

## Palisades Neighborhood Association Association Statement Regarding Rassekh Park Development

To: Whom it may concern

CC: City Council Members of Lake Oswego, PRAB

Whereas the Palisades Neighborhood Association shall be referred to as the "PNA,"

Whereas Rassekh Park development shall be referred to as the "Park,"

Whereas the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board of the City of Lake Oswego shall be referred to as the "PRAB,"

Whereas the City of Lake Oswego has provided 3 development options for the Rassekh park land,

Whereas the citizens have voiced their opinions through local and city administered questionnaires

The PNA executive committee hereby states that the PRAB of Lake Oswego has offered 3 park designs that are inconsistent with the neighborhood's priorities.

The members of the PNA have voiced their opposition to the 3 park development options provided by the PRAB either through the city questionnaire and/or the PNA questionnaire.

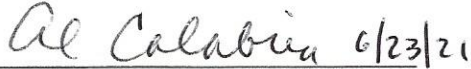
The PNA executive committee hereby endorses the development plan option provided by the Hazelia Agri-Cultural Heritage Trail (HACHT) committee as it would meet the following:

1. Over 50% of the park space allocated to family neighborhood park setting as planned in 2013
2. Supports the city's multi-sport field to be designed and move forward
3. Preserves the wildlife corridor for animals that currently use Park pathways as "home".
4. Would encourage stewardship of Pecan Creek and begin the conversation of returning wetlands preservation to the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde who have been effective in other areas
5. Parking/entrance on North side of Park, away from neighborhood streets, sensitive lands, and habitat. PNA currently requesting clarifications on applicable code provisions.

Furthermore, PNA emphasizes:

6. Family park-type field to reduce high attendance from large tournament-style events
7. No light pollution that would adversely impact the quality of life for abutting neighborhoods
8. Natural Turf over artificial turf fields
9. Covered area with fireplace similar to Lake Oswego's Foothills park

Sincerely, The Palisades Neighborhood Association

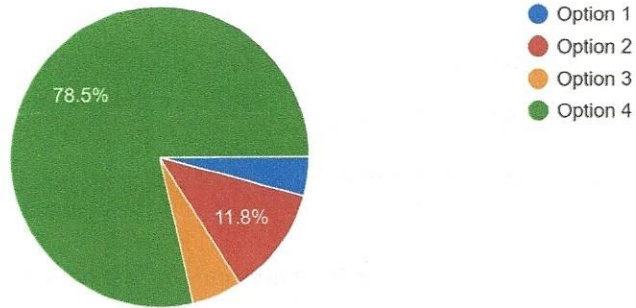
  
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Vice Chair: Mario Campbell

The following is information provided for informational purposes and reflects the respondents.

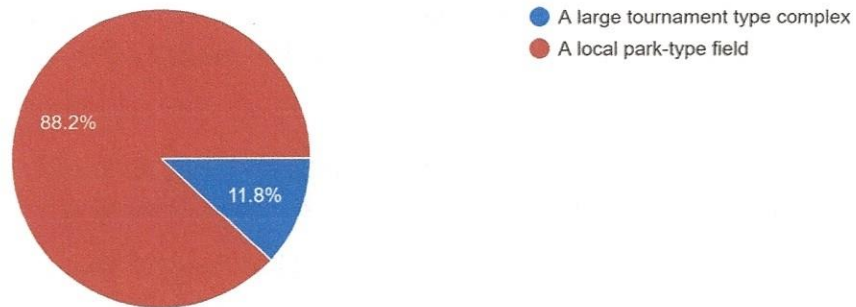
Do you endorse Option 4, provided by HACHT, for the new Rassekh Park?

93 responses



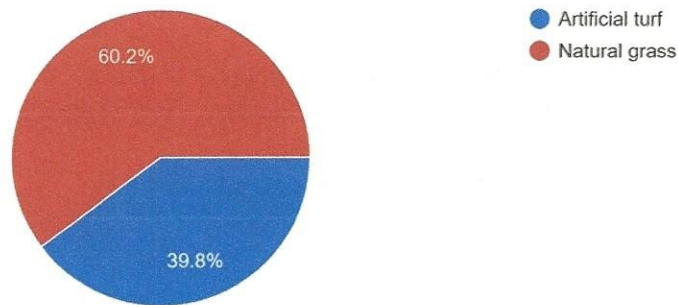
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**INDIVIDUAL COMMENTS (unedited with space between each individual response):**

The neighborhood deserves a say in this land that is among us. Return sensitive lands to the Grand Ronde tribe and NO stadium lights.

The area is simply too small for accommodating large tournaments or other events attracting overflow parking. Keep it simple.

Our community needs more youth sports fields.

I would rather not have the field at all. We have tons of fields. We need a larger off-leash park. One that doesn't have giardia.

Option 4 is a better buffer between the park and the neighborhood and more conscientious.

We do not want the entrance on Atherton Drive

Thank you for encouraging this option! I also endorsed option #4 in the city survey. New City staff members may not remember all the problems the temporary dog park had several years ago. Traffic would come zooming off the circle only to come to a dead stop as cars were entering/exiting the park onto Atherton Dr. They also parked alongside the road (in spite of the signs that were installed) which caused poor visibility to cars coming down the street (also continuously damaged our HOA sprinkler system). I would like to see the entrance off Stafford with an improved walking path connecting Rassekh to Hazelia via the crosswalk at Overlook. This would allow access to overflow parking. Thank you again for endorsing this option - we think this would be the best use of this property

Why don't the other versions have lights? Also, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde lands are not identified in the other renderings. Seems like #4 has further developed renderings than the other three. Need to confirm that the other 3 renders are complete so equal review can take place. Has traffic inflow and outflow been reviewed? Traffic flow going out on to Stafford without a street light should be reviewed and discussed.

