PORT ORCHARD CITY PARKS PLAN

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APPENDIX – G1

General On-going
Park Survey
## PARKS SURVEY

### 1. How long have you lived in Port Orchard?

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Answered question: 74

Skipped question: 0
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we need more pet places because i often see pet owners near the children's area's and not being good about picking up or taking care of the children that are near. as we all know all pets aren't good with all people or kids.

6/11/2008 11:27 AM
More city sidewalks for safer walking
5/31/2008 6:47 PM
bike and run trails
5/30/2008 10:39 PM
The park at Jackson and Lund is TOTALLY under-developed. I wish we could enter a joint effort with a YMCA, giving them land the way the city has given land to the Kitsap Steamers Train Organization. That's a smart partnership. That park has room for more public/private ventures.
5/30/2008 1:03 PM
I have preschool age children and you really have to search around for opportunities. I do a great job of taking advantage of the opportunities, but it's work to figure out what's out there.
5/29/2008 8:53 PM
playground
5/29/2008 7:23 PM
On-Going Parks Survey

We need more sidewalks!
5/28/2008 5:48 PM

I believe in having any type of recreation program, not just park land.
5/23/2008 11:04 AM

need up to date park equipment
5/21/2008 9:56 PM

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5/21/2008 9:56 PM

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5/21/2008 9:56 PM

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5/21/2008 9:51 PM

water activities, trails, BMX,
5/20/2008 5:11 PM

I also consider "recreational" to include "educational" as well.
5/20/2008 2:54 PM

We need a Parks and Recreational Facility with various activities for all ages of our community.
5/19/2008 4:21 PM

What little equipment exists is either old and rusty or newer and broken with hazard tape around it.
5/18/2008 10:00 AM

Form is broken, cannot select more than one "No Opinion"
5/16/2008 9:08 AM

You are not able to give several categories the same ranking. This feature needs to be fixed.
5/16/2008 7:37 AM

They all really deserve a 5. I think this question was written incorrectly?
5/12/2008 10:45 PM
It seems we could use a skateboard park for the teens. A local swimming pool would be the frosting on the cake.

7/15/2008 5:26 PM
Skateboard park, but NOT DOWNTOWN!!!!!!!!!! A Public Swimming Pool!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

6/16/2008 7:54 PM
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6/16/2008 7:54 PM
we REALLY need to utilize(boardwalk,sidewalk,trail,garbagecans,rest benches) our water front city acess. you can nicely and safely walk along the silverdale and poulsbo and gig harbor waterfront.
On-Going Parks Survey

6/11/2008 11:27 AM
Lets get our budget right to maintain what we have before moving onto something else

6/5/2008 12:52 AM
paved trails for bikes, skates, strollers

6/5/2008 9:39 AM
covered play areas

5/31/2008 5:46 PM
Paved bike trails that would be conducive to walkers, bikers, skaters, and strollers. I've seen them with three lanes, two "fast" lanes--one in each direction, and then one side lane that could accommodate slower traffic in either direction. I'd like to see these trails through a park or off the "beaten path"--not on the side of a high way or street.

5/30/2008 1:03 PM
Safe and fun playgrounds, skatepark, picnic areas, etc.

5/30/2008 10:29 AM
Aquatic center, biking trails

5/30/2008 9:14 AM
Usable and SAFE playgrounds for children!! Jackson Park is a prime example of ample space wasting from neglect!!

5/29/2008 11:59 PM
Additionally we have so much waterfront here, we need to capitalize on that. My family loves to go to the beach at the Manchester dock, or to the Beach at the Marina park, or even to feed ducks off docks.

5/29/2008 8:53 PM
indoor community pool subject to monthly dues. perhaps with a swim team. upgraded playground with big toy. rock wall.

5/29/2008 1:56 PM
We would love to see a pedestrian friendly way of getting from Bethel/Cedar to Bethel/Lund. This area would be excellent for walkers and bikers, if safety was provided.

5/28/2008 5:48 PM
bicycle trains/lanes

5/28/2008 12:25 AM
Skate Park, Climbing Rocks/Walls - Playground equipment that can be utilized as exercise equipment by teens and older

5/23/2008 11:04 AM
swimming pools
On-Going Parks Survey

5/21/2008 9:56 PM
swimming pools
5/21/2008 9:56 PM
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5/21/2008 9:56 PM
swimming pools
5/21/2008 9:51 PM
pavilions, gazebos, outdoor meetings spaces
5/20/2008 5:11 PM
Cycling paths. You have "Baseball fields" listed twice.
5/20/2008 2:54 PM
open space
5/20/2008 11:51 AM
Skateboard parks...
5/20/2008 8:54 AM
We need an Aquatic center! Our Port Orchard Citizens are leaving the city to go to the YMCA in Gig Harbor. The high school does not have the type of pool facilities that Port Orchard needs.
5/19/2008 4:21 PM
There should be an emphasis on maintaining and cleaning up existing facilities. For example, the backstop and pitted grass in VanZee are far from baseball fields.
5/19/2008 8:14 AM
road shoulders for road cycling and paved cycling paths
5/16/2008 3:27 PM
alternate sports like volleyball grass courts/sand courts, lacrosse, frisbee golf, frisbee football options.
5/16/2008 9:08 AM
You need to improve/properly maintain what you currently have also
5/16/2008 7:37 AM
Bicycle/pedestrian lanes on both sides of all major arteries.
5/15/2008 10:33 PM
Covered play structures
5/13/2008 8:18 AM
Swimming
1/19/2010 4:15 PM
Swiming
6/16/2008 7:54 PM
Swiming
6/16/2008 7:54 PM
both walking and biking, i will not bike here in PO it's too unsafe so I walk but would really
love to bike if i could with my 4 yr. old.
6/11/2008 11:27 AM
swimming and running
6/9/2008 4:05 PM
Running
6/8/2008 9:46 AM
usually out playing with the kids...hiking, playgrounds, frisbee, etc.
6/5/2008 9:39 AM
soccer
6/4/2008 2:42 PM
running and soccer
6/4/2008 10:48 AM
playing at the park with my kids
On-Going Parks Survey

5/31/2008 5:46 PM
playing at a playground with our son
5/31/2008 9:27 AM
Visiting parks/Playing with my kids
5/30/2008 1:49 PM
I love being outdoors and truly couldn't pick just one. With a 4-year old, more playgrounds would be the most beneficial, but a bike path would be a close second!
5/30/2008 1:03 PM
parks and playgrounds
5/30/2008 10:53 AM
swimming
5/30/2008 9:14 AM
Hiking
5/29/2008 10:48 PM
swimming
5/29/2008 10:00 PM
taking my children to the park
5/29/2008 7:23 PM
Hiking/camping
5/28/2008 4:07 PM
playing with kids
5/21/2008 9:56 PM
playing with kids
5/21/2008 9:56 PM
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playing with kids
5/21/2008 9:56 PM
walking & running
5/20/2008 5:11 PM
waterfront
5/20/2008 11:51 AM
Just one? I don't have a favorite. We have HUGE city parks, but the facilities within them are dilapidated. The playgrounds appear to be decades old and there is a lack of more modern amenities like bike trails.
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5/19/2008 8:14 AM
basketball
5/16/2008 7:37 AM
kayaking
5/15/2008 10:33 PM
playing with kids
5/13/2008 8:18 AM
Playing with my kids in a park
5/12/2008 10:45 PM

9. Van Zee Park is near Tremont Street and Sidney Avenue. It has 2 ball fields, tennis courts, a playground, woods, and a picnic shelter. How often do you use this park?

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How could it be improved, or should it be improved?

