

A second public meeting was held on September 27, 2006 as part of the Sgt. Brad Crawford Park master planning process. At the meeting, attendees were given yellow and red sticky dots and asked to place the yellow dots next to the proposed master plan features they liked the best, and the red dots next to the proposed master plan features they liked the least on large charts posted around the room.

In addition, public comment forms were handed out at the public meeting, and made available electronically on the project Web page (www.clarkparks.org/projects/crawford.htm) for those who could not attend the meeting. The deadline for response was October 15, 2006.

The following is a summary of all the written comments we received from the paper and electronic comment forms.

Question #1:

Please list the elements/features from all three master plan options that you like the BEST and explain why. Include the identification number for easier reference.

OPTION A: PLAY FOR ALL AGES

A1: Loop Trail with Grinding Rail

- I support the use of a trail encircling the park as long as it doesn't promote undue noise since it backs up to a number of residences.

A2: Summit

- The summit would have nice "street appeal". Especially important is the water can drain to the perimeter of the park not the middle.
- The summit is excellent because it provides a place for little children to climb up safely and slide down without the potential for falling.
- I like the summit and mountain theme of the NE corner of the park

A3: Slide

- The slide is a good part of the summit theme

A4: Challenge Course

- I like the use of the challenge course as a park element. The main reason is that it has a multi age group appeal. This is not just something for very young kids (like a playground) and would have appeal to a wider age group for use. The challenge course also has a feel of a more rustic / nature feature as opposed to a play structure.
- I like the challenge course because it's unusual, and will provide exercise opportunities.
- The challenge course is good for group and individual play
- Non-traditional play area promoting "all body" physical exercise.
- I like the challenge course play area because it appeals to older children.

A5: Boulder Waves

- The concept of boulder waves is a good concept for using easily constructed, low maintenance materials to represent a water feature. I support the use of this type of construction and concept since it is better use of resources and is a natural feature (as opposed to a man-made feature such as a fountain).
- Earth and boulder waves will add elevation to make the space more interesting (i.e. NOT just flat).

A6: Stage

- I like to concept of the stage. It does provide a multi use type feature (gathering place, kid use, possible picnic spot, etc.)

A7: Memorial Wall

- The Memorial Wall is a nice part of the park entrance.
- Very distinctive.

A8: Interactive Water Feature

- We like the interactive water feature because it serves a wide age range. The feature would attract more families to utilize the park.
- Unique draw to encourage park usage. The water feature will be active when most people use the park i.e. summer months.
- The water feature is a wonderful gathering place for the children and parents of the neighborhood. There are no other features like this in the immediate vicinity.
- We like the Water feature because it is an interactive feature that would entertain children for hours.
- The water feature would be enjoyed by the many kids in the neighborhood.
- The interactive water feature is something that is needed for the small children in the county. There are few places to find a public fountain that they can play in with their friends.
- Love the interactive water feature for hot summer days for kids of all ages like Ester Short Park.

A9: Central Plaza

- Central plaza provides a nice entry. Although it seems two more lesser entries would be beneficial.

A10: Pergola

- I really like the Pergola as part of the park. Nice area to gather and picnic.
- I like the pergola because it would add to the beauty of the park and the area. It sets the tone of the park.
- We like the Pergola as it fits the neighborhood well.
- The pergola is nice. The park needs something like this to fit in with the neighborhood.

Other (Option A):

- Overall I prefer Option A.
- Overall I prefer the layout of play "A."
- I favor this one because it seems more "park-like" and family friendly. We are so fortunate to have a park like this going in our neighborhood. It's a very exciting time.
- I like the play for all ages design best. I think it creates a most unusual theme and my grand children will love it!
- I realize that a lot of time and effort went into the three options for the park. There are a lot of great features in all of them, but I prefer option A with some changes as noted under the second question. It will be fun to watch the transformation of the empty lot into a great neighborhood park.
- I like all of the Option A with the exception of the grinding rail.
- The slide and challenge course would be a lot of fun.
- I like the summit/raised area and the attached slide and challenge area. Looks like fun for all ages.
- We like the Slide and Challenge area because it would be great fun.
- I like the slide with challenge courses since many of the children will be at an age to really enjoy this feature and it is something different from what is found in Felida Park.

- Plan A is the best overall design.
- Option A is by far the best.
- A9, A10: Sets a formal tone for remembering Sgt Crawford. Nice but not too somber. GREAT CLASS.
- A3, A4: Great for kids of all ages. Lets the children use their imagination with playing rather than a preset play structure, i.e. here's the swing so swing.
- Please consider option A. Besides the water feature at Clark College there are few public fountains for children to go to. This will bond the community further as we interact with our children. I also like the unique qualities of the challenge park. Please pick option A. We will find a way to make it work. Thank You.
- Lawn field - provides an area for our local Easter Egg Hunt.
- A5, A8, A9, A10: All of these are welcoming and fun for young and old.
- I like the summit/challenge course area because it is unique and adds slope to the park.

