

Fen Burdett

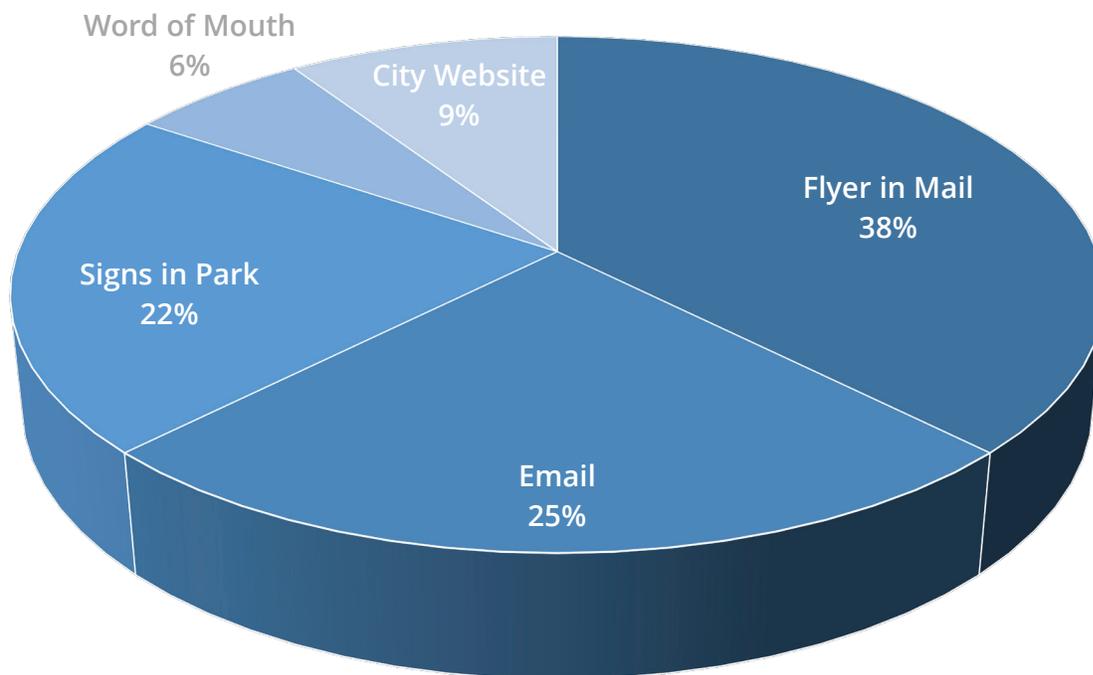
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Open House #3 Results

