



DUNIWAY PARK

Survey Summary

October 2015

The purpose of this comment for was to:

- Understand who uses Duniway Park
- Understand people's experience with Duniway Park
- Ensure that the improvements to the park will provide benefits to all Portlanders and park users

Outreach

Portland Parks & Recreation invited community members to attend a meeting about the proposal to improve the soccer field and track at Duniway Park.

Notification about the meeting was done through lawn signs in the park and throughout the neighborhood, 300 fliers delivered to adjacent neighbors and businesses and electronic notifications sent to South West Neighbors Inc.; the Homestead, South Portland and Downtown Portland Neighborhood Associations; neighboring schools; sports/recreation groups from our reservations system, Terwilliger Plaza, and others. The purpose of the meeting was to present proposed field and track improvements. These improvements would be made possible by a contribution from Under Armour.

Comments forms were made available at the community forum. Additionally, PP&R staff made a presentation to residents at the Terwilliger Plaza. Comments forms were also available online for two weeks after the community forum. 230 comments were received.

This information represents the opinions of the 230 individuals who responded to the survey. This summary provides an idea of how those who participated in the survey feel about the park and the proposed improvements. Not every individual answered each question, so the total number of participants answering each question differs.





Comment Summary

230 individuals participated in the Duniway Park Intercept Survey.

Question #1 - How far do you live from Duniway Park?

- 45% - live more than two miles from Duniway Park
- 44% - live less than one mile from Duniway Park
- 11% - live between one mile and two miles

Question #2 - How often do you visit Duniway Park?

- 49% - visit either once or twice a week
- 20% - visit every day
- 18% - visit once or twice a month
- 14% - visit a few times a year to the park

Question #3 - I most often visit:

- 48% - Lower Duniway (sports field, track, parking)
- 45% - Both (Upper and Lower Duniway)
- 7% - Upper Duniway (Lilac Garden, lawn, horseshoes)

Question #4 - I come to Duniway Park to (check all that apply):

- 52% Relax, Read and Walk
- 51% Run
- 36% Go to the Lilac Garden
- 25% Hike
- 19% Play pick-up games
- 17% Practice or play with an organized team
- 8% Walk my dog(s)





Question #5-How do you get to Duniway Park? (check all that apply):

- 65% Walk
- 36% Drive
- 20% Bike
- 8% Public Transit
- 5% Other

Question #6-Do you support replacing the current soccer field in the lower portion of Duniway Park with synthetic turf?

227 participants answered

- 57% No
- 26% Maybe/Don't Know
- 17% Yes

Why or why not? (% indicate frequency of ideas)

No

- 26% preferred grass
- 24 % indicated that it was unsafe (toxic or physically)
- 10% indicated turf was unpleasant – unsanitary, smelly, hot
- 9% were unsure of the health risks
- 7% were concerned about being displaced for reserved play
- 5% or less
 - Artificial turf would increase user conflicts (balls on track etc.), Increase traffic, Didn't like lighting, Wanted to keep trees, Thought it was ugly, Increase cost to users, Current field was fine

Maybe/Don't know

- 36% wanted to know more (health implications etc.)
- 12% were concerned about decrease to public access
- 10% it was up to the field users
- 10% prefer grass
- 7% thought artificial turf was great
- 5% or less
 - Make it look good, No new parking, Protect trees, Keep track, Cost is a concern (build and maintain)

Yes

- 35% like year round use





- 14% better surface
- 10% less maintenance
- 10% choose good material
- 7% add environmental restoration
- 7% make it shared use
- 3% or less
 - Manage user conflicts, Lights, 10 year plan?, Like parking, Improves track

Question #7- Would you support additional parking at Duniway Park?

