

Tualatin Valley Water District



Ridgewood View Park Reservoir & Pump Project

Open House Summary & Comment Card Summary

March 13, 2013

6:00-7:30 pm

Meeting Overview

15 people signed in and 11 comment cards were collected, 3 people filled out an online comment card.

Mike Britch (TVWD) gave a presentation providing an overview of the project aimed at bringing those who had not attended previous open houses up to speed, explaining why reservoir replacement is needed, describing the options considered and the criteria used to evaluate them, and reviewing the proposed preferred option.

Ben Johnson (GreenWorks) took over and presented the two park concept plans.

Questions and comments from the audience included:

- Don't need another community garden in this neighborhood. There is one at Ridgewood Park and people leave the extra vegetation in a pile there and it doesn't look good. Staff commented that there is a need in the district for more gardens and the idea had been suggested in an earlier neighborhood meeting so that is why we proposed one here.
- The park is used as an informal dog park so that's what should go in there. Most said they didn't want an officially designated dog run or off-leash area. They like the informal nature of how it is now and don't want people coming from all over to use it.
- They like the rain garden idea to mask the tall wall of the reservoir.
- What is the cistern and pump for? Staff explained it was for garden use and another way to use the runoff in a sustainable way.
- What will the pump station look like? It hasn't been designed yet but will look nice. Staff explained that the architects will use materials, textures and colors that will be aesthetically pleasing. Screening will be looked at as well. It won't look like a house but much better than a plain cinder block structure. There will probably be a decorative "wrought iron" looking fence in front of pump station to keep it from becoming a graffiti tagging spot.
- How loud will the pump station be? The acoustic engineers will work on this and since it is tucked to the far west and next to the freeway, the noise probably won't be noticed.
- Will you put lights on the structures? Not sure. They would have to follow all codes etc. for lighting. Neighbors said the new light ODOT put in for 217 has really lit up the park and someone could probably play tennis at night if they wanted to.

- Like the trees for shade. Keep the trees on the south side of the open area.
- Provide an additional pedestrian access off Meade St. There is a THPRD sign there and apparently there was access at one point in time, but it has all grown over. This will bring the total entrances to the park to 3 so not just one entrance gets the most use.
- Is a porta potty required? Don't put one in. Staff noted that there is one there now and commented that it could be screened and be put in seasonally.
- Playground on Concept A and the paving configuration on Concept B were suggested as a good combination.
- Consider designing the end of the hammerhead into a seating view point using different pavement type. Add more benches or rocks to sit on at west edge of park for views.
- Only one person actually said yes to Bocce Ball. Most were non-committal and didn't seem interested in it.
- Covered picnic area is good. Maybe make it larger? One of the neighbors does a benefit BBQ for the Humane Society at the park.
- No parking. It is a neighborhood park and not a destination park. The parking as designed can't be seen from Ardenwood Street so may become a security issue. Maybe just do a turnaround for drop off / pick up. Or some other option that might be less "hidden" from the road. In the summer there have been some unsavory activities in the existing parking area.
- Place some buffer plantings between the park uses and the maintenance road, especially in front of the pump station.
- Yes to tennis courts.
- Consider a wall ball area. Staff mentioned the temporary wall balls that anchor to the fence and can be removed if issues like graffiti arise.
- Is it possible to have interpretative signage for rain gardens?
- Like the soft surface trail loop through woods.
- Support for re-using the existing bridge.
- One person mentioned including natural boulders for seating.