# **Greenway Park 3/20/2018 Open House Meeting Summary**



There were approximately 50 attendees at the Greenway Park open house on March 20, 2018. They were presented with paper surveys which had questions corresponding to the overall concept plan, trail realignments, and areas of opportunity that were determined by feedback from the previous open house meetings. There was a station for each opportunity area where different amenity options were displayed and the participants were asked to rank the options. Each section also contained a space for comments. In addition to the surveys collected from meeting participants, an online survey was open from March 21<sup>st</sup> through April 4th. Paper and online surveys were tallied to produce the results in this report.

### **Concept Plan Overview**

In general, people are receptive to the overall concept plan goals and vision. Figure 1 shows that a large majority, 48 out of 65, either strongly support or pretty well support the plan. Changes respondents would like to see to the plan included nine people wanting the focus to be more about nature than infrastructure and amenities. Other topics receiving comments included adding more restrooms and clearing the mud off of existing trails.

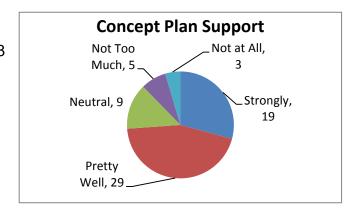


Figure 1. Concept Plan Support survey results.

Responses to the question of how else

Greenway Park could be improved included eight people suggesting more trash cans in the park. Seven respondents would like more interpretive signs about the wildlife and natural areas. There were a handful of other comments about adding restrooms and drinking fountains, benches and to consider people of all abilities.

## **Trail Options**

Participants were asked to rank the presented trail options. Figure 2 shows the results. Option A was the overwhelming top choice with 44 votes. The specifics of option A are detailed in figure 3. This option includes realigned trails consisting of pavement and

boardwalks on both the north and south loops and a

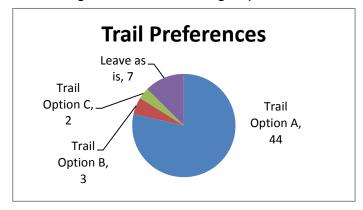


Figure 2. Trail option preferences ranked.



viewing platform on the northern loop looking out onto Koll Center Wetlands. Option A also included closing the north south bridge and trail that heads south from the Fanno Farmhouse entrance.

Comments from this section included a large number (21) wishing to keep the north south bridge just south of the Fanno Farmhouse over Fanno Creek open. Other comments included raising the level of the trail to avoid flooding during high water and approval of the viewing platform.

### **Seating Area**

Overall people were receptive to new seating areas and the general locations (figure 6). Between "strongly" liking and liking "pretty well" there were a total of 40 votes verses 10 neutral and 10 against the idea. There were eight comments from this section and included providing covered seating, having the seating face the natural areas as opposed to facing the trail, and to have the amenity look as natural and part of the environment as possible.

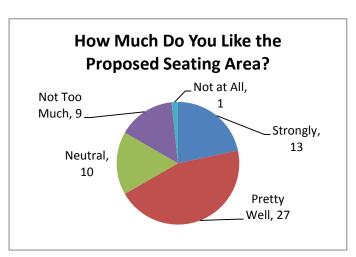


Figure 4. Opinions on the proposed seating area.

#### Restrooms

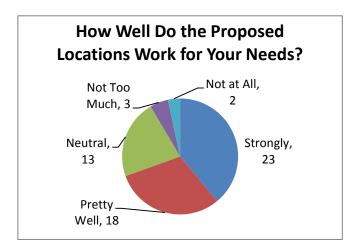


Figure 5. Restroom location preferences.

Most people are supportive of adding more restrooms and the locations (figure 6) identified from previous meetings and work groups. As shown in figure 5, of the 58 responses we received, only five either didn't like the concept much or not at all. There were a broad mix of comments from this section but no single issue received more than five mentions. The notion that three restrooms were too many and the possibility of vandalism and vagrancy associated with more restrooms were the leading comments. There was also a desire to have a non-porta potty facility.

