



PARKS COMMITTEE • AGENDA

September 18, 2019 (Wednesday) • 4:30 p.m.

Redmond City Hall, RM 207

411 SW 9th St, Redmond, OR 97756

AGENDA

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Bill Braly
Chair

Ross Centers
Vice-Chair

Jenny O'Keefe
Member

Emily Fitch
Member

Richard Lance
Member

Nick Olson
Member

Adina Rivers
Member

Jon Bullock
Council Liaison

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Items not on Agenda)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes from July 29, 2019 Meeting

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Community Garden Discussion
2. Kalama Park Survey Results

UPDATES

1. Baker Park Update
2. Quartz Planning
3. Dry Canyon Wayfinding Signage
4. Juniper Golf Course Contract Negotiation Update

COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES/COMMENTS

ADJOURN

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Park's Committee – Meeting Minutes
July 29, 2019 (Wednesday) • 4:30 p.m.
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Committee Members Present: Adina Rivers, Emily Fitch, Bill Braly, Ross Centers, Nick Olson

Committee Members Absent: Richard Lance, Jenny O'Keefe

Youth Ex Officio: Vacant

City Staff: Annie McVay, *Parks & Facilities Division Manager*; Staci Black, *Public Works*; Bill Durden, *Public Works Director*, Adrian Keller, *Public Works*

Council Liaison: None

Visitors: Katie Hammer, Mel Hatton, *Redmond Pickle Ball*

Media: None

(The 3 digits after a motion title show the number of members voting in favor/opposed/abstaining.)

CALL TO ORDER - INTRODUCTIONS

- Bill Braly called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m. with a quorum of members (5 of 7) present.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Items not on Agenda)

- Mel Hutton representing Redmond Pickle Ball addressed the committee requesting that the tennis ball courts next to the pickle ball courts permanently be marked with dual lines. He presented the committee with a signed petition.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- None

PRESENTATIONS

- None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Motion 1** (5/0/0): Adina Rivers moved to approve the May 15, 2019 minutes. Ross Centers 2nd.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM

- Consider Recommendation from Juniper Negotiating Team on Management Contract Renewal with CourseCo. – Review the roll of the committee, meetings and methodology throughout the process, key findings, key recommendations. Committee had 5 meetings, two of the being negotiations with CourseCO. One of the key findings is that Juniper is performing well as a municipal course. Recommendations are; 1. Take advantage of the existing extension clause in the current contract and extend for five years. 2. Improve marketing and public awareness and have a more consistent experience. Going to take these recommendations to City Council and if it is approved, we will have a final contract in October. **Motion 2** (5/0/0): Ross Centers moved to recommend to the City Council to move forward with the Juniper Negotiating team recommendations for the extension of CourseCo's contract.
- Parks Reservation System – Annie gave a short summary of how the current reservation system was set up. Through many discussions with RAPRD it was decided that there would be many benefits to having the City take over the reservations on the City's parks. 1. It might be a better experience for the residents. 2. The City can communicate directly with the residents. 3. We have the necessary staffing and technology. 4. Streamlined logistics.

UPDATES

- Kalama Park – Public surveys have gone out.
- System Development Charges – Had a final vote from City Council in June and the new fees went into effect in July 1, 2019.
- Baker Park Update – Shade structure and play equipment have been removed by the public auction winners. New equipment has started to arrive.
- Centennial Plaza Update – Project is nearing completion with a ribbon cutting ceremony scheduled for August 6th.

COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES/COMMENTS

- None

ADJOURN

Bill Braly adjourned the meeting at 5:55 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2019

APPROVED by and SIGNED by me this _____ day of _____, 2019.

ATTEST:

Bill Braly
Chair

Annie McVay
Parks Division Manager



STAFF REPORT

DATE: September 18, 2019
TO: Parks Committee
FROM: Annie McVay, Parks Division Manager
THROUGH: Bill Duerden, Public Works Director
SUBJECT: Community Garden Research and Discussion

Addresses Council Goal:

Goal # 6 F: Strive for an interconnected community of parks and open spaces.

