



Rieke Field - Parks Replacement Bond – Community Meeting – March 10, 2016

Overview

The first open house for the Rieke Field Replacement Bond Project was held on Thursday, March 10, 2016 from 7:30-8:30pm at Rieke Elementary’s Library as part of the Rieke PTA meeting. The general community was also invited. Outreach included a post on project & Parks website; yard signs near the Field; electronic distribution to Rieke families; flyers distributed to businesses in the Hillsdale town center; and two rounds of emails to interested parties. The Open House was attended by approximately 40 community members. A paper comment form was provided at the Open House, and a similar version was posted online for one week after the Open House. A total of 71 comments were received.

The goal of the Open House was to provide an overview of the project, share early concepts for the field replacement and get feedback. The Open House included presentations on the Project Scope and Schedule by Gary Datka, PP&R Project Manager and the field concepts by David Evans & Associates. An overview of the range of different types of turf infill materials was given. Questions and comments were taken from the audience.

It should be noted that this report reflects the opinions of those who chose to participate. It is not necessarily representative of the broader community. This information, in addition to information provided by Parks maintenance & athletics staff; PPS staff; the Technical Advisory Committee; and other stakeholders will be used to inform the development of the final design for the Rieke Field replacement.

1. I better understand the goals and scope of the Rieke Field Replacement after tonight’s meeting.

- Strongly agree - 18%
- Agree - 62%
- No opinion - 20%
- Disagree - 0%
- Strongly disagree - 0%

2. What are your priorities for the field improvements? (check all that apply)

- Improved safety for users – 82%
- Improved use for recess and other casual play use – 68%
- Increased opportunities for permitted sports use – 49%
- Improved ADA access – 30%
- Regulation (adult) size – 16%

Other:

- No crumb-rubber or carcinogenic infill – 10%
- Access for clubs using field prior to being condemned – 3%
- Night lighting – 1%
- Good drainage – 1%
- Screen between soccer field and softball field – 1%

3. From the items below, tell us which criteria you think are most important to consider in the selection of infill material:

Cost (initial, long term):

- High – 6% Medium – 52% Low – 31% No Opinion – 11%

Environmental Impacts (water consumption, end of life ease of disposal: reuse, recycle, or landfill):

- High – 38% Medium – 47% Low – 7% No Opinion – 8%

Health (chemical exposure, ease of material migration - in eyes, mouth, classroom, home):

- High – 89% Medium – 9% Low – 0% No Opinion – 3%

Maintenance/Maintainability:

- High – 31% Medium – 48% Low – 14% No Opinion – 7%

Material Origin (recycled vs new):

- High – 23% Medium – 47% Low – 21% No Opinion – 9%

Material Sourcing and Availability (local vs national/international):

- High – 10% Medium – 51% Low – 31% No Opinion – 8%

Performance/Playability (including year-round use):

- High – 49% Medium – 42% Low – 4% No Opinion – 5%

Safety (fall protection, heat exposure):

- High – 62% Medium – 28% Low – 6% No Opinion – 4%

4. What is your preference for the storage of portable soccer goals when not in use? (Pick one)

- No opinion – 64%
- Storage on sideline ends of field (*presentation option A*) – 20%
- Sideline center of field (*presentation option B*) – 14%
- Other:
 - Portable soccer goals that kids can use – 1%
 - More than one set of goals with smaller fields running across the larger field to increase playability for younger groups – 1%

5. How will you (and your family) use the field? (check all that apply)

- Soccer league / team play – 70%
- Recreational, casual use – 66%
- Recess or after school play – 63%
- Other:
 - Adult soccer – 3%
 - Magnet for activity in the Hillsdale Town Center – 1%

6. What would you like more information on at a future meeting? (check all that apply)

- Turf material selection – 66%
- Impacts of construction – 24%
- Field amenities – 20%
- Pathway design – 16%
- Spectator mound – 16%
- Storage of equipment – 11%
- Other:
 - Drainage – 1%
 - Spectator seating such as raised bleachers – 1%
 - How to get priority for field use – 1%

7. What else would you like to share with us about this project?

Results by theme (percentages based on all 71 survey entries):

- Safe materials used for field – 27%
- No crumb-rubber – 17%
- Available for use by local community and clubs – 11%
- Organic/natural infill – 4%
- Nike Grind – 4%
- Night lighting – 3%
- Space for trees/natural plantings – 3%
- Running path looping around field – 1%
- Non-static infill – 1%
- Natural grass – 1%
- Good drainage- 1%
- Raised bleacher seating – 1%
- Willing to raise money – 1%
- When did PP&R tell PPS the field should be played on as asphalt? – 1%
- Don't let Lincoln take more fields (they rarely use Gabriel) – 1%

Please tell us about yourself:

How far do you live from Rieke Field? (pick one)

- Five blocks or less – 25%
- Less than one mile – 45%
- More than one mile – 30%

How often do you visit Rieke Field? (pick one)

- Every day or every other day – 54%
- Once or twice a week – 19%
- A few times a year – 16%
- Once or twice a month – 11%
- Never – 0%

Do you...

