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TO: Mayor Chelminiak and City Councilmembers

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SUBJECT: Meydenbauer Bay Park Construction Update

At your January 28 Study Session, staff will brief Council on the status of the Meydenbauer Bay Park construction project, including a PowerPoint presentation depicting progress to-date.

The concept of a major waterfront park was adopted by the City Council in 1987. Beginning in 1992, and over the next 15 years, the City acquired the property along Meydenbauer Bay, which included two marina properties and ten residential parcels. The Master Planning process for the park began in 2007, which included a Council-appointed Citizens Advisory Committee. The process culminated in December 2010 when the City Council unanimously adopted the Meydenbauer Bay Park and Land Use Plan. Design and permitting for Phase 1 of the project occurred between 2014-2016 and in March 2017, the City Council awarded a construction contract for Phase 1.

Construction began in May 2017 and will be completed next month. The scope of work included the creation of a series of terraces to accommodate pedestrian walkways, picnic areas, dramatic overlooks and a small children's play area. The swimming beach was relocated and expanded, with an adjacent beach house with restrooms and changing rooms. The stormwater pipe was removed from the former beach park and converted into a naturalized ravine. The shoreline, previously a series of rockeries and concrete bulkheads, has been naturalized. A signature feature is a 400-foot long curvilinear pier that extends into the bay. The Whaling Building is being renovated to accommodate accessible restrooms, a small meeting room and a venue for small boat rentals. Construction is nearly complete, with a grand opening celebration targeted for mid-March.