Public meetings were held on-site from June to August, 2019 at all six parks. An additional meeting was held in September, 2019 to receive feedback on the first phase of concept design for Southwest Community Park. Summaries of the comments provided by members of the community at each of these meetings is provided on the following pages.

- East Gresham Neighborhood Park Community Meeting - 06.01.2019
- Southeast Community Park Community Meeting - 06.18.2019
- Southeast Neighborhood Park Community Meeting - 06.20.2019
- Jenne Butte Neighborhood Park Community Meeting - 07.20.2019
- Southwest Community Park Community Meeting - 07.25.2019
- Columbia View Neighborhood Park Community Meeting - 08.12.2019
- Southwest Community Park Second Design Meeting - 09.25.2019
MEETING NOTES

Location:  East Gresham Neighborhood Park

Date:  June 1st, 2019

Time:  10:00 AM

Opportunities

• Remove invasive plants
• Bike jumps/BMX
• Improve trails
• Pedestrian Paths
• Entrance off Lovrien Ave & SE Greenway Drive
• Crushed rock paths
• Undeveloped nature & ability to make forts
• Possible playground at Williams
• Are there marketing incentives for local developers/developments?
• Early “wins” with small projects (i.e. pooper scoopers) and variety of entrances
• Pedestrian island with development across the street
• SDC parks from new development ($)

Constraints

• Homelessness 10 years ago, none in past 3 years.
• Removal of invasive plants opens views to adjacent backyards
• Big park, therefore difficult to maintain with volunteer labor
• Kids crossing Williams
• Balance of dogs and nature
• Garden shade

Goals

• Maintain Nature Paths
• Skating spot (see Evergreen Skate Park)
• Enclosed Dog Area
• BMX Bike Pump Track (site may be too small)
• Large, noticeable signage for park
• Invasive Removal/Improve visibility CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design)
• Kelly Creek Barrier-free, MHCC pond removal
• Pooper scooper for dogs
• Accessible Trails (All ages and abilities/inclusive)
• Inclusive play
• Youth engaged in concept design

Wishes

• Bike jumps
• Wood climbing structure
- Dog poop bag stations
- More natural elements
- Nature play
- Entrance trails
- Drinking fountains for dogs & humans
- Pedestrian path
- Tree house
- ADA Crushed rock path
- Climbing structure
- Bike path

**Design Element Comments**

- Place willow art structure in center of park
- More natural elements
- Really like nest
- Community gardens may not fit in, not really needed
- Small scale nature play
- Climbing structures through park
- Guide bike trail area
- Park signs wayfinding
- Prefer crushed gravel paths
- Simple bench design
- Like picnic structure for front entrance
- Connections to the neighborhood
MEETING NOTES

Location: Southeast Community Park

Date: June 18th, 2019

Time: 6:00 PM

Opportunities

- An outdoor labyrinth with a garden
- Frisbee golf
- Trail opportunities by green space
- Play area for children
- Large area for various opportunities
- Leashed dog run?
- Trail
- Splash pad (with obstacles?)
- Recreation for all ages
- Getting to know community/social gathering
- Barbecue areas
- Amphitheater
- Baseball
- Viewpoint with gazebo
- Sitting spot by the creek (could be just boulders)
- Perimeter trail with development in interior of park
- Water pump for kids (see Westmoreland Park)
- Kite flying
- Stargazing
- Low impact recreation
- Focus on interaction instead of separate groups
- Telescope to mountain
- Indigenous heritage stories
- Natural area information for watershed and beyond
- Animal migration routes
- Pedestrian routes from Salquist and Troutdale (put parking area here), make people walk a bit to get to park
- Art
- Community garden or arboretum area
- Movies
- Water balloons
- Dog Park
- Playground/imagination station
- Bike path
- Pool
- Emergency/city services
- Pickleball & Bocce ball
- Sports fields
- View
- Natural areas/put more trees
- Nature Play
- Trail to school

**Constraints**
- Lack of obstacles for sports like frisbee golf
- Lack of security
- Street ROW development/sidewalk
- No tall lighting
- Bathrooms might bring unwanted activity
- Need dog poop station
- Need cameras
- Slow down traffic on Salquist – speed bumps, flashing lights at pedestrian crossways so children can cross alone
- Signs for deterring crime (neighborhood watch)
- Salquist pedestrian friendly for children – no crosswalks
- Coyotes along creek
- Lack of parking
- Maintenance/ general upkeep
- Homelessness
- Crime
- Neighborhood dynamic changing
- Car traffic
- Yard debris from surrounding properties

