

MEMORANDUM



Bellevue Parks &
Community Services

Date: May 21, 2025

To: Parks & Community Services Board

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Parks & Community Services

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

At your May meeting, staff will provide the Parks & Community Services Board with a status update of park planning and naming processes for Bellevue's newest neighborhood park. We will share project background, community feedback, conceptual plan alternatives and next project steps. We look forward to hearing the Board's feedback regarding outreach and plan alternatives.

BACKGROUND

The Eastgate Neighborhood Area, south of I-90, is one of the City's most recently annexed areas. This area is underserved by both park and trail access, creating a need for additional neighborhood park facilities. The voter supported City of Bellevue Parks & Open Space 2022 Levy provided funds to acquire, plan, and develop a park in the Eastgate Neighborhood. To address the need for park facilities the City has acquired two properties totaling about a half-acre for the purpose of developing a new neighborhood park.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Public outreach began with Staff visiting the community at the Eastgate Block Party hosted by the Eastgate Neighborhood Association to help raise awareness of the upcoming park planning effort. Neighbors were enthusiastic and supportive of the new park. Staff followed up this event with a project introduction to the Parks & Community Services Board meeting in July 2024 and completion of an agreement with architectural and engineering consultant GGLO.

To help bring attention to the New Eastgate Neighborhood Park Master Plan process, Staff established a project webpage which now has a subscriber list consisting of 768 followers. Notices summarizing the project and providing information on upcoming meetings have appeared in *Neighborhood News* and have been posted onto Parks social media outlets Facebook and X.

Additionally, we have coordinated with the Eastgate Community Association on disturbing project information to their membership and encouraging participation in the planning processes.

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Two community meetings have been held with the most recent taking place in March. Each community meeting has been followed by a survey to gather community suggestions and feedback.

At our community meetings, staff shared the project background, site elements, park planning project timeline, and community feedback. Participants had opportunities to ask questions and share their thoughts which have been incorporated into the conceptual design options of the park. The three concept design alternatives have been attached for your review.

ATTACHMENTS

A. Vicinity Map & Conceptual Design Options 1 - 3