Report in Brief:

The purpose of this report is to provide the Parks Committee with the result of research conducted by staff to determine the feasibility and challenges of establishing a community garden.

Background:

In January 2019, City Council conducted their annual goal setting session for Fiscal Year 2019/2020. During the goal setting a number of priorities were identified. One priority was to establish a community garden. The Parks Division staff has taken the lead in examining this topic in more depth.

Staff's research to date has focused on more thoroughly understanding the planning, staffing and management considerations associated with community gardens. Research centered on feedback from four main resources: 1) National Recreation and Parks Association professional list-serv forum that included comments and experiences from over 15-parks and recreation agencies across the country, 2) Oregon State University Extension Service, 3) community gardens located in the City of Bend, and 4) information provided by several cities and nonprofit community garden programs. All the resources suggested community gardens can be highly popular and successful, but the decision to create a community garden should be made after careful consideration.

The following are common benefits and challenges of a community garden:

Benefits

- Source of healthy and affordable food.
- Connect people to nature.
- Educate people on where food comes from and provide opportunity for people, especially in urban spaces, to engage with their food system.
- Provide an inclusive meeting area where people of all ages and cultural backgrounds can come together to share experiences and knowledge.

Challenges

- Finding, securing or leasing the land.
- Lack of community interest.
- Long-term viability due to loss of interest (i.e., ongoing participation).
- Theft and vandalism.
- Equitably enforcing the rules and regulations governing the garden.
- Conflict resolution between gardens.
- Management to maintain and sustain all aspects of the garden (i.e., rules, hours of operation, watering schedules, etc.).

Previous City Efforts - Staff also reviewed the past effort to provide a community garden in Redmond. The City partnered with Redmond Area Parks and Recreation District (RAPRD) to offer a community garden in the Dry Canyon adjacent to the dog park. The garden operated for 3-years from 2012-2014. The City Parks Division constructed the garden beds, installed timed irrigation and added bed coverings to help with deer. The first year all the beds were reserved. The second year reservations decreased by approximately 50 percent. With decreased participation the garden eventually stopped operations in 2014. The main challenges that lead to the closure of the garden included a combination of: decreased interest, lack of maintenance of individual beds, no perimeter fencing and inconvenient location for some participants.

Stakeholder Meeting - Recently, the Park's Division hosted a small meeting with community stakeholders, experts and interested residents to explore the feasibility of a new garden and if there was renewed interest. Attendees included Oregon State University (OSU) Extension staff that manage the Master Gardener and horticulture programs, REACH Redmond, Place Matters volunteer and interested residents.

The OSU Extension representatives echoed the research of the pros and cons of a community garden along with key factors in a successful community garden. These key factors include: location, impetus and key volunteers or staff to maintain to keep sustained interest and management in the garden. These three factors were the topic of discussion. When analyzed together the factors present real challenges for Redmond to have a successful garden.

Location: Location is a key factor in initial and sustained success for a community garden. A community garden typically needs to be centrally located or in a neighborhood with interested participants. The Dry Canyon ended up not being a successful location. The attendees discussed potential options for a good location and no existing City park property was identified as ideal.

Impetus: Community gardens are most successful when they are community driven. Meaning, local residents bring the idea forth and carry it out from the planning to implementation stages. Community gardens that are not community driven by the individuals who will plan, manage and sustain the gardens have a much shorter shelf life.

Management: A crucial factor to sustain a community garden is personnel time, whether it be paid staff or dedicated volunteers. Successfully managing a community garden takes considerable time as there are many facets to consider: finding a good location, construction of the beds, development of participation terms (i.e., details regarding soil, allowed additives, required weeding), recruitment, enforcement of participant terms, on-site maintenance of the garden, and conflict resolution and interpersonal issues. Successful community gardens have volunteer, non-profit or paid management positions to help sustain the gardens. Community gardens run by a city often require volunteer management. For example, the City of Eugene's program has City sites available for community gardens. However, they require sites to have a "Site Coordination Team" of one to four individuals who are the liaison between the City and plot users and are the first point of contact for the garden.