**Goals**
- Safety (i.e. lighting)
- Retain openness & “natural” appeal
- Dog facilities (dog park, poop station, trash cans, water stations)
- Retain views
- Recreation amenities near Salquist, keep Jasmine/Barnes side more “open space”
- Bike/ped paths on perimeter (some bark doest, some concrete i.e. for scooters)
- BMX/Bike jump
- Limited access from Jasmine and Chase – create direct access off Salquist, e.g. more parking
- Salquist has a lot of children – do not attract traffic to Salquist – maybe parking off Troutdale road (285th) with walking path here (wheelchair accessible)
- Funding for developing the park and maintenance
- Kelly Creek as a feature with native features/plants
- Workout stations along trail
- Baseball, not soccer or basketball (may take up too much space), though basketball may be preferred by some
- Nature play amenities (with trees near & covered equipment)
- Open area for kite flying
- Connect the history (agricultural, Native American)
- Space for very young (0-3 years)
- Interactive water features/play amenities
- Landscaping to attract birds
- Walk/bike access from neighborhood
- Have a running route for joggers
- Bird blind for bird watching?
- Yoga in the park or tai chi
Map Comments
- Rectify zoning with adjacent properties
- Sewer line passing through, path following sewer line
- Natural resources owns adjacent properties
- Need South side entrances
- Future road to extend from SW Border Way
- Future homes – Pleasant Valley – on south side
- Add access point for new homes on south side

Design Element Comments
- Yes to paved paths
- Paths need to be at least a mile long
- Prefer more natural path look, like crushed rock
- Fine crushed rock compacted so easy to walk on (bark chips are harder to walk on)
- Crushed rock or bark chips – done right, ADA
- Like flat benches
- Wooden shelter with picnic tables
- Sunset park-sized picnic structure for family reunions, etc. (site may be too small)
- Movie night pop-ups? (Site may be too small)
- More wood, less metal for structures
- Playground equipment is liked (youth opinion not known)
- Structured community garden is liked (may not be feasible because of water availability)
MEETING NOTES

Location: Southeast Neighborhood Park

Date: June 20th, 2019

Time: 6:00 PM

Opportunities

- Respect natural state
- Nearby nature
- Walking path (LHF)
- Keep trees/habitat
- Remove invasive plants
- Wildlife (skunks, elk, coyotes, rabbits, raccoons)
- Loop path – leave it natural
- Save the wisteria on north side
- Splash pad for grandkids

Constraints

- Homeless
- Speed on street
- Vegetation provides existing noise buffer

Goals

- Create safe pathways
- Limit parking to disabled
- Flexible lawn space (soccer, etc.)
- Exercise stations along path
- Picnic areas (at least a couple)
MEETING NOTES

Location: Jenne Butte Neighborhood Park

Date: July 22nd, 2019

Time: 10:00 AM

Opportunities
- Sledding on hill
- Keeping some open space from mowing
- Existing pond for wildlife (restore more?)
- Unique geology
- Wooden picnic structure (on SW side because of new communities)
- Beekeeping/attracting bees – site is in bee fly zone
- Deer traffic
- More developed/maintained elements in South, natural areas in North
- Paved pathways for accessibility and bikes
- Existing path by wetland – not paved? Possibly crushed rock or mulch
- Loop path around wetland nature reserve area from road
- Path can be low hanging fruit, more added later
- Develop new amenities for children
- Wide range of experiences for all ages and abilities and species
- Dog park

Constraints
- Funding
- Access/transportation
- Roundup use/ Dogs & bees
- Ground is hard to walk on – not leveled/graded
- Must identify what are native bees, plants before developing
- In some places slope is too steep for pathways
- Not able to walk on crushed gravel – (usually due to not being ADA design)
- People cannot walk down hill
- Bringing in water for community garden
- Concerns with new development on south side
- Kids ride bikes on hills here, but no other parks are nearby

Goals
- Undeveloped/more natural
- Accessible/walkable site (paths)
- Safe transportation infrastructure – traffic calming (Foster – Powell)
- Maintained yet balance with natural, no pesticides
- Fire safety
- Open spaces / quasi-rural place identity
- Wildlife / water resource – restore for pollinators, climate resiliency
- Picnic shelter gathering
- Balance existing/future park users
• Corn hole (permanent version)
• Play structures that are interactive (i.e. Hood River’s climbing structures)
• Interpretive signage for natural realm
• Temp./Seasonal port-a-potty
• Community garden
• Pergola – where music events could happen

Design Element Comments
• Youth choose net structures at Spring garden park & playground structures
• Willow art structures are fun and weird
• Like trail integration of community garden, we need this, want native OR plants – youth vote
• Log climbers in play areas accommodate dogs, this works here.
MEETING NOTES

