

September 2018

Mahon Horseshoe Club area Improvements Open House Questionnaire

Thank you for attending this Open House. Please note: copies of the information boards will be available at www.cnv.org/MahonParkImprovements

The old Horseshoe Club buildings in Mahon Park are being dismantled, providing an opportunity for improvements. Please review the information panels and take a few minutes to complete this questionnaire. We value any feedback you can provide to assist us with this project. Thank you for participating.

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The first 3 questions will help us to understand who has attended the Open House, and will assist us to improve our procedures for future Open House notifications.

Q1 How did you hear about the Open House? Please tick **ALL** that apply

Flyer in mail = 22 Email = 59 Word of Mouth = 104 Facebook/Twitter = 29

Other (please specify):

Mom's group

Riding past Mahon Park

City sign at the park x17

North Shore news

CityView E-newsletter x5

Mahon Park Daycare

Googling developments in the City

City Website x13

Q2 Where do you live?

City of North Vancouver = 145 District of North Vancouver = 73

Other (please specify):

Burnaby x2

Surrey x3

Port Moody

West Vancouver x10

Port Coquitlam

Vancouver x7

Chemainus

New West Minster

Q3 What is your Current Age?

Under 25 = 18 25 to 34 = 19 35 to 44 = 52 45 to 54 = 36

55 to 64 = 75 64 to 74 = 47 75 or older = 12 Prefer not to Disclose = 1

Q4 How often do you frequent the area around the Horseshoe Club in Mahon Park?

Daily = 34 A few times a week = 44 Once per week = 33 Once per month = 45
 Rarely = 78

Other (please specify):

Play soccer at Fen Burdett x3
 I will frequent if there is Pickleball x3
 Don't frequent horseshoe area – never see anyone there
 A lot when kids were young; now less frequently
 Daily, walking my leashed dog in grassed open area
 When taking a break from field activities at Fen Burdett
 I walk my dog 2x/day in the area & would happily walk in this specific area if there was a good reason
 I didn't know there was a Horseshoe Club

Just walking on 16th
 Walk my dog here daily
 Rarely because no dogs allowed

Q5 What activities do you typically do in this area? Please tick ALL that apply

- Picnicking = 40 Basketball = 12 Walking = 141 Exercising = 59 Running = 49
 Relaxing = 56

Other (please specify):

Walking Dog x16
 Playing in playground x16
 Soccer x7
 Daycare x3
 Cycling x3
 Water park x3
 Playing Frisbee x2
 I am a teacher at Carson Graham and bring my kids there occasionally

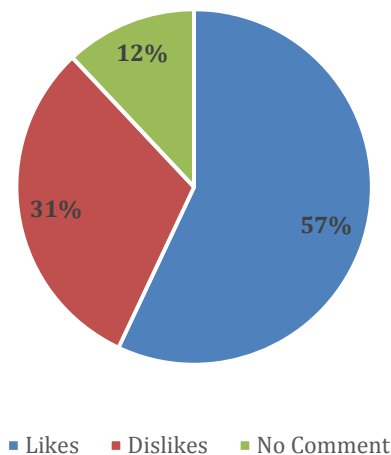
Skateboarding x2
 Volleyball
 Socializing
 Golfing
 Tennis
 Cyclocross races
 Sports

Q6

A number of preliminary concepts have been presented at the Open House. Please tell us what you think about the various ideas for new park amenities.

1.