Staff Recommendation:

Based on the research, past experiences and initial meeting with local stakeholders, pursuing a community garden at this point is not recommended to be pursued. The lack of a good location, uncertain community need and the lack of City staff resources to develop and maintain the program would likely not make for a sustained effort. Notwithstanding, the Parks Department is ready to consider a community garden moving forward if the right opportunity and circumstances were aligned.

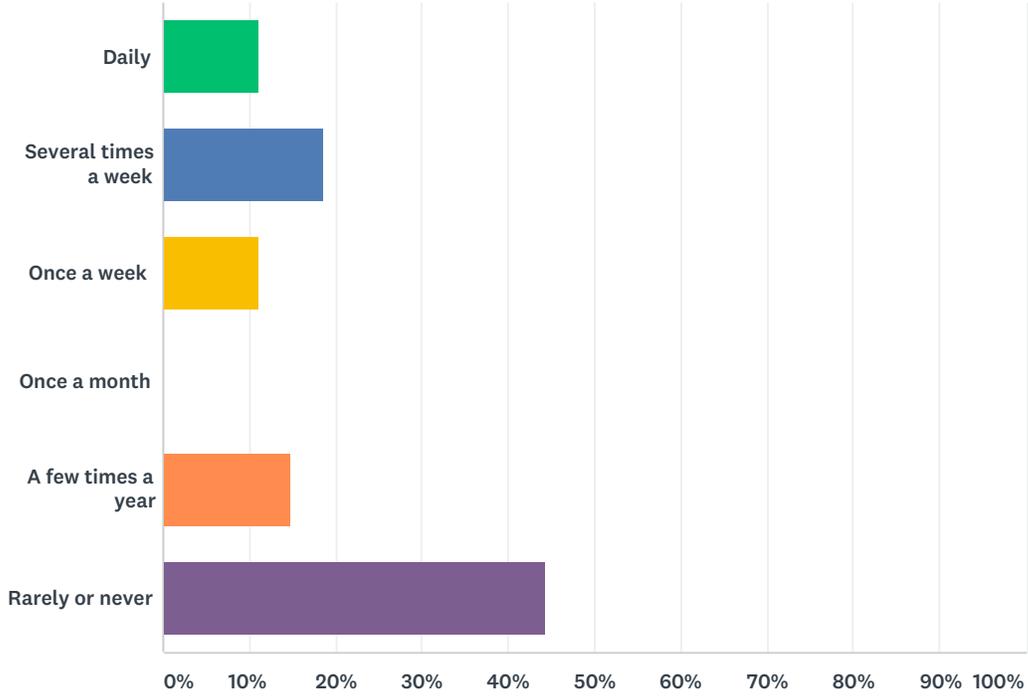
Discussion:

The research provided presents the opportunity to further discuss community gardens. Staff would like feedback or identify other considerations for a potential community garden in Redmond.

Annie McVay
Parks Division Manager

Q1 How often do members of your household use Kalama Park?