- answered question 74
- skipped question 0

I have never used this park
1/19/2010 4:15 PM
It seems quite run down.
7/15/2008 5:26 PM
Is there a nice bathroom?? and if so is it advertised and communicated. I live in the city and very seldom hear anything about it.
6/11/2008 11:27 AM
The grass isn't mowed enough. There are huge holes in the ground that make it dangerous for running and playing. If you catch an ankle in one of those holes, it is surely an injury.
6/9/2008 9:19 PM
More parking
6/9/2008 5:21 PM
On-Going Parks Survey

It is not attractive and you cant tell what it has from the street.
6/9/2008 3:40 PM

more benches to sit on around playground
6/9/2008 3:00 PM

A large shelter over the playground area would be nice.
6/4/2008 10:53 AM

playground is old and rusty; the kids go with and watch disk golf instead of playing at the playground because even they don't like it. Ages 4 and 5
6/4/2008 10:48 AM

bigger children's play area
6/3/2008 4:07 PM

Did not know about it.
6/2/2008 7:19 AM

The road is too busy for just relaxing or pic-nic'ng
5/31/2008 6:47 PM

play equipement is old; fields are very uneven
5/31/2008 5:46 PM

I have driven past, and seen the tennis courts and I think the ball fields, but I don't even know how to access it and you can't see any play structure from the street, and where do you park? It's just not visible to see what there is available and what condition it is in.
5/30/2008 5:41 PM

better playground
5/30/2008 1:03 PM

The playground area could be improved, however, SK park on Jackson and Lund is in greater need of improvements first.
5/30/2008 10:29 AM

It is inconvenient/dangerous to enter & exit from the street. The neighborhood is not particularly safe, and it is very close to a major throughway
5/30/2008 9:14 AM

Better Playground Structure and more attractive landscaping so it is an appealing place to relax and enjoy the day. Safe shoulders or sidewalks for families to ride their bikes to the park.
5/30/2008 8:54 AM

improved play structure for the kids.
5/30/2008 8:30 AM

I've been there.. it is a nice park.. Kind of difficult to park!
The play equipment is dilapidated. I question even it's safety for my children.

The only Port Orchard park I use regularly is the kids park at the downtown marina. I have found the other parks to be very dirty, with lots of cigarette butts and trash on the ground, and won't take my kids there. The play equipment is often broken as well. Prior email contacts to the parks director have gone unanswered.

This playground is terrible for preschoolers. Granted I haven't been there in a year. But the equipment was partially broken and there wasn't much a young child could do.

not much of a playground

playground equipment, big toys, volley ball nets

never even noticed it was there.. perhaps better signage???

parking

The fields are not in the best shape. The play equipment should be updated. The top of the water tank could be better planned for basketball with additional fencing. Parking is an issue because not many know about the area on the south side of the park.
On-Going Parks Survey

I didn't know it existed. Is it used? Would it be used if more people knew about it?
5/20/2008 2:54 PM

Upgraded, but overall is well used and appropriate.
5/20/2008 8:54 AM

The baseball fields should be made into actual baseball fields. Again, a backstop is not a ballfield when it is accompanied by a pitted chunk of grass. No infield, base paths, etc. I love the Disc Golf course brought in by the WSDGA -- wonderfully maintained and currently the only draw for my family at this park. We attempted to use a "ballfield" once to practice for our softball team, but it was totally unusable.
5/19/2008 8:14 AM

The playground equipment is minimal and not useful to anyone under 2 and a half years old but the disc golf is nice.
5/18/2008 10:00 AM

The "ball fields" are a sprained ankle waiting to happen. The fields are extremely uneven and treacherous for running. Also, the playground is not a place where I like my small children to play. The play equipment is something from my childhood 20+ years ago. Playgrounds have come a long way in safety in that time.
5/16/2008 8:56 PM

safety hazards keep me from using the park. If the playground were maintained then I would take my family there
5/13/2008 8:18 AM

Needs newer equpiment. There are hazards that need to be removed.
5/12/2008 10:45 PM

I've been there once with my kids and the park was pretty sad looking. There is not much there just a slide and some climbing "things". So, anything you do would make a difference.
1/19/2010 4:15 PM

Though is is a busy place, it could use some sprucing up...flowers, lighting, etc. it doesn't always seem safe.
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A walking path that is landscaped around the perimeter.,
6/16/2008 7:54 PM

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Hidden location, far away from our house.
6/9/2008 3:40 PM
On-Going Parks Survey

We used to come to this park, but the playground is really run down and dangerous. It has the potential to be a really good one, but needs updating badly. I've started going to Gig Harbor to play at playgrounds or at better maintained county facilities any more.

6/5/2008 9:39 AM
upkeep on children's play equipment
6/3/2008 4:07 PM
Did not know about it.
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I've been there once, this could be a beautiful park. Unfortunately the play equipment is very old and not in very good condition.
5/29/2008 10:48 PM
better play equipment
5/29/2008 9:36 PM
This is maybe one of the better city parks. I used to go here several times a year before the Marina Park was open downtown. One problem with the city parks is that they are fairly vacant. It is a sad statement of our times because people drive their kids to the bus stop and in general don't get outside much in my opinion. But for those of us who do get out, it is more fun when there are more people at the park than just you and your kids. About this park, you list a restroom, but it is often closed, and I believe the local transients use the garbage can as their urinal. YUCK.

5/29/2008 8:53 PM
Finish playground improvements in a timely manner. keep grass mowed. upgrade picnic facilities. keep water on for use. improve grass, i.e. plant some.

5/28/2008 1:33 PM
better grass (less weeds) and perhaps more recreational activities ( horshoe pit, volleyball net, etc...)

5/28/2008 12:25 AM
Make Doggie bags available like at other parks. More signs. Lids for the trash cans.

5/28/2008 11:07 AM
The field could be improved with soccer space. Work with Church and neighborhood to get outdoor movies in the summer on the back of their building.

5/23/2008 11:04 AM
not convenient

5/21/2008 9:56 PM
not convenient

5/21/2008 9:56 PM
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not convenient

5/21/2008 9:51 PM
Add a 'Craft room'.

5/20/2008 2:54 PM
The playground surface is rough with ruts; smooth or re-surface. Probably needs a face lift.

5/20/2008 8:54 AM
The play equipment needs to be updated and safe. The restroom needs to be cleaned and sanitized on a weekly/bi weekly or even daily basis.
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This playground is nothing more than a field with a playground that is more suitably described as a safety hazard. The basketball court is nice, much better than the one at VanZee.

5/19/2008 8:14 AM
Haven't needed the restroom yet so am not sure if its adequate but the water fountain hasn't worked since we first moved here in Sept. The small slide is rusty, has no platform at the top for the transition from climbing to sliding and the cement footing is sticking up out of the ground for lovely tripping opportunities. The newer large slide was never properly installed (I emailed a complaint soon after it was put in) and is unstable. A month ago someone responded (either to my or other peoples complaints) by roping it off with hazard tape. Since then the tape has moved to the ground and the slide is still unfixed. It is nice to have the big swings, they weren't there when we moved here. Also the riding bouncy animals are not very bouncy and lean over since they are ancient.

5/18/2008 10:00 AM
I CAN NOT believe that you put in a "new" slide that shook on its supports when my 30 lb child climbed the ladder. And to make it worse, even after multiple complaints, it still took weeks for someone to come in and cordon it off with tape. Time for new play equipment. We do like the big field and basketball court.

5/16/2008 8:56 PM
larger covered picnic area.

5/16/2008 7:37 AM
The playground here also needs to be maintained to reduce safety hazards

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better play equipment

5/29/2008 9:36 PM

This is maybe one of the better city parks. I used to go here several times a year before the Marina Park was open downtown. One problem with the city parks is that they are fairly vacant. It is a sad statement of our times because people drive their kids to the bus stop and in general don't get outside much in my opinion. But for those of us who do get out, it is more fun when there are more people at the park than just you and your kids. About this park, you list a restroom, but it is often closed, and I believe the local transients use the garbage can as their urinal. YUCK.

