

Mill Park – Community Gathering #1 – August 2021

The first Community Gathering for the development of Mill Park was held on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at the covered basketball court area at Mill Park Elementary School. Design boards shared information about the master plan and existing conditions. The boards also had interactive elements to gather further information from the community about their priorities for the new park, and a paper/online survey was also available. The online survey and boards were posted on the project webpage for two weeks following the event.

Information was printed on the boards in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Arabic. Community outreach staff from the Division Midway Alliance provided interpretation in Arabic, Burmese, Nepali, Somali, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

Outreach for the community gathering was done via emails to the project list, posts on social media, posts on the project webpage, signs in the park, flyers to nearby neighbors, an automated phone call to Mill Park families, and direct outreach done by the community liaisons with Division Midway Alliance.

A total of 66 comments were received through the survey, and the community gathering was attended by over 90 community members.

It should be noted that this report reflects the opinions of those who chose to participate. It is not necessarily representative of the broader community. This information, in addition to information provided by Parks staff, will be used to inform the design process for Mill Park. All input will be shared with the design team and Project Advisory Committee.



COMMENT FORM (COMBINED RESULTS FROM PAPER + ELECTRONIC)

SUMMARY OF 66 COMMENTS RECEIVED

- 1. How do you get to Mill Park (check all that apply)?
 - Walk 61%
 - Car **55%**
 - Bus 17%
 - Bike 12%
- 2. Once Mill Park is fully developed, which entrance will you use most (pick one)?
 - From the south, via SE Lincoln 26%
 - From the west, via SE 117th Avenue/Mill Park Elementary School 26%
 - From the east, via SE 122nd Avenue **18%**
 - From the north, via Mill Court 17%
 - Don't know 17%

3. Which parks and schools do you visit most besides Mill Park (pick all that apply)?

- David Douglas High School 36%
- Mill Park Elementary School 36%
- Ventura Park 31%
- Lincoln Park 19%
- Cherry Park 17%
- Don't know 3%
- Other 22%:
 - Floyd Light (2)
 - Midland Park
 - Powell Butte
 - Washington Park
 - Peninsula Park
 - Forest Park
 - Happy Valley Park

- Mt. Tabor Park
- Verdell Burdine Rutherford Park
- Powell Butte Elementary School
- Centennial
- Lent School
- Lents Park
- Powell Park

4. What park amenities do you use at other parks and schools (pick all that apply)?

- Playground **63**%
- Picnic area **53%**
- Water features **34%**
- Sport fields **31%**
- Basketball court 22%
- Community garden 22%
- Off-leash dog area 14%
- Other **19%**:
 - Walking paths/track (10)
 - Shaded areas (2)
 - Meditation
 - Walk my dog on leash
 - Seating area

5. How would you and your community like to use Mill Park (pick all that apply)?

- Bring children to play 62%
- Cool off in summer 59%
- Enjoy nature 56%
- Picnic **53**%
- Exercise 47%
- Attend or host a festival/celebration 38%
- Play sports like soccer or Chin-lone 27%
- Grow vegetables 15%
- Other 8%:
 - Music in the Park series would be great!
 - Sand area for beach wrestling
 - Community garden
 - Baseball fields that are actually maintained
 - Morning Tai Chi

6. I will feel welcome at Mill Park, if: (fill in blank)

- It is well-maintained/improved, clean, no garbage (13)
- It is safe (10)
- It is diverse, respectful, and I feel like I belong (8)
- It is a fun, family friendly place with plenty of activities and I have a nice time (7)
- Less camping/houseless impacts (6)
- There are paved walking pathways (6)
- There are trees and shade (3)
- There are more amenities like benches, restrooms, water fountains, irrigation, parking, and lighting (4)
- There is a community space, belongs to the community, picnic area (3)
- It is accessible for walking and using wheels (bikes, strollers, mobility devices) (2)
- There is a play area (2)
- Dogs are on-leash (1)
- There is a garden (1)
- There is less police (1)
- Entrances are better designed and beautiful (1)
- There is a natural area (1)
- It gives off the aura of nature and is a soothing view to walk into (1)