Keep and Improve the Existing Basketball Court

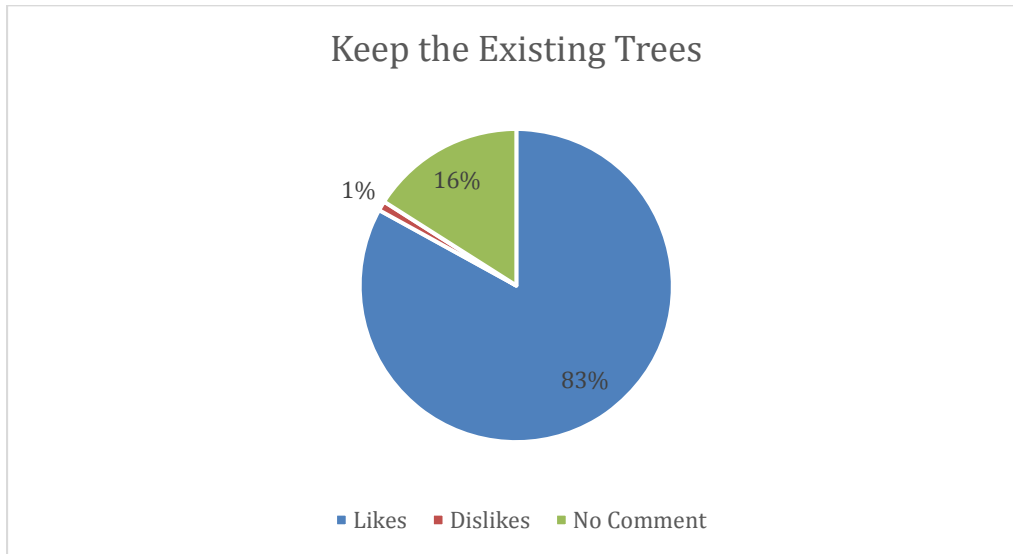


Comments:

It's not being used
 City needs more courts, improve for local kids

Use space for passive activities
 Too age specific

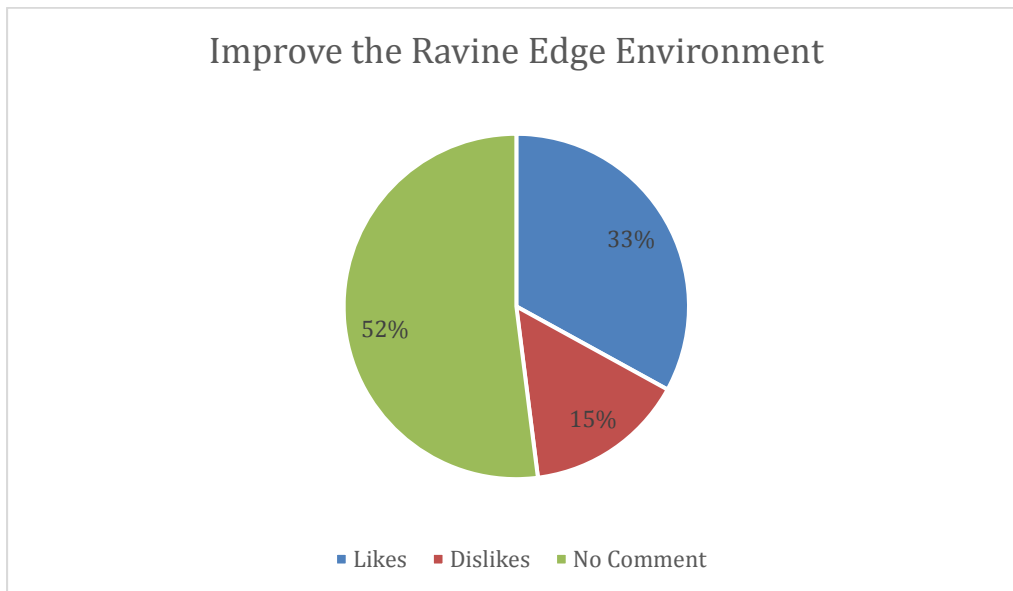
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Comments:

Keep the trees, they make the park look nice and provide shade
Need stronger tree protection policies
Add more trees on East side
Thin out the trees around the basketball court for security purposes

