



# Fairgrounds Community Park Public Involvement and Outreach History

## Master Planning Process

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July 2003	<p>Three Fairgrounds Park Advisory Committee meetings held. Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Debbie Abraham - Vancouver/Clark Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee</li><li>• Marge Meyer – Executive Board, Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association</li><li>• Carol Schindler – Vancouver/Clark Parks and Recreation Adult League Sports</li><li>• Roger Snoey – Salmon Creek Soccer Club</li><li>• Rhona Sen-Hoss – Community Partnerships / Sport Fields Comm.</li><li>• DeEtte Kapustka – Clark County Youth Sports Foundation / Salmon Creek LL</li><li>• Rusty Williams – Columbia Premier Soccer Club</li><li>• Steve Porter – Salmon Creek Little League</li><li>• Scott Horenstein – Clark County Sports Field Sub-Committee / CC Fairground Facility Committee</li><li>• Clarence Petty – Parks Foundation/CC Executive Horse Council</li><li>• Rick Droen – Salmon Creek Neighborhood / Salmon Creek Soccer Board</li></ul> <p>One public open house held.</p>
August 2003	<p>Two Fairgrounds Park Advisory Committee meetings held.</p>
September 2003	<p>A presentation is given at a Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association meeting. A competitive soccer roundtable, one Fairgrounds Park Advisory Committee meeting, and one public open house are also held.</p>
November 2003	<p>Final Fairgrounds Park Advisory Committee meeting held. Staff present the proposed master plan to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) for review.</p>
February 2004	<p>The master plan is presented to the Board of Clark County Commissioners. The Board directs staff to revise the plan to replace the regional sports fields with community sports fields. Due to lack of funding, the planning work is put on hold.</p>
August 2005	<p>Planning resumes after voters approve formation of the Greater Clark Parks District. Public meeting held.</p>
September 2005	<p>Public meeting held. The revised master plan is then presented to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission for review.</p>
October 2005	<p>The SEPA is mailed to key stakeholders, including the Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association, and the public review and comment period is advertised in The Columbian newspaper's legal section.</p>
December 2005	<p>The Board of Clark County Commissioners approves the revised master plan for the park. Design and permitting begin.</p>

## **Final Design and Permitting Process**

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- May 2007 Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission approve the Phase 1 conceptual development plan at a regular meeting.
- August 2007 Clark County Public Works staff informally advises members of the Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association Board about the Phase 1 conceptual development plan, and requests advice from them about the best way to inform neighbors about the plan. The Board recommends sending out a newsletter and providing information to neighbors at several upcoming community events.
- September 2007 Clark County Public Works mails a newsletter about the Phase 1 conceptual development plan drawing to 13,400 park neighbors. The newsletter also promotes two upcoming community events where staff will be available to discuss the project and respond to questions.
- Clark County Public Works sends an e-mail about the Phase 1 conceptual development plan drawing to the project distribution list, and posts the information on the project Web page.
- Clark County Public Works staffs a table at the Public Safety Complex Open House to provide information and respond to questions about the Phase 1 conceptual development plan.
- October 2007 Project staff gives a presentation about the Phase 1 conceptual development plan to the Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association on October 11, and respond to questions.
- Clark County Public Works sends out a postcard to 13,400 park neighbors requesting input on the types of playground experiences and equipment included in the park.
- November 2007 Clark County Public Works sends an e-mail to the project distribution list about the county's decision to look at building the sports fields from the park's master plan at another site in order to reduce construction and permitting costs.
- April 2008 Clark County Public Works mails the State Environmental Protection Act (SEPA) checklist and determination of non-significance for Phase 1 to stakeholders for review and feedback, which includes the Fairgrounds and the North Salmon Creek neighborhood associations. An official public notice is printed in The Columbian on April 2. The Battle Ground Reflector also receives a copy of the SEPA and runs an unofficial notice about it on April 16.
- May 2008 Clark County Community Development mails the Type II development site plan to the Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association and all property owners within 300 feet of the park for public review and comments.
- September 2008 Clark County Public Works sends an e-mail to the project distribution list updating neighbors about the Phase 1 development project's anticipated construction start date.