



**Kenton Park Playground - Parks Replacement Bond - Open House #2 – April 13, 2017
Comment Form Summary**

The second open house for the Kenton Park Playground Bond Project was held on Thursday, April 13, 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 a week after the Open House, along with the Open House presentation materials. A total of 62 comments were received.

The goal of the Open House was to share the final draft design for the playground replacement and get community feedback on the design and play equipment preferences. A presentation was given at the meeting, followed by Q&A.

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.

1. What is your general reaction to the playground design?

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|---|---|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Love it
32% | <input type="checkbox"/> Like it
58% | <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion
3% | <input type="checkbox"/> Dislike it
5% | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly dislike it
2% |
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2. The playground design is inclusive, appealing, and safe for all ages and abilities.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree
18% | <input type="checkbox"/> Agree
72% | <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion
5% | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
5% | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree
0% |
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3. Public input was incorporated into the overall design concept.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree
35% | <input type="checkbox"/> Agree
44% | <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion
18% | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
3% | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree
0% |
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4. At the first Open House, we heard a strong preference to create a playground that blends nature based-themed play pieces with traditional, active play elements like climbing. How would you rate the balance between natural materials and traditional play in this design?

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|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Love it | <input type="checkbox"/> Like it | <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion | <input type="checkbox"/> Dislike it | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly dislike it |
| 30% | 59% | 3% | 7% | 2% |

5. We also heard that many people desire better seating options at the playground. What do you think of the seating options (benches and picnic tables) in this design?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Much better | <input type="checkbox"/> It's ok | <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion | <input type="checkbox"/> Worse | <input type="checkbox"/> Much worse |
| 47% | 45% | 5% | 3% | 0% |

6. Which type of musical play equipment do you prefer? (pick one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Xylophone 39% | <input type="checkbox"/> Bells 13% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chimes 21% | <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion/don't know 3% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drums 18% | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see below) |

Other responses included:

- Make sure it is deeply tonal yet durable.
- Explore some other play options.
- None.

7. Which type of spinner do you prefer (pick one):

- Group spinner 71%
- Individual spinner 19%
- No opinion 10%

8. Which type of surface design do you prefer for imaginative play and creative game play (pick one):

- Option 2 – rainbow imagination wave 57%
- Option 1 – yellow and blue imagination circles 40%
- No opinion 3%

9. Which type of climber do you prefer (pick one):

- Net climber 75%
- Metal climber with hand holds 18%
- No opinion 7%

Is there anything else you would like us to know?

The 37 responses were relatively unique. Please see attached list of comments.

Please tell us about yourself:

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

- Five blocks or less **66%**
- Less than one mile **32%**
- More than one mile **2%**

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

- Once or twice a week **40%**
- Once or twice a month **31%**
- Every day or every other day **23%**
- A few times a year **6%**
- Never **0%**

Do you... (check all that apply)

- Have a child who attends another school or day care **59%**
- Have a child who attends Peninsula Elementary School **10%**
- Have a child who attends Discovery Gardens Childcare **7%**
- Have a child who attends the Portland Village School **5%**
- Attend or work at one of the schools listed above **0%**
- None of the above **26%**

How did you hear about this event?

- PP&R email **40%**
- yard sign in park **27%**
- Nextdoor.com **27%**
- Facebook **13%**
- PP&R flyer **11%**
- Friend/neighbor **6%**
- PP&R website **5%**
- School **1%**

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

- One **45%**
- Two **42%**
- Zero **10%**
- Three **3%**

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

- 3-6 years **55%**
- 0-2 years **50%**

7-10 years **29%**

11-14 years **2%**

15-17 years **2%**

I am age

35-44 **62%**

25-34 **18%**

45-59 **15%**

60-79 **3%**

under 16 **2%**

16-24 **0%**

80 & over **0%**

I identify as

female **69%**

male **29%**

genderqueer / androgynous **2%**

trans male **0%**

trans female **0%**

Regarding residence, I

own **89%**

rent **9%**

relative of owner **2%**

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Q10 Is there anything else you would like to share with us?