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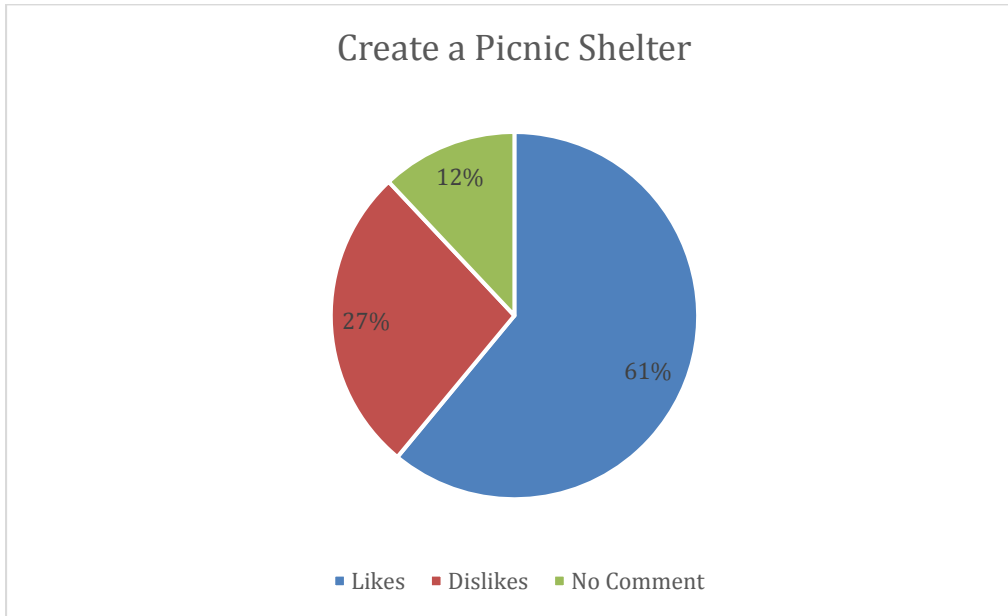


Comments:

No need
Keep the wildlife in mind
If it makes it safer

Yes to maintaining natural area
Make it useable
Would like to see a specific design first

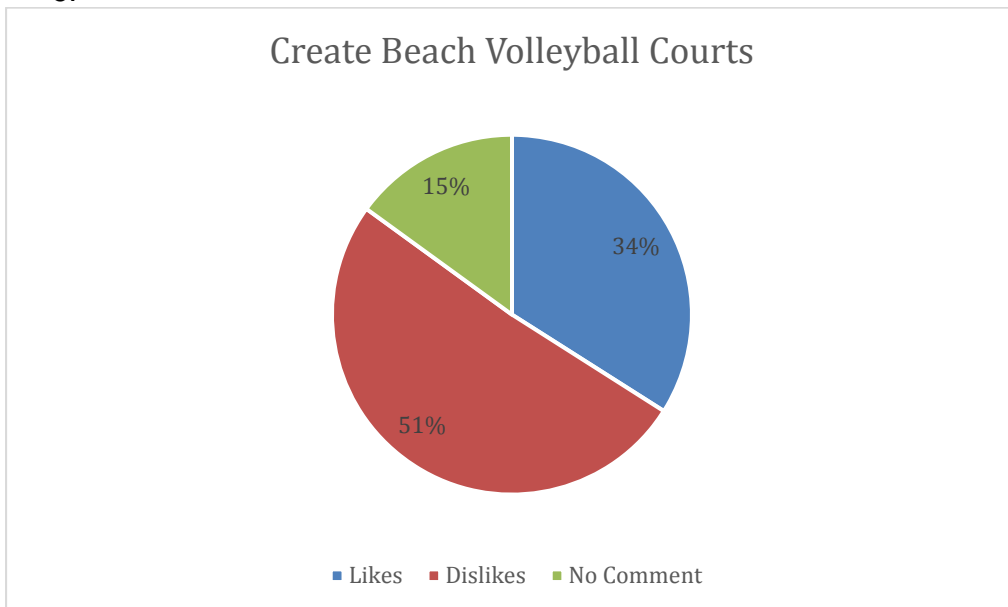
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Comments:

- Not sure that it is necessary
- It will increase garbage
- It will be a hangout for kids and homeless at night
- Only if it is near the waterpark/kids play area otherwise families won't use it
- A sheltered picnic area would be great for any weather
- A small one next to Pickleball courts would be great
- People like to picnic in the park & currently sit on the grass – it would be great for picnic tables

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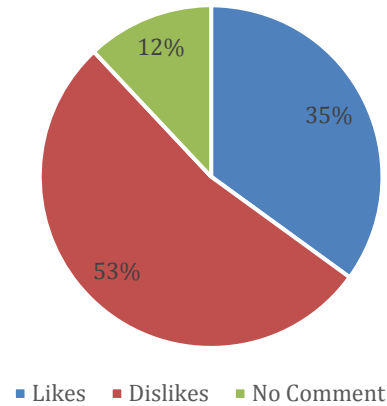


Comments:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Poor location for this activityBeach volleyball should be at the beachNot sure that it will get usedSeldom used see Waterfront Park/Kingsmill | <ul style="list-style-type: none">May require too much maintenanceToo weather/season dependentNo more than twoOnly if there is multiuse for this area |
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6.