7. When I visit Mill Park, I want to: (fill in blank)

- Walk the pathways / exercise (11)
- Relax (11)
- Let my kids play (10)
- Enjoy the outdoors, trees, greenery (9)
- Feel safe (9)
- Use a seating area (6)
- Have fun (6)
- Be able to use a restroom (6)
- Be able to use a water fountain (5)
- Be in the shade (4)
- Spend time with friends and family (4)
- Picnic (3)
- Play sports (2)
- See people (2)
- Be able to do multiple things (2)
- Have a place for trash (2)
- Garden while kids play (1)

8. What are you top three (3) priorities for Mill Park? (Pick top three)

- 1. Playground 57%
- 2. Gathering area / picnic shelter 48%
- 3. Splash pad / water play 43%
- 4. Native plantings and trees 37%

- 5. Fitness areas 35%
- 6. Space for sports like soccer or Chin-lone 27%
- 7. Community garden 22%
- 8. Central lawn 17%
- 9. Tennis courts 21%
- **10.** Art **13%**
- **11.** Other **8%**:
 - More seating
 - Lighting
 - Sand area for beach wrestling
 - Off-leash dog area
 - Community events
 - Place to play volleyball
- 9. Thank you for participating in the design of your park. Your comments and experiences have helped shaped the design. Is there anything else you would like us to know?

(23 comments were received – below are summaries of comments by themes)

Amenities:

- Add a decent amount of lighting. It gets pitch black at night which creates questionable activity.
- The baseball diamond is rarely used.
- No more soccer fields, need maintained baseball/softball fields, splash pads, cool playgrounds for kids, dog parks.
- Irrigation system needed park is very dry / unattractive in summer.
- Food trucks close to the gathering areas, benches under the shade (Vietnamese community)

Art:

- Mural wall for the community to enjoy / repaint.
- A mural could be put on the back wall of the school.

General:

- Diversity!
- Keep it simple!
- When will the meetings and talking stop and something actually gets done?
- Thank you for doing this for the community! (5)
- Excited to see new park (1)

Nature / trees / passive spaces:

- Need for shady areas with climate change.
- I would like to speak for some of the trees, as trees are what makes a park. When removing trees, please keep in mind that trees such as oak trees rooted within the grasp of the park can be valuable sources of shade for visitors like you and I. Furthermore, the park itself should not move towards modernization but more of an area that births nature.

Safety/Vandalism/Maintenance

- Concerned about splash pad staying clean and safe.
- Prior picnic table was a problem area of aggressive behavior and vandalism.
- Graffiti is really bad on fences would be happy to help repaint or remove if surfaces were prepped for easy removal.
- Hopes that community garden will create sense of ownership and reduce vandalism/litter.
 With current uses, would not want to garden with concern produce would be stolen or unsanitary.
- Please dedicate more workers to Mill Park and provide maintenance now, during, and after new design is complete.

Please tell us about yourself:

I am age:

- under 16 years 6%
- 16-24 years **16%**
- 25-34 years **13%**
- 35-44 years **30%**

- 45-59 years **23%**
- 60-79 years 13%
- 80 & over 3%

I identify as:

- female **65%**
- male 34%
- genderqueer / androgynous 2%

- transgender male 0%
- transgender female 0%
- other **0**%

I identify as: (check all that apply)

- American Indian or Alaskan Native 2%
- Asian 27%
- Black or African American 11%
- Hispanic or Latino/a/x **12**%
- Middle Eastern/North African 6%
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander 0%

- Slavic/Eastern European 2%
- White **39%**
- Decline/don't want to answer 6%
- Prefer to describe 3%: Karen, Muslim

What language(s) do you speak at home (check all that apply)

- Arabic **14%**
- Burmese 0%
- English **63%**
- Nepali **11%**
- Somali 6%
- Spanish **11%**

- Vietnamese 8%
 - Other **9%**
 - Karen (3)
 - o Romanian
 - o German
 - Chinese

Do you or a family member live with a disability or identify as a disabled person?

- Yes **37%**
- No **63**%

If yes, please describe the nature of you and/or your family member's disability. Please check all that apply.