Answered: 37 Skipped: 25

#	Responses	Date
1	The kids really love the teeter totter now. It can be a bit unsafe without parental supervision given it's current age but it well loved. It would be great to incorporate something similar or smaller. Maybe some low to the ground balance boards ?	4/20/2017 9:46 AM
2	(From the 5 year old): Please have a fire pole and rings.	4/20/2017 7:49 AM
3	I do like the phtographic rendering of the wooden play structure, which shows two slides, whereas the design plan only shows one. I hope the actual structure looks more like the photo.	4/19/2017 9:14 PM
4	we were just at a playground in tokyo with a really cool slide: instead of a metal surface, the slide was composed of rollers made of a dense plastic. our two year old loved it. the slope wasn't very steep, but the slide was long, making it more friendly for younger kids.	4/19/2017 8:54 PM
5	The African American community heavily uses the picnic areas for large family gatherings in the summer on the weekends and evenings (often by the street with easy access to cars). Please don't gentrify Kenton Park -- keep the large family gathering areas and picnic amenities! Homeless people often camp/sleep under the covered area in front of the women's bathroom. Therefore, the picnic tables are too close to the bathroom - for security, safety, pleasantness and comfort. Please continue to provide picnic tables spread throughout the play area - under the nice large tress and further from the dirty bathroom. Please build a small trail link between the basketball court and the intersecting pathway from Delaware and Kilpatrick/Halleck - this will create a direct access to the new playground. Neither Kilpatrick or Delaware have sidewalks on the park side - so the internal park trails are very important for the safety of families accessing the park.	4/19/2017 2:28 PM
6	More signs that really specify "no smoking". People smoke pot constantly at the picnic tables and swings.	4/19/2017 1:39 PM
7	I would really love it if there were more places for parents/caregivers to sit surrounding the entire area, rather than just one section or side.	4/18/2017 10:20 AM
8	It would be great if there were more nature based and imaginative elements at the playground. And also maybe a sand element?	4/17/2017 8:48 PM
9	Shade for the play structures would be a great addition, especially for children who have to be very careful about sun exposure and overheating due to chronic illnesses and medications.	4/17/2017 8:02 PM
10	Nicely done. Very excited to have this in our neighborhood :)	4/17/2017 8:00 PM
11	Please provide as many trash cans as possible.	4/17/2017 3:40 PM
12	I love the new path plan. Thanks for listening.	4/17/2017 2:58 PM
13	It would be nice to have at least one climbing structure for big kids 9-12	4/17/2017 2:56 PM
14	I liked the suggestion of improving the walking path around the whole park - sounds like the current plan only improves a small bit of the pathway. The path is not as exciting as new playground equipment but makes getting to (and around) the play area easier and safer.	4/17/2017 2:46 PM
15	- How did you pick blue and yellow for the surfacing? - I like natural elements, could you incorporate logs like Westmoreland Park? - Incorporate more natural elements, signs made of wood, local from N Portland	4/17/2017 2:05 PM
16	Great work!	4/17/2017 2:03 PM
17	Slides as tall as safely possible	4/17/2017 2:02 PM
18	I absolutely love the idea of rain garden(s). I also love the idea of having a "boundary" or something that makes the swing set area a safe area.	4/17/2017 1:52 PM
19	Pirate ship themed fort with a treasure chest	4/17/2017 1:49 PM
20	1) Monkey bars in play structure 2) Can the imagination circles and wave be combined to form a hybrid?	4/17/2017 1:46 PM
21	The main climbing fort/structure should have greater than or equal to 2 slides, levels, netting, placed to hide :) Thank you!	4/17/2017 1:29 PM