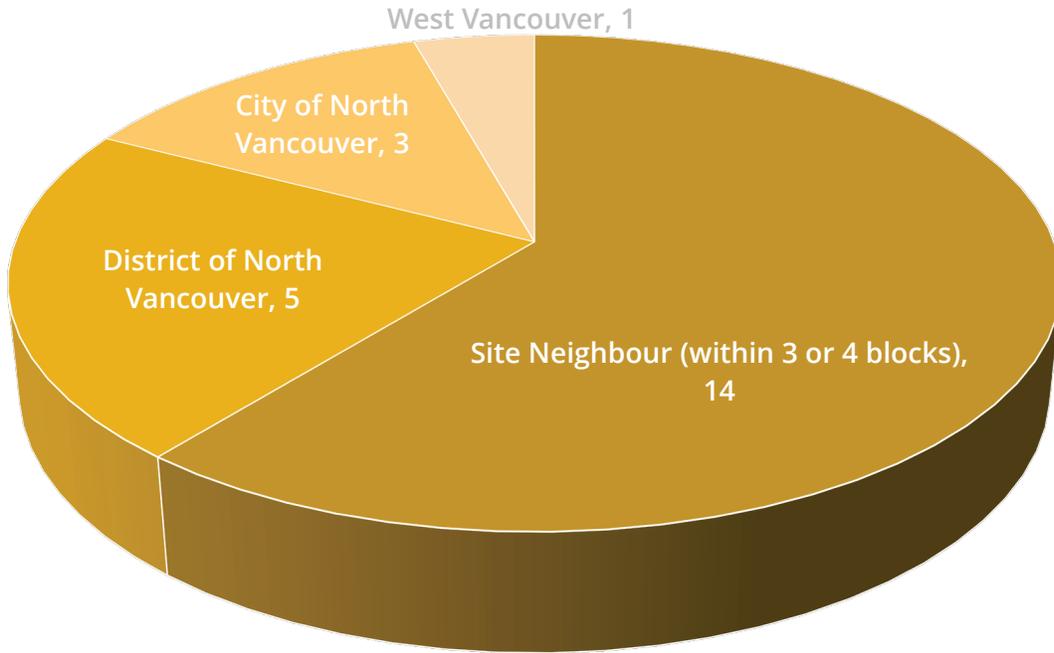
Open House #3 was held at the Carson Graham Secondary School (2145 Jones Ave.) on February 24th between 5:00pm-8:00pm. Approximately 40 people attended the Open House. City staff and consultants from R.F. Binnie and Associates were present to discuss and answer questions about the design and process. A two page survey was provided to the public (both online and hard-copy), to collect information about their current use of the site, as well as comments regarding the proposed design. Written feedback was received from 24 people (17 paper surveys, 6 online surveys, 1 email). The following pages show all of the responses to the survey questions.



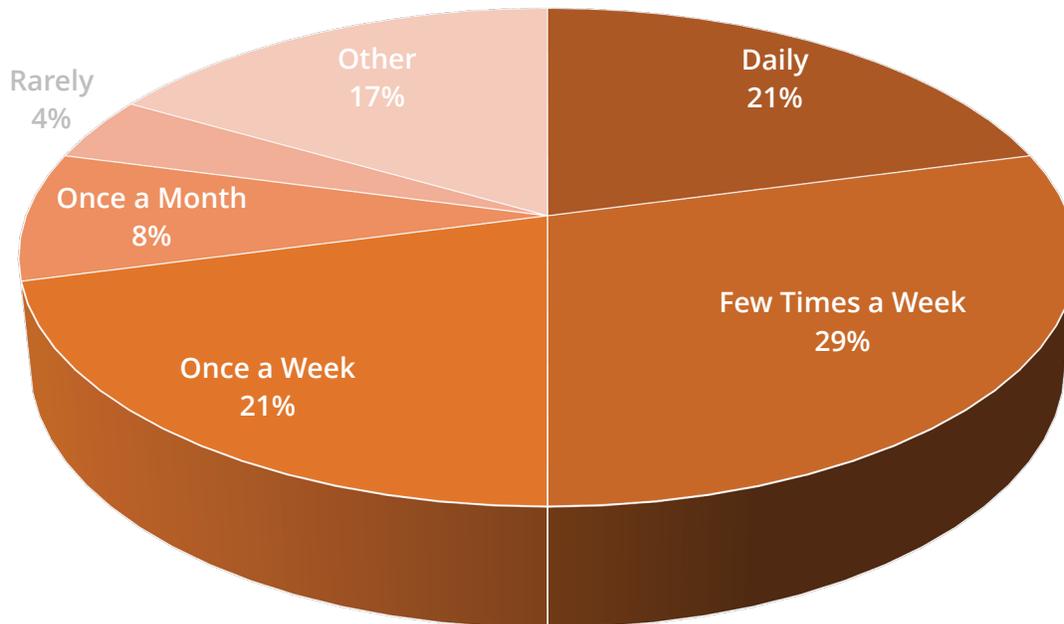
1) How did you hear about the Open House?