- Mobility (e.g. walking, climbing stairs) 52%
- Visual (e.g. blind, low vision) 4%
- Deaf or hard-of-hearing 8%
- Cognitive (e.g. traumatic brain injury, learning disabilities) 12%
- Mental health (e.g. anxiety, PTSD) 16%
- Intellectual or developmental (e.g. Down syndrome, fragile X syndrome) 4%
- Invisible (e.g. diabetes, HIV, cancer) 16%
- Prefer not to disclose **16%**
- Prefer to describe 8%: old age, blood clot in lungs

Regarding residence, I

- own **52**%
- rent **29%**

- live with my parents 17%
- other **2**%

How far do you live from Mill Park? (pick one)

- Five blocks or less 34%
- Less than one mile 33%
- More than one mile 34%

How often do you visit Mill Park? (pick one)

- Every day or every other day 17%
- Once or twice a week 20%
- Once or twice a month 20%

- A few times a year 36%
- Never 8%

How many children under age 18 live with you?

- 0 44%
- 1-2 **46**%

- 3-4 **6%**
- 5 or more 3%

What are their ages? (check all that apply):

• 0-2 years **9%**

- 7-10 years **54%**
- 15-18 years 23%

• 3-6 years **23**%

• 11-14 years **31%**

How did you hear about this?

- Division Midway Alliance 44%
- Friend / neighbor / family member 33%
- Facebook 15%

- Nextdoor.com 15%
- Email 8%
- Flyer **6%**
- Yard sign 2%
- Other **6%**
 - Instagram post (2)
 - On the Mill Park PAC
 - o Mill Park Neighborhood Association



COMMENTS ON BOARDS AT COMMUNITY GATHERING

Photos of the boards are attached at the end of this report. Below is a summary of what was shared.

I WILL FEEL WELCOME AT MILL PARK IF....

Answers included:

- It feels safe, has more lights, and more park rangers.
- It is clean, free of trash and has garbage cans.
- People are having fun, and I see my friends.
- People are friendly and respectful of each other.
- There is diversity, different ages and backgrounds using the park.
- There are community activities for me and my family to do together.
- There is a separate area for dogs for people who can't touch dogs or don't like them.
- There are many amenities to accommodate, ADA accessible features.
- Intentional community design amphitheater?
- There are amenities like shaded seating, water fountains, sports fields, place to picnic, clean restrooms, and trees.
- There is a welcoming, clear entrance and eyes on the park.

WHEN I GO TO MILL PARK, I WANT TO...

Answers included:

- Use a grass field to play sports like volleyball, handball, kickball, soccer, and baseball.
- Keep valuable trees
- Use restrooms, water fountain.
- Find many areas to relax, picnic, and shady seating areas.
- Be in the presence of nature, find an oasis to eat lunch
- Have a place for kids to play (especially younger kids), splash pad, sit on swings, walk my dog, walking path fenced dog area, community garden, and picnic.
- Participate in community events like concerts, movies, etc.
- Have more safety features like lights at entrances, motion sensors
- Space to exercise
- Have a cultural/community center

- See a vending space for small produce farmers to have a market
- Elevation vantage point

WHAT NEARBY PARKS AND SCHOOLS DO YOU VISIT?

- Lincoln Park:
 - o Walk, jog
 - Lots of shade is nice need at Mill
- Midland Park:
 - Was fenced off during COVID/ice storm
- Mill Park:
 - Picnic with friends and family
 - Need water play, performance space, BBQ area
- Swimming is missing nearby
- Community Center use for fitness, basketball, and pool
- Some parks don't have restrooms or water fountains.
- Need fitness areas, seating areas, more trash/recycling
- Splash pad there's a lot of sun so this would be good
- Demonstration garden with signage on pollinator gardens and habitat, in addition to native plants and community garden
- Would like to see picnic facilities, sport area, picnic area, BBQ station/food carts, shady area of trees
- Important to keep access to Mill Park school basketball as it is only one in area
- Small pond with water feature nice to see
- Volleyball, Chin-lone, frisbee golf, flower garden, fish pond, off-leash dog area, need parking
- Need climbing elements
- Natural sloping area for watching sports and activities
- Mile markers on the looped path
- Run at Floyd Light, play basketball at Mill, excited to see native plans at Mill

