



**Gabriel Park – Open House #3 – July 2019
Comment Form Summary**

The final open house for the Gabriel Park Bond Project was held on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at Southwest Community Center from 6:00pm – 8:00pm and was attended by about 60 community members. Outreach included emails to the project list, info on the project website, yard signs in the park, flyers distributed at Stephens Creek Crossing and SWCC, posts on NextDoor.com, and a Facebook event page.

The comment form was posted online for about one week after the event, along with the presentation materials. A total of **116 comments** were received in total. The design was also shared on PP&R's Facebook and shared by many disability and community organizations. The post received 53 shares and 110 like/love/wow responses. There were also over 70 comments and questions on the post. Themes included appreciating being heard at the open house, excitement for the project, concerns about budget cuts closing community centers, need for shade and accessible restroom, and support for a fence especially on the Vermont side.

The goal of the open house was to get feedback from the community on the draft final design for a new inclusive playground. Boards were posted, and project staff were on hand to guide visitors through the displays and answer questions. All input will be shared with the design team and Project Advisory Committee (PAC).

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 and the PAC, will be used to inform the design process for the Gabriel Park playground improvements.

1. What is your general reaction to the design of the playground and community gathering spaces: (pick one)

- Strongly support **57%**
- Support **30%**
- Neutral **5%**
- Dislike **4%**
- Strongly dislike **4%**

2. Which play tile safety surfacing pattern do you prefer? (select one)

- Option 1 - Pixels **72%**
- Option 2 - Stripes **13%**
- No opinion **15%**



3. ***IF*** within the current project budget, Parks is not able to include every feature and play element shown in the draft final design, what are the ***FIVE MOST IMPORTANT*** proposed elements in the design to include?

- Water play exploration **69%**
- Climbing wall **62%**
- Swings (adaptive/individual) **56%**
- Tunnel feature/sculptural play piece **55%**
- Accessible gathering space and picnic tables **50%**
- Wide group slide **35%**
- Balancing elements **33%**
- Walkway to playground from SW Vermont St **33%**
- Music/sensory elements **28%**
- Spinners **25%**
- Swings (group) **25%**

Other (19%):

- Shade (4)
- Splash pad/water feature (3)
- Trampoline (2)
- Cut boulders for seating
- Simple slide and swings
- Wide group slide with single
- Double slide
- Wheelchair platform swings and wheelchair carousel
- Monkey bars
- Sand pit
- Climbing platform (inclusive/adaptive)
- Fencing and security cameras
- More walker/wheelchair egress
- Climbing dome
- Retain current trees and add new too
- Zipline

4. **The design of the playground and community gathering spaces creates a welcoming, safe, and usable space for all ages and abilities in an inclusive way. (pick one)**

- Strongly agree **56%**
- Agree **28%**
- No opinion **6%**
- Disagree **7%**
- Strongly disagree **3%**

5. **The playground and community gathering spaces will adequately serve the recreational and leisure needs of nearby neighbors, schools, and other park visitors in a way that is distinct and different than other nearby playgrounds. (pick one)**

- Strongly agree **50%**
- Agree **34%**
- No opinion **6%**
- Disagree **8%**
- Strongly disagree **2%**



6. Public Input was incorporated into the overall design concept. (pick one)

- Strongly agree **43%**
- Agree **31%**
- No opinion **21%**
- Disagree **3%**
- Strongly disagree **2%**

7. The public process was open, inclusive, and transparent. (pick one)

- Strongly agree **45%**
- Agree **32%**
- No opinion **18%**
- Disagree **4%**
- Strongly disagree **1%**

