield Park, for the Eastgate Area Properties.

MOTION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 8416 , adopting a Master Plan and park name - Bellevue Airfield Park, for the Eastgate Area Properties.

ATTACHMENTS

- Bellevue Airfield Park Preferred Master Plan
- Robinswood Park Off-Leash Plan
- Proposed Resolution No. 8416

Attachment 1
Bellevue Airfield Park - Preferred Master Plan



Attachment 2 Robinswood Park – Preferred Off-Leash Plan



CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 8416

A RESOLUTION authorizing the adoption of a Master Plan and park name – Bellevue Airfield Park, for the Eastgate Area Properties.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to adopt a Master Plan and park name – Bellevue Airfield Park, for the Eastgate Area Properties, The Bellevue Airfield Park Master Plan has been given Clerk's Receiving No. _____.

Passed by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2012, and signed in authentication of its passage this _____ day of _____, 2012.

(SEAL)

Conrad Lee, Mayor

Attest:

Myrna L. Basich, City Clerk