



North Portland Aquatic Center: Phase 2 / Cycle 2 Community Gathering Summary – August 21, 2025

A Community Gathering was held on Thursday, August 21, 2025 at Roosevelt High School as part of the second cycle of engagement for the North Portland Aquatic Center (NPAC) design process. The purpose of this engagement was to present the design options, hear input on preferences, and gather info on which design is most preferred to most forward.

Outreach for the Community Gathering included invites to the 5,500 email newsletter subscribers; a postcard mailing to 4,000 households; yard signs in the park and in front of other N/NE Portland community centers and pools; information on the project webpage; and other targeted outreach. Community Engagement Liaisons were hired to directly outreach and invite Spanish speakers. About 90 people attended the community gathering, with about 1/3 participating in the Spanish breakout group.

The Community Gathering began with an open house with boards displaying the designs and background information, while community enjoyed food. There was a presentation of the design options, followed by small group discussions facilitated by PP&R staff and design team members. The Spanish speaking group met in a separate space to have a presentation and discussions in Spanish. At the end of the event, a live online poll in English and Spanish was shared via QR code and links for the community to rank the designs in order of preference.

This report contains the results of the live poll, as well as notes from the small group discussions. Attendees were also directed to take the online survey, available in English and Spanish.

The Community Gathering was part of a larger engagement effort in August 2025 that also included:

- 8/18/25: NPAC Project Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting
- 8/19/25: Focus Groups with Priority Communities
- 8/21 – 9/4/25: Online Survey in English and Spanish
- 8/23/25: Display at Kidz Outside Festival at George Park
- Portland Public School staff meeting
- Technical Advisory Committee review (a group of PP&R staff who will maintain and program the future NPAC and park amenities).

All input received in this cycle of engagement will be used to further the final design for the North Portland Aquatic Center, and the next round of engagement for the preferred design concept will occur in early 2026. Summaries of all engagement to date can be found online at portland.gov/parks/NPAC.

Heart of the Park

Site Plan



Site Design

- Parking lot to the east with access from Fessenden
- Minimal number of trees removed
- Small parking lot replaces tennis courts
- Service access from Geneva

Outdoor Amenities

- Plaza as buffer between building and parking lot
- Splash Pad visible from community spaces and Open Lawn
- Accommodates 9V9 U12 soccer field



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Meet Me at Geneva

Site Plan



Site Design

- Parking to the south with all access from Geneva
- Minimal number of trees removed
- Open Lawn adjacent to Clarendon
- Linear Plaza connecting all elements
- Small parking lot replaces tennis courts

Outdoor Amenities

- Pavilion near Fessenden
- Splashpad separated from building and Pavilion
- Accommodates 9V9 U12 soccer field



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Beacon in the Park

Site Plan



- GENERAL LEGEND / LEYENDA GENERAL**
- LIMIT OF WORK
 - SANITARY SEWAGE LINE
 - CONTOUR LINE - SET INTERNAL
 - CONTOUR LINE - 1FT INTERNAL
 - LOOP PATH
 - PROPOSED TREE (S1)
 - EXISTING TREE TO REMAIN
 - SPECIAL VALUE TREE
 - ⊗ EXISTING TREE TO BE REMOVED
 - BIKE RACKS / BICICLETAS - 34
 - EXISTING PATH
 - PROPOSED PATH
 - TREES TO BE REMOVED / ARBOLAS A QUITAR
 - OPEN RECREATION LAWN AREA /

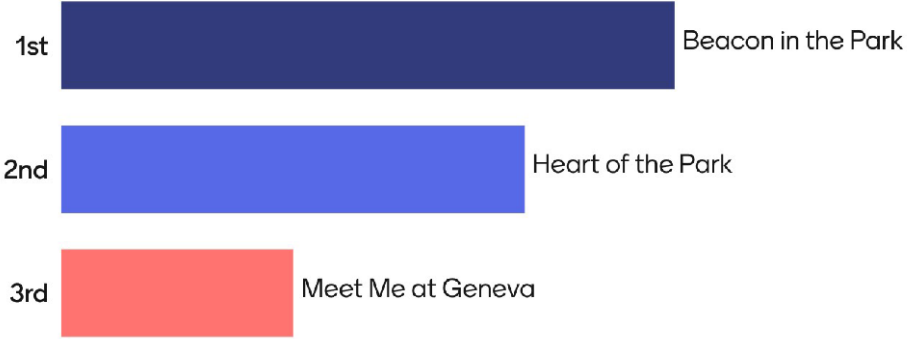
- ### Site Design
- Building nearest to Fessenden
 - Parking lot to the east with access from Fessenden
 - Smallest site development area
 - Service access from Geneva