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22	- Is there bike security? Add two blue U-racks. - If the reason the project has to be done in the summer is the limitation of the walk surface, consider another surface. It sounds like there is a prefabbed option, I think it would be much better to not lose a summer of use.	4/17/2017 1:26 PM
23	Please keep water features. Adding on more to these would be a plus too!	4/17/2017 1:18 PM
24	On a purely aesthetic level, I'd like to see more color or sculptural elements involved in the design of the new playground. In Portland, we have ample access to the outdoors so more color and artistic expression would be nice to see in the playgrounds. From a safety standpoint, I'm concerned with the increased seating around the playground in these designs because the existing seating areas in Kenton Park are already typically taken over by vagrants with little regard or lack of awareness of their actions in the presence of young children. When the existing benches and tables aren't occupied by mentally unstable individuals screaming at and/or about nothing in particular, they're often used by people blatantly drinking or chain smoking with disregard of the health of others in the area. With the growing numbers of RV's, trailers, and people taking up permanent residence around the park, I would really hope that you would consider reducing the seating near the playground or ensuring the city police will step up enforcement of existing laws and ordinances in the park for the safety of all residents.	4/17/2017 11:08 AM
25	Can Parks work with PBOT as part of this process to make the intersection at Deleware and Kilpatrick safer? It's hard to access the park from the south at this intersection and I think some low-cost transportation fixes along with a little Parks work to connect the intersection into the more effectively would make the entire experience safer and more enjoyable for people to get to the park by walking. I might be able to help.	4/17/2017 9:18 AM
26	You could have done a lot more. I'm pretty disappointed in this design. You haven't done a lot to create a complex space that kids will enjoy exploring over and over again. It's a fairly simple space and I think they will get bored quickly. Peninsula Park will become more of our go-to park with this renovation. Also, I can't tell how tall the slides are in this version, but it looks like they're shorter than the existing tall slides. This would also be very disappointing - even children as young as 2 like the tall slides. My son comes here with his daycare class and they're all over the tall slides.	4/16/2017 1:10 PM
27	We love fire poles, bars, and other more traditional aspects of structure that allow for climbing. We also love rings.	4/15/2017 9:36 PM
28	What is happening to the existing play structure? Is there any way to have that given to Peninsula Elementary? They have the saddest playground of all of the public schools I have driven by and it is one of the reasons we have not sent our daughter to that school.	4/15/2017 2:57 PM
29	The proposed design is a good facelift to the existing platform. I do think varying the surface landscape can greatly improve the engagement and enjoyment of children without involving structures or equipment. Several other parks have utilized this idea and I have witnessed this being enjoyed more than the play structures themselves. I am a parent and watch my daughter and her friends pass up swings and slides to go running up and down a sloped surface. I know there are many variables to consider in such a decision but I think it would be wise to look at the option.	4/15/2017 7:43 AM
30	Please make elements large enough that both kids and adults can really play.	4/15/2017 7:41 AM
31	More benches in/at the edge of the play area would be nice!	4/14/2017 10:00 PM
32	I rarely see children on the metal climber with hand holds at Arbor Lodge Park. Is this a popular climbing structure? Does it just seem fun, or do kids actually find it enjoyable?	4/14/2017 9:59 PM
33	The only slide appears to be curved. That's the type of slide I see used least in the current playground. Kids that are building up the confidence to go down slides can find the blind corners scary. It's also difficult for a grown-up (I'm 6' 2") to go down a curved slide with a kid in their lap. This is the only reason I disagreed that the playground was inclusive/appealing/safe to all. Also, I think the decorative surfaces are great but they might even more potential! * The rainbow path (or similar) has a lot of potential to guide traffic flow through and around the structures. I think it's complementary to the shapes. * Some change in the graphic from one side to the other could help stimulate even more imaginative play. Suppose that the south side was circles and the north side was squares or triangles: kids would have a reason to go across the playground and change it up.	4/14/2017 8:18 PM
34	Neither of the spinner options look accessible for groups or younger children. Something closer to the ground might be more appropriate. The nature-based play items don't look incredibly enticing for children. The musical element seems great! Bike staples? Thank you for collecting community input!	4/14/2017 7:54 PM
35	My kids don't find either spinner very appealing. They would prefer any of the following, 1. A balancing feature 2. An additional climbing feature 3. A zipline (dreamy I know. They played on a really cool one at LBA park in Olympia Wa and its been their dream since.) 4. A mound with slide 5. A more traditional merry go round that multiple people could sit in. Overall our family is very excited! Thank you for doing this and for the opportunity for feedback!	4/14/2017 7:10 PM
36	The "natural" element does not look particularly natural, very static and unimaginative. More emphasis on the picnic area would be nice, it's VERY popular and should have areas where different groups can sit without bumping into each other.	4/14/2017 6:54 PM
37	It's pretty crappy. ??????????	4/14/2017 6:36 PM