

Salmon Creek Community Club Park Draft Concept Plan Comment Summary

Comment Period: April 20-May 5, 2011

In April 2011, staff presented a draft concept plan for this park to neighbors for review and input. Please note that this is a summary of the verbal and written comments from the Apr. 20, 2011 public meeting and the written comments submitted through the project Web page Apr. 21-May 5, 2011. This summary reflects a range of opinions, and is not intended to present a word-for-word transcript. To view the hard copies of all the comment forms, please contact Jilayne Jordan at (360) 397-6118 ext. 4949.

An updated draft concept plan for the park will be developed based on neighborhood input, program needs, project funding and site requirements. This plan will be mailed to neighbors and posted online for additional input in May 2011.

Summary 1: April 20, 2011 public meeting

Approximately 12 people attended the public meeting. The following is a summary of the comments heard at the meeting:

- Like the nature play element and would like to see it included in the phase 1 construction.
- Concerned about the paintballing, BB gun shooting and digging that's been going on in the park over the years.
- Concerned about the safety of children playing near the creek.
- Would like to see a dirt BMX bicycling area added to the park.
- Would like a basketball court added to the park, so there's something for older children to do.
- Include circuit training stations along the path for adults and seniors.
- Provide playground equipment appropriate for a wider age group.
- Concerned about noise from a basketball court for adjacent neighbors.
- Provide more picnic tables.
- Provide restrooms.
- Suggest not including trash cans and requiring neighbors to "pack it in/pack it out" to save money.
- The nearby Cobblestone housing development already has playground equipment for toddlers. Provide more equipment/activities for older children instead.

Summary 2: Written comment forms

Neighbors submitted four comment forms about the draft concept plan at the public meeting and online through the project Web page.

Likes:

- Having several different play areas
- Swings being separate from the climbing equipment in the playground
- That there isn't a basketball court or sports fields in this park design
- The open lawn areas for unstructured play
- Preservation of the natural landscape
- The size of the playground
- Benches
- Playground equipment
- Protection of the wildlife

Dislikes:

- Not enough playground equipment for older children
- Include a basketball court near the road for visibility
- Not enough picnic tables – add a couple more to the plan
- Nothing
- Locate the benches that are near the playground in a place that provides a complete view of the entire play area
- The delay in construction
- Lack of bathrooms
- Lack of police surveillance

Other general comments:

- We have been waiting a long time for this park already, and are disappointed with the construction delay.
- Concerned that the park development will attract criminal activities and transients.
- Want the park to be kid friendly.

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