

MEMORANDUM



Bellevue Parks &
Community Services

Date: February 18, 2026

To: Parks & Community Services Board

From: Zarrian Smith, Capital Projects Coordinator
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Parks & Community Services

Subject: New BelRed Neighborhood Park - Master Plan and Park Naming
For information and discussion - no Board action requested

At the February meeting, staff will provide the Parks & Community Services Board with an overview of the upcoming park planning and naming process for a new neighborhood park in BelRed. We will share the project background, planned public engagement and the project schedule. This planning process will be led by Parks & Community Services staff and a landscape architectural and engineering design team.

The Park Board will serve as the primary advisory body for the planning and naming of this new park. Ultimately, the Board will be asked to recommend a preferred park plan and name to the City Council. We would like to formally invite you and hope you will join us throughout the planning process for this new neighborhood park.

BACKGROUND

The BelRed Subarea Plan, updated in 2024, provides a framework for the development of a comprehensive parks, trails and open space system within the BelRed neighborhood. This planning effort supports the design of Project N-2, a new public park along the west tributary, to include trail and neighborhood park facilities. The approximately 8-acre project site is located between 124th Avenue NE and 130th Avenue NE. The property was originally purchased to support multiple public infrastructure projects for transportation, storm and surface water and park purposes.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

We are looking forward to working with the community to both plan and name this new park. Future community engagement will include a range of opportunities for the community to be included and inform the park planning process for the new park. Staff will work to provide a:

- wide range of opportunities for the community to be informed about and involved in the planning process.

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- process that is transparent, inclusive, and broad, but also focused and productive so that the planning process continues to move forward and achieve results.
- sense of community cohesiveness and ownership of the new park

Staff will work to understand and share the full range of community visions, values, and priorities, with the Parks & Community Services Board and City Council to help with informed recommendations and decisions.

PROJECT SCHEDULE AND NEXT STEPS

We anticipate the Master Planning process for the new neighborhood park to take approximately one (1) year to complete per the following project sequencing:

- Feasibility Studies & Initial Site Analysis
- Master Plan Initiation
- Development of Public Outreach Plan
- Community Meeting (#1) – Project Introduction
- Development of Initial Conceptual Park Design Alternatives
- Community Meeting (#2) – Conceptual Design Alternatives
- Parks & Community Services Board Update – Conceptual Design Alternatives
- Revision of Conceptual Design Alternatives
- Community Meeting (#3) – Preferred Plan
- Parks & Community Services Board Update – Preferred Plan & Park Name Recommendation
- City Council – Preferred Plan & Park Name

Levy funding will allow for design, permitting and construction to follow.

We will be initiating work with the community at our first community planning meeting this spring.

Attachment

- A. Vicinity Map