OPTION B: OCEAN STORIES

B1: Earth "Wave" with Boulders

- The earth "wave" with boulder and the earth "wave" with trees is a good concept and is similar to the feature A5 described above. I like this concept better than A5 since it does incorporate three different natural type waves (earth, boulders, and trees).

B3: Sand Play Area

- I loved the sandbox and water feature.
- Could/should be coupled with play equipment for young children, ages 5-12 as contemplated by Level 2, Neighborhood Park design standards.

B5: Memorial Path

- I like the idea of a walking path to the future school in order to create a pleasant and safe way for kids and their families to walk to and from school in the future. This demonstrates long-term thinking.
- The memorial path is a very useful and memorable park of the park theme
- Love the idea of colored path with words. Can be minimized by doing it in section in each option.

B7: Loop Trail

- The loop trail is good if not a skate element theme.

B8: Stage

- I like the concept of the stage. It does provide a multi use type feature. Due to this feature being a potential gathering spot, I would rather see it located more toward the interior of the park to remove the potential for conflicts with traffic / street activity.

B9: Ornamental Blue Grasses

- Strongly support the use of ornamental grasses. This again reinforces the "wave" theme in a natural way. I also like the use of this type of grass from an environmental / natural habitat standpoint.
- I like the natural grasses.

Other (Option B):

- I like option B the best. But I would replace Feature B3 (sand play area) with the cool water feature A8. Kids quickly out grow a sand play area but a water feature turns a 70 year old into a kid again!
- I would like to see the park be more "natural" (trees and grass species, natural paths) and less "urban" (lawn, paved)

OPTION C: OPEN ARMS

C1: Hedge Row & Habitat Planting

- I support the use of hedge row and habitat planting. This is similar in concept to the ornamental grasses used in the B9 feature. This feature promotes bird-friendly habitat which I feel is an important aspect of the park in recognizing that it can be made for use by creatures other than humans.
- We like the Habitat planting to encourage wildlife to create a more natural space.
- Hedge row and habitat planting promotes wildlife integration which recognized this area currently provides food, water and quiet shelter for many wildlife species including Bald Eagles (which nest in the large trees across the streets and hunt in this field), Great Blue Herons, Deer, and many other bird, mammal and reptile species. It is therefore important that this park be designed for use by humans and other creatures, alike.

C2: Skate Element

- We like the skate element because it localizes the users to an area, does not interfere with the other park users. Gives skateboards a safe place to further develop their skills.
- We have a lot of skaters in the area, they need a place to go.

C3: Seat Wall

- The seat wall looks very inviting and I like the idea of having significant quotations from Brad's life.
- We like the seat wall because it combines seating and the path in one.

C4: Large Perimeter Path

- The path/loop is good if not a skate element theme.

C5: Legacy Tree Circle

- We like Legacy tree circle to create areas of shade and sun.

C7: Raised Planter

- I like the raised planters. They would look good around a Pergola shade structure.
- The raised planter will create a warm and natural greeting to the park.

C8: Life Columns

- I also like the life columns with water and lights.
- The 5-7 key words would be great but would prefer them on the posts of a pergola or in the sidewalk, not on the columns.

C10: Play Areas (older & younger)

- We like the older and younger play areas because of activities that users can do if children's ages are farther apart - easy to watch children - keep an eye and monitor the children.
- Would like to see some typical playground equipment in the park.
- The play areas are useful; better if located in the NE section of the park to allow more buffer from adjacent homes.
- We need to include the older children.

Other (Option C):

- [Like] grading of the land
- I like Plan C the best because it has a central area for neighborhood events.
- I like the idea of planting a natural boundary of hedges and Habitat planting and the Legacy Tree Circle since both would help to create a more natural setting that gives the park more of a Greenspace style which is more appropriate for this neighborhood than an urban style.
- I like the large open lawn area with smaller areas for gatherings.
- Option C provides a nice natural setting with treescapes that would enhance the park setting.
- I like Option C – but no water feature – the memorial plaque w/ night lighting would be best in my opinion.

OTHER MORE GENERAL COMMENTS FROM QUESTION #1:

- I favor option A or C over the Option B plan since they both seem to be a better fit for all age groups in the community.
- I like the idea of having a perimeter path for walking, skating or skateboarding as long as this is not recognized as a "skateboard park".
- I like the water features. Peaceful for a neighborhood park. Also the more trees around the perimeter the better.
- We like the open areas of both plans B and C so there is enough room for group play.
- Options A, B & C: Extensive use of indigenous trees, shrubs and ornamental grasses. "Nature" theme. Park elements that support a natural theme as opposed to urban – lots of lawn area/field.
- [Like] Large grass areas, loop, multiple entrances, water fountain – kids playing don't have to run home.
- Not opposed to skate area. Skating is very popular with kids. Rather have my kids where I can see them than going far away to find a place to skate.
- I like the skate elements in all of the designs, although I would like to incorporate more than just one skate feature in the park. I would like it if the skate area was by itself. I think a bowl or a gradual lip could easily be added to any of the designs without taking up very much space. I would like a long gradual slope on the loop trail for skating (long boarding).
- [Like] amphitheater areas, natural seating, trees, buffers for neighbors, water.

