

RESULTS FROM SECOR PARK SURVEY #1: INPUT OF PARK PRIORITIES

Survey Overview

Secor Park is an approximately 8.5-acre, undeveloped neighborhood park located in the Sunnyslope Neighborhood. In order to obtain feedback on park development priorities and preferences, the City of Salem Public Works Department administered a neighborhood-focused public survey from March 1, 2019 to April 4, 2019.

The survey was conducted as part of the public involvement program for the Secor Park Improvement Project. Park Planning staff and the project consultants used survey responses to gauge reactions to potential park features and uses, to solicit suggestions and ideas, and learn about present day park uses and issues. While administered primarily in an online format, City staff offered a hard-copy version upon request. The survey was composed of fourteen questions. All question responses were optional – respondents were able to skip any question that they did not want to answer. The City received a total of 88 completed or partially completed responses.

The project team invited participation in the survey as part of initial project outreach. Outreach methods were comprised of posters placed at park entrances, distributing flyers to community-based organizations including the Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association, mailing postcards to addresses within a half-mile of the park, and publishing a news feature on CityofSalem.net. Additionally, Park Planning staff made a request to the Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association and the City communication staff to post notices on social media as a means of further inviting participation.

Survey Results

Question 1. Are you familiar with Secor Park? Have you visited the site? Do you know where it is located?		
Answer choices	Response percent	Response count
Yes	90.8%	79
No	9.2%	8
Answered question		87
Skipped question		1

Question 2. What is your interest or relationship to the site? Do you live next to the park? Do you regularly walk through or use the park?	
Response count	83
Answered question	83
Skipped question	5

Number	Response text
1	I am moving to Salem Oregon soon.
2	No
3	I love on Stockton Ave and use the area almost daily
4	I live near the park and walk there several times a week.
5	Our backyard is next to the south side of the park. We regularly walk through, around and into both the park and the CMS track. We have established 5 bird boxes, a squirrel box and a bat box on park property, through Salem Audubon and with clearance from Tibby Larson. We worked at putting fences around the white oaks in the upper meadow and continue to work at removing invasives too. We weed the oaks every day.
6	Live next to - walk and bicycle daily
7	Neighbor
8	Regular take my dog to the park for walks, fetch, etc
9	I live approx. 3/4 mile from the park and walk there regularly
10	We regularly walk the park since we live fairly close by.
11	I worked with the parks department to lay trails and pull invasive weeds.
12	We walk there and kids ride bikes
13	Live near the park, regularly walk through and use the park
14	We live near Crossler Middle School
15	I am a neighbor.
16	Child goes to school at Crossler, we regular the park for walks
17	yes
18	Live near the park and walk regularly. Used to walk more until some areas in the back felt unsafe and hidden.
19	no
20	Member of the neighborhood association. I do not live within walking distance of the park. I frequent Sunnyslope Park and are familiar with what makes a wonderful neighborhood park
21	We regularly walk through the park - live in the neighborhood
22	I live next to and use the park frequently
23	I live in the neighborhood
24	Work nearby
25	Family nearby.

Number	Response text
26	In neighborhood.. walk through the park once a month
27	I live close to this park
28	Live close by. Walk through regularly.
29	We live on Cedarcrest, we walk our dogs there,
30	My family and I love discovering new parks
31	I dont have a relationship with the park. But I feel that park improvements are lower priority than fixing streets, traffic congestion, and providing for our schools.
32	None
33	I live next to the park.
34	Regularly walk through the park with my dog
35	We live about 5 minutes from the park and would use it.
36	Live next to park and walk it regularly
37	I live next to the park and walk my dog there.
38	I live near it, walk my dog there, and walk through several times a week to drop my kid off at daycare.
39	This park is within walking distance of my home
40	I live close to the park and haves walked through it multiple times since moving to Salem.
41	I have visited this park a few times before.
42	My late husband and I often walked there. It was an easy walk for him when he wasn't at his best, unlike the hilly streets around our home.
43	I'm 3 blocks away. I dont use the park, but drive to other parks. I dont use it because it is not developed and doesnt feel safe.
44	I live next to the park and use it regularly to walk my dog, play basketball, run/jog and/or just relax.
45	I live fairly close to the park and enjoy walking there.
46	I live less than a block from the park and visit it almost every day to walk and enjoy nature.
47	live near
48	Live close. My children play baseball there. My oldest attend crossler
49	Live in S Salem near park
50	Live near it and visit it frequently
51	Live near park and would like to utilize it more
52	My tax dollars
53	My family lives right around the corner from the park. we walk through it take out little one too and from daycare.
54	We walk our dog through the park.
55	walk regularly
56	I live near the park and take my children there often to play and walk through the forest. I also like to jog through the park.

Number	Response text
57	Live near the park and utilize it often.
58	We regularly use this park for dog walking. We live 2 blocks away.
59	We live very close to the park. We regularly walk to and through the park. Since we bought our house 6 years ago, we have been hoping to see this park developed. We have a 10 year old and 2 year old twins. They would all love a playground!
60	Live (█████ Rock Creek Dr.) next to the park and use it regularly to walk my dogs.
61	We live a few blocks away and walk our dogs through regularly. Our daughter also attends Crossler Middle School
62	Live nearby
63	Yes, walk weekly
64	walk my dog
65	I live in the neighborhoods across Liberty from the park. We regularly walk our two dogs there, outside of school hours.
66	I live in the neighborhood and frequent the park in its current state, with my 4 year old child.
67	Live nearby and regularly walk my dog in the park
68	Live in the neighborhood, regularly walk through the park
69	I live near the park, off Davis, and I have concerns about traffic on Davis
70	I live near the park, and walk there with my dog and family daily. It is our go-to place to unwind and relax.
71	I live about .25 mile from park and walk through it regularly.
72	I regularly walk around the park, or jog around it
73	Live near and use it with kids
74	I live nearby and walk through the park on a regular basis.
75	I live next to the park and yes I regularly walk the trails.
76	Both: live next to and walk through regularly.
77	I live nearby and walk there often
78	My backyard borders the park and I regularly walk there with my partner and dog.
79	I reside in the Red Leaf Apartments and my son attends Crossler as my 2 older sons years prior.
80	live 4 blocks away and occasional walk through
81	I live close by.
82	I live about 6 blocks from the park and walk my dog there 5 days/week
83	Yes and sometimes

Question 3. What do you enjoy most about Secor Park?	
Response count	77
Answered question	77
Skipped question	11

Number	Response text
1	Nothing
2	I like that it's got natural areas and not very busy
3	I love that it is a little slice of the forest. It really takes you out of living in a city.
4	It's quite and peaceful setting. It's our visual sanctuary too.
5	rustic, undeveloped, unlighted
6	Proximity
7	The open space. Since I go with my dog, it's nice to have a flat, open space for him to run and also so small nature trails to explore
8	The natural aspects. Nothing manicured although maintained to walk through comfortably.
9	It's natural scape and walking trails. The wooded area and the ecosystem it provides for the local wildlife.
10	Quiet convenient location
11	The big trees, the stream, walking paths
12	Location.
13	Walking and the nature, close to home
14	walking through the forest
15	Location, creek, bridge over creek. More paths with bridges should be a consideration
16	Since I've never been there, this question does not apply to me. I plan to visit soon.
17	Location
18	My kids both practice pitching and I walk my dog here
19	The walking path
20	Trees
21	Not really using it currently but would love to see it developed.
22	Walking path
23	Proximity to where we live; its natural look and feel
24	Large area. Walking paths.
25	We like that it is undeveloped and we can walk our dogs there
26	All the greenery
27	It's another park that is getting more attention than the real issues in our city!
28	Have not been there

Number	Response text
29	Access to nature and the ability to walk my dog.
30	I enjoy how quiet and peaceful it is.
31	Nature/natural availability
32	The paved path and open areas for animals
33	There's a paved path but we would love for it to have a play structure.
34	I enjoy the trees and the natural creek.
35	It is near a school, which means while older siblings are in school younger siblings can wait in the park
36	The woods and shade in the summer. The sounds of birds and the creek.
37	When I did visit in the past it was the walking trail and creek.
38	I enjoy most that it is relatively undeveloped and somewhat natural (I like the forested area).
39	Wilderness feeling.
40	The trees and creek, the walking path
41	trails and open space
42	How open it is
43	not a community destination but rather a neighborhood park
44	The LACK of pavement and large vegetation.
45	open space and beauty, but poor access
46	NA
47	not much. it needs more playground or a fitness circuit
48	Away from the road.
49	the woods
50	The trails, the space, the forest.
51	The nature!! As more and more housing is taking over the area, it is VERY NICE and comforting to have a bit of accessible nature in the area!
52	Nature
53	I enjoy that it is a very short walk from our house. I love it's beautiful setting-the trees, the creek, and in the spring the flowers.
54	The mature Oaks, mature douglas-fir, Waln creek, close proximity to home, Trails, open space
55	The creek and trees.
56	Walking trail/path
57	Green/quiet/clean
58	now that a lot of the ively's been cleared out it's much more open.
59	I like the quiet open spaces where our dogs can play. I also like the natural tree cluster in the central part of the park.
60	The walking path through the "forest" as my child calls it.

