## Small Group GPAHC

Amenities

## GP Original Proposal



## GP Amenities Goal

Understand the wants and the needs of the community in regards to sports fields, recreation and amenities. Data will be collected through community surveys, community feedback, small group analysis and best practices. This data will be shared with the GPAHC group to achieve a group consensus on optimal park needs and layout.

## GP Amenities Stakeholders

- Dog park
- Sports clubs (softball/soccer)
- Other community recreation
- Horseshoe pits
- Gaga ball
- Pickleball
- Disc golf
- Tennis
- Other Recreation options
- Trail along the creek
- Amphitheater for music
- Picnics and benches
- Minimalist/nature centered


## Considerations For Use of Space

- Parks best practices and common trends
- Existing park amenities
- Floodplain/wetlands
- Environmental concerns
- Surrounding neighborhoods
- Current and future availability of flat land for stakeholders
- Community wants and needs
- Costs and available funding

Wetlands Determination


## Dog Park

- Currently resides at Veteran's park
- Contains one large enclosure for large dogs and one small enclosure for small dogs/under socialized dogs
- Built by a non-profit DOG that has since dissolved
- Was maintained by group but is now maintained by city


## Proposed Dog Park



## Immediate Concerns of Dog Park

- Proposed road with go through existing dog park
- Original proposal included a "fish friendly culvert" which may not be a possibility
- Grabhorn proposal involves moving existing park that was built by citizens to a smaller location
- New location is immediately next to new road which is a safety concern for many dog owners
- Current dog park is already half as big as it needs to be for the amount of dogs and dog owners that use parks
- Proposed dog park also does not include an enclosure for small dogs
- Dog owners have requested a temporary structure while Grabhorn is under development


## Demographics

- 10-20 dogs at a time with owners
- Dogs need space for running, chasing balls and already use all of existing areas
- Off-Leash Dog Park is roughly 25,200 sqft, approximately 0.5 acre.
- Proposed dog park is $14,400 \mathrm{sq} \mathrm{ft}$, under $1 / 3$ acre resulting in a $42 \%$ loss in size


## Dog Park Options

- Dog park stays as is with no addition of road
- Dog park moved to another park location-Chief Concomly, Creekview, Miller Park
- Dog park placed within Grabhorn parcel
- Find a new location for equipment shed and lengthen the size of the dog park to 0.6 acre
- Keep the existing small dog enclosure in place as it does not interfere with the road


## Basic Needs for Dog Park in New Location

- large and small enclosure
- 4' tall minimum fencing
- Seating
- weather shelter in both enclosures
- water for the dogs.
- Save the donated fireplug
- Move existing shelter/kiosk


## City Survey Results Surrounding Dog Park

Worry about dog park placement, continuity, amenities-23 citizens

## Specific Dog park Comments/concerns From Survey

Move the dog park away from homes. No new road. No new taxes, we pay enough. Pool is a money pit.

No more dog parks or vast areas of plat grass. The structures need to be fun for all ages. Too many dogs can deter people who want to picnic or who have kids. I won't even eat in that park due to all the dog urine in the picnic area grass.

I use the dog park more than anything else at the park, that's my biggest concern. I'm worried about the park having the little creek/stream through it. I don't see a way for the park to be fully fenced without the debris clogging along the fence and causing flooding. I would want the dog park to have the same amenities that the dog park has now, including a sheltered space, running water, sprinklers to keep it greenish in the summer. My family and dog use the park several times a week

## Softball Fields

- There is not currently a city owned softball field
- Clubs can use school fields only with permission which can be revoked at any time, even after payment has been received
- Veteran's Park is baseball only and already used 6 days a week during March-October. There isn't room to add another 4-6 teams as practice and game times are limited already with just baseball.
- Commonly suggested that softball players should use baseball fields. Softball does not have a pitching mound and usually do not use grass infields which makes this option unrealistic without impacting baseball usage.
- Prior to Otto Peterson being built there were 5 softball fields and those fields were not adequately replaced with the new building. Only the Varsity field remains.


## Proposed Sports Fields



## Softball Player Demographics

- Ages 7-18 would be able to use it for youth sports. Primary usage would be 9-12 year olds similar to what Veteran's park supports
- Potential for adult fastpitch softball to play in the future as well
- On Average, Scappoose Little League has 7-9 teams in the 7-14 age category. There are also separate club/travel teams in the community that could use the field as well.
- During the fall softball season, there is very limited space for teams to practice or play due to soccer using the outfields of existing school fields.
- Estimated cost to build a dirt field is $\$ 75,000-200,000$
- Depends on fencing needs and quality of existing dirt vs engineered dirt
- Turf infield would increase the cost but reduce ongoing maintenance costs/increase usage
- Complete turf field would increase cost but further reduce maintenance costs and increase usage


## Dimensions and Sizing of a Softball Field



- 200 ft fence would be adequate for all youth ages (matches high school field)
- Outfield fence could be shortened to 185 but would limit age to 12 and under
- Drawing doesn't include dugouts or any seating area


## Softball Seasons

- Spring/Summer Season is March through July
- Fall Season is Late August through October


## Softball Field Options

- Softball field at Veteran's Park in the current green space
- Softball field at the North end of the Grabhorn property
- Other considerations:
- Turf - Allow for play during rainy weather and increase usage
- Just turfing the infield would reduce cost and still accomplish the goal of increased usage during rainy season. Would also minimize impact of rubber pellets potentially getting into flood area.
- This is becoming common practice
- Willamette Park in West Linn
- Putnam High School
- Lights - Allow for play later in the evening allowing for increased usage

■ New light technology minimizes over saturating neighborhoods with light and can be focused specifically on the field.