Question #2:

Please list the elements/features from all three master plan options that you like the LEAST and explain why. Include the identification number for easier reference.

OPTION A: PLAY FOR ALL AGES

A1: Loop Trail with Grinding Rail

- We don't like the loop trail with the grinding loop because of risk of accidents with trail users.
- Grinding rail and paved summit and paths promote the use of these areas as skateboard elements. In particular the grinding rail is a one dimensional feature that would be used solely by skateboarders. Being located directly across the street from the park, I am not in favor of the use of the park as an area for skateboarders. These elements are not multi-age and do not support the concept of play for all ages.
- I don't like the grinding rail because the park is not large enough to support a skate board area.
- Grinding rail- are you kidding? This is a neighborhood family park not the X-Games campus. The noise of skateboards slamming down to the concrete off the rail is incredible. Would you want one of these installed next to your house?
- The problems with skateboarding along the "Loop Trail (A1)" would be as follows: 1.) Speed of skateboarders, which could cause a problem in collision with: a) other skateboarders. this is a given if the park attracts the number of skateboarders as anticipated; b) pedestrians - joggers, strollers, senior citizens, children; c) rollerbladers, which are also allowed; d) collisions could cause bystanders to be injured by airborne skateboards. The county and city could be considered liable in this instance; e) bystanders injured during collisions with skateboarders. The county and city could also be liable in this instance. 2.) Noise of skateboarders: a) lack of buffer zone between skateboard features and neighborhood. The space between homes and the park is not adequate to insure or maintain adjacent neighborhood tranquility; b) impracticality of enforcing and/or monitoring noise pollution of skateboarders; c) impracticality with regards to expense of burdening local police with

noise complaints from neighbors regarding skateboarders Except for the noise issue, the occasional and *responsible* skateboarders would not present additional problems. But all it would take is a group of reckless skateboarders to ruin it for everyone else. I sympathize with parents who bemoan the fact that their kids have no place to skate, but to allow skateboarding in an existing neighborhood is ill thought out.

- The skate element and grinding rail; noisy and dangerous to younger children walking the trail
- Area and size of park are small. Need much more room for skateboard fun. Try Felida Park.
- Skateboarders vs. walkers and bike riders. I have property on the NW corner and don't want the noise. If you must have skateboarding please put it in the NE corner!

A3: Slide

- "Slide" is a metaphor for a skateboarders' "half-pipe" and is clearly designed more for skateboarding than for the use by little children in the traditional sense. The slide, if it must be incorporated, should be the traditional schoolyard type of structure.

A5: Boulder Waves

- The boulder and trees seem to take up 1/2 the lawn area. I would like to see only one row of boulders instead of three and maybe have them placed along the loop trail instead of in the middle. The row of trees in the middle could be put towards the park entrance.
- We feel the Boulder Waves take up too much space.

A6: Stage

- I feel that the stage is not necessary and the money can be used towards other features in the park.
- The stage would be better be served by a picnic table area or more garden/tree areas
- Stage should be minimal.

Other:

- All trails are paved. I would like to see the use of other materials that will still meet ADA requirements as stabilized surfaces and trails that are not paved. I do not mind some of the trails being paved but would like the park to have a more natural blending feel with the environment and less of an urban feel.
- A1, A2: Grinding rail, paved summit and connecting paths are designed for and promote skateboarding. The grinding rail is a single-purpose, one dimensional feature intended solely for use by skateboarders. These are not multi-age elements, do not support the concept of play for all ages, violate the less intensity use standards of a Level 2 Neighborhood Park and, at a minimum, are in direct opposition of the directions given the Park and Recreation Department staff at the stakeholders' meeting of October 11, 2006. As a stakeholder and owner of property immediately adjacent to the Park we are adamantly opposed to ANY element specifically designed for skateboarding or capable of being used by skateboarders.
- All trails are paved which is not compatible with the overall "nature" theme and is contradictive of the environmental illusion. Other materials could be used that would be ADA compliant and still satisfy the need to stabilize the trail surfaces. The goal here is to create a nature-like environment, not replicate urban streets and concrete sidewalks. Further, given the elevation change from the Summit area, A2, to the Stage Area, A6, it is clear that this "trail" is designed, albeit surreptitiously, to be a skateboard course and should be eliminated as a hard surface, (smooth) trail.
- A1 thru A10 – Where are the park benches and picnic tables? "Boulder Waves" are not appropriate for handicapped and/or elderly seating.

