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# Stanton Neighborhood Park Preliminary Concept Plans Comment Summary

Comment Period: June 24-July 8, 2009

This is a summary of the verbal and written comments from the June 24, 2009 public meeting, and the written comments submitted through the project Web page June 25-July 8, 2009. This summary reflects a range of opinions, and is not intended to present a word-for-word transcript. Comments about issues outside the scope of the park development project have been brought to the attention of the appropriate departments or agencies.

A proposed concept plan for the park will be developed based on neighborhood feedback, program needs, project funding and site requirements.

Staff presented four preliminary concept plans to neighbors for input:

- [Court Concept Plan](#)
- [Garden Concept Plan](#)
- [Nature Concept Plan](#)

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## Access:

- Need sidewalks or wider shoulders along NE 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue between NE 173<sup>rd</sup> and 179<sup>th</sup> Street. Otherwise, it will be impossible to walk or bike safely to this park from homes to the north.
- Develop safe access (sidewalks, connector paths from nearby developments, etc) at the same time as the park, not later, so the park can be used.
- Make the necessary road improvements to allow for safe bicycle and vehicle access rather than provide parking space.
- Providing an access point from the southwest corner is very important (NE 27<sup>th</sup> Ave.).
- Need to clarify who owns and is responsible for maintaining the entry from the Renaissance Meadows development on the south side. Please pave this entrance.
- Use the money for the upcoming chip seal on NE 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue (not needed) to pay for widening the shoulders.

## Trail Alignments:

- Make the loop walking trail as long as possible.
- Mark the distances along the trail or post a sign with the loop length so people can walk laps.
- Would like a walking path in this park.

**Playground:**

- Prefer the natural playground idea presented in the Nature Concept.
- Don't like traditional playground equipment – it wears out/gets broken too easily.
- Like the slides in the side of a hill included in the Nature Concept.
- Like the boulder and log play features and habitat exploration ideas included in the Nature Concept.
- Don't like the “Pet Crawl” area in the Nature Concept.
- Make the trunk maze area in the Nature Concept smaller.
- Don't like the idea of slides embedded in the ground.
- Little to no formal play areas would be great.
- Like the natural playground ideas, but please also include some regular swings and maybe a merry-go-round.
- Playground equipment is important.
- Don't use the same playground equipment that's at Vista Meadows Neighborhood Park.
- Include swings for all ages, monkey bars and a slide.

**Landscaping and Trees:**

- Keep as many existing trees as possible and add more.
- Additional trees and landscaping is important.
- Include bird boxes, feeders and native plants and trees to attract wildlife.
- Include an elevated boardwalk over the wetland area with a viewing area, or a placeholder so one to be added in the future.

**Multi-Purpose Sports Court:**

- Like the multi-purpose sports court in the Court Concept.
- Include a backstop with the sports court.
- Reduce the number/scale of play features in the Nature Concept to allow for inclusion of a basketball/sports court.
- Not sure about the sports court. Would prefer that this space be used for the nature play features included in the Nature Concept.
- Don't locate the sports court near the natural areas – the noise will scare all the animals away.

**Other Park Amenities:**

- Don't support the community gardens shown in the Garden Concept.
- Picnic tables are important.
- Providing parking is essential – not everyone will/can walk or bike to this park.
- Include an exercise/obstacle course along the pathway in the Nature Concept. This will provide adults with a fun activity while their children play.
- Don't need a community garden here.
- Widen NE 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue in front of the park to provide a few on-street parking/handicapped parking spaces (like what was done in front of Vista Meadows Neighborhood Park).
- Like the picnic node included in all three concepts.
- Include benches around the playground.
- The community garden idea seems impractical and hard to implement.
- Want to see benches or seating around large existing trees for shade.
- Consider including a covered picnic area or pavilion.
- Like the drinking fountain.
- Like the bike racks.

- Provide a dog waste bag dispenser.

**General:**

- Combine the Court Concept with the Nature Concept.
- Like the Nature Concept the best.
- Don't include a dog park.
- Keep it as natural as possible.
- Do not provide restroom facilities. This is not a big community park.
- Concerned about how the hill will be taken into consideration in the sidewalk design on NE 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- Don't name the park "Kozy Kamp Neighborhood Park."

**Park Name Suggestions:**

- Keep it "Stanton Neighborhood Park"
- Kozy Kamp Neighborhood Park
- Green Ridge Neighborhood Park (Parks are green, eco-friendly + Ridgefield= Green Ridge)
- Ridgewood Neighborhood Park (Ridgefield + trees= Ridgewood)
- Blue Sky Neighborhood Park
- Deer Meadow Neighborhood Park
- Hawk Meadow Neighborhood Park
- Moose Meadows Neighborhood Park
- Rabbit Run Neighborhood Park

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