- ### Outdoor Amenities
- L-shaped Plaza with Pavilion and Splash Pad
 - Compact and efficient layout
 - Largest Open Lawn accommodates HS soccer field

English Live Poll (38 participants)



Rank your choice in order of preference.



Clasifique las opciones por orden de su preferencia.



Small Group Discussions

In the small group discussion, participants were asked to evaluate the design options using a scorecard to evaluate the designs based on the following four major categories. These categories came from community priorities identified previously in past rounds of community engagement.

Scorecard Categories and Descriptions:

1. Site Design:

- Supports accessible and safe circulation by all transportation options (cars, bus, walking, biking, etc.)
- Complements the surrounding neighborhood
- Minimizes impact to trees
- Preserves open recreation spaces

2. Outdoor Amenities

- Creates a welcoming plaza and splash pad experience
- Locates community pavilion with good visibility and accessibility for multiple uses
- Supports a variety of gathering and recreation spaces
- Locates park amenities to be visible and feel safe
- Separates recreation spaces safely from vehicle areas
- Support simultaneous use of recreation spaces and pavilion performances with minimal disruption

3. Building Exterior Design

- Creates a distinctive building design that enhances the park and neighborhood in a compelling way
- Creates a welcoming and safe experience for all users
- Integrates well into the park
- Provides striking and exciting views into the pools and community spaces
- Creates an inviting and highly visible main entrance
- Stands out as a North Portland landmark

4. Building Interior Layout

- Provides views to the outside from the recreation pool and community spaces
- Supports spectator seating with clear sightlines
- Creates clear internal layout and flow
- Supports safe and welcoming changing rooms
- Locates community rooms to be enjoyable for multiple uses

As shown by the live poll results, Beacon the Park and Heart of the Park were most strongly favored by attendees. People appreciated that Beacon in the Park has a strong exterior design that would be a landmark, preservation of the tennis courts, and ensuring open lawn/sports fields are as large as possible. Heart of the Park was also favored for its overall layout of the building and park amenities, plus it impacts less trees than Beacon. There were concerns about access to Meet Me at Geneva.

Combined English Breakout Discussion Notes

Table 1 Notes

Robin (City) – Facilitator, Patrick (City) introducing, Mira (P&W) taking notes

HOTP = Heart of the Park, MMAG = Meet Me at Geneva, BITP = Beacon in the Park

Comments:

- City funding issue was voiced as a concern. Robin explained the funding background for funding this project. Commissioner Dan Ryan allocated the funds for the project. Earmarked funds for new facilities only.
- Robin asked which of options has a better circulation path, feels more welcoming, parking at the building, access to the front door?
- Traffic flow preferred off Fessenden. Geneva will be an issue if used, especially with parking on both sides. Little parking lot is OK, but main parking lot access will not be well received.
- PBOT lighted beacon at Berkeley would be good to allow crossing safety. Families are now in the area, walking, biking to the park rather than driving.
- Heart of the Park parking is the best one.
- HOTP design separates the road from the park/lawn for safety for kids and dogs. Safety is ore important than a full-size soccer field.
- HOTP design keeps the tree canopy.
- Estimated completion date is 2029.
- Tree removal is concerning.
- BITP design trees removal and the design so close to the road is a problem, does not feel right for the community.
- Four participants commented in support of keeping the tennis courts as they are used.