OPTION B: OCEAN STORIES

B3: Sand Play Area

- A sand pile will attract animals (cats).

- We don't like the sand play area because of potential health risks with animals using it. Children would also end up spreading sand around the park.
- I don't like this idea since it would require frequent cleaning and maintenance.
- I don't like the sand play area because I think it will get dirty and become unusable.
- The sand play area doesn't seem like a good idea because we have a lot of wildlife in the area and they may cause it to be unsanitary.
- The sand play area is not a good idea due to use by animals (cats, coyotes, dogs, etc.) for waste and general moisture problems with the area
- I don't like the sand box idea because it would be messy and impractical.
- Sand area not practical.
- Sand will attract cats.

B4: Sculpture Wall

- It appears to be a maintenance nightmare.

B5: Memorial Path

- I like the idea of the words imprinted in the path but not crazy about the colors. Prefer the words from Option C of love, joy, peace, faith, etc.
- I prefer the memorial walk be cement or gravel instead of colored. Would tend to get dirty over time.
- Colored path- yuk.

B6: Urban Skate Elements

- Too close to residences. Too noisy. Will attract an unwelcome group of youth that often have unsavory agendas. As an example take a close look at the skate park downtown. Is this what the county really wants for a neighborhood park? I do not.
- I do not support the use of the park as an area for skateboarders. This feature appeals to a very specific group and is not a multi-use element (such as the stage).
- I think the park is too small to have a skateboard area.
- The skate element is not appropriate for close proximity to homes (try a less developed area within Felida Park) and is dangerous to younger children in the park
- As a stakeholder owning property immediately adjacent to the park, we are adamantly opposed to ANY element that promotes or is specifically intended or otherwise designed for (HOWEVER CLEVERLY), skateboarding.

B7: Loop Trail

- All trails are paved. I would like to see the use of other materials that will still meet ADA requirements as stabilized surfaces and trails that are not paved. I do not mind some of the trails being paved but would like the park to have a more natural blending feel with the environment and less of an urban feel.

B8: Stage

- Don't feel like the stage is needed. Would like money put towards landscaping, picnic tables, etc.
- The stage location would be better located in the SE park of the park
- Stage should be minimal.

Other:

- B5 and B7 – Trails are paved and are obviously designed as an extension of and to be an integrated piece connecting with the “Urban Skate Elements”, B6.

OPTION C: OPEN ARMS

C2: Skate Element

- I do not support the use of the park as an area for skateboarders. This feature appeals to a very specific group and is not a multi-use element (such as the stage).

- I don't like the skateboard feature, would prefer a basketball hoop(s) and 1/2 court.
- Skate element is not appropriate due to noise and danger presented to younger children; no way to contain skateboarders to the space

C3: Seat Wall

- This element with the use of paved surfaces has the high potential for damage and abuse by skateboarders. This has already been an issue in many communities where existing benches / steps / etc. are being retrofitted with disrupting elements to prevent further damage.
- While described as a “seat wall,” [it] is, for all practical purposes, a skateboarding element. This element, with the use of the proposed paved surface paths, has a high potential for abuse and damage by skateboarders. This is already an issue in communities across the country when existing benches, steps, planting walls and horizontal barriers have had to be retrofitted with disrupting elements to prevent further use, abuse and damage by skateboarding and skateboarders.
- Will this be used for skateboards? That might make/break this feature.

C4: Large Perimeter Path

- All trails are paved. I would like to see the use of other materials that will still meet ADA requirements as stabilized surfaces and trails that are not paved. I do not mind some of the trails being paved but would like the park to have a more natural blending feel with the environment and less of an urban feel.
- All trails are paved which is not compatible with the overall “nature” theme and is contradictive of the environmental illusion. Other materials could be used that would be ADA compliant and still satisfy the need to stabilize the trail surfaces. The goal here is to create a nature-like environment, not replicate urban streets and concrete sidewalks.

C6: Stage

- I don't see a need for a stage in the park.

C8: Life Columns

- I don't really like the life columns or the water feature. Would prefer the words suggested for the life columns be put on a Pergola posts, or on the raised seat wall, or on the memorial wall in option a.
- We don't feel the Life Columns fit the neighborhood.
- I don't like the life columns very much because they seem very abstract and I personally don't care for them.

C9: Grating

- Water features need to be constructed to ensure safety and cleanliness and the concept and location of this feature provides neither.

Other (Option C):

- You will not be able to properly drain water from the sunken design of plan C. Felida has the worst clay in the county and all of our crawlspaces have water in them in the winter. Talk to Felida Elementary about water problems after their landscape redesign. The school has pumps and hoses across the sidewalks 12 months a year now and grass still will not grow in the low spots. Please consider this!
- C2, C3 & C4 – As stakeholders and owners of property immediately adjacent to the park, we are adamantly opposed to ANY element that promotes skateboarding...

