

MEMORANDUM



Bellevue Parks &
Community Services

Date: October 10, 2023

To: John Stokes, City Councilmember, Parks & Community Services Board Liaison
and Bellevue City Councilmembers

From: Paul Clark, Chair
Parks & Community Services Board

RE: Third Quarter 2023 Report and Communication

Each day, Bellevue Parks & Community Services provides invaluable services, programs, and experiences for all ages. This was highlighted at our meetings this quarter as we learned more about and celebrated two valued community institutions:

- **North Bellevue Community Center:** Established in 1987, NBCC initially operated as a senior center and expanded into a general service community center in 2004. The center's programs promote lifelong learning, independence, and health through intercultural and intergenerational connections. On top of all that, you can drop by for a twenty-five-cent cup of coffee.
- **Kelsey Creek Farm Park:** The farm, which recently marked 50 years of service as a community park, covers 150 acres and offers a variety of recreational and educational activities in addition to offering special events for families including Sheep Shearing, the Farm Fair and even Trick-or-Treating with the farm animals.

Keeping recreation programs relevant and inclusive takes planning. The department is currently updating its Recreation Program Plan. This plan assesses community needs and guides strategic investments in recreation programming. Staff provided details on the current update underway. Survey results of participants continue to show high levels of satisfaction with programs and services. Keeping an updated plan is a requirement of maintaining accreditation. The board expects to conduct a final review and endorse the updated Recreation Program Plan before the end of the year.

The board is also pleased to share that the highly anticipated planning for the next phase of Meydenbauer Bay Park is underway. Staff reviewed the council-adopted master plan, detailed how the first phase of development was implemented and outlined the implementation principles to be followed for defining the next phase. In resident surveys, the Bellevue community regularly names increasing access to water as a high priority. This project does that while also advancing the Council's Grand Connection vision to develop a strong pedestrian-oriented connection from the water's edge into the heart of downtown. The process, extending over the next 18 months, will provide extensive opportunities for community engagement.

Thank you for your continued support of the board and its work. If you have any questions, please contact me anytime at pclark@bellevuewa.gov.