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Pick a playground option!

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

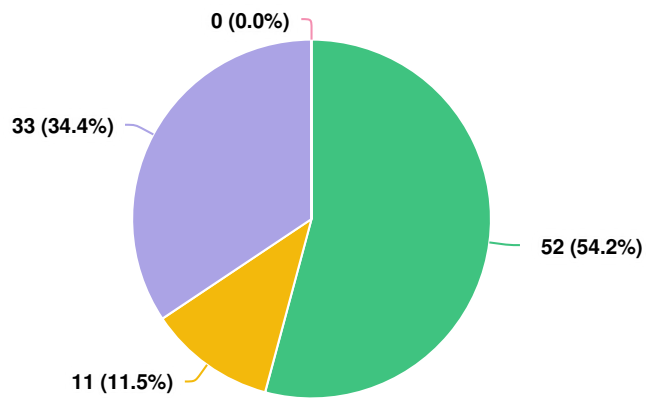
23 July 2022 - 21 August 2022

PROJECT NAME:

Lorraine Ellis Park Playground

SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 Which of the playground options do you prefer?



Question options

- Option A
- Option B
- Option C
- No preference

*Optional question (96 response(s), 2 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question*

Q2 Please provide any other comments on the design options.

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7/23/2022 02:42 PM

Would love to see option C AND an additional set of to/fro swings!!

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7/24/2022 01:41 PM

The extra swings are great and are wonderful for child of all ages and needs.

Screen Name Redacted

7/24/2022 02:08 PM

Swings are really important as they provide fun for all ages, even us parents as we watch our children play.

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7/24/2022 05:16 PM

The 3 options all still seem geared toward toddler/younger elementary aged children compared to the existing structure, and both of my boys state they much prefer the existing heights and challenges of the existing structure to any of the proposed options. There are many "tot lots" with toddler and preschool play areas in or adjacent to Columbia (Carl Lobe, Elizabeth Park, Squalicum Park). Please make sure the Lorraine Ellis replacement structure has challenge enough for the older elementary kids in the neighborhood.

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7/25/2022 07:06 PM

Makes the most sense for all different levels of accessibility.

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7/25/2022 07:12 PM

The only thing I don't like about option C is the lack of swings. But the climbing structures are unique and our parks need more unique play equipment.

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7/25/2022 07:25 PM

Love the climbing dome! Yes to a picnic table!

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7/25/2022 07:26 PM

I do like option C however the swings are a good addition too if possible!

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7/25/2022 07:37 PM

Thank you for updating a beautiful loved park

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7/25/2022 08:32 PM

We like option B too, but it seems like it wont wear well over the years with all the plastic panels. My kids preferred option A and are very excited about the swings and rockers.

Screen Name Redacted 7/25/2022 08:46 PM	If you can add swings to option C that would be ideal, but we like the fun climbing structures!
Screen Name Redacted 7/25/2022 08:49 PM	C is the most unique design in the area. It provides a climbing structure that no other nearby parks have.
Screen Name Redacted 7/25/2022 08:51 PM	Covered areas would be nice too
Screen Name Redacted 7/25/2022 09:19 PM	Playgrounds should have a diversity for child ability. Some children are agile, well balanced and strong and need physical challenges. Others need more of a sage platform for imaginative play. Option C for example was heavily sided toward more physically skilled children
Screen Name Redacted 7/25/2022 09:27 PM	The swing provides an option for parents with children of varied ages- a smaller child can swing with parent while the older child plays on equipment.
Screen Name Redacted 7/26/2022 03:29 PM	I live on the circle and have 2 kids who go to the park daily. They both like option B but option A would be great too. Swings, spinners, and things to climb on will make them happy :) thank you for including a picnic table!
Screen Name Redacted 7/26/2022 08:55 PM	I don't like the B, C options. Lots of rope, seems not comfortable or fun.
Screen Name Redacted 7/26/2022 11:11 PM	I'm so happy this street will finally get a side walk and accessibility to the playground. I'm afraid that's were the accessibility will end however. None of these options include structures that will be inclusive for children with some disabilities and delays. For example, the swings don't include any options for children who need core support. The swings at Squalicum, Cordata, and even Cornwall park are a good example. Tree bark is also a poor choice for accessibility. I feel bad kids who may be in wheelchairs may only be able only watch from the sidelines, and not participate, as their typically developing friends are playing. Thank you for soliciting thoughts and opinions on this new development. Christine Biernacki
Screen Name Redacted	Option A looks like a smaller version of the Elizabeth Park

7/27/2022 09:26 AM

Playground. Option B looks like a smaller version of the Columbia School playground. We've got a kiddo with a sensory processing disorder, so we like the idea of all the climbing and swinging the Option C provides. It also seems better suited to creative play as all the areas could be imagined as something else.