Number	Response text
61	It's convenient to where I live
62	The trails through the trees
63	I didn't even know it was there
64	The undeveloped woods and nature.
65	The naturalness of it. Lovely walk through woods, over bridge. Wonderful blackberry bushes at northwest corner that we visit yearly to pick berries. Grandkids remember those walks!!
66	I most enjoy how natural it is
67	close to home and has open area for kids
68	Proximity to my house and the recently barked path, added trash cans and doggie poo bags.
69	It's seclusion. All of the natural elements as well as the quietness.
70	It's natural, minimally developed atmosphere.
71	The secluded feeling with the mature trees
72	That it's a patch of underdeveloped land with trees, squirrels, and the creek that runs through it.
73	It is large, open, with a creek and large trees and in a corner. My dog and I use the area daily and propose the strong justified idea for a South Salem fenced Dog Park
74	the creek and trees
75	It's walking distance.
76	I enjoy the undeveloped, natural area to the west end with the paths. My dog doesn't express an opinion, but appears to like the above and the more open area to sniff and roll in the grass...
77	The bridge and nature aspect of it

Question 4. Below is a list of elements included in the Secor Park Master Plan, completed in 1995. What is your opinion about adding these to the park?						
Park element	Strongly in favor	Somewhat in favor	Neutral or unsure	Somewhat opposed	Strongly opposed	Response count
Paved loop path	34 (39.5%)	20 (23.3%)	11 (12.8%)	10 (11.6%)	11 (12.8%)	86
Paths with lighting	40 (46.5%)	20 (23.3%)	12 (13.9%)	4 (4.7%)	10 (11.6%)	86
Additional unpaved walking paths	41 (48.2%)	20 (23.5%)	14 (16.5%)	6 (7.1%)	4 (4.7%)	85
Open picnic area (without a shelter)	26 (30.9%)	27 (32.1%)	25 (29.8%)	5 (6%)	1 (1.2%)	84
Playground / children play area	46 (52.9%)	15 (17.2%)	18 (20.7%)	4 (4.6%)	4 (4.6%)	87
Multi-use sports court (basketball and tennis combination)	31 (36%)	9 (10.5%)	19 (22.1%)	13 (15.1%)	14 (16.3%)	86
Answered question						88
Skipped question						0

Question 5. Below is a list of other park elements found in Neighborhood Parks. What is your opinion about adding these at Secor?						
Park element	Strongly in favor	Somewhat in favor	Neutral or unsure	Somewhat opposed	Strongly opposed	Response count
Picnic shelter / picnic pavilion	29 (35%)	22 (26.5%)	15 (18.1%)	7 (8.4%)	10 (12%)	83
Additional benches along paths	33 (39.3%)	31 (36.9%)	14 (16.7%)	3 (3.6%)	3 (3.6%)	84
Security lighting	41 (50%)	22 (26.8%)	11 (13.4%)	3 (3.7%)	5 (6.1%)	82
Open turf area	33 (40.2%)	20 (24.4%)	18 (21.9%)	8 (9.8%)	3 (3.7%)	82
Community garden	17 (21%)	20 (24.7%)	26 (32.1%)	10 (12.3%)	8 (9.9%)	81
Outdoor classroom / small amphitheater	11 (13.1%)	14 (16.7%)	34 (40.5%)	7 (8.3%)	18 (21.4%)	84
Answered question						84
Skipped question						4

Question 6. If you had to select only one park element (any element) to add, what would it be?
 This item may be from the lists included in the previous question or could be something else.

Response count 78

Answered question 78

Skipped question 10

Number	Response text
1	Leaving it in a natural state as possible for birds/wildlife
2	Basketball court
3	play ground
4	Enclosed Dog Park wrapped around the treed section
5	Public waste reciprocals for dog poop bags
6	Lighting
7	Security lighting at entrances to park.
8	Keep it natural as possible but with more flowering vegetation. I have lived next to it for 30 years.
9	Playground for kids.
10	a community garden or food forest
11	Keep as many trees as you can
12	security lighting
13	Replanting of trees, shrubs and undergrowth to encourage bird habitat.
14	Age friendly paths and exercise equipment
15	Security lighting
16	Paved paths
17	Playground
18	A walking path that is lightly cleared from the dense tree cover. (just thin the trees to increase visibility and safety)
19	Playground equipment
20	prevent improvements from creating a late night party zone, no lights, no shelter
21	Amphitheater
22	Play equipment for children in the neighborhood
23	restoration of native riparian plants along Waln creek
24	Playground
25	Community Garden
26	Let it be
27	Wooden playground structure and playhouse

Number	Response text
28	wooded, walking paths, motion detector lighting
29	Open turf
30	fitness curcuit
31	Security
32	Better access to park
33	flexible space between large native trees and plants
34	dog park area
35	Sports
36	Improved unpaced walking paths
37	Security lighting
38	Basketball court
39	A playground for children.
40	Wheelchair assecible walking paths
41	Security lighting
42	Playground
43	Paved paths
44	Repair the access sidewalks that were damaged as a result of the root infestation from the trees planted by the City of Salem
45	Play area for crawling infants with benches adjacent so parents could meet up for playdates
46	Lighting
47	Well maintained hiking and dog-walking paths.
48	Water area for summer so kids can get wet
49	Picnic/bbq areas
50	Playground, the closest playground is Liberty/Shirlie elem.
51	Tennis courts
52	Playground
53	Swings
54	Sheltered picnic area
55	Spaces that encourage kids to explore nature. A bridge over the creek, fallen trees left where they can climb on them, boulders to climb on, etc
56	Water feature
57	Playground
58	Basketball hoops
59	Play structure
60	Playground
61	Outdoor Pickleball courts

Number	Response text
62	Play area
63	Paved path
64	Paved path
65	Playground
66	Playground
67	Unlaced trail with bar chips
68	A small playground is perfect.
69	remove several small/baby oak trees planted within 2 feet of each other, someone has planted
70	play structure for kids
71	Security light or lighting along walkinh areas
72	Benches, homeless sleep on them? Pavilion, homeless sleep under for shelter? How can we help them get a place?
73	A couple of benches would be nice
74	We wish it to remain un/underdeveloped.
75	Adding lights to paths
76	Approved off leash area. The part is frequently visited with people and their dogs and most dogs are off leash and we'll controlled. It would be nice to have this allowed
77	Tennis courts
78	Water splash pads, features

Question 7. Below are natural resource management activities that could occur at Secor Park. Please use the rating scale to indicate your opinion about including these as part of this project.						
Park element	Strongly in favor	Somewhat in favor	Neutral or unsure	Somewhat opposed	Strongly opposed	Response count
Removal and management of noxious invasive plant species such as Himalayan blackberry and English ivy	42 (50%)	18 (21.4%)	20 (23.8%)	3 (3.6%)	1 (1.2%)	84
Tree plantings	45 (54.2%)	21 (25.3%)	13 (15.7%)	4 (4.8%)	0 (0%)	83
Restoration of Waln Creek (To ease the steepness of bank slopes, offset impacts from up stream development, create new wetland areas and help address downstream flooding)	49 (59%)	22 (26.5%)	9 (10.8%)	2 (2.4%)	1 (1.2%)	83
Riparian restoration (Ecological restoration adjacent to Waln Creek)	40 (47.6%)	23 (27.4%)	19 (22.6%)	0 (0%)	2 (2.4%)	84
Pollinator habitat area / pollinator garden	49 (58.3%)	16 (19%)	13 (15.5%)	3 (3.6%)	3 (3.6%)	84
Answered question						84
Skipped question						4

Question 8. Use the space below to tell us about anything else you would like added or kept in the park.

