



**Lynchview Park – Community Gathering #2 – November 2017
Comment Form Summary**

The second community gathering for the Lynchview Park Bond Project was held on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at Patrick Lynch School from 6:00pm – 7:30pm and was attended by about 60 community members. Outreach included emails to the project list, 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 **74 comments** were received.

The goal of the Community Gathering was gather information from the community about different layouts and park amenities, to help determine the best location and design for the playground. Boards were posted with the three concepts, and project staff were on hand to guide visitors through the displays 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.

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- 1. All three concepts show the playground on the east side of the park, close to the school property and small parking area near SE 167th Ave. Do you support this location? (pick one)**
 - Strongly support **38%**
 - Support **51%**
 - No opinion **8%**
 - Opposed **1%**
 - Strongly opposed **0%**
 - Comment: If it's a city park, it should be separate from the school for mama and kids who aren't in school to use.

 - 2. Which pathway type do you prefer? (pick one) SE 167th (from Market St) **41%****
 - **Option 1:** Curvy path through center linking the activity spots **24%**
 - **Option 2:** Big loop pathway around edge of park for strolling **43%**
 - **Option 3:** Series of smaller looped paths near activity spots **33%**
 - **No opinion 0%**



3. Regarding colors and materials for the park, do you prefer: (pick one)

- **Option 1:** Bright colors and graphics for playground, shelters, courts, etc. **18%**
- **Option 2:** A mix of bright and natural colors and materials **48%**
- **Option 3:** More natural colors and natural elements like rocks, pollinator gardens, etc. **30%**
- **No opinion 1%**
- *Or describe a combination of Options that you would like to see:*
 - Bright colors for built elements and as many pollinator gardens as possible go together! (potentially including Native and/or immigrant /refugee artists, and plantings that are culturally relevant for indigenous/immigrant communities)
 - Would prefer more natural, however lose the gardens. They look great for a year or two until there is a lack of upkeep, and it just turns to weeds.

4. What type of playground do you like: (pick one)

- **Option 1: *Urban*:** open, sunny, brightly colored, with mounds **19%**
- **Option 2: *Rooms*:** a variety of shaded “play zones” **34%**
- **Option 3: *Natural*:** wood and stone, with scattered informal play opportunities along pathway **32%**
- **No opinion 4%**
- *Or describe a combination of Options that you would like to see*
 - The design should remind us that we are both creatures and creators – well designed and culturally integrated developed spaces in among the tended natural(ish) landscape elements.
 - Depends if the school will have access to the park. Informal play areas like Westmoreland Park with the large loose tree limbs, areas to climb that are natural are AWESOME – however, we live in a high theft crime area, and I see people attempting to steal stuff. Love the water splash pad idea.
 - Option 1, with splash pad
 - Option 1 and 3 (2)
 - Water park
 - A mixture of brightly colored and natural areas.
 - I love parts of all 3!

5. Which picnic area do you like best? (pick one)

- **Option 1:** Tree grove picnic area near entrance and small shelter (1 table) near playground. **24%**
- **Option 2:** Large picnic plaza near main entrance away from playground, no shelter. Individual tables near playground. **7%**
- **Option 3:** Large picnic shelter (4 tables) near main entrance. Individual tables near playground. **63%**
- **No opinion 7%**

6. Which option do you like best overall? What is your second choice?

- **Option 1: *More Active*:** Bright colors, center path, circular activity spots including full-court basketball, volleyball, and futsal courts and a bike / skate area.
- **Option 2: *More Passive*:** Mix of bright colors and natural materials, big loop path, dog off-leash area in middle, open lawn, water/mist play pad, and full-court basketball.
- **Option 3: *More Natural*:** Natural colors and materials, smaller looped pathways, large picnic shelter, futsal court, half-court basketball courts, pollinator meadow, and community garden.

First Choice: (pick one)

- Option 1 **32%**
- Option 2 **34%**
- Option 3 **22%**

Second Choice: (pick one)