Screen Name Redacted

7/27/2022 09:29 AM

We love climbing structures and if it's possible to make circular routs to travers with out touching the ground, my kids will play for hours

Screen Name Redacted

7/28/2022 10:22 AM

All of the designs are pretty bad. My kids go to Columbia, I've brought them here when they were preschool, now school age. I've got a step son that using the bars for exercise. We're losing everything with a replacement that isn't appealing.

Screen Name Redacted

7/28/2022 02:15 PM

It would be great to add a swig set to Option C. It wouldn't take up too much grass with this addition and would greatly improve the playground.

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7/28/2022 02:24 PM

I would really like to see more diversity in the activities and structures among the parks/playgrounds in Bellingham. It seems they are all becoming so similar to each other as they are being redone : same equipment, maybe just a slightly different configuration from park to park. There are so many cool structures out there...let's branch out!
Thanks

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7/28/2022 02:49 PM

This layout and equipment looks the most user friendly for the most ages! Love it!

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7/28/2022 02:51 PM

I like Option A the best.

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7/28/2022 04:22 PM

I think swings are a must.

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7/28/2022 04:29 PM

Other parks have swings, the dome feature is unique and would add to the nearby options.

Screen Name Redacted

7/28/2022 06:48 PM

I like the current park much better. I thought all three proposed designs are lacking.

Screen Name Redacted
7/28/2022 06:57 PM

This option appeared most appropriate for younger children...the age most likely to visit a small neighborhood park. Older kids can take their bikes to find more excitement at other nearby city parks.

Screen Name Redacted
7/28/2022 08:06 PM

I could not find any information on the options - no photos, no descriptions, zero.

Screen Name Redacted
7/29/2022 10:29 AM

A playground needs swings, and I love the two slides.

Screen Name Redacted
7/29/2022 10:55 AM

I think it's essential to have swing options in a playground. Thank you for inviting feedback on the options!

Screen Name Redacted
7/29/2022 11:50 AM

The city is the caretaker of the parks for future generations. The theory is to protect the trees and grass, not put in cement. What's next, parallel parking around the outside edge? Maybe you should look at Columbia School for ideas, and ask them. This is a total loss to the neighborhood with all the options.

Screen Name Redacted
7/29/2022 12:04 PM

I just read a post on the fb page. All that space wasted for a picnic table and bike rack. My kids and everyone else's kids use the grass.. I'm not making my kids put their bikes away. We sit on the ground in the shade on a blanket. We make an afternoon of it every so often. Are we supposed to go to Cornwall where's there grass left? This is just crazy. Can't you just fix what we have? My kids will miss the high slide.

Screen Name Redacted
7/29/2022 12:33 PM

If that's the best option for a slide, I guess my kids don't have a choice. I'm there in the morning with the dog, my wife comes down in the afternoon with the kids. I talked with a guy about the concrete. So the rack and table are more important than the kids and grass? I have a buddy in construction & that concrete must be costing a small fortune. Isn't it better used to make the play stuff decent at least?

Screen Name Redacted
7/29/2022 12:47 PM

I think swings are very popular as are slides. This provides more options for a variety of ages.

Screen Name Redacted
7/29/2022 02:32 PM

Swings and slides seem to be the most popular features for young children. I think prioritizing ages 2-5 is a good idea because that age frequents playgrounds more often. School age children have the elementary playgrounds already tailored to that age group.

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7/29/2022 09:32 PM

Great having swings

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8/01/2022 10:55 AM

I think option C is really cool!

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8/02/2022 08:50 AM

I have lived at this location for years, and I mean many years. I am not opposed to the renovation of the play area, but I am concerned you are eliminating most of the green grass areas. This I am opposed to. I do not think we need to provide a bicycle rack as I do not think it will be utilized. A picnic table would not be so bad, but I also think it would not need to have a concrete pad beneath it. I am all about keeping the grass and having a picnic table sitting in the grass would be quite acceptable. Just saying, concrete is forever and grass rejuvenating. I think those that come to the park to do Tai Chi or day care outings would surely miss the ability to play in the grass.

Screen Name Redacted

8/02/2022 03:51 PM

Option C provides the most variety and supports the largest number of users. The climbing dome can be used for imaginary play, for big kids, for all kinds of uses. This in addition to the other structure are by far more appealing to both my kids (7 and 12).