Response count 46

Answered question 46

Skipped question 42

Number	Response text
1	keep a lot of trees
2	Dog Park
3	I like how the park is close by escape from the city; it's just grass, trees, a creek, and some paths. It's perfect.
4	Please keep the mature trees!
5	I would like it kept close to its current condition.
6	You will need some sort of parking area if you put in an amphitheater or anything that draws a lot of people at one time. We already have the school that comes for all kinds of games. Parking is already a problem. I can't even get out of my driveway when school lets out. They park everywhere! A busy park with sheltered picnic areas will create the same problem.
7	Older, well established trees.
8	creating a community food forest following permaculture methods would greatly benefit the park and the community, in addition some community garden and natural habitat would be very educational, and would benefit crossler students.
9	Keep as many trees as you can. I love the natural-ness of the park, I think lighting it up and paving it too much could interfere with that.
10	restrooms
11	Please keep the natural spaces natural - walking through the small wood is lovely. There has already been so much cleared (above the creek) that the park has lost some of this natural ecosystem. Over 25 species of birds make their home in Secor Park - please preserve their habitat.
12	I am a concerned neighbor who has been involved in the effort to slow traffic down and have sidewalks put in on Davis. As you know, this street is very close to the new park. Because of all the new housing developments in the area, literally hundreds of new homes and apartments, the traffic situation on Davis between Skyline and Liberty is reaching critical mass. When all the new homes, condos and apartments are occupied, traffic on Davis will get even worse. Add to this traffic working their way toward the school and park and the situation grows even worse, especially since there are long stretches of Davis without sidewalks. Davis is also very narrow in some places, making for blind driving situations. Right now traffic, including some dump trucks and other construction vehicles, tends to go very fast, resulting in near misses almost daily. Please make sure the neighborhood is safe not only for kids going to the middle school but also folks who want to enjoy a neighborhood park like Secor. The importance of a safer route to school and the park cannot be overstated. We have met with council representatives, police and city officials and the most that happened was a survey of how many cars (I think that's what those hoses across Davis and Bella Cresta were for). The trouble is, in just the last year since that was done even more homes, condos and apartments projects have been built or approved in the area and it is clear it is only going to get worse. We'd like to see

	sidewalks put in the whole way, a 25 MPH limit the whole way, and, if possible, a block at Red Leaf, so Davis cannot be used as a through way any more, so people closer to Skyline enter from that side and people closer to Liberty and all the development at that end of Davis can come from the Liberty side, or over the Mildred extension to Red Leaf and down to Davis that way. Please let me know how one goes about getting on the City Council agenda so my neighbors and I can make our case there.
13	I would like to see as many of the current trees as possible maintained. I would also like to see some groomed trails that allow for bicycle traffic. A skate park section.
14	I think the path could be improved and a few nicer benches added. Also, it would be nice to have newer trash cans and dog waste stations. I like the semi-natural/wild feel of the park, so any additions for play be kept small or natural looking - perhaps a wooden play structure.
15	keep the natural diversity where possible. I doubt a picnic pavilion would get much positive use.
16	It is a nice quiet park. Whatever improvements you consider, please don't create something that will encourage it to turn into a party place, where beer cans are tossed by young fun ones. If you have a covered shelter, I would want to party here in the dark if I was young. This could cause problems. Lighting shouldn't be because it encourages people to be there after dark, not safe and don't want to disturb nearby residences who lie adjacent to the park boundary. Please keep that in mind for them. Thanks for asking for input.
17	Strongly in favor of non-paved paths, keeping all paths 50 feet or more away from private property boundaries, open spaces mowed. picnic shelter w/ barbecue grill.
18	Community bulletin board, like several of the other nearby parks have, such as the Bryan Johnston park.
19	I think a community garden would be a step in a positive direction to help strengthen our community. A place where the local experts can help teach the younger generations.
20	2 more bridges across the creek
21	Keep the nature; woods, walking paths. create a no built structures buffer zone around the park; a pond should replace one of the baseball fields to attract wildlife and handle run off, no pesticides
22	Width on any path to allow plenty of room for the quicker to pass comfortably the slower.
23	It would be nice if visitors to the park not use street parking when there is a perfectly good parking lot at the school. I know they are public streets but it gets irritating.
24	Keep it natural
25	I would like to see the natural beauty of the park maintained and things added to help the environment. Things that could benefit the students at Crossler to learn would be great too.
26	I would like to see it remain as natural as possible and/or restored; especially along Waln Creek.
27	Drinking fountains and some sort of restroom
28	I would like a dog park area where my dog can be off leash.
29	A community garden with food crops or a greenhouse would add a lot of educational value to the space as well as engage the community to maintain the space.
30	Continued availability for walking leashed pets
31	The path through the trees needs to be opened up. It is too confining and there are overnight campers in there.

32	I would like to see better maintenance of the sidewalks that allow access to the park and cameras to discourage vandalism.
33	Overall, sound like a good plan.
34	We like the open field, maybe a designated area for dogs
35	A fenced dog area would be great
36	We use the open grass area to practice baseball/ softball skills. I would like to still have space to do that.
37	Another access from Red Leaf
38	Wider paths and lighting..
39	Keep this area as natural as possible with a paved path to provide access without disturbing the natural habitat.
40	I really like that the park is quiet and less developed. There are plenty of playgrounds in Salem, although not enough with open restrooms. I appreciate having natural trails to run and walk upon.
41	I got a grant to fence those oak trees and they're thriving. They are a new succession and should be preserved as the important feature they are. Please consult the Marion soil and water conservation in this planning. And please don't develop there!!
42	Keep it natural. There are so few areas like this. We have small grandchildren and we can be creative ourselves with them and don't need another play area.
43	skate park
44	I love that it is not developed, paved, lighted and manicured. We need more natural areas, not more high maintenance parks.
45	We would like Waaln Ck and Secor Park to remain un/underdeveloped, with attention being paid to the health of the creek and birds and pollinators. As members of Salem Audubon we've been thrilled to see Great Horned owls, Pileated woodpeckers, Hawks, Possums, Raccoons (and a few bunnys); even deer in this enclosed park. We definitely don't want more cement or Lighting. (the Readleaf area doesn't have street lights.)
46	I would like the park to maintain it's wildness if possible. Small improvements to the Habitat are welcome but would hate for it to lose it's natural feel.

Question 9. What are you looking forward to most about improving the site?	
Response count	66
Answered question	66
Skipped question	22

Number	Response text
1	Family picnic days
2	Improving the grounds through planting new trees and managing the creek.
3	Restoring it to native plantings - Attracting birds and Eco-awareness for the neighborhood.
4	keeping it as natural as possible
5	A park for my kids and neighbor kids.
6	Security lighting. Walking my dog there in yhe winter when its still dark in the morning or early evening. Hacing some lighting will be awesome!
7	better walking path
8	Maintaining and keeping it natural. More birds and wild life to search for! We like the covered area after you cross the creek. Keep the mystery! Our grandkids love it!
9	Getting rid of that ugly "future site" sign.
10	More play areas for my son, including a playground and multi-use court
11	A space close enough to walk and enjoy with my family.
12	Improved access
13	Make it safer to walk through the tree area
14	Cleaning out all the underbrush and blackberry bushes; including trees that are not in good condition...
15	no opinion at this time
16	There is a lot of development in the area, so residents will actually have a developed park to enjoy! It will give those living in the Sunnyslope area another neighborhood park to visit!
17	Basket ball courts
18	being able to access it more with paved paths
19	Having an additional outdoor space to choose from. We love our city's parks.
20	That our neighborhood will have an actual park
21	Maintaining the natural beauty and neighborhood access without increasing the number of homeless in the area.
22	Perhaps more people using the area and safer to walk through the forested area, which I really like
23	Better play areas for kids
24	It currently feels neglected as far as upkeep is concerned - i.e. limbs lying on the ground for 2 weeks or more as a result of wind action, etc
25	Maintenance of the unpaved/ unlighted areas

Number	Response text
26	Having a playground for my kid. She insists that it is not a park because there is no play structure.
27	Making the park safer and improving the paths will really make the park more desirable. I think the turf field would be nice. I don't think there is as big of a need for basketball and tennis, because of the parks proximity to the middle school.
28	It will bring the community closer together
29	Nice safe trails and seeing Moore community use it.
30	Improving and restoring the natural environment.
31	Safety
32	Improved walking path, making more beautiful with tree plantings, community garden would be great, having a nice peaceful place to walk and be safe.
33	safer more open area. Right now there are too many over grown areas where we see "inappropriate" behaviors and garbage and the lack of lighting
34	Giving the community an area to gather
35	better maintenance so great useability
36	More usable and diverse green space.
37	utilizing with our kids
38	Someone spending our money like it was theirs & they knew they didn't have much.
39	lights, play ground,
40	More use from community. Lighting to make it less creepy at dusk.
41	woods
42	Play structure and lighting
43	Keeping with the natural habitat as much as possible
44	I'm just happy it is finally receiving some attention. The trees have been looking pretty sad of late.
45	With three young children, a playground would be most exciting to me. I would also love a lit walking path as I run, and this neighborhood and Crossler are not lit at night.
46	invasive plants removed and forest being made accessible. restoration of waln creek vegetation.
47	Increased use by area residents
48	Fixing/improving walking path
49	I hope it doesn't raise my property taxes via bond measure requests for this improvement.
50	it has great potential
51	Somewhere for kids to play
52	Improved walking paths, lighting, trashcans, benches. It is a cute park that is in need of some TLC and an update! It totally deserves it too - always busy on the weekends with families, dog lovers, and walkers/runners. Sometimes South Salem gets a little neglected - we need amenities and cute parks too!
53	More use to the land that is currently termed a park.

