



PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT

February 2008

Aquatic Center Feasibility Study

Staff and Ballard*King continue to work on the draft feasibility report, currently developing the financial pro formas and site designs. The final report for the phone survey is complete and will be part of the feasibility report.

The study will include six site and five program options, but will not provide specific recommendations for program or site selection. The initial draft of the study should be complete in April, with a final report in June. A study session presentation to the City Council has been scheduled for March 3.

Ashwood Plaza Construction

Plaza Construction is approximately 20% complete. 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 anticipate project completion in June 2008.

Ashwood Park Master Plan

Staff is developing an RFP for design consultant selection for master plan work. We anticipate receiving and screening proposals in March 2008 with consultant interviews and contract negotiations taking place in April 2008.

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 was held on Oct. 25 with approximately 30 people attending. Feedback received at these meetings was incorporated into a final recommendation for programming and plan development. A second Garden Society Board meeting was held Jan. 8th and a second community meeting hosted Jan. 17th with 50 attending. A preferred option was presented to the Parks Board on February 12th, who deferred a recommendation until the March 11th meeting. 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 the draft Bel-Red Subarea Plan at their February meeting, and also heard a presentation of the park concepts, projects and cost estimates. Once financial guidance is received from the Council, the Park Board will be asked to endorse the park projects and priorities, after which time the Planning Commission and City Council will initiate extensive work to implement this vision. A special Planning Commission meeting will be held February 27 where each of the Board and Commission chairs will be asked to speak about their work to date on the plan.

Crossroads Park Water Play

Construction is approximately 50% complete. A total of \$841,250 in construction funds have been raised to date, bringing us close to our \$1 million goal. Construction completion and a grand opening celebration has been tentatively scheduled for June. An NEP project has been nominated to complete the two family picnic shelters, with the results of the voting available in March.

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

Road construction and methane system modifications continue, with completion expected this summer. 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 final 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

Contract negotiations have been completed, and we have recommended that a consultant contract be awarded by the Council in February, which would allow us to begin the Master Planning process in March.

Fieldhouse Partnership Study

The project is on hold.

Highland Skate Park

Construction is approximately 75% complete. Site grading, storm water system, and lighting is complete. Concrete work and site amenity installations continue. We expect an late March/early April project completion, with a grand opening celebration scheduled for May 16.

Lewis Creek Park

No Change. 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.

Mercer Slough Environmental Educational Center

The overall construction is approximately 65% complete.

Classroom 1: All the structural steel, gluelam beams, joist, wood framing, and roofing is in installed. The windows and metal siding are approximately 70% complete and by the end of February, the building will be ready for interior work (weather tight).

Community Building: All the structural steel, gluelam beams, joist, wood framing, and the roof decking is in place. The metal roofing should be installed within the next week, and then the crews will start on the siding and windows. In early March, the building will be ready for interior work.

Visitor Center: The structural steel has been erected and the wood beams are underway. Following the main structural components, the joist and roof decking will be installed. Additionally, the family restroom and VC has been plumbed.

Wetlab 1: The concrete foundations have been completed and the structural steel beams have been welded in place. The crew will start the wood framing in early to mid-March.

Treehouse and slough overlook: the steel structural components have been installed and the wood structure for the treehouse has been fabricated and waiting for delivery. The decking is scheduled for installation in March, and we will be able to experience the overlook.

Most rough grading, utility and concrete work was complete prior to the City's wet season moratorium, and erosion control measures are in place to allow building construction to proceed. The remaining site work will occur when the area is no longer needed for staging next spring.

The capital campaign continues, and the funding gap to complete Phase 1 construction is now less than \$1 million.

Meydenbauer Bay Park Master Planning & Land Use Study

On January 17, 2008, the Steering Committee reached consensus on the land use vision for potential redevelopment of two areas—south of main/east of 100th, and north of Lake Washington Blvd and west of 100th. The Steering Committee is now taking a break for structuring the park master planning process and to allow the staff to complete technical studies necessary to inform realistic park master plan alternatives.

Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) Projects

Resident suggested projects are being reviewed for the Bridal Trails neighborhood area. 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

Final contractor punchlist items are complete. As- built are expected week of Feb. 18th, and final closeout is underway.

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. The preliminary draft EIS is now being reviewed by staff, and 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 15 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 were presented at a second community meeting on January 31 at City Hall. Approximately 140 attended. The community had an opportunity to review these ideas in workshop format. A Park Board study session was held on February 12th and work is underway to establish a preferred alternative. A third community meeting is scheduled for late March or early April and we expect to present a preferred alternative(s). A Web site has been created to allow citizens to offer feedback to the staff.