



Colonel Summers Park Loo Meeting
Monday, May 16, 6pm – 7pm
Location: Old Wading Pool at Colonel Summers

At the request of park neighbors, PP&R met with immediate park neighbors to discuss the possible Loo locations on 5/16/16. Representatives from Portland Police & the Office of Neighborhood Involvement – Crime Prevention were also present.

Attendees:

- **Park Neighbors / Colonel Summers Task Force**
- Maija Spencer & Marlo Medellin, **Portland Parks**
- Mike O'Brien, Landscape Architect, **ESA-Vigil Agrimis**
- Teri Poppino, **Office of Neighborhood Involvement Crime Prevention**
- Sergeant James Crooker, Mike Frome, Craig Gervais, **Portland Police Bureau**

Agenda:

1. **Introductions** – All
2. **Overview of Goals for This Meeting** - Maija shared the below goals for the meeting, and all agreed this met their expectations for meeting topics.
 - a. Overview of projects happening (pavilion gates, Loo, splash pad)
 - b. Discuss options for Loo locations
 - c. Get feedback on locations
3. **Update on Pavillion Gates** – Marlo said the gates have been designed and have just gone out for bid for fabrication/construction. The bidding process takes several weeks, and then the gates will be fabricated off-site. Activity will not happen in the park until the summer, and the goal is to have the gates installed in August.





4. **Overview of Loo & Splash Pad Project** – Marlo, Maija, and Mike gave an overview of the project for those who did not attend the first community meeting.

- **Scope:** Install a splash pad (SDC funded) and a Loo (Bond-funded).
- **Timeline:** Finish design by this fall; construction documents, permitting, & bidding over the winter/spring; construction starting in spring 2017; completion by summer 2017.
- **Options:** Concept 2 received the most positive feedback from the community for all elements – design of splash pad, location of splash pad & Loo.
- **Seasons/Hours of Use:**

Loo – Expected Hours of Operation:

- March – November (note: after speaking again with PP&R Maintenance Supervisor Betsy Redfearn – it may be possible to operate year-round because Loos can sustain winter conditions)
- Unlocked & cleaned by maintenance staff around 7:30-8am
- Locked in evenings by Parks Rangers – anywhere from 5pm-9pm, depending on their route.

Splash Pad – Expected Hours of Operation:

- Splash pads open Friday of Memorial Day weekend – Sept 15th
- Hours of programmed use are typically 9am – 9pm or 11am-9pm
- Programmed to be shut off during closed hours / off-season
- Usually user activated during open hours – runs for a set number of minutes

5. **Site Walk of Locations** – Discussed the locations presented in the two concepts. Both are along the pathway between the pavilion and the splash pad. The Loo could replace the seasonal port-a-potties which experience issues with fire/burning, tipping over, etc, and damage adds costs for





PP&R. Loos are much harder to damage since they are made of steel, and they can operate year-round without pipes freezing (existing restrooms have to be closed over winter). They also allow for better security, as you see under bottom of door to see feet and the handwashing station is outside of the Loo, so it is not as attractive for bathing use.

Criteria for siting of Loos: Proximity to utilities (potable water, sewer, & electricity), ADA accessibility via paths, good visibility for security, try not to impact trees/roots, accessible for servicing by maintenance staff.

6. **Feedback on Locations** – The community gave their feedback on the Loo options and splash pad. Highlights included:
 - a. **Restroom access:** Some neighbors have been given restroom keys by PP&R in the past to help with locking up – can this happen with the Loo?
 - b. **Parking policy:** neighbors have concerns about campers parking on edges of park. Would like more signage or enforcement.
 - c. **Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED):** PP&R will do a CPTED review with the ONI Crime Prevention staff. Neighbors want to be sure CPTED is considered in design, including landscaping elements like low shrubs (and consider how they will be once full-grown shrubs/trees).
 - d. **Splash pad:** people are supportive of the location & mountain stream design as long as boulders are not too high to create visibility/hiding issues. Some neighbors would like the Splash Pad to have earlier hours (close at 7pm or 8pm) – concern about adults taking it over after 7pm.
 - e. **Signage:** Would like more “no smoking” signage in entry to park and near splash pad once installed. Also suggested adding signage with police non-emergency number on it.
 - f. **Lighting:** consider where lighting is in park when siting





amenities. Could use more / improved lighting as older fixtures aren't very bright.

- g. **Location of Loo:** Many of the neighbors expressed a preference for an alternative location to the locations proposed in the initial concepts. One concern was that the Loo would become a draw for more people camping in vehicles on street. Neighbors suggested looking at NE corner of park (near SE 20th / Belmont) as busier / more visible street will be less of an attraction for long-term vehicle campers. It was requested that Parks look into this area for the Loo and report back to neighbors if it is feasible.

Next Steps:

- Parks will look into alternate Loo locations and consider if they meet the requirements (utilities, ADA, CPTED, budget, maintenance staff support, etc). Parks expects to have an update for the neighbors in early June.
- Community Meeting – Share final draft design – July/August 2016
- Complete design process and prepare construction documents – Fall 2016
- Permitting and Bidding – Winter 2016/17
- Construction – Spring 2017
- Opening – Summer 2017

Questions:

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