

Tualatin Valley Water District



Ridgewood View Park Reservoir & Pump Project

Open House Summary & Comment Card Summary

April 18, 2013

6:00-7:30 pm

Meeting Overview

14 people signed in, 4 comment cards were collected, 1 person filled out an online comment card.

Steve Gulgren (THPRD) opened the presentation by explaining THPRD's perspective on the park. He emphasized that this is both a neighborhood park and a community asset. Some elements of the master plan are important in order for the park to serve those functions in the THPRD system.

Todd Perimon (AECOM) started the presentation by 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 used PowerPoint slides to present the updated master plan. He reviewed existing conditions at the park and reminded the group of the common uses and the nature of neighborhood parks. Ben then described how the new master plan captured the input from the last meeting. The new master plan incorporates:

- An open lawn area, rain gardens and new trees
- Play areas, bocce court and tennis courts
- Access road redesign
- Access from Meade Street
- West view seating and covered picnic area
- Buffer plantings in front of the pump station
- Circuit trail in natural area
- A seasonal, screened porta potty
- More visible parking

What we heard:

Questions and comments from the audience included:

- **Why is a porta potty included?** Vaughn responded that those who verbally expressed their dislike of a porta potty at the last meeting were balanced by written comments supporting the need for a porta potty. He explained that THPRD park planners feel that a seasonal porta potty will be important given the uses that the redeveloped park will offer. Some members of the audience agreed that a porta potty was a good idea. Pictures of THPRD screening were shown. When asked about maintenance, Steve responded that the master plan upgrades will move the

park up the maintenance rotation schedule. It will only be installed during the high use time of the year.

- **Do we need that big a play area?** Ben responded that the play area is a place holder for now. THPRD will come back to neighbors to further design the play area. For now the general location is all that is important.
- **Is it possible to expand the lawn area under the trees on the west side of the play area?** Yes.
- **Why is the Meade Street access being opened up?** Vaughn said that this was a highly supported idea coming from neighbors at the last meeting. He asked if anyone was present that lived on Meade. One person did and asked that the project visit the three homes in that area to hear any concerns they may have and to explain the nature of the access.
- **Some concerns were raised about the extent of new concrete.** The team said that while hard surface around the picnic shelter was important that minimal use of hard surface will be considered in finalizing the plan.
- **Is a bocce court necessary? Won't it attract people from outside the neighborhood to the park?** Steve said that bocce court was suggested by some neighbors. It will balance the youth and adult park use. A neighbor said that the park is not easy to find and thought that bocce court was a good idea and wouldn't create much pressure on park use.

The presentation concluded at about 7:00. Neighbors thanked the team for listening to their wants and concerns and producing a plan that satisfies what the neighborhood needs. Some neighbors stayed to talk to project staff until 7:30 pm.