208 participants answered

- 55% No
- 16% Yes
- 29% Maybe/Don't know

Why or why not (% indicate frequency of ideas)

No

- 24% negative environmental impact
 - parking will impede the natural setting of the park and slope
 - Don't touch trees
- 60% concerns around parking
 - 19% walking, biking, and transit use should be encourage instead of creating more parking
 - 19% parking isn't needed
 - 14% traffic is bad
 - 8% different alternative options to steer away from adding more additional parking. Those comments included:
 - Utilize Under Armour's underground parking lot
 - Purchase vacant parking lot for more parking
 - Expand the existing parking lot towards the south
 - 7% expressed overcrowding/parking abuse concerns to the opposition of additional parking. Those comments included:
 - Other users may flood for free parking (i.e. PSU, OHSU, motel users, folks that work downtown)
 - More parking will attract other users from the city, keep it a neighborhood park
- 3% focused on safety concern for children and elders
- 2% or fewer
 - Don't increase pavement in the park





- Preserve the historic stone building
- Concerns of privatization
- Invest money into a different park facility

Maybe/Don't Know

- 43% lack of information to make an informed decision.
Those comments included:
 - More info is needed to form an opinion
 - Depends on trade-offs
- 25% mentioned environment preservation. Those comments included:
 - Trees aren't cut
 - Preserve grass field
 - Maintain natural landscape
 - West of track is untouched
 - Preserve upper gardens/walking path
- 20% highlighted concerns with traffic issues/problems.
Those comments included:
 - Conduct impact study report first
 - Sheridan St. is busy
 - Don't disrupt access to the track
- 5% should also encourage bike/walk/transit use
- 3% or less:
 - Only if endowment is set up and fully funded for future upkeep
 - Purchase lot across the service station

Yes

- 31% limited parking currently
- 23% if trees aren't harmed or green space is not taken out
- 15% will support additional parking
- 8% if not in excessively in view of Terwilliger Plaza
- 8% increase the current parking lot for just a few more cars
- 8% do not move the stone building
- 7% either way is fine

Question #8-What elements would improve field use in Lower Duniway Park





- Lighting
 - 49% - lighting **would improve** field use in Lower Duniway Park
 - 24% - lighting **would maybe** improve field use in Lower Duniway Park
 - 28% - lighting **would not** improve field use in Lower Duniway Park

- Seating/Resting places
 - 43% - seating/resting places **would improve** field use in Lower Duniway Park
 - 33% - seating/resting places **would maybe** improve field use in Lower Duniway Park
 - 25% - seating/resting places **would not** improve field use in Lower Duniway Park

- Picnic Tables
 - 34% - picnic tables **would improve** field use in Lower Duniway Park
 - 34% - picnic tables **would not** improve field use in Lower Duniway Park
 - 32% - picnic tables **would maybe** improve field use in Lower Duniway Park

Question #9 – What else would you like us to know?

101 participants provided individual open ended comments. The following are some observations of the comments:

- 20% expressed environmental concern. Those comments include:
 - Don't touch trees
 - Don't remove grass field
 - No more paving
 - More shade
 - No Turf

- 14% talked about other improvements.
 - Fix or improve lights
 - Improve drainage
 - Make playground equipment
 - Fix track

- 13% mentioned parking and traffic concerns





- Do an impact study report
- 11% pointed out sound and light pollution concerns.
- 8% highlighted concerns of privatization.
- 7% touched on health concerns. Those comments include:
 - Turf is unhealthy
 - Health concerns for children and elders
- 7% did not want large venues. Those comments include:
 - Don't convert to event space
 - No stadium setting
- 7% expressed things are fine the way it is currently
- 5% spoke about maintenance concerns
 - Path off Terwilliger, not ADA standard
 - Etiquette rules need enforcement
 - Permitting issue
 - Make bike parking available
- 5% expressed security concerns
- 2% mentioned changes should reflect the community it represents.

Please tell us about yourself!

I am age

- 1% - 16-24
- 10% - 25-34
- 25% - 35-44
- 23% - 45-59
- 22% - 60-79
- 19% - 80 & over

I am

- 55% - female
- 44% - male
- 2% - other

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

64 households with 111 children under 18 years





Regarding residence, I

64% - own my home

17% - rent my home

20% - other

I identify as: (please check all that apply)

2% - American Indian/Alaskan Native

4% - Asian

1% - Black or African American

3% - Hispanic or

0% - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

0% - Recent African Immigrant

1% - Slavic/Eastern European Immigrant

91% - White

4% - Some Other Race

