

# **RASSEKH PARK**

## **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT SUMMARY**

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This document summarizes public involvement activities for the Rassekh Park to date and will be updated as additional activities are completed.

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

The goal of this project is to design and construct a new multi-sports field and play area that is safe, cost-effective, aesthetically appropriate, and meets the needs of the community.

### Project Objectives

- Construct a new multi-sports field.
- Create a park that is safe for the general public.
- Make sure that the final plan and construction of the park are within the project budget.

### Public Involvement Goals

- **Keep the community informed** on the proposed designs for the Rassekh Park.
- **Encourage participation** by community members in the design process.
- **Solicit regular feedback** from the Project Advisory Committee (PAC), who will act as community ambassadors.
- **Build trust** in the process by clearly communicating the feedback collected, tradeoffs, and decisions at key points.

### Schedule

- **Phase 1:** Schematic Design (Spring/Summer 2021)
- **Phase 2:** Design Development (Summer/Fall 2021)
- **Phase 3:** Construction Documents (Fall 2021/Winter 2022)

## Public Involvement Activities

### Phase One: Schematic Design (Spring/Summer 2021)

#### Purpose of Engagement

- Share background of the project
- Share information gained from the community previously
- Share project plan and timeline

#### Public Involvement levels

- **Inform:** Build public awareness of the project and project timeline
- **Consult:** Verify proposed programming with key user groups

## Engagement Activities

### Rassekh Park Website

In addition to the Rassekh Park, Parks and Recreation project page, a website was launched. [Rassekh Park Development | Lake Oswego Parks and Recreation](#). The website is an informative tool to provide information on the project history, design considerations and the public engagement process.

### PAC (Project Advisory Committee) Meetings

- The PAC convened on April 29, 2021. Members introduced themselves, reviewed their charter and purpose, and the design team gave a project overview. The group did a preliminary review of the first survey questions followed with a discussion of what the PAC thought was exciting or a challenge.
- The PAC next met on May 27, 2021. Members shared comments/thoughts received from the respective stakeholder groups. The design team shared the initial design concepts that were developed from project needs, survey feedback, planning and engineering requirements. PAC members provided feedback on the initial design. The Design Concepts Open House diagrams and survey were shared and discussed.
- The PAC next met on June 24, 2021. Current project timeline and an overview of the different reports and analysis underway. The design team shared the Visioning Survey results. The group had a design discussion, and discussed the neighborhood concerns.

### Visioning Survey

From April 16-25, 2021, a survey was launched to gather input from the community on their usage of athletic fields, the preferences for park features and for their preferred design character. This information collected was used to inform the next phase of the design process. Over 600 responses were received and the report is posted on the project website. [Rassekh Park Survey 1 Report\\_061621.pdf - Google Drive](#)

### Online Open House - Design Options Survey

The survey ran from June 4 - 13, 2021, but the online open house remains open ([Rassekh Park Development \(arcgis.com\)](#)). The survey asked community members for input on three design concepts, their preferences for the play area, and for their preferred design concept that was presented in the Online Open House to help refine the design layout. The survey received 335 responses. The survey results along with other feedback (PAC, neighborhood concerns etc.) and planning and engineering requirements would help to inform a refined design concept. [Rassekh Park Design Options Survey Report.pdf - Google Drive](#)

### **Neighborhood Meeting**

On August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the project team hosted a Neighborhood meeting for interested members of adjacent Neighborhood Associations (McVey-South Shore, Palisades, Blue Heron, Westridge, and Stafford Hamlet). The meeting was attended by 29 members of the public. The purpose of this meeting was to provide a project update, address previous neighborhood concerns that had been expressed, and answer questions. The meeting was recorded and will be posted on the project page. Viewers were encouraged to send further comments and questions to the project manager. The main concerns were:

- Concerns about increased traffic, especially on Atherton Drive and the Rosemont/Stafford/Atherton roundabout
- The location of the entrance of the park being off of Atherton
- Desire for a more neighborhood park than emphasis on the athletic field
- Concern of artificial turf and lighting impacts

### **Upcoming Activities**

As the project moves continues in Schematic Design and moves into Design Development, the team anticipates the following activities:

#### **PAC Meetings**

The PAC will continue to meet to act as a sounding board for the project team, and provide input on refined designs and design decisions.

#### **Online Open House**

A second Online Open House will be launched in late August to share the current concept and allow for additional feedback.

#### **Community Meeting**

The design team will review the designs with interested community members and gather feedback. The projected date is late September.

#### **Neighborhood Meeting (virtual)**

The design team will host a second Neighborhood Meeting that will be virtual for those to accommodate those who were not able to attend the in-person Neighborhood Meeting. The projected date is late September.