

# Oak Grove Neighborhood Park Concept Plans Comment Summary

Comment Period: April 26-May 6, 2007

Please note that this is a summary of the oral and written comments from the April 26, 2007 public meeting, and written comments submitted through the project Web page on April 27-May 6, 2007. This is not intended to present a word-for-word transcript of all comments.

A consolidated concept plan for the park will be developed based on project funding, site requirements and neighborhood priorities.

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[“Double O”](#) and [“The Green”](#) concept plans were favored over [“Curving Glade.”](#)

## **Open Lawn Areas:**

- Prefer a large open lawn area. Make it as large as possible.
- A second smaller open area at eastern end (in “Double O” option) was desirable to some as well.

## **Access:**

- Three entrances into the park is good – provides options and access. A representative from the Clark County Sheriff’s Office who attended the public meeting also indicated support for entrances from both 159<sup>th</sup> and 162<sup>nd</sup> avenues.
- Line up 159<sup>th</sup> Avenue entrances with sidewalks from 70<sup>th</sup> and 71<sup>st</sup> Streets. Have the entrance across from 71<sup>st</sup> Street be the main entrance with the entrance across from 70<sup>th</sup> Street as the secondary entrance from 159<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- Locate the 162<sup>nd</sup> entry away from adjacent residential property.
- Consider putting a spring-closing gate at the 162<sup>nd</sup> Avenue entrance to prevent children from running out into the busy street.
- Use perimeter fencing, boulders or similar access management (prevent vehicles from entering by accident, define park space, and make it more difficult for children to run out into the street).

## **Trails/Pathways:**

- The majority of respondents preferred loop trails over the diagonal cut-through pathway.
- Keep paths away from adjacent properties.
- Would prefer that **all** paths be paved, including the one that connects to 162<sup>nd</sup> Avenue (realize that this may be a cost issue).
- Mark pavement with distances for walkers.

**Trees/Landscaping:**

- Preserving existing trees preferred unanimously.
- Many liked the idea of planting additional trees where the existing trees are located, which could help add buffering of future commercial property on the south side of the park. It was understood that this could be a future community volunteer activity.
- Liked the idea of including future tree plantings around perimeter of park.
- Open to use of native plantings and natural groundcover beneath existing trees and potentially reforested area.

**Picnic Tables/Seating Areas:**

- Mostly preferred clustering several picnic tables in a “grove” setting.
- Additional individual picnic tables okay too.
- Would like picnic tables located close to the playground so parents can relax while kids play.
- Locate benches near playground if picnic tables aren’t there.
- Locate picnic tables near irrigated open lawn.
- Make sure picnic tables/areas are accessible by wheelchairs.

**Future Sports Area:**

- Majority of respondents suggested that the future sports area include only basketball or perhaps a multi-sport spot with some combination of basketball and skateboarding features.
- Make it a tennis court.
- Locate older youth play/sports area towards NE 162<sup>nd</sup> Avenue entry.
- Keep sports area away from playground.

**Play Area:**

- Make equipment different from what’s already at nearby schools.
- Make equipment appropriate for a range of ages (baby swings and small slides, as well as big slides and a climbing feature – like at Gretchen Frazier Neighborhood Park).
- Include both “Popular” and “Time-tested” items (from the play area choices display board). With the exception of the spinners, don’t like the “Dynamic” equipment (like what’s at Orchards Park).
- Other suggested playground equipment/play experiences: climbing, swings, slide, spinner bowl.
- Locate playground south/southeast of larger open lawn area towards central area of park.
- Locate playground near existing trees to help provide afternoon shade.
- Rather than spend money on additional landscaping, use it to make the play area better.

**Other:**

- Incorporate some mounding landforms to add screening for neighbors and define interior open lawn areas. Natural rocks or boulders could be incorporated as play and aesthetic elements. Mounding landforms could also help reduce traffic sounds and view from 162<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.
- Include trash cans, BBQ grills, drinking fountain, bike rack now or in the future as funding allows.
- The detached sidewalk with “green street” aesthetic was favorable along 159<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- Make 159<sup>th</sup> Avenue in front of the park a no parking zone to prevent potential traffic and safety issues.
- Other amenities requested include: horseshoe pits, a gazebo or some sort of covered area to escape bad weather, handicapped swings in the playground, permanent restrooms, and a small off-leash dog park.

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