



Lynchview Park – Community Gathering #1 – September 2017 Comment Form Summary

The first community gathering for the Lynchview Park Bond Project was held on Thursday, September 7, 2017 at Lynchview Park from 6:00pm – 7:30pm and was attended by about 70 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 at Patrick Lynch Elementary School, and posts on NextDoor.com. The comment form was posted online for two weeks after the event, along with the presentation materials. A total of 68 comments were received.

The goal of the Community Gathering was gather information from the community about what types of active and passive elements they would like to see in this park in the future, to help determine where the new playground should go. Boards were posted for people to put stickers on their favorite images, 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 and the Project Advisory Committee, will be used to inform the design process for the Lynchview Park playground and other improvements.

1. How do you currently get to the park (check all that apply)?

- Walk **60%**
- Drive **35%**
- Bike **16%**
- Don't visit it **10%**
- Other: Through my back gate.

2. Which park entrance do you use most:

- SE 167th (from Market St) **41%**
- SE 167th (from Mill St) **12%**
- SE 164th (from Mill St) **9%**
- None **10%**
- Don't know **3%**
- Other: SE 169th / School lot **12%**, SE 174th / Mill **4%**, Backyard **3%**



3. What is your family's favorite playground? Why?:

Playgrounds included: Alder Elementary, Blue Lake, Glendoveer Trail, Gresham Fountain, Hamilton Park, Happy Valley, Harold Oliver School, Imagination Station, Lincoln Park, Mt Tabor Park, Parklane Park, Patrick Lynch School, Powell Butte, Red Sunset Park, Vance Futsal Court, Washington Park, Westmoreland Park, Woodstock (NY), and Khunamokwst Park.

- Gresham Water Park – has area for small children.
- Hamilton – connected playground, large structure
- Imagination Station – variety of hands-on equipment and amenities. Space and imaginative space for whole family. Something fun for all ages.
- Khunamokwst – fantastic – has something for everyone.
- Lincoln – shade, equipment, picnic facilities
- Parklane – most variety and swings. Close by, has a bathroom, summer programs, and lots of people from the community.
- Red Sunset – has playground, picnic tables, beautiful water scenery, and soccer.
- Westmoreland – musical instruments, nature elements, and water play
- Washington Park – play surface and amount of equipment
- Woodstock, NY – huge wooden playground and recycled tire structures. Fun and uses recycled materials.
- Any park that is safe, clean, and well-maintained.
- Closest or more convenient park that can be walked to.
- Any playground with slides, swings, for little kids/toddlers and areas close by to watch little ones.
- Any park with large playground and dog park.
- Any park with water play.

4. **PICK YOUR TOP THREE CHOICES** for *active* elements:

- Basketball court **50%**
- Running trail **49%**
- Biking **44%**
- Fenced dog area **34%**
- Volleyball court **29%**
- Futsal court **19%**
- Skate spot **15%**
- Pickleball court **9%**
- Bocce court **7%**
- Other: Splash pad / water feature **9%**, Playground **6%**, Soccer field **4%**, Walking trail **3%**, Natural play **1%** **Note: a playground is planned as the major addition for this project and the grass soccer field will be maintained, so these were not included as options.**

5. PICK YOUR TOP THREE CHOICES for *passive* elements:

- Walking path 57%
- Portland Loo (restroom) 57%
- Picnic tables 49%
- Picnic shelter 41%
- Bench 32%
- Community garden 31%
- Native planting 24%
- Interpretive signage 4%
- Tree groves 12%
- Open lawn 11%
- Other: Fruit trees/orchard with edible garden, BBQ stations

6. PICK THREE WORDS that describe how you would like the park to feel:

- Family friendly 62%
- Safe 49%
- Active 43%
- Playful 29%
- Beautiful 28%
- Natural 21%
- Green 16%
- Relaxing 15%
- Gathering space 13%
- Healthy 12%
- Welcoming 10%
- Open 6%
- Quiet 4%
- Other: Clean, informative of history of Lynch community.

7. Would you like Lynchview Park to be:

- More active, with a few passive elements 57%
- More passive, with a few active elements 35%
- No opinion 8%

8. Is there anything else you would like share with us?

- Several people mentioned safety, vandalism, nearby drug use, and transients as concerns.
- Avoid structures as graffiti and crime is prevalent.
- Bark dust trail, large trees, and maybe a basketball court to make it low maintenance/avoid graffiti.
- Will there be more lighting?
- Would love splash pad / water play.
- Food sources for this diverse community that has major food insecurity issues.

- SUN School could be a partner for food growing efforts.
- Consider structures and elements for families, especially small children.
- Activities for every stage (swings, water activities, slides, playground, walking trail).
- Playground ideas: merry-go-round, mist play, swings, and stepping stones
- Favorite play options: 1) natural wood play, 2) water feature, 3)skate park, 4)bike.
- Would like a better playground like Couch Park / MLC.
- This area needs a community center.
- Need parking at SE 164th and Mill entrance.
- Need garbage cans throughout park.
- Excited to see our park develop.
- Hope to get input from non-white, non-English speakers in the neighborhood and prioritize their desires.
- Will the park's name change?

Please tell us about yourself:

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

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| • Five blocks or less 45% | • Less than one mile 30% | • More than one mile 25% |
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How often do you visit Lynchview Park? (pick one)

- A few times a year **34%**
- Once or twice a week **23%**
- Once or twice a month **19%**
- Every day or every other day **13%**
- Never **11%**

Do you... (check all that apply)

- Have a child who attends another school or day care **32%**
- Have a child who attends Patrick Lynch Elementary School **19%**
- Work at or attend Patrick Lynch Elementary School **14%**
- None of the above **44%**

How did you hear about this?

- Flyer **28%**
- Email **22%**
- Friend / neighbor **22%**
- NextDoor **19%**
- Yard sign in park **13%**
- **Other:** Russian outreach staff **6%**, Facebook **4%**, on committee **4%**, school **4%**, local news **3%**

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

- 0 32%
- 1-2 44%
- 3-4 24%
- 5 or more 0%

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

- 0-2 years 23%
- 3-6 years 40%
- 7-10 years 48%
- 11-14 years 28%
- 15-17 years 21%

I am age:

- under 16 years 6%
- 16-24 years 9%
- 25-34 years 25%
- 35-44 years 25%
- 45-59 years 19%
- 60-79 years 16%
- 80 & over 0%

I identify as:

- female 70%
- male 29%
- genderqueer / androgynous 2%
- trans male 0%
- trans female 0%

I identify as: (check all that apply)

- American Indian/Alaskan Native 3%
- Asian 3%
- Black or African American 5%
- Hispanic or Latino 21%
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander 2%
- Slavic/Eastern European 16%
- White 60%
- Other (please specify): East Indian, Cajun/Jewish, human.

Regarding residence, I

- own 65%
- rent 17%
- live with my parents 14%
- other 3%