Number	Response text
54	Paved walkways, groomed trails, better lighting.
55	Having a park nearby for BBQs and fun
56	Replanting all the bushes and small trees that have been removed.
57	More reliable paths, they sometimes disappear under leaves
58	enjoyment for kids
59	A place where my child can play.
60	Increasing its utility without diminishing its natural ambience.
61	If paved paths and more light then better access/ use in winter
62	Restoration and maintenance on the creek
63	Having a dog park
64	more walking opportunities and bike riding for my children
65	Seeing it developed into something other then what it is now.
66	Returning the area to a more natural state resilient to climate change.

Question 10. What is your biggest concern about developing new facilities at the park?

Response count	63
Answered question	63
Skipped question	25

Number	Response text
1	Using many tax payer dollars for another "cookie cutter" park that no one will use anyway.
2	A lot of people coming from outside the neighborhood to use.
3	that they wont keep very many trees
4	That there will not be an enclosed fenced dog park put in the Secor Park
5	That the trees will be cut down, kid play structures will be erected, and paths will be paved.
6	Creating just another place that attracts a lot of noise and busyness.
7	Parking. There isn't any for people who come from out of the neighborhood.
8	Potential place for homeless to congregate if restroom facilities are put in.
9	vandalism
10	Homeless people moving in

Number	Response text
11	Actually...having the Crosslet school so close by. I've ridden my bike down there and was bullied by some Crossler boys. They threw rocks at me and my dog. I'm a 68 year old grandmother. How will the city keep people safe using it? Groups of older kids hang out at Wendy Kroger Park. They dont like people using the park.
12	That natural areas will be lost and trampled by an increase in park visitors.
13	Lose it's wilderness feeling
14	Removal of trees, the creek being destroyed, everything turning to asphalt/paved area, cars parking on side roads to access the park...it is already hazardous when the baseball games are happening and people are parking on the sides of the road making it so only 1 car can get through and you cannot see kids, pets, adults, or other cars coming around bends.
15	Destroying the natural environment that is there
16	attracting activity as a destination if a parking lot or vehicle drive area were added.
17	That entitled parents will try to turn it into a playground.
18	Libertarian NIMBY interference
19	Someone spending our money like it was theirs.
20	cost
21	too man recreational facilities that suppress nature
22	Attracting too many people, concrete, disturbing the nature overall as housing and apartment complexes are already taking over the area in large quantities; trash, graffiti, etc. Crossler already provides the basketball courts, walking paths, football and baseball fields.
23	Clogging up parking on the streets. Its always very bad around baseball season.
24	Nothing significant.
25	walking paths too close to private property. over developed with pavement and too many structures. A balanced approach would be appreciated.
26	Possible parking issue at stockton rd access
27	That the improvements don't turn this into a late night party zone. Also,I hope it doesn't raise my property taxes via bond measure requests for this improvement.
28	trash
29	Crime
30	I am a concerned neighbor who has been involved in the effort to slow traffic down and have sidewalks put in on Davis. As you know, this street is very close to the new park. Because of all the new housing developments in the area, literally hundreds of new homes and apartments, the traffic situation on Davis between Skyline and Liberty is reaching critical mass. When all the new homes, condos and apartments are occupied, traffic on Davis will get even worse. Add to this traffic working their way toward the school
31	Noise and light pollution
32	None
33	Taking away its peacefulness

Number	Response text
34	Trying to cram too many things into a relatively small area; big, tacky plastic playground equipment. (no opposition to a playground - maybe just smaller and keeping with the more natural look of the park.
35	The charm of Secor park is its unspoiled, natural ecosystem. My concern is that over development would leave us with a park just like all the other parks - playground equipment, cement, and grass. Secor is home to so many birds - we need to replant what has been removed.
36	Time
37	Overcrowding, parking on the neighborhood streets.
38	Cutting down trees for new facilities
39	We look daily into the deep woods (what is left of them). And we breathe the fresh air here. We love the quite and darkness are night. We do not want there to be lights or paved paths, and we will continue to think of ourselves as the Park Patrons that we are.
40	Do not want lights, paving, manicured
41	Overcrowded.
42	If you put in play stuctures and basket ball courts , these will take away from the wilderness/nature of the park and I play structure or basketball/tennis court would bever be anything that I would use
43	parking. parking is pretty limited in the neighborhoods
44	A manufactured playground and picnic spot. This is for locals who can return home to have lunch!
45	People may not realize how much the local wildlife depend on this location. There are rare birds there.
46	Homeless and vandalism
47	Homeless use and becoming unsafe if not monitored or areas are too secluded.
48	Teenager impact (trash, large groups, graffiti) so close to middle school.
49	Don't want it to destroy too much of the nature
50	no concerns, want to ensure that homeless do not use the park as a place to live.
51	perhaps vandalism
52	Losing open space
53	That it be maintained well, cleanliness and safety. That human traffic/use won't negate riparian/environmental restoration efforts.
54	Vandalism from school kids
55	Slight concern with security
56	That it will draw people like the ones that hang out at Wendy Kroger
57	There is already a lot of foot traffic going in and out of the park (my home is directly adjacent to an access sidewalk). I do not want to see a big increase in foot traffic.
58	Less peaceful place to walk
59	Parking availability, increased neighborhood traffic/parking hassles in front of housing - driveways - etc.

Number	Response text
60	Environmental and fiscal budget impacts
61	Students from Crossler Middle School may spend time there unsupervised (both a positive and negative thing). Parking is mostly just at the school as well...
62	No concerns
63	My biggest concern would be attracting homeless or drug activity to the area. Security would be very beneficial.

Question 11. What is your age group?		
Answer choices	Response percent	Response count
Younger than 18 years	1.2%	1
18 to 24 years	2.5%	2
25 to 34 years	23.5%	19
35 to 44 years	32.1%	26
45 to 54 years	16.1%	13
55 to 64 years	9.9%	8
Older than 64 years	14.8%	12
Answered question		81
Skipped question		7

Question 12. What neighborhood do you live in? If you don't know, here is a map where you can find out.		
Answer choices	Response percent	Response count
Sunnyslope Neighborhood	73.7%	59
Faye Wright Neighborhood	0.0%	0
South Gateway Neighborhood	16.2%	13
Morningside Neighborhood	1.2%	1
Southwest Neighborhood (SWAN)	2.5%	2
Another neighborhood in Salem that is not listed here	6.2%	5
I do not live in the City of Salem	0.0%	0
Answered question		80
Skipped question		8

Question 13. Do you have any feedback to help us improve public participation in this project?	
Response count	37
Answered question	37
Skipped question	51

Number	Response text
1	No
2	No
3	It sounds like the Master Plan is out of date if it's 24yrs old, it seems that a whole new evaluation needs to be done.
4	Offer refreshments at the Workshop and Open House.
5	There is a social media called Nextdoor.com and there are 29 neighborhoods close to this park. We talk about everything that happens in our area. Use it to publicize about the park's improvements.
6	No. Just happy to see something is finally being done to improve the park. I've lived here for almost five years and have wondered about it the whole time.
7	Please keep us informed.
8	Provide a means for kids to learn about nature. A bee hive program, a natural habitat lecture, a BBQ contest
9	N/A
10	Thank you for doing postcard mailers into the neighborhoods.
11	No
12	increased mailings or postings in the park
13	thank you for the post card of notice. notice on nextdoor app.
14	Nothing that I can think of.
15	Send fliers home with kids that live in the area.
16	Let it be as much as possible!
17	hmm. do this for a living and as author. actual personal notice is a basic. paying for participation works best. talk to the assisted living facilities.
18	Spend more money on road improvements & less on parks.
19	This is a good survey. I'd like to see more as plans get more detailed.
20	Share this on social media
21	Get the word out on Next Door, Facebook, send postcards out to the neighborhoods surrounding Secor to get the
22	Not at this time.
23	Spread the word out with posters or signs or tell people
24	No

Number	Response text
25	Make some sort of social media post about this.
26	Don't have both meetings on a Wed night, many folks attend various church services on Wed night.
27	Public presentation at the site, with pictures and walkthrough
28	Put up signs at the park with tear off survey links, ask the schools nearby to add the meeting to their newsletters.
29	Facebook
30	Not at this time
31	N/A
32	Using Crossler students and webpages are a great way to access local residents. Also the Nextdoor app.
33	Articles in Statesman Journal and posting on Nextdoor
34	Face book, and solve
35	You've done a good job
36	None. Sorry
37	Thank you for the invitation to offer input.

