



PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT

December 2007

Aquatic Center Feasibility Study

The consultant team conducted a series of stakeholder meetings with local aquatic organizations, school districts, adjacent parks departments, and several local businesses. Additionally, a public phone survey has been completed and the consultant team is compiling these results, along with the background information and stakeholder interviews, in order to incorporate this data into the feasibility study.

The feasibility study will also study various operational models/programs and associated requirements, including potential site impacts. The study will include several site options, but will not make any final recommendations for program or site selection.

Staff is anticipating the initial rough draft of the study to be complete in early 2008, and final draft to be complete this spring. An initial presentation will be made to the Park Board at their January 8 meeting.

Ashwood Plaza Construction

Plaza Construction is underway. Construction is being coordinated with the 1020 Tower construction. The underground garage is complete and the Tower has now reached it's full height allowing removal of the construction crane from the plaza. We are anticipating Plaza completion in March 2008.

Ashwood Park Master Plan

No progress to date.

Bellevue Botanical Garden Master Plan Update

Master Plan alternatives have been reviewed by the task force, the Garden Society Board and the Parks Board. A community meeting/presentation was held on Oct. 25 with approximately 30 people attending. Feedback received at these meetings is being incorporated into a final recommendation for programming and plan development. A second Garden Society Board meeting is scheduled for Jan. 8th and a second community meeting is planned for Jan. 17th. We expect to return to Parks Board in February with a preferred alternative. A web site has been created to provide an additional avenue for public information and comment.

Bellevue Youth Theatre Design & Ivanhoe Lease Agreement

Staff is working with Becker Architects to complete a preliminary architectural study including program planning, code and site analysis, schematic alternatives and cost estimates. We are currently exploring alternatives at Ivanhoe Park, Crossroads Park, and sites in the Bel-Red

corridor. A parking demand analysis is being conducted in order to understand parking ramifications related to the construction of a new theatre at Crossroads. Upon completion of the preliminary study, staff will present the findings and recommendations to the Youth Theatre Board and Parks Board, followed by a final architectural contract to the Council. We have been unsuccessful locating alternate storage facilities for the Bellevue School District, so negotiations to extend the lease agreement with the BSD at Ivanhoe Park remain on hold.

Bel-Red Corridor Study

The Parks & Community Services Board reviewed and endorsed a set of policies to guide the development of the park and open space system in the Bel-Red corridor at their December 13 Board meeting. Board review of proposed projects is scheduled for the January 8 Board meeting. A presentation is being developed for the City Manager in January. We are also preparing cost estimates and financial strategies that will be presented to City Council in early 2008.

Eastgate Area Park Property (AKA: Boeing Property) – Shared access road and parking

Road construction and methane system modifications continue, with the landfill gas system upgrades anticipated to be complete this year and the shared road to be complete next spring. Staff continues work with the Department of Ecology to update the landfill restrictive covenant and landfill gas system reports and with Schnitzer West (SW) to establish the total City cost of the shared road, landfill gas system upgrades, and parking lot construction, currently estimated at \$2-2.5million.

We have also been requested by SW to modify their parking requirements contained in the Purchase & Sale Agreement, and we are studying their proposal.

Eastgate Area Park Property (AKA: Ex-Boeing Property) Master Plan

The Request for Proposals (RFP) for the master planning design consultants has been issued, responses from interested design firms are due January 3. Staff will review, interview, negotiate a scope of work and make a contract recommendation to Council in February.

Crossroads Park Water Play

Premier Field Development continues construction. A total of \$841,250 in construction funds have been raised to date, bringing us close to our \$1 million goal. These funds have allowed us to award a contract for the complete play area with the exception of the family picnic shelters.

Fieldhouse Partnership Study

The project is on hold.

Highland Skate Park

Construction remains on schedule. Site grading and storm water system work complete. Concrete and electrical work for lighting is underway. We expect a March project completion.

Lewis Creek Park

The staff is currently developing options to erect a cover over the playground equipment area to resolve a potential conflict between the north ballfield and the playground area. The installation of additional safety railings adjacent to several walkways near the playground is complete.

Mercer Slough Environmental Educational Center

Construction of the MSEEC is approximately 47% complete. All the footings and foundations are complete. This includes all work on the decks, buildings, and ADA lifts. The erection of the structural steel columns/cross-bracing and gluelam beams for all of main structures (Classroom 1, Community Building, Visitor Center, main boardwalk, and the treehouse) are complete. We are now able to walk out onto Classroom 1 and look over the trail below, over the tree canopy, and toward downtown Bellevue!

The contractor has started to install the interior steel framing for Classroom 1 and will proceed to the other buildings. They will erect the structural steel, then roof, and then proceed to the wood framing.

Most rough grading, utility and concrete work was complete in time to accommodate the City's wet season moratorium from November 1 through April 1, 2008. During this time, no major site work is allowed. However, erosion control measures are in place to allow building construction to proceed during this period. The remaining rough grading and then final grading will occur when the area is no longer needed for staging/storage – anticipated for next spring.

The capital campaign continues, and with a recent capital commitment from the Boeing Company, our Phase 1 target has been reduced to less than \$500,000.

Meydenbauer Bay Park Master Planning & Land Use Study

The eighth steering committee meeting was held November 15, in a workshop format at City Hall. Committee members used the 3-D model to review potential redevelopment alternatives for two sites—south of main/east of 100th, and north of Lake Washington Blvd and west of 100th.

The Steering Committee then directed staff to make revisions to the redevelopment areas and respond to several questions. The Committee scheduled a December 20 meeting in order to reach consensus prior to the expiration of the moratorium on January 30, 2008.

Next steps include finalizing a land use alternative and testing it against the planning principles and the big vision, to determine if larger changes should be considered. The goal is to have a land use proposal by January 2008, with SEPA and a Planning Commission public hearing completed by the end of March.

Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) Projects

Voting is currently underway in the Sammamish/East Lake Hills neighborhood. Approved NEP projects being implemented by Planning and Design staff are as follows:

- **Playground equipment at Ardmore Elementary:** Approved 2005 funding is on hold pending the coordination with the School District's rebuild of the school site.
- **Highland Park Skate Park:** See paragraph above.
- **Ashwood Plaza Construction:** See paragraph above.
- **Somerset Entry renovations:** Scoping underway.
- **Cougar Ridge Elementary:** Sports wall design 2008.

Robinswood Synthetic Fields

Grand opening event occurred on October 6th, and play continues throughout the winter months. The contractor punchlist items are 90% complete, with project closeout expected by end of 2007.

Sound Transit/East Link

In spite of the recent defeat of the transportation initiative, environmental work continues with the goal of publishing the final EIS and selecting a preferred alternative by the end of 2008. Depending on the selected alternative, temporary or permanent park impacts may occur at Surrey Downs, Mercer Slough, and/or McCormick Park. A “Best Practices” Committee that includes Park Board members Roland and Karle continues their work to provide guidance to the Council.

Surrey Downs Master Plan

The first community meeting for the master plan occurred November 15th at Bellevue High School, with approximately 35 residents attending. The staff and design team, lead by the Berger Partnership, presented site information, opportunities and constraints, then broke the group into smaller groups for the community to offer ideas for their park. Preliminary master plan options are now being prepared and being reviewed by staff in preparation of the second community meeting to be held January 31st at City Hall. At that meeting, the community will have the opportunity to review these ideas, and to begin to hone in on a preferred alternative. A Web site has been created to allow citizens to offer feedback to the staff.