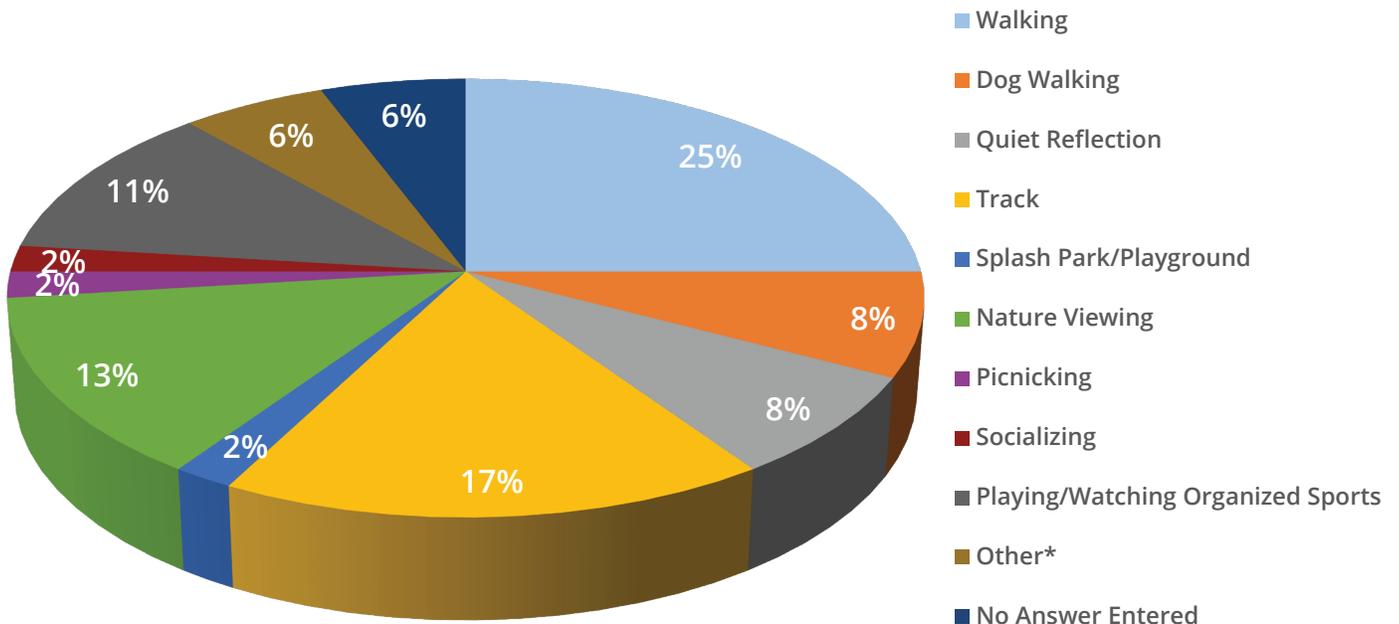
2) Where do you live?



3) How often do you frequent the Fen Burdett Stadium in Mahon Park?

