

Public Hearing Requests

On November 21 at the regular session, the city held its third and final public hearing. Two requests were referred to staff.

Staff seeks direction on these proposals and appropriate funding source, if approved, on November 28 for a tentative adoption date of December 5.

Who	Potential Fund	How Much	What (Paraphrased)
Bellevue Arts Museum (BAM)	GF	\$250,000 ongoing	Annual contribution to fund operations and to underwrite education programs and to strengthen the long-term financial health and viability of the museum
Bellevue Parks & Community Services Board	CIP	\$1,500,000 one time	Newport Hills Neighborhood Park (Tyler Park) Development
Bellevue Parks & Community Services Board	CIP	\$1,750,000 one time	Bridle Trails Park Development (140 th Street Park)

Options for funding public hearing requests could include:

- A. Reduce an existing expenditure or project
- B. Fund through the use of operating general fund reserves or contingency or CIP Council Advancement/Contingency
- C. Defer until a later date. Council always has the prerogative to adjust the budget at any time.
- D. Other direction as provided by Council

Bellevue Art Museum

At the November 21 Council meeting, Bellevue Arts Museum staff presented the Bellevue Arts Museum Strategic Plan to Re-imagine, Re-invigorate and Re-ignite. Bellevue Arts Museum staff requests funding as provided on page 15 of the strategic plan, which is stated as follows.

“In light of the expansive contribution the Bellevue Arts Museum makes to the spirit and culture of the Bellevue Community year to year, we are respectfully requesting from the City of Bellevue to support the museum through an annual contribution of \$250,000 to fund operations and to underwrite our education programs and to strengthen the long-term financial health and viability of the museum. This commitment would be re-evaluated by both parties after 5 years, with the hope of continuing for 10 years. This will have a direct impact on Bellevue Arts Museums’ role in continuing to broaden and elevate the impact of the arts in the culture of our community.”

Bellevue Parks & Community Services Board

At the November 21 meeting, the Bellevue Parks & Community Services Board recommended up to \$3.25 million for the proposed neighborhood parks in Newport Hills and Bridle Trails. The complete request from the Bellevue Parks & Community Services Board is attached.

In addition, Council requested further information from staff on the funding sources for the projects, the timing of the requests and departmental recommendations to accompany the Parks & Community Services Board recommendations. Staff will respond to this request at the November 28 meeting. Additional information will be included in the Council Desk Packet.

City of Bellevue
Parks & Community
Services Department



MEMORANDUM

Date: November 8, 2016
To: Mayor Stokes and City Councilmembers
From: Bellevue Parks & Community Services Board
Subject: Preliminary 2017-2023 Parks Capital Investment Program

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the preliminary Parks 2017-2023 Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan. We hope that these comments will be helpful to you as Council prioritizes the City's capital investment needs for the next seven years.

The Parks & Community Services Board reviewed the budget process and provided direction on Parks CIP proposals at our meetings in March and April. Board direction and priorities included:

- Continue the commitment to the voters from the 2008 levy, utilizing levy funds and the remaining City matching dollars to focus on Downtown Park, Surrey Downs, Property Acquisition, and Airfield Park design;
- Initiate the first phase of park development at Meydenbauer Bay;
- Maintain existing capital infrastructure, including both the Parks Renovation and Enterprise Facility improvement programs;
- Continue to invest in the ongoing planning of Bellevue's park and open space system, including funding for the Ashwood Master Plan.

While the above list can be accomplished with the additional Parks Levy and Real Estate Excise Tax revenue available in the updated plan, we do not believe that current Parks CIP funding sources are adequate to meet the needs of a growing and changing community. The Parks Levy program was not intended to represent all the capital needs of the community for a 20-year period (through 2028). The board identified four additional budget proposals in response to community requests and to fill gaps that exist in the current system that should not wait until the next levy program. The four new projects are described below:

- Tyler Park Development (\$1.5M). Design and construct a neighborhood park in Newport Hills on the Tyler/Patterson properties first acquired by the City in 2010.
- Bridle Trails/140th Street Park Development (\$1.75M). Design and construct a neighborhood park on the Ginzburg property acquired by the City in 2014.
- Lake Sammamish Park Master Plan & Design (\$0.75M). Develop a Master Plan and design for the future development of a neighborhood park on Lake Sammamish, an identified 2008 Parks Levy project.
- Ashwood Park Design & Permitting (\$0.5M). Design and permit the first phase of Ashwood Park construction upon completion of the site master plan.

