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# Maple Crest Neighborhood Park Playground Comment Form Summary

Comment Period: October 2007

**Total Number of Comment Forms Received: 59**

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## 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	6	<b>17</b>	9	12	11
Climbing	<b>30</b>	12	10	2	3
Sliding	<b>26</b>	13	8	6	2
Spinning	5	11	<b>16</b>	7	<b>16</b>
Swinging	<b>35</b>	15	5	1	2

### Experiences ranked from most important to least important:

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

# Playground Options

## Options ranked from highest approval level to lowest:

1. Option B – 46.30% chose “2” AND 25.93% chose “1, Love It”
2. Option D – 34.21% chose “2” AND 10.53% chose “1, Love It”
3. Option A – 34.21% chose “4”
4. Option C – 41.03% chose “5, Hate It”

## Option A

answer options	Response Percent	Response Count
1 Love It	13.16%	5
2	15.79%	6
<b>3</b>	<b>34.21%</b>	<b>13</b>
4	21.05%	8
5 Hate It	15.79%	6

## Why? What did you like/dislike about Option A?

- Not enough for younger children
- Like the overall look and versatility
- Like that it's different from what's at other parks
- Ugly
- Good variety
- Designed for older children
- Not enough swings
- Don't like the spinning things
- Love the climbing structure for older kids
- Climbing structure is too big for little kids to use
- Like the unique look
- Like the swings, spinning and balancing options
- Exchange the round spinner and the spica for the little climbing piece and the cup spinner in Option B
- Looks boring
- Good for all ages
- Like the climbing wall and sideways ladder on the climbing structure
- Not safe
- Add a smaller climbing structure for younger children
- Need more toddler pieces
- Looks easy to damage
- Too weird
- Need more full-size and toddler swings

## Option B

answer options	Response Percent	Response Count
1 Love It	25.93%	14
<b>2</b>	<b>46.30%</b>	<b>25</b>
3	20.37%	11
4	5.56%	3
5 Hate It	3.70%	2

### Why? What did you like/dislike about Option B?

- Good mix of play options for all ages
- Like the silver climbing structure for older children
- Exchange the smaller red climbing structure for the big structure in option A
- Won't hold the attention of older children for long
- Lots of climbing stuff is good
- Don't like the spinning pieces
- Don't like the idea of digging in the wood chips because of chance for splinters
- Looks sturdy
- Interesting design
- Encourages children to explore
- The silver climbing structure is too space-age looking
- Replace cup spinner with larger circle spinner from option A
- They don't stand out like a sore thumb
- Not enough for older children to do

## Option C

answer options	Response Percent	Response Count
1 Love It	7.69%	3
2	2.56%	1
3	28.21%	11
4	20.51%	8
<b>5 Hate It</b>	<b>41.03%</b>	<b>16</b>

### Why? What did you like/dislike about Option C?

- Not enough variety
- Need a slide
- Unfriendly looking
- Not enough for younger children
- The climbing structure is weird
- Rocks look interesting, but not challenging enough
- Boring
- Boulders could become dangerous if children are unsupervised

- Like the swings
- Don't like the boulders
- Great for older children
- Looks unsafe
- Don't like spinning pieces – will make children sick to stomach
- Ugly
- Would be a waste of money because very few children would use it
- Like the natural boulders
- Plain
- Won't keep children interested for long
- Climbing structure looks too complicated
- Like the minimalist appeal

## Option D

answer options	Response Percent	Response Count
1 Love It	10.53%	4
2	31.58%	12
<b>3</b>	<b>34.21%</b>	<b>13</b>
4	15.79%	6
5 Hate It	7.89%	3

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

- Like the climbing structure. It would appeal to more age groups.
- Good for younger children
- Not enough for children over age 10 to do
- Lots of options
- Not as fun or functional as the other options
- Need more swings
- Not interesting
- Best choice for the children living in this neighborhood
- Like the climbing structures in options A and B better
- Not enough climbing surfaces
- Get rid of the smaller climbing structure and add more swings
- Love the dual slide
- Not unique enough
- Need more than one toddler swing
- Looks challenging, but safe because things are lower to the ground
- Children would get bored easily
- Too traditional
- Not enough equipment – add a spinning piece
- The larger climbing structure is too elaborate

### **Other general comments about the playground:**

- Need twice as many swings as shown in each option
- Foam rubber surfacing would be better than wood chips, which are messy and have to be replaced often
- The playground should cater to younger children more than older children. There are already other parks in this area that older children can use.
- Just get one large piece of equipment for all kids than a bunch of separate pieces
- Playground is the most important thing in the park and should receive the most funding
- Invest in sturdy structures that don't move or spin and can take a pounding
- Add a tire swing
- Include natural materials to climb on (logs, etc.)
- Build a slide into the side of the hill and use the natural terrain to your advantage
- Love the playground at Grass Valley Park in Camas
- Like the playground equipment at the Vancouver Montessori School
- No spinning equipment
- Use synthetic recycled material for the surfacing instead of wood chips
- Make sure it's really safe
- Don't like the space-age look of some of the equipment. Keep it basic.
- Most of the children who will use this park are preschool age. You should provide more equipment for that age group than any other.
- Provide swings that adults can also use.
- Keep it minimal and natural looking. No bright colors.
- Like the idea of having two climbing structures – one for younger children and one for older children.
- Include a bouncing bridge
- Include monkey bars
- Keep playground equipment low to the ground like at Fisher's Basin Community Park

### **Other general comments not related to the playground:**

- Want to see a skate bowl that can be used on rollerblades, scooters and skateboards
- Include a basketball court and small skateboarding area
- Need a drinking fountain
- Preserve an area for sledding
- Provide dog waste bags and trash cans to encourage people to pick up after their pets
- Opposed to the skateboarding spot. The park features should not be geared to all age groups.
- Need a water feature children can play in
- Need a sing-track for mountain biking

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