- BOTP likes the look of the building with the corner element and the slide.
- Street racing on Fessenden is a concern, concern about cars going into the building, need barrier protection.
- Main parking lot will suffice, do not need more parking at the tennis courts
- Existing roundabout will remain. Bus stops will be relocated closer to the front door. Raised pedestrian table is being considered for traffic calming and safety.
- Question on orientation of pools – redesign has the pools paired to reduce piping runs and costs, also to simplify lifeguarding for operations and safety.
- BITP preserves the newer pathway just laid in the park, likes this aspect
- Soccer field usage? Rugby field will no longer fit on the site, it will be located elsewhere to delta Park.
- HOTP and BITP preferred because the rec pool area is more open, better for play, not hidden by the lazy river.
- First responders engaged in design? Yes, they have asked for multiple points of entry to the facility. Beacon boxes, first responder antennae in the facility. Charles Jordan facility will continue to operate.
- Learning to swim is important to community members. Increasing swim lesson access to community members was mentioned, felt like a lottery to get in swim lessons, hopefully this center allows better access
- Building Design comments:
 - Is landmark and architecture important? YES. BITP has that presence/sight. Will be prominent along Fessenden, as there are no other buildings of its size and type along the street. Welcome a new landmark building on the site, regardless of which building is chosen.
 - Function is important over the look and aesthetics. Strongly leaning to HOTP for the functional design.
 - Trees are important. Keep the trees and have the facility on the other side of the trees.
 - Process has been somewhat involving the community in earlier process. That process did not talk much about Northgate back then, the community did not get feedback on why Northgate was chosen, especially since the other site was chosen by the advisory committee? Robin: Commissioners ultimately decided on the site, choosing Northgate due to proximity to Roosevelt HS, bikeable and walkable by the community in North Portland. Strong partnerships with local schools.
 - What is the current estimated cost and how short is the budget? Robin: Currently tracking on the budget and keeping track of square footage. \$50M budget at completion is the current budget. Refer to city website for most current information.
- Favorite concept around the table:
 1. BITP – look, amenities on the outside, access from Fessenden, like pool design, entry is open with MP room right there, likes the design.
 2. BITP – responds well to access concerns, preserves tennis courts, largest soccer field to accommodate HS, but loss of trees is a concern, design team please look at tree preservation and landscape to address tree loss on Fessenden. More compact, more efficient, better use of space, less walls used.
 3. HOTP – save the trees
 4. HOTP – likes BITP look, but prefers second floor space over the comp pool.
 5. Likes BITP, but protecting the environment is what he does, loss of trees is the issue. HOTP is preferred. Gated entrance to parking lot? Parking lot is trouble at night, gating will help keep is secure and prevent unwanted activity. Preserving tennis courts is key.
- Salt water pool? No, chlorine-based pool with filters.
- Next steps? Select one design, work on that design solution, come back this fall with a refined solution.

Table 2 Notes

Facilitator: Maija Spencer, Note taker: Jeramie Shane (Mayer/Reed)

Introductions

Overall questions:

Who will be able to use the comp pool?

Lap swimming, swim teams, set schedules, difference is depth and temp - comp pool is cooler

Used to lap swim at Columbia pool – hard to find time for public access schedules

Heart of the Park

Site design outdoor amenities

Rarely see use at tennis courts

Parks did a tennis court assessment - prioritizing courts at Columbia Park, sometimes courts can get repurposed for other uses

If kept, would they be refurbished? Not with this project, possible future new use, not a priority for renovating for tennis.

Sad to turn courts into 3rd parking lot

A lot of side street driving happening on Geneva

Does the project require 110 parking spaces?

PBOT study was performed to determine #

Future street parking removal on Fessenden - parking lot helps to replace

Good to add parking - not enough currently and it's a constant issue

Fessenden / Geneva Street parking can be hard, broken glass

Competitive swimming entrance for everyone?