- Milwaukie High School baseball/softball complex as an example
- Built in a neighborhood and hardly noticeable outside the complex.


## Soccer Fields

- Currently no soccer field can accommodate a recreational sport size field for soccer
- Scappoose soccer club has attempted to purchase flat land but is challenged with limited availability of land
- Available school fields can be prevented from use at school's discretion
- Fields are often too small for tournaments
- BYOC- Bring your own chair to location (no equipment needed)


## Field ideas for reference



185' x 300' just playing area 220 'x 300 ' would include seating area

## Soccer Field Demographics

Age range: 4 to 14

| SSC Year over Year |  |  |  |  |  |  | YOY |  |
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|  | Year | Girls | Boys | Total | \# Teams | Girl \% | Boys \% | \% Change |
|  | 2018 | 293 | 263 | 556 | 37 | $53 \%$ | $47 \%$ |  |
|  | 2019 | 281 | 256 | 537 | 35 | $52 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $-3 \%$ |
|  | 2020 | 310 | 275 | 585 | 38 | $53 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| Current | 2021 | 346 | 269 | 615 | 45 | $56 \%$ | $44 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Projected for Fall | $2021 / 2022$ | 489 | 486 | 975 | 65 | $50 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $67 \%$ |

## Soccer Seasons

- Fall season- late August - 1st week of November
- Spring season- late March- weekend before Memorial Day
- No Sundays


## Soccer Field Options

- A large field that soccer can be played on at this time that can eventually turn into a pool
- 1-2 soccer fields at this location, depending on location of softball field
- A soccer field with turf and lighting
- Building a soccer field would be approx \$55K - \$125K (dirt,leveling,seed,minimal drainage) quoted to us by Pacific Sports Turf
- Adding sprinkles(in ground) to a field is the cost. This could be $\$ 70 \mathrm{~K}$ to $\$ 125 \mathrm{~K}$. I do see in the city packet they have a lower number for irrigation \& land prep


## City Survey Sports Demographics

Concern about seating for games. 2
Positive about sports and recreation opportunities. 14
Negative feelings about sports. 12

## Additional Amenities to Consider

Picnic tables and benches 138
Tennis court 59
Disc golf 46
Pickleball court 36
Basketball court 17

## City Survey Results Surrounding Soccer/Softball Fields

Parks should be for all genders. Veterans baseball is only used by boys. Not right! Tax dollars come from both genders!! Would support an indoor pool and new funding for indoor pool.

We really need to look at investing in turf fields for school sports.
no ball fields. just room for kids to run. covered area. might support a new funding mechanism.
field should be multipurpose and artificial - partner with SSD to accommodate teams and costs.

More ball fields are ok, ONLY IF that space can be used for other things when not in use for ball games!

## City Survey Results Surrounding Soccer/Softball Fields

Please add more than one soccer field, it's an embarrassment to host traveling teams to the fields we have in this community. We already have softball/baseball field options. Now is the time to improve soccer.

I would prefer more field space for groups like Scappoose Soccer Club and youth softball, rather than dedicating so much land/space and funds to support a pool. Being able to host tournaments/jamborees/league games with the additional field space could increase spending at local businesses by visitors.

I support a soccer field over baseball because that's what my kiddos prefer, but we should support a decision either way with data ideally. Which sports facilities are most constrained in the area.

## Pickle Ball Court



## Description of Court:

Pickle-ball® courts should be 20' x 44' for both singles and doubles play. This is the same overall court size as in badminton. The net is lowered from the standard badminton height to 36 " on the ends and 34 " in the middle. When laying out the court, it is ideal to allow adequate space outside the end and side lines for player movement. For this reason, we recommend the full court (including out-of-bounds areas) measure at least 24 ' x 54.' If space permits, a $30^{\prime} \times 60$ space is considered to be an ideal size to allow the most athletic level of play possible.

Est. Cost: \$20-30K per court
Maintenance: Low


## Tennis Court



Est. Cost: $\quad \$ 45 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 85 \mathrm{~K}$
Maintenance: Low

Consider combining tennis and pickle ball court


## Basketball court w/pickle \& volleyball

- Basketball court 2 Full size 12,000 to 14,000 sqft able to do pickle approx $\$ 45 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 75 \mathrm{~K}$ Home Court construction. This would be after asphalt put in. Did mention that asphalt needs to be done to specs. Mentioned St Helens 3 years courts asphalt was done by local Columbia County company and have failed.


BASKETBALL COURT CONVERTED TO PICKLEBALL COURTS


## Disc Golf



- Can be 9 or 18 holes
- Players can form groups or hold tournaments
- Baskets cost approximately $\$ 125$ to $\$ 500$ each
- Set up 200-350 feet apart from each other depending on the par
- Approximately 500,000 people play this sport in the US
- 46 Scappoose residents inquired about a disc golf park


## Park Benches And Tables


\$688 per bench from the parkcatalog.com


## Nature Inspired Playground Equipment