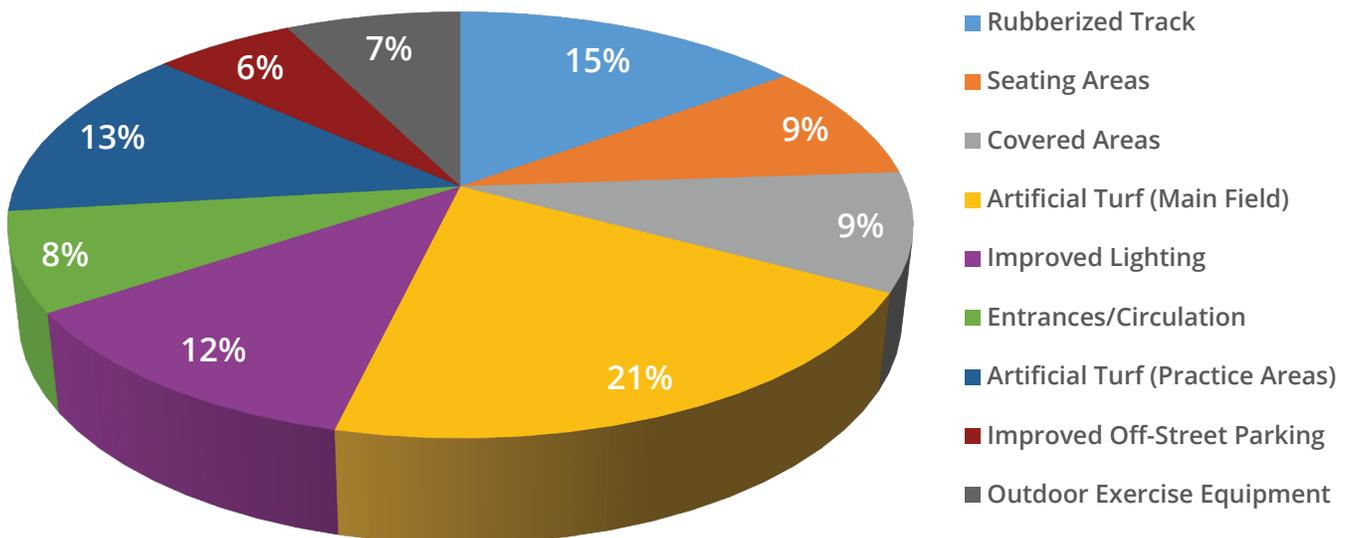


4) What activities do you currently do at Fen Burdett in Mahon Park?
(Select as many as apply)



*Other: Rugby (1.5%), Kids Playing (1.5%) Soccer (3%)

5) Which components of the proposed design do you value?
(Select as many as apply)



The following questions have been tabulated to reflect a categorization of the responses, for example “3 Pleased with overall design” signifies that there were three comments of a similar nature expressing the person’s satisfaction with the proposed design. Full responses to the survey can be found at the end of this report.

6) Do you see yourself as a future user of Fen Burdett Stadium in Mahon park, as it is presented?

a) If so, what portions of the concept design interest you the most?

- 9 Track - like the new surface and width
- 4 Pleased with overall design
- 3 Soccer
- 2 No comments
- 2 Improved lighting
- 2 Increased parking
- 2 Exercise equipment
- 1 Walking
- 1 Running
- 1 Bleachers
- 1 Retaining of trees
- 1 Rugby

b) If not, how could the concept design be changed to improve your experience?

- 2 Opposed to removing holly unless replace with equally effective screen
- 2 Concerned that the roundabout could invite more traffic to the park area. One resident commented that it seems more logical to incorporate a drop off area along Jones, on either side of the street for traffic traveling in both directions, and located near a crosswalk for park users to pull over and safely access the park using a marked crosswalk
- 2 Worried about balls going over fences (particularly at south end). Increase height of fences/netting to prevent it from happening, and also add a gate behind goals to make retrieval easier
- 1 Please make it visually attractive
- 1 Include post inserts for rugby uprights
- 1 Add more outside fitness elements
- 1 Create natural landscaping along the pedestrian way (blue colour)
- 1 Make the back stop fences 4m high
- 1 Prefer to have one colour for the track not two
- 1 Dislike that one part of track is for walking and one is for running only
- 1 Concerns about increased traffic and parking
- 1 Hope the park will be closed at night to deter people from drinking there

7) Are there any other comments you wish to share with us?