5/29/2008 8:53 PM
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Finish playground improvements in a timely manner. keep grass mowed. upgrade picnic facilities. keep water on for use. improve grass, i.e. plant some.
5/28/2008 1:33 PM
better grass (less weeds) and perhaps more recreational activities (horshoe pit, volleyball net, etc...)
5/28/2008 12:25 AM
Make Doggie bags available like at other parks. More signs. Lids for the trash cans.
5/28/2008 11:07 AM
The field could be improved with soccer space. Work with Church and neighborhood to get outdoor movies in the summer on the back of their building.
5/23/2008 11:04 AM
not convenient
5/21/2008 9:56 PM
not convenient
5/21/2008 9:56 PM
not convenient
5/21/2008 9:56 PM
not convenient
5/21/2008 9:51 PM
Add a 'Craft room'.
5/20/2008 2:54 PM
The playground surface is rough with ruts; smooth or re-surface. Probably needs a face lift.
5/20/2008 8:54 AM
The play equipment needs to be updated and safe. The restroom needs to be cleaned and sanitized on a weekly/bi weekly or even daily basis.
5/19/2008 4:21 PM
This playground is nothing more than a field with a playground that is more suitably described as a safety hazard. The basketball court is nice, much better than the one at VanZee.
5/19/2008 8:14 AM
Haven't needed the restroom yet so am not sure if its adequate but the water fountain hasn't worked since we first moved here in Sept. The small slide is rusty, has no platform at the top for the transition from climbing to sliding and the cement footing is sticking up out of the ground for lovely tripping opportunities. The newer large slide was never properly installed (I emailed a complaint soon after it was put in) and is unstable. A month ago someone responded (either to my or other peoples complaints) by roping it off with hazard tape. Since then the tape has
moved to the ground and the slide is still unfixed. It is nice to have the big swings, they weren't there when we moved here. Also the riding bouncy animals are not very bouncy and lean over since they are ancient.
5/18/2008 10:00 AM
I CAN NOT believe that you put in a "new" slide that shook on its supports when my 30 lb child climbed the ladder. And to make it worse, even after multiple complaints, it still took weeks for someone to come in and cordon it off with tape. Time for new play equipment. We do like the big field and basketball court.
5/16/2008 8:56 PM
larger covered picnic area.
5/16/2008 7:37 AM
The playground here also needs to be maintained to reduce safety hazards
5/13/2008 8:18 AM
Needs newer equipement. There are hazards that need to be fixed (cement blocks).
5/12/2008 10:45 PM

I have never been there.
1/19/2010 4:15 PM
restroom
6/9/2008 5:21 PM
Do not even know where this is. If I do, do not know the name of it.
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6/9/2008 3:40 PM
Needs a restroom - kids have to "go" often.

6/4/2008 10:53 AM
bathroom...

6/4/2008 10:48 AM
upkeep on children's play equipment

6/3/2008 4:07 PM
Did not know about it.

6/2/2008 7:19 AM
It is hidden and largely unknown. It isn't safe to walk to because of the roadway and lack of sidewalks

5/31/2008 6:47 PM
Hardly anyone knows its even there. It needs restrooms, as do all playgrounds. Worst of all, if you live within walking distance, you have to walk in the street to get there- there are no sidewalks near there. Then if you drive there, there is hardly anywhere to park.

5/31/2008 9:27 AM
Is it the one behind the building that used to house fire engines? If it is, I would hardly call it a park. It has very very little play structures, is totally hidden behind that huge blue building, which makes it not feel very safe, no grassy area for the kids to play, no bathrooms....hardly a park. (if it's the one I'm thinking of...)

5/30/2008 5:41 PM
better playground

5/30/2008 1:03 PM
More security, more playground equipment and restrooms.

5/30/2008 10:53 AM
I am not familiar with this park.

5/30/2008 10:29 AM
Better Playground Structure and more attractive landscaping so it is an appealing place to relax and enjoy the day. Safe shoulders or sidewalks for families to ride their bikes to the park.

5/30/2008 8:54 AM
restroom, improved playground equipment.

5/30/2008 8:30 AM
better play equipment and a restroom

5/29/2008 9:36 PM
Lack of restrooms is a real problem.
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5/28/2008 1:33 PM
Needs a big sign. You drive right by it.
5/28/2008 11:07 AM
Better playground equipment Make entrance more inviting and obvious Better playfield Add restrooms
5/23/2008 11:04 AM
appears unsafe
5/21/2008 9:56 PM
appears unsafe
5/21/2008 9:56 PM
appears unsafe
5/21/2008 9:56 PM
appears unsafe
5/21/2008 9:51 PM
Add a restroom.
5/20/2008 2:54 PM
Same as Central Park
5/20/2008 8:54 AM
This playground is not safe. This park has potential if a new play structure and possible covered area for kids were added
5/13/2008 8:18 AM
Needs new equipment. It doesn't have a safe feel about it (neighborhood feels unsafe).
5/12/2008 10:45 PM

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<th>12. Rate the City parks: 1 is unsatisfactory, 3 is average, 5 is excellent</th>
<th>No opinion</th>
<th>Rating Average</th>
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<td>Overall, how would you rate the City parks?</td>
<td>34.7% (26)</td>
<td>38.1% (26)</td>
<td>18.1% (13)</td>
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<td>Overall, how would you rate the other parks in the area?</td>
<td>10.6% (7)</td>
<td>25.8% (17)</td>
<td>36.4% (24)</td>
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answered question 70
skipped question 1
why do we have to have 1 goal? Let's just IMPROVE the overall situation, cleanliness, restrooms (I'm not going to choose just one of those I have a four year old they are both equally important) and safety as well lets not skimp and hyperfocus I know we can do it all it's being done in other neighboring cities.

6/11/2008 11:27 AM
Update the playground equipment. I find myself going to the local schools instead of the parks because everything is in better shape and cleaner.

6/8/2008 9:46 AM

Update and repair childrens play equipment

5/29/2008 10:48 PM

If only 1 goal, maintain and improve what you have.

5/29/2008 8:53 PM

Provide pedestrian-friendly access to get to the parks (any anything really).

5/28/2008 5:48 PM

Add a rec program utilizing park areas

5/23/2008 11:04 AM

open space

5/20/2008 11:51 AM

This question is not a fair question. How can you limit the number of goals for our city parks when the cities population is increasing? We need to concentrate on all of these goals.

5/19/2008 4:21 PM

By maintain, I mean improve. Turn the backstops into ballfields for example.

5/19/2008 8:14 AM

By this, I mean modern, updated play equipment.

5/16/2008 8:56 PM

upgrade what we have

| 14. Should we consider consolidating park services with the other agencies? |
|---|---|
|   | Response | Count |
| Yes | 26.8% | 21 |
| No  | 8.2%  | 6    |
| Unsure | 63.9% | 46   |

answered question: 73
skipped question: 1
15. Due to budget constraints and guidance from the previous surveys, the City has maintained a modest parks program. In the next questions, please tell us if you agree or disagree with the policies:

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<td>The City purchases one piece of playground equipment annually to maintain its playgrounds</td>
<td>66.7% (69)</td>
<td>33.3% (34)</td>
<td>73</td>
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<td>New subdivisions are usually required to have one small playground, owned by the homeowners association</td>
<td>83.1% (59)</td>
<td>16.9% (12)</td>
<td>71</td>
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<td>Van Zee Park will not be leased to organized baseball leagues so that other people can have a place to play baseball</td>
<td>49.5% (24)</td>
<td>51.5% (25)</td>
<td>60</td>
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<td>The City does not have a recreational program with paid staff because there is not a strong demand for it</td>
<td>23.3% (14)</td>
<td>76.7% (56)</td>
<td>70</td>
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<td>A goal of the City is to have parks that are no less than 1 to 2 acres in size in various parts of the community. This would be about as large as Central Playground, which is 1.4 acres</td>
<td>76.8% (53)</td>
<td>23.2% (16)</td>
<td>69</td>
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Answered question 73
Skipped question 1
# On-Going Parks Survey

## 16. Please comment on the City’s First Priority needs:

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<th>Should this be First Priority?</th>
<th>Yes</th>
<th>No, it should be Second Priority</th>
<th>No, it should be Third Priority</th>
<th>No, it should not be a priority</th>
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<td>1. Consistently allocate a minimum of $5,000 for upgrade or repair of playground equipment.</td>
<td>73.5% (80)</td>
<td>11.8% (9)</td>
<td>11.2% (9)</td>
<td>1.5% (1)</td>
<td>68</td>
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<td>2. Establish a fund to purchase future park property.</td>
<td>37.1% (23)</td>
<td>33.8% (21)</td>
<td>17.7% (11)</td>
<td>11.3% (7)</td>
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<td>3. Construct a sidewalk that can accommodate bicycles along Bay Street for the full length of the City.</td>
<td>66.2% (47)</td>
<td>16.9% (12)</td>
<td>11.5% (9)</td>
<td>5.8% (4)</td>
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<td>4. Potter Avenue &amp; Sidney Avenue, south of Tremont Street, should have wide shoulders or sidewalks for pedestrians.</td>
<td>51.4% (37)</td>
<td>26.6% (14)</td>
<td>13.2% (9)</td>
<td>11.0% (8)</td>
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<td>5. Provide a park of 1 1/2 - 2 acres to serve future growth in the vicinity of Planning Areas 1 and 8.</td>
<td>39.4% (25)</td>
<td>28.1% (18)</td>
<td>12.6% (9)</td>
<td>20.3% (13)</td>
<td>64</td>
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answered question 72

*skipped question 2*
Sidewalks should be a priority.
6/9/2008 3:00 PM
Probably should allocate more than $1K/yr to upgrade playground equipment. A nice, safe playground will take a lot more than that.
6/5/2008 9:39 AM
Improving existing parks by keeping them maintained and upgrade play equipment for children.
6/2/2008 11:25 AM
Look to the future! Our area is growing and our need for areas and opportunities for families will increase. Don't wait until the senior community is a minority to begin planning for growth. Our community has great potential to be a fun, vibrant place to live. However, our facilities do not reflect that right now.
5/31/2008 5:46 PM
I don't think we need to establish a fund to purchase new parks, except in the areas 1 and 6.
5/30/2008 5:41 PM
$1,000 is not enough money to maintain our parks. The park at Jackson-Lund is ALREADY owned by the city. We need to develop this land into a first-rate park.
5/30/2008 1:03 PM
AQUATIC CENTER! Safe parks in safe neighborhoods
Keep first priorities but Needs to add the priority to enhance landscaping to make the parks more visually appealing as well.

