

MEMORANDUM



Bellevue Parks &
Community Services

Date: January 5, 2020

To: Janice Zahn, City Councilmember

From: Michael Shiosaki, Director 

RE: Follow up Park Board CIP Recommendation in 2021-2022 Budget

At the Parks & Community Services Board meeting in November, you suggested providing information on how elements in the Board's CIP recommendation letter are reflected in the City 2021 Budget. Please see the matrix below. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Board Recommendations (from 9/10/2020 Memo):	Included in Budget?
Continuing the commitment to the voters from the 2008 levy, utilizing additional levy funds to develop Airfield Park as the next major Parks levy project;	Yes, in project P-AD-83: Bellevue Airfield Park Development
Completing construction of the Downtown Park Gateway (Council Priority #8) and continuing to add funds for Meydenbauer Bay Park Planning and Design. Both of these projects build on recent momentum and are signature elements of the Grand Connection vision (Council Priority #15);	Yes, in projects P-AD-100: Gateway/NE Entry at Downtown Park P-AD-104: Meydenbauer Bay Park Phase 2 <i>Note: See * below</i>
<i>* Due to budget constraints, the funding for Meydenbauer Bay Park Phase 2 was reduced to \$3 million. This provides sufficient funds to move ahead undeterred with design and planning over the next several years. The City will revisit capital construction funding for Meydenbauer Phase 2 as the design and planning phase illuminates more about the scope, content, funding needs and timeframe for that project.</i>	
Maintaining existing capital infrastructure, including both the Parks Renovation and Enterprise Facility improvement programs.	Yes, in projects P-R-11: Parks Renovation & Refurbishment Plan P-R-02: Enterprise Facility Improvements
Continuing to invest in ongoing Property Acquisition, with a specific focus on areas of Bellevue currently underserved by parks, such as the stream corridors in BelRed and adding needed neighborhood parks in areas such as Eastgate, among others;	Yes, in projects P-AD-82: Park & Open Space Acquisition P-AD-103: Bel-Red Parks & Streams

Supporting continued planning of Bellevue’s park and open space system and funding of acquisition and park improvements in Downtown to serve a growing neighborhood;	Yes, in projects P-AD-27: Park Planning & Design P-AD-82: Park & Open Space Acquisition
Continuing feasibility work related to the Aquatics Center Feasibility Study (Council Priority #13);	Yes, in projects G-114: 2019 Aquatic Center Study P-AD-27: Park Planning & Design
Planning and designing Ashwood Park and funding future development.	Yes, in project P-AD-27: Park Planning & Design
Planning and designing future parks and trails that implement the BelRed Parks & Streams projects in the BelRed Subarea plan, using revenues collected from the amenity incentive system in the Bel-Red subarea (Council Priority #5)	Yes, in project P-AD-103: Bel-Red Parks & Streams
Completing previously approved neighborhood park improvements in Newport Hills and Bridle Trails.	Yes, in projects P-AD-102: Newport Hills Park Development P-AD-101: Bridle Trails/140th Street Park Development
Continue to support the upcoming effort to update the <i>Parks and Open Space System Plan</i> , including an analysis of the level of service for a growing population and creation of a financial strategy for these services (Council Priority #12)	Yes, in project P-AD-27: Park Planning & Design

Additionally, the budget includes a new project in the City’s General CIP to begin the design and development of a new Parks Operation & Maintenance Facility (Project G-117). For the past several years, the City has undertaken a citywide comprehensive study of its existing facilities for all departments. Parks & Community Services’ primary Resource Management base is located around the base of the Crossroads Water Towers (on NE 8th Street near Crossroads Park). These facilities have reached the end of their expected lifespan and the Utilities Department plans to re-purpose this site in the coming years. The new General CIP project has proposed funding of \$1.6 million in 2021-2022 to design and permit a new facility on existing Parks-owned land adjacent to the Bellevue Golf Course. Following that, \$11 million is budgeted in the years 2024-25 to support development costs.