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The comment form was distributed at the November 16, 2006 public meeting. An electronic version was made available on the Web page, and the link was sent to the project's e-mail distribution list. Hard copies of the form were also given to Dr. Milada Allen of the Felida Neighborhood Association and immediately adjacent neighbor Shell McKedy for additional distribution to those who weren't able to access the online version.

The public comments received have been reprinted verbatim with the exception of any expletives or inflammatory personal remarks not directly related to the park design or the development process. Unedited versions of all the public comment forms received are available for public review by request at the Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation office at 610 Esther Street in Vancouver.

OVERALL DESIGN:

For me, the proposed Master Plan is:

Okay as presented:

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Comments:

- Looks good!
- Need info for master plan fundraising ASAP.
- Basic park
- (without the earlier skateboard trial balloon). Also, please avoid the tacky hut and kiosk advocated by the loud busybody in the back during the Q&A session – the November presentation seems a great improvement over the plan of Sept-Oct. It got evidently warm response from neighbors at the Nov. meeting, and from Sgt. Crawford's brother. We think you have a winner with this current plan.
- I like the new plan. It seems unique, but also a simple and safe design that the county can maintain and supervise properly. The crushed rock on the path is a good touch for a walking trail through the park. I like the open grassy area for frisbee, picnics, kids play, etc. The more trees and hedgerows around the perimeter the better. I'm not sure on the "view" hill. May be nice but I can't visualize. The slide sounds fun for kids, and they could roll down the grassy hill. I'd like to see some parking. I can't warm up to the idea of cars parked in the streets.
- Nice place for the entire family
- I appreciate both the effort made by some of my neighbors to solicit neighborhood input and the effort made by the parks department to encourage it and listen to it. In particular - I am relieved that the skateboard elements were removed.

Okay, with some modifications. How would you change it?:

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Comments:

- Too much. Too expensive.
- Remove cover @ entrance and make it at summit

- No smooth surface paths. They don't look or feel natural. Trees will take many years to provide shade in 80 [degree]+ summers or rain storms. A small covered shelter with info. about Sgt. Crawford will be enjoyed by everyone.
- No nine foot gateway.
- The (arch) row of trees north of the boulder waves should be removed because it limits visibility from the street and it cuts into the grassy area usability. I think the grassy area needs to be as large as possible so people can use it for Frisbee, pickup soccer. Also, remove trees (proposal) North of the viewpoint/hill. This again obstructs visibility especially from the school's property – security is an issue for me. Police/Sheriff deputies/security personnel need to quickly view an area.
- Have more older play equipment. Fleida Park has a lot of younger play equipment. Kompan Galaxy equipment.
- Needs an area for benches/tables or an area for play under cover, to protect against rain.
- Ponds?
- Need more colorful trees and a CERT disaster-preparedness shed. The neighbors strongly support being prepared for a disaster.
- You guys are doing a great job. Just don't forget about the teenage set and offering them something to do. Thanks.
- I like the new plan. It seems unique, but also a simple and safe design that the county can maintain and supervise properly. The crushed rock on the path is a good touch for a walking trail through the park. I like the open grassy area for frisbee, picnics, kids play, etc. The more trees and hedgerows around the perimeter the better. I'm not sure on the "view" hill. May be nice but I can't visualize. The slide sounds fun for kids, and they could roll down the grassy hill. I'd like to see some parking. I can't warm up to the idea of cars parked in the streets.
- I like the overall proposed Master Plan except for the following:
 1. Pavilion in the Memorial Plaza-the steel supports and sandstone base seem to take up a lot of room under the S.S. roof. I would like to see the roof with 4 outer posts so the entire area underneath is available to stand and or sit under.
 2. Playground equipment 4 and 5-I am not sure what the equipment is for. It looks like it would need someone supervising it so no one would get hurt. I would much rather have a paved 1/2 court basketball court.
- My husband Steve & I live in Felida. We are pleased that this park is being built and would like to see the following:
 - *** We are soon-to-be grandparents and want to see playground equipment for small children. *** We want to see a perennial garden or several gardens. My daughter loves to garden and we want to see colorful beds of flowers.
 - *** My husband is taking the CERT Class in February. This is a very important class that we believe everyone should have. A storage shed is not only practical but could help saves lives. I am from UTAH originally and we endured flooding and power outages routinely due to weather issues. Our water systems became contaminated because of mud slides and all our drinking water had to be stored. ANYTHING that will help our neighborhood be ready for a disaster is absolutely essential. Thank you. Steve & Marianne Brown
- no entrance cover. move this cover to back area of park at summit. decrease size of play area.
- would like to make the open space area a bit larger. Also would love to see the park trees and shrubs reflect the beautiful 4 season beauty of the Pacific NW. Flowering trees & shrubs in the spring and summer and bright firey reds, oranges and yellows of fall.
- The plan looks very nice. I have just one thought to share: It would be great if there could be some play equipment that encouraged imaginative as well as active play. This could be something like a pirate ship, a play house, a tree house, a tee pee, giant mushroom house, a pretend log cabin, a maze, a secret garden, etc. Perhaps the structure could fit with the overall theme in some way. A structure or garden like this would make the park truly unique in Vancouver.