8. Is there anything else you would like us to know? 50 comments – below are summaries:

- Need more shade/trees (12) – several mentioned that Spring Garden Park lacks shade, would like shade especially over picnic area and swings
- Thanks, looks great, can't wait (10)
- Need more splash pads in SW (6)
- Inclusive concerns (5):
 - Be sure that tunnels can accommodate people in chairs (2)
 - Wide platforms with wide steps for climbing skills
 - Not all wheelchair users can transfer out of their chairs to use equipment. Choose equipment that allows them to stay in their chair.
 - Would like area that is quiet/low-sensory for kids with autism and sensory issues
 - Need benches with arms – not just walls or boulders, orientation path is too close to climbing wall, look at most accessibility-friendly option for net climber with activities for those who can't climb, climbing wall should offer a wide range of challenge – not just typical
 - Add more benches in all areas. It is hard for parents with physical disabilities to stand for long periods of time.
 - tube slide requires a caregiver to walk a mile to get back down to the bottom of the slide. Hope that slide includes a transfer deck.
 - How PP&R decide what is inclusive?
- Doesn't have enough natural elements (3)
- Community centers and underserved areas should also be funded (2)
- General suggestions/comments/questions:
 - Need garbage cans in multiple locations (3)
 - Support fencing around the playground (2)
 - Add monkey bars! (2)
 - Concerned that loops of tunnel will be damaged or broken easily.
 - Will there be additional parking? The lots get full already.
 - Music equipment at Spring Garden Park broke easily.

- Prefer slide with individualized lanes for safety and teaching kids to be patient and share.
- Group swing can cause safety issues – kids get hit by it at Spring Garden.
- More swings
- Would prefer a traditional play structure.
- Keep tunnels and slide open for safety and visibility.
- Water exploration area seems like waste of space, sensory wall will not entertain kids if they can't climb on it.
- Look at parks in Seattle that have a range of play structures and sensory play. Would like water area, more climbing areas, pretend play areas, and a zip line. Seems like too many swings – want kids to exert more energy.
- Can you add sand to water area?
- Seems like quiet play area and sensory wall could be closer to one another. Having sensory area by slide entrance might be bottle-neck.
- I hope there is a water fountain.

Please tell us about yourself:

I am age:

- under 16 years **4%**
- 16-24 years **2%**
- 25-34 years **17%**
- 35-44 years **55%**
- 45-59 years **11%**
- 60-79 years **10%**
- 80 & over **1%**

I identify as:

- female **72%**
- male **25%**
- genderqueer / androgynous **0%**
- trans male **1%**
- trans female **0%**
- other **3%**

I identify as: (check all that apply)

- American Indian/Alaskan Native **0%**
- Asian **4%**
- Black or African American **5%**
- Hispanic or Latino **4%**
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander **3%**
- Slavic/Eastern European **1%**
- White **87%**
- Other **4%**

Do you or a family member live with a disability or identify as a disabled person?

- Yes **28%**
- No **72%**

If yes, please describe the nature of you and/or your family member's disability. Please check all that apply.

- Mobility (e.g. walking, climbing stairs) **42%**
- Mental health (e.g. anxiety, PTSD) **29%**
- Deaf or hard of hearing **23%**
- Cognitive (e.g. traumatic brain injury, learning disabilities) **23%**
- Intellectual or developmental (e.g. Down syndrome, fragile X syndrome) **23%**
- Visual (e.g. blind, low vision) **13%**
- Invisible (e.g. diabetes, HIV, cancer) **13%**
- Prefer not to disclose **13%**
- Prefer to describe **13%:**
 - Autism (2)
 - Sensory processing disorder
 - Hypotonic cerebral palsy with dyskinesia and dystonia, and autism

How many children under age 18 live with you?

- 0 **17%**
- 1-2 **70%**
- 3-4 **14%**
- 5 or more **0%**

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

- 0-2 years **30%**
- 3-6 years **51%**
- 7-10 years **42%**
- 11-14 years **15%**
- 15-18 years **5%**
- N/A **12%**



Regarding residence, I

- own **79%**
- rent **14%**
- live with my parents **7%**
- other **0%**

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

- Five blocks or less **24%**
- Less than one mile **32%**
- More than one mile **44%**

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

- Every day or every other day **15%**
- Once or twice a week **28%**
- Once or twice a month **31%**
- A few times a year **25%**
- Never **2%**

How did you hear about this?

- Email **28%**
- Facebook event page **27%**
- Friend / neighbor / family member **25%**
- NextDoor.com **25%**
- Yard sign in park **8%**
- Flyer **5%**
- Other **14%**
 - Walked by event in community center (6)
 - Community Center
 - On PAC
 - SWNI newspaper
 - Autism Society of Oregon
 - Local FB group for disabilities
 - Hillsdale/Multnomah Moms Facebook group
 - FACT Oregon