Only one design had the deep pool

Prefer the deep pool for flexibility

Feedback from Clarendon School? Yes, School staff member on advisory committee

Biggest concern buffer and safe route to school

Lower number of trees removed

No changes to playground

Second floor viewing area? How many people / spectators, would like as many as possible (need to look into) provide as much as possible, spectator seating with an overhang feels strange with low overhead over pool - avoid

Would be useful to mockup - 3d models to be able to help visualize

Most interesting landscape

Replacing tennis courts may not be a priority

Nice at SE corner - no traffic

SW Corner existing conifers are important

Likes the slide outside / visible

Tennis court parking lot not liked by all at table

Building design

Good visibility with building close to Fessenden

Building design may not be best, but the layout of the park.

Like possible solar on roof

Meet Me at Geneva

Site design

Main parking should be accessible by Fessenden
Lots of cars / traffic on Geneva
Open space less / open and doesn't feel as connected
Views inside out into the park would be nice
Pool views are of the parking lot and the street - not great
The main entry to the pool feels less accessible
Least favorite for parking lot
Comp spectator does not have elevated section
Multiple levels need elevator – logistics of access
Rentable rooms?
For community events, birthday parties
Would they be better closer to rec pool?
Will lifeguards / staff have separate locker areas? Would be good to separate from public
How will lockers / shower spaces work?
Interior hallway feels dark, no natural light
This table is not a fan of Meet me at Geneva

Beacon in The Park

Parking concentrated in one location
Building has best presence
Like the building shape
Site organization feels good
Like for the most open space
Close to Fessenden less trees but has more light and visibility
Good in / out connection
Closer to bus stops
Like deeper pool
Favorite of the 3.
Tree removal - nuisance trees are ok.
Disrupts the west path the least.
What is the construction timeline?
Service area -Back side of the pool, maintenance access less active side

Table 3 Notes - Jeanna

Heart of the Park

- Only lobby that looks into the pool which people like
- Existing parking lot remaining is good (less traffic on Geneva), minimal tree disruption is good
- Splash pad *want a REAL one, meaning not just a jet
- Pavilion *so we can host live music, plays. Do not want tables under it like a picnic pavilion
- Noticed that tennis courts are being removed - not necessarily a huge loss but used a little for pickleball, could be disappointing to some
- Desire for natural light, will the vertical slats let in light?
- Admin space using up the space next to the lobby seems like a potential waste of proximity, would be better for party rooms or multipurpose
- Pool coming out of building is cool

Meet Me at Geneva

- Don't like parking off Geneva (resident who made comment lives off Geneva)
 - Supported by resident that lives on Exeter
- Field being larger is good for adult teams
- Walking distance from lobby to women's locker room is good
- Pavilion being (geographically) removed from everything is good - multiple events could happen at the same time, pavilion could be a more "serious" place
- Building feels more massive, like a blob, no striking feature. Has been done a thousand times.
- Slide not being apparent/in-out is no fun. Doesn't look like an aquatics building.

Beacon in the Park

- Most green space, which is good
- Foresees congestion at the entry/exit to traffic on Fessenden, since they are one and the same
**we note that this condition is the same in each, we should note either some signage or create an in and out to the parking.
- Keeps the most number of activities (i.e. tennis), which is good. Notes that tennis courts can be used for rollerblading, learning to hit baseballs, etc. and would like to keep it.
- Removing the nuisance trees would be good!! People who live there say their gutters flood and that's it's a huge pain
- Like that the design allows for the exterior to see inside and see the slide, really would feel like an aquatics building
- Question about bike paths and the importance of where these lead, people liked that we have a lot of bike racks planned
- Existing walking path in the perimeter of the park being retained is good
- Pavilion should be moved to South-East of the green space, and be more separate from the building like in Option 2
 - For performances, might need a service access/road to bring equipment?
- Like that this has the least amount of hard space.
- Public rentable spaces being off the lobby is good

FAVORITES, per person:

- HEART OF THE PARK - roundabout, parking locations (next to pavilion), likes location of pavilion. But prefers exterior look of Beacon the most.
- M: Beacon, likes the way it looks, corner feature with the slide. Likes larger grass area, but would want to move the pavilion.
- C, likes Beacon. Most opportunity for recreation for everyone. Likes meeting spaces on lower level. Change: location of pavilion and have the lobby give onto the pool.