- I'd like to see you take out four of the legacy trees from the center of the park (keep the one closest to the asphalt path) and the northern most row of boulder waves. These changes would increase the irrigated lawn area size. I would like to see the six foot wide crushed rock path on the west side of the park changed to asphalt. I don't think the park should include any areas that are maintained by the neighbors, including: sheds, kiosks, or planting gardens.
- Just wish it had an interactive water feature, doesn't seem that we have any in the area. The only local place, Kline gets too crowded and is not small child friendly. Looks great and I know money is a factor. Great work on the skate compromise with the play equipment.
- 1. The park does not provide enough trees on the north side to effect a needed wind break.
- I was surprised the county parks would spend so much money on one park. If the citizens wanted to raise this money that would be great but to spend so much money on one park and then deny or delay other parks is a waste of taxpayer money. Jon Haugen 13502 NW 49th Ave. Vancouver, WA 98685 360-907-8340
- I would like the memorial plaza / gateway / and pavilion moved further into the park. In my opinion this would help to make this element more a part of the park and less a part of the street. This element seems to stand by itself and serves more as an special entry than a true memorial. If the boardwalk paving were extended, this would add in the experience of entering a special memorial area. This memorial area can then lead the visitor into the "wave" element of the boulder waves. With a closer proximity to the boulders, the memorial can then be viewed from the sitting areas provided in the boulder waves.
- I liked the idea of having sand (sandbox) for the kids to play in. Also a fountain that everyone could wade in on a hot day would be nice.
- I think it will be great. Thanks for your work. I would prioritize the memorial elements as follows: (1) Arched entry with park sign. The park needs an entrance to be a focal point as you look down 47th Avenue.
(2) The climbing wall, slide and bench on the mound in the northeast corner of the park. This would be really great to have. The plaza and plaza seating don't seem as important to me as the other elements above. Overall- nice job
- The park plan is lacking in the childrens play area. We feel more effort should be made to have adequate play structure for small children.
- Add more tables and benches. Picnic shelter/gazebo.
- Need more color and warmth for gateway, in landscaping and equipment.
- Add exercise stations for adults. Add more benches with armrests and high backs for disabled and elderly community members. Add swings and traditional play equipment for toddlers. Add colorful area of activities for imaginative play. Add picnic tables (no wood).

Not okay as currently proposed. Why?:

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Comments:

- Milk toast. You have created another "vanilla" neighborhood park. Other than the little climbing wall, this park will offer nothing that I can't have just 3 blocks away at Felida Park! Take our scarce tax payer dollars (which are plentiful right now due to the record amount collected via the REET tax) and do something special. #1) Please, add the interactive water play feature that will attract young and older kids alike during the summer months and make this park stand out! #2) Remove the legacy trees in the irrigated area to open up the park (and reduce leaf maintenance in the Fall). Thanks for listening.
- No more taxes!

