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Covington Neighborhood Park Frequently Asked Questions

When will construction start?

Construction is scheduled to start in 2010, if funding is available.

What is the construction budget for this park?

Approximately \$1.2 million. Approximately \$600,000 of this will be used for street improvements around the park on NE 71st Street, NE 29th Avenue and NE 70th Court.

How is this project being paid for?

Funding to design and construct this project comes from:

- Park impact fees, which are paid whenever new homes are built
- Real estate excise taxes, which are paid whenever property is sold

Maintenance will be paid for with property taxes collected by the Greater Clark Parks District (www.clarkparks.org), which was approved by voters in the unincorporated urban area of Clark County in 2005.

Who will maintain the park after it's built?

After construction is complete, Clark County Public Works will maintain the park. Currently, the county mows the park a few times a year. After construction, maintenance staff will visit the park at least every other day. Park maintenance activities will include garbage pick up, mowing, weed removal, tree, lawn and plant care and repairs as needed.

Will there be parking and restrooms in the park?

No. Neighborhood parks are designed for people living within a half-mile of the park to walk or bike to. They are not meant to be "destination" parks that attract visitors from outside the immediate neighborhood. As a result, the budget for this park does not include funding for parking or restrooms.

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Can the park's name be changed?

Yes. "Covington Neighborhood Park" is a placeholder name chosen based on the park's proximity to Covington Road and Covington Middle School. The name can be changed to be more representative of this neighborhood or its history if neighbors choose. Name suggestions will be requested at the public meeting and through the Web page.

Can I install a gate from my yard into the park?

Neighbors who share a property line with the park may pay to have a gate installed in the park's chain link fence *after construction is completed*. Interested neighbors must contact Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation in advance to request a gate agreement. For more information, call Brian Potter at (360) 619-1123.

How can I get more information about this project?

Please visit the project Web page at: www.clarkparks.org/projects/covington.htm

Or contact:

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