Question 14. Do you have any other comments or ideas about Secor Park?
Response count 37

Answered question 37

Skipped question 51

Number	Response text
1	We bought our very first home here, at the age of 60, and we moved here because of it's natural unkept beauty. If there is going to be major developments we may need to move away.
2	Please do not overdevelop - lights would spoil its natural night beauty
3	Good luck!
4	A park in our neighborhood is long overdue. There are no places for kids to go and play around here. Can't wait for this park to be built!
5	Keep it natural for locals!
6	Sometimes I have seen homeless people camping out in dense tree area, it would be nice to be label to walk the entire park and feel safe
7	It needs to have parking unless Crossler Mid-School will be used for parking.

8	Not at this time
9	Enjoyed using the walking path recently. Would love to see that kept up. We do not have room and it is too expensive to add one to Sunnyslope Park
10	Just the dog park idea
11	Maybe the city of Salem should help to maintain the fences along both sides of the sidewalks that allow access to the park. Pickets are sometimes broken out or kicked out.
12	Will property taxes be increased as a result of the improvements?? Or will there be a special assessment imposed upon property owners?
13	Cant wait to see it complete. I hope it does not continue to raise my taxes at the current rate because this year we saw a very large increase in property tax.
14	Thanks for asking about feedback. Excited there is a plan in place!
15	No
16	Just make it happen!
17	Not at this time.
18	Parking needs to be considered, see above comment about how the side streets are when baseball is happening.
19	Keep it simple
20	Thanks for keeping it clean so far.
21	Would love to see nature programs,parks and rec activities at park
22	I absolutely love this initiative. I have published 9 volumes of encyclopedias on the environment; and my walks through this spaces for the last 20 years has been one of my sanctuaries and inspirations.
23	Don't add the stupid futuristic playground crap like bryan johnston park has. There is one piece that takes up 1/8 of the playground and it is never used. Plus it looks like the most expensive thing at the park. We want slides and swings. lots of swings, everyone likes swings...
24	please keep it as an under developed/restored neighborhood park.
25	Thanks for asking for input.
26	I have felt a little bit uncomfortable walking through the back of the park at dusk. It would be nice to open the trail up just a little bit with some light tree thinning. This also would improve accessibility. I would like to see a few nice, rubberized park benches also.
27	More trash cans. My child and I make a game of picking up garbage when we visit the park and adjacent school.
28	I realize this is geared more towards a neighborhood park but as it stands now there really is no parking other than in front of neighborhood homes. Some parking might need to be allocated with an entrance from Stockton Ave. perhaps.
29	I love it that there is a park in my neighborhood, but I am really concerned about the increased traffic on Davis. In just the five years I have lived in the Bella Cresta development hundreds of homes, condos and apartments have been built and more are projected in the area, increasing noise, pollution and traffic, without any steps to improve Davis or make a safe route to the school near the park. This is an accident waiting to happen. If the mayor is sincere about an age-friendly community, all main access roads to parks should at least have sidewalks and bike lanes and lower speed limits in residential neighborhoods.

30	Secor is our favorite park, mostly because it is undeveloped and feels like a small trek in a natural forest! We want to keep it that way, please!
31	Nope.
32	Please keep it as natural as possible. Too many "improvements" just ruins an already beautiful park.
33	It is a natural jewell in our area, especially with all the recent housing developments.
34	Thank you for the garbage cans and dog waste bags!
35	Something that's vitally important to my household is that the area is dog friendly, especially since so many people already take their dogs there.
36	Thank you for putting a new park next to Crossler and in this neighborhood.
37	Thank you very much for the opportunity to express my preferences. I appreciate you reaching out to the neighborhood. Thank you for your hard work. Balancing the many varied needs of the residents of the neighborhoods surrounding the park is difficult.

COMPILED COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC MEETING #1

Introduction

On Wednesday, April 3, 2019, the City of Salem hosted a public workshop from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Crossler Middle School to introduce the project and discuss three concept plan options for the design of Secor Park. Unofficial counts place the number of attendees at around 24 people. All participants seemed actively engaged in and appreciative of the format and process of the public meeting.

A brief presentation by the project team (composed of City staff and consultants) summarized the information collected during the first public online survey and introduced the three concept plans. For the remainder of the meeting, participants were able to browse display boards, ask questions, and vote for their preferred concept plan.

Participants were given the opportunity to provide comments by writing on flip-charts placed near each of the three concept plans. Participants were also given 8 dots to place across the three design options. A set of red, yellow, and green dots were provided to attendees to mark the concept they least preferred (red), most preferred (green), and the concept that they were most indifferent about (yellow). A set of 5 blue dots were provided to mark precedent images to which they responded most positively.



Figure 1: Meeting participants browsing display boards

Comments from Flip Charts

Concept Plan – Option 1

1. Add interpretive [element] that speaks about Native American history (perhaps on site?)
2. Add more camas.
3. Add screen veg buffer for homes.
4. Add more native planting.

Concept Plan – Option 2

1. Like the lights.
2. No basketball court.
3. Covered play area.
4. Like access to nature.

Concept Plan – Option 3

1. Big is good (loop is good).
2. Big loop throughout park is good for kids.
3. Least lighting, least paving. How do we balance?
4. Homelessness is a concern.
5. Culvert a safety concern? For children?
6. Don't harm camas
7. Tennis court? No images.
8. Does culvert back up and flood?
9. Area around culvert does flood.
10. Easier parking at Stockton. Good to have play at south end.
11. Play area at south has good connection to baseball fields.
12. More trails in woodland = more city maintenance = good for security.

Preferred Concept from Dot Count

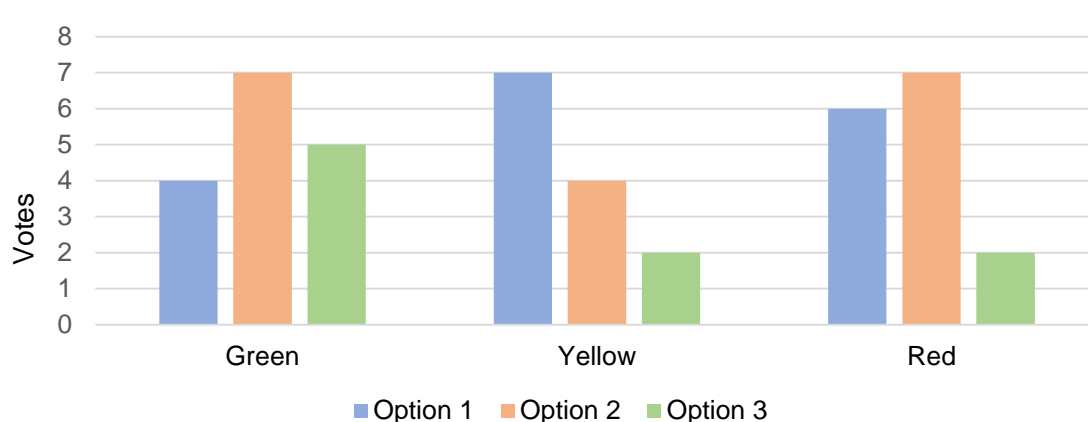


Figure 2: Preferred concept trends

Option 1 Precedent Image Dot Count

	Option 1
Play area	5
Bench seating	7
Picnic area	3
Pollinator garden	7
Woodland restoration	12
Stream restoration	14



Figure 3: Secor Park Concept Plan - Option 1 marked with dots

Option 2 Precedent Image Dot Count

	Option 2
Play area	6
Mulch trail	3
Basketball court	0
Stream restoration and bridge crossing	6
Community garden	4
Picnic shelter	7



Figure 4: Secor Park Concept Plan - Option 2 marked with dots

Option 3 Precedent Image Dot Count

	Option 2
Entry Plaza with Kiosk and Bike Parking	3
Play Area	7
Interpretive element	1
Interpretive signage	2
Stream restoration with bridge crossing	7
Community garden	6