- K: Beacon and Heart but leaning towards Beacon. It has the outdoor amenities, sf of space, keeps tennis courts (could be flexible), pavilion location should be moved away from building. Would like a roundabout in the new parking. Slide going outside is preferred. Would like a diving board.
- B: Beacon, invites you from outside in, gets you excited just walking by. See it's a pool. As a cyclist, wants bike racks to not be an afterthought, should be right out front and covered. Site design has the most flexibility and green space.
- A: Heart of the park, likes the thought of south-facing windows in the comp pool. Multiple access routes to get there (West and Fessenden). Don't like the long women's locker hallway. Don't like that the impressive feature (the triangle) is for the cars, not for the lobby or the pedestrians.
- C: Heart of the Park, and Beacon.

Table 4 Notes:

- Heart of the Park
 - Commentary about the Second Floor. Preferred the second floor and would like to see that on other options.
 - Like the elevator to the second floor for accessibility. Concerns with reliability.
 - Birds eye view of second floor seating provides most accessible view for those with disabilities.
 - The rentable spaces are removed from the lobby. This was considered a negative.
 - Second floor allows families with young children to stay off the pool deck and ensure small children and not falling into the pool.
 - Desire for direct access from second story to deck. Presents a control issue.
 - Wish List Item: An accessible way to access the water slide for persons with disabilities or elderly.
 - Too much is going on off Geneva.
 - There is no parking adjacent to competition entry.
 - Getting buses in and out of Geneva will be a challenge.
 - Don't like the main parking in the corner that feels removed from the park. It will become parking for the neighborhood.
 - Concerns with street parking on Geneva and ability to still use the street.
 - Small parking lot in the southeast corner is good for the pavilion.
 - Would prefer the larger soccer field of Beacon in the Park.
 - Like the view of the pavilion from the end of the field. Would like to see this on other options.
 - Inflexible green space is higher in this option. People may walk through these but will not stay in them.
 - Use a landscape device to divert kids coming from the academy away from the parking lot.
 - Like the outside slide.
- Meet Me At Geneva
 - There is a concern with visibility of the pools from the street. There is a desire to raise the windows or frost the windows at ground level to prevent people from looking in.
 - Parking access off Geneva is no-go

- Disservice to neighborhood.
 - Long walk from parking lot to main entrance
- Clarendon Academy does not like kids walking through a parking lot to get to the pool. This option provides a good solution to that.
- Like the layout of Pavilion and Splashpad. People can see the pavilion from the splash pad.
- Like the exterior look better than heart of the park
 - Like the pitched roof.
 - Beacon also provides a pitched roof.
- Like that you can see through the building.
- Like the split between the service and public spaces.
- Beacon In The Park
 - Trees that are removed are nuisance trees. Not an issue.
 - Like to bring a high quality architecture to the neighborhood and see it from the street.
 - Add parking where the tennis courts are located for access to the park.
 - Like the solar potential
 - Like the peak in the NW corner.
 - Like the access to the space. Like that only service vehicles use Geneva.
 - Would like to put the pavilion on the end of the field like Heart of the Park.
 - Do not like the location of the splash pad in relation to the pavilion. Other options allow view of the splashpad and the pavilion simultaneously.
 - Bigger splash pad, similar to Heart of the Park.
 - Would prefer the layout of the amenities of Heart of the Park in this option.
 - Would prefer the second story spectator seating.
 - There is a concern with visibility of the pools from the street. There is a desire to raise the windows or frost the windows at ground level to prevent people from looking in.
 - Like the way the lifeguard spaces are situated adjacent to the pool with clear views.
 - Like that the rentable spaces open to the lobby, and the lobby is big. Provides a lot of flexibility.
 - Like the second hallway off the lobby for improved circulation.
 - The lobby design is a big positive for this option.
 - Would like to add a second floor mezzanine that opens to the lobby and the pool. A second floor view of the lobby could be very positive for art exhibits.
 - Like the path from the academy to the aquatic center that avoids the parking lot.

Table 5 Notes

Below are notes from our small group discussion led by Jennifer. Our group consisted of several neighbors to the park, two high school swimmers, a PPS swim coach, and several other interested members of the community.

