



**Parklane Park – Community Gathering #1 – November 2019
Comment Form Summary**

A community gathering for the Parklane Park project was held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at Rosewood Initiative from 6:00pm – 8:00pm and was attended by about 80 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 students at Oliver and Parklane Elementary Schools, flyers to nearby park residents, posts on NextDoor.com, and a Facebook event page. The comment form was posted online for about 2 ½ weeks after the event, along with the presentation materials. A total of **131 comments** were received.

The goal of the community gathering was to share information about the 2009 Master Plan and get input from the community about the expansion of Parklane Park. 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 Parklane Park.

1. Which aspects of the park's history are important to you: (pick all that apply)

- Indigenous / Native America history **59%**
- Quarry history **27%**
- Don't know / no opinion **26%**
- Skypark (airport history) **24%**
- Candy Cane Park **22%**
- Other **7%**:
 - Geese migration (2)
 - Centennial area name (Oregon's centennial)
 - History of the path currently on the north of the 5 acre park – old road to Sandy?
 - It was a forest before it was a quarry. This area has some of the lowest tree canopy.
 - Immigrant history and history of this neighborhood (and East Portland).

2. How do you get to Parklane Park? (pick all that apply)

- Walk **60%**
- Car **57%**
- Bike **37%**
- Bus / MAX **8%**
- Other **2%**:
 - Skate (2)
 - Mobility scooter

3. Once Parklane Park is fully developed, which entrance will you use most? (pick one)

- From the south, via SE Main Street **47%**
- Don't know **16%**
- From the north, via SE 155th Avenue **15%**
- From Oliver or Parklane Schools **14%**
- Other **8%**:
 - Coming from the west on Main (3)
 - From Millmain St
 - West to east on 153rd Ave
 - From south and schools (2)
 - Maybe my back fence that borders property
 - From east, via Market Street
 - From south future greenway/shared roadway between SE 148th and 162nd.
 - All of the above (2)

4. What are your top 3 priorities for Parklane Park? (PICK ONLY THREE)

- Splash pad **39%**
- Restroom **33%**
- Gathering and picnic areas **29%**
- Off-leash dog area **22%**
- Play area expansion **21%**
- Skate park **20%**
- Outdoor education **18%**
- Covered area **17%**
- Soccer fields **15%**
- Tennis **15%**
- Art **12%**
- Community garden **12%**
- Parking **12%**
- Futsal court **8%**
- Baseball fields **6%**
- Pickleball **4%**
- Other **32%**
 - Nature and native plants – including nature play, views, quiet areas (13)
 - Pool (6)
 - Habitat – areas for wildlife (frogs, geese) (4)
 - Walking/running paths (4)
 - Disc golf (3)
 - Biking (like Ventura Park pump track or mountain biking) (2)
 - Dog area – fenced and/or covered (2)
 - Safety – speed on Millmain St, camera, lights (2)
 - Trees (2)
 - Exercise circuit (1)
 - Performance space (1)
 - Plenty of room for groups to gather (1)

5. Is there anything else missing from the 2009 Master Plan?

- Accessibility features, especially for playground
- Access from all four geographic areas
- Art
- Covered areas for education, shelter, picnic/BBQ (4)
- Covered basketball court
- Disc golf (2)
- Exercise circuit (2)
- Expanded playground
- Features for seniors
- Fenced dog area
- Habitat for wildlife (frogs, geese) (5)
- Lighting – adequate for park, one suggested for skate park (3)
- Mt. Hood views
- Nature and native plants (5)
- Nature play (2)
- No tennis, pool instead
- Outdoor learning
- Parking (adequate) (3)
- Performance space (2)
- Pool (11)
- Restrooms (1)
- Rose garden (2)
- Sidewalks (3)
- Skate park – square footage, large skate park with lights (4)
- Splash pad
- Sustainability/climate change features (3)
- Trees - native and fruit (7)
- Walking and running paths (9)
- Youth-oriented design