INDIVIDUAL PARK FEATURES:

Please tell what you think about the proposed Master Plan features.

6-foot wide crushed rock paths

Like: 34 Dislike: 5

Comments:

- Great variation
- Would prefer paved/asphalt
- The feel of a nature path along a trail in the woods
- In some places

Picnic tables

Like: 43 Dislike: 0

Comments:

- Depends on the cost, maybe later
- Need more

Park benches

Like: 45 Dislike: 0

Comments:

- More benches around play area (6-10 of them)
- Not behind 100' x 100' play space. Closer to small child play area
- Need more

Irrigated lawn

Like: 38 Dislike: 5

Comments:

- Mix

Unirrigated lawn

Like: 29 Dislike: 7

Comments:

- Look bad in summer
- No need to water extreme edges
- Mix

Legacy trees w/ fall color

Like: 36 Dislike: 6

Comments:

- Use nandina for year round color
- Best fall color in New England is sugar maple. Here they need irrigation first 15 yrs July – Aug – Sept – to defend against verticillium
- Takes away from lawn space
- Cherry. Dogwood. Maybe shrubs like Butterfly and Lilac/Lavender plant
- Legacy trees are they the ones that have variant hues of red,orange and yellow on one tree?? If so,that would be gorgeous. Again could the hedgerow screen have color interest?
- Too messy

Deciduous trees

Like: 41 Dislike: 1

Comments:

- Some
- Think of them in year 2110 w/ high crowns. Include beech?
- Please no 40'-60'. Small leaves

Hedgerow screen

Like: 41 Dislike: 2

Comments:

- Sooner than later
- Firethorn/pyracantha=fruit for birds. Shrub roses=check out www.heirloomroses.com
- Again could the hedgerow screen have color interest?

Accent trees

Like: 44 Dislike: 0

Comments:

- Please not flowering plums, which are already a cheap cliché on E parts of McCann Rd and 131st St.
- Some have tiny narrow leaves. Less problem to clean up.
- The Accent trees around SGT.BRAD CRAWFORD Memorial could be flowering Japanese Cherry trees or some sort of ornamental flowering tree of smaller stature.

Maintenance entrance

Like: 26 Dislike: 5

Comments:

- Painted crosswalk
- Maintenance Entrance is fine as long as it blends with surrounding area.

View point w/ bench

Like: 32 Dislike: 5

Comments:

- Great idea!
- Add cover here and remove the one at the entrance
- Remember the feeling of standing on top of sand dune

Slide

Like: 39 Dislike: 2

Comments:

- Several

Naturalistic rock climbing wall

Like: 34 Dislike: 6

Comments:

- I like it but would rather see it in forged rubber vs. concrete (kids safety)
- Fantastic!
- Rock climbing wall slide is fine as long as you are sure it won't be used by skateboarders as a trick ramp.

Play area

Like: 41 Dislike: 2

Comments:

- Love having a play area for older kids – they need to have a space of their own
- Love the progressive play structures!
- Use more older equipment
- Would like adult sized swings please for adults and teens
- w/ play equipment for 2-12 year old group only
- Plenty of benches for mothers, grandparents
- Swings

10-foot wide asphalt path

Like: 29 Dislike: 13

Comments:

- Prefer it
- Narrower & natural
- How about a more aesthetically natural hard surface
- Unless it has rough, bumpy surface. Natural trail look.

Boulder waves

Like: 34 Dislike: 5

Comments:

- Sounds very neat
- Do it artistically and naturally, not golf-course tacky.
- Great idea
- I am not real fond of the boulder waves in amphitheater formation, less is more.