Overall comments

- Some concern about whether all features of the proposed design would actually get built (mainly the community pavilion)

- Concern about noise and light pollution from the building and parking lot and how that will impact the neighbors.
- Existing field gets used a lot by the community for pickup soccer and rugby games.
 - It was noted that there are several other parks and fields nearby that could be used for games
- Existing tennis courts do not get used
- Existing splash pad and picnic shelter get very little use
- One person brought up the idea of incorporating art into the natatorium (adding fun tile to the bottom of the pool or art on the ceiling for swimmers to enjoy while swimming laps)
- There was some discussion about whether it's better for spectators to be parallel or perpendicular to the direction of the swimmers, both options have pros and cons
- There were many references and comparisons to Dishman pool. Many of the participants currently swim there and mentioned issues about glare in the evening, power outage, very little parking, and no place for buses to drop off or park.

Heart of the Park

- Some concern about school buses coming down Geneva for drop off (narrow street)
- A few people felt the open lawn space was too small
- 1 person did not like the idea of seeing the parking lot from Fessenden (felt there should be more park space along the street frontage).
 - Others in the group disagreed and felt it was better to have parking closer to the busy street.
- A few people didn't like the 2nd story spectator area, they have had bad experiences at other pools where it is very hot and stuffy at the 2nd story space.
 - Others disagreed and felt elevated seating could provide better views of the pool.

Meet Me at Geneva

- Most people did not like the idea of having the parking lot off of Geneva, very concerned about the amount of traffic on a small residential street and how it would impact the residents on Geneva.
- Liked the connection of the plaza space to the existing playground.
- Talked about the possibility of taking your kid to swim lessons and then going over to the playground after.

Beacon in the Park

- A few people expressed that they preferred this option because it had parking off of Geneva and was only 1 story
 - Some concern about splash pad being too close to the parking lot
- Liked that this option allowed for the largest open lawn space

Table 7 Notes: (This table included a lot of Columbia Pool/Park residents)

1. Conversation where someone was saying community wanted the pool sited at Columbia Park.
2. Quick chat about trees at the site.

Moved to Table 6 (this table was filled with people that live in the immediate neighborhood)

Facilitator offered that community could choose the building options and mix and match with site options.

Heart of the Park:

1. Conversation starts about bus and bike access of the different site options.
2. Rugby came up as a topic, community seemed interested in preserving their access.
3. Parking came up next, why do we need 110...facilitator explained. Also shared ADA requirements, required bike parking (68).
4. School/team bus access (for tournaments etc.) was discussed.
5. The two-story design seemed to excite the group, space for birthday parties, etc.
6. Kids were pumped about the slide!
7. Parents excited about the locker room usage for gen pop when no competitions are going on.
8. Happy that this design saves more trees compared to others.
9. Conversation about parking lot entrance, concerns because it's already stressful to drive on that street. Getting a traffic light and crosswalk near parking entrance was received well.
10. Questions about whether the bike lanes would be "protected."
11. Questions about whether sunroof and windows between site options.
12. Again, more support to retain rugby.
13. Liked that the slide goes outside the building.

Meet me at Geneva:

1. Parking focused questions again.
2. Questions about this design removing the current field with a new one, and what the differences would be.
3. Some confusion that the splashpad would be near the parking lot.
4. Questions and confirmation that the current playground, restrooms, and splashpads will remain.
5. Real concerns about the roundabout for the 17-spot parking area near the tennis court. They say that area is challenging to drive around now.
6. Concerned about lack of visual sight lines from the parking lot to splashpad.
7. Happy about the three dividing walls.
8. Liked that the bleachers would be permanent as opposed to movable.
9. Comments about wanting an "epic" entrance and that this option seems like it is only visible from the parking lot.
10. Request for navigable 3d visuals on website.

Beacon in the Park:

1. Felt like the pavilion location was oddly placed.
2. Appreciated the pavilion's cover for rainy days.
3. Concerned about trees being removed.
4. Seemed like there was agreement that the table liked how this building looked the best.
5. Liked the parking design of this option and preserving the tennis courts.
6. Trees are getting mixed opinions, some want them preserved, others think they've "had a good run."
7. They talked about a "crash house." Apparently, there's a home in the area that gets hit by cars a lot. This brought up more advocacy for trees that could provide a barrier from cars hitting the aquatic center.