Figure 5: Secor Park Concept Plan - Option 3 marked with dots

SECOR PARK SURVEY #2: FEEDBACK ON INITIAL DESIGN CONCEPTS

Survey Overview

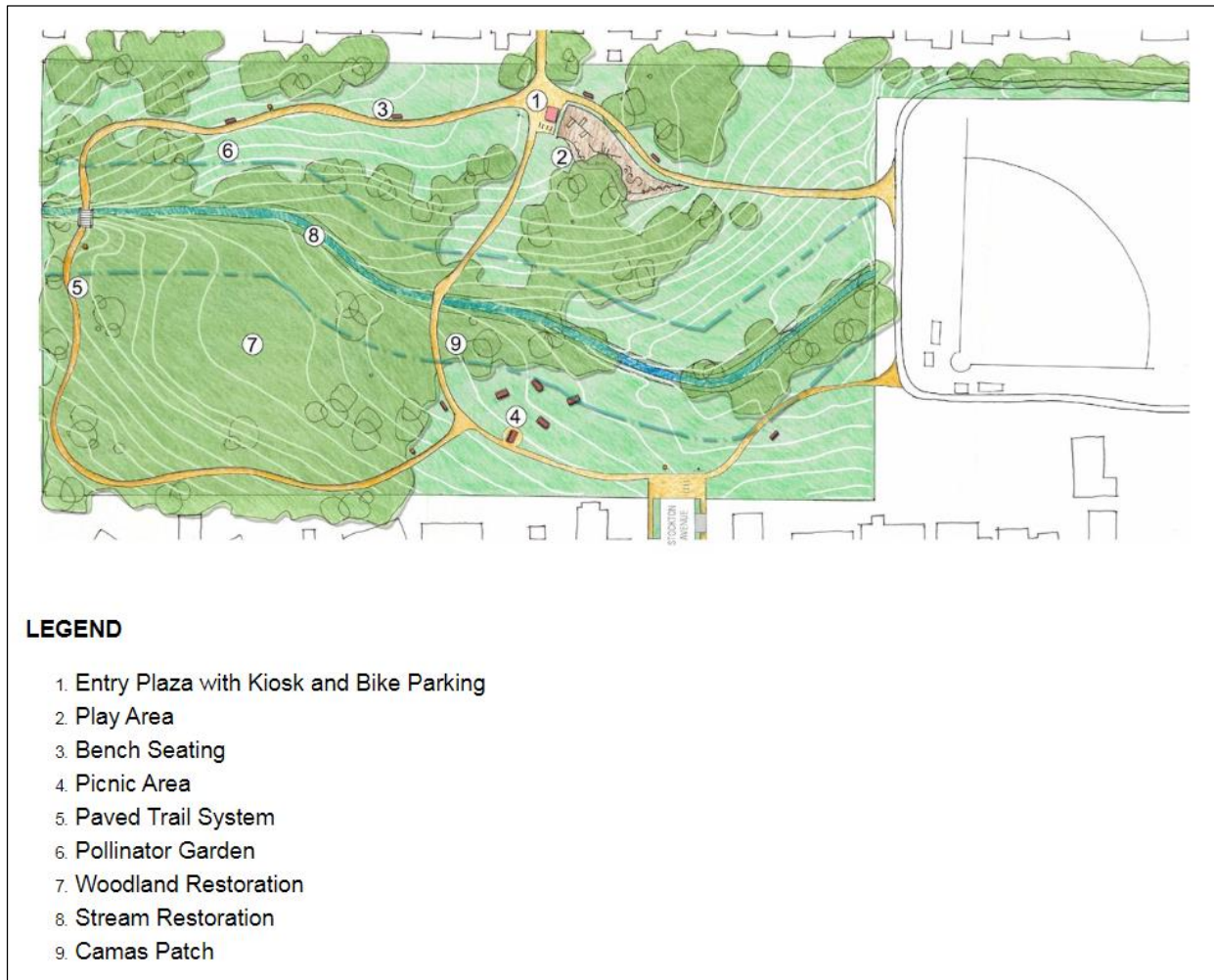
Secor Park is an approximately 8.5-acre, undeveloped park located in the Sunnyslope Neighborhood. As part of the Secor Park Improvement Project, the City of Salem implemented two neighborhood-focused public surveys to involve the public in planning for improvements to the site. The second survey was administered from April 4, 2019 to April 17, 2019. It presented three conceptual design options for the park.

The survey was administered in an online format and included 10 questions to gauge respondents' preferences and reactions to park features presented in the three separate designs. An option to complete a hard-copy version was offered upon request. All question responses were optional – respondents were able to skip any question that they did not want to answer. A total of 48 completed or partially completed responses were received. The project team used feedback provided by the survey to prepare a single draft design concept for the project.

To advertise the survey, an invitation was included in public outreach for the project. This invitation was distributed in multiple ways, including notices on Cityofsalem.net, posters placed at park entrances, flyers distributed to community-based organizations including the Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association and by emails to individuals subscribed to the project email list service. The Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association and the City communication staff were requested to post notices on social media as a means of further advertise the opportunity to participate in the survey.

Survey Results

Question 1. What neighborhood do you live in? If you don't know, here is a map where you can find out.		
Answer choices	Response percent	Response count
Sunnyslope Neighborhood	72.9%	35
Faye Wright Neighborhood	2.1%	1
South Gateway Neighborhood	8.3%	4
Morningside Neighborhood	4.2%	2
Southwest Neighborhood (SWAN)	4.2%	2
Another neighborhood in Salem that is not listed here	6.2%	3
I do not live in the City of Salem	2.1%	1
Answered question		48
Skipped question		0

Figure 1: Secor Park Concept Plan - Option 1 as presented in the survey**Question 2. Use this space to comment Option 1**

You may want to describe reasons you like or dislike this concept and ideas to improve it.

Response count 28

Answered question 28

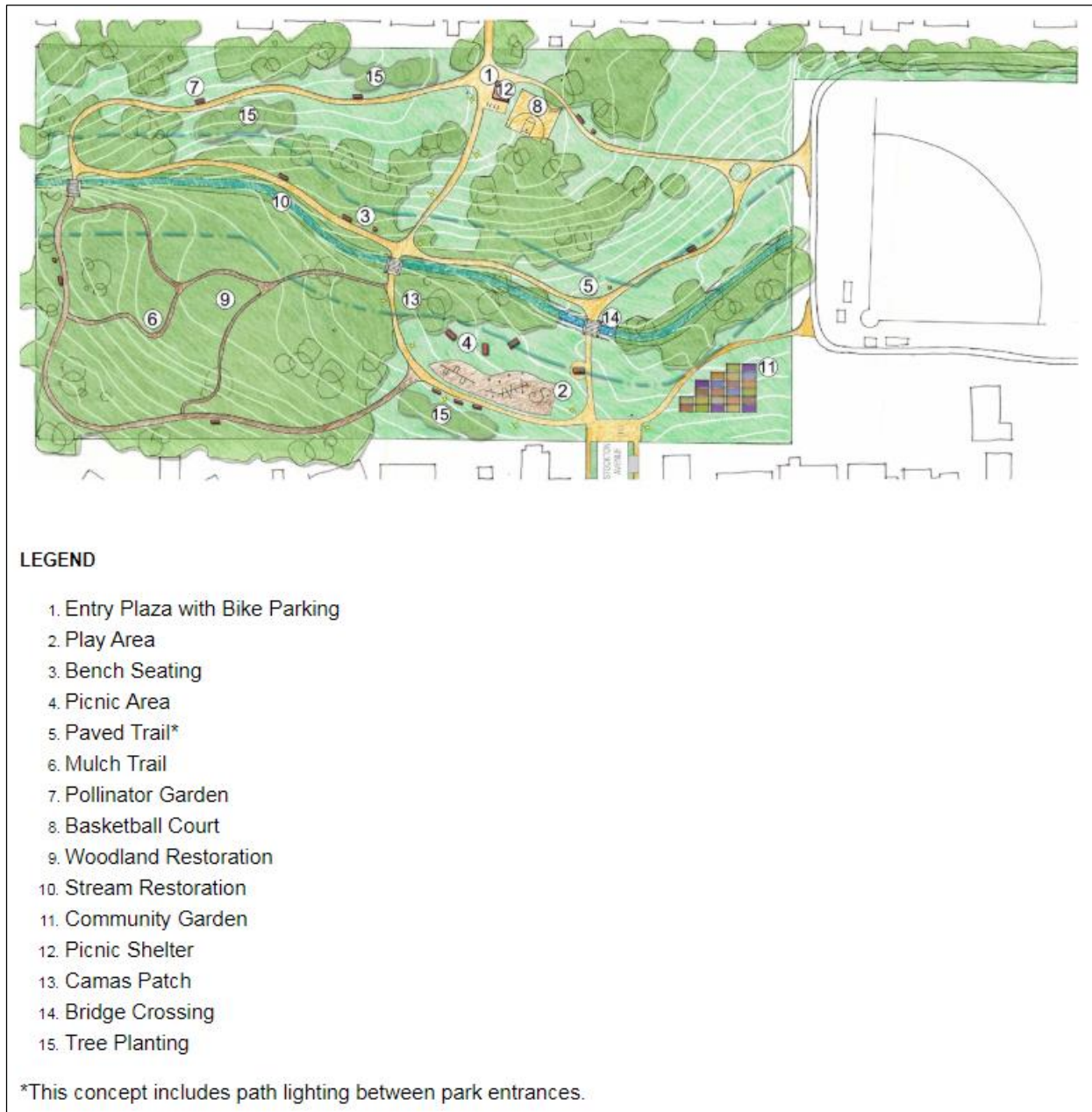
Skipped question 20

Number	Response text
1	Like this plan for it's simplicity
2	Seems very shaded
3	I like this optionthe best. I like how the updates would be minimal and more natural. I would prefer a mulch trail through through the natural forested area, rather than a paved trail.
4	Like the paved path around the entire perimeter.

