



## PORTLAND PARKS & RECREATION

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### Meeting Summary

Willamette Park Open House

May 7, 2015

5:30 - 7:00PM

### Location

Umpqua Bank

3606 SW Bond Avenue

Portland

### In attendance

Ken Love, Ward Barbour, Kerry Chipman, Sharon Fekety, Fadi Opgenorth, Carryanne Conner, Mike Dowd, Denis Schure, William Danneman, Gene Stubbs, Kevin Ebner

### Staff

Ross Swanson, PP & R Project Manager

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### Consultants

Ryan Carlson, Mayer/Reed Landscape Architects

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Kenya Williams, JLA Public Involvement

Sam Beresky, JLA Public Involvement

### Summary

This was an open house on the Willamette Park Redevelopment Project to inform and gather comments on the trail, access and dog off-leash improvements projects, as well as timeline and Bureau of Environmental Services work being done on the new pump station. Future work will include relocation of the playground.

### Presentation

Ross Swanson, Project Manager/Landscape Architect, gave a presentation on the proposed changes in the park. He pointed out specific changes to the multi-use path, access to the river, the entrances at SW Nebraska, Riverpoint and Miles Place. He also indicated that the play area will be relocated to a different area of the park at a later phase of improvements.



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Ryan Carlson, Landscape Architect with Mayer/Reed presented the design and functions of the dog off-leash area and the possible addition of a shy dog park (for smaller dogs). He also addressed the view point at the south end of the park.

## Comments from the Public

- Coordination of concerts in the park and construction should be done
- Q. Will there be water at the dog park? A. This will depend on the budget.
- Q. Will there be changes to the railroad crossing? A. Yes, it will be constructed to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act standards.
- Views on the south end should be maintained
- Q. What will the dog park surface be composed of? A. The surface will be similar to softball/baseball fields. It will be a material that does not get muddy during the wet season.
- Q. What is the shy dog area? A. A place for dogs that are not socialized to be with larger, more social dogs.
- Q. What about the play area? A. The existing play area will be relocated at a later date, possibly the next phase of improvements.