5/30/2008 8:54 AM

√ for upgrades or repair to playground equipment seems alittle LOW!

5/29/2008 11:59 PM

It seems a strong emphasis is made on walking and bike paths. In the areas mentioned I don't see much pedestrian traffic or bike traffic. Also there doesn't seem to be dense residential areas to support such walking or biking traffic. I would concentrate on improving the downtown appearance, finding a draw to downtown to entice business and improving playgrounds and parks and recreation programs to attract families to move to Port Orchard.

5/29/2008 10:48 PM

Maintaining safety and cleanliness at current parks should be a priority, even if the cost is higher.

5/29/2008 10:00 PM

I think that we need to maintain and improve what we have as a start. We have the property, but the facilities are poor and inadequate.

5/29/2008 8:53 PM

The city should look to improve the parks it has first before looking to build new parks.

5/29/2008 7:23 PM

Please create more pedestrian-friendly areas in the city. I think we would see more citizens out and about enjoying themselves, if they felt safe leaving their cars at home. Plus, it's so dangerous driving down Bethel when you have kids skateboarding along the fog line, because there's no sidewalk for them.

5/28/2008 5:48 PM

Add a recreation program, even a small one to start. Involve SKSD which provides some community classes and share space including Active Club.

5/23/2008 11:04 AM

safer play equipment, sheltered play area

5/21/2008 9:56 PM

safer play equipment, sheltered play area

5/21/2008 9:56 PM

safer play equipment, sheltered play area

5/21/2008 9:56 PM

safer play equipment, sheltered play area
Establish and maintain a walking/cycling trail/path through-out PO (and SK) Make PO and healthy, user friendly town.

5/20/2008 2:54 PM
The downtown waterfront boardwalk and future trail system is very important to the development and future of Port Orchard. Bringing people downtown, brings spending, and an increased tax base which helps all aspects of city government including parks. By the way, this first priority, second priority questionnaire is confusing...

5/20/2008 8:54 AM
I wish only that there was a stronger emphasis on making better use of the existing park land. Better playgrounds, real ballfields, bike trails, etc.

5/19/2008 8:14 AM
Maybe it isn't so much that you should change the priorities as that they should actually be addressed. I haven't noticed any on these things happening.

5/18/2008 10:00 AM
#1 - Upgrade and repair playground equipment; I leave the city and go to Bremerton or Gig Harbor b/c our parks have such inferior equipment #2 - Construct a walkway for pedestrians and bikes; I don't care if it's on Bay St or not

5/16/2008 8:56 PM
Build new parks/walkways/bikeways along waterfront

5/16/2008 3:27 PM
Safety related items. Also review Amber laws near public parks and provide security measures to prevent sexual predator activities.

5/16/2008 9:08 AM
Bay street walkway should be the first major project

5/16/2008 7:37 AM
In lieu of public need, carbon footprint, gas prices, safety and access, the first priority should be bicycle/pedestrian lanes AND public transportation coordinated, with shared cost, with Kitsap County. This fits the already existing First Priorities PLUS specificity.

5/15/2008 10:33 PM
Allocate more money to update equipment including at least one full time employee

5/13/2008 8:18 AM
1. Spend more money to maintain park safety 2. Create a year-round covered structure
For all priorities, tie them to development and redevelopment so that the cost is associated with the area improvements. There needs to be developer impact fees, knowing that those who enjoy the greatest benefit pay the greatest part of the bill. Not like the Bremerton Marina......

5/31/2008 6:47 PM
once again, look to the future!!!!
5/31/2008 5:46 PM

The parks need to be updated all around, just generally improved, with safe play equipment, parking, etc, and also sidewalks around the city so you can actually walk to some of them.
5/30/2008 5:41 PM

### 17. Should the City change its First Priorities?

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If yes, list new priorities: 0

Answered question: 60
Skipped question: 14

### 19. Should the City change its Second Priorities?

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<td>25.9%</td>
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If yes, list new priorities: 15

Answered question: 58
Skipped question: 16
I don't have a strong opinion of the third one listed above. It would be nice to have a water front park near the ferry terminal/trail, but we simply need more parks any/every where.

5/30/2008 1:03 PM

Safe parks in safe neighborhoods

5/30/2008 9:14 AM

I'm not even sure what the Mosquito Fleet trail is

5/29/2008 11:59 PM

The majority of the second priorities are related to yet future plans, it seems to be better to work on items that can move forward and make these a lower priority. Focus on setting funds for future space once the current parks are in better shape.

5/29/2008 10:48 PM

More sidewalks please!!!

5/28/2008 5:48 PM

See above and make sure taking advantage of the $ from the County funds for open space. If that is what you meant by #2 above, it wasn't clear.

5/23/2008 11:04 AM

Again, this questionnaire is very confusing and I doubt you are going to get what you are looking for...

5/20/2008 8:54 AM

I am not familiar with 2 or 3. I would also like to see more bike paths in addition to pedestrian walkways.

5/19/2008 8:14 AM

A large percentage of this community walks or bikes where they wish to go and the space along roadways for these activities is grossly inadequate. As a new member of your community, I am unaware of the Open Space Plan and Mosquito Fleet Trail.

5/18/2008 10:00 AM

I don't even know what numbers 2 and 3 are referring to, and number 1 can be lumped in with make a safe trail for bikes and pedestrians, regardless of location

5/16/2008 8:56 PM

Combine 1 & 2 above with mention of bicycle lanes.

5/15/2008 10:33 PM

Create a parks and Rec program
In combination with above responses, the bay street ammenities must be maximized. Please, no conference center! There's an expensive enough tax payer facility just built across the bay.

5/31/2008 6:47 PM

In my opinion, these would not be priorities at all. It is more important, in my opinion, to have more walking access and better parks instead of a conference center and a viewing deck.
5/30/2008 5:41 PM
We have enough nature to look at...we don't need a lookout over a creek. We can do that just about anywhere. Improving water access and attracting more people (via a conference center) should always be a priority. That will bring more people, and more people will provide a larger, more stable tax base. We need amenities in Port Orchard. Everyone who lives here loves living here, but they go to either Silverdale or Gig Harbor for all of their shopping! We have enough people to support businesses, but we need to be attractive to businesses and restaurants.

5/30/2008 1:03 PM
None of the city's priorities listed here really have to do with parks. If we're not talking parks, then revitalizing the waterfront should be first. That means NOT having the waterfront be a parking lot, but rather a nice waterfront dining and shopping area with parking available below ground, across the street or in a single structure. This does NOT mean hiring consultants to discuss it JUST DO IT!

5/30/2008 9:14 AM
Focus on drawing new residents and business opportunities to the area. The conference center could be a great draw, move this higher on the priorities. The water near downtown is not very clean, while I love beach access this area is so poluted from sewage treatment plants and PSNS I would rather see beach access in other areas. I wouldn't take my children to a beach access in this area.

5/29/2008 10:48 PM
improving beach access downtown would not only be fun for everyone it would also help small business downtown,

5/29/2008 3:45 PM
More sidewalks

5/28/2008 5:48 PM
See above, add a trail along BlackJack Creek to meet up with a park in Section 6 of the City or the old RV park.

5/23/2008 11:04 AM
Egads!

