



Lents Park Playground - Parks Replacement Bond - Meeting #1 – October 14, 2015 Comment Form Summary

Overview

The first community meeting for the Lents Park Playground Bond Project was held on Tuesday, October 14, 2015 from 6:00-7:30pm at Lents Activity Center. Outreach included posts on the project & Parks website; yard signs in the Park; flyers distributed nearby residents; and two rounds of emails to interested parties. A paper comment form was provided at the meeting, and a similar version was posted online for one week after the meeting. A total of 25 comments were received.

The goal of the meeting was to share the final draft design for the playground replacement and get feedback on the community's preferences for the design elements. A presentation was followed by questions and comments 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 at earlier Lents community meetings and by Parks staff will be used to inform the development of the final schematic design for the Lents Park playground improvements.

Playground Questions:

1. Regarding the playground at Lents Park, I would prefer (pick one):

- Manufactured play equipment (swings, slides, climbing structures) **8%**
- Passive or individual creative play elements (sensory elements, music, interactive) **8%**
- Combination of manufactured and passive/individual creative play elements **84%**

2. Regarding the play structures at Lents Park's playground, I would prefer (pick one):

- Traditional post & platform structures (with ramps) **28%**
- Contemporary play structures (domes, nets, climbers, mounds) **40%**
- Independent play elements **32%**



3. I would use the Lents Park playground more if (check all that apply):

- It had more/better features for young children (2-5) **54%**
- It had more/better features for children (5-12) **62%**
- It had more/better features for teens **8%**
- It provided a more relaxing environment – improved landscaping/benches **58%**
- It was easier to get to **4%**
- Please explain: 1 comment: “We need accessible paths to the playground from the north end of the park.”
- Other – please tell us what you would like to see in the playground:
 - Group imaginative play
 - Lights to extend play hours in winter
 - Fewer houseless/transient/drug issues, more rangers or police, and more safety
 - 100% accessible playground like Harper’s Playground
 - Preserve trees
 - Keep playground enclosure open – kids like to run in and out of the area
 - Less division of space/more social area and picnic tables for families with good views into playground
 - Current playground “isn’t fun” – most equipment is for young children and equipment for older children is not engaging or multi-purposed.
 - Nature play
 - Water feature

4. Based on the conceptual plans and descriptions above of the three concepts, which do you think creates the most engaging playground? (pick one):

- Concept A **57%**
- Concept B **9%**
- Concept C **17%**
- No Opinion **17%**

5. Based on the conceptual plans and descriptions above of the three concepts, which do you think creates the most play options for all ages of kids? (pick one):

- Concept A **33%**
- Concept B **19%**
- Concept C **14%**
- No Opinion **33%**

6. Based on the conceptual plans and descriptions above of the three concepts, which do you think creates the best balance between active and passive play? (pick one):

- Concept A **33%**
- Concept B **19%**
- Concept C **19%**
- No Opinion **29%**

Anything else to share?

- We need better visualizations – too abstract for non-architects.
- Happy to see walls removed and replaced with actual play structures. Kids use walls dangerously instead to climb.
- Would like splash pad.
- Safer environment.
- Would like mix of creative elements (music, building, drawing) and some manufactured elements that allow for rough and tumble play. Visually striking and FUN.
- Please add “no smoking” signs.

Please tell us about yourself:

How far do you live from the Lents Park? (pick one)

- Five blocks or less 48%
- Less than one mile 39%
- More than one mile 13%

How often do you visit Lents Park? (pick one)

- Every day or every other day 9%
- Once or twice a week 30%
- Once or twice a month 22%
- A few times a year 35%
- Never 4%

How did you hear about this event? PP&R email 26% Facebook 39%

Lents neighborhood 4% PP&R flyer 4% word of mouth 4%

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

Zero 20% One 33% Two 33% Three 13%

How old are they?

- 5 and under 53%
- 6-10 26%
- 11-15 21%
- 16 or older 0%

Please provide the following optional demographic information to help us serve you better.

I am age:

- Under 16 **0%**
- 16-24 **0%**
- 25-34 **33%**
- 35-44 **50%**
- 45-59 **8%**
- 60-79 **4%**
- 80 & over **0%**

I identify as female **50%** male **42%** other **8%**

Regarding residence, I own **96%** rent **4%**

I identify as (please check all that apply):

- American Indian/Alaskan Native **8%**
- Asian **0%**
- Black or African American **0%**
- Hispanic or Latino **8%**
- Recent African Immigrant **0%**
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander **0%**
- Slavic/Eastern European Immigrant **0%**
- White **77%**