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Bosco Place Neighborhood Park Playground Comment Form Summary

Comment Period: October 2008

Total Number of Comment Forms Received: 23

Please note that this is a summary of the comments received and is not intended to present a word-for-word transcript of all written comments. The unedited comment forms are available for public review upon request at the Clark County Public Service Center in Vancouver. Please call Jilayne Jordan at (360) 397-6118 x. 4949 for more information.

What types of playground experiences are most important to have in a park?

answer options	1 Most Important	2	3	4	5 Least Important
Balancing	6	6	3	4	3
Climbing	12	5	3	1	2
Sliding	11	7	1	1	3
Spinning	2	2	4	6	9
Swinging	15	3	3	0	2

Experiences ranked from most important to least important:

1. Swinging
2. Climbing
3. Sliding
4. Balancing
5. Spinning

Other play experiences listed by respondents:

- Natural play environment – water features, picnic, nature education

Playground Options

Options ranked from highest approval level to lowest:

1. Option B – 47.1% chose “1, Like the Most”
2. Option D – 32.4% chose “1, Like the Most”
3. Option A – 32.4% chose “3”
4. Option C – 52.9% chose “5, Like the Least”

Option A

answer options	Response Percent	Response Count
1 Like the Most	19%	4
2	9.5%	2
3	23.8%	5
4	23.8%	5
5 Like the Least	23.8%	5

What did you like/dislike about Option A?

- I like the climbing structure, but dislike the colors. Make it natural.
- Needs a nature education component.
- Include more intellectually stimulating features, where the child can create, explore and learn while also having fun.
- My children like the spinners, but quickly tire of them in favor of climbing on, into, or over things.
- I don't understand/don't know how to play on the spinners.
- Needs more features for younger children.
- Too tall and too focused on older children.
- More regular and toddler swings.
- I like this because it would be challenging for older children.
- Don't want any playground equipment in this park.
- The climbing structure is not appropriate for children under age 5.
- Looks boring.
- Unsightly.

Option B

answer options	Response Percent	Response Count
1 Like the Most	52.4%	11
2	28.6%	6
3	9.5%	2
4	4.8%	1
5 Like the Least	4.8%	1

What did you like/dislike about Option B?

- I like this because there is a good variety of experiences for all ages.
- My children love the spinning bowl in this option.
- Needs more swings.
- Like items 1 and 4.
- Needs a taller slide for older children.
- Needs two toddler swings.
- It is very unattractive.

Option C

answer options	Response Percent	Response Count
1 Like the Most	14.3%	3
2	4.8%	1
3	4.8%	1
4	19%	4
5 Like the Least	57.1%	12

What did you like/dislike about Option C?

- Like the climbing boulders. My child would enjoy item 1.
- I love the more natural look.
- Still needs more creative activities like the scooper in Option B, item 3.
- If you included the climbing structure from Option A, this would be my favorite.
- Don't like the climbing boulders.
- I've seen this climbing structure in other parks, and it isn't used.
- Needs a slide.
- Doesn't provide enough things for younger children to do.
- Item 1 looks dangerous.
- Visually unappealing.
- Not enough swings.
- Not enough color.
- Not inviting.
- The boulders would get old quick.
- Least attractive.

Option D

answer options	Response Percent	Response Count
1 Like the Most	19%	4
2	38.1%	8
3	19%	4
4	9.5%	2
5 Like the Least	17.3%	3

What did you like/dislike about Option D?

- Doesn't have enough play options.
- Like the larger climbing structure.
- Dislike the imaginative play structure. My children usually lose interest in this after a short time.
- Like the different size slides on the climbing structure.
- Not enough swings. There needs to be at least 3-4 regular swings and two toddler swings.
- This is good for younger children.
- Don't think item 2 would appeal to very many children.
- Like that there is equipment for all ages.
- Needs more activity pieces, like in Option B.
- Like item 2.
- It is very unattractive.

Other general comments about the playground:

- Make the playground natural so it blends in. Teach children about wildlife, plants, trees and conservation in their park.
- Build the playground next to trees they can climb.
- Metals slides get too hot in the sun. Install plastic slides instead.
- Swings are a must.
- Please put a bench or two next to the playground for parents to sit and watch their children.
- Looking forward to using the park!
- Don't include equipment for middle and high-school age children, who may intimidate younger children.
- Don't install any playground equipment in this park. Leave a wild open space for the animals.
- Include a teeter-totter.
- Minimize the equipment so it fits in with the natural surroundings. Don't use bright colors.

Other general comments not related to the playground:

- Include a basketball court.
- Don't include a basketball court. It will bring crime.
- Include a softball field.
- Include walking/biking trails.
- Include benches with backs and picnic tables.

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