- Option 1 **33%**
- Option 2 **22%**
- Option 3 **45%**

- *Or describe a combination of Options that you would like to see*
 - Path around – some child play areas each end. Picnic tables. Add more later. No dog area.
 - Sand volleyball court is important.
 - I think people go to Lynchwood Park for the dog park, and now it also has a community garden (as does Parklane and Nadaka). We also have Outgrowing Hunger in our area too (so to summarize, it seems like a standard development community garden might not be a necessity, although I am never going to straight up say no to one! Maybe we use this garden to showcase indigenous plantings and diverse cultural imports?). I am not aware of any picnic shelters in the vicinity so that's good, and it would be awesome to have a splash pad/water play area; some kind of bike/skate facility would be nice too.
 - Option 2 with a community garden. Why isn't community garden in every option?
 - Combo of 2 and 3 – open lawn, water mist play pad, full court basketball, natural colors and materials, smaller looped pathways for safety – forget the pollinator garden, they won't be kept up. Basically, Option 2 activities with the Option 3 layout.
 - Combo of Options 1 and 3.
 - Bright colors, dog park, open lawn, picnic shelter, smaller looped pathways.
 - No dog off-leash area. I like Option 2 with natural play areas and a skate park and a play area. No dog park – this park isn't big enough.
 - Option 1 seems to best meet desires of community input: more active than passive, biking options in addition to other active options. Water feature in Option 2 is not great year-round.
 - Option 1 with pollinator garden, Option 3 with amphitheater play area.
 - Option 3 with more active play elements.
 - Combination of Option 3's nature concept with Option 1's covered grove picnic area and variety of courts for sport use.

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

Park Features

- Bike/skate area (2 comments)
- Bocce ball, regulation badminton, table tennis like Luuwit View Park.
- Dog Park: Would prefer to see a people park, over dog park (2 comments).
- Dog Park: It would great to have a fenced dog park (3 comments)

- Open space: some open areas are good but too much open space is a waste of space.
- Pathway: Love the idea of the path going around for the park for distance; however, it seems like it will create an unsafe and sketchy place, compared to having paths more open.
- Restrooms: Definitely want bathrooms (2 comments)
- Restrooms: Keep bathrooms close to activity areas, not neighbors.
- Rose garden or flower garden to attract older generation (2 comments)
- Soccer fields
- Space for play, relaxing, strolling, and pollinator habitat/gardens is most important to me.
- Splash pad or water mist play area (10 comments)
- Tennis court
- Trash cans.
- Trees and shade. Would like trees throughout park, not just on edges. (2 comments)
- Volleyball courts: Room for grass volleyball courts or covered sand volleyball courts (5 comments).
- Would like a name plaque about history of site.

Lighting/Security

- Lighting is a big deal for residents. If path added, additional lighting would be nice. (3 comments)
- Concerns about crime and drug problems (2 comments)

Picnic Area

- Would prefer scattered picnic tables, instead of one picnic area.
- Like covered picnic area.

Playground

- Big center play area
- Playground at Barton Park is the greatest ever.
- Swings!
- On the playground, make sure there is play equipment that is both toddler friendly and bigger kid friendly. The parks at Parklane and Vance are not very good for little kids and appeal mostly to elementary age, which is good but it would be nice to have elements for little kids.

Other

- Keep it simple.
- Is EPAP involved in this process?
- I love these concepts! Thanks for your hard work for our community.

Please tell us about yourself:

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

- Five blocks or less **35%**
- Less than one mile **33%**
- More than one mile **32%**

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

- Every day or every other day **9%**
- Once or twice a week **18%**
- Once or twice a month **12%**
- A few times a year **37%**
- Never **25%**

Do you... (check all that apply)

- Have a child who attends another school or day care **20%**
- Have a child who attends Patrick Lynch Elementary School **24%**
- Work at or attend Patrick Lynch Elementary School **6%**
- None of the above **55%**

How did you hear about this?

- Friend / neighbor **31%**
- Flyer **26%**
- Email **26%**
- NextDoor **17%**
- Yard sign in park **4%**
- **Other:** on committee **5%**, school **5%**, Parks staff **4%**, local news **1%**

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

- 0 **41%**
- 1-2 **41%**
- 3-4 **13%**
- 5 or more **6%**

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

- 0-2 years **33%**
- 3-6 years **48%**
- 7-10 years **50%**
- 11-14 years **33%**
- 15-17 years **12%**

I am age:

- under 16 years **12%**
- 16-24 years **3%**
- 25-34 years **26%**
- 35-44 years **20%**
- 45-59 years **14%**
- 60-79 years **25%**
- 80 & over **0%**

I identify as:

- female **72%**
- male **27%**
- genderqueer / androgynous **1%**
- trans male **0%**
- trans female **0%**

I identify as: (check all that apply)

- American Indian/Alaskan Native **0%**
- Asian **6%**
- Black or African American **1%**
- Hispanic or Latino **16%**
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander **0%**
- Slavic/Eastern European **13%**
- White **72%**
- Other (please specify): **7%**
 - Mixed, Native American and Latino
 - Native/Euro
 - European American
 - ½ Hispanic/Latino; ½ White
 - Grandchildren are white/black.

Regarding residence, I

- own **66%**
- rent **21%**
- live with my parents **13%**
- other **0%**



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