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

- Where will bike parking be?
- Will there be parking lot / free parking?
- Street parking fills up many nights
- Updated entrance big bonus
- Food ice cream truck!
- Liked/desired:
 - o Basketball
 - Open field for volleyball/soccer
 - o Entertainment spot (open area), BBQ, picnic tables
 - o Fish water fountain that you can make wishes at
 - Place for community + fundraising
 - Keep as much canopy as possible
 - Peaceful

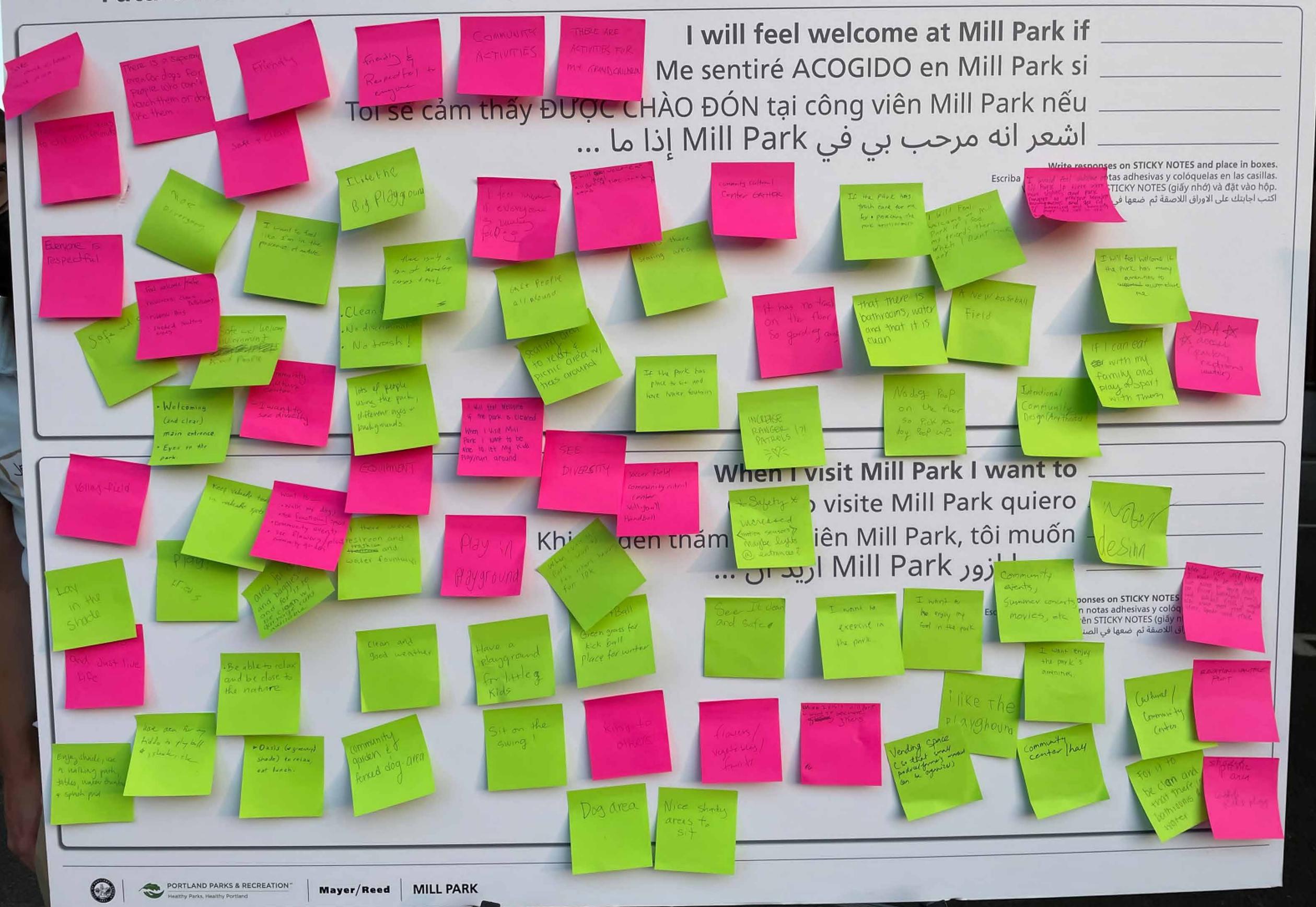
- Soccer fields + basketball
- Climbing play equipment and splash pad
- Destination park biggest green space around
- Park safety important how will safety happen?
- Nice soft green grass
- No trash or household rubbish at park entrance
- Splash pad, garden only useful in summer
- Chin lone yes!! (10 people said yes)
- Drinking fountains
- Parking
- Vending space maybe a space where community gardeners could sell produce
- Picnic tables, garbage, recycling bins
- Restrooms
- Everything accessible
- Flowers beds public beds with PP&R-provided flowers
- Splash pad good for cooling <u>all ages</u>
- Space for food trucks (permit reg'd?) at gathering areas
- Concern over houseless on SE 122nd parcel
- Likes splash pad near community garden
- Like subtle bowl-shaped lawn for summer movies
- Open sightlines
- Clear boundaries between school and park site
- Concern about splash pad and water use in droughts.

