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# Oak Grove Neighborhood Park Playground Comment Form Summary

Comment Period: October 2007

**Total Number of Comment Forms Received: 42**

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?

	1 Most Important	2	3	4	5 Least Important
Balancing	4	1	10	10	<b>16</b>
Climbing	<b>17</b>	7	12	4	1
Sliding	14	<b>17</b>	6	2	2
Spinning	3	6	<b>13</b>	9	10
Swinging	<b>25</b>	11	1	3	0

## Experiences ranked from most important to least important:

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

# Playground Options

Options ranked from highest approval level to lowest:

1. Option B - 54.05% chose "1, Loved It"
2. Option D - 32.43% chose "2"
3. Option A - 32.43% chose "3"
4. Option C - 26.32% chose "3"

## Option A

answer options	Response Percent	Response Count
1 Love It	13.51%	5
2	16.22%	6
<b>3</b>	<b>32.43%</b>	<b>12</b>
4	21.62%	8
5 Hate It	16.22%	6

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

- Too small
- Crowded
- Not designed for a wide range of age ranges
- Needs more swings
- Needs a slide
- My children love this option – it has everything they like
- Something new
- Doesn't seem very solid
- Too tall
- It looks like fun
- Like the rock climbing wall
- Like the ladder on the climbing tower
- Like the spinning pieces
- Provide swings for both older and younger kids

## Option B

answer options	Response Percent	Response Count
<b>1 Love It</b>	<b>54.05%</b>	<b>20</b>
2	24.32%	9
3	16.22%	6
4	5.41%	2
5 Hate It	0.00%	0

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

- Great for all ages
- Divides locations so more children can play at the same time
- Good variety
- Equipment looks safer
- Needs more swings
- More traditional
- Diverse skill levels
- Children can use it for many years as they grow up
- Looks good
- Like the spinner
- Don't like the climbing structure for older children
- Like the wide slide
- Trade spinner for more swings
- Not exciting enough
- Slide is too small
- Swap spinner for the one from option A (item 4)
- Need a teeter totter
- Need bigger structures to accommodate lots of children at once

### Option C

answer options	Response Percent	Response Count
1 Love It	7.89%	3
2	2.63%	1
3	26.32%	10
4	21.05%	8
<b>5 Hate It</b>	<b>42.11%</b>	<b>16</b>

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

- Looks unsafe for young children
- Not enough for features for younger children
- Like the rocks
- Don't like the rocks
- Only one person at a time can use the spinners
- Boring
- Looks challenging and will help children burn calories
- No platforms
- Not attractive
- Needs a slide
- Boulders and swings are good
- Already have a skate spot/basketball court for older kids. Provide more for younger kids here.
- Would appeal to children over age 10

## Option D

answer options	Response Percent	Response Count
1 Love It	10.81%	4
<b>2</b>	<b>32.43%</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>32.43%</b>	<b>12</b>
4	16.22%	6
5 Hate It	8.11%	3

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

- Love the double slide and large climbing structure
- Small climbing structure looks useless / boring
- Make the climbing structure larger
- Exchange the small climbing structure for boulders from Option C
- Not enough options
- Not enough swings
- Need a sea saw swing
- Like the smaller climbing structure
- This option would be perfect if you added one more toddler swing and some of the spinners from Option A
- Not my children's favorite option
- Looks solid and fun
- Lots of activities for kids of all ages
- Not much for children over 10 years old
- Use the small climbing structure from Option B instead of this one.
- Needs a bouldering/climbing wall for older children
- Too small

### Other general comments about the playground:

- Make sure the playground accommodates a wide range of ages
- Like rubber surfacing better than wood chips
- Put cyclone fencing up around the playground to help parents keep better track of children
- Please include monkey bars
- Put in as many swings as possible
- Make sure playground is very safe
- Include a tetherball pole, spider bars and a wall to play tennis, racquetball or handball against
- Include a seesaw
- Use lots of bright colors
- There should be two main structures and then lots of small things around them (spring animals, spinners, etc.)
- Like the playground at the Grass Valley Park in Camas – use that as a model
- Add a rope play structure like what's at the park in Tualatin
- Include a teeter totter
- Include a merry-go-round
- Provide lots of room to run

- Include monkey bars
- Provide a zip line
- Include a digging area with hand-powered backhoe

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

- Make the landscaping easy to maintain
- Need bathrooms for elderly people and small children
- Add a tennis court
- Don't build a skateboarding area – it attracts a bad crowd
- Please include a sports court – either tennis or basketball
- Skateboarding area is a great idea for older children
- Please fence in the entire park to keep children from running out into the road
- Find ways to help prevent vandalism
- Include a basketball court
- Provide a racquetball/tennis/handball wall

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