5/20/2008 8:54 AM
It is unclear how providing a conference center in the Port Orchard downtown area has to do with this parks survey.

5/19/2008 4:21 PM
I am not familiar with BJ Creek. The waterfront area behind Westbay Shopping Center is not heavily used -- and I doubt this is due to access. Now a waterfront bike trail, that would be wonderful. Conference centers sound wonderful as a way to infuse more money into the local
economy here, but I don't think it is realistic to expect groups other than county gov't to be hosted there.
5/19/2008 8:14 AM
Unless you can interest residents in a fast foot ferry to downtown Seattle, any efforts toward a conference center would be a waste of time and money.
5/16/2008 8:56 PM
As above

| Question: If the City were to develop a new park, where should it be located? |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Along the water or with a view of it | 54.2% 30 |
| Bethel Corridor (Marina area)     | 8.3% 6  |
| Along or near Blackjack Creek    | 12.5% 9  |
| Do not develop a new park        | 9.7% 7  |
| Other (please specify)           | 15.3% 11 |

Answered question: 72
Skipped question: 2
23. What would you want at the new park? (Check all that apply)

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<td>Picnic tables and areas</td>
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<td>Playgrounds</td>
<td>78.4%</td>
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<td>Baseball fields</td>
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<td>Waterfront access or view</td>
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<td>Swimming pool, indoor or outdoor</td>
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<td>Skateboard or roller blade areas</td>
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<td>Tennis courts</td>
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<td>Open field or areas</td>
<td>37.5%</td>
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<td>Basketball court</td>
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<td>Large shelter for group picnics</td>
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<td>Skateboard viewing area</td>
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<td>Soccer field</td>
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<td>Horseshoe court</td>
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Volleyball court: 18.1% 13
Other (please specify): 25.0% 18

Answered: 72
Skipped: 2
24. These are more general questions: What do you like best in Port Orchard? (Check all that apply)

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<td>The waterfront and activities</td>
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<td>Port Orchard’s location</td>
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<td>43</td>
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<td>The people</td>
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<td>The quiet environment</td>
<td>49.3%</td>
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<td>Downtown and the shopping area</td>
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<td>The library</td>
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<td>The City hall building and chimes</td>
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answered question: 73

skipped question: 1
## On-Going Parks Survey

### Question 25: If you could change one thing about Port Orchard, what would it be?

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<td>Improve waterfront access</td>
<td>4.2%</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>More aggressive code enforcement and improving the run-down houses</td>
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<td>Make it easier to get around the City</td>
<td>14.4%</td>
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29. Now it is your turn. What are we doing wrong, could do better, or what would you like to see more of?

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To clarify question #27. Though I do not "watch" every BKAT meeting, I attend as many meetings as possible in person and want access to the others on BKAT when I cannot attend. Enforcement is a huge issue when it comes to problem areas. Where there are rundown cars in yards or garbage and unsightly living areas, we need to find a way to help clean up areas. The city needs to focus on taking care of what we have at present before adding on. Streets need repair. Corridors need flowers and improved lighting. Downtown still needs help with more painting and cleaning up. It seems we really do need a plan for our area with design standards to allow for careful future growth that allows for our small scale town feel but welcomes tourists to help augment our economic vitality.

7/15/2008 5:26 PM

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6/16/2008 7:54 PM

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6/16/2008 7:54 PM

First of all I'd like to say that I am a city resident, so I do pay city tax which means I help with paying for the city and so thank you for my say. I we really need to get going faster with our downtown revitalization. I do like the new sidewalks much safer. Start coming down hard with fines for the building owners the building facades and the rear facades are horrible and embarrassing. If the city budget is pressed as is most budgets than get those owners to fix what they have been making $$$ money on for decades and don't allow them to raise there rents to the business owners who barely make a $$ but are willing to stay dt to help make dt a destination not just a pit stop for the "hiway or I-5 as I call it) and don't allow them to use the cheapest or ugliest materials because thats what they could afford. maybe everyone should be made to watch the HGTV home improvement channels to see and get some ideas. There is a great show called CURB APPEAL. Thats what we need, I sit in the library at the windows and just look at how awful a view I have and I'm sitting on prime real estate and owned by the gov't. And coming in from the footferry what's the sight you are welcomed with the backends of the buildings almost as bad as seeing a plummers crack. For heavens sake, here we put in great grassy areas and some great plants and beds by the waterfront but just a bit of a higher view and we get faded murals or helter skelter parking areas or just to view the asphalt with its unevenness and has it ever been refaced???? 2 put in a side/board walk all along the water front from Geno's to annapolis ferry dock.(i know county property just do it anyway with county and waterfront approval) I walk all along there from spring through fall I love it but it's unsafe, not user freindly even though there are walkers, joggers, bicyclists and cars all trying to use it anyway. put in benches and garbage cans and planters and trees along the way as well. and why not some historical facts and pictures
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as well. I love our museums but I like being outside and showing my daughter our city history as we walk. 3. I'd like to really see more events downtown. Make DT a destination a awesome one at that. I know We have some but why not every weekend we have the farmers make have some entertainment. I'm sure there are some great musicians or entertainers that would like to be scene or heard while people are at the market. advertise it in the PO newspaper/ or waveable. Have kid activities so whole families can come down. why do we just need the fair or parade to have clowns or jugglers or performers? Hey lets have the Mayor come down one saturday a month or some city council members to answer questions or just to get to know who they are. Have them sit next to the master gardeners in the market. well I'm sure I can go on but I'm not getting paid to sit here and talk to you I do have to go to work to pay my taxes and I need to go have fun with my family.

6/11/2008 11:27 AM
Better parks for our children! Increased funding.

6/8/2008 9:46 AM
Construct, improve, and maintain children's parks - consider playground equipment under shelter for inclement weather; check out that playground by the fairgrounds in Bremerton, also the one in Gig Harbor at the head of the bay. Construct paved trails for walking, rollerblading, biking. Improve shoreline access to nice beaches (not rip rap). Set out to develop a park that is regionally known as a great place to go. We love disc golf - we'd love to see more courses. Good game for almost all ages.

6/5/2008 9:39 AM
We have reckless driving and speeding cars down our road and were told that there was nothing that could be done. There are small children that live on this street and we are next to the elementary school. I want a safe place for my kids to play. Slow the cars down on my street! I want to be able to take my kids to the park more, but they are always dirty or crowded and have "strange" (possibly homeless) people milling around.

6/4/2008 10:53 AM
The current parks we have in Port Orchard feel run-down and the play ground equipment is out dated. For example the new dog park at Howe Farm's grass is overgrown making it difficult to use the field area. If it weren't for the people using the park keeping it clean, it would be run down. It is important that we keep our current parks clean and maintained before we start to expand with more parks.

6/2/2008 11:25 AM
I would like to see the city to take a younger look at the way it is ran. Port Orchard is and always has been a bedroom community for Bremerton and Seattle. Improve the parks that we have and let us know about all the parks in the community (I don't know if there is a publication that lists all the parks or not). Give us the necessary means for a more convenient way of life (with young...
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children) by letting more national department store and food restaurants chains to come in so that we can spend our money in the community that we live in, instead of going out of our city with our money (Silverdale, Bremerton, or Gig Harbor). We do not need another grocery store (there are 4 just on Mile Hill within a mile). I would like a Target or Kolhs or something on that like.

6/2/2008 7:19 AM
Without adequate walkable/bikeable "ways" that are safe, we are too dependent on the car and thus the parks need parking that may not be beneficial. No more parking downtown. It is a terrible waste of space and the cost savings could go to better pedestrian and bike use. The public transportation doesn't serve many of our family neighborhoods and runs too infrequently to be convenient. If that could be improved, we would have less dependence on our cars, make the public transportation more cost effective and save valuable land from being used to park cars.

5/31/2008 6:47 PM
I love living in Port Orchard. Before I had kids and worked in Silverdale I wouldn't have changed much. However, since having three kids and no longer working in Silverdale and long with the price of gas, I would change a few things. 1. Our parks are really quite sad in comparison to other communities. We need cleaner, newer equipment, smoother grassy areas and more walking trails compatible with stollers. 2. We need to encourage larger retail stores on the perimeter of the city. 3. More community sports opportunities for ADULTS! We have nothing, and we would have to travel to Silverdale or Bremerton to participate. Thanks.

