



KFQD PARK

Monday, September 26th, 2022
Community Advisory Group Meeting #1
KFQD Park Picnic Shelter

Meeting Summary

Meeting Goal: Participants will get to know each other, better understand the project timeline and expectations, and discuss opportunities and constraints related to this park.

Participants introduced themselves - 18+ attendees, neighbors, kiddos, and dogs.

Project Overview

- **Expectations**
 - Community Advisory Groups are smaller groups of stakeholders that act as liaisons between planning team + community; provide input on park development projects.

- **Overview of public engagement process**
 - Funding for this project comes from a \$400,000 bond approved by voters in 2021 for community-defined improvements, playground upgrades, and increased ADA access.
 - September – October 2022:
 1. 1st public meeting
 2. Conduct field survey
 3. Parks team develops alternative concepts for improvements
 - December 2022:
 1. 2nd public meeting to review concepts
 - January 2023:
 1. Regroup with Advisory Group to build consensus on final design
 - Spring 2023: Engineering and design
 - Summer 2023: Expected construction

Group activity - Participants answered the following questions:

- What do you like about KFQD Park?
- What should stay the same?
- What feels limiting about the park?
- What would you change?

Four common themes came up in the discussion:

- Take care of what's already here,
- Maintain the natural, undeveloped character of the park,
- Improve drainage in the open field,
- Upgrade the play equipment and replace the surfacing.

Strengths about the park

- Open green space, largely undeveloped
- There is more opportunity to use the open space and periphery of the park in the winter since it is not wet – a great space for snowshoeing or cross-country skiing
- Scenic views of the mountains
- Place for kids to play
- Kids like to play on and bike over the mounds around the picnic shelter
- Large pavilion

Park issues and concerns

- Poor drainage prevents use of the field and open space, very wet
- Playground surface is slipping hazard (pea gravel)
- Playground surface is unstable
- Concern about graffiti in picnic shelter (that it has gotten worse over the last couple of years)
- Bollards and gate need to be kept and kept locked to prevent driving into park
- Concerns about attracting misuse of park

Ideas for future improvements

- Many did not want to add lighting
 - In the winter, houses around the periphery and streetlights add ambient light
 - Some people expressed that low lighting or motion-detected lighting would help deter graffiti and improve safety
- Many people said they liked the current size of the play area, or something slightly bigger
- There was significant interest in nature-themed equipment that complemented the open space and undeveloped feel of park
- Some interest in climber equipment and fitness equipment for adults
- Some interest in additional pathways in the park that did not interfere with winter use
- Potential to rename this park and add signage

Next Meeting – December 1st, 5:30 – 7:30 in the Bayshore Clubhouse

- *Meeting #2 Goal:* Collect public feedback on different concepts for park improvements.