Playground Project

In November 2014, the Parks Replacement Bond was passed with overwhelming support by Portland voters, showing broad support for our City’s parks and recreation facilities. Bond funds are to be used for repair and replacement of the most urgent needs in our parks system. The initial bond project list includes play area renovations and accessibility improvements at Lents Park’s playground. All improvements to the play area will be in accordance with the 2011 Lents Park Master Plan.

Timeline:

September 2015 - January 2016 - Design process and public input
February 2016 - August 2016 - Construction documents, permitting, and bidding
September 2016 - January 2017 - Construction

Walker Stadium

In March 2015, Rose City Baseball, LLC, Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R), and the Portland Development Commission (PDC) announced that baseball is returning to the City of Portland with a new college wood-bat team based in east Portland. The City and the Great West League are partnering to bring Portland’s new baseball team, the Portland Pickles, to Walker Stadium in PP&R’s Lents Park for the 2016 season.

The new Walker Stadium will have a capacity of 1,500, including group event areas. The stadium in PP&R’s Lents Park was constructed in 1956. It is located within easy reach of mass transit and major freeways. The updated Walker Stadium will cater to fans’ enjoyment of professional-style baseball with amenities including multiple concession stands, a playground and group event areas.

The Pickles will play thirty home games per sixty game season. The team will pay rent to the City, clean the stadium, and provide security during games. Outside of the dates set aside for the team, the stadium will be open for permitted play by anyone who reserves it.

Timeline:

July - September 2015 - Begin field improvements-grading, irrigation and grass seeding
August 2015 - Spring 2016 - Stadium renovations: remove condemned bleachers and press box, install new field level bleachers, group event area, team offices, new viewing platforms and press box, new dugouts, backstop and field fencing, children’s play area and scoreboard.

For more information:
Website: [www.portlandparks.org](http://www.portlandparks.org) > Projects > Park & Facility Projects > Lents Park
Central Soccer Field Renovation

Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) and Under Armour announced plans in early July 2015 to move forward with a significant partnership to enhance recreational opportunities for Portlanders.

The athletic apparel and footwear leader and PP&R will team up to enhance athletic facilities within the PP&R system. Lents Park has been identified as a likely option for field improvements.

The project may include many areas of priority identified in the Lents Park Master Plan which was developed by the community and adopted by City Council in 2011. Preliminary plans for the project include the installation of a turf soccer field and field lighting. The addition of these community-approved features will impact the existing gazebo. As part of the PP&R and Under Armour community engagement process, residents will be provided an opportunity to provide feedback on the future use of the gazebo.

Under Armour, PP&R, and the community will work together to ensure that the improvements to the site provide benefit to all Portlanders and site users.

Timeline:

**June 2015** - Introduction of project to Lents Neighborhood Association

**July 2015** - Public announcement of partnership agreement between Under Armour and PP&R

**August 2015** - Expanded public notification of project and announcement of public meeting

- Under Armour submits pre-application to the Bureau of Development Services. This application process allows Under Armour to understand the technical requirements of site improvements that will help inform the design.

**September 2015** - Joint public meeting to discuss all Lents Park projects

**November 2015** – Second public meeting to discuss Lents field improvement projects.

**December 2015** - Permit applications submissions begin based on community-approved master plan

**Spring/Summer 2016** - Begin construction

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