- Have a child who attends Rieke Elementary – 59%
- Have a child who attends another school – 32%
- Attend or work at Rieke Elementary – 7%
- Own or work at a business near Rieke – 7%
- None of the above – 14%

How did you hear about this event?

- Rieke PTA – 62%
- PP&R email – 20%
- PP&R website – 7%
- Yard sign in park – 7%
- PP&R flyer – 4%

Other:

- Sports team – 4%
- Foothills Soccer Club – 3%
- C's – 1%
- Email from OYSA – 1%
- Friend – 1%
- Hillsdale Neighborhood Association – 1%
- Wilson High School sign – 1%

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

- 0 – 11%
- 1 – 20%
- 2 – 37%
- 3 – 7%
- Did not respond – 25%

How old are they?

- 1-5 years old – 12%
- 6-10 years old – 40%
- 11-15 years old – 20%
- 16+ years old – 1%
- Did not respond – 9%

I am age

- Under 16 – 1%
- 16-24 – 1%
- 25-34 – 1%
- 35-44 – 31%
- 45-59 – 27%
- 60-79 – 4%
- 80 & over – 0%
- Did not respond – 9%

I identify as: Female – 54% Male – 38% Other – 0% Did not respond – 9%

Regarding residence, I: Own – 82% Rent – 6% Other – 3% Did not respond – 10%

I identify as (please check all that apply):

- White – 82%
- Asian – 4%
- Hispanic or Latino – 3%
- Slavic/Eastern European Immigrant – 3%
- American Indian/Alaskan Native – 1%
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander – 1%
- Black or African American, Recent African Immigrant, Some Other Race – 0%

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I. Introductions

- A. PP&R leaders: Gary Datka, Maija Spencer**
- B. Portland Public Schools lead: Steve Simon**
- C. Design team members: DEA-Todd Marcum, Steve Harrison, Brynn Guthrie; Atlas LA-Nick Wilson**
- D. Technical Advisory Committee**

II. Portland Parks Bond Overview: Replacement project

III. Project Overview

- A. Existing Field**
 - Condition, failing drainage
 - Acceptable uses
- B. Field Improvement Goals:**
 - ADA accessibility improvements
 - Health and Safety in play
 - Permit-able field for year-round use
 - Accessibility for all users: Rieke students, players and spectators
- C. PP&R on-going research of infill materials, pros and cons of each**
- D. Project Schedule: beginning of construction planned for spring or summer 2017**

IV. Site and Design Improvements:

- A. Existing Conditions**
 - Opportunities
 - Challenges and Constraints
- B. Typical Field Layout and Sizes**
 - Intention is to stripe field for soccer and lacrosse
 - Soccer field size will remain as it is currently: 210'x330'
- C. Designed Project will provide:**
 - New synthetic turf field
 - Accessible path from parking lot to field
 - 2 dedicated (striped) accessible parking stalls
 - Accessible route to field surface
 - Replacement drinking fountain
 - Portable restroom pad
 - Soccer goal storage
 - Improved spectator spaces, fine re-grading of lawn areas to the north and south
- D. Design Option A**
 - 15' run-out, single pad for goal storage
- E. Design Option B**
 - 10' run-out, individual goal storage pads

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F. Infill Materials Comparison

- SBR rubber (aka, crumb rubber; PP&R's baseline material)
- Silica sand
- Nike Grind (only available using AstroTurf carpet)
- EPDM rubber
- TPE
- Acrylic coated sand
- Cork
- Coconut/rice husks

V. Questions and Discussion:

1. Infill comparison; what is the rough cost difference between crumb rubber and Nike grind? Research on crumb rubber causing cancer is on-going but currently not conclusive.
2. Rieke-community Fund raising is possible and welcomed to supplement the project's budget to install a more preferred infill option.
3. Field replacement effect on school kids day-to-day play: has the design team observed and considered how the kids play on the field during recess? Difference in grade may require a small retaining wall of a maximum 24" +/- . One parent voiced concern about the presence of a retaining wall in the school yard.
4. How and when was the notification on existing field "play as if asphalt surface"? Did PPS provide notification to elementary school parents?
5. Request for soccer nets to be stored on-site for school children to use. May be possible but will have to confirm with PPS.
6. More discussion on crumb rubber as cancer causing material. Suggestion that if there is a chance that it is an issue, opt for the safer alternative for this project.
7. Request by Wilson HS softball coach for lacrosse net between the fields. Gary noted that it is not a part of this replacement project and best course would be to fund elsewhere.

Rieke Field Open House #1 (3.10.16) – Flipchart Notes

- Prices
 - o What is the difference in scale of materials?
 - o How much of the project budget is for infill?
 - o Total bond budget?
- Have you seen how kids use the field?
- Retaining wall
 - o Will it be safe for kids?
- PPS
 - o Has the current use been communicated to parents and teachers?
 - o Can goals be moved out during recess?
 - o Would like Rieke kids to use nets
- Concern that crumb rubber is linked to cancer
- What is cost to maintain grass?
- Would like to err on the side of caution
- Question about lease agreement between PPS and PP&R
- Would there be an opportunity to fundraise?
- Is there budget for Nike Grind?
- Kids are frequent users of fields
- Screen for softball field end?