6. What kind of experience do you want to have in Parklane Park: (pick one)

- A combination **38%**:
 - Mix of active and passive (9)
 - All of the above (8)
 - Mix of active and civic (6)
 - Mix of passive and civic (6)
 - Skate park or skate park and nature (4)
 - Mix of active, passive, and civic (3)
 - Mix of passive and cultural (2)
 - A civic and symbolic place for people to gather and learn while outdoors
 - If cultural/historical aspects are considered, civic/community experiences will naturally follow. Prioritizing cultural/historic aspects may also give insight to passive/natural aspects (considering how neighbors would want to use land). Active/sports would naturally follow civic and community experiences.
 - Active with spaces for kids and adults to play baseball.
 - Water features – like Jamison Square.
 - Like Mt. Tabor Park.
- Passive/nature (trees, walking trails, nature-based play) **29%**
- Active/sports recreation (sports fields, active play spaces) **24%**
- Civic/community (gathering and picnic areas, spaces for performances) **7%**
- Cultural/historic/symbolic (art features, indigenous history) **2%**

7. Is there anything else you would like us to know? (58 comments were received – below are summaries of comments by themes)

Word cloud of comments:

keep lighting trees think Thank lot play opportunities needs
large community way kids safe Please family
area important park much use Portland see help
space view Mt
Hood better go years great one growing pool features ages

Access and Accessibility

- SE Alder Court (unimproved roadway) needs to be improved to provide access for individuals using motorized ADA equipment.
- Concerned about ADA parking and distance to the off-leash dog area. Hard to tell from the map how far apart they are.
- Would like better integration between the north and west sides of the park to increase connectivity, so the park can be used as a “street.”
- There are a lot of group/foster homes as well as senior living out this way that could benefit with universal design in mind.

All ages

- Include elements for all ages, especially older kids and teens. Other nearby parks have focused on playgrounds for younger kids. Need age appropriate activities like skate park, sports fields, etc.

Nature/wildlife/sustainability

- Would like park to be a hub for climate change awareness and action.
- Nature play is important, many may not have access otherwise, helps connect youth to the park, family enjoys Nadaka Nature Park in Gresham.
- Trees: Maintain Mt. Hood views, but trees are important in this area that has low tree canopy. Would like fruit trees. Master Plan has a lot of paved areas (courts etc). Non-paved areas seem to be mostly open lawn. Consider more trees for future hotter summers.
- Wildlife – make it still welcoming for geese and other wildlife. Accommodate bats, pollinators, and moths. Open water feature, native plants, and lighting that won't impact wildlife.

Park Features

- Basketball – move/expand court – always busy, need covered courts, draws teens
- Bermed amphitheater for gathering and providing view of Mt. Hood
- Bike area like at Ventura Park

- Community gardens – seems like there are lot of opportunities already. Please don't use too much space for garden.
- Disc golf (add)
- Futsal court (to draw teens)
- Off-leash area – looks too far from the parking. Move to the northwest corner to make it better for elderly. Perhaps separate areas for small and large dogs.
- Off-leash area – no more dogs parks, there are enough already.
- Pool – this area needs one, not equitable.
- Skate park – draws teens, promote health and fitness for kids and adults, make it for all users (skate boards, bikes, adaptive cycling/wheelchairs), add cover (only covered skatepark is Burnside).
- Splash pad was identified as a community desire in Lynchview Park design process.
- Walking/running pathways – more important than grass that needs mowing, make them wide, and use to connect parts of the neighborhood.

Safety

- Need sidewalks from SE 148th and Main to the park with lighting.
- Need a pool for kids to use to be safe from non-constructive behavior.
- Need security, emergency phone numbers, lighting, and good visibility.
- Need speeds bumps and reduced speed zone on Millmain and Main Streets.
- Please make restrooms safe.

Other topics:

- Budget – would like more info. Is there a plan to leverage donations or partnerships? Does budget anticipate increase in construction costs?
- Maintenance – want park to be maintained/clean/graffiti-free.
- Make it beautiful and people will come.
- Thank you / very excited / much potential / long-awaited / hurry up!