5/31/2008 5:46 PM
Improvement of the so-called playgrounds that are required of the new sub-divisions to put in. Ours has a swing set with 2 swings and a slide, a broken-down tether ball, 1 picnic table, and I wouldn't even consider having a gathering there, because it's overgrown with weeds, and not maintained what so ever. We need more sidewalks in Port Orchard. People need to get out and walk more, for health, exercise, and just to be out and visible in our great community! We need to show pride in our town, and show that by making it strong for families, seniors, teens. The addition of sidewalks and improvement of parks would help create a stronger community in my opinion.

5/30/2008 5:41 PM
I feel that Port Orchard is lacking in safe, clean parks for young children/families. Waterfront Park is a perfect new addition to Port Orchard and I would love to see more parks like that through our town. There are many families, young children, and home schooled children in our area that need outside spaces to play at that are safe, clean and maintained. I also feel that the city could improve the appearance and quality of the retail area downtown. This year there ahve been some great improvements, but there should be a standard for painting and maintanance of buildings downtown (refer to Poulsbo's downtown area). Thanks
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5/30/2008 1:49 PM
Port Orchard is a great place because it's close to a lot of great stuff, but none of the stuff is here! I'd love to spend more time in Port Orchard, patronizing businesses and parks HERE rather than always feeling the need to drive to Silverdale or Gig Harbor. One really big park with lots of amenities would be awesome. An outdoor pool would be incredible. Better playgrounds would get used by so many people. I wish we had more restaurants. I've never met ANYone who didn't have this same complaint--we need some good chains to eat at (Marie Calendars, Claim Jumper...those types of restaurants.) Our waterfront has such potential but it is a total embarrassment. When I have relatives or friends visiting, we NEVER stay in Port Orchard--there's nothing to do and the downtown is hideous. I would love to give the YMCA some land so we could have a first-rate place that would benefit EVERY age--everyone from tots to seniors.

5/30/2008 1:03 PM
Improve existing parks with security and safer cleaner equipment. Better walking areas.

5/30/2008 10:53 AM
Kitsap needs a 4 year university and a vital waterfront retail & shopping core, which would bring in the tax base to fund proper parks. I've lived in and visited smaller communities with better parks & restaurants that had lower taxes. Stop wasting money on hiring consultant after consultant! You've done that already. Its time to act. If the Mayor was able to get the new Harrison MOB moving that fast, he can do this. Oh, and by the way, most communities throughout the country REQUIRE that developers build new parks (and roads, and fire emergency facilities) as part of their approved plan. Quadrant should be required to do so too!

5/30/2008 9:14 AM
I would like to see improved attractive parks and a revitalize downtown so that as a family we do not need to go to Gig Habor, Bremerton or Silverdale for our children to play or to entertain out of town guest. Making the waterfront an attractive place would do a lot to attract others to our community and downtown area. I would make it more of a destination and people would want to linger.

5/30/2008 8:54 AM
The downtown park is the only park I will take my kids and feel safe and like the park is clean. It would be nice to have more options like that with a larger variety of equipment. We moved here 3 years ago from Seattle where the parks all had slides, swings, and fun equipment to climb on. They were also regularly kept up with landscaping and trash pickup. Because of this, there were always lots of people around to make it feel like a safe place to be with my kids. The other parks we've tried here are the one on Dwight and at Long Lake. They are run down, and dirty and rarely people around. I think Evergreen Park in Bremerton is a great example of what Port
Orchard is lacking. It has a little bit of everything--covered picnic areas, great play equipment, and a beautiful location. Most importantly it is landscaped, CLEAN, and populated.

5/30/2008 8:05 AM
I grew up in this area, it is SAD to see so many businesses going under. Bringing in more "BOX" stores WOULD increase the number of persons shopping in certain areas of town! And I'm not just talking about WALMART! I wish Port Orchard would encourage more NATIONAL chains for our area! The downtown area is run down. We have BEAUTIFUL waterfront and we waste it on bars, thrift stores and second rate hotels! We have large open parks and Jackson park is also run down and SAD.

5/29/2008 11:59 PM
Thank you for the constructive opportunity to share my opinion. I would love to see the retail core improve in Port Orchard, this would also help with taxable income for the city. Port Orchard is very spread out and it doesn't seem to have a strong business area, any time is a good time to start planning. I would appreciate a parks and rec program to support a family community. Classes, exercise programs, children's programs, would all be a great asset to the community. There are many homeschool families in this area, it would be great to see Givens used more in this area, for example homeschool Physical Education, it would be a great way to use the facility in the day time hours.

5/29/2008 10:48 PM
Code enforcement of the number of dogs allowed per household. example: there is a difference between having 4 or more dogs penned up in a small back yard vs. running free on several acres of land. Junk cars and run down property. Parks are severely lacking in maintainence and safe equipment. Sidewalks are severely lacking in this city.

5/29/2008 10:29 PM
The local parks have been dirty, with poorly maintained play equipment, since my eight-year-old daughter was a baby. We go to the Y in Gig Harbor for swimming and family activites, as the Port Orchard options are so limited. The high school pool is freezing cold and poorly maintained. The kids park at the marina is nice and well maintained, but I understand it is not owned by the city. We often visit the Crescent Creek park in Gig Harbor, and sometimes the parks in Silverdale. The new Fountain Park in Bremerton is amazing! I have emailed the parks director in the past with specific concerns about park cleanliness and safety, and haven't received responses. It would be wonderful to have a choice of clean, local parks for my children to visit. I would also like to see wider shoulders and sidewalks along Bethel Avenue, as there is alot of foot traffic there, and it is not safe due to narrow shoulders.

5/29/2008 10:00 PM
keep the ambience of the town, do not let outsiders who are here to only make money, decide the future of this town.
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5/28/2008 8:19 PM
I would like to see a monthly newsletter issued to the citizens to advise them of the changes taking place in the city. I think it is the responsibility of the City to notify citizens of the changes, even those that do not have access to the internet. Folks around here might become more involved in the changes if the City if they were notified on a regular basis. P.S. Please balance the budget so Port Orchard has a change of obtain the funding for sidewalks and make the city beautiful.

5/28/2008 5:48 PM
Get rid of the weeds around the city, along Bay Street

5/28/2008 4:07 PM
Rather than waiting for consensus on minutia, address projects as though we have a mandate to complete within a reasonable amount of time. The idea that everyone has to be happy for something to be successful is not reasonable. Let's move ahead on the revitalization of downtown. Towns have turned themselves into extremely desirable places to live over a period of a few years. I have been in PO for 8 years. This past week we had relatives visit who hadn't seen PO in 7 years and they couldn't see a difference in our downtown. I would like to see more city support of a passenger only ferry service from PO/Bremerton to Seattle. PO's image as an inviting place to spend a day or as a place to live would be greatly enhanced by making it more accessible to Seattle.

5/28/2008 1:33 PM
for the most part the city is doing well. i love living in port orchard. somethings could be improved--neatness and clean feeling of the city, but all in all things are great.

5/28/2008 12:25 AM
Reduce the amount of crime, clean up downtown buildings that need it.

5/28/2008 12:08 AM
Trails/Paths/Sidewalks for people and bikes - draws to great new development along the water, the neighborhoods, the hills above downtown to get to downtown more easily, along BlackJack Creek and with great signage and maps.

5/23/2008 11:04 AM
Find ways to make the City more attractive to a young families

5/21/2008 9:56 PM
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5/21/2008 9:51 PM
I have a special interest in PO/SK and might, one day, move there. You are supporting special interests holding little value and little use to the majority of the critters it was meant to help. A clear misuse of tax payer funds. Clean up the 'downtown' area...make it the charming and welcoming place it promises to be as one drives along the water from Gorst toward town. Make and extend a walking/cycling trail throughout town and the south end. Give people a safe and healthy alternative from driving. Concentrate on doing the most good for the most people. Good luck.

5/20/2008 2:54 PM
pedestrian friendly streets greater public access to waterfront more open space, not neccessarily traditional parks a unified "downtown" concept that will still attract diversity a covered, year-round farmers/saturday market Stevie Wonder on the City Hall chimes

5/20/2008 11:51 AM
Maintain the parks we have with upgrades based on demand. Provide upgraded and new playground equipment as money becomes available. Establish park fund and make it impossible for city leaders to use that money for any other purpose---hands off! Develop walking, biking type trail from Gorst to the east city limits---very high priority as this will provide a very compelling reason for people to be downtown.

