

DATE: June 18, 2018

TO: Mayor Chelminiak and City Councilmembers

FROM: Patrick Foran, Director, Parks & Community Services

SUBJECT: Meydenbauer Bay Park Phase 1 Construction

BACKGROUND

Meydenbauer Bay Park has been a vision of the City Council for over 30 years. Property was acquired over a 15-year period between 1992 and 2007. In 2010, the Council adopted the Meydenbauer Bay Park Master Plan, culminating a 3-year process working with a Citizens Advisory Committee, Park Board and local neighborhood. Funding for design, permitting and construction was approved in 2014, and on March 6, 2017, Council awarded a contract to complete Phase 1 construction.

CONSTRUCTION STATUS

Construction began in May of 2017 following Utilities' sewer lake line replacement project. Work is approximately 70 percent complete, and located mainly west/northwest of 99th Avenue NE, connecting Meydenbauer Marina to the existing Beach Park. The pipe carrying stormwater directly into the bay has been removed and this portion of the park has been converted into a natural ravine with two overlooks. The residential docks, rip-rap and concrete seawalls have been removed to create a more natural shoreline. The new beach house with restrooms, changing rooms and a roof-top overlook is tucked into the hillside. The permanent portions of the curvilinear pedestrian pier are in-place, and the floating pontoons will be installed this summer. Terraces are being created through a series of concrete and rock retaining walls to accommodate the pedestrian pathways, picnic areas, and a children's play area. 99th Avenue is being reconstructed to include a vehicle drop-off and turnaround. The overhead utility lines along Lake Washington Blvd. have been buried. Heavy civil work (retaining walls & roadway improvements) will continue throughout the summer, with many of the actual park features (pathways, playground, beach, landscaping, site lighting) occurring this fall.

We will request Council approval of a separate contract to renovate the Whaling Building for public use. Improvements include accessible restrooms, a small meeting room and facilities for watercraft rentals. This work will take place in the fall to avoid conflicts with the marina tenants.

Construction is expected to be complete by the end of the year.