OTHER MORE GENERAL COMMENTS FROM QUESTION #2:

- Please remove any form of skateboarding, and make the pathways un-skateable.
- We are in no way in favor of any park improvements that include a Skateboard ramp or facility. If other neighborhoods wish to see this kind of facility, then they should petition the county for this kind of thing in their area.
- I don't know that the stage will get used that often. It seems like a waste of space.

- I do not like the stage idea that is mentioned on the plans, I really don't think it would get the use justifying the cost.
- I also don't feel that including much space for games like soccer is not necessary with Felida Park being only a few blocks from this location with much play space.
- Skate features. Encourages and legitimizes destructive behavior elsewhere.
- I am VERY concerned about ALL the proposed skating elements to this park. Please remember that this park is in a residential area and is adjacent to several quality homes. There are even more homes that have at least one bedroom overlooking the park. This is a tranquil and beautiful neighborhood and I am concerned that a park created with skate boarders in mind would change that. Skate boarding is a very noisy activity that is not appropriate to encourage directly behind, in front of, beside or even in earshot of residential homes. I also do not think it is in keeping with the fundamental goal of making this park an area suitable for people of all ages. A high concentration of skateboarders could discourage anyone young or old just wanting a safe and desirable place to exercise or congregate. My fear is that a skateboarding area appeals to a very small demographic that could potentially dominate the park and affect the overall serenity, safety and even property value of the surrounding area. I have already seen (and heard) skateboarders use some of the community driveways along 48th Ave that service more than one home. My concern is that having a park with skating elements will increase the overall skateboarding traffic in this neighborhood and limit the number people who will enjoy spending time in or near this park.
- I live next to the park, and I think that the skateboarding features are the worst thing you can possibly do to us. A "grinding" rail in my back yard is unacceptable. Also an urban skateboarding element belongs in an urban jungle near a noisy road or the middle of a huge park, not a quiet 2 1/2 acre neighborhood park. I appreciate the ideas behind the plan, but the practical implication is that skateboarding is noisy, annoying and a public nuisance. Sgt. Crawford was a peace officer, and I doubt would want to adversely disrupt people's lives that live near the park. A horrible idea which will affect our quality of life and most likely property values.
- The skate feature is inappropriate for a neighborhood park for a number of reasons. First, there is no parking available, and the skate feature would attract out-of-area users. Second, it is a noise-generator. Third, the reality is that skate parks are crime hotbeds. See the following link for Wenatchee's experience with its skate park: to wit, graffiti, guns and litter. I'm not against skate parks. In fact, I encourage them. However it is not an appropriate element for this small neighborhood park.
- With no disrespect to the Crawford family, please DO NOT put a skate feature in our neighborhood!!! Let them go to a designated public or private existing boarder park. Boarders and boarding activity is very uncondusive to the enjoyment of all who visit the park and to those who live near the park. It creates an unsavory environment for those who would visit the park. I cannot not imagine toddlers, families and seniors being able to use the park in a peaceful, quiet environment. Not to mention the additional 911 emergency calls to the area for increased injuries and drug-related activities. Can the taxpayers support the additional emergency services for sheriff patrols and fire department calls to the park??? Who is going to pick up the tab when someone gets hurt at a public park? The taxpayers? I would hope not.
- I am concerned about the cost to install and maintain any of the water features. Someone said it would take 1/2 the budget to put the water feature in. That seems like an uneven distribution of the money.
- The skateboard emphasis is not what our neighborhood needs. Though it would get the neighbor boys off our two level driveways. Maybe it would be better for them to have their own area. The problem is that they come to the other park on 127th and their foul language and bad example makes our children afraid to be there. That is sad since the park is set up for younger children at the playground area. I have asked them to watch their language and have found little else that we can do. The thought of having this park, which is closer to our house, more of a problem than the other one is sad. Either the park needs to have a reasonable area for the skateboarders away from the kid's area or not at all.

- We do not like the Skateboarding elements because we feel the park is too small to protect surrounding residents from the noise. We also feel it could invite more teenage car traffic. We also feel that skateboarders would be destructive to other park elements such as C-3 seat walls.
- PLEASE REMOVE ALL SKATE ELEMENTS- these are not welcome as they will increase noise levels at all hours and increase crime in our neighborhood.
- The skate elements. I work for the Portland Fire Bureau as well as Reserve for the Sheriffs Office. By far I believe these are the worst design elements. The majority of skate boarders are anti social and this one element could lead to an increase in vandalism as well as disturbances. Please look into the statistics for Portland's skate park as well as Vancouver's (by Clark) see the impact of police and fire response that this single element may cause. I realize there are many skaters who do not fit this profile, however a developed element will attract both good and bad. Please leave a developed skate park out. Option A with limited development would be fine i.e. just a path and grinding rail.
- I strongly dislike the proposed skateboard elements for the following reasons: a.) Pits walkers against skateboarders => accident waiting to happen!! <Liability>; b.) Did I mention liability?; c.) High noise level in such a small park!; d.) Close proximity to adjacent homes.; e.) Out of character for a memorial park. Should be a place of reverence and reflection; f.) Not in the "spirit" of a neighborhood park; g.) Close proximity to future elementary school; h.) Not a monitored area.
- Don't see need for stage.
- Why the sudden concern for skateboarders? I would rather have no skateboarding.
- How did it become so important to create a space for skateboarders in the park? Felida Park is a better place for that. This space is too small for noise and aggressive behavior is not suiting to a "neighborhood park." Please remove these options.
- Please – no sand features – no water features – simple.