Answered: 27 Skipped: 1

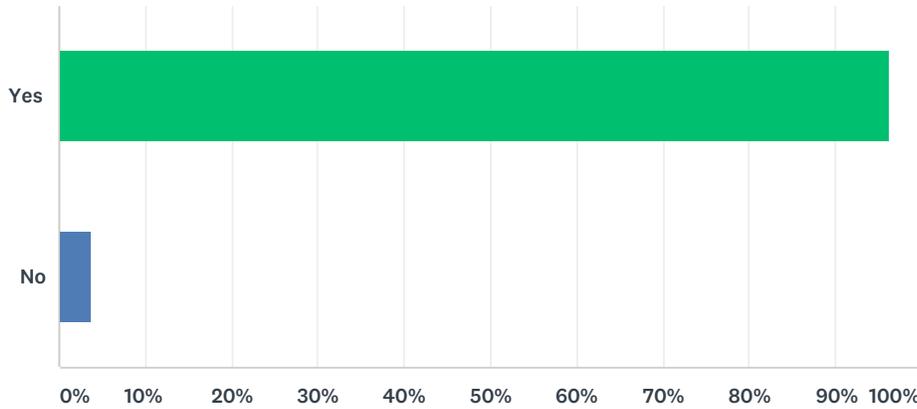


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Daily	11.11%	3
Several times a week	18.52%	5
Once a week	11.11%	3
Once a month	0.00%	0
A few times a year	14.81%	4
Rarely or never	44.44%	12
TOTAL		27

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Q2 Do you live within a 1/2 mile (approximately) of Kalama Park? See above map for reference, tan shaded area is 1/2 mile around the park.

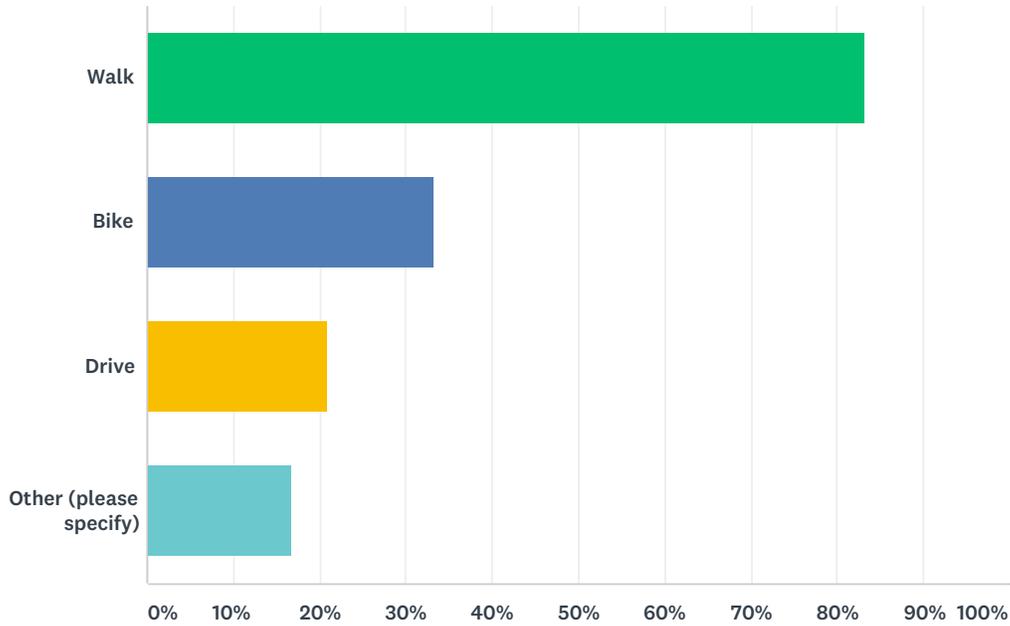
Answered: 27 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	96.30%	26
No	3.70%	1
TOTAL		27

Q3 How do members of your household typically access the park? (select all that apply)

