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Kate & Clarence LaLonde Neighborhood Park Frequently Asked Questions

When will construction start?

If funding is available, construction is tentatively scheduled to start in 2010.

What is the construction budget for this park?

Approximately \$475,000.

How is this project being paid for?

Funding to design and construct this project comes from:

- Park impact fees, which are paid whenever new homes are built
- Real estate excise taxes, which are paid whenever property is sold

Maintenance will be paid for with property taxes collected by the Greater Clark Parks District (www.clarkparks.org), which was approved by voters in the unincorporated urban area of Clark County in 2005.

Who will maintain the park after it's built?

After construction is complete, Clark County Public Works will maintain the park. Regular maintenance will include mowing, weed removal, tree and plant care, garbage pick up, and repairs as needed.

Will there be parking and restrooms in the park?

No. Neighborhood parks are designed for people living within a half-mile of the park to walk or bike to. They are not meant to be "destination" parks that attract visitors from outside the immediate neighborhood. As a result, the budget for this park does not include funding for parking or restrooms.

Will there be a skateboarding area in this park?

No. Based on comments received recently from neighbors and because there is another park with a skateboarding spot in it located nearby (Tenny Creek Neighborhood Park), staff has decided not to include a skate spot in this park's design.

Why is the park called “Kate and Clarence LaLonde Neighborhood Park”?

The LaLonde family sold this property to the county in 1999 for \$140,000 less than its appraised value. In return for this donation, the county agreed to name the park “Kate and Clarence LaLonde Neighborhood Park” in memory of the sellers’ parents, who first purchased the property from the state in 1911.

Can I install a gate from my yard into the park?

Neighbors who share a property line with the park may pay to have a gate installed in the park’s chain link fence *after construction is completed*. Interested neighbors must contact Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation in advance to request a gate agreement. For more information, call Brian Potter at (360) 619-1123.

How can I get more information about this project?

Please visit the project Web page at: www.clarkparks.org/projects/lalonde.htm

Or contact:

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