Question #3:

Are there any park elements/features not included in any of the options that you'd like to see?

- Include play structures for small children.
- Add a neighborhood information kiosk.
- We desire a "family-friendly atmosphere" in this small neighborhood park. For instance, 2 half-court basketball hoops and courts for fathers, sons, mothers, and daughters where they may enjoy one another.
- A swing set for small children would be nice. We do however; counsel the Parks Commission to consider the liability issues that playground equipment can engender and the same issues with skateboarding.
- In staying with the surfing theme...I've seen balancing boards in other parks.
- I would like to see more open grass area. Swings, teeter-totters, climbing bars and slides.
- I would also love to see the "Wheel of Progress" embedded somewhere in concrete as a constant reminder of the efficiencies in local government.
- I was wondering if there was any thought or comments on reserving a space for a community garden area. A community garden offers several benefits to the neighborhood and provides a sense of community and participation that is very valuable. I live near the park and the company I work for actually provides grants up to \$10,000 to help establish community gardens.
- We would like to see a small sport court that would allow kids to play basketball.
- Would like to see a couple of picnic tables.

- Though I see play areas in Plan C, for example, I do not see any plans for playground equipment. If the goal of the park is to attract people of all ages and for neighbors to congregate here - I think it's important to have a place where young children can play as their parent, grandparents, etc. also enjoy the park.
- Great designs!
- You should also build secure fencing so park visitors will not trespass on our property going to and from the park.
- I would like to see the use of other materials for the trails other than paving. We have pavement everywhere in our surroundings. I would like to see the park as a more natural area that blends better with the concept of a park that will be used by creatures other than humans.
- I would like to see a basketball goal and maybe a half court put in. The kids could play basketball, or ride their little bikes around the cement court. It would also be nice to put up a backboard (maybe the dimensions of 8' long and 4 to 5' high) someplace near the cement court so the children could kick the ball at the wall or a tennis ball or just throw the ball at it and have the ball bounce onto the cement area and be able to play catch even if no one else is there to play with.
- Would like to see BIG trees and shade be part of the park. The main Felida community park is great but is too hot in the summer. We can't visit it during the heat of the day because of lack of trees/shade.
- Lighting certain elements at night would be a great tribute to Sgt Crawford and help reduce crime, etc.
- A lighted flag pole.
- Seating areas picnic tables in the surrounding open space near the trails.
- Emphasis on play features such as tire swings, jungle gym, and climbing areas.
- Northwest natural landscaping, like ferns and cedars in the landscape mix.
- Maybe a bridge feature on a trail over a dry creek rock basin to simulate other Northwest features.
- I would like to see some parking on the park grounds. A rectangular lot or a few rows would keep cars off the streets during normal use. For special community events the parking could spill out into the streets.
- Where are the MAJORITY of the elements that taxpaying neighbors requested in the first meeting for the design of THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD PARK held in the park on April 18, 2006 where OVER 40 neighborhood residents attended. (Please refer to your two page synopsis posted on your website). This park should be a respite from urban elements and, as such, should use natural materials for said stabilization. The paths should, and can, be constructed of natural material, not concrete or macadam, and still meet ADA standards. Natural materials blend with the environmental concept and lends credibility to the concept of use by creatures other than humans. Where are the park benches and picnic tables?
- Any type of swings, slides, etc. for small children.
- Play areas – we have a very active neighborhood. People walking, kids playing, Easter egg hunts, etc.
- A lip on the skating area, a smooth trail to skate down. I think a slope would also be great for sledding the winter, and I know little kids love running down hills. I think a surfing theme would be great on the skating area.
- Pedestrian safety on 131st.
- Prefer a gravel path or path not conducive to skateboarding!
- Please – drinking fountain – one you can't plug up. Kids!

Question #4:

Do you have any other comments you wish to share?

- I am concerned about too many trees and shrubs being a hideout for pedophiles.

