

Reservoir Park, 7th & Radnor/Gorgas Parks and Wilson Park - Summary of Comments from Public meetings

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The following comments are a summary of public feedback from three separate Open House style public meetings that were held at each of the three City parks on July 22nd, 23rd and 24th, 2023.

Reservoir Park - Comments from Saturday, July 22nd, 2023 1:00PM Open House Public Meeting

1. Divided comments to save and demolish the existing pavilion, but leaned to saving it due to historic elements and fond memories.
2. I liked option 2, because the bathroom is closer to the bigger pad.
3. Beautiful Park! Great for the kids.
4. Use the Museum for an indoor water park and the outside for an outdoor waterpark.
5. Where are the swings AT???
6. Our City needs a bathroom in our public parks. Also, it would be nice if we could get a pool in the park as well.
7. I like Option #2 because there is going to be a bigger splash pad and changing rooms are closer.
8. Yes to water park.
9. Concerns over falling trees and nuisance.
10. Bar Piccolos Café hit and runs.
11. I want water park. I am at home with 3 great grandchildren. I need to know why they voted against a water park when the funds have been allocated for park upgrades.
12. To whom it may concern.....This is such a good idea for a water park. It'll be something for our children to enjoy.
13. I would like to see the water park, for the kids and bathrooms. I have 14 grand kids, and they was excited about the whole community.
14. I like Option No.2 with larger splash pad area and closer changing room proximity. It seems more practical.
15. I love the plans but hope you plan to include native blooming perennials.
16. I like Option No.2
17. Bring swings back!
18. Leave the BIG Pavilion. Travelers like it and want history, shade and plenty of room to sit. We are a family of 8!
19. Renovate the existing pavilion. (Preserve History)
20. Add solar panels to the roof of the pavilion and think to the future.
21. Add an observation tower. The view up here is great!
22. Need more shade!
23. Would like to see more play equipment for smaller children. Chutes and Ladders is for older children.
24. Want to see native plantings.
25. Expand the water park and keep the existing pavilion.
26. We need a dog park and there's plenty of room here for one.
27. The bathroom needs to be closer to splash pad.
28. Need Handicap parking at pavilion.

29. There should be more trash cans in the park.
30. Can you do a green wall and murals?

7th & Radnor Park/Gorgas Park - Comments from Sunday, July 23rd, 2023 11:00AM Open House

1. We need a bathroom at Gorgas Park
2. Need a water park for the kids.
3. Would like to seem a single rim court and new swings.
4. Want softer swings.
5. Close off one side of the alley to make it safer for kids by the basketball courts.
6. I like the Art Corridor on Design 1 combined with the Boulevard on Design 2.
7. Please add more charging stations near the playground and courts. We only have them at the concession stand and it's too far for those only using the playground.
8. Please add BMX pump track.
9. No dog park as shared parking lot - Gross
10. Need spray pad for kids.
11. We need more swings.
12. I prefer Option No.2 with two pavilions.
13. I'd like to see a community garden at Jefferson and Schuylkill.
14. Can you do a dual-purpose dog park combined with the parking area. We need a dog park.
15. The playground is NOT big enough. Buy houses next to the park, knock them down and expand.
16. We need flashing lights for the crosswalks. People drive too fast through here.
17. Need a sign to let people know they can park at the office building. Need parking for cheerleading and football.
18. We need more full court basketball.
19. Put the splash pad in the middle like option 2.
20. Need "poop" bags for dogs.
21. There are not enough trash cans in the park.
22. You should make the pavilion bigger. There are a lot of kids in the summer program and when it rains there is not enough room.
23. We need drinking fountains and more of them.
24. When to park is being built, you should use it as a teaching opportunity with construction and plantings.
25. Add stuff for little kids to do in the park.
26. You need to phase the construction, so we don't lose the whole park next year.
27. Need to put up park rules. No smoking!
28. Kids come to the park to fight, and we need better security.
29. We need an area for kids to play Double Dutch and other games.
30. The little guys need ½ court basketball courts because the big guys use the full courts.
31. We need a dog park.
32. Move the play area to the center of the park away from the street.
33. Add gates and other access points for Gorgas Park.
34. Please keep the chess tables.
35. Add more grills to the park.

Wilson Park - Comments from Monday, July 24th, 2023 6:00PM Open House Meeting

1. No basketball court. The old court caused problems.
2. We need more benches around the park and new raingardens.
3. I would like to see fencing on the cul-de-sac side, or bushes?
4. Move basketball court on empty field beside Harrisburg High School.
5. The City should spray for ticks and mosquitos.
6. This has been a quiet place to live, the least people comes here the better.
7. NO BASKETBALL COURT!!
8. Need more benches around park for parents.
9. No volleyball court – keep exercise/fitness area.
10. Serenity Park area.....love that!!
11. Concern about he after care. Who will maintain the park? Security? Physically walk the park at night.....lock bathroom.
12. NO DOG PARK.....people with NOT pick up after their dogs.
13. NO BASKETBALL. They can go to Marshall Elementary, Salvation Army or Reservoir Park.
14. Need a better kids' play area.
15. Need to fence off kids' area by child's ages
16. Where will those who live in the cul-de-sac park?
17. No basketball court and need more benches.
18. Do not put pavilion in center of park. Keep it where it is!
19. Concern that restrooms would be like a hotel.
20. No basketball court and no lights.
21. The new pavilion needs to have a kitchenette and preparation area.
22. We need water and a drinking fountain.
23. The pavilion needs electric power and charging stations.
24. Pavilion needs to have ceiling fans for the summer programs and picnics.
25. Dog park is NOT needed.
26. Parking is an issue.
27. Splash pad needed here too!!!!
28. Need more security.
29. Pavilion should have roll down gates to keep people from being there at night.
30. City should add security cameras.
31. Keep the trees!!!
32. No new parking.
33. The pavilion size is good as is, not smaller and keep near road.
34. Need grass play area for kids. Volleyball or multi-use.
35. Need a place to wash hands. Bathroom!