- 6 No comments
- 3 Worried about increased traffic, difficulty parking, and noise
- 3 Great job, it looks like it's going to be a great community amenity
- 3 Please do not install a kick wall adjacent to 16th street - too noisy
- 2 Would it be possible to build a club house at the park?
- 2 More green space on south end (including corner of Jones and 16th Street)
- 2 Overflow parking - Non-dusty gravel preferred and level surface. Add mature trees in the buffer area to protect neighbour's privacy and reduce noise
- 1 Renovate the change rooms
- 1 Flyer arrived the day before the open house
- 1 Fencing - 9 ft chain link not attractive- any other solutions?
- 1 Keep the exercise equipment on the north end - not in front of the neighbours
- 1 Pleased that no existing trees will be removed
- 1 Pleased that the fitness station locations have been moved from the earlier proposed design
- 1 Install bike racks at several locations in the park including the near the track
- 1 The shared path along Jones is too narrow and should be widened or relocated. In some areas the car doors open into the path, kids and parents put their equipment on the path; a poor design for biking. Maybe a bike path can be built on Jones if some of the parking is moved to the lot at 18th or next to the current path
- 1 Can the field still be used for casual neighborhood use. i.e. flying a kite? Or will it be for the exclusive use of sports teams?
- 1 Ensure there is access for young children to have space to ride bikes
- 1 Aesthetically pleasing
- 1 Chasing balls a long distance causes delays in game which impacts the next timeslot for the soccer field
- 1 Multi-use design benefits different groups in the community



The following are the verbatim responses from the surveys:

6) Do you see yourself as a future user of Fen Burdett Stadium in Mahon park, as it is presented?

a) If so, what portions of the concept design interest you the most?

b) If not, how could the concept design be changed to improve your experience?

- *I would like to continue to use the track. I can see my children using the field for soccer. I like that the track width is maintained. Not a fan of coloured walkways and I do not like being told walk on this course and to run on this course. One colour is fine and I can decide where I will walk or run*
- *I like the track surface improvements*
- *I am most interested in the rubberized track. It would be good to have as many lanes as possible so several people and groups can train at the same time.*
- *Yes absolutely. Please ensure the outdoor exercise equipment includes the chin up bar option shown in the drawings. I plan to work out there regularly.*
- *I will continue to use Mahon Park as I have been. As a resident who lives across the street on 16th Street I have major concerns about increased traffic and increased demand for street parking which is already a challenge at times with field events, Armory events or simply resident parking with homes and the apartment building at the end of the block. I'm really opposed to removing the dense holly shrubs unless you plan to replace them with an equally effective screen between the homes on 16th St and the turf field. Invasive plants or not they are thick, evergreen and a wildlife food source. The roundabout is another major concern because it appears to simply be an invitation to increased traffic right into the park area. That cannot be considered an improvement. Do you still plan to close the park off to traffic at night? It is very common to see and hear people in the park at night yelling and I guess drinking...mostly harmless...but may not remain harmless if they can go in by the car load. You say you will retain existing trees. I do hope you mean ALL existing trees, especially the large ones. If any small ones need to go - please move and replant as you did with some along the green necklace on Jones. I highly value the green space of Mahon Park. Please protect it.*
- *Yes, I am most interested in the outdoor exercise equipment, but notice that they are referred to as "potential outdoor fitness nodes" in the presentation boards. I hope this doesn't mean that the exercise equipment may never materialize.*
- *Yes, walking*
- *Yes, I like the design, like that they moved the field closer to the grandstand. B) as a soccer player I worry about balls over the low back fences, particularly at the south end. Needs higher netting and a gate behind the goals to allow easier ball retrieval.*
- *We need more soccer fields for young people to learn*
- *Yes for soccer practice and games*
- *I appreciate the full 400m track and the 6 lane sprinting zone. The updated lighting and improved parking are good additions.*
- *Track, bleachers*

