Kenton Park Playground - Parks Replacement Bond - Open House #1 – March 7, 2017

Comment Form Summary

The first open house for the Kenton Park Playground Bond Project was held on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at the Historic Kenton Firehouse from 6:00pm – 7:30pm and was attended by about 30 community members. Outreach included emails to stakeholders, posts on the project website and Parks online calendar, yard signs in the park, flyers distributed to nearby park neighbors, and a post on the Kenton Neighborhood Facebook page. The comment form was posted online for about 10 days after the Open House, along with the Open House presentation materials. A total of 88 comments were received.

The goal of the Open House was to share three design concepts for the playground replacement and get community feedback on play themes and layouts. Boards were posted displaying this information, and project staff were on hand to guide visitors through the display and answer questions.

It should be noted that this report reflects the opinions of those who chose to participate. It cannot be considered a statistically correct survey and is not necessarily representative of the broader community. This information, in addition to information provided by Parks staff, will be used to inform the final design for the Kenton Park playground improvements.

1. What is your preference for overall type of play theme?
   - Nature-based play 54%
   - Sculptural play 23%
   - Traditional play 23%

2. What are you and your family’s top priorities for types of play at Kenton’s play area?
   (PICK YOUR TOP FIVE)
   - Climbing 82%
   - Natural elements (boulders, timber/wood) 67%
   - Fort or sculptural play structures 66%
   - Imaginative play 53%
   - Sliding 51%
   - Music / sensory elements 45%
   - Balancing elements 36%
   - Gathering spaces 27%
• Mounds 24%
• Spinning 19%
• Earth tone colors 17%
• Bright colors 16%
• Other responses included:
  o Elements celebrating Kenton’s history and the PNW 4%
  o Sand and water 4%
  o Tunnels
  o Baby/toddler-friendly areas
  o Sports
  o Accessibility

3. I would use the Kenton playground more if (check all that apply):
• It had more seating/table areas for adults and kids 48%
• It had more/better features for young children (2-5) 45%
• It had more/better features for children (5-12) 43%
• It had more individual play opportunities 21%
• It had more group play opportunities 20%
• It had more/better features for teens 3%
• Other responses included:
  • More engaging/interesting play structures 5%
  • Shaded 5%
  • Water feature 3%
  • Seating 3%
  • Nicer restrooms 2%
  • More paths/re-routed paths 2%
  • Soccer nets 2%
  • Accessible 2%
  • Drainage
  • Lighting
  • Less homeless
  • Bike racks

4. Which of the three schemes are your favorite (pick ONE or TWO options):
• Nature Play 69%
• Sculptural Play 44%
• Traditional Play 38%

What do you like about the scheme(s) you selected? Is there anything else you would like us to know?

Responses included:
• Combine elements from nature, sculptural, and traditional play 28%
• Include active/physical play elements like climbing 27%
Nature play is important 23%
Draw from Westmoreland Park’s Nature Play elements 12%
Draw from Harper’s Playground (Arbor Lodge Park) play elements 8%
Play elements should inspire imagination and be interesting 8%
Increase accessibility 7%
Natural areas are available nearby, complement what’s already available nearby 7%
Time construction to have lowest impact on users 3%
Having swings too close to other structures will lead to cross-traffic and kids running into each other 3%
These look good/thank you 3%

Please tell us about yourself:

How far do you live from Kenton Park? (pick one)
- Five blocks or less 72%
- Less than one mile 24%
- More than one mile 4%

How often do you visit the Kenton Park playground? (pick one)
- Once or twice a week 49%
- Every day or every other day 20%
- Once or twice a month 18%
- A few times a year 12%
- Never 0%

Do you… (check all that apply)
- Have a child who attends another school or day care 53%
- Have a child who attends Peninsula Elementary School 17%
- Have a child who attends Discovery Gardens Childcare 10%
- Have a child who attends the Portland Village School 1%
- Attend or work at one of the schools listed above 0%
- None of the above 31%

How did you hear about this event?
- Yard sign in park 30%
- PP&R email 29%
- Kenton Neighborhood Association 20%
- Facebook 10%
- Word of mouth 10%
- PP&R flyer 8%
- NextDoor 8%
- PP&R website 6%
- PTA 4%
How many children do you have living with you under the age of 18?
- Two  48%
- One  30%
- Zero  17%
- Three  3%
- Four  0%

What are their ages? (check all that apply):
- 3-6 years  68%
- 0-2 years  47%
- 7-10 years  30%
- 11-14 years  5%
- 15-17 years  2%

I am age:
- 35-44 years  59%
- 25-34 years  21%
- 45-59 years  13%
- 60-79 years  5%
- under 16 years  2%
- 16-24 years  0%
- 80 & over  0%

I identify as:
- female  66%
- male  32%
- genderqueer / androgynous  1%
- trans male  0%
- trans female  0%

Regarding residence, I
- own  95%
- rent  4%
- other  1%