Memorial Plaza: Pavilion seating area

Like: 25 Dislike: 12

Comments:

- Must have!
- Remove cover @entrance and place it @ summit
- Too much
- Looks like a bus stop. Does not “flow”

Memorial Plaza: Ocean washed concrete paving

Like: 40 Dislike: 1

Comments: None

Memorial Plaza: Ornamental grass circle

Like: 34 Dislike: 6

Comments:

- Fragrant shrubs: lavender, daphne
- Need color

Memorial Plaza Gateway

Like: 27 Dislike: 12

Comments:

- Would like to see you use core-tin for the beam as opposed to stainless steel – e-mail me about this and I’ll explain more about core tin.

- Looks out of place, like a banner at an amusement park
- Too cold – ugly
- Redesign
- Does not “fit” – out of character – too angular

Memorial Plaza: Boardwalk pavers

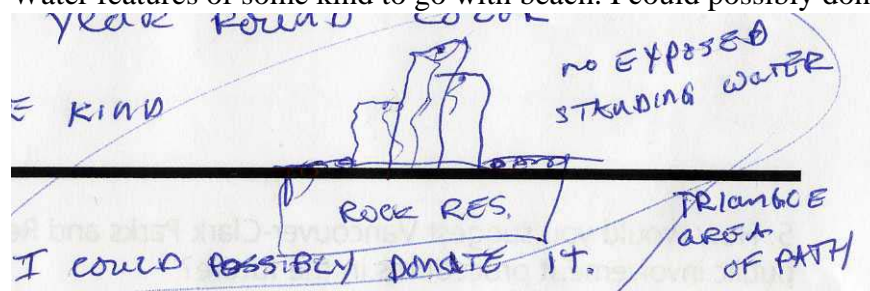
Like: 38 Dislike: 4

Comments:

- Like the idea of engraved pavers. See them to raise \$
- I think the boardwalk pavers are going to look out of place leading to the memorial plaza.

OTHER COMMENTS?

- Possible BBQ or firepits?
- Water features of some kind to go with beach. I could possibly donate it (see drawing).



- Basic park only. Can't participate in any additional funds.
- Of course the master plan is greatly preferred to the base plan. We need to know what the fundraising aspect will look like and the timeline as soon as possible.
- Large stripe crosswalk
- Stop signs near entrance
- No parking on curve, as cars and delivery trucks go faster than necessary.
- How about a raised cross walk at the main entrance (west) to slow cars around the blind corner coming from the north (Ashley Heights) down 48th Ave.
- I enjoyed so much seeing the wildlife in this “park” for so many years. It is so sad that it is the big loser in all of this and no one cares about anything except more equipment, more grass, more seats, more asphalt, more more more.
- Be sure to put benches and picnic tables near the play area. I know this is late, and probably won't count, but wanted to let you know we think you are doing a good job on planning the park. It really looks good.
- Nice design job. Love the ocean theme.
- I haven't seen some of these features - it's hard to comment. Rock Climbing wall might be nice but the indoor ones I've seen are 20+ feet high. I personally don't have any use for the play area, but I can see where kids might like it.
- I like the variety of trees, hedges, grasses, paving, etc. Makes the park very interesting.
- Nice design. Like all the rock elements for the park. Please include innovative & creative play structures. Our neighborhood is very close knit and has lots of small children. Please bear this in mind. Thank you for your hard work.
- The Memorial Portion of the Park is beautiful and a wonderful tribute to Sgt. Brad Crawford, Hopefully money can be raised for this.
- We are very excited to have this park going in so soon!
- For the most part, I think this is a good design. My specific comments on 2 items are: For a park of this size - which is extremely small - I question the need for a specific maintenance entrance. If this element does remain, I would like it moved to the east corner of the park away from the curve in 131st Street. This curve has already had some instances of conflict (but luckily no accidents) with limited visibility,

pedestrians, children playing, and excessive speed by motorists. If maintenance vehicles are parked or maneuvering at the proposed entry location, it would create an unsafe condition with even more reduced visibility at that curve. With the maintenance entry at the east side of the park, there is better visibility for drivers and pedestrians. If this would make the entrances too close together, I would propose moving the main entry to the west. I would like to see more use of the crushed rock path. There is a need for the asphalt path to handle maintenance vehicles. However, the crushed rock paths have better appeal and fit the more natural type setting of the park as reflected in the current design.

