



# TUALATIN HILLS PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT

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## Public Meeting Notes

Project: Cedar Mill Park  
Location: Cedar Mill Library  
Date & Time: August 8, 2012, 6:00-7:30 PM

Staff Present: Dave Walters, Park Planner  
Gery Keck, Senior Planner  
Steve Regner, Office Tech  
April Hammel, Athletics Program Coordinator

Consultants  
Present: Bo Nevue, Nevue Ngan

### Bond Programming

Dave Walters gave a brief history of the 2008 Bond Measure, noting that the park had been identified as a park to receive an athletic field, a paved trail system, play area, and a community garden if possible. The park design also has to be sensitive to the annual concert at the park.

### Athletic Field Needs

April Hammel described the need for more fields in the Northwest Quadrant. The growing young family population in the neighborhood is creating a significant demand on the limited fields in the area. Cedar Mill Little League, which uses the baseball field at Cedar Mill Elementary, loses half of the playing season due the poor drainage of the field.

### Preferred Master Plan

Bo Nevue reviewed the Preferred Master Plan elements:

- ADA Parking Spot relocated to north end of parking lot.
- U-11 Multi Use Field located in southern portion of park.
- Tennis court relocated to northeast corner of park
- Play area in center of park
- Paved path from parking lot connects to 107<sup>th</sup> Ave, at a grade no greater than 8%
- Baseball field located at Cedar Mill Elementary will be redeveloped and maintained by THPRD.

### Public Discussion

Q: What is the field surface?

A: It will be a natural grass surface, with no sports field lighting.

C: This park has an old growth stand of trees that should be protected.

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Q: Why move the tennis court?

A: Major tree impacts would result if the field wasn't located where the tennis court is now.

C: Would be nice if it was a natural creek area

A: The creek area could be enhanced.

C: Apprehensive of intense use at the park, afraid it will change the character of the park.

A: Trees, natural area, grassy area amount will remain almost unchanged.

C: Maybe we shouldn't develop every green space.

C: I'm worried about overdeveloping green spaces.

C: Love the plan, especially that the trees won't be significantly impacted. Also appreciate the renovation of the Cedar Mill Elementary School, which is in very poor condition.

C: Too many people run their dogs off leash at this park, which discourages picnicking.

C: The District was not aggressive in securing properties in this neighborhood several decades ago, now they do their best with what they have to fulfill sport league demands.

C: Really happy with the park design, looking forward to paved paths. This design will improve the park, but won't 'overdevelop' it.

C: Prefer no change, but likes the idea of using the school field; very creative. There are just not enough parks in the area for all of the development going on.

Q: How much do the tennis courts get used?

A: Quite popular when not raining.

C: Neighbors who are very avid tennis players have noted how hard it is to get a court when the weather is good.

Q: How big are the community gardens?

A: They are usually a minimum of 10 plots, at 10' x 10'. The area is still being analyzed for feasibility.

C: The area where community gardens are proposed is not very sunny, and exposed to car exhaust.

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Q: How would this affect the concert in the park?

A: The concert might be moved to the athletic field. It would be easier setup, as well as more accessible.

Q: Will THPRD be building any fences?

A: THPRD policy is to not build fences along property lines. Owners are welcomed to build fences on their property.

Q: Will there be any restrooms?

A: Yes, temporary port-a-potty with screening.

Q: Any chance an off leash dog park area at the west end of the park? There is not enough dog parks in this area of the District.

A: The park is not designated for a dog park or off leash area. This would be detrimental to the vegetation and sensitive wetlands and buffer. Contact THPRD's Lisa Novak about this issue.

Q: Will the BBQ pits remain?

A: They are not a popular element, so bbq pits are not likely to remain. Patrons can bring their own bbq, though.

### Next Steps

The Cedar Mill Master Preferred Master Plan is currently scheduled to be presented to the THPRD Board of Directors on September 10, 2012. THPRD hopes to begin construction in summer of 2013, but the schedule depends on the land use and permit processes.

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