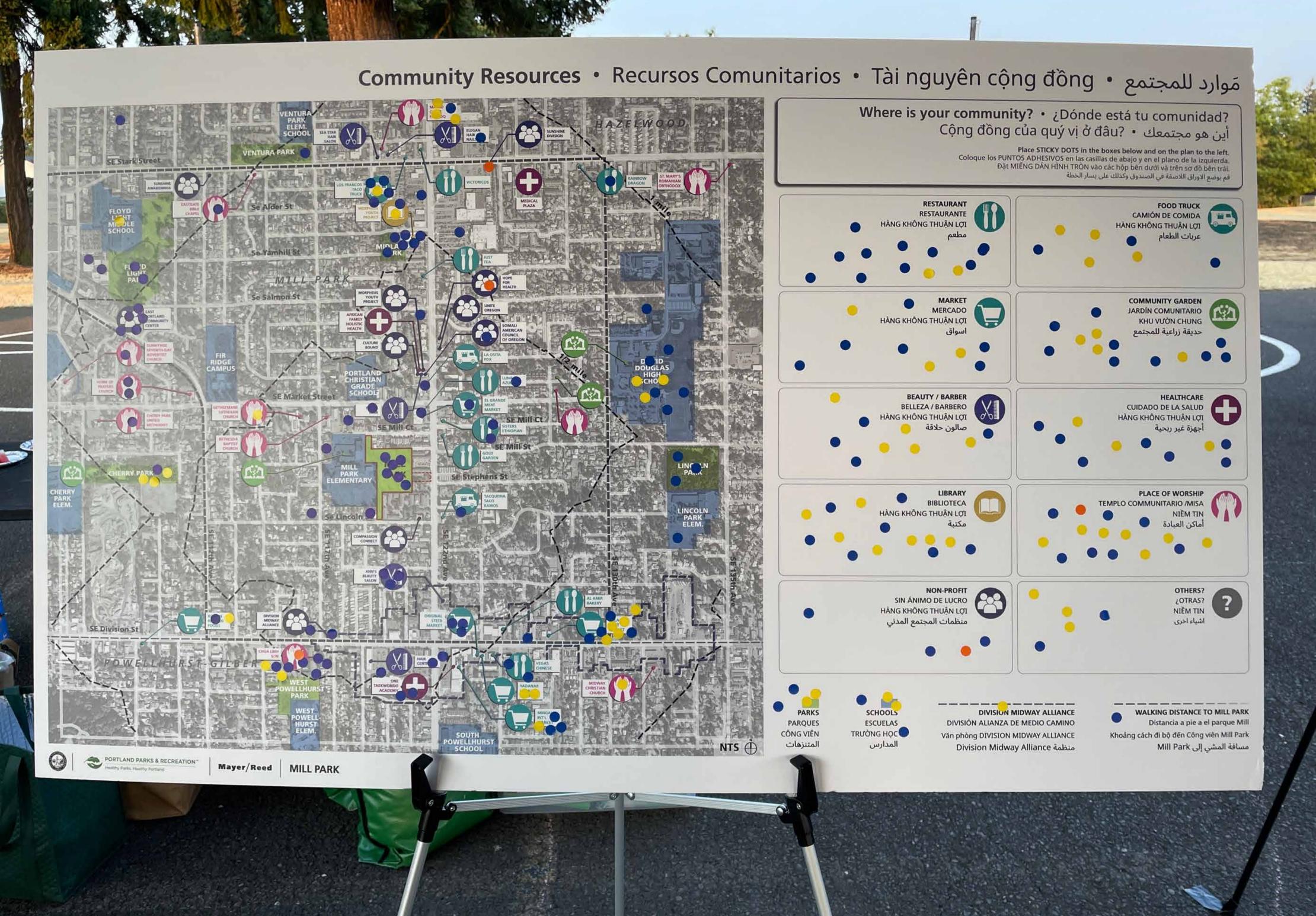
MASTER PLAN EVALUATION:

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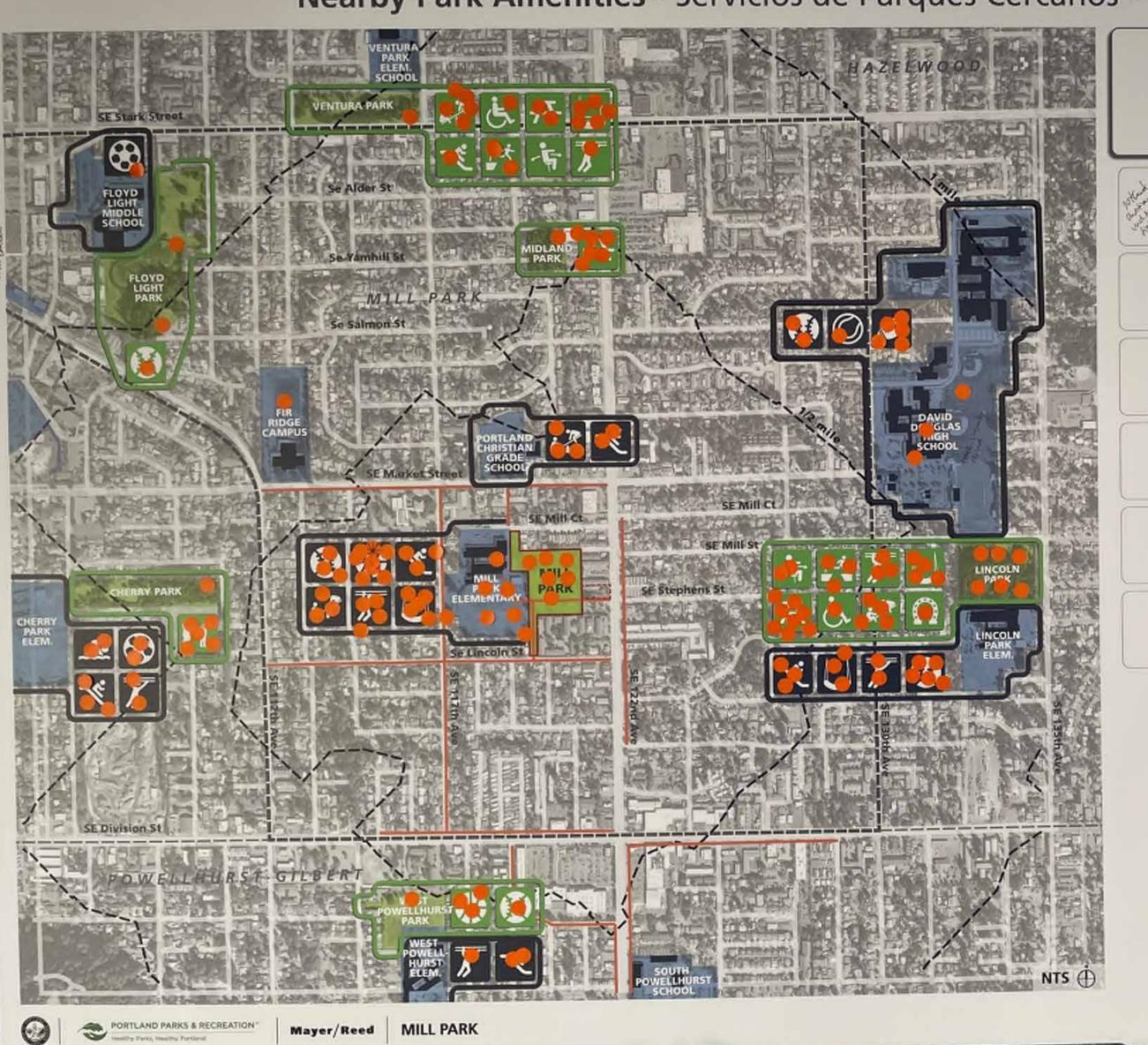
- 1. Splash pad (38 dots)
- 2. Gathering areas (37 dots)
- 3. Fitness areas (28 dots)
- 4. Native plantings (27 dots)
- 5. Community gardens (23 dots)
- 6. Soccer fields (14 dots)
- 7. Playground (10 dots)
- 8. Central lawn (4 dots)
- 9. Pathways and access (4 dots)
- 10. Art (2 dots)