- Spend the extra money on the Ocean washed concrete circle and put an interactive water play feature in the middle of it.
- No park benches by adjacent homes, please only trees for privacy. Please keep natural look to park, leave perimeter unpaved.
- I like the effort made to at least propose (pending at least some additional funding - I imagine) of a play area that will include play areas for all age ranges.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:

The Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency (CRESA) designates parks as neighborhood gathering places during natural disasters and other emergencies. Because of this, the Felida Neighborhood Association has requested that a storage facility for emergency supplies and tools be included in Sgt. Brad Crawford Park, along with a kiosk or bulletin board for posting neighborhood and emergency preparedness information.

These types of items are not standard for neighborhood parks, and funding to install and maintain them is not provided for in the park budget. However, neighbors and neighborhood associations can ask the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission to add them when appropriate, and help establish a plan to pay for installation, operations and maintenance.

Do you support the request to add a storage facility and informational kiosk or bulletin board to Sgt. Crawford Park?

Yes: 32

No: 15

Comments:

Checked "Yes":

- In a disaster we need access to emergency equipment. There are now at least five CERT Certified members in the area who can be of great assistance in an emergency and a storage facility would be a real asset to us. Four of us live with in the area of the Park.
- Anything this community can do to help save lives and property in a disaster is a smart move. I strongly support this.
- I wrote earlier [in the comment form] that this is absolutely imperative. I will be very pleased if this is included in our park. It will save lives and give continuity to our community in a disaster.
- I see the necessity for it, however I hope it can be designed in such a fashion that it is not an eye sore!!!!
- but must be carefully located designed and placed
- First of all, the Felida Neighborhood Association has never had any public meetings to discuss this issue with the residents. Additionally, this issue has NEVER been discussed at any of the previous meetings on Sgt. Crawford Park elements or usage of the park. I am not in favor of a storage facility or informational kiosk. The main reasons are that there is no plan for the installation, no funds for maintenance, no criteria established for the use of these facilities, and no responsible party designated. To state that these will be the responsibility of the neighborhood is not a viable solution. Where do the funds come from to provide maintenance? When these items are vandalized, who is responsible for the repairs and how is this funded? In regard to the storage facility itself, what is the storage facility used for? How is this decided? Who is responsible? If items in the storage facility need to be replaced or repaired, how is this done? In regard to the informational kiosk, I do not see a need to have this item when we have more effective ways to communicate. As evidenced from the Sgt. Crawford Park meetings, the plans, meeting times, etc. have been communicated without the use of a kiosk.
- I have felt a much stronger sense of community in this neighborhood recently as a result of this planning process for this park. I see the emergency preparedness step proposed as also being an important step in strengthening our sense of community and taking concrete steps to facilitate helping each other stay safe in the event of a disaster.
- Every neighborhood should be ready for an emergency – why not!!! The kiosk is another way to keep neighbors connected and informed.
- NO KIOSK

- Should become a standard feature allowed in community/neigh. parks.
- But no play stuff or walls.

Checked "No":

- I don't see the need for it. If we have an earthquake the kiosk will probably fall apart before the houses.
- Not sure how big it would be and where you would put it. Also, who would pay for it. Since this is such a small park, I wonder if it would better to put at the Felida Park.
- THIS SHOULD NOT BE ADDED TO A SMALL 2 1/2 ACRE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK. INCORPORATE THESE ITEMS AT THE FELIDA NEIGHBORHOOD PARK OR NOT AT ALL.
- Would rather raise funds for memorial elements to make the park more attractive. The storage facility would be more appropriately placed at Felida Park, which is larger and more centrally located.
- These belong at the Felida Community Park.
- No No No
- If not controlled and maintained by Parks, this could become very tacky and unsightly.
- I really don't understand why this is being added now. I'm not in favor of a kiosk or any type of storage shed. Thank you.