Visions for the park:

- I would love to see small vendors near the park, to be able to grab a drink, treat, snack, and to be able to overlook a large area where my child plays with their friends from benches around it. I love spending time with adult friends while kids play, not having to follow the children around, and not always engaging in their play ourselves. Having thoughtfully placed benches/gazebos that overlook the play/activity area is really helpful. Also, I like strolling with friends who push strollers. Having interconnected shaded alleys that lead to some destinations, and yes, places within parks to grab a snack or use a bathroom, is amazing.
- The things I imagine doing at the park:
 - Picnicking with friends and neighbors.
 - Playing lawn games (ladderball, frisbee, bocce ball, etc.)
 - Wandering down a path, learning about nature, and the indigenous history of the park.
 - Watching a Little League game at a baseball field!
 - Watching a Shakespeare in the Park performance or a Movie in the Park in summertime.
 - Having a quiet moment to myself on the swings during a rare snowfall or at sunset on New Year's Day to welcome the New Year (these are things I currently do, yay!).

Comments written on boards at November 5 event:

- Likes about existing site: views of Mt. Hood, mature trees and shaded picnic area, sports field, swing set, pedestrian crossing at Millmain, geese in meadow.
- Fitness stations (pull-up bars, etc.), castle tower with spiral staircase, horse shoes, underground laser tag, connection to schools, nature-based play area, skate park, community garden is great, secluded nature park, water feature/pond, shade – need for trees, walking paths, area for quiet contemplation, expanded kid area with covering from rain, outreach – recruit elder, adult, youth, hygiene center for homeless, seminars, concerts, space for geese.



Please tell us about yourself:

I am age:

- under 16 years **4%**
- 16-24 years **9%**
- 25-34 years **18%**
- 35-44 years **34%**
- 45-59 years **19%**
- 60-79 years **14%**
- 80 & over **2%**

I identify as:

- female **64%**
- male **36%**
- genderqueer / androgynous **0%**
- trans male **0%**
- trans female **0%**
- other **0%**

I identify as: (check all that apply)

- American Indian or Alaskan Native **6%**
- Asian **6%**
- Black or African American **2%**
- Hispanic or Latino/a/x **10%**
- Middle Eastern/North African **0%**
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander **2%**
- Slavic/Eastern European **9%**
- White **68%**
- Decline/don't want to answer **10%**
- Unknown/don't know **0%**
- Other **0%**

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

- Yes **21%**
- No **79%**

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) **48%**
- Mental health (e.g. anxiety, PTSD) **34%**
- Cognitive (e.g. traumatic brain injury, learning disabilities) **24%**
- Invisible (e.g. diabetes, HIV, cancer) **21%**
- Intellectual or developmental (e.g. Down syndrome, fragile X syndrome) **17%**
- Prefer to describe **14%:**
 - Autism
 - Aging-related
 - Mental health
 - Childhood developmental trauma with PTSD and ADHD presentations
- Prefer not to disclose **10%**
- Visual (e.g. blind, low vision) **3%**
- Deaf or hard-of-hearing **3%**

Regarding residence, I

- own **70%**
- rent **21%**
- live with my parents **8%**
- other **1%**

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

- Five blocks or less **39%**
- Less than one mile **31%**
- More than one mile **30%**

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

- Every day or every other day **12%**
- Once or twice a week **17%**
- Once or twice a month **20%**
- A few times a year **40%**
- Never **11%**

How many children under age 18 live with you?

- 0 **45%**
- 1-2 **43%**
- 3-4 **10%**
- 5 or more **2%**

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

- 0-2 years **19%**
- 3-6 years **31%**
- 7-10 years **24%**
- 11-14 years **23%**
- 15-18 years **22%**
- n/a **32%**

How did you hear about this?

- Facebook event page **36%**
- Email **33%**
- Friend / neighbor / family member **23%**
- Flyer **17%**
- Other **17%**
 - School/PTO (8)
 - Rosewood Initiative (2)
 - Centennial Neighborhood Association email
 - City of Portland
 - Community event last spring
 - East Portland Community Office Facebook post
 - Found plan online 4 years ago and have been asking about it since
 - Interested in park design
 - Hannah Grishkevich
 - PAC - Grandma is member
 - PAC member
 - Text
 - Years ago there was a meeting
- NextDoor.com **15%**
- Yard sign in park **3%**