

**City of Battle Ground**  
**Parks and Community Engagement Advisory Board Meeting**  
**August 9, 2023; 4pm**  
**Battle Ground Community Center with Zoom Option**

The public meeting of the Parks and Community Engagement Advisory Board was called to order at 4:05pm by Jennifer Rosenberger.

Present: Jennifer Rosenburger, Michelle Yenderrozos, Brett Richardson

Absent: Chris Brown, Stefani Leavitt (excused), Skylar Fredriksson (unexcused)

Staff/Other: Rob Ferrier, Deputy City Manager

Minutes

The board unanimously approved the minutes from the July 12 meeting.

Parks Equipment Feedback

There was an active discussion re the \$100,000 funding available for park improvements. The board members expressed support for focusing attention at Horsethief and FloRo (North); both parks are listed on page 29 of the BG PROS Plan as parks with playgrounds that are in “poor” (Horsethief) or “fair” (FloRo North) condition. Given the proximity of either park to surrounding residential areas, the board members felt that it made sense to focus attention at either (or both) parks. Board members are flexible in re to the types of amenities that the funding could be used to purchase at either location (or both, if funding allows), but generally preferred funding be dedicated to playgrounds and/or outdoor fitness stations, with perhaps some attention to other ancillary amenities (e.g. benches, tables, etc.).

In the event funding proved adequate to support amenities at both parks, the board felt perhaps it would make more sense to introduce playground equipment at Horsethief (in part due to the fact there are +/- 250 homes within ¼ mile walking distance from the park) and fitness equipment at FloRo North (in part due to the proximity of many homes, but also in light of the existing pathways at FloRo North and the fact there is already playground equipment across the street at FloRo South).

Whatever choice is made, Board members are supportive of greater shade at either/both location, preferring trees over a “shade sail” or some other shade structure that can be purchased off the shelf.

Board members were attracted to the possibility of “whimsical ideas/themes” and/or the use of alternative building material that can be incorporated into amenity design, similar to what exists at the Children’s Nature Playground in Washougal.

Staff stated we’d follow-up with the vendor we’d initially contacted for playground equipment (GameTime) re possibilities given fiscal constraints and provide additional info to the Board for reaction at a future meeting (date TBD).

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40pm.