



**Gilbert Primary Park – Community Gathering #1 – May 2018
Comment Form Summary**

A community gathering for the Gilbert Primary Park Bond Project was held on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at Gilbert Park Elementary School from 5:00pm – 6:45pm and was attended by about 45 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 Gilbert Park Elementary School, and posts on NextDoor.com. The comment form was posted online for a week after the event, along with the presentation materials. A total of **44 comments** were received.

The goal of the Community Gathering was to get feedback from the community on three design options for the playground. Boards were posted, and project staff were on hand to guide visitors through the displays and answer questions. Russian and Spanish interpretation was available.

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 by Parks staff, will be used to inform the design process for the Gilbert Primary Park playground improvements.

1. What are you and your family's top FIVE priorities for types of play at Glenhaven Park's play area? (pick only five)

- Climbing net **61%**
- Sliding **56%**
- Group swings **43%**
- Sculptural play structures **41%**
- Spinning **41%**
- Climbing holds (rock wall style) **30%**
- Individual swings **30%**
- Mounds / landforms **40%**
- Climbing poles **25%**
- Imaginative play **23%**
- Teeter totter **23%**
- Climber for toddlers **20%**
- Musical elements **16%**
- Natural elements (boulders, timber/wood) **16%**
- Accessible play features **11%**
- Spring seat **9%**
- Balancing **5%**
- Other **11%**:
 - Glider (2), adult fitness equipment (2), safe/no heights to fall from (1), fenced dog park (1)



2. Which swinging option do you like best? (pick one)

- Group swing (Option 1: Lunar Terrain) **50%**
- Glider (Option 2: Weave & Glide) **32%**
- Individual swings, including tot/infant swing (Option 3: Twists & Towers) **18%**
- No opinion **0%**

3. Which climbing option do you like best? (pick one)

- Climbing net, rock holds, and climbing poles built into mounds (Option 1: Lunar Terrain) **43%**
- Large net climber structure (Option 2: Weave & Glide) **30%**
- Large climbing structure and smaller sculptural climber (Option 3: Twists & Towers) **23%**
- No opinion **5%**

4. Which picnic option do you like best? (pick one)

- Picnic tables separate from the playground activity (Option 1: Lunar Terrain) **39%**
- On the edge of the playground (Option 2: Weave & Glide) **24%**
- Closer to the main play structures (Option 3: Twists & Towers) **27%**
- No opinion **10%**

5. I would use the Gilbert Primary Park playground more if: (pick your top three)

- It had more/better features for children (5-12) **75%**
- It had more/better features for young children (2-5) **43%**
- It had more benches/table areas for adults and kids **40%**
- It had more group play opportunities **18%**
- It had more individual play opportunities **15%**
- It had more/better features for teens **13%**
- Other **8%**
 - Clean, maintained area with safe and appealing structures. Current playground is nonexistent and essentially useless.
 - Safe from drug use and transients.
 - Provided adult exercise.

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

- **Option 1 Lunar Terrain: Mounds of varying sizes** with embankment slide and climbing opportunities built in to provide different routes up and down, plus group spinning and group swing that encourage cooperative play.
- **Option 2 Weave & Glide: Curvy shapes at ground level with sculptural large net climber** and slide combination, plus independent play elements: glider swing, teeter totter, toddler climber, and group spinner.
- **Option 3 Twists & Towers: Tall climbing tower with slide**, plus individual swings, musical instruments, sculptural climber, and spring seats for individual play.

FIRST CHOICE: (pick one)

- Option 1 – Lunar Terrain **39%**
- Option 2 – Weave & Glide **34%**
- Option 3 – Twists & Towers **24%**

SECOND CHOICE: (pick one)

- Option 1 – Lunar Terrain **28%**
- Option 2 – Weave & Glide **38%**
- Option 3 – Twists & Towers **35%**

7. . Is there anything else you would like us to know?

- Combine climbing net, mounds/landforms, sculptural play structures, spinning, glider.
- Combine the Lunar Terrain and glider swing.
- Combine the sculpture climber from T&T (spinner from T&T looks dangerous), net climber from W&G, and table seating spread out like in T&T, group swing (modern tire swing) from Lunar Terrain.
- I don't visit this park, but I will when it's all nicely built!
- I like encouraging group play. I love incorporating music. I love Lents Park's xylophone. Things that all ages can access. A water option or some natural play stuff like Westmoreland Park could be cool, too. I currently don't visit the park, but I would [if improved]. We currently drive to Mt. Scott, Lents, Happy Valley, and Raymond Parks.
- Large net climber with triangle spinner and a glider swing.
- Like the teeter totter that fits four people.
- Medford has a set-up using goutdoorfitness.com. You should view the equipment because more than just children live here.
- More nets.
- My three kids ages 3-6 are all very into Option 3.
- Not a fan of the glider swing. I like the net option from Option 2, but like the towers and climbing in Option 3.
- Option 2 Weave & Glide looks unsafe. If you have a toddler who isn't ready to climb on something tall, it is hard to keep them away from a structure so large and tempting. It makes the park experience harder on parents. I think independent play is important.
- Spinner you can lean back on.
- Thank you / wish this was done sooner! (2)

Please tell us about yourself:

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

- Five blocks or less **38%**
- Less than one mile **33%**
- More than one mile **30%**

How often do you visit Gilbert Primary Park? (pick one)

- Every day or every other day **20%**
- Once or twice a week **18%**
- Once or twice a month **8%**
- A few times a year **35%**
- Never **20%**

Do you... (check all that apply)

- Have a child who attends Gilbert Park Elementary School **30%**
- Work at or attend Gilbert Park Elementary School **10%**
- Have a child who attends another school or day care **28%**
- None of the above **38%**

How did you hear about this?

- Flyer **43%**
- Friend / neighbor / family member **30%**
- Gilbert Park SUN School **23%**
- Yard sign in park **18%**
- Email **15%**
- NextDoor **13%**
- Gilbert Park PTA **5%**
- **Other:** PGNA, City staff, food pantry, Hanna.

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

- 0 **21%**
- 1-2 **41%**
- 3-4 **33%**
- 5 or more **5%**

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

- 0-2 years **30%**
- 3-6 years **45%**
- 7-10 years **45%**
- 11-14 years **30%**
- 15-18 years **21%**

I am age:

- under 16 years **16%**
- 16-24 years **7%**
- 25-34 years **33%**
- 35-44 years **28%**
- 45-59 years **12%**
- 60-79 years **5%**
- 80 & over **0%**

I identify as:

- female **83%**
- male **18%**
- genderqueer / androgynous **0%**
- trans male **0%**
- trans female **0%**
- other **0%**

I identify as: (check all that apply)

- American Indian/Alaskan Native **2%**
- Asian **0%**
- Black or African American **0%**
- Hispanic or Latino **15%**
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander **0%**
- Slavic/Eastern European **41%**
- White **51%**
- Other **5%**
 - mix of colors
 - Arab, Middle Eastern

Regarding residence, I

- own **43%**
- rent **38%**
- live with my parents **20%**
- other **0%**