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# Lakeshore Neighborhood Park

## Preliminary Concept Plans Comment Summary

Comment Period: May 15-25, 2008

Please note that this is a summary of the verbal and written comments from the May 15, 2008 public meeting, and the written comments submitted through the project Web page on May 16-25, 2008. This summary reflects a range of opinions, and is not intended to present a word-for-word transcript. Comments about issues outside the scope of the park project have been brought to the attention of the appropriate departments or agencies.

A proposed concept plan for the park will be developed based on neighborhood feedback, program needs, project funding and site requirements.

Staff presented four preliminary concept plans for input:

- [Concept 1 – The Guitar](#)
- [Concept 2 – The Bow Tie](#)
- [Concept 3A – The Tear Drop](#)
- [Concept 3B – The Tear Drop \(with mini-mod soccer fields\)](#)

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### **Safety and Security:**

- Concerned about children safely crossing NW 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue to get to the park due to the high speeds of traffic currently using this road. Please install speed bumps, install warning signs and/or reduce the speed limit.

### **Access:**

- Like the southern entrance from NW 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue on Concept 2.
- Do not include any entrances to the park from NW 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue.
- Do not provide an entrance to the park from the NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Court cul-de-sac. People who live here can walk over and enter the park from 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue instead.
- Do not include an entrance to the park from NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Court if soccer fields are included in the park.

### **Proposed Mini-Mod Soccer Fields**

*The majority of about 30 people who attended the May 15 public meeting were opposed to including mini-mod soccer fields in the park. The soccer fields received a more mixed response from the people who submitted comments through the project Web page.*

- The soccer fields would be less intrusive if located in the southwest arm of the park.
- Use low landscaping along the Fazios' property line so their garden will still get sun.
- Don't want any portable toilets in the park. They will get tipped over and they smell bad.

- Build a permanent restroom by accessing plumbing from NW 99<sup>th</sup> Street instead of using portable toilets.
- Don't like the idea of giving up part of the park for more parking as shown in concept 3B.
- Reduce the amount of parking shown in concept 3B by two-thirds (one row of additional parking only).
- Just build two fields nearest the church's parking lot in "The Guitar," and leave the rest of the open space for general year-round use.
- Please include soccer fields in the park plan. There isn't enough space available elsewhere.
- In concept 3B, reduce the number of mini-mod soccer fields to two. Locate one on the north side of the teardrop where the picnic area is located, and put the other one at the bottom of the teardrop. Divide the two fields with a pathway that connects the playground to a basketball court.
- Like the soccer field layout in "The Bow Tie" and "The Tear Drop" the best.
- Worried that the county will disregard some neighbors' concerns about the mini-mod soccer fields.
- Hold another public meeting before or after decision is made about whether or not to include the mini-mod soccer fields to continue discussion.
- Believe that soccer fields will lower property values.
- Don't want increased traffic on NW 99<sup>th</sup> Street or NW 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue.
- T-ball games at Lake Shore Elementary are already causing parking problems on NW 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Don't make it worse.
- Build the soccer fields somewhere else (Vancouver Lake Regional Park, Eisenhower Elementary School, Lake Shore Elementary School, etc.).
- Want a true neighborhood park, not sports fields.
- Build no more than two soccer fields.
- Develop an agreement with soccer clubs and stipulate dates, times and duration of use.
- Have soccer clubs shuttle players and families to park from elsewhere instead of providing off-street parking.
- Include all four fields in the final design.
- Including soccer fields will help create a positive atmosphere in this park.
- Prohibit soccer field users from parking on any neighborhood streets – make soccer club enforce it.
- Sports fields are not an appropriate use for this park.
- I like that my children would be able to play soccer closer to home.
- Park is not big enough to accommodate soccer fields as well as other neighborhood park uses.
- Provide statistics about the number of crimes in parks with and without sports fields.
- Use the \$100,000 for sports fields to level the ground at Eisenhower Elementary School, and build the soccer fields there.
- Like the soccer field layout in "The Guitar" and "The Tear Drop."
- It's unfair to design this park for primary use by a select group of people, or design the park for one special activity.
- Neighbors should be able to enjoy this park without having to compete for space with non-local users.
- This is not a good location for soccer fields.
- Reduce the number of fields you build to help reduce the amount of parking you'll need.

#### **Trail Alignments:**

- Include a loop walking trail for adults.
- Include a jogging path.
- Like the paved perimeter trail at Felida Community Park. Please include one here.
- Like the trail through the trees on the southwest arm of the park in "The Guitar."
- Like the trail alignments in "The Guitar" and "The Tear Drop."
- Like the double set of walking trails in "The Guitar."