Create a Golf Area That Could Include a Putting Green, Pitch and Putt Golf Hole and/or a Practice Area



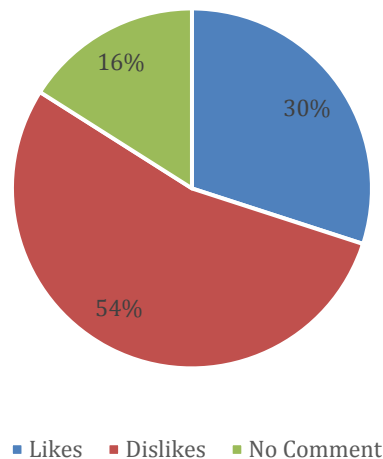
Comments:

Would be great
Too small an area, balls fly everywhere
Chipping green would be great
Would require maintenance
Quiet sports like golf or bocce would suit the area better than basketball
I use the one in Stanley Park & it's always busy and people love it

Nice for a kid to be introduced to golf
How much would it be used from Oct-April
Liability of injuries

7.

Create a Disc Golf Practice Area

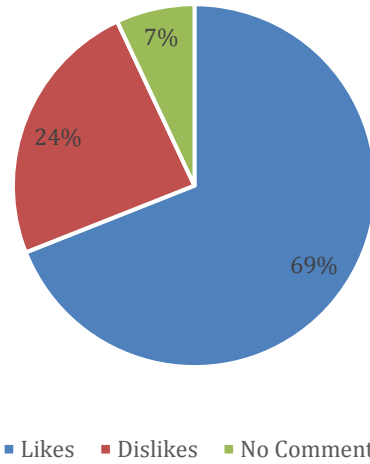


Comments:

This is a fun sport that is increasing in popularity / best use of space
Not enough to peek anyone's interest for consistent long-term
Would the park space be used to benefit the max. number of people who frequently use this space
Might be something fun for older kids and the whole family

8.

Create Sports Courts for Pickleball and Other Casual Uses



Comments:

Not just Pickleball

Will equipment be available and maintained

Pickleball is becoming more popular / fastest growing sport in North America

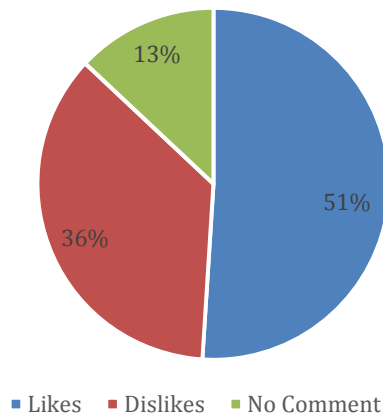
We don't have enough Pickleball courts and the number of people enjoying the sport is growing

Why not put up some kind of building that can offer indoor activities year round

Takes away from the green space

9.

Supply a Variety of Free Games in a Toy Box in the Park Including Informal Bocce, Badminton and Croquet



Comments:

Ray Perrault has this and it is a big hit

Keep it natural people can bring their own toys

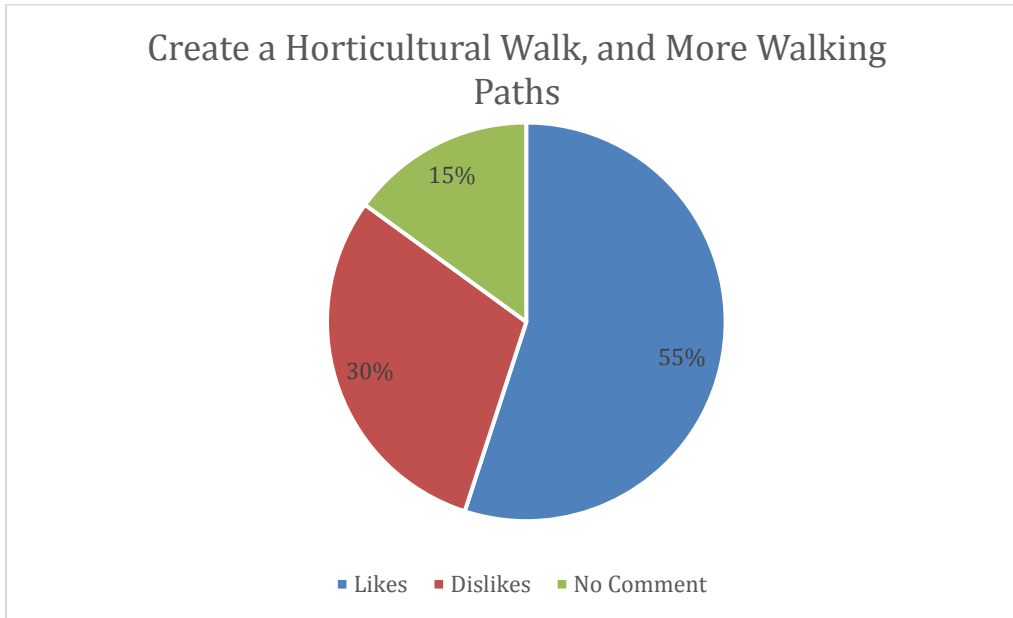
People would take, loss + vandalism, will get stolen