Checked Neither:

I need more information. What is stored? Who is taking care of it? How will it be distributed? Who has access to the facility? How much will it cost now and for maintenance? What are the security issues?

NOTE: The Felida Neighborhood Association was created to achieve common goals; provide a forum for communication and conflict resolution; encourage safety and resource protection; and improve quality of life. It is a formally recognized association affiliated with the Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County. It is registered with the state and has a non-profit tax-exempt organization (IRS, 501(c)(3)). The Felida Neighborhood Association's Park Advisory Committee operates in conjunction with, pursuant to the direction of, and at the discretion of the Felida Neighborhood Association Board.

The Felida Neighborhood Association Board and its advisory committee led the effort to name the park after Sgt. Crawford, and encouraged the Board of Clark County Commissioners to accelerate the planned construction start date for the park. They will continue to participate in planning, designing, developing, monitoring, and providing input throughout the park development process and after it's completed. The board and its advisory committee will continue to promote and facilitate communication, coordination, collaboration, cooperation, and partnership between community stakeholders and private, public and non-profit organizations – including Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation.

EVALUATION OF MASTER PLANNING AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS:

1. How many public meetings or stakeholder meetings have you attended so far?

None: 5
1: 11
2: 7
3: 11
4: 0
5+: 6

2. How do you prefer to be communicated with about public involvement opportunities for park projects (check all that apply)?

Postcards or newsletters mailed your house: 25
E-mail: 25
Web page: 12
The Columbian: 0
Other: 1 (Parents)

3. What did you like the BEST about this park's master planning & public involvement process?

- Well prepared, the speaker knew what he was saying.
- It's coming along nicely – we like the “all ages” concept.
- Communication has been excellent.
- Big trees and lack of skateboard area. In other words you seemed to listen to suggestions or complaints after first (Sept. or Oct.) public session.
- Ocean washed concrete paving and ornamental grass circle.
- Changing the date for the memorial.
- Not much.
- Naturalistic rock climbing wall, hedgerow screen, viewpoint w/slide!
- Everybody's ideas are included.
- Play area and older kid play area.
- Good mixed use park.
- The fact that the public input was actually listened to and the public ideas were used.
- It looks like the public was asked to render their opinions about the project and several meetings were arranged for input.
- The trees and play areas.
- You listened to residents' concerns about skateboarding elements, and I believe came to the correct decision to remove them based on sound reasons of safety, security, and public peace. Thank you.
- I liked the informational meeting at the beginning to introduce the process, take ideas from the neighbors, and give us an idea of the time line. I also liked having a hard copy of the three proposed plans. It was easier to see the detail and get a better idea of what each plan had in it. And I appreciate the opportunity to give my input to the plan(s) online, without having to attend all the meetings.
- As I understand it there were some hiccups in the road since no one wanted skateboarding here. But it worked out since now we have NO SKATEBOARDING.
- I liked how all of you listened to us when we were asking not to have the skate park put in. I love how Ms. Jordan keeps everyone notified of mtgs., changes in plans etc. The excellent communication from your dept. makes all of feel we are part of the process.
- It allows for input outside of the meeting (that I could not attend).
- I liked that you listened to the neighbors and took out the skate features.

- between neighborhood and parks notices, I was kept very informed and allowed sufficient time for input.
- It is nearly done. One can hope
- The involvement of the neighbors and Felida citizens.
- It's nice for the neighborhood to know what's going on and to have a say as well.
- Good communication. Listen to and were flexible with neighborhood concerns.
- I think holding public meetings is the right thing to do. However, my schedule did not permit me to be involved at that level, so I really appreciate the opportunity to be involved via the web page and this type of survey. In attendance at the public meetings does not indicate lack of interest in the final outcome.
- Nothing
- The email communication (in both directions) regarding the park master plan. Both my husband and I would have loved to attend the meetings. That just isn't a convenient time for either of us. So it meant a lot to still be a part of the process through email!

