



**Lents Park Playground - Parks Replacement Bond - Meeting #2 – December 1, 2015
Comment Form Summary**

Overview

The second community meeting for the Lents Park Playground Bond Project was held on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 from 6:00-7:00pm at Lents Activity Center. Outreach included posts on the project & Parks website; yard signs in the Park and neighborhood; flyers distributed to Lent Elementary School students; and two rounds of emails to interested parties. The meeting was attended by approximately 15 community members. 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 22 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.

Options for Playground:

The plan calls for unique play elements and features that provide similar experiences. Please **CIRCLE** which element you prefer in the three **FEATURE OPTIONS** for **EACH GROUP**:

OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3
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a) Music Group – I PREFER (circle one):

Traditional musical instruments (xylophone, drums, etc) 38%	Non-traditional music makers and other sensory elements 57%	No musical elements in the play area 5%
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b) Climbing Play Features – I PREFER (circle one):

Natural or natural appearance objects with hand holds (boulder with holds) 62%	Metal object with hand holds 14%	Objects that do not have hand holds or allow for climbing to an advanced height (boulder piles) 24%
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c) Spinning Element - I PREFER (circle one):

Group spinners 14%	Individual spinners 5%	A mix of group and individual spinners 81%
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d) Swing Element - I PREFER (circle one):

Group swing 40%	Traditional swing set with individual swings 60%	No swings 0%
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e) Balance Elements - I PREFER (circle one):

Individual challenge elements (skateboard and balance dancer) 29%	Traditional balance beams and steppers 10%	Natural elements (rocks, ropes, nets, etc.) 62%
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f) Color Palettes for Surfacing - I PREFER (circle one):

Bright primary tones (red, blue, yellow, etc) 33%	Earth tones (browns & greens) 38%	Wood chips (engineered wood play surfacing) 29%
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How do you define your community - are there any community slogans, themes, or historical imagery that can add to the playground's identity?

- "I love Lents" and Lents Grown were most frequently mentioned.

Other answers:

- Woody Guthrie, Oliver Lent
- Floodplain and natural areas, farmer's market, street performers in the town center, a small town nestled between the buttes
- Creative, inclusive, lots of ethnicity, diverse, city-meets-forest
- Family oriented
- Hard-working
- Jade District if appropriate or Rose City of Portland
- Pioneer, exploration, nature theme
- DIY. Resilient.

What else would you like us to know? Is there anything else you'd like to tell us about your preferences or hopes for the play area? Is anything missing?

- Color surfacing could also be fuchsia, turquoise or lime green. Prefer earth tones but not like the 70s.
- Water feature
- Improve bathroom
- Need a communication board to post local happenings
- Playground needs better lighting as well
- Like St Francis Park in SE
- Natural features like rocks are great.
- Music instruments like Luhr Jensen Park in Hood River (xylophones & drums) – allows for element of expression not at conventional parks
- Like playground with eastern wall removed.
- Like both kinds of swings, a mix of climbing elements (metal and natural), musical elements that use mallets.
- Make inclusive / accessible as possible.
- Slides!
- Edible and/or pollinator plants in landscape
- Sculptural elements for climbing on (especially animal sculptures). Or interactive like a water-wheel when it rains.

Please tell us about yourself:

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

- Five blocks or less **59%**
- Less than one mile **36%**
- More than one mile **5%**

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

- Every day or every other day **18%**
- Once or twice a week **32%**
- Once or twice a month **41%**
- A few times a year **9%**
- Never **0%**

How did you hear about this event? PP&R email **18%** Yard sign in park **9%**
 Facebook **64%** PP&R website **0%** Yard sign in neighborhood **5%**
 PP&R flyer **9%** word of mouth **10%**

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 41%
- 35-44 41%
- 45-59 9%
- 60-79 9%
- 80 & over 0%

I identify as female 52% male 48%

Regarding residence, I own 95% rent 5%

I identify as (please check all that apply):

- American Indian/Alaskan Native 5%
- Asian 0%
- Black or African American 0%
- Hispanic or Latino 5%
- Recent African Immigrant 0%
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander 0%
- Slavic/Eastern European Immigrant 0%
- White 77.3%
- Some other race: Greek (1 comment)