



**Creston Park – Open House #2 – November 2018
Comment Form Summary**

An open house for the Creston Park Bond Project was held on Thursday, November 8, 2018 at Creston School from 6:30pm – 8:00pm and was attended by about 40 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 to all Creston School students, 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 **73 comments** were received.

The goal of the open house was to get feedback from the community on a draft of the final design for the playground. Boards were posted, and project staff were on hand to guide visitors through the displays and answer questions. All input will be used by the design team to finalize the design.

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 Creston Park playground improvements.

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

- Love it **41%**
- Like it **49%**
- Neutral / no opinion **6%**
- Dislike it **1%**
- Strongly dislike it **3%**

Comments:

- Love the climbing ball, love that the design protects trees.
- Much improved over earlier designs, increase in useable space, variety of equipment
- Concern about houseless people in park
- Need one more play element or larger/higher slide, needs more diverse or creative equipment, needs more individual swings
- Why is there so much empty space?
- Prefer more natural look.
- Look into the inclusive swing at Gateway Discovery Park

2. The playground design and community gathering spaces create a welcoming, safe, and usable space for all ages and abilities.



- Strongly agree **43%**
- Agree **44%**
- No opinion **4%**
- Disagree **7%**
- Strongly disagree **1%**

Comments:

- Different surfaces are great!
- Concerns about dogs staying in off-leash area, houseless population in park.
- Would like more benches for parents/grandparents watching children, would like more bike racks.

3. Pick your favorite color option:

- Natural **25%**
- Naturally bright **59%**
- Bright **15%**

Comments:

- Like the naturally bright in this natural setting.
- Start with brightest, as it will face.
- Bright colors might show wear faster.
- Bright colors are nice, especially winter and in the shade of the tree canopy.
- Bright colors are little too crazy.
- Kids like the bright, adults like the natural or naturally bright.
- How about something natural but bright, like green with lime green highlights?

4. If within the current project budget, we are not able to include every feature and play element shown in the draft design, what are the FIVE MOST IMPORTANT proposed elements in the design to include? PICK ONLY FIVE:

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| • Swings: individual, ADA, and toddler 61% | • Swing: multi-person / circle-shape 29% |
| • Boulders (for climbing, balancing, and sitting) 56% | • Spinner 28% |
| • Climber: geodome large climber 56% | • Benches 24% |
| • Slide (embankment slide) 54% | • Musical emperor chimes 24% |
| • Overall size of play area 36% | • Large mound 19% |
| • Climber: traversing climber 31% | • Swing: hammocks in climber 10% |
| • Picnic tables 31% | • Other 8% |
| | • Bike parking 4% |
| | • Rubber half balls 4% |

Comments / Other:

- Dog off-leash area
- Houseless concerns
- Rock climbing
- Water play feature

- Prioritize keeping the play structures.
- Extending the fence by the dog park is great.
- There's almost nothing in this terrible design.
- Like that the design has so many more elements [than the prior concepts].
- I liked the taller climber in an earlier design. Is there something between that and what is proposed?
- If budget changes, rethink the concept rather than leave holes. Prioritize accessible features. You have done an amazing job, don't spoil the product on a half-baked cake.

5. Public input was incorporated into the overall design concept.

- Strongly agree **31%**
- Agree **44%**
- No opinion **21%**
- Disagree **3%**
- Strongly disagree **1%**

Comments

- Staff have done a great job of coordinating.
- Design changes reflect public's input.
- We were heard.

6. The public process was open, inclusive, and transparent.

- Strongly agree **30%**
- Agree **48%**
- No opinion **19%**
- Disagree **1%**
- Strongly disagree **1%**

Comments

- Yes, well publicized and inclusive.
- The team did a good job getting the word out.
- I don't think the neighborhood was consulted before the development of the first set of options.

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

- Excited about this project / thank you / thank you for listening (6)
- I like the design. It just needs one more major play element (or more equipment) (2)
- Slide seems very small. Will it be fun for all ages?
- Thank you for including all types of swings. I felt heard and included.
- Love the multi-person swing and hammocks. Would like to see more!
- This park and process is an embarrassment and waste of money for PP&R from initial design to this final design. This is shameful, and you should feel bad.
- Thank you, Amanda Fritz and PP&R for the additional funding!

- No smoking.
- Would like a splash pad.
- Dog off-leash area has compliance problems.
- Concerned people will use boulders for dog waste bags if garbage cans aren't conveniently located.
- Happy the dog park division will be extended.
- More or better lighting.
- Thanks for keeping the trees.
- Like the design of Westmoreland Park's nature play area.
- Like the rubber play surfacing at Lents Park's playground.

Please tell us about yourself:

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

- Five blocks or less **50%**
- Less than one mile **34%**
- More than one mile **16%**

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

- Every day or every other day **22%**
- Once or twice a week **33%**
- Once or twice a month **21%**
- A few times a year **23%**
- Never **6%**

Do you... (check all that apply)

- Have a child who attends Creston School **20%**
- Work at or attend Creston School **0%**
- Have a child who attends another school or day care **42%**
- None of the above **42%**

How did you hear about this?

- NextDoor **50%**
- Email **40%**
- Creston PTA **19%**
- Yard sign in park **19%**
- Friend / neighbor / family member **16%**
- Flyer **10%**
- Facebook **9%**
- **Other:** I'm a kindergarten teacher.

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

- 0 **30%**
- 1-2 **56%**
- 3-4 **13%**
- 5 or more **0%**

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

- 0-2 years **46%**
- 3-6 years **56%**
- 7-10 years **38%**
- 11-14 years **13%**
- 15-18 years **2%**

I am age:

- under 16 years **3%**
- 16-24 years **0%**
- 25-34 years **21%**
- 35-44 years **50%**
- 45-59 years **19%**
- 60-79 years **7%**
- 80 & over **0%**

I identify as:

- female **63%**
- male **36%**
- genderqueer / androgynous **0%**
- trans male **0%**
- trans female **0%**
- other **1%**

I identify as: (check all that apply)

- American Indian/Alaskan Native **5%**
- Asian **6%**
- Black or African American **2%**
- Hispanic or Latino **6%**
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander **2%**
- Slavic/Eastern European **3%**
- White **90%**
- Other **2%**

Regarding residence, I

- own **87%**
- rent **10%**
- live with my parents **3%**
- other **0%**