4. What did you like the LEAST about this park's master planning & public involvement process?

- The lack of involvement with kids
- No comment
- Conflict with elementary school PTA meetings.
- Way too long.
- The gateway.
- Many misrepresentations.
- Untruths i.e. you asked what the neighbors wanted and then didn't listen. You turned a neighborhood park into a memorial community park.
- Idea of a skateboard facility in 2.5 acres was awful. Who thought that was adequate space, or the noise level okay!!! Felt a lot of resistance at meetings when subject was discussed. The tone was set early on. That our involvement was not appreciated.
- Boulder waves
- Asking for our ideas and then coming back to use with a plan totally different than what we had asked for.
- No comment.
- Lighting. No lights if the park closes at dusk.
- Needs a covered area against rain.
- Not enough open lawn area for grassy-type activities eg. Frisbee, volleyball, badminton, etc.
- I wish that the plan and drawings were distributed to the neighbors, especially new neighbors. I did not see a budget on the web page either.
- 7:00 would be a better time to start the meetings.
- I can't think of anything.
- I heard about the process by word of mouth. You have a very well designed website - I think perhaps residents should get a mailer or postcard about the process when it starts.
- Public opinion needs to be more considered in this process.
- WE WERE TOLD SO MANY THINGS THAT WERE NOT TRUE. ALMOST LIKE A BAIT AND SWITCH TECHNIQUE. THERE NEEDS TO BE SOME SERIOUS CONTROL OVER WHO IS REPRESENTING THE INFORMATION TO THE TAXPAYERS.
- So far so good.
- The amount of time that it is going to take to complete the park.
- I wish we could know more about what the Crawford family would like to see

- It has been a bait and switch planning process. The project manager Will NOT provide cost estimates for the work. Instead, he lays out a grand plan knowing there is not enough money to cover the costs and now wants a fund raising effort to approximately double the cost of the park. And all in the interest of sympathy for Sgt. Brad Crawford. The City has been shameless in promoting a neighborhood park that meets their needs and not the needs of the community. It took a herculean effort by the neighbors to finally put a stop to idea of a skate board park that was essentially the idea of the City. The City and County commissioners have not been forthcoming with repeated questions of cost. The public involvement process is convoluted, time consuming, staff expensive, and lead by a project manager who simply doesn't seem to understand that it will the community using the park not city employees or a firm based in Portland who is being "brought along" for future projects. I hope all the other engineering firms in the area who specialize in park development are aware that this firm is being given "special" treatment.
- The money being spent, entirely too much for one tiny neighborhood park.
- Keep up the good work.
- Difficult relationship with staff that does not want to acknowledge, cooperate, collaborate and communicate with neighborhood assoc. Staff bias and personal agendas.
- Parks staff.

5. How would you suggest Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation improve our park master planning and public involvement procedures in the future? *(This question was not included on the electronic comment form due to SurveyMonkey.com's 10 question limit.)*

- Less weight should be given to the family and more weight (decision – input) on the designs be given to the immediate neighbors.
- Try to truly work with the people.
- Either work with an elected committee to speak for the neighbors – or just hold public meetings and deal directly with the neighborhood homeowners. No assumed representation of the neighborhood by any organization.
- Be honest. Don't hold secret meetings that the neighbors aren't invited to. When I found out that the Felida Homeowners Assoc. was running the show, I knew our park was not going to be what we wanted.
- Realize that neighbors and taxpayers have ideas and concerns. Be open to suggestions. The process will evolve on its own with less friction.
- More honesty during the planning process.
- No comment.
- Need full disclosure. Be more responsive to community needs and give credit to volunteers and partners working toward common goals and to improve the quality of life in the community. Reduce misinformation dissemination.
- Need more County \$ and staff for Co. parks.
- Listen to people!

END