



## **Kenton Park Playground - Parks Replacement Bond - Open House #1 – March 7, 2017 Comment Form Summary**

The first open house for the Kenton Park Playground Bond Project was held on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at the Historic Kenton Firehouse from 6:00pm – 7:30pm and was attended by about 30 community members. Outreach included emails to stakeholders, posts on the project website and Parks online calendar, yard signs in the park, flyers distributed to nearby park neighbors, and a post on the Kenton Neighborhood Facebook page. The comment form was posted online for about 10 days after the Open House, along with the Open House presentation materials. A total of 88 comments were received.

The goal of the Open House was to share three design concepts for the playground replacement and get community feedback on play themes and layouts. Boards were posted displaying this information, and project staff were on hand to guide visitors through the display and answer questions.

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, will be used to inform the final design for the Kenton Park playground improvements.

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### **1. What is your preference for overall type of play theme?**

- Nature-based play **54%**
- Sculptural play **23%**
- Traditional play **23%**

### **2. What are you and your family's top priorities for types of play at Kenton's play area? (PICK YOUR TOP FIVE)**

- Climbing **82%**
- Natural elements (boulders, timber/wood) **67%**
- Fort or sculptural play structures **66%**
- Imaginative play **53%**
- Sliding **51%**
- Music / sensory elements **45%**
- Balancing elements **36%**
- Gathering spaces **27%**



- Mounds **24%**
- Spinning **19%**
- Earth tone colors **17%**
- Bright colors **16%**
- Other responses included:
  - Elements celebrating Kenton's history and the PNW **4%**
  - Sand and water **4%**
  - Tunnels
  - Baby/toddler-friendly areas
  - Sports
  - Accessibility

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

- It had more seating/table areas for adults and kids **48%**
- It had more/better features for young children (2-5) **45%**
- It had more/better features for children (5-12) **43%**
- It had more individual play opportunities **21%**
- It had more group play opportunities **20%**
- It had more/better features for teens **3%**
- Other responses included:
  - More engaging/interesting play structures **5%**
  - Shaded **5%**
  - Water feature **3%**
  - Seating **3%**
  - Nicer restrooms **2%**
  - More paths/re-routed paths **2%**
  - Soccer nets **2%**
  - Accessible **2%**
  - Drainage
  - Lighting
  - Less homeless
  - Bike racks

**4. Which of the three schemes are your favorite (pick ONE or TWO options):**

- Nature Play **69%**
- Sculptural Play **44%**
- Traditional Play **38%**

**What do you like about the scheme(s) you selected? Is there anything else you would like us to know?**

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Responses included:

- Combine elements from nature, sculptural, and traditional play **28%**
- Include active/physical play elements like climbing **27%**

- Nature play is important **23%**
- Draw from Westmoreland Park's Nature Play elements **12%**
- Draw from Harper's Playground (Arbor Lodge Park) play elements **8%**
- Play elements should inspire imagination and be interesting **8%**
- Increase accessibility **7%**
- Natural areas are available nearby, complement what's already available nearby **7%**
- Time construction to have lowest impact on users **3%**
- Having swings too close to other structures will lead to cross-traffic and kids running into each other **3%**
- These look good/thank you **3%**

**Please tell us about yourself:**

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**How far do you live from Kenton Park? (pick one)**

- Five blocks or less **72%**
- Less than one mile **24%**
- More than one mile **4%**

**How often do you visit the Kenton Park playground? (pick one)**

- Once or twice a week **49%**
- Every day or every other day **20%**
- Once or twice a month **18%**
- A few times a year **12%**
- Never **0%**

**Do you... (check all that apply)**

- Have a child who attends another school or day care **53%**
- Have a child who attends Peninsula Elementary School **17%**
- Have a child who attends Discovery Gardens Childcare **10%**
- Have a child who attends the Portland Village School **1%**
- Attend or work at one of the schools listed above **0%**
- None of the above **31%**

**How did you hear about this event?**

- Yard sign in park **30%**
- PP&R email **29%**
- Kenton Neighborhood Association **20%**
- Facebook **10%**
- Word of mouth **10%**
- PP&R flyer **8%**
- NextDoor **8%**
- PP&R website **6%**
- PTA **4%**

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

- Two **48%**
- One **30%**
- Zero **17%**
- Three **3%**
- Four **0%**

**What are their ages? (check all that apply):**

- 3-6 years **68%**
- 0-2 years **47%**
- 7-10 years **30%**
- 11-14 years **5%**
- 15-17 years **2%**

**I am age:**

- 35-44 years **59%**
- 25-34 years **21%**
- 45-59 years **13%**
- 60-79 years **5%**
- under 16 years **2%**
- 16-24 years **0%**
- 80 & over **0%**

**I identify as:**

- female **66%**
- male **32%**
- genderqueer / androgynous **1%**
- trans male **0%**
- trans female **0%**

**Regarding residence, I**

- own **95%**
- rent **4%**
- other **1%**