Notes from Spanish breakout groups:

Paul Riek:

- Needs to be accessible/affordable
 - The park is free right now.
 - Keep fees to minimum.
 - Also keep walking distance to the entrance to a minimum.
- Remove the least number of trees possible. Remember that neighbors currently walk through the park.
 - Children walk along the North edge to get to Clarendon.
 - Neighbors walk along the South edge.
 - People walk their dogs.
- There should be swimming classes for those who don't know how to swim.
- Need enough seating outside for community gatherings.

Victor:

- *El Corazón del Parque* (Heart of the Park) provides a good safety buffer for children.
- Concern about the potential removal of trees.
- Desire for an indoor slide.
- Interest in adding a remolino (whirlpool) within swimming areas, similar to Clackamas.
- Strong emphasis to install speed bumps in areas with anticipated high traffic and pedestrian activity.
- Request for toboggan slides for both adults and children.
- Desire for a diving board.
- Interest in waves area.
- Interest in a river float experience.
- Interest in outdoor gathering and seating area.
- Question: "Will the pavilion be open?"
- Enclosed outdoor area to allow monitoring of children inside.
- Need for a large room suitable for family festivities.
- Preference for a pavilion located near parking.
- Strong emphasis on safety as a priority.
- Desire for multi-generational exercise equipment.
- Preference for the main road entrance as the primary access point.
- More defined greenspace area.
- Someone in the group liked the pitched roof of the Geneva concept and said it would be good for wind flow.
- The second-story bleacher area is not necessary and could be repurposed for other uses.

Overall, my takeaway from this group was that safety for the pool area is a top priority. Folks wanted to preserve as many trees as possible while also maintaining as much open space in the park as possible. Some nearby residents expressed concern about traffic piling up on Geneva Avenue. Participants were also interested in incorporating equipment or opportunities that allow them to engage with their kids, as well as use independently if they don't have children or family.

Max Katz:

Design

- Debated the tradeoff between tree impacts and the resultant additional recreation space
- Expressed a desire for a formalized soccer field to support pick-up games
- Participants were excited and drawn to the massing and windows of “Beacon.” In particular, the view along Fessenden. Someone said the shed roof style of “Geneva” reminded them of a bodega, which was bland and not exciting.
- Participants were drawn to the organic park pathways and layout, with a variety of spaces to recreate, have parties, and take the whole family.
- Erika, also a member of the project PAC, was a competition swimmer in Mexico. She advocated for ability to set up swim lanes with longer stretches in the perpendicular orientation. She mentioned that the closest 50-meter pool is Tualatin Hills, a far distance from N Portland.

Access

- Much discussion on financial access – questions around entry fees and cost of programming such as swim lessons. Participants were worried that they were helping to plan this beautiful facility but would not be able to afford going there.
 - Recommend PP&R understand the economic model more to hopefully provide more information on this topic at the next engagement.
- One participant highlighted that the PP&R online platform for scheduling lessons was hard to navigate, with the added difficulty of the language barrier. Advocated for additional Spanish language access in the booking, programming, and recreation website materials.

The Spanish group also completed their design score card and rated the design based on four categories (Site Design, Outdoor Amenities, Building Exterior Design, and Building Interior Design) as well as rating the designs overall. Below is a table showing the results.

| | Heart of the Park | Meet Me at Geneva | Beacon in the Park |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Site Design | 19 | 5 | 3 |
| Outdoor Amenities | 12 | 8 | 6 |
| Building Exterior Design | 15 | 6 | 6 |
| Building Interior Design | 16 | 4 | 6 |
| 1st Choice | | | |
| | 16 | 5 | 6 |
| 2nd Choice | | | |
| | 7 | 15 | 1 |
| 3rd Choice | | | |
| | 2 | 3 | 18 |
| | 59% | 19% | 22% |

Comments

Try to save as many trees that can be.