



**Colonel Summers Park - Parks Replacement Bond – Comment Summary
Open House #1 - April 7, 2016**

Overview

The first Open House for the Colonel Summers Bond Project was held on Thursday, April 7, 2016 from 6:30pm – 8pm at Hinson Baptist Church, 1137 SE 20th Avenue. Outreach included posts on the project website & Parks web calendar, yard signs in the park, flyers to nearby neighbors, postcard mailing to 400 nearby residents, and two rounds of emails to interested parties. The Open House was attended by approximately 30 community members. A paper comment form was provided at the Open House, and a similar version was posted online for fourteen days after the Open House, along with the Open House presentation materials. A total of 90 comments were received.

The goal of the Open House was to share two concepts for the addition of a Loo and Splash Pad at Colonel Summers Park and gather input on locations and design options. Questions and comments were taken from the audience following a presentation about the project scope, timeline, and two concepts.

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 and other stakeholders will be used to inform the final design for the Colonel Summers Loo and Splash Pad. A second Open House meeting is planned for later this summer to share the final draft design and get additional public feedback.

1. Which is your preferred location for the Loo (restroom)?

- Concept 1 “Circles” (near Taylor St entrance, site of former wading pool) **19%**
- Concept 2 “Mountain Stream” (between pavilion and Taylor St entrance) 53%**
- No Opinion **9%**
- Other **19%**:
 - o Other locations suggested: By pavilion/existing restrooms, far away from homes, far away from play area, close to splash pad, less remote so more eyes are on it
 - o Other concerns mentioned: No loo at all, loo should be locked after hours, listen to parents and other users, the park needs maintenance - path and grass areas are flooded.

2. Which is your preferred location for the Splash Pad?

- Concept 1 “Circles” (close to basketball court & playground, may remove one tree for ADA-accessible pathway) **19%**
- Concept 2 “Mountain Stream” (near former wading pool and entrance at SE Taylor, southeast of pavilion, no added pathway or tree removal) 75%**
- No Opinion **3%**
- Other **3%**: Close to basketball courts, have all children’s facilities close together

3. What is your preference for the design elements for the Splash Pad?

- Concept 1 “Circles” (More modern, fountain-style) 19%
- Concept 2 “Mountain Stream” (More natural, with boulders and streams) 73%**
- No Opinion 3%
- Other 5%:
 - Not Mountain Stream. Looks like a lot of maintenance (and never will be maintained). The circle is simpler.
 - A combination of the two would be most exciting if it is a viable option.
 - Both seem good.

4. What is your preference for the shape of the Splash Pad?

- Concept 1 “Circles” (circle-shaped) 18%
- Concept 2 “Mountain Stream” (more organic and curvy) 77%**
- No Opinion 3%
- Other 2% : Both seem good

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

Top responses:

- Address homelessness and illegal activity; concerns about splash pad becoming shower 20%
- Thank you! / Very excited! 8%
- Address drainage issues 8%
- Keep splash pad away from basketball courts (hazardous and concern about language) 4%

Comments regarding the splash pad:

- Design splash pads to account for large amounts of trash dumped in park
- Proximity of splash pad to park benches is concerning
- Include benches for parents
- Mountain design seems less likely to be outdated in a decade or two
- Have the shape and style of mountains splash pad in location of circles plan
- Natural, flowing water is good
- Prefer the circle design
- Ensure significant shade
- Be mindful of adding shrubbery/cover as they are used by transient community
- Keep design low and open to discourage illegal behavior
- Make sure streams are turned off at night
- Is tree removal necessary?
- What is the exact location of the new shrub massing?
- Children practice riding bikes and scooters in empty wading pool



Comments regarding the Loo/restroom:

- Keep Loo away from splash pad
- Keep Loo away from homes
- Loo should be near mountain stream splash pad, not near playground
- Can restrooms be modified to have features of the Loo such as “see through” bottom?
- Two existing restrooms could be combined into an ADA restroom
- Fragrant, flowering bushes (mock oranges, jasmine...) would be nice additions to Loo

Additional comments:

- Do not like having additional pavement
- Feel like the City has ignored our concerns regarding illegal activity
- Have activity localized (loo and play areas near each other)
- Keep the stairs on North side of the park. Trimming of foliage has helped transient issues.
- Increase maintenance staff.
- Consider permit-only overnight parking
- No off-leash area
- Include a dog park
- Update play structure
- Remove pavilion to discourage loitering
- There is a dirt path going from SW corner into the park. Make official to increase foot traffic?
- Wider path for maintenance
- Keep comment process open till SE Examiner has come out

Please tell us about yourself:

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

- Five blocks or less **55%** Less than one mile **34%** More than one mile **11%**

How often do you visit Colonel Summers Park? (pick one)

- Every day or every other day **29%** A few times a year **26%**
 Once or twice a week **24%** Never **2%**
 Once or twice a month **19%**

How did you hear about this event? PP&R email **43%** PP&R website **5%**

PP&R flyer **14%** PP&R postcard **8%** yard sign in park **23%**

Other (see below)

- Social media (primarily Nextdoor) **22%**
- Buckman Neighborhood **9%**
- Friend/Neighbor **9%**
- School **6%**
- Parks Foundation **3%**



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How many children do you have living with you under the age of 18? (78 responses)

- Zero **46%** One **17%** Two **28%** Three or more **9%**

How old are they?

- 1-5 **64%**
 6-10 **25%**
 11-15 **10%**
 16 or older **1%**

I am age:

- under 16 **0%**
 16-24 **1%**
 25-34 **20%**
 35-44 **41%**
 45-59 **23%**
 60-79 **15%**
 80 & over **0%**

I identify as:

- female **65%** male **34%** other **1%** (did not specify)

Regarding residence, I: own **83%** rent **17%** other **0%**

I identify as (please check all that apply):

- American Indian/Alaskan Native **0%**
 Asian **5%**
 Black or African American **2%**
 Hispanic or Latino **4%**
 Recent African Immigrant **0%**
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander **0%**
 Slavic/Eastern European Immigrant **1%**
 White **89%**
 Some Other Race (see below)
 - Multi-ethnic **1%**
 - Other **1%**