### **Opportunity Area 1**

Opportunity area 1(Figure 6) currently has a covered basketball facility, tennis courts and a small playground. The covered basketball facility was identified as an under-utilized amenity and there were two options presented as replacements: a small skate spot or a covered picnic area. There was also an option to select "other" and fill in a

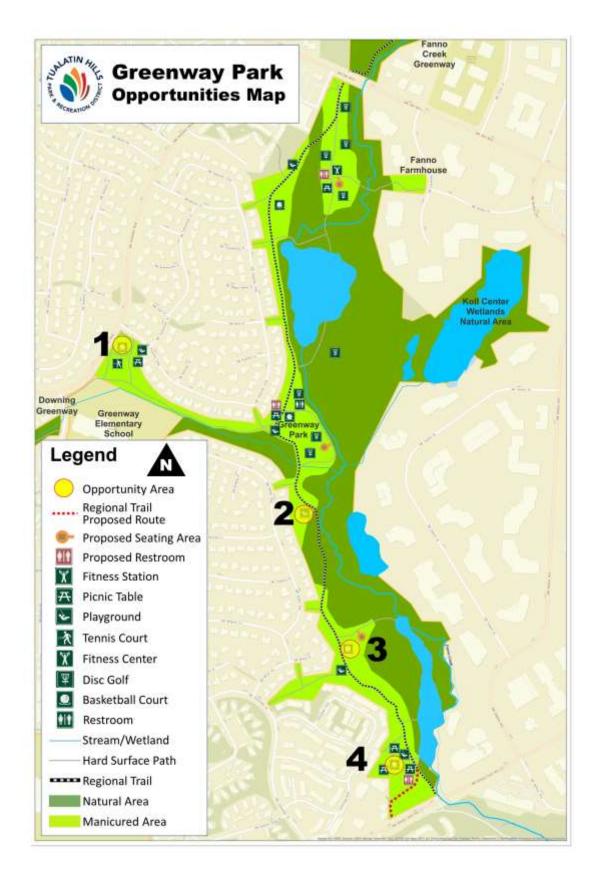


Figure 6. Opportunity areas, proposed seating areas, and proposed restroom locations.

response. About twothirds of the participants selected a covered picnic area as their preferred replacement amenity (Figure 7). Comments ranged from installing a bouldering/parkour facility to keeping the area as is.

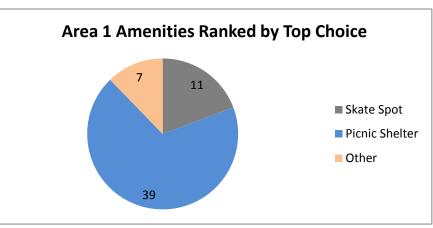


Figure 7. Area 1 amenities ranked by first selection.

# **Opportunity Area 2**

Opportunity area 2 (Figure 6) has a small playground near the north Settler Way entry. The top choice of participants was a fairly even split between a new nature play area

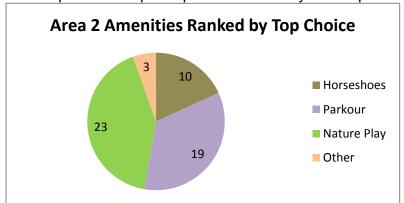


Figure 8. Area 2 amenities ranked by first selection.

and a parkour station (Figure 8). The other two options didn't garner much support comparatively. There were only a small number of comments about this opportunity area with two people thinking this would be a good spot for a picnic shelter and two others liking it as a spot for hang out play equipment. Three people voted to keep the area as is.

### **Opportunity Area 3**

Options for opportunity area 3 (Figure 6) included a futsal court, a pump track, hang out play equipment or an "other" slot for participants to add their own idea. Hang out play equipment received the most first choice votes with 22 (Figure 9) and futsal wasn't far behind with 14.

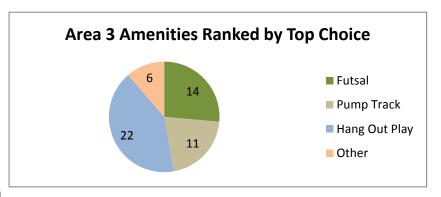


Figure 9. Area 3 amenities ranked by first selection.

Interestingly, when you combine first and second choice votes futsal gets the most votes with 32 compared to hang out play which totals 29. Four commenters felt we should leave the area as is and two people thought a picnic shelter would be the best option at this spot.

### **Opportunity Area 4**

Opportunity area 4 (Figure 6) is at the southern end of the park and there are currently basketball courts and a play area in this location. The play area is used

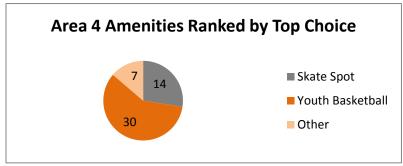


Figure 10. Area 4 amenities ranked by first selection.

frequently and will stay, but the basketball court was identified as underused from previous meetings. Of the presented options for this site youth basketball equipment received well over half of the first choice votes with 30 of 51 (Figure 10). Three people who selected "other" thought this

would be a good place for a covered picnic area with one person commenting on the closeness of high-density apartments and how they felt a picnic area would be valuable and well used. Three other people felt like we should leave the area as is.