5	The picnic area and play structure should be closer together. It is easier for parents when these features are near to one another.
6	Too simple
7	Simplicity and lower work values are nice
8	I like that this design includes a play structure and a picnic area. My only suggestion with these, is it would be helpful for parents if there were picnic tables by the play structure in case families want to go to the park and eat lunch and then play on the playground. I'm wondering about adding any paths in the wooded area instead of an entirely paved system.
9	Full paved path system - SW "forest" path can get mucky in wet seasons; keeps a similar look to today's park but with updates
10	Least like. No woodland path. Not like placement of play area. Do like camas patch. Too much paved trail.
11	This would be fine, however, I would prefer the look of covered picnic area, and I'd prefer some mulch pathways in the wooded area. I like the idea of two bridges over the creek.
12	There is no lighting included in this design. There is no parking other than in front of residences on Stockton which will be very limited or on Rockcreek, also very limited.
13	This is ok.
14	Very nice flow of layout. I like that 6-9 are included in the layout.
15	Love the play structure (I have a 3 year old and we don't have anything like that by us). Like the picnic area. Like how it maintains a good bit of nature/no development.
16	I really like this version.
17	This map doesn't identify Rockwood street as it does Stockton. That info would help viewers figure out where these street are. Identify that walking paths are connected to the streets.
18	pretty much love everything about it.
19	Play area should not be directly behind houses and right by entrance to street
20	I like the woodland and stream restoration, or anything that is natural.
21	Add lighting and a path along the creek
22	I like that this seems to be the least change, as I mostly use the park to walk my dog and like the 'nature' trails.
23	Woodland and stream restoration are reasons I like this option
24	I like that this plan is the most simple and has no electrical component. The paths don't respect the current trails, and may not represent what users want. (feet determine trails)
25	I'd like to see an area for a basketball court
26	I dislike that the paved trail encompasses the entire park. I like the paved trail that connects the crosser paths and provides a paved exit for walkers and bikers at the north and south exit. I also like the path that connects the south and north entrances.
27	I like how this park retains natural elements and has a surrounding trail system so I can exercise and still keep an eye on my kids.
28	Best as it leaves most things natural. Would consider more unpaved trails through the woods (like option 2). No lights needed, as park hours should be posted.

Figure 2: Examples of Option 1 elements as presented in the survey

Question 3. Based on the images above, what elements do you like the most? Please select up to three answers.							
Answer	Play Area	Bench Seating	Picnic Area	Pollinator Garden	Woodland Restoration	Stream Restoration	Response count
Answer 1	12 (27.3%)	1 (2.3%)	2 (4.6%)	6 (13.6%)	13 (29.6%)	10 (22.7%)	44
Answer 2	1 (2.3%)	0 (0.0%)	10 (22.7%)	5 (11.4%)	12 (27.3%)	16 (26.4%)	44
Answer 3	8 (18.2%)	6 (13.6%)	5 (11.4%)	13 (29.6%)	6 (13.6%)	6 (13.6%)	44
Combined Answers	21	7	17	24	31	32	
Answered question							44
Skipped question							4

Figure 3: Secor Park Concept Plan - Option 2 as presented in the survey**Question 4. Use this space to comment Option 2**

You may want to describe reasons you like or dislike this concept and ideas to improve it.

Response count	31
Answered question	31
Skipped question	17

Text responses to Question 4 begin on next page.

Number	Response text
1	I really like the mulch trail, easier on my feet.
2	Love the community garden The basketball court How the area is laid out cohesively And the restoration projects
3	Don't love the giant slide. Don't love all of the paths. Really don't like the basketball court. Not sure about the layout overall but it might really work.
4	I like the two play areas, one near each neighborhood,also have a basketball court is nice. A community garden sounds nice good.
5	I love that there are more trail systems in this plan.
6	Love the garden, play area in a good place bc it's closer to the fields. Basketball court should be closer to playground.
7	I like the path lighting.
8	I like the woodland and stream restoration, and I like the community garden and tree planting
9	This just seems a bit too busy to me
10	I like that this has the most trails and a community garden. I also like that there are the most trails in the woods. This is my preferred option overall.
11	Yes, mulched trail for cross country running Yes, Stream & Woodland restoration
12	This is too much. Not only will it be more difficult to fund, it will destroy the denseness of habitat for the wildlife. Keeping a basketball court clear of debris in that area would be difficult, and I am concerned the light pollution will make it more difficult to enjoy the night sky.
13	Do not like basketball court. Would prefer shelter at other park entrance. Like the garden.
14	Love it!! It has all the elements that I love. Play area for younger kids, court for older kids and I love the community garden!
15	This is my favorite of the three. It provides the escape to nature in the southwest corner and has a little for every age. I also like the addition to the extra pathway and bridge. I also like the basketball court addition to this one.
16	I like how the trail system is mulched in the woods, to help kids get natural play on uneven surfaces, but still be accessible.
17	No basketball court needed, as Crossler has them. Rather would prefer another picnic shelter near the south side of the park. Lighting an unnecessary expense and would likely encourage after-dark mischief.
18	Too many things packed together. The children's play area should be close to the entry plaza so parents don't have to trek all the way across the park with toddlers.
19	I like the option of mulched pathways in addition to paved one. I like the basketball and community garden addition as well.
20	I like the picnic area by the play area. Mulched trail doesn't make much sense, doesn't seem very useful.
21	I like this option the best but I dont like the basketball courts
22	Not my favored option. I'm not a fan of the basket all court or the community garden. Im afraid that the more physical features the are, the more "mischievous" kids in the area will be. Being a parents who has used the ballfields for a few years now, I've seen a lot of vandalism with the porta-potties and baseball snack shack.

23	Like the lighting and the multiple bridge crossings.
24	The location of the play structure near the picnic area is preferable in this design. Covered picnic areas would be excellent as well
25	I like this plan the best.
26	The entrance lighting is a huge benefit! The neighborhood around this park does not have street lights and it is VERY dark at Secor Park. Some shady things happen there right now because of it (we live right at the entrance to the park). I LOVE the basketball court, play area, picnic shelter and the mix of both paved and mulch trail. This concept plan is probably my favorite as it serves the broadest audience who would use the park.
27	Like the path lighting - I use this path to bridge between streets frequently - hard to see paths when dusk/dark; garden is a good idea - underutilized area
28	Favorite design. Nice woodland trail, like layout and placement of all features. Good paved trail layout.
29	Most versatile option.
30	I like this very much indeed, with paved trail, mulch trail, picnic shelter, bridge crossings, tree planting, camas patch, stream and woodland restoration, etc. I'm OK with the community garden but don't feel it's a must. Definitely "no" on the basketball court. There's one at Crossler - so not needed for this small, natural, "oasis" type of area. My husband is an avid basketball fan and agrees "no" on that!
31	This is my preferred option except I suggest removing the community garden and replacing it with parking accessed via Stockton. Basketball courts could also be removed as there are courts available at Crossler.

Figure 4: Examples of Option 2 elements as presented in the survey

Question 5. Based on the images above, what elements do you like the most in Option 2? Please select up to three answers.							
Answer	Play Area	Mulch Trail	Basketball Court	Stream Restoration	Community Garden	Picnic Shelter	Response count
Answer 1	11 (24.4%)	9 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	12 (0.0%)	5 (0.0%)	8 (0.0%)	45
Answer 2	6 (13.6%)	10 (0.0%)	3 (0.0%)	11 (0.0%)	7 (0.0%)	7 (0.0%)	44
Answer 3	10 (22.7%)	6 (0.0%)	5 (0.0%)	9 (0.0%)	8 (0.0%)	6 (0.0%)	44
Combined Answers	27	25	8	32	20	21	
Answered question							45
Skipped question							3

Figure 5: Secor Park Concept Plan - Option 3 as presented in the survey**Question 6. Use this space to comment Option 3**

You may want to describe reasons you like or dislike this concept and ideas to improve it.