- I would like to see this park be very family friendly. With lots of activities for the children and families that live here. Including Brad Crawford's four children. There are a few elderly people in this development who have strong voices because, they have more time. They would like to see this park just be a quiet element to the neighborhood. These people truly are the minority.
- I would also appreciate a larger buffer of space on the westside of the park, as my house is only 10 feet away from the fenceline.
- This park is only two acres and is better suited as a gathering place of all ages, and a place to honor a fallen peace officer with activities that do not invite conflict, or disrupt the quality of life for the neighbors.
- As an immediate neighbor I am concerned with traffic flow in front of the park. A stop sign, and perhaps a cobblestone or textured crosswalk may help.
- Please position play structures in the center of the park or closer to the road as they may be noisier for the adjacent neighbors.
- Large maple trees (*Acer macrophyllum*) and sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*) are two deciduous types of trees that would provide shade for families, riding bikes, playing Frisbees, or throwing balls to one another. Also include hemlock (*Tsuga heterophylla*) and Doug fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*).
- I understand from Morgan's comment that the park might be finished sometime in 2008. So, Commissioner Boldt proudly exclaims in 2005 the park will be build ahead of schedule. The process begins in 2006 and might finish in 2008. All we are dealing with is less than 2 1/2 acres of grass, trees, and a variety of play areas. I am extremely perplexed when I read the majestic beacon of New York City, the Empire State Building that has stood as a symbol of strength and power in New York for more that 7 decades only took a year to build. I'm saddened not only for this project but what lies in the future. There is a principle called Achems Razor that Parks staff would do well to adopt. In essence the principle states when confronted with a number of options ALWAYS choose the most simple. The 3 designs presented at the meeting were supposedly given to spark ideas. All three were way over designed. It appears to me the City is using Sgt. Brad Crawford's likes and life style to design a facility that captures the essence of his life and produce lavish plans in his name. I submit that he probably would want a clean, friendly, unstated park, with a humble tribute of his sacrifice. Possibly just naming a park after him would greatly exceed his expectations.
- We think it is important to have a safe and fun environment for all ages, not just focus on young children. Even though we have young children, we believe it is important for teenagers to also have a fun, safe place to go.
- Some of my neighbors have approached me with considerable concern that one of the plans would be a "skateboard park". I really don't see this in the plans, but was unable to view the plans in detail (unable to enlarge the drawings for some reason). I would side with my neighbors on not wanting a skateboard type of park, we don't need the noise and parking problems that this might bring.
- I respect and support the idea of memorializing Sgt Brad Crawford. But as you do this I think it's extremely important for you to be sensitive to the impact building this park will have on this neighborhood and those of us who already live here. This is currently a very pleasant and popular area to walk and to live. I think it's important that this park enhances the existing features (including serenity and natural beauty) of this area rather than detract from it. PLEASE reconsider including any of the skating elements proposed for this park. There are other areas further away from quiet residential homes that would be far more appropriate for skate boarding elements.
- Thanks to all!
- My residence is located directly across the street from the park. As someone who will live with the elements that are constructed, I would like to see a park that does not contain skateboard elements. There are specialized areas in our city constructed solely for that purpose. I feel that the park should contain elements that appeal to broader age groups and a larger segment of people living in the surrounding area. Additionally, during the public meetings that I attended, I did not hear the concept of skateboard elements being promoted by any of the residence that attended these meetings.