Even though I like your option you put forward it does give the community less options; like pickle ball, basketball etc. but maybe with the feedback what you'll find there's a fifth option that's even better - where part of your plan and their most desired plan of theirs gets combined. I do want to be conscious of native plants, trees etc. And I think long term should be the vision here. It should be a place that is used by the community when we do need a field during tournaments etc. but it shouldn't be the focus the way Hazelia is...But more of a multi use park versus just one big field that only one or two sports can use. I hope this helps and it's so nice to know there's people who are thinking of our native people population and what they deserve.

I love the idea of keeping things as natural as possible. Grass sports fields take lots of chemicals and are hard to play on for much of the year in Oregon so I think artificial turf is a friendlier option to the earth and safer for players. Thanks for doing this - I love the revisions made that express our values well.

The traffic study preferred Atherton road over Stafford which appears to be the best option and keeps Stafford Road flowing. Regarding the bathroom facilities, no matter which design wins, the City will be boring the sewer line under the sensitive lands of Pecan Creek to the pumping station. Offering the sensitive lands to the CTGR is a positive step forward, which I will support. Finally, the Parks and Rec's

end goal is to have a permanent structure on this property such as the tennis center. This is the first phase and a way to get utilities in place, roads and parking established and infrastructure ready without spending much on developing the property. It will be easy to push out the ball fields to add the structure in the future. In my opinion. Of all options, I choose option 1 with the CTGR getting control of the sensitive lands. Option 5.

a LOT is getting dumped in the Palisades Neighborhood - what about better sidewalks within the neighborhood) AND bike lanes to compromise for the increased traffic and parking

Would like to see more of a nature park with large playground area and covered picnic area for people of all ages to enjoy. A walking path through the park would be great and/or bike path for families. No lights.

We do not need more lighted fields or promotion of the congestion of big events.

No link for add'l info on the proposed lands to to Grand Ronde

I'd like to minimize additional traffic - mostly cars.

By returning land to the Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde, our community is acknowledging the theft and showing our active support of this tribe. It is easy to say, "oh well that happened decades ago, not my problem" but we as a society must step up and demonstrate by our ACTIONS we are just and inclusive of all communities and that cannot happen until we right the wrongs of the past.

Negative impacts of the project should remain within the project area or be mitigated to the satisfaction of all parties.

I think we don't need a multi- use athletic field! I would prefer a natural area with picnic site, path for walk, playground...a natural extension of Lusher farm. Thanks.

Keep this land as natural as possible

I am still concerned about access from Stafford Rd. There is little space between the lighted intersection at Stafford and Overlook and the round about at Rosemont. It seems that one more access for a park could significantly impact traffic flow during peak times. Also, trying to make a left turn from Stafford to turn north could be very difficult. An additional lighted intersection does not seem like a good idea. In this respect, I prefer access from Atherton.

I would prefer no developed park at all. Leave it natural for our resident deer and residents to enjoy NATURALLY.

I don't have sting feelings about grass over turf

NO LIGHTS

Maybe Native American education Many not this area but, we need more pickle ball courts in the City

This is creative and could be educations for families

I oppose any addition to the cities' multitude of large sports fields that are only enjoyed by those in paying & playing organized athletics. These fields yield the least LO citizen user per square foot usage of

city owned parks. I suggest we merge the above concepts into a park that includes activities that do not require organized sports- playgrounds, large/small picnic areas, walking trails, sheltered basketball courts, skateboard areas, walking trails, sheltered pickleball courts, frisbee play, etc. Lights, if necessary, should be low impact.

I think the city steamrolled the 3 design "options" through without any regard for existing look and feel of the area. Less than 10 years ago the property was reserved for natural use by the city and the suggestion of a tennis center was completely discounted. Now a tournament sized complex is being shoved into this an urban growth boundary area across from a beautiful Luscher Farm. I disagree with the city's vision for this space. Disappointed this is what the park bond monies have encouraged. What other sites were considered for such a sports complex? Isn't the new pool down the road enough? Increased traffic, light pollution and more threaten to ruin this area. There are traffic jams at the roundabout already from the 205. How does this new sports complex in anyway tie to the natural Steven's Meadow area? Too much, too big, too expensive.

I'd like what's best for the environment, traffic minimization, a park that aligns with all stakeholders and a park that's about imagination and body strengthening not another traditional sporting field which we have so many of - think bigger, global not just soccer, baseball, football

Will they place more trees/foilage between field and residents to din the noise and reduce light? I also worry for animals being displaced.

Natural grass requires water and chemicals that harm the environment. Not necessary.

Favoring Option 4

I think the athletic field could be shortened up to allow a pickleball/halfcourt basketball area  
pickle ball!

Absolutely no lighting and no bathroom facilities

Entry off Stafford Road is a bad idea; Atherton would be a better option. I'm not a golfer, but taking away half a golf course is also a bad idea. When can you ever get enough land inside a city for a golf course? Here we have one and you are taking it away. It would be much better to put the aquatic center elsewhere.

I think what ever is decided the access should be on Atherton.

Keep it natural!

Option 1,2 &3 will cause excessive congestion on Atherton for residents, ball park participants and guests. The congestion on Atherton will cause backups and accidents at the round-about.

#2 included a skatepark. Parking near the playground and picnic area is preferable.

Current member count: 1700 Households, 420 Member Recipients, 50.5% Open rate

Current PNA members voted: 93

Current PNA members voted for: 73

Current PNA members voted against: 20