

MEMORANDUM



Bellevue Parks &
Community Services

DATE: September 12, 2023

TO: Parks & Community Services Board

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SUBJECT: Meydenbauer Bay Park Phase 2 – Planning and Design
For information and discussion – No Board action

At your meeting on September 12th, staff will provide an overview of Meydenbauer Bay Park planning and development progress to date. Following that, a preview will be given of the planning and public engagement plans needed to define and support the next phase of development.

MEYDENBAUER BAY PARK HISTORY

A public beach park on the shore of Meydenbauer Bay has existed in one form or another for approximately one hundred years. In the 1980's the City established a vision of connecting the Meydenbauer Bay waterfront to Downtown Park to create a signature public park and waterfront destination. That vision has held strong in city policy since that time while being enhanced and refined.

In 2010, Bellevue City Council adopted the Meydenbauer Bay Park Master Plan. The first phase of development implementing that Council adopted [Park Master Plan](#) was constructed and opened to the public on March 16, 2019. Meydenbauer Bay Park Phase 1 development improved approximately 6.5 acres of the park west of 99th Avenue and the Marina.

More recently, the City Council identified Meydenbauer Bay Park as the anchor at the west end of the [Grand Connection](#), Bellevue's signature downtown place-making initiative. The Grand Connection consists of a series of projects and initiatives designed to improve the pedestrian experience between Meydenbauer Bay Park through downtown Bellevue across I-405 to Eastrail.

MEYDENBAUER BAY PARK PHASE 2 PLANNING

The goal of this upcoming phase of work is to identify Phase 2 elements and options along with their costs to help inform a strong roadmap that will further implementation of the Meydenbauer Park Master Plan. The Council-adopted Meydenbauer Bay Park Master Plan

provides the framework vision as well as planning and implementation principles to help inform potential next step development.

This effort will be led by the Parks & Community staff with the help of an architectural and engineering team led by the Berger Partnership. The process will be transparent and inclusive, yet focused and timely and include a public involvement program which encourages widespread participation, constructive public comment and provides information in an easily accessible and understandable manner.

The final result will be a community and city-wide asset for everyone to enjoy. It will enhance and connect the downtown with the water and draw in people from throughout Bellevue, encouraging a sense of belonging and connection to this park and the Bellevue community.