



Meeting Notes – Open House #1

project	Eagle's View Park Master Plan	project no.	D170372.02
date	November 20, 2019	time	6:30pm-8pm
present	Toni Whitler - City of Salem Patricia Farrell – City of Salem Tracy Johnson - ESA Derek Sergison - ESA	route to	
subject	Open House #1: Meeting Notes and Survey Results		

1. Overview

Open House #1 for Eagle's View Park Master Plan was held on November 20th at Roth's Market in West Salem. Approximately 24 residents attended to provide input. The intent of the open house was to inform the community on the master plan process, provide an opportunity for them to participate and help inform the design team of their preferred park elements.

2. Presentation

City staff and the design team presented existing conditions of the park with an analysis of the opportunities and constraints. This also included existing photographs of the site and key viewpoints. Precedent images of the standard park elements, optional park elements, and play equipment appropriate for a Salem neighborhood park (based on the City of Salem Parks Comprehensive Plan) were then presented.

Three preliminary program concepts were then presented to show how a variety of the program elements could be arranged at the park. Themes for these concepts included: Active Play, Passive Recreation, and a Nature Escape.

3. Feedback and Discussions

During the presentation, community members had questions that led into more discussions about the park.

- School Bus Stops
 - There are two school bus stops not shown on the map. One is on the east side along Eagles Wing St. near the drainage outlets. The other stop is along Steller's Eagle Street near the west easement entrance to the park. Children wait at these areas and when they miss the bus, will run across the park to the other stop and try to catch the bus as it comes around.
- Preserve Views
 - Neighboring residents would like tree species that are low growing and placed in locations where they don't restrict eastern views of the Cascade Mountain Range.

- Natural Materials Playground Equipment
 - Question: Do playgrounds with natural materials cost more and require more maintenance?
 - Response: Because natural materials, such as wood, breakdown over time, the life expectancy is shorter than metal & plastic structures. There are a variety of manufacturers producing play equipment with natural materials that can last longer with special treatments and installation methods. If material is donated, such as tree trunks and boulders, the initial costs can be lower than manufactured equipment. This plan will look at these from a high level to understand rough costs for the playground and preferred type of play.

- Implementation Schedule
 - Question: When will this park be built?
 - Response: Once the plan is approved it will go onto the Parks Planning list for future inclusion in the Capital Improvement Plan. Prior to development, the City will prepare a more detailed cost estimate and phasing plan. The City may need to seek additional funding sources, such as grants, for construction. Construction is at least 5 years out, but some interim use can be developed.

- Irrigation
 - Question: Will the open lawn receive irrigation?
 - Response: This is likely to support an active play on the open lawn; however, some Salem parks have xeriscape lawn that dries out in summer.

- Speedbumps
 - Question: Vehicles speed along Eagles Wing St., can we advocate for speedbumps with this plan, or is there another way to request that?
 - Response: The City of Salem Public Works Transportation Division manages roadways and would handle the request for speed bumps. This request would not come from the Eagle’s View Park Master Plan. The West Salem Neighborhood group can request speedbumps and the Transportation Division would initiate a traffic study to determine if they would be implemented.

4. Dot Voting Activity Results

After the presentation, the attendees came up to the presentation boards and participated in a dot voting exercise while also filling out comment forms. Once everyone had a chance to vote, a summary of the results was discussed. The voting exercise results and boards are below.

Program Element	Yes	No
Pickleball	9	3
Half-Court Basketball	8	1
Open Lawn Areas	5	1
Futsal	3	2
Fitness station	2	3
Fitness Pod	1	1
Bocce-ball	1	6
Skate Spot	1	7
Disc Golf	0	7



Playground Equipment	Yes	No
Embankment Slide & scramble	13	0
Traditional Swing	7	0
Nature Based – Post and Deck	4	0
Climbing Structure	4	1
Balance Beam	1	0
Nature Based - wood play	1	1
Basket Swing	0	0
Spinner	0	1
Nature based play	0	2
Nature Themed Play – rocks & ropes	1	2
Traditional Post and Deck	1	4
Interactive play	1	4