Location: Southwest Community Park
Date: July 25th, 2019
Time: 6:00 PM

Opportunities
- Preservation of the natural area
- Groves of significant trees (e.g. Western Red Cedar)
- Habitat for deer, coyotes, owls, turtles, ducks.
- Off-leash dog area away from homes
- Leaving park how it is
- Neighbors take care of maintenance
- Trash receptacles
- Retain equestrian access
- Project based learning for children – butterfly garden, etc.
- Boardwalk in wetlands-connect to trail network
- Studying ecology of wetlands
- Allowing children to interact with nature
- Accessibility – ADA
- Proximity to Grant Butte – maybe this other park can fulfill some of the amenity needs of Southwest CP
- Planting more trees
- Improving access areas and making them clearer entry points
- Addition of parking inside site would reduce street parking

Constraints
- Parking would cause harm to habitats and bring in more visitors
- People camping; unauthorized access
- Protected wildlife areas on site
- Piles of leaves left as part of natural area rehabilitation
- Neighborhood is more private – more people coming in for park would affect this
- Safety – a need for monitoring the park
- Parameters around types of development allowed in protected areas
- Coyotes use area vs. children use area
- Unintended consequences of development
- Developing trails with crushed rock can make it difficult for bikes to access?
- If adding garbage cans, they need to be emptied and maintained (possibly make it a pack-out your trash area)
- Safety concerns around uptake in activity on site
Goals

- Keep/protect wildlife habitat (esp. turtles)
- Limit parking inside park
- Preserve trees
- Off-leash dog area
- Leave as-is (neighbors take care of)
- Trash receptacles at entrances
- Safety & coordination with police, fire, & emergency services
- Review donated land stipulations
- Keep coyotes out of kid’s playground
- Retain equestrian access (horses from Powell)
- Project based learning opportunities
- Integrate design with Metro’s planning process at Grant Butte
- No connection to Springwater Corridor (because of safety concerns and rise in use that would ensue)
MEETING NOTES

Location: Columbia View Neighborhood Park

Date: August 12th, 2019

Time: 6:00 PM

Opportunities

- Designated or fenced-in dog run/dog park
- Play Structures for kids
- Bathrooms-maintained
- Water fountains
- ADA accessibility, wheelchair ramps
- Keep mowed feel/high visibility and clearance
- Keep trees
- Both volunteer and city employees currently mow
- More pollinator-friendly, native plants
- Can be learning space for children
- Smaller scale flower garden
- Connect/implement ADA accessible walking path
- Outdoor concerts/theater
- Movies in the park
- Picnic areas or tables
- Golf area for kids
- Shade/covered picnic areas
- Fishpond
- Playground with rock climbing
- Swings, baby swings
- Higher use keeps out crime
- Concert shell – power, shelter, stage with sloped ramp, lights.
- Currently does a great job with mowing
- Multimodal path
- Art/sculpture
- Nature play/organic play structures
- Art to play on
- Delicate balance of minimalism
- Nadaka dog park – seems less known about, less use
- Nothing
- More open play – less structured
- Benches
- Rustic play structure
- Pat Pfeifer & Nadaka are close for kids to play
- Hills, slides and logs
Constraints

- There are no nearby off-leash dog parks
- Mostly off-leash dog use currently
- No access to power
- Lack of upkeep on large developments
- Crime associated with public games
- Lack of trash receptacles – need more
- Developments on donated land?
- Pulling into driveways for access – lack of turnarounds in neighborhood
- Need a bond measure
- Advertising for dog park will increase use.
- Liability and environmental impact of dog parks
- Proximity to other parks with play structures

Goals

- Passive amenities
- Make park accessible – Smooth surfaces, both solitary and multi-use, mix trail, perimeter trail
- Keep park safe and green open feeling
- Preserve existing trees and maintain
- More pollinators and nature scaping
- Learning space for kids – flower garden & wildlife
- Outdoor space for performances & movies
- Space for kids’ play
- Preserve natural habitat
- Balance programmed parks
- Bond measure
- Active amenities away from fence line and toward school
- Protected space for un-structured play
- Artistic expression play

Design Element Comments

- Concrete Path – + Easier access; perimeter
- Crushed Rock path - +
- Metal bench - +
- Picnic shelter - + Rain coverage
- 4-sided picnic table – Like this because it is different
- Net play structures - +
- Like low maintenance play structures
- Constructed play equipment - ++ with rock wall, summer SUN program at HB Lee Middle School
- Nature play logs & boulders - +++
- Bird sculpture on log - +
- Bamboo art structure – Do not like
- Swirling community garden - ++++
- Raised bed community garden - ++
MEETING NOTES – Southwest Community Park Second Design Meeting

