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Lakeshore Neighborhood Park Playground Comment Form Summary

Comment Period: October 2008

Total Number of Comment Forms Received: 67

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.

What types of playground experiences are most important to have in a park?

answer options	1 Most Important	2	3	4	5 Least Important
Balancing	10	14	22	9	9
Climbing	35	15	7	3	5
Sliding	25	19	10	5	5
Spinning	6	13	19	8	18
Swinging	42	6	6	4	6

Experiences ranked from most important to least important:

1. Swinging
2. Climbing
3. Sliding
4. Balancing
5. Spinning

Other play experiences listed by respondents:

- Bike jumps
- Skateboarding
- Adaptive
- Obstacles and crawl throughs
- Water feature
- Jumping
- Handball

Playground Options

Options ranked from highest approval level to lowest:

1. Option B – 45.2% chose “1, Like the Most”
2. Option A – 32.3% chose “1, Like the Most”
3. Option D – 23.3% chose “5, Like the Least”
4. Option C – 43% chose “5, Like the Least”

Option A

answer options	Response Percent	Response Count
1 Like the Most	32.3%	20
2	27.4%	17
3	25.8%	16
4	4.8%	3
5 Like the Least	9.7%	6

What did you like/dislike about Option A?

- Two spinners are unnecessary. Add climbing boulders instead.
- Like the climbing/sliding structure, but not keen on the spinners.
- Like the ladder, spinners and climbing wall.
- Structure (1) looks fun.
- Like the modern equipment.
- It doesn't look like it would entertain a child for very long.
- Swings are great.
- There is nothing for younger children and toddlers to play on.
- Need to separate activities for children under age five from activities for older children.
- The equipment doesn't appear very sturdy.
- Not enough swings – especially toddler swings.
- Like the two spinning pieces (3 & 4).
- The main climbing structure is too tall.
- Good assortment of equipment.
- Not enough room for lots of children to play at one time.
- Love the dynamic spinning piece (3).
- Seems like it would be challenging and entertaining for older children.
- Too much spinning.
- Like this the most because it is different from other nearby park playgrounds.
- Looks good for big and little kids.

Option B

answer options	Response Percent	Response Count
1 Like the Most	45.2%	28
2	22.6%	14
3	22.6%	14
4	4.8%	3
5 Like the Least	4.8%	3

What did you like/dislike about Option B?

- Provides something for all age groups.
- Prefer the fiberglass climbing boulders in Option C to the spinning cup.
- Like that it offers more for younger children.
- Item 1 is too common and item 2 is too weird.
- Don't like the spinning cup.
- Like the combination.
- Good variety.
- Not enough adaptive equipment.
- Add a climbing wall and spinning pieces from Option A.
- Add climbing boulders from Option C.
- Don't like item 2.
- Like item 1.
- Swings are good.
- Needs a taller slide and more swings.
- Add the climbing structure from Option A.
- Is more traditional.
- Feels like too much stuff.
- Play structure (1) is too small.
- Add a tire swing.
- Most parks in the area already address the needs of younger children and toddlers. Need something for older children.

Option C

answer options	Response Percent	Response Count
1 Like the Most	8.2%	5
2	4.9%	3
3	23%	14
4	23%	14
5 Like the Least	41%	25

What did you like/dislike about Option C?

- No options for younger children.

- Like the climbing boulders.
- Like the climbing structure.
- Looks boring.
- Don't like the spinner.
- Children will quickly get bored with the rocks.
- Seen this set up in other parks. It gets boring after a few minutes. Slides, swings and bridges are much more fun.
- Needs a slide.
- Needs adaptive equipment.
- Good for older children and can help fight obesity in this age group.
- Not enough action.
- Looks uninviting. Needs more color.
- Item 1 looks more like exercise than fun.

Option D

answer options	Response Percent	Response Count
1 Like the Most	15%	9
2	23.3%	14
3	16.7%	10
4	21.7%	13
5 Like the Least	23.3%	14

Why? What did you like/dislike about Option D?

- Very toddler friendly.
- This kind of equipment is already available at Lake Shore Elementary School down the street.
- Not much for older children.
- Not as exciting as Option A.
- Not enough options. Boring.
- Slide and swings are great.
- Item 2 is rarely used at another park in the area. It looks cool, but it isn't much fun.
- Add a tire swing.
- Add a spiral pole.
- Think it would appeal to the most children.
- We already have enough parks in the area designed for younger children.
- This is like the playground at Jason Lee that bored my grandchild and me.
- Good slide.
- The rocket (2) isn't interactive enough.
- Needs a taller slide.
- Add a teeter-totter.
- Not unique.
- Would appeal to a good age range.
- Like multiple age options in close proximity.
- Not enough choices for younger users.

- Needs more swings.

Other general comments about the playground:

- Don't like the bark surfacing. It is hard to walk on and difficult for wheelchairs to access.
- Include individual rocking pieces on springs.
- Include a skateboarding area.
- Make it safe and durable.
- Include lots of slides.
- Not everyone supported the development of these parks. The tax levy passed by a very small margin, so take a minimalist approach in designing the playground.
- Would love to see more climbing walls.
- Make this playground different from the one at Lake Shore Elementary School.
- Include tire swings, zip lines and spiral poles.
- Include more natural play options, like boulders and tree trunks.
- Include equipment for children of all ages and physical abilities.
- We would like to see a totally new concept that would be the first to promote an inclusive environmental, including equipment that addresses gross and fine motor play and is accessible to all. The bark dust, swings and other equipment shown here are not accessible.
- Don't forget about the big kids.
- Provide places for parents to sit nearby.
- I would like this park to be unique. My children play at a park in Sherwood, Oregon that is modern and unique and they love it. It includes saddle spinners, stand up seesaws and spacenet climbers. I really like what Landscape Structures provides (EVOS-gyroscopic play system and several of their freestanding pieces). Don't make the same old, boring, red or blue metal structures you see everywhere.
- Provide covered areas for hot, cold or rainy days.
- Include a teeter-totter.
- Swings and balancing equipment are preferable to climbing equipment.
- Include a water feature like the one at Jorgenson Woods Park.
- Provide more swings.

Other general comments not related to the playground:

- We really need a full-size skate park on this side of town, like what's in Battle Ground. My son and his friends are good kids who deserve a safe place to skate.
- Plant "green" grass alternatives that don't require so much watering and mowing.
- Include art sculptures.
- I like the park the way it is now (undeveloped).
- Include a fitness course for adults.

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