



**Ventura Park Playground - Parks Replacement Bond – Comment Form Summary
Open House #2 – August 24, 2016**

The second open house for the Ventura Park Bond Project was held on Wednesday, August 24, 2016 from 5:30pm – 7pm at Ventura Park prior to and during the summer concert. Outreach included posts on project website and Parks online calendar, yard signs in the park, flyers distributed to nearby park neighbors and summer playground program attendees, posts in the Ventura Park Elementary School Facebook group, and two rounds of emails to interested parties. A paper comment form was provided at the Open House, and a similar version was posted online for about a week after the Open House, along with the Open House presentation materials. A total of 40 comments were received.

The goal of the Open House was to share the final draft design for the playground replacement, Loo addition, and public art and get community feedback. Boards were posted displaying this information, and project staff were on hand to guide visitors through the display and answer questions.

It should be noted that this report reflects the opinions of those who chose to participate. It cannot be considered a statistically correct survey and is not necessarily representative of the broader community. This information, in addition to information provided by Parks staff, will be used to inform the final design for the Ventura Park playground improvements and the installation of a Portland Loo.

1. What is your general reaction to the playground design?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly support 58% | <input type="checkbox"/> Dislike 0% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support 39% | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly dislike 0% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral 3% | |

2. The playground design is inclusive, appealing, and safe for all ages and abilities.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree 50% | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree 5% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agree 38% | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree 2% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion 5% | |

3. Public input was incorporated into the overall design concept.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree 41% | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree 0% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agree 36% | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree 0% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion 23% | |

4. If within the current project budget, Parks is not able to include every feature and play equipment shown in the draft design, we want to know what you think are the most important proposed elements in the design to include.

Pick your TOP FIVE FAVORITE THINGS! (The PlayForm7 is being donated by Playworld, so it is not included in this list.)

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| 1. Water Pump 71% | 7. Sand Play 39% |
| 2. Swing 63% | 8. Turf Mounds 37% |
| 3. Tube Slide 61% | 9. Group Spring 32% |
| 4. Music Play 55% | 10. Talking Tubes 29% |
| 5. Spinner 53% | 11. Ledges 21% |
| 6. Rock Scramble 39% | 12. Other: Bathroom 2% |

What else would you like us to know? Is there anything else you'd like to tell us about your preferences or hopes for the play area? Is anything missing?

Majority of feedback:

- Did not respond 58%
- Thank you! Very excited 8%
- Address homelessness 8%
- The tube slide is often rough on the legs unless long pants are worn 5%
- Include splash pad 5%
- Include swings 5%
- Include things to hang from 5%

Other comments:

- Play features may not appeal to their intended age groups, especially for kids age 12+. In my neighborhood, kids of this age have been asking for strong-use climbing “structures” and various areas for tetherball, volleyball, soccer, and kickball.
- Please don't combine art with the loo. It should be ground level where children and adults can view and appreciate it.
- If possible, avoid construction until Gateway Park opens—better not to have both parks closed all summer.
- Keep shade.
- Please include features for toddlers—things to hang from, smaller slides, toddler-friendly swings. This is a huge deficiency in the park already, and it doesn't seem to be corrected.

Please tell us about yourself:

How far do you live from Ventura Park? (pick one)

- Five blocks or less 32%
- Less than one mile 32%
- More than one mile 37%

How often do you visit the Ventura Park playground? (pick one)

- Every day or every other day 29%

- Once or twice a week **40%**
- Once or twice a month **8%**
- A few times a year **24%**
- Never **0%**

Do you...

- Have a child who attends Ventura Elementary School **26%**
- Have a child who attends another school **26%**
- Attend or work at Ventura Elementary School **8%**
- None of the above **45%**

How did you hear about this event?

- PP&R flyer **19%**
- PP&R email **17%**
- Coincidence/in-area **14%**
- Facebook **8%**
- Nextdoor App **5%**
- Word of mouth **5%**
- PP&R website **3%**

Other individuals heard about the event via representative, UWS, or working with PP&R

How many children do you have living with you under the age of 18?

- Zero **20%**
- One **20%**
- Two **30%**
- Three **13%**
- Four **0%**
- Five or more **2%**
- Did not respond **15%**

How old are they?

- 1-5 **48%**
- 6-10 **35%**
- 11-15 **6%**
- 16 or older **11%**

I am age:

- under 16 **0%**
- 16-24 **13%**
- 25-34 **26%**
- 35-44 **33%**
- 45-59 **28%**
- 60-79 **0%**

I identify as:

- female **72%**
- male **26%**
- other **2%** (did not specify)

Regarding residence, I:

- own **61%**
- rent **33%**
- other **6%**

I identify as (please check all that apply):

- American Indian/Alaskan Native **0%**
- Asian **3%**
- Black or African American **8%**
- Hispanic or Latino **30%**
- Recent African Immigrant **0%**
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander **0%**
- Slavic/Eastern European Immigrant **0%**
- White **68%**
- Some Other Race (please specify): **3%** (did not specify)