Location: Portland Adventist Elementary

Date: September 25th, 2019

Time: 6:30 PM

Pros
- Limited development options given – paths & benches
- Limited tree cut trails
- Property value research
- Paths
- Increased views of wetlands
- Dogs off leash prevented by dog parks

Cons
- No development @ park
- Concern Safety
- Access to other parks already
- Garden (maintenance; distance to carry tools too far)
- Garden toward 2nd access
- Privacy concern 100ft buffer
- Safety
- Parking lot – removing trees
- Homeless population/increased usage
- Lacking representation of parking size

Neutral
- Kids like the freedom of open/undeveloped space
- Crushed rock paths – cheap to put in, expensive to maintain VS. Concrete paths – expensive to put in, cheap to maintain
- Phasing in of park amenities
- Numbers on how many people would use the park would be helpful
PHASE 2: OPEN HOUSE CONCEPTUAL DESIGNS AND ZONE MAPS

Two open house meetings were held from October to November, 2019 at the Gresham City Hall. Summaries of the comments provided by members of the community at each of these meetings is provided on the following pages.

Each park was split into several “zones”. The zones reflect areas of different types of use and habitat. Each zone was presented alongside the activities that could be implemented within them.

- East Side Parks Open House - 10.28.2019
- West Side Parks Open House - 11.07.2019

East Side Open House Meeting

East Side Open House Meeting

East Side Open House Meeting
MEETING NOTES – East Side Parks Open House

Location: Gresham City Council Chambers
Date: October 28th, 2019
Time: 4:30 PM

Southeast Community Park
- Need to address trespass issues
- Upland Meadow Zone:
  - Play area for short and long term
  - Accessible trails and paths for short term
  - Viewpoint for long term
  - Education for short term
  - Picnicking for long term
  - Dog park for short term
  - Pickleball for short term
  - Basketball for short and long term
  - Wildlife viewing for long term
  - Would like more active recreation
- Hillside Meadow Zone:
  - Would like community garden for lower corner by Jasmine Way
- Primary Access Zone:
  - Parking lot for short term
- Secondary Access Zone:
  - Trailhead kiosk for short term

East Gresham Neighborhood Park
- Parallel parking area on Williams (southbound)
- Dog poop bag stations
- Co-design trails with bike trails for all ages
- Additional picnic table
- Property Buffer Zone:
  - Invasives removal needed – could use goats or inmate crew
- Primary Access Zone:
  - Trailhead kiosk for short term
- Forest Zone:
  - Play area for short and long term
  - Bike trails for short term
  - Accessible trails for short term
  - Wildlife viewing for short and long term
  - Benches for long term
  - Restoration for short term
Southeast Neighborhood Park

- Can use gravel parking strip
- Look at history of property
- Smaller picnic area
- No smoking signage
- Needs some open space
- Uncovered picnic tables
- Forest Zone:
  - Accessible Trails for short and long term
  - Benches for short term
- Wetland Zone:
  - Habitat protection and restoration for short term
MEETING NOTES – West Side Parks Open House

Location: Gresham City Hall
Date: November 7th, 2019
Time: 6:00 PM

Southwest Community Park
- Minimal Development
- Open play/grassy area
- Swings and play equipment
- Low tech nature play
- Avoid noisy sports
- Alternative to drive to Bella Vista & Butler
- Desire to avoid camps and overnight occupants in park
- Have park designed for neighborhood use
- Meadow Zone:
  - Play areas for short-term
  - Accessible trails & hiking for short and long term
  - Dog park for long term
  - Picnicking for short term
  - Community Gardens for short term
  - Wildlife viewing for short and long term
  - Education for short and long term
  - Wetland viewpoint for short and long term
- Forest Zone:
  - Education for long term
  - Accessible trails & hiking for short and long term
  - Benches for short and long term
  - Wildlife Viewing for short and long term
- Wetland Zone:
  - Habitat protection and restoration for long term

Columbia View Neighborhood Park
- Lawn Zone:
  - Pollinator garden for short and long term
  - Accessible trails and hiking for short term
  - Benches for short term
  - Play area for short and long term
- Lawn with Tree Canopy Zone:
  o Accessible trails and hiking for short term
  o Benches for short term

**Jenne Butte Neighborhood Park**

- Lowland Meadow Zone:
  o Accessible trails and hiking for short term
  o Benches for short term
  o Wildlife viewing for short term

- Hillside Meadow Zone:
  o Pollinator gardens for short term
  o Education for short term
  o Accessible trails and hiking for short term
  o Benches for short term
  o Wildlife viewing for short term

- Wetland Zone:
  o Habitat protection and restoration for short term
PHASE 3: STORY MAP CONCEPT PLAN
FEEDBACK (TBD)