Response count	26
Answered question	26
Skipped question	22

Number	Response text
1	Bike parking could encourage wheeled travel on paved paths and potential accidents. Skateboarding, rollerblading, etc. could alter safety of pedestrians & wheelchair users.

2	Really like parallel path to creek.
3	I prefer the options in this order: option 2, option 3, option 1
4	Like this the best, but please add pollinator garden and if possible, a shelter.
5	This is my favorite design for several reasons. First, it respects the trails as they are now. I like the additional community garden feature, that patch has great sun exposure. Adding more trees makes me happy, and the orientation of the play area is the most suitable for use. (Assuming it doesn't mean cutting the small fenced baby oak trees nearby. They are an ecological succession.)
6	Woodland and stream restoration
7	I don't know how much the play area and all those picnic areas will be used. Overall though no major problems with this plan, its just not my favorite.
8	I like the path along the creek but there needs to be more lighting. This plan would be my favorite if I had to chose one.
9	I like the woodland and stream restoration, the community garden and tree planting, and the wetland demonstration.
10	I like the more paved area.
11	Play area too far from baseball fields & too close to houses
12	Like the layout of this one. Not sure about the giant swing. Don't really like the art in the park but I also don't know as much about that. Not sure how it is kept up and wouldn't want it to be unusable after a year.
13	Not crazy about this idea. I appreciate the educational value, but my least favorite use of the space.
14	I think this one has a great balance of park and nature.
15	I liked ved within a half block of Secor park for 10 years. Most people have gardens. My concern would be great he amount of use the baseball fields get, the garden would be in the way and probably destroyed. I would have loved that playground both as a resident and as a baseball parent.
16	No lighting, no parking. Remove the community garden and replace with parking.
17	I quite like this with the paved and mulch trails and the two little bridges. All other elements are good, although I prefer the sheltered picnic area and Plan 2's play area. Community garden is OK.
18	Don't like play area placement. Like wetland, woodland, stream restoration, camas patch, tree planting. Too much paved trail.
19	Good mix of paved and mulch trails ; well-balanced
20	This is probably my second favorite concept plan. It has almost all the same qualities of Option 2, but in a different format. I would be happy with this plan, but would love if this plan could include the lighting from plan 2 and the basketball court. Otherwise, this plan is almost as good as plan 2 but slightly different locations for the features--the location of the features does not matter as much to me (except having picnic benches by the playground) as long as it can meet the broadest audience of users' needs.
21	The play structure being near the bike parking is good for kids who would be riding to the park.
22	Like the paved path around the perimeter. Like the multiple bridge crossings. Would like to see an enclosed dog park.

23	Not my favored option. I'm not a fan of the basket all court or the community garden. Im afraid that the more physical features the are, the more "mischievous" kids in the area will be. Being a parents who has used the ballfields for a few years now, I've seen a lot of vandalism with the porta-potties and baseball snack shack.
24	This would be my second choice. I like the two picnic area idea
25	Community garden is great
26	Like this option for it's simplicity and the children's play area close to the entry plaza is convenient.

Figure 6: Examples of Option 3 elements as presented in the survey

Question 7. Based on the images above, what elements do you like the most in Option 3? Please select up to three answers.							
Answer	Entry Plaza with Kiosk	Play Area	Art in the Park	Interpretive Signage	Stream Restoration	Comm. Garden	Response count
Answer 1	5 (11.7%)	14 (33.3%)	2 (4.8%)	0 (0.0%)	19 (45.2%)	2 (4.8%)	42
Answer 2	3 (7.5%)	5 (12.5%)	8 (20.0%)	5 (12.5%)	7 (17.5%)	12 (30.0%)	40
Answer 3	7 (18.4%)	7 (18.4%)	2 (5.3%)	6 (15.8%)	9 (23.7%)	7 (18.4%)	38
Combined Answers	15	26	12	11	35	21	
Answered question							42
Skipped question							6

Question 8. Please rank the initial park design concepts in the order of your overall preference with '1' being most preferred.					
Preference Choice	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Total	Response count
1	7 (17.9%)	12 (30.8%)	20 (51.3%)	0 (0.0%)	39
2	24 (61.5%)	5 (12.8%)	10 (25.6%)	0 (0.0%)	39
3	9 (23.7%)	22 (57.9%)	7 (18.4%)	0 (0.0%)	38
Answered question					40
Skipped question					8

Question 9. What is your age group?		
Answer choices	Response percent	Response count
Younger than 18 years	2.6%	1
18 to 24 years	0.0%	0
25 to 34 years	23.1%	9
35 to 44 years	28.2%	11
45 to 54 years	20.5%	8
55 to 64 years	15.4%	6
Older than 64 years	10.3%	4
Answered question		39
Skipped question		9

Question 10. Do you have any other comments or suggestions?		
Answer choices	Response percent	Response count
No / Not at this time	59.0%	23
Yes	41.0%	16
Answered question		39
Skipped question		9

Number	Response text
1	What plans does the city have to manage the exponential increase in vehicular traffic in the area? Currently, semi trucks longer than 20 feet park right on Liberty St outside the Crossler Middle School for days without the city taking any action. Can just imagine the chaos once the updated park gets operational.
2	A fenced dog park area.
3	I am SO excited for this update to Secor Park. We have lived here in South Salem since 2004. We have raised our children here and continue to do so with a 1-year old. Having a playground close by is amazing, and updating the park to make it safer for the neighborhood is such a huge benefit to the neighborhood. Thank you!!
4	Glad to see something happening here -been looking at the sign on Stockton for 20 years!
5	Where are all the cars going to park.
6	Really like camas patch please try to incorporate into selected concept.
7	I chose Option 2 since I like most of the elements, but without the basketball court. Picnic Shelter rather than area, bridges, natural elements, this play area. Didn't quite get "Art in the Park" from the picture - although this sounds good.

8	Parking needs to be addressed no matter which option is selected. People will want to drive over, with picnic supplies, and have a picnic if there is a picnic shelter as shown in Option 2. The residences immediately around Stockton will lose any of their extra parking due to park visitors if there is not designated parking somehow. A small loop or something from Stockton could be extended into the park to accommodate say maybe ten cars and the picnic shelter and picnic area could be swapped to make it more useful.
9	There is no need for a baseball court. Residents have used the Crossler courts for years. Save the green space.
10	I was not sure if the pictures showed the actual plans for the play area, but I absolutely vote for a natural-type play area (similar to the one at Champoeg) with logs, sand, water features and other similar nature-based features for kids to enjoy.
11	More nature, less play area. A place people can go and have some contact with the natural elements.
12	Instead of, or in addition to the basketball court, I suggest an area with some pickle ball courts. Its gaining popularity and there aren't any good outdoor courts in south Salem. I think it would get more use than other options (e.g. basketball, volleyball, tennis)
13	The lighting at Stockton Ave is not necessary, and will cost more money over the long run. Please respect the fenced oaks, we saved them from the mowers and they're really thriving now. Lastly, please work with the Marion Soil and Water Conservation District as they observed endangered birds in this park in 2012.
14	The students at Crossler will be large users of this park. Trails with lights, wooded area with refurbished streams.
15	Please don't buy extravagant playground equipment. Stick with the basics. Swings, slides and things to climb and lots of them.
16	Safer access to park from those East of Liberty

COMPILED COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC MEETING #2

Introduction

On Wednesday, May 15, 2019, the City of Salem hosted a public open house from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Crossler Middle School to report back on the public park planning process, review initial park design concept plans, and present a single draft concept plan. Unofficial counts place the number of attendees at around 35 people. Participants had little comments to offer in terms of dislikes or desired changes to the presented draft concept.

A brief presentation by the project team (composed of City staff and consultants) presented the planning process to date, including public feedback on the initial park designs, and unveiled a refined draft design concept for Secor Park. Precedent imagery display boards were also presented for the proposed play area, site furnishings, and planting. For the remainder of the meeting, participants were able to browse display boards, ask questions, and provide comments.

Participants were given the opportunity to provide comments by writing on flip-charts and filling out comment sheets. One comment was recorded on the provided flip charts; no comment cards were submitted. Participants were also given 3 dots to place across a display board of playground precedent images in order to provide feedback on play equipment and playground design preferences.



Figure 1: Meeting participant browsing display boards

Comment from Flip Charts

- [Add] historic component on park entry sign.

Play Area Precedent Image Dot Results

	Votes
Design Style	
Modern play	5
Traditional play	9
Nature play	13
Equipment Category	
Swing	6
Climb	14
Slide	7
Spin	13



Figure 2: Play area precedent imagery marked with dots