5/20/2008 8:54 AM
I don't like coming off as critical as I really do love Port Orchard. I think the thing that bothers me the most is how great it COULD be. Imagine a waterfront with bike trails instead of parking lots and strip malls. A downtown core with quaint retail instead of junk shops masked as "antiques" and a bike shop that is clearly a bicycle graveyard. Port Orchard has a wonderful location a great feel and could be so much more. But we need to start with baby steps. It's nice that we have nice open parks, but the structures inside those parks are mostly unusable and in some cases clearly unsafe. I have young children and we generally leave the area for leisure -- whether to Gig Harbor or to Seattle to use real bike trails and parks. If not for the Disc Golf course or the waterfront playground, we wouldn't use the city parks at all. As far as my family is concerned, the demand is certainly there.

5/19/2008 8:14 AM
I believe my concerns have already been voiced in the questionnaire. Thanks for asking. :)

5/18/2008 10:00 AM
This survey has actually made me feel even worse about the possible parks changes for Port Orchard. It seems like you are more interested in purchasing new land and creating new parks, instead of just revamping the parks we have. VanZee and City Park are nice parks because they have large fields and courts to play on. Where they are seriously lacking is in the quality of playground equipment. Even when I was child and played on similar equipment, it was never as
used and abused as the equipment you expect my children to play on now. And to rub salt in my wounds, I drive by tiny cities in eastern Washington, and see the very equipment I want in my own community. Which makes me think, it's not a matter of having the money, but choosing where to spend it. I would also like to see a bike/pedestrian trail for my own use. I hate that I spend so much time in other communities (Gig Harbor, Bremerton, Silverdale) using their better, more updated facilities.

5/16/2008 8:56 PM
make more use of the waterfront. perform combined bike/walking paths. alki beach parks and paths are good example or good parks and bike/walking paths. create similar setup.

5/16/2008 3:27 PM
Your vision is a good start. Since tax dollars is the biggest factor you have to have long range plans so one does not get a big tax hike yearly. Maybe user fees above costs and the difference would go into future projects.

5/16/2008 11:22 AM
There is no need to spend 480k on property bought under the guise of "needing more office space" when there are many more pressing needs for the money for capital improvements to our city.

5/16/2008 7:37 AM
Stricter enforcement of city codes, especially view, run-down building and junk vehicle codes.

5/16/2008 6:33 AM
Safe bike and walkways along both sides of main arterials, and greater number of Kitsap bus times from and to Southworth. Coordinate and fund with Kitsap County.

5/15/2008 10:33 PM
The parks in Port Orchard are not satisfactory. Many are not safe and use is limited because of condition. Priority should be given to bringing the current parks up to good condition. The addition of new play structures and cover/shelters over the structures would be wonderful. My family and I travel to Gig Harbor, Silverdale and beyond to use their parks because of the poor parks in Port Orchard. Travel to other cities takes revenue away from Port Orchard. Residents don't spend their time or money in the city due to poor facilities. I would love to see a parks and recreation department implemented that includes family activities at least quarterly.
APPENDIX – G2

2011 Park Survey Update
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- answered question: 6
- skipped question: 0
### 3. How many people live in your household?

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### 4. In what city do you work?

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<td>King County</td>
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<td>I am not employed</td>
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- answered question: 6
- skipped question: 0
Walking
7/25/2011 7:01 AM
My children enjoy the toys as well as the little beach area.
6/23/2011 5:01 PM
Downtown Waterfront Park/Playarea near gazebo
it's the only park that's safe besides the waterfront park
6/23/2011 11:36 AM
South Kitsap Pee Wee's
6/23/2011 7:59 AM
We love the new playground equipment. I met a group of Moms and kids there for a playdate. The equipment is safe and the kids can be easily seen from all over the park.
6. Please rate the following: 1 is we have too much; 3 is we have enough; 5 is we need more.

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<td>Environmental education Opportunities</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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Other (please specify) | 0

answered question | 6
skipped question | 0
7. Should the City construct more of the following facilities?

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<td>Sidewalks</td>
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<td>Baseball fields</td>
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<td>Pedestrian facilities</td>
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<td>Playgrounds</td>
<td>80.0%</td>
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<td>Baseball fields</td>
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<td>Basketball courts</td>
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<td>25.0%</td>
<td>1.25</td>
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<td>Soccer fields</td>
<td>50.0%</td>
<td>50.0%</td>
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<td>Tennis courts</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>50.0%</td>
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<td>1.60</td>
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Other (please specify) 2

- answered question 6
- skipped question 0

football fields
6/23/2011 7:59 AM
Current Survey G2

picnic areas with covers would be great to add to many of the current parks

6/21/2011 3:52 PM

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<th>8. What is your favorite recreational activity?</th>
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<tr>
<td>Walking</td>
<td>16.7%</td>
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<td>Golf</td>
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<td>Other (please specify)</td>
<td>33.3%</td>
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- answered question: 6
- skipped question: 0
The playground is not good
6/23/2011 11:36 AM
The park definitely needs more parking. Access to the lower lot is hard if the spaces are full and the upper unpaved lot is rather torn up and muddy. The playground needs improving. The tire swing is fun, but there is lots of wide open space that would be easy to add equipment to.
restroom could be better kept, usually smelly & dirty

fix the swings, old monkey bars
6/23/2011 11:36 AM

This park is wonderful ever since the new equipment arrived last summer. I think it would be a great space to have summer time movies for families or host other City events there. I know some additional items have been ordered for the park. I hope that the new swings include an ADA compliant swing.
Unsafe  
6/23/2011 11:36 AM
More lighting and parking  
6/23/2011 7:59 AM
Restrooms are a must when visiting parks with kids. I think this park has good potential, maybe a stewardship group could adopt it.
### 13. Rate the City parks: 1 is unsatisfactory, 3 is average, 5 is excellent

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<td>No opinion</td>
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**Average: 2.33**

**Overall, how would you rate the City parks?**

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**Average: 3.80**

**Overall, how would you rate the other parks in the area?**

- Answered question: 6
- Skipped question: 0
Of course safety of existing equipment is a must too.
### 15. Should we consider consolidating park services with the other agencies?

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<td>Unsure</td>
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**Answered question:** 6
**Skipped question:** 0

### 16. Should the city consider creating a Parks Department to maintain and advocate for the city parks?

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<tr>
<td>No</td>
<td>0.0%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Unsure</td>
<td>16.7%</td>
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**Answered question:** 6
**Skipped question:** 0
17. Due to budget constraints and guidance from the previous surveys, the City has maintained a modest parks program. In the next questions, please tell us if you agree or disagree with the policies:

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<th>AGREE</th>
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<td>The City purchases one piece of playground equipment annually to maintain its playgrounds.</td>
<td>60.0% (3)</td>
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<td>New subdivisions are usually required to have one small playground, owned by the homeowners association.</td>
<td>80.0% (4)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Van Zee Park will not be leased to organized baseball leagues so that other people can have a place to play baseball.</td>
<td>60.0% (3)</td>
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<tr>
<td>The City does not have a recreational program with paid staff because there is not a strong demand for it.</td>
<td>0.0% (0)</td>
<td>100.0% (6)</td>
<td>8</td>
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<tr>
<td>A goal of the City is to have parks that are no less than 1 to 2 acres in size in various parts of the community. This would be about as large as Central Playfield, which is 1.4 acres.</td>
<td>66.7% (4)</td>
<td>33.3% (2)</td>
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answered question 6
skipped question 0
### 18. Please comment on the City's First Priority needs:

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<th>Yes</th>
<th>No, It should be Second Priority</th>
<th>No, It should be Third Priority</th>
<th>No, It should not be a priority</th>
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<td>1. Consistently allocate a minimum of $5,000 for upgrade or repair of playground equipment:</td>
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<td>2. Establish a fund to purchase future park property:</td>
<td>75.0% (3)</td>
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<td>3. Construct a walkway that can accommodate bicycles along Bay Street for the full length of the City:</td>
<td>60.0% (3)</td>
<td>20.0% (1)</td>
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<td>4. Pottery Avenue &amp; Sidney Avenue, south of Tremont Street, should have wide shoulders or sidewalks for pedestrians:</td>
<td>40.0% (2)</td>
<td>20.0% (1)</td>
<td>0.0% (0)</td>
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<td>6. Provide a park of 1½ - 2 acres to serve future growth in the vicinity of Planning Areas 1 and 6:</td>
<td>60.0% (3)</td>
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Answered question: 5
Skipped question: 1

### 19. Should the City change its First Priorities?

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If yes, list new priorities: Show Responses: 2

Answered question: 5
Skipped question: 1
The city should attempt to construct and maintain family/children's activities to encourage growth in the city.


where's the priority for safety?