Answered: 24 Skipped: 4

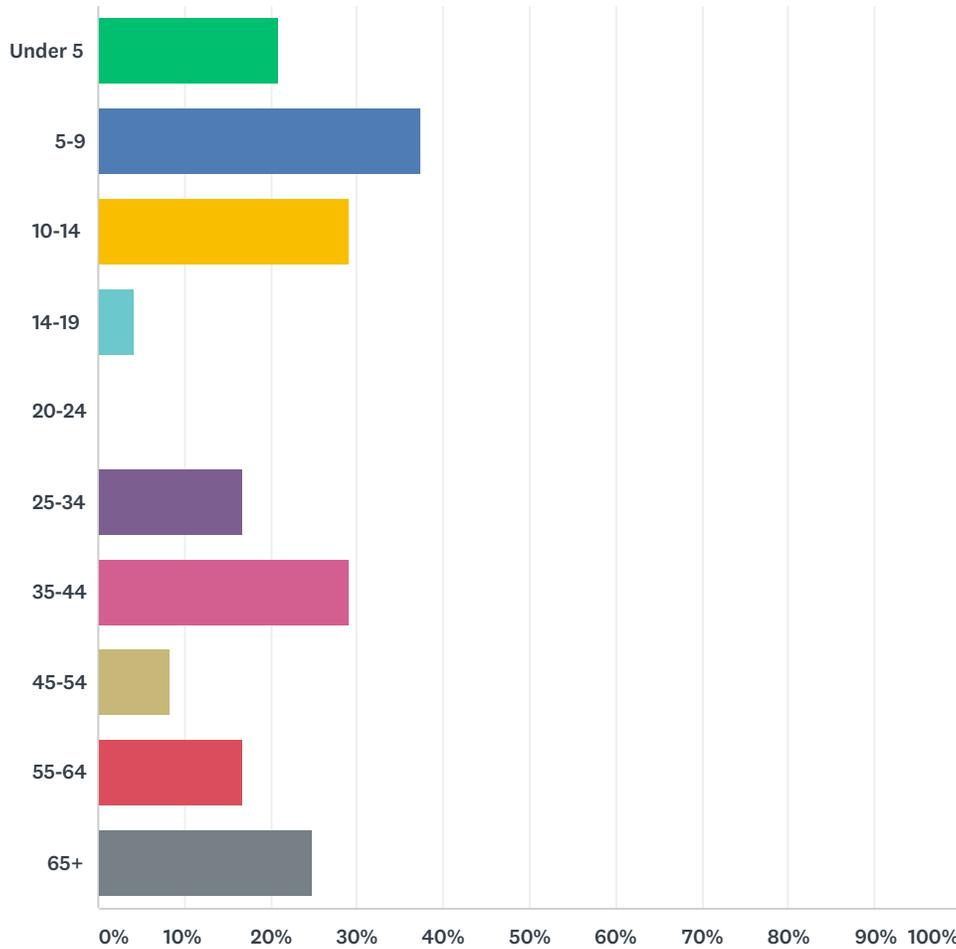


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Walk	83.33% 20
Bike	33.33% 8
Drive	20.83% 5
Other (please specify)	16.67% 4
Total Respondents: 24	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	We do not go to that park	7/24/2019 1:47 PM
2	Skateboard and scooter	7/21/2019 7:19 AM
3	N/A	7/17/2019 4:45 AM
4	Any of above depending on what I would be doing there.	7/16/2019 7:58 AM

Q4 What are the age ranges of the members of your household that use Kalama Park? (select all that apply)

Answered: 24 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 5	20.83%	5
5-9	37.50%	9
10-14	29.17%	7
14-19	4.17%	1
20-24	0.00%	0
25-34	16.67%	4
35-44	29.17%	7
45-54	8.33%	2
55-64	16.67%	4
65+	25.00%	6

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Total Respondents: 24

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Q5 What are your favorite things about Kalama Park?