- Don't like the shape of the walking path in "The Bow Tie."

### **Open Lawn Areas:**

- Provide adequate and accessible space for children to run and play.
- Like "The Bow Tie" because it breaks up the open field areas.
- Provide a small open grass field for playing catch, or running around.
- Don't like how much space is taken up by the open fields in "The Tear Drop."

### **Playground:**

- Make sure playground equipment is safe even when wet.
- Like location of the playground in "The Bow Tie" because it provides better visibility from the playground to other areas of the park.
- Like the playground location shown in "The Tear Drop."
- Design playground for both big and little children.
- Make sure the playground is toddler-friendly.
- Like the raised location of the playground in "The Guitar."
- Include swings.
- Add tricycle loop from "The Bow Tie" to the play area in "The Guitar."
- Like how the playground is very visible from the picnic area in "The Bow Tie."
- Don't like how far away the playground is from the picnic area in "The Tear Drop."

### **Landscaping:**

- There are too many trees on the southwest corner of the park in "The Guitar." Leave it more open.
- Get tree donations from civic organizations, Audubon, etc.
- More trees, less open space.
- Include more trees for shade.
- Don't include screening trees. It will make the park less visible and impact neighbors' views into and through the park.
- Like the amount of trees included in "The Guitar."
- Include flowers and shrubs.

### **Sports Court / Skateboarding Spot:**

*The majority of about 30 people who attended the May 15 public meeting were opposed to including a skateboarding spot in the park. The skateboarding spot received a more mixed response from the people who submitted comments through the project Web page.*

- Like "The Bow Tie," but without the skateboarding spot.
- Like the basketball court in "The Tear Drop."
- Don't like the skateboarding spot in "The Tear Drop."
- The majority of the people who filled out the comment form did not want a skateboarding spot, so please don't include one in the design.
- Don't include a basketball court in the park.
- Move the basketball court shown in "The Tear Drop" to the space between the two sports courts, but get rid of the skateboarding spot.
- Provide statistics on the number of crimes reported in parks with and without skateboarding spots.
- Locate a skateboarding spot near one of the entrances from NW 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue or at the NW 99<sup>th</sup> Street entrance.
- Like the location of the basketball court in "The Bow Tie."
- Keep the skateboarding spot separate from the playground.
- Like the way the basketball and skateboarding spot are separated from each other in "The Tear Drop."

### **Other Park Amenities:**

- Move picnic area on the north side of the park in “The Tear Drop” further north along the trail.
- Put picnic tables in the triangle grass areas shown on the east side of “The Tear Drop.”
- In “The Tear Drop,” put a picnic table west of the walking path inside the southwest arm of the park.
- Provide space for children to roller skate and ride bikes/trikes.
- Benches are not as important. They may encourage transient use of the park.
- Include more benches.
- Include more picnic tables.
- Include a gazebo and picnic area in the lower left quadrant of “The Tear Drop.”
- Include tennis courts.
- Include a covered picnic shelter with electricity, a sink with water, tables and benches.
- Like “The Guitar,” but it needs more picnic tables and benches in the wooded area on the southwest side of the park.
- In “The Tear Drop,” include a covered BBQ area near the church parking lot access (if soccer fields are built), or in the southeast corner of the park.
- Like how the picnic table area is located close to the playground in “The Guitar.”

### **General:**

- Put plumbing in from NW 99<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Like “The Bow Tie” the best because it breaks up the fields and has a more interesting layout.
- Don’t allow any parking along NW 96<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Parking should not be allowed along NW 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue between NW 99<sup>th</sup> Street and 94<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Add a bike lane to NW 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue.
- Do not allow dogs off the leash in the park.
- Prevent on-street parking on NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Court.
- Like how the designs include a variety of features for all ages (i.e. playground, trails, basketball, skateboarding, soccer, picnic areas, etc.).
- Don’t provide parking. This should be a walk-to park.
- Don’t allow dogs.
- Like “The Tear Drop,” without soccer fields, the best.
- Be sure to notify neighbors on the project Web page about any additional meetings, or presentations to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission or the Board of Clark County Commissioners.
- Dislike “The Tear Drop” because the southwest arm of the park is too isolated. It’s wasted space without a trail.
- Like “The Bow Tie” best because it fits all the outdoor recreation needs of the area, and provides a little bit of everything for everyone.
- Like “The Guitar” the best. It offers the best compromise in meeting the needs of neighbors of all ages.

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