**City of Bellevue** Parks & Community Services Department



## **MEMORANDUM**

Date: June 20, 2016

To: Mayor John Stokes and City Councilmembers

From:Patrick Foran, Parks Director452-5377Glenn Kost, Planning & Development Manager452-5258Pam Fehrman, Project Manager452-4326

Subject: Presentation of Check to Council from Bellevue Rotary

Rob Rose and Pat Naselow, Co-Chairs of the Inspiration Playground Committee, and TJ Woosley, President of Bellevue Rotary, will present the City Council a check for \$3,351,861 as part of the Bellevue Rotary's funding commitment to Downtown Park Inspiration Playground.

In 2012, Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the Bellevue Rotary Club, outlining a partnership agreement to expand the existing Downtown Park playground with a focus on inclusive, accessible play opportunities. The City committed to providing design and other project soft costs, and to operate and maintain the playground. The Bellevue Rotary committed to raise construction costs for the Inspiration Playground and Sensory Garden. The agreement allowed for phased development, however with Bellevue Rotary's successful fundraising Inspiration Playground can be completed in a single phase of construction.

Inspiration Playground expands the existing Downtown Park playground to provide inclusive, accessible play opportunities, "where all ages and abilities can play and explore at their own pace."