Answered: 22 Skipped: 6

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Location, has a little kid area, not too close to busy areas	8/15/2019 1:26 AM
2	Play Soccer, baseball, basketball, walk around the park, and play in the play structure.	8/14/2019 2:11 AM
3	I used to take my grandkids there.	8/7/2019 12:31 AM
4	Baseball field, lawn area	8/6/2019 8:08 AM
5	Nothing	8/6/2019 7:53 AM
6	It gets used for so many activities-walking dogs, kids playing, basketball, baseball, soccer & picnics.	7/27/2019 5:58 AM
7	The big shade trees	7/27/2019 12:49 AM
8	I do not use the park	7/24/2019 1:47 PM
9	The climbing structure with the fire poles	7/23/2019 9:03 AM
10	The open field and basketball court	7/23/2019 5:49 AM
11	The park has a baseball diamond, basketball court, and playground structures. Very good diversity of stuff for both adults and children.	7/22/2019 11:59 PM
12	The basketball hoops and that there is a public restroom on-site. The swings and slide are good too.	7/21/2019 7:19 AM
13	That it is part of my block and doesn't have more houses in the neighborhood. I love the sound of folks playing ball or other sports. I can hear all of this from my back yard and house.	7/20/2019 2:04 AM
14	Basketball court, field, good all around park	7/19/2019 3:41 PM
15	How close it is	7/19/2019 7:03 AM
16	We have had baseball practice there a few times as well as games. I love the shade that the park has.	7/17/2019 10:59 PM
17	Small, not very busy	7/17/2019 11:54 AM
18	N/A	7/17/2019 4:45 AM
19	The trees and big slide	7/17/2019 3:42 AM
20	Look for painted rocks and play on playground equipment	7/17/2019 3:18 AM
21	The green grass and restroom.	7/17/2019 12:42 AM
22	Shady area and swings	7/16/2019 7:58 AM

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Q6 What are the things you do not like about Kalama Park?

Answered: 22 Skipped: 6

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Old Equipment, poor walking area to get there (no sidewalks in neighborhood)	8/15/2019 1:26 AM
2	The old play structures.	8/14/2019 2:11 AM
3	Not enough areas for sitting, bbq, play ground is outdated. Homeless amping there at times. Appears to have some drug trafficking. People meeting and exchanging something and leave in less than 1 minute.	8/6/2019 8:08 AM
4	Waste of space and money for homeowners	8/6/2019 7:53 AM
5	Old equipment	7/27/2019 6:48 AM
6	The play equipment is pretty basic-needs updating. The metal slide gets too hot in the summer. The street is crowded with vehicles during ball games.	7/27/2019 5:58 AM
7	n/a, we've only been 1x	7/27/2019 12:49 AM
8	I have never been to that park so not familiar with it.	7/24/2019 1:47 PM
9	Squeaky swings	7/23/2019 9:03 AM
10	The playground equipment is out of date	7/23/2019 5:49 AM
11	The basketball court is very uneven and cracked.	7/22/2019 11:59 PM
12	That there isn't much for activities there besides the baseball field and hoops.	7/21/2019 7:19 AM
13	That it doesn't have a secure fence on the South side.	7/20/2019 2:04 AM
14	Unkept restrooms, no basketball lights	7/19/2019 3:41 PM
15	The teens that smoke weed, cigarettes and play inappropriate music	7/19/2019 7:03 AM
16	It needs bathrooms just like Baker park.	7/17/2019 10:59 PM
17	Neglected, dated	7/17/2019 11:54 AM
18	N/A	7/17/2019 4:45 AM
19	Needs more play structure items	7/17/2019 3:42 AM
20	The old playground equipment and not much seating	7/17/2019 3:18 AM
21	Nothing	7/17/2019 12:42 AM
22	NA	7/16/2019 7:58 AM

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Q7 What are your hopes, expectations or ideas for Kalama Park?