Like the idea of lower impact, less destructive game uses

Lawn games are great for families

Would require supervision

10.



Comments:

Brings people to the area	As long as trees remain
No, leave natural grass	Lots of walking in the area already
Community Garden space	Also a dog walk/off-leash area
Provided there is lighting	
Maybe the City could add some natural gardens or pollinator attractants to the park	

11. Other ideas that you have for the area:

Fenced dog park x16	Rock climbing
An outdoor pool x14	Animal proof garbage bins/cigarette bins
Bike skills & safety village/pump track x5	Review parking needs/better signage to 18 th
Community Garden x5	Small kitchen area for public to rent out
Coffee shop x3	A sports net to play hockey/practice soccer
Concession stand x3	Benches to sit around the park
Playground for older kids x3	In-ground trampoline
Covered yoga area x2	Beer garden with live music
Local crafts for artists to share work x2	Two full tennis courts
Keep it green, natural and fun	Improve lighting/security
Natural gardens/pollinator attractants	Playground improvements much needed
A wall to hit a ball against	First Nations carving studio, basket weaving

12. Which aspects of Concept A did you like?

None x16	All of it x4
I like golf, foot golf & disc golf components x11	Adding trees x4
Picnic area/yoga space x7	Basketball court x4
Multi-use courts x6	Outdoor classroom x3
Lawn games x5	More planting between activity areas

13. Which aspects of Concept B did you like?

Picnic area x20	Family activities x2
Resurfacing basketball court x9	Volleyball courts x2
None x7	Multiuse
Natural space/trees x4	Space to run/play use imagination
All of it x4	

14. Which aspects of Concept C did you like?

Pickleball x25	None x2
Putting and chipping green x12	Good selection of varied uses x2
Beach volleyball x11	Multi-sport area x2
Multi-use courts x9	Improvements to basketball courts x2
Picnic area x6	Picnic area x2
All of it x3	Bocce
Having shade trees to divide the areas x3	

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

I really think the City needs more attractions in the parks, therefore this is a great idea and I think it will open the door to more future projects to renovate our parks and public places to become world class and to keep up with the other major cities in the world.

An outdoor pool in NV would be amazing. Please preserve the trees and parkland. Excited this area will be more used and is a better use of space. Would the artificial turf/chipping area get messy from the leaves?

Please, no more artificial turf. The natural landscape is beautiful, natural, not off-gassing and allowing people to come up with their own creative uses of the park. While disc golf could be a fun option, it also limits the "other" use options for people: integrate with yoga area, outdoor classroom, natural areas that can be utilized for group activity. Consider in-ground trampoline with the natural landscape, a portion for picnicking / portion for play. Outdoor pool! Only a couple of months but there would be a great turnout given how many come for the spray park; supports wider age group of interest including early teens. Picnic shelter sounds great for all year-round gatherings. Baseball, yes.

Subtle lighting via solar panels. Concrete picnic tables – easy to clean + maintain

I am captain of a summer beach volleyball league and play on Spanish Banks. It would be great to have a local place to practice and hold small tournaments. I have a regular group of 12+ people who would all regularly use a local volleyball court. I live right across the street.

Please do not build too much. Natural grass/trees is hard to find now.