- Optional Program Elements (consolidated from post-it notes from attendees)
 - Consider futsal as there is a growing community of futsal players in Salem and this would be a great way to build neighborhood pride with competitions. There is a community of pick-up soccer players and futsal would get much use and offer unique opportunities while serving a wide variety of age groups.
 - Consider a volleyball net
 - Consider a futsal or flat grassy area for soccer (the most popular sport in the world)
- Playground Elements (consolidated from post-it notes from attendees)
 - Prefer nature playgrounds (multiple comments)
 - Prefer the concept of multiple distributed play areas around the park
 - Consider a zip line in the play area
 - Consider hanging merry-go-round type swinger
 - Consider a climbing dome like the Salem Park Hospital
- Program Concept Comments (consolidated from post-it notes from attendees)
 - Prefer good walking path tied in with the bridges
 - Prefer to see the south side become a fully fenced off-leash dog area. There are lots of dogs in the neighborhood and users let dogs run free in the current park.
 - Prefer multiple bridges across the water with walking and biking paths
 - Prefer good pavilion for family and community gatherings and events
 - Prefer not to have a passive park similar to nearby Eola Park
 - Prefer paths and trails as there are many joggers and walkers that would use the park.
 - Prefer a tree alley or avenue along paths of small accent trees (cherry, crabapple, pear..) to replicate the capitol plaza.
 - Prefer dedicating the north area to large open lawn and using trees for shade
 - Concerned about safety of having a court close to the street due to speedy vehicles driving along Eagles Wing St.
 - Concerned about trees blocking views from homes

5. Online Survey Results

An online survey was published for 2 weeks following the open house. Fifty members of the community participated and the results showed a strong support for a playground, walking paths, native pollinator habitat, and a multi-use sports court. Concerns from the community were security, off leash dogs, and noise.

Figure 1 Which two features are most important to you?

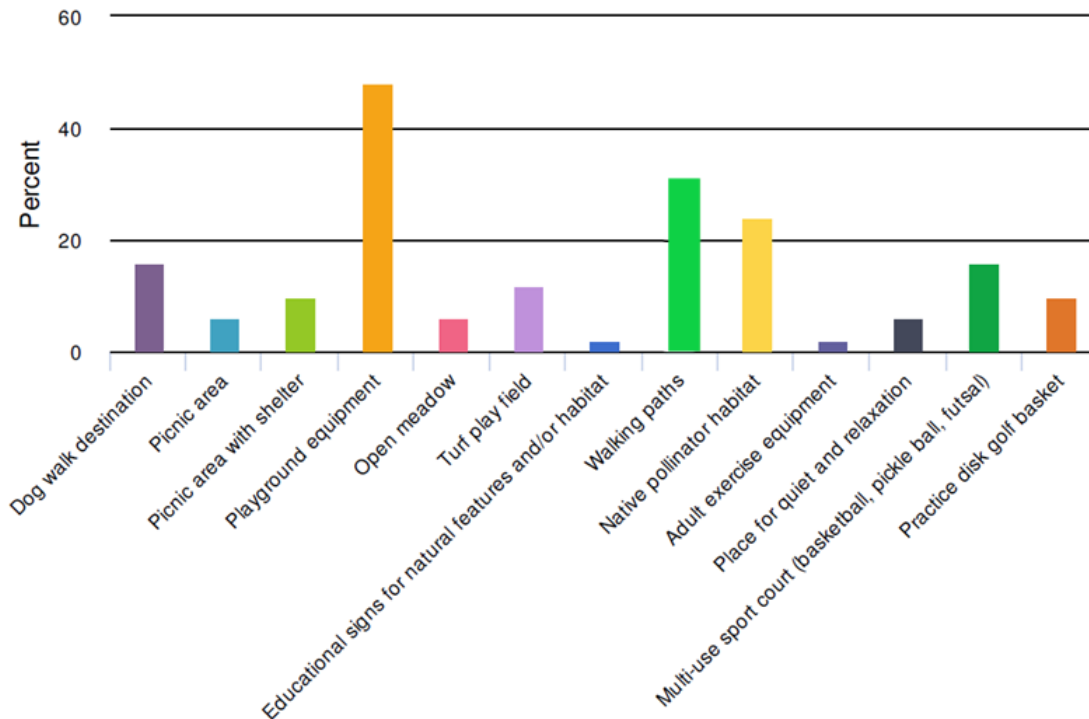


Figure 2 What are your top two concerns about development of Eagle’s View Park?

Value	Percent	Responses
Noise	41.7%	20
Security	64.6%	31
Off leash of loose dogs	56.3%	27

Please go to the Eagle’s View Park web page to find complete results from the first survey:
<https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/eagles-view-park-master-plan.aspx>