Answered: 24 Skipped: 4

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Safer equipment for a broad range of ages, covered areas	8/15/2019 1:26 AM
2	New updated play structure. A pathway to walk around the park.	8/14/2019 2:11 AM
3	I am sure any improvements to the park will be a benefit to the area and residents. Thank you to the power that be to initiate the action. You have made Redmond a nice town.	8/7/2019 12:29 AM
4	Updated and inviting playground, benches, tables and bbq area	8/6/2019 8:08 AM
5	Turn it into a lot for sale	8/6/2019 7:53 AM
6	New equipment	7/27/2019 6:48 AM
7	Hopefully it remains multi-functional. A covered picnic area would be nice as well as new play equipment.	7/27/2019 5:58 AM
8	Inclusive of children with disabilities and the crawling stage. Inspire exploring and make believe play.	7/27/2019 12:49 AM
9	Maybe places that groups can meet, playground equipment	7/24/2019 1:47 PM
10	More climbing structures and maybe a new slide	7/23/2019 9:03 AM
11	Safer equipment and more options for kids	7/23/2019 5:49 AM
12	I'm hoping that the basketball court gets fixed and that a few more structures are added to the gravel pit.	7/22/2019 11:59 PM
13	It would be nice for there to be an assortment of play equipment for the kids to play on, and an area (shaded preferably) for the adults to sit at while watching them play.	7/21/2019 7:19 AM
14	Anything that will keep it usable for folks who like to go there. Patrols so it is not a place for vagrants or druggies.	7/20/2019 2:04 AM
15	Renovate bathrooms. Lights for basketball court. Possibly pay per use on a timer. Resurface court with lines, and new baskets and rims	7/19/2019 3:41 PM
16	An amazing play structure for the kids that encourages and challenges them physically	7/19/2019 7:03 AM
17	Bathrooms and updated playground equipment.	7/17/2019 10:59 PM
18	Update, new fountains and facilities, exterior walking path	7/17/2019 11:54 AM
19	I didn't know it existed. I'll check it out!	7/17/2019 9:21 AM
20	N/A	7/17/2019 4:45 AM
21	Keep it clean and no homeless	7/17/2019 3:42 AM
22	For it to be a comfortable park for families to play and picnic	7/17/2019 3:18 AM
23	None	7/17/2019 12:42 AM
24	My observation is that Kalama Park is used a lot for youth baseball, dog walking and training, and just laying in the shade of a tree. I drive by frequently but never have occasion to use it myself.	7/16/2019 7:58 AM

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Q8 What concerns do you have about the future development of Kalama Park?

Answered: 20 Skipped: 8

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Lack of sidewalks	8/15/2019 1:26 AM
2	None.	8/14/2019 2:11 AM
3	I feel without improvements it will be a park that families and their children will less likely visit. This will draw attention to others that are not so great to hang out or use the area to do drug exchanges. Since it is less crowded. Needs better people visiting.	8/6/2019 8:08 AM
4	Build a new house on it.	8/6/2019 7:53 AM
5	That it would get too busy.	7/27/2019 5:58 AM
6	n/a	7/27/2019 12:49 AM
7	Cost	7/24/2019 1:47 PM
8	That it will take more than a year to complete, also concerns about parking	7/23/2019 9:03 AM
9	That it attracts illegal activities	7/23/2019 5:49 AM
10	None	7/22/2019 11:59 PM
11	The money it may take to complete it and to keep it up. And, that it may be subject to the seemingly ongoing careless acts of vandalism that has continued to plague our community over the past few years. I've seen so much graffiti around town at our new parks, buildings, monuments and the like. It's very sad to see our community's property and recreational areas be treated this way, and the peoples hard work and money be wasted in order to repair it or clean it up.	7/21/2019 7:19 AM
12	None.	7/20/2019 2:04 AM
13	None	7/19/2019 7:03 AM
14	None. It can only get better.	7/17/2019 10:59 PM
15	\$, overall location of parks in Redmond (everyone should have one within walking distance)	7/17/2019 11:54 AM
16	N/A	7/17/2019 4:45 AM
17	It will potentially make our area busier	7/17/2019 3:42 AM
18	With it so close to the middle school my concern for Kalama as well as Baker is that it will be overrun with middle school students. Families with younger children will be run off like they are at Hope park	7/17/2019 3:18 AM
19	None	7/17/2019 12:42 AM
20	NA	7/16/2019 7:58 AM