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Kate & Clarence LaLonde Neighborhood Park Playground Comment Form Summary

Comment Period: February 1-14, 2010

Total Number of Comment Forms Received: 51

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.

Playground Options

Options ranked from highest overall approval rating to lowest:

1. Option B – Larger barn climbing structure with fewer swings and a toddler climbing piece
2. Option C – Tractor climbing structure with more swings and a toddler climbing piece
3. Option A – Small barn climbing structure with more swings and a toddler climbing piece

Option A

This option features a small climbing structure for children ages 5-12 with multiple transfer and observation platforms, one slide and various climbing pieces. There is also a tractor climbing structure for toddlers that provides opportunities for climbing and has interactive panels. This option also includes a swing set with two regular, strap swings and two toddler swings.

Ranking	Response Percent	Response Count
Best	22.2%	10
OK	57.8%	26
Worst	20%	9

What did you like/dislike about Option A?

- Like that this option has four swings and has a good variety of equipment.
- Like the barn climbing feature.

Option B

This option features medium-sized climbing structure for children ages 5-12. Like Option A, it also features multiple transfer and observation platforms, but has two slides instead of one and an additional “silo” feature with more platforms. This option also includes the small tractor feature for toddlers, and a swing set. However, this swing set includes only one toddler swing instead of two and the overall size of the playground is smaller.

Ranking	Response Percent	Response Count
Best	46.9%	23
OK	49%	24
Worst	4.1%	2

What did you like/dislike about Option B?

- Like this option the best because it has the largest climbing structure and two slides.
- Make both slides open for better visibility and safety.
- Include four swings instead of three if funding allows.
- This is the most inclusive of all age groups.
- Don't like that there's only three swings.
- Like that the main climbing structure is higher than the others and slides are longer.
- Like the covered slide in this option better than the open slide in option A.

Option C

This option features a medium-sized climbing structure for children ages 5-12 designed to look like a tractor. It provides observation platforms, a crawling tube, interactive panels, climbing activities and “dual exhaust” slides. This option also includes the small tractor climbing structure for toddlers seen in previous options, and a swing set with two regular, strap swings and two toddler swings.

Ranking	Response Percent	Response Count
Best	38.3%	18
OK	40.4%	19
Worst	21.3%	10

What did you like/dislike about Option C?

- The large climbing structure has too many bars and not enough platforms for younger children.
- This option reflects the agricultural history of the area the best.
- This option needs an open slide for toddlers.
- Like this option the best because it has four swings and lots of space to climb.
- This option has the best layout and spacing.
- Like the green color of the large climbing structure.

Additional Features

The budget and size of the playground are limited, but it may be possible to replace something shown in Options A, B or C with one of the following pieces of equipment. For example, the tractor climbing piece for toddlers in all three options could be replaced with the small climbing net.

- 21 people said they didn't want to add any of the three possible additional features. The reasons for this included:
 - The additions are not necessary
 - The additions are not toddler-friendly
 - Don't want to lose swings or the toddler climbing structure
 - Additional features don't mesh well with the equipment in the three main options
- 11 people said they'd like to add the toddler climbing net to the playground; 10 people said they'd like to add the Supernova dynamic spinning feature to the playground; and 4 people said they'd like to add the Spica dynamic spinning feature to the playground.
 - 9 people said they wanted to replace the tractor climbing piece for toddlers with one or more of these additional features.
 - 15 people did not make a suggestion about what should be replaced in the three overall playground options in order to accommodate the addition.

Do you have any other comments about the playground equipment?

- Want something more dynamic and varied that will tire my children out, like these: www.dynamoplaygrounds.com, and the playground at Grass Lawn Park in Redmond, WA.
- Like all the swings and slides.
- Like that the equipment will appeal to many different ages.
- There does not appear to be enough equipment for toddlers.
- Do something similar to what's at Felida Community Park.
- Don't like the enclosed slides. You can't see inside to make sure it's clean, and sometimes kids hang out inside them.
- There's always a shortage of swings at our parks. Please add more.
- Like the options that separate the toddler play equipment from the larger structures.
- Please install on a well-padded base, not just wood chips.
- Liked everything.
- Need a basketball or tennis court for older kids/teenagers.
- Any of these options would be great.
- Just want open grass to play baseball, croquet, soccer, etc.
- Like the farm theme in all the options.
- Love the multi-level play structures (options A and B).
- Include a sand pit for toddlers.
- Include more toddler swings.
- Concerned that the red color of options A and B will attract more vandalism.
- Include more slides and monkey bars.
- Include a climbing or bouldering wall for young adults, like what's at the park in Newberg, OR.
- Need a portable toilet or restroom. Young children can't "hold it."

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