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Hockinson Community Park Play Experiences Comment Summary

Comment Period: October 2007

Total Number of Comment Forms Received: 112

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.

We asked respondents for the ages of any children in their care. The results are as follows:

answer options	Response Percent	Response Count
1-5 years	50.89%	57
6-10 years	55.36%	62
10+ years	52.68%	59

There were slightly more children in the 6-10 age group represented, but the differences between the three age groups is very small. **Children of all ages may be using this playground.**

Play Experience Preferences

The majority of neighbors ranked all the listed play experiences 3 or higher. This shows that most neighbors thought that all the experiences were at least somewhat important.

When compared with each other, the following order of preference is seen (from Most Important to Least Important):

1. **Swinging** (43.27% chose "1 Most Important")
2. **Climbing** (37.86% chose "2")
3. **TIE – Sliding and Spinning/Twisting/Rocking** (33.65% chose "2")
4. **Hanging/Gliding** (36.89% chose "3")
5. **Balancing** (33.01% chose "3")

Climbing

answer options	Response Percent	Response Count
1 Most Important	32.04%	33
2	37.86%	39
3	16.51%	17
4	9.71%	10
5 Least Important	3.88%	4

Swinging

answer options	Response Percent	Response Count
1 Most Important	43.27%	45
2	30.77%	32
3	20.19%	21
4	2.88%	3
5 Least Important	2.88%	3

Hanging / Gliding

answer options	Response Percent	Response Count
1 Most Important	9.71%	10
2	28.16%	29
3	36.89%	38
4	18.45%	19
5 Least Important	6.79%	7

Sliding

answer options	Response Percent	Response Count
1 Most Important	30.77%	32
2	33.65%	35
3	19.23%	20
4	11.54%	12
5 Least Important	4.81%	5

Spinning / Twisting / Rocking

answer options	Response Percent	Response Count
1 Most Important	11.54%	12
2	33.65%	35
3	25.96%	27
4	13.46%	14
5 Least Important	15.39%	16

Balancing

answer options	Response Percent	Response Count
1 Most Important	10.68%	11
2	32.04%	33
3	33.01%	34
4	12.62%	13
5 Least Important	11.65%	12

Other comments about the playground:

- Please include benches or picnic tables near the playground for parents/grandparents to sit on
- Provide a place to play hopscotch
- Separate older and younger play areas by some distance (20-40 ft.)
- Make sure there is excellent drainage
- Include fort-type play structures with bridges connecting them
- Include a climbing wall
- Provide swings that adults can use as well as children
- Use brightly colored equipment
- Don't use the kind of equipment that's at Orchards Park – it's too confusing. The equipment at the Chelsea Anderson playground is great
- Don't use the kind of swings that are at Sifton Neighborhood Park. They are too high above the ground and the chains are too short. The swings at York School are great
- Include different lengths and types of slides
- Include a tire swing
- Don't use the climbing structures that are at Cherry Neighborhood Park
- Make sure equipment has lots of holes so water doesn't pool up
- Locate playground near sports fields for sibling use during games
- Provide a covered play area for use in the rain
- Don't provide a playground at all. Just put in hiking trails and keep it natural
- Provide different size play structures for different ages
- Make sure playground is highly visible (no shrubs or low trees around it)
- Locate benches centrally in playground so parents don't have to be constantly on the move in order to watch their kids

- Include a spinner like what's at Hearthwood Park
- Use soft rubber ground cover instead of wood chips, like at Clear Meadows Park
- Locate picnic tables near playground so families can eat together
- Provide equipment that promotes imaginative play (towers, wheels, ships, forts, etc.)
- Provide agricultural themed equipment, like rocking horses or cows to ride on
- Make sure there is a good variety of equipment so children don't have to stand around waiting to use something
- Love the play structure at Esther Short Park
- Include equipment for toddlers and preschool age children
- Provide shade near the playground (trees or covered shelter)
- Provide lots of swings
- Include a seesaw
- Provide new imaginative equipment like what's at Orchards Park

Other general park comments not related to the playground:

- Include open space for playing baseball or croquet
- Provide a basketball court
- Provide a perimeter walking path
- Include horse trails – lots of children ride horses in this area
- Make sure traffic from ball games don't cause safety and congestion problems on local roads
- Build the off-leash dog park now
- Include a BMX park
- Provide pedestrian access from the south and west neighborhoods
- Provide an unpaved, wood chip jogging and walking trail
- Include a skateboarding area
- Include a tennis court
- Include BBQ pits in the picnic areas
- Include bike racks
- Include drinking fountains
- Include bathrooms
- Include a water feature/spray ground for use in the summer
- Include a concessions stand at the ball fields
- Provide lots of garbage cans
- Provide lights at night and an emergency telephone
- Provide a suggestion and donation boxes near the restrooms
- Provide a wall for tennis and racquetball practice
- Provide a wildlife observation area near the wetlands
- Provide a space for kite flying (open field)
- Use HB Fuller Park as an example for what to do at Hockinson
- Don't like sharing space between baseball and soccer fields – soccer fields need separate areas for year-round use
- Include an area for outdoor hockey/in-line hockey
- Add bike lanes to all roads leading to park
- Include a highly visible paved path for children to ride scooters or bicycles
- Provide access to lots of natural greenspace for children and adults to explore

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