### 20. Please comment on the City’s Second Priority needs:

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<th>Yes</th>
<th>No, it should be a First Priority</th>
<th>No, it should be a Third Priority</th>
<th>No, it should not be a priority</th>
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<td>1. Coordinate with road improvement projects to increase the amount of walking area along the roads:</td>
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<td>2. Once the Open Space Plan of Kitsap County is adopted, coordinate future projects with that Plan:</td>
<td>75.0% (3)</td>
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<td>3. Establish projects which would be compatible with the Mosquito Fleet Trail:</td>
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<td>25.0% (1)</td>
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answered question 5

skipped question 1
### 21. Should the City change its Second Priorities?

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If yes, list new priorities: 0

- **answered question**: 4
- **skipped question**: 2

### 22. Please comment on the City’s Third Priority needs:

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<th>Yes</th>
<th>No, it should be a First Priority</th>
<th>No, it should be a Second Priority</th>
<th>No, it should not be a priority</th>
<th>Count</th>
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<td>1. Construct a viewing deck or educational area overlooking Blackjack Creek:</td>
<td>75.0% (3)</td>
<td>0.0% (0)</td>
<td>25.0% (1)</td>
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<td>2. Improve waterfront access to the beach near Westbay Shopping Center:</td>
<td>40.0% (2)</td>
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<td>40.0% (2)</td>
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<tr>
<td>3. Look for opportunities to provide a conference center in the downtown area:</td>
<td>0.0% (0)</td>
<td>0.0% (0)</td>
<td>88.7% (2)</td>
<td>33.3% (1)</td>
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- **answered question**: 5
- **skipped question**: 1
### 23. Should the City change its Third Priorities?

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If yes, list new priorities: 0

- answered question: 4
- skipped question: 2

### 24. If the City were to develop a new park, where should it be located?

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<td>Along the water or with a view of it</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bethel Corridor (Various areas)</td>
<td>33.3%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Along or near Blackjack Creek</td>
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<tr>
<td>Do not develop a new park</td>
<td>16.7%</td>
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<td>Other (please specify)</td>
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- answered question: 6
- skipped question: 0
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<td>Picnic tables and areas</td>
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<tr>
<td>Playgrounds</td>
<td>66.7%</td>
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<td>Baseball fields</td>
<td>16.7%</td>
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<td>Waterfront access or view</td>
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<td>Swimming pool, indoor or outdoor</td>
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<td>Skateboard or roller blade areas</td>
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<td>Tennis courts</td>
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<td>Open field or areas</td>
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<td>Basketball court</td>
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<td>Large shelter for group picnics</td>
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<td>Running area for dogs</td>
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Answered question: 6
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More enforcement of noise/barking/dogs not on leashes or fences

Better Library hours
7/25/2011 7:01 AM
I believe that Port Orchard could be a wonderful city for families to raise their children in. However, attention needs to be given to provide more outdoor recreation and exercise opportunities for families & children to keep them healthy, safe and happy.
PORT ORCHARD CITY PARKS PLAN

APPENDIX – G3

Public Comment
Including Meeting Minutes and Emailed Comments
Memorandum

To: Port Orchard Planning Commission  
From: Thomas Bonsell, Associate Planner  
Date: June 21, 2011  
Re: Parks Plan update to the Planning Commission

Meeting notes from the May 18, 2011 subcommittee meeting.  

The committee had four topics for discussion at the meeting.
1. Potential upgrades and improvement to three city parks.
2. Review previous survey results
3. Determine viability of park support structure to stabilize funding.
4. Create a concise list of funding opportunities both immediate and long term.

1a. Park improvements: Lundberg Park should be placed in a reserve status, however, in the meantime it would be relatively easy and inexpensive to create a trail system in the park that could be tied into the Blackjack trail system. No active recreation is recommended on this five acre site.

1b. Givens Park is utilized by Pee Wee football, and assorted little league groups. The groups themselves maintain the facilities and therefore there are little costs associated with the park. The subcommittee determined that improvements are not necessary to the site.

1c. Paul Powers is a small park with an untapped potential. The subcommittee recommended that the site be developed in conjunction with a club or organization that will help to develop the grounds. The building on the site may be better utilized as a club house or activity center for youth.

Other: The city has a large contingent of people who live in residences without yards. The subcommittee determined that more sites should be made available for gardening and specifically growing vegetables. It was suggested that the city might be able to purchase small tracts for that purpose or that unopened road ends could serve that purpose.

2a. Review previous survey results. A document was handed out to the subcommittee that summarized the citizens survey. The committee wanted to insure that the wants and desires of the citizens are being taken into account. The committee seems to be on tract.
After much discussion, the subcommittee came to the conclusion that language in the park plan should include goals and policies that would set up a Parks Department and at the very least a Parks Commission. The council should be encouraged through Park Plan language that the only way to insure a vital park system would be to have a Parks Department with paid employees. Also, a Parks impact fee should be charged on all new development. Parks should be kept free and no fees should be added to the property tax bills.

The question arose as to how a city the size of Poulsbo could have Parks Department and we cannot. Planning staff is currently conducting an evaluation of budgets of similar communities to determine how they manage to get it done. Information will be provided shortly to answer this puzzle.

In addition, I've included the “Vision” statement that was requested by the committee.

“Parks and green-space are essential components in the fabric of a vibrant city. Our safe and well-maintained parks and recreation facilities knit the community together, stabilize and enhance residential neighborhoods and adds vitality to the downtown while encouraging and supporting increased shoreline access and recreation.”

Regards, Tom
Memorandum

To: 2011 Parks Plan Update Subcommittee

From: Thomas Bonsell

Date: June 22, 2011

Re: Agenda for subcommittee meeting

1. Discuss Funding of parks in other jurisdictions.
2. Future time lines for Park Plan
3. Final Wrap up and comments.
Memorandum

To: File
From: Thomas Bonsell
Date: April 20, 2011
Re: Subcommittee meeting notes

First item of business was a discussion of the Goals and Policy chapters of the park plan and how we handle them. Two options were discussed: first was for the subcommittee to evaluate each goal and policy and choose those applicable. The second choice was to allow planning staff to prepare the document then adjust if necessary when it is reviewed by the subcommittee. It was decided that the second choice was best.

Second item was adopting a “Vision” statement. The committee decided that item No. 4 was the best selection modified with addition a statement about shoreline accessibility.

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Third item was discussing improvements to Van Zee and Central Parks. Van Zee Park is well developed but future uses need to be compatible with existing park uses. The subcommittee unanimously agree that a high priority for the park be increased parking. Further research is needed to determine if the park would be an appropriate place for a skate park. The siting of a future skate park at Van Zee was discussed at length. The subcommittee will be visiting the Silverdale skate park to view youth activities. Other items of concern were the poor drainage on a portion of the site and the need for irrigation.

Central Park need few improvements however should include additional vegetation on the perimeter improved basketball court, lawn irrigation and reconstruction and/or enlargement of picnic cover structure.
Dear Tom,

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Other than that, you listed everything. I hope this is helpful and I really do appreciate people that care about the world, the environment and (closer to our city) the parks and the our governments. I can see you care and that you are trying to help things get better!

Get ahold of me if there is anything you would like done or read before the next meeting!

Thank you,

Krystal J.

P.S. Oh, I wanted to say too, that I thought about our discussion later and realized that the day I visited Lundberg, it was sunny and pretty and I was kind of tired, so it was nice to just walk through the area. I got kind of nervous at the meeting, when you guys were talking about possibly not keeping the area natural, so I defended that piece of property and the idea of keeping it natural. I think it is kind of "out of the way" and when I thought later about the picnic table idea I had suggested, I realized its too out of the way right now for most people to go there. They like water views and easy places they know about. However if a trail system connected with it, that would be great. I guess I just wanted to backtrack a little on that property. It was a beautiful day when I was there, but it is out of the way to develop unless we came up with the right ideas for it, I guess. Anyway...
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