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**Subject:** CIP PROCESS BUDGET PRIORITY - ASHWOOD PARK

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Dear Parks Board:

Enclosing two different aspects of continuing to put off vital and important Park Department budget priorities for Downtown Ashwood Park. Let's take action to up-the-priority for Planning and Capital upgrades from current status being treated as just a bare "Field", not as our "Budget One" high-use Downtown Park.

Take a look at the awful condition per **photo taken just 3 years ago** because there is no priority given for proper upgrades or upkeep. It's better in Springtime but a "disaster by the Fall season".

Also see our **2018 memo to Brad Miyake** regarding Budget One priorities.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you start right away it will be possible to get Ashwood to the top of the list for priority completion.

**Put this on your Agenda again, ... please.**

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Ashwood Park Neighborhood Resident



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From: VERNON SCHRAG <dwights30@comcast.net>

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Date: September 17, 2018 at 11:07 AM

Subject: CIP Budget Process for Ashwood Park Master Plan & Park Development

## **Parks Board FYI 2021**

Dear Manager Miyake & Finance Director Call,

## **Same situation @ 3 years-on Same Budget COMPLAINT**

We realize the budgeting process for 2019-2020 has not been finalized. Hopefully the issue we are highlighting for the Ashwood Downtown Neighborhood can be resolved without Mediation; or by communications at City Council Meetings as has been suggested to us. We hope the attached photos and plans are enlightening.

As you may already be aware, last week we received notice from Glenn Kost (Parks Department) 2019-20 Budgets proposal re:

**"There are no CIP funds proposed in the budget draft that was sent to the City Manager. Because the City Manager has not yet delivered his preliminary budget to the City Council, I don't know if funds will be proposed for Ashwood Park. One option is for you to attend the final City Council budget hearing scheduled for November 19 to submit your Community Expectations."**

**What happened to "BUDGET ONE" Community Expectations?** This seems absurd and ridiculous after six years of unreasonable delays and many Ashwood Community conflicts with City officials, Bellevue Planning Department, Fire Department, Neighborhood Mediation Process; and failed attempts by Council and City Government attempts to put a Fire Station and a KCLS "Traffic Circle" and entry Tunnel within the 2 acre park, with two lane driveway penetrating Ashwood Park to enter the KCLS Library parking garage. The Planning process seems badly flawed and/or disregarded by Bellevue officials.

See enclosed pdf file showing **Bellevue's Outdated Quarter-Century Old Ashwood Park Master Plan**. At the very least, Bellevue Parks Development of the North Half of this old plan should have (long ago) been completed.

**"Keep Ashwood Park Green"** has been a citizen/residence initiative during this entire 5-year's conflict period between City officials and our Neighborhood. Plus we've participated with neighborhood group discussions with at least 3 different Bellevue Mayors, City Councils and Downtown Bellevue Residents Association to have our voices heard. Nothing happened??

Ashwood Community has clearly, openly and often expressed expectations for getting this job done. Please honor Bellevue's Policies to finish this work in our neighborhood, placing a 2019 top priority budget item.

**Please add this email and attached Park Photo Images + Master Plan to Bellevue's Public Comments files for this CIP Process.** We're available to come to City Hall to review,

comment and express our concerns over multi-year failures, since 2012, of the Parks & Services Department to provide essential funding or resources for completing Master Planning and implementation for Ashwood Downtown Park improvements.

The Ashwood **Parking Lot** was eventually repaired, planted, paving, striping, sidewalk repairs and built out with lush greenery but nothing begun for pathetically barren, unkempt and embarrassing condition of Ashwood Park grounds **(September 2018 photos attached)**.

Can you get our ongoing concerns "front-and-center" for budgeting purposes? We've submitted multiple complaints and budgeting concerns for at least five (5) years, including this year **(2018) to Parks Staff, Parks and Services Board members and City Council member Jennifer Robertson. It seems nonsensical to continue public comments that are disregarded and/or never followed through with either resources or budgets to do this work.**

**And, ..... can we meet to discuss this matter fully at City Hall with appropriate Bellevue City staff, please? Thank you.**

Sincerely, Dwight & Mary Schrag

Ashwood Neighborhood residents .....Our Community has Expectations, regarding City Council Roundup published (last week) Quote:

***"As part of the process, Bellevue uses a "budgeting for outcomes" (also known as "priorities of government") process called "Budget One" to develop the budget. This model puts the emphasis on community expectations for government services, as opposed to individual departments within the organization."***

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- AA-Outdated Ashwood Park Master Plan Schematic.pdf (2 MB)
  - IMG\_2017.JPG (4 MB)
  - IMG\_2028.JPG (6 MB)