Future Mill Park • Futuro Parque Mill • CÔNG VIÊN MILL TƯƠNG LAI • Mill Park مستقبل





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EXISTING AMENITY

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EXISTING AMENITY (LIMITED ACCESS)

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SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS **RUTAS SEGURAS A LAS ESCUELAS**

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PARKS PARQUES CÔNG VIÊN المتنزهات

SCHOOLS **ESCUELAS** TRƯỜNG HỌC

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WALKING DISTANCE TO MILL PARK

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QUESTIONS: FROM PARTICIPANTS:

WHERE WILL BIKE PARKING BE ?

STREET PARKING FICES UP MANY NIGHTS

A UPPATED ENTRANCE
BONUS
2K? BILD BONUS WILL THERE BE A PARKING LOT / FREE PARKING?

-00 WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SEE AT THE PARK?

ICE CREAM TRUCK!

LIKED/DESIRED

B-BALL

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ENTERTAINMENT SPOT + BRQ + PICNIC TABLES DPEN AREA

FISH WATERFOUNTAIN- THAT YOU CAN MAKE WISHES AT

PARK SAFETY. IMPORTANT HOW WILL SAFETY HAPPEN!

NICE SOFT green grass! PLACE FOR COMMUNITY + FUNDRAISING

KEEP AS MUCH CANOPY AS POSSIBLE * PERCEFUL

SOCCER FIELDS + BASKETBALL CLIMBING PLAY EQUIP + SPLASH PAIS

DESTINATION PARK-BIGGST GREEN 3PACE AROUNIS

* Please don't leave/unload trash or household rubinish at parx entrance !!! *





- · SPLASH PAD, GARDEN ONLY USEFUL IN SUMMER
- ·CHIN LONE TES! HH THK
 - · DRINKING FOUNTAINS

 - · Vending Space [May even be a space where growers from community garden

 Oichir + 11 PARKING

 - * picnic tables

garboage, recycling bins

- · FLOWER BEDS PUBLIC BEDS N | PPR-PROVIDED FLOWERS * Everything ADA accessible
 - O SPLASH PAD GOOD FOR COOLING ALL AGES
 - · GPACE FOR FOOD TRUCKS C GATHERING APEAS
 - · CONCERN OVER HOMELESS IN SE 12200 PARCEL
 - · LIKES GPLASH PAD NEAR COMM. GARDEN
 - OLIKES SUBTLE- SHAPED LAWIN FOR SUMMER MONIES
 - O OPEN SIGHT LINES
 - · CLEAR BOUNDARKES B/N SCHOOL ? PARK SITE
 - · CONCERN ABOUT GPLASH PAN + HED USE IN DROUGHTS.