Screen Name Redacted

8/03/2022 10:07 AM

I've looked at all 3 options, and although Option A is the only replacement, what happened to the one that was on the last vote? That looked fun, this is not. I've lived on Lorraine Ellis Ct for years, and I've seen for myself what goes on. We've never had a bike rack or table, and don't need to start now. No one is going to die because we don't get one either. I've measured it myself, we will lose a good chunk of grass to concrete. I work in construction and I know concrete is expensive. Why anyone would design a small neighborhood park with a slide that multiple kids could use at one time is beyond me. This isn't Cordata, Squaticum, or even Cornwall. This is like filling in 1/8th of Elizabeth with concrete for one table and a rack. How do you think the people over there would feel? It's not as though my neighbor hasn't tried to tell people either. When this happens, because a few comments against it won't do squat, at least you can explain to the neighborhood why the table and bike rack were so important to remove a large section of grass when only a sidewalk was required for ADA compliance.

Screen Name Redacted

8/04/2022 10:10 AM

I walk over every couple of days from E. Victor, usually with my kids. Wonder what others think about these options. My kid could do

better. I'm talking with someone now. We've just measured, and I'd like to know why you just have to ruin the park? It's not an improvement when you remove any amount of grass & put in concrete. For 2 items, you're taking a swath of grass out. We've got global warming, and we've got you guys who just want to put concrete over everything. My neighbors are going to be f'ng pissed. People shouldn't be voting for greenways when it ends up being concrete-ways.

Screen Name Redacted

8/04/2022 11:02 AM

My aunt used to live on the park. My kids played there. My grandkids play there now. I'm disappointed with the design and it's a pity the cement is replacing grass. I watch kids play all the time. I'm just not capable of driving them anywhere else.

Screen Name Redacted

8/05/2022 01:28 PM

Just like the posters I'm seeing no cement, no picnic table, no bike rack. My kids will not use the bike rack, even at home they don't use anything. If people want picnic tables put them over at Peabody plaza.

Screen Name Redacted

8/07/2022 10:13 AM

You have my letter, but no picnic table, no bike rack, no concrete slab. If you want picnic tables put them over at Peabody. You'll ruin the park. Stop misleading people using the word envelope when it's the footprint that matters. With the \$ saved, get a decent play set. What happened to the option on the last survey.

Screen Name Redacted

8/07/2022 02:22 PM

Consider putting in crosswalks with flashing lights at one of the corners of Lorraine Ellis Park -- lots of kids cross here and cars tend to speed.

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8/07/2022 02:27 PM

It would be good to have a crosswalk

Screen Name Redacted

8/08/2022 01:20 PM

I've seen the signs and posts. We don't need the bike rack or table. We definitely don't need concrete. I take my kids to that park, why are you ruining it?

Screen Name Redacted

8/08/2022 03:49 PM

I appreciate the handicap accessibility.

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8/10/2022 09:08 AM

That climbing play structure looks like so much fun!

Screen Name Redacted

8/10/2022 08:13 PM

Please don't ruin out park. I've seen the posts, I've seen the drawings, I've come to the park. There just won't be any room left. If you lived in the neighborhood, maybe you'd understand, but you don't. Please no cement, table or rack. I rather doubt this survey will even make a difference, of course we won't see it. You'll spin it how you want, and do what you want in the end.

Screen Name Redacted

8/11/2022 09:27 PM

I live and and do NOT want the concrete or bike rack, I host soccer games here and now it's just a useless piece of land, ppl don't need a bike rack! They can rack their bike to a tree or something.... We need this land left as it is!!

Screen Name Redacted

8/12/2022 06:06 PM

The Park feels more natural with the grass, and fits the natural feel of Bellingham. Please consider omitting the concrete and keep it simple, and park like. Thanks J

Screen Name Redacted

8/14/2022 09:46 PM

None of these options are advanced enough for the age group that would use a park next to a main road. There should also be a playground fence. I didn't see on on the plans. And a soft pad or tanbark but no cement . Option A is the most age appropriate but none of these are good enough. This was the best big kid park around and it's being replaced with a tot playground.

Screen Name Redacted

8/16/2022 05:32 PM

I grew up in the Columbia neighborhood, I live her now. I played at this park as well. My grandkids use it. It would be a shame for all the grass removed for a table and bike rack. I totally agree with what I've read, I'm not going to ask anyone to move so I can use it, my grandkids don't even put their bikes away, how do you expect me to make them use one at the park. Please don't ruin our little park.

Screen Name Redacted

8/17/2022 11:27 AM

I think that preserving as much grassy area as possible is important.

Optional question (57 response(s), 41 skipped)**Question type:** Essay Question