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- *The outer walking track. The area around the park.*
- *I love the full use of the site, now the stands can be used to watch the games.*
- *Please make it visually attractive*
- *Interested in its use as rugby artificial turf field. Include post inserts for rugby uprights*
- *Yes, I am going to run over there. Also being west 18th Street resident I am interested in overflow parking lot improvement. B) Put more outside fitness elements. I would recommend to create a kind of natural look landscaping along the pedestrian way (blue colour)*
- *[No answer entered]*
- *400 metre track and community track*
- *[No answer entered]*
- *Yes, the track. It's important for a training facility and for local schools and clubs to have a track, with good a quality surface and lanes marked. The 100m track would need to have the same surface on all lanes.*
- *Improved lighting, usual enhancements*
- *The two tracks look great and I would use both soccer pitch for games and practices. B) make the back stop fences 4m high*
- *I am still very concerned about the removal of the "invasive plants" located near the southwest corner of the track along with the turn-around circle drop-off feature. The holly trees act as a natural, dense screen for the houses along 16th Street that provide some privacy as well as blocking the bright field lights at night. The presentation boards appear to classify them as "invasive" to promote their removal. However, those holly trees stand alone on that corner and pose no threat to other native plants (because there isn't any). In the design, it appears they are to be removed without replacing them with any other landscaping, which defeats the purpose of removing them and calling them invasive. The turn-around circle drop off feature is going to cause added traffic along 16th street and is and unnecessary addition. 16th Street, as seen on the north Vancouver GIS maps, is classified as a local road. This road is already used as an alternate route going between Chesterfield and Keith which are both arterial roads. It doesn't make sense to direct traffic off Jones, which is a collector road, to provide access to the park. It seems more logical to incorporate a drop off area along Jones, on either side of the street for traffic traveling in both directions, and located near a crosswalk for park users to pull over and safely access the park using a marked crosswalk.*

7) Are there any other comments you wish to share with us?

- *Turning the park into a major soccer facility will create more noise and traffic. The whole area will be jammed packed with cars and people every weekend. It will no longer be a peaceful quiet neighborhood. I am not sure that people realize how busy and noisy it is going to be and how the neighborhood character will change forever. Is this what they want?*
- *Install bike racks at several locations in the park including the near the track. The shared path along Jones is too narrow and should be widened. It is unsafe to bike the path when sports groups arrive or leave the fields. In some areas the car doors open into the path, kids and parents put their equipment on the path, a poor design for biking. Maybe a bike path can be built on Jones if some of the parking is moved to the lot at 18th or next to the current path.*

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- *Can the field still be used for casual neighborhood use. I.e. flying a kite? Or will it be for the exclusive use of sports teams? We will be impacted by more traffic and parking will become scarce on weekends for residents and guests*
- *Please ensure that the parking lot on 18th protects the neighbours' privacy through appropriate landscaping and noise cancelling measures.*
- *[No Answer Entered]*
- *Great job, it looks like it's going to be a great community amenity. I hope that parking does not become an issue.*
- *Aesthetically pleasing*
- *Chasing balls a long distance causes delays in game which impacts the next timeslot for the soccer field.*
- *North Van city, doing good job. And keeping parks in good shape.*
- *My main interest is soccer. However this plan appears to be a benefit to a large portion of the community. I like the plan.*
- *[No Answer Entered]*
- *Please do not install a kick wall adjacent to 16th street*
- *We would like to make sure there are no kick walls at the south end warm up area as we live directly across the street and the noise would be very invasive at our home. We would like some extra green space on the corner of Jones and 16th Street.*
- *I believe the changing rooms need to be updated and a club house needs to be built*
- *Flyer arrived the day before the open house. I know there must be a fence on the ends, 9 ft chain link not attractive- any other solutions? No kick board on the south end - too noisy! Keep the exercise equipment on the north end - not in front of the neighbours. Lots of greenery on the south end would be appreciated.*
- *[No Answer Entered]*
- *1. Make new pedestrian way with rubber surfacing soft and comfy for runners 2. Put mature trees on the buffer area between the last single family house and new overflow parking 3. The surface of overflow parking should be non-dusty and levelled. I do not know how to achieve it with gravel, even large size.*
- *[No answer entered]*
- *[No answer entered]*
- *Ensure there is access for young children to have space to ride bikes*
- *[No Answer Entered]*
- *Good job*
- *This facility improvement is awesome! If the NVFC could build a club house at the park, that would be awesome too!*
- *I am pleased with two of the revisions. That being the removal of "fitness stations" from the southwest corner of the park. The location of those stations were far too isolated from the rest of the park and having them positioned by the road would most likely deter people from using them. Also, it appears no existing trees are to be removed*