Would like something for older kid's elementary school age. Also would be good to consult Mahon Park Day Care. They frequent the area.

I am not a dog owner, but honestly I think the most bang for your buck would be a set aside part of this area as an enclosed off-leash dog park, like the one at Harbourfront Park (near the Auto Mall). Maybe have some localized lighting so that people can take their dogs there on dark winter evenings. This is the only option that I can see being used by lots of people year-round. More picnic tables and even a picnic shelter would be great, but they have to be located in areas near the kids play area/waterpark/track. Families won't use picnic areas if they can't keep an eye on their kids. I would be very hesitant to spend a bunch of money renovating the area for a fringe sport (i.e. Pickleball), especially when another fringe sport (Horseshoe) obviously failed in the same location. I don't want to be coming to another open-house in 10 years to brainstorm ideas of what to do with the Pickleball courts that nobody uses. Thank you for your time.

I am a dog walker in the 16th grass area, along with many others. 99% of walkers pick up after their animals along with broken glass, garbage etc. I use the park 365 days a year, not just summer usage. Because I pay taxes and dog license etc., I propose a fenced in, lighted, gated area above the

horseshoe pitch with garbage (red) cans for the majority of the people who daily use the park, not only summer picnic usage. Pollution would not be a problem nor would dogs straying into children play area or onto the sports field. Fencing is ½ done now and if this proceeds unsuitable, could be easily changed. Give the majority of persons who use this green area a fair deal for them and their dogs.

Community needs area for off-leash dog area that is fenced in because it is useable all year, low maintenance and friendly for all age groups.

Would be nice to be able to have a dog off-leash area in the vicinity. Increase visibility of basketball court, people use it for nefarious activities.

Would really be nice to see a combined use park that would share the space for dogs. There are many dog owners who use this daily. Pickleball is a popular low-cost sport. Picnic shelters will require lighting to keep idiots away after hours.

Can you combine dog exercise area and Pickleball courts?

Golf is a game dwindling in participation due to money & time restraints. This could be a chance to bring golf to the general public in a way that is affordable (free). It is a game that can be enjoyed by all ages, abilities, and income levels. It would compliment a park setting.

I would really like to see more enclosed/gated area for dogs. We do use them all the time. As a loyal resident, I would like to see more dog friendly parks. I think turning this place into a picnic or game area will cause more garbage, more pollution, more people coming to use drugs and alcohol. Please look into this carefully and considerably.

I would like to see improvement so it can become a better place for younger people.

My thoughts are that team sport activities seldom thrive. You need to get a large number of people together so the facility often sits empty. The best use is for activities where 1 or 2 individuals can play like tennis, Pickleball, shooting hoops, golf etc. Also, recognize that this area is and always will be used by dog owners so keep that in mind and provide a safe fenced-in area for them.

Warm-up turf pad for visiting soccer team that will lessen the impact on the end zones of Fen Burdett. Or point the way to foot golf for all. Also, bin the dog-poo, our kids play here, enforce bylaw.

Lots of high school kids use this area to relax.

I think this is first time I have seen any information on this project. I was surprised the open house was on the same day the information went out. It appears that you are asking for input when the design and ideas have already been decided by staff.

Again, my interest is to see a bike riding area for kids, like a circuit or track, with some bumps and obstacles, and a flat area for practice. The asphalt pump track at Inter River Park being a good example.

All projects proposed are for fair weather. Why not ensure a constant presence of people in the park by developing an off leash area. I can honestly attest to the fact that people don't picnic in the rain or mid winter.

I would like to see facilities that my classes can use to introduce them to new activities that would promote lifelong physical activity, as well as facilities that are required to engage in the activity. Disc golf practice hole is something that you don't really need to engage in the activity.

Will there be adequate off-street parking?

Pickleball is a growing sport and this space would be a perfect location for it.

Ideal area for a fenced off dog area for off leash dogs would get the most use out of the park.

I like the idea of Pickleball courts and the sand volleyball courts as I think these would appeal to various age groups and also there is a lack of both types of facilities on the North Shore.

I would forgo all these initiatives for more local space to share with our pets. Maybe a time permitted access 6am-9am / 6pm-8pm or simply designate a portion for local pet owners to use.

The survey is flawed. A, B, or C is not well represented.

