**Purpose of Tonight:**

- Introduce project
- Get initial community input
- Outline process for community input going forward

**Introduction of Project**

1. **Bond Overview**

   a. Project is funded by Parks Replacement Bond, passed by voters in 2014. [www.parksreplacementbond.org](http://www.parksreplacementbond.org)

   b. The Bond gave PP&R $68 million to do repair and replacement projects across the city.

   c. Renovating 10 playgrounds, including Glenhaven. Glenhaven was chosen because of its playground condition and central location for this area of NE Portland.

   d. Additional funding from System Development Charges (SDCs) – permit fees paid by new residential and commercial developments.
2. Project Overview

a. Scope – see area outlined in red on map. Walker Macy, a local design firm, has been hired as the design team.

b. Project will:
   i. Remove and replace existing playground with new play opportunities, play equipment, and accessible surfacing
   ii. Remove and replace existing pathways making them compliant with ADA
   iii. Provide new and additional picnic and seating opportunities
   iv. Remove existing wading pool. It is not planned to be replaced at this time.
   v. Project also has public art funding. PP&R will work with Regional Arts & Culture Council (RACC) on this.

c. Budget – total construction allocation $900,000

d. Timeline:
   i. Now – Spring 2018: Design Development and Public Involvement
      1. Community Meeting #1 – tentatively late March
      2. Community Meeting #2 – April 28
   ii. Summer 2018 – Spring 2019: Construction Documents, Permitting, Bidding
   iii. Summer 2019 – Fall 2019: Construction

Discussion by community:

Current Playground:

- Not a lot for kids with accessibility challenges. Would like a more inclusive playground with sensory options.
Would like a more natural playground with boulders and natural experiences, such as Khunamokwst Park. Ornamental plantings would also be nice.

Would like climbing equipment like a net climber.

Safety concerns and behavior in park – need good visibility. Would help to lift up tree limbs on street trees on Siskiyou to allow better views from street.

Another safety issue: toddlers / kids running out of play area into street or other park areas. Design should aim to create barriers and place-making so kids are encouraged to stay in play area. Seating could also be placed to allow parents and caretakers to be between play area and street.

The twisty slide is hard for little kids to use by themselves. There could probably be a better option for sliding in a new playground, and this slide does not meet current safety standards so PP&R is considering removing it as part of this project.

Don’t like the temporary picnic tables that are chained up. Project will include several permanent picnic tables with connecting pathways.

Like swings! Would like to have adaptive/accessible option and not be too high so kids can get into them by themselves.

Need bike staples – nowhere to park bikes right now.

50-100 kids participate in the summer camp and free lunch program run by SUN Program in the park. They tend to not use the playground as much in afternoon as it is too hot. Would like more shade / rain cover.

Dog use – could there be a bag dispenser added to encourage people to pick up dog waste? Dogs off-leash or other park rule violations should be reported to PP&R Rangers call center at 503-823-1637. Rangers track complaint calls and allocate staff coverage to parks that have most issues. Rangers have ability to write citations for dogs off-leash.

https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/58086

Future Playground:

Will it be imaginative or natural or traditional or modern in theme? The first open house event will focus on this. Three different design concepts will be shared for the community to give input on. At the second open
house, the design team will share a final draft design based on what we hear.

- Splash pad vs water feature – the project does not have funding for a splash pad to replace the wading pool. However, the play area could incorporate water exploration and play (such as a pump, dam, etc). Examples: Westmoreland Park, Ventura Park, Khunamokwst Park.
- Sand play is probably not a good option, as it has sanitary and safety issues.
- Climbing, swinging, water play, sliding were all noted as highly desired by kids and adults.
- There was also interest in spinning and balance options and a zipline.
- Normandale Park has a spinner ring that is fun – it’s high/low and you can walk on it to make it move.
- Luuwit View has a lot of great play options like net climber and is an example of some of the play elements that could be installed at Glenhaven.
- Safety vs risk – there are learning opportunities for kids in experiencing risky play. Equipment selected does need to meet safety regulations for playgrounds.
- Like slides built into hills with no ladder – easier for kids especially younger children. Other options: long, bumpy slide; a roller slide; a slide that goes to another level of the play structure. Metal slides get hot.
- Turf hills like at Arbor Lodge Park are really fun to slide down.
- Other suggestions: rock climbing wall, balance beam, outdoor fitness equipment for adults/teens to use.
- Khunamokwst Park’s mound helps define the play space and keeps kids in the play area.
- See-saws can be fun, but the older kind aren’t always safe. The newer seated-style ones like at Montavilla are fun, but they don’t move as much.
- Spinners are also fun but can make you dizzy if they go too fast. The newer spinners go slower and encourage cooperative play to make them move.
- Jumping options – could there be an inclusive jumping option? What would that look like?
Lincoln City has a great play structure – big fort-style and it has multiple options for routes to one place which makes it fun for tag.

Use the surface as a play area – such as hot lava tiles, four-square spaces, or hopscotch.

Pathway loops are nice for little kids to ride bikes and scooters around.

Quiet space / cozy nook would be nice for kids to read in or observe the play area.

New Playgrounds to Visit:

- Dawson Park, N Stanton and Williams Ave. Features universally accessible and sensory play elements.
- Khunamokwst Park, 5200 NE Alberta St, opened Spring 2015. Example of nature and water play.
- Lents Park, SE 92nd and Steele, first Bond playground completed, opened Fall 2017. Has a lot of accessible features, musical equipment, adaptive swings.
- Luuwit View Park, NE 127th and Fremont, opened Fall 2017. Lots of modern play equipment features.
- Ventura Park, SE 113th and Stark, second Bond playground completed, opened January 2018. Has water play element (turned off for winter).
- Westmoreland Park, SE McLoughlin and Bybee Blvd, opened Fall 2014. Example of nature play with water play.

Next Steps:

- Encourage friends and neighbors to attend upcoming community events to give input on the design. Vietnamese translation will be available. Kids are welcome, and there will be free food.
- Visit some of the parks above to see what your family likes.
- Open House #1 (late March) will feature 3 design concepts for the playground for input.
- Open House #2 (late April) will feature one final draft design for input.
• For both events, there will be an online comment form posted for about a week after so people who can’t attend the events can participate.
• Project page:  https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/75723
Glenhaven Park

• Amenities - play areas, restroom, tennis courts, asphalt paths, picnic tables, playground, soccer fields, softball/baseball fields, decommissioned wading pool, and skatespot

Project Scope

• Remove existing play area and play structures. Replace play area with new play structures, play objects, synthetic safety surfacing, musical instruments
• Remove wading pool
• Replace drinking fountain, picnic tables, benches, and trash receptacles.
• Make ADA improvements to walkways and from NE Siskiyou Street into the park
• Public art through RACC

Schedule

• Public Open House #1 - late-March
• Public Open House #2 - late-April
• Construction Anticipated - Spring-Fall 2019