- I read and reviewed the plans for the new park next to my home. If well maintained, it could be a wonderful addition to the neighborhood and a welcome place for strolling, jogging, civic gatherings, family picnics, even meditation and repose.
- WE MISS YOU BRAD!
- 1.) Why is there such intense interest in some sort of skate park that services such a small and transient portion of the local community (e.g. only four people spoke for this as an addition out of a total of 30 people in attendance at first exploratory meeting for the park!)???? 2.) Since these plans were drawn up with a target budget of \$800,000, how will a priority list of items drawn up (keep vs. disregard) if the fund raising goal comes up short? Who will make this list?
- Fundamental flaws in the current beliefs for a skate feature: a.) The only users will be from the 1/2 mile radius of the park. INCORRECT-Since today's teenagers have transportation readily at their finger-tips this WILL pull kids from outside of the targeted area.; b.) Older teenage kids will be bored with these "small" skate features. INCORRECT-If you have ever watched skaters they can spend HOURS on a simple street curb perfecting various moves.; c.) Teenager skaters won't want to spend significant time there since the features are for smaller kids. INCORRECT-This area will serve as an excellent "hang-out" location for skaters since the park is remote and the proposed features are far away from the street.; d.) This will be a "play for all ages" type of park. INCORRECT-If the teenage skaters begin to hang out in the park this will effectively exclude most if not all of the other age groups. Little children will be frightened and older adults will avoid it so they won't have to deal with the disrespect.; e.) Special consideration will be given the stakeholders who are most directly affected by the park design. INCORRECT-Our original comments concerning skate features was obviously ignored given the plans submitted. ==> Is the County Parks Dept. willing to listen to and acknowledge our input or do they have their own agenda?
- Do not desire any skateboard park features. The location is very residential and the noise and gathering of skateboarders will increase noise and put younger users of the park in danger of being rundown or chased out of play areas. Put a skate element in Felida Park where there is more space and less homes. A neighborhood park needs to be enjoyed by all with providing respect and privacy to the adjacent homeowners.
- Do not include any restroom facilities and they tend to have issues with vandalism, drug use, and other activities not appropriate for a neighborhood park.
- All three "options", however cleverly disguised and euphemistically described, are skateboarding oriented and centered. As a stakeholder of property immediately adjacent to the park we are adamantly opposed to ANY skateboarding element. Skateboarding is an incompatible use and activity in relations to our neighborhood and is not acceptable. The comments and universal disapproval of the skateboarding element as attested to at the stakeholders meeting on October 11, 2006, coupled with the evidence submitted and the comments offered by two (2) Clark County Sheriff Deputies should be sufficient support of our position. All of us moved here to enjoy a QUIET neighborhood and have worked extremely hard and invested life savings into our homes. YOU are attempting to take this away from us. We deserve the right to retain the same quality of life that we enjoyed before the Park was placed on the fast tract for development into a skateboarders destination. What a shame that you are using your talents to attempt to take away our small slice of solitude instead of working for us to enhance what we love. Sgt. Brad Crawford was a police officer whose life was dedicated to maintaining the peace. To create a neighborhood park that incorporates and activity that is proven to be destructive and fraught with disruptive elements is not only counter-intuitive to the very purpose of a "park," but contractive of his professions' credo, "...maintain the peace..." As such, it is abundantly clear to all those whose lives will be inextricably impacted by the park, skateboarding is an incompatible activity/element and should be stricken from all design plans. This is such a quiet, peaceful neighborhood. How sad it is that you are trying to turn it into a skateboard park, the end result of which is to demean the very reason for renaming it the "Sgt. Brad Crawford Park."
- A gravel type path, not concrete. Also connect path into school area for families along McCann.
- If it comes down to a water feature or play structures, please consider the swings and slides for children.

- Any skateboard areas need to be available in much larger parks.
 - Seems like you don't know much about the community that you are designing this park for. The designs are very Sgt. Crawford designed without much thought for the surrounding community that will be using it.
 - No encouraging of skateboarding.
 - Keep it simple. We already have a neighborhood park.
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The following is a numerical tally of the responses received, including from the dot voting exercise at the September 27, 2006 public meeting:

Sgt. Crawford Park

Comment Forms & Dot Voting Results Summary

October 2006

#	Description	Positive	Negative
A1	Loop Trail w Grinding Rail *	4 (no grinding rail)	
A2	Summit	14	
A3	Slide	16	1
A4	Challenge Course	28	
A5	Boulder Waves	13	2
A6	Stage	3	9
A7	Memorial Wall	14	
A8	Interactive Water Feature	22	2
A9	Central Plaza	11	
A10	Pergola	9	1
B1	Earth "Wave" with Boulders	10	
B2	Earth "Wave" with Trees	7	
B3	Sand Play Area	5	17
B4	Sculpture Wall	1	1
B5	Memorial Path	14	2
B6	Ornamental Blue Grasses	6	1
B7	Stage	2	6
B8	Loop Trail	2	1
B9	Urban Skate Elements*		
C1	Hedge Row & Habitat Planting	16	
C2	Skate Element*		
C3	Seat Wall	6	1
C4	Large Perimeter Path	5	1
C5	Legacy Tree Circle	8	
C6	Stage		
C7	Raised Planter	3	
C8	Life Columns	9	7
C9	Grating	1	1
C10	Older Play Area	21	

Are there any park elements/features not included in any of the options that you'd like to see?

Description	# of Requests
Sports Court/Basketball	3
Swings, Slides, & Monkey Bars	3
Picnic Tables	1
Tennis Rebound Wall	1
Big Trees & Shade	1
Lit Flagpole	1
Bridge over Trail	1
Parking	1
Neighborhood Information Kiosk	1
Traffic Control Measures on NW 48th Ave	2
Gazebo/Shelter	5
Keep Park Entrance in Southwest Corner away from Curve on NW 48th Ave	3
Non-Skateable Trails	5
Gravel Paths	3
Multiple Entrances	2
Drinking Fountain	3
Place to Long Board	1
Sledding Hill	1
Contemplative Area	1

** Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation staff was informed that some people at the September 27 public meeting deliberately tampered with the dots that had been placed next to the different skateboarding elements listed on the charts. This action invalidated the results of this exercise with regards to the skateboarding elements, so those results have not been included here and are not being used by staff to help gauge public opinion about the skateboarding elements proposed in the master plan.*

Supported Skate Elements ----- 6 (comment form results only, see above)

Opposed to Skate Element -----19 (comment form results only, see above)

Opposed to any Rest Rooms -----1