Please strongly consider the Pickleball courts. The players deserve a proper court to play on and have been waiting so long for this. They would take good care of it, as they have with the other courts that are tennis courts which have Pickleball lines added.

Remove trees and improve lighting to improve the sense of security in the area.

My son currently enjoys skateboarding there as do other kids. You may wish to consider a flat/paved surface for this activity. The skateboard park at 23rd is for advanced riders and I know that my son appreciates an area to practice.

The fastest growing sport in North America - Pickleball - has no dedicated courts on the North Shore. With nearly 300 members, and growing, dedicated Pickleball courts are a "must"! Although no age restrictions, the majority of participants in Pickleball are Seniors. Please provide facilities for Seniors to keep active and healthy. To accommodate so many Pickleball players, four (4) courts would be wonderful, and the best solution to keep our sport growing.

I thank you for the opportunity to comment. And I wish you every success in revitalizing that corner of the park.

I'm very pleased at how often the City of N Van asks the public for input, and how easy it is to fill out the surveys. I like being part of a progressive community :)

Thank you for inquiring with the public.

Artificial turf golf greens are tough to design well and tough to maintain to a high enough standard. Even though I'm an avid golfer, I would not use artificial turf practice greens. Besides, there are enough golf courses and pitch and putt courses to satisfy demand.

I am the artistic director at Cascadia. Ever since 2004 we have been involved with the area around Jones and Mahon. We love our creek and our neighborhood. We have also sent in proposals to the city to enliven this area with a cultural impulse. The horseshoe pitch is a special place for First Nations people. They are aware that there is an eagle's nest right there and they like to sit there in the summer. My dream and hope is that one day we can bring different groups together in an artistic way: our special needs people from Cascadia, children and youth, seniors, youth at risk etc.

I took my swimming lessons at this location. What about combining the concepts? Encouraging more community involvement, and a wider range in age of participants. One end a basketball court. Adjacent a picnic area (covered and not) for families to gather with games on the lawn. Then two or three Pickleball courts, and a pick-up bocce. Disc golf around the outskirts, through the wooded area. This would be a great concept!

It would be good to have a place in the city where a kid could get introduced to golf.

Note: I go here because I walk my dog in this field. Fairly common space for this. If it was lost to more useful space I wouldn't be sad (there's lots of places to go with my dog! But it's a current use to keep in mind.

Plant fruit trees.

Beach volleyball is too limiting for our climate and demographics.

I hope that what ever is put into the area is filling a gap that exists in public spaces in the City. An outdoor pool would be extremely popular and a great addition to the community. We are also lacking larger play areas for older kids. The Mahon Park playground by the waterpark is really only suitable for quite young children. The City lacks play structure for kids 8 - 12.

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport especially for the over 50 crowd. We need this!

I just discovered the horseshoe area. I wish there was horseshoes there to play. It would be nice to have a couple of horseshoe pits still.

Please add something that is a challenge for tweens and something that they can enjoy while younger sibs are in the baby playground!

The City of North Vancouver is sadly lacking an outdoor Pickleball facility. I would recommend that City staff take a look at the Pickleball Facility at Murdo Frazer Park in the District of North Vancouver that

have been so successful in attracting players this last summer. Also the District of West Vancouver has plans to install permanent Pickleball courts and nets at 29th and Marine.

I'd be happy to share some great examples of coffee shops in parks if any of the staff would like to explore this option further. Also any of the improvements should be wheelchair accessible and built in accordance with the latest accessibility guidelines.

Wonderful that this underused area is going to be revitalized.

I think it would be a shame to remove the clubhouse which has many good years of use left. If the North Shore Pickleball Club worked with the City Planners we could come up with a solution that would be less expensive for the City to implement.

A full sized or slightly reduced croquet lawn – about time we had a place for this game of Kings – very inclusive re ages, backgrounds ...

Outdoor table tennis setups ... They are galvanized steel, very durable and practically vandal proof.

Thank you very much for your participation and comments.

Please submit your feedback sheet by September 28th to the following:

Fax: 604-985-8439

Mail: Engineering Parks and Environment Department, City of North Vancouver, 141 West 14th Street, BC V7M 1H9

Drop off: City Hall, 141 West 14th Street, between 8:30am and 5:00pm

E-mail: eng@cnv.org (indicate in the subject: *name of project*)

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