At the November Park Board meeting, we reviewed the status of Parks capital budget proposals as included in the 2017-2023 Preliminary CIP (attached).

Overall, we are encouraged that the proposed 2017-2023 plan continues to make progress on the 2008 Parks Levy package that was overwhelmingly approved by Bellevue voters. In addition, the plan funds two major Council priorities to construct Meydenbauer Bay Phase I and the Downtown Park Circle/Gateway by the end of 2018 (Council Priority #9). Lastly, we believe it is vitally important to maintain existing infrastructure as proposed in the Renovation Plan, which helps provide major maintenance for Bellevue parks consistent with the expectations of our citizens.

Of the four Park Board projects that remain unfunded in the current plan, we want to specifically request funding for the proposed neighborhood parks in Newport Hills and Bridle Trails. We believe that additional neighborhood investment is an ongoing need, and is aligned with the budget outcome of Quality Neighborhoods and Council's priority for a high-quality built and natural environment. Both of these areas were specifically identified for additional neighborhood park development in the adopted 2010 and 2016 Bellevue Parks & Open Space System Plans, and both neighborhoods have existing undeveloped park property suitable for development. In the community survey that accompanied the plan, Bellevue residents included neighborhood parks in the top tier of park facilities that should be prioritized for additional development, and this statistical data has been corroborated by supportive citizen comments from both neighborhoods.

We understand that the Bellevue community has multiple needs and that there is never sufficient funding to accomplish everything you would like to during the budget process. We also understand that City Council has a priority to develop a long range financial strategy to explore options to address the future operating and capital needs of the City (Council Priority #24). While the list of capital needs facing the City is undoubtedly large, we encourage Council to dream big and develop a balanced and sustainable approach for advancing the City's long-term vision. In addition to completing the levy commitments and funding the larger Meydenbauer Bay Master Plan, additional funds will be needed to create parks in the Bel-Red area, provide additional green space in downtown Bellevue, the Grand Connection, and to create additional opportunities for the aquatics community.

As a city that prides itself as a "City in a Park," we acknowledge that parks contribute to the quality of life in Bellevue, creating a special place that families and business seek to locate and flourish. Research consistently shows that urban parks and recreation systems have positive economic impacts beyond a place to recreate and socialize with friends and family. Research shows that high quality, well-maintained parks contribute positively to the overall economic development of the City, including raising property tax values, attracting tourists, and protecting water and air quality.

Once again, we appreciate the ability to provide comments on the 2017-2023 Parks CIP Plan, and look forward to continued discussions as the budget process moves forward. Feel free to contact any of the Parks & Community Services Board members if you have questions or comments about the content of this message.

Attachment

Parks CIP Proposals in 2017-2023 Preliminary CIP Budget

Attachment		
2017-2023 Preliminary CIP Budget		
Parks Proposals (Quality Neighborhoods/Innovative, Vibrant & Caring Community)		
Parks CIP Proposal	Funded as Requested:	2017-2023 Preliminary CIP
Parks Levy Projects:		
Downtown Park "Complete the Circle"	Yes	0 *
Downtown Park "Inspiration Playground"	Yes	0 *
Downtown Park "Gateway/NE Entry"	Yes	3,000
Surrey Downs Park Development	Yes	7,188
Bellevue Airfield Park Design	Yes	95
Parks & Open Space Acquisition	Yes	7,175
Meydenbauer Bay Phase I Development	Yes	9,522
Parks Renovation & Refurbishment Plan	Yes	38,069
Park Planning and Design	Yes	2,200
Dedicated Funding:		
King County Parks Levy	Yes	1,242
Enterprise Facility Improvements	Yes	2,250
Mercer Slough Eastlink Mitigation	Yes	2,140
Park Board Recommended Projects:		
Tyler Park Development (\$1.5M)	TBD	Council Contingency
Bridle Trails/140th Street Park (\$1.75M)	TBD	Council Contingency
Lake Sammamish Master Plan/Design (\$0.75M)	TBD	Council Contingency
Ashwood Park Design/Permitting (\$0.5M)	TBD	Council Contingency
Subtotal, Preliminary 2017-23 CIP		72,881
*Can be completed with funding authorized thru 2016		