

Salem Riverfront Park

2018 Master Plan

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Introduction

PURPOSE AND GOALS

The approximately 26-acre Riverfront Park is the City's premier urban event park located in the heart of downtown Salem and adjacent to the Willamette River. This park is classified according to the Salem Comprehensive Parks System Master Plan as an Urban Park. As an Urban Park Riverfront Park is a regional draw and its proximity to downtown Salem enhances the opportunities for connections to businesses, restaurants, entertainment, the river, and other trails and parks. Riverfront Park is the location for a variety of community events and activities including the World Beat Festival, Cherry Fest NW, River Rock, Fourth of July fireworks, summer movies and concerts, the Gilbert House Children's Museum, and the Riverfront Carousel. Each year the park is the site of numerous outdoor walk/run events, as well as private events such as weddings and birthday parties.



Movies in the park

With its wide paths, open lawns, and views of the river, Riverfront Park provides ample passive recreation opportunities. The Union Street pedestrian bridge to the north, and the Peter Courtney Minto Island Bridge to the south, connect Riverfront Park to Wallace Marine Park and Minto Brown Island Park. A future trail connection under Commercial Street and along Pringle Creek



Minto Brown Bridge at night

will provide another important connection for bikes and pedestrians to access the park.

Individual park master plans are intended to guide park management and development for the next 20-years. Riverfront Park is due for a master plan update as the last one was completed in 2001 and many changes that have taken place in the park over the past several years. This includes the acquisition of a 4-acre property formerly owned by Boise Cascade at the southeast corner of the park; the opening of the Peter Courtney Minto Island Bridge; a seasonal winter ice rink; a proposed new covered stage and performance area amphitheater; and a proposed expansion of the Riverfront Carousel.

The update to the Riverfront Park master plan will provide additional amenities to the public while preserving and enhancing many of the existing features of the park. The new master plan will guide the park management and development into the future.



Fireworks over the park

PLANNING HISTORY OF RIVERFRONT PARK

Prior to the mid- 1800's and the arrival of permanent European settlers, the area now occupied by Riverfront Park was inhabited by the Kalapuyas. They had both winter and summer camps near the park and, according to one estimate, the area between Mill and Pringle Creek, Front Avenue and the Willamette River was once the site of a 400-member Native American village.

With the development of the City of Salem, the waterfront area became dominated by industrial and commercial enterprises, including flour and sawmills. By 1936 the area of the current park was entirely industrial wood, pulp, and paper mills. This use continued through the 1980's, along with other industrial uses. In 1985 the City purchased the first land for the park from Boise Cascade Corporation. Additional pieces of land were added to the park as opportunities arose, with 22-acres purchased in 1984 and the most recent purchase of 4-acres in 2014.

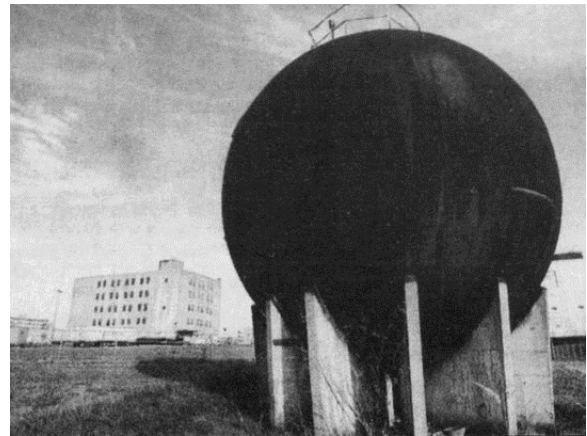
The first master plan for Riverfront was in 1986. The plan provided for a range of uses, including restaurants, hotel, conference facilities, shops, park area, boat piers, and pathways. Design development began; however, the Salem voters rejected the Council-approved plans for the hotel and conference center. This initiated a major public outreach effort and committee formation to determine the best use of the



Gilbert House Children's Museum

property. Following public input, another master plan was developed and approved by City Council in 1990. During this time the "Heritage Village" was begun and several historic buildings slated for demolition were moved to the site that is now the Gilbert House Children's Museum.

In 1992 park development was halted due to the discovery of hazardous materials during a Level II Hazmat Study. Remediation work began, and the park began to develop in phases once cleanup was completed. Eventually contaminants were removed, and the park was capped with clean fill to meet Oregon Department of Environmental Quality standards.



Industrial remnant on Riverfront Park site

Pedestrian access to the park across Front Street/Highway 22 was, and continues to be, an issue. Ideas for an overpass or an underpass were explored in 1999-2001. However, the proposed underpass was met with public resistance. In 2001, the 1986 master plan for Riverfront Park was revised, showing at-grade Front Street crossings. Other changes to the previous master plan included some simplification of proposed park features and addition of other minor amenities.

The 2001 master plan is now almost 20-years old. A new master plan is warranted for this reason, as well as several park changes, including the addition of the 4-acre parcel along Pringle Creek in 2014, a

proposed new covered stage and performance area in 2020, a proposed expansion to the Carousel, a future trail along Pringle Creek, and the opening of the



new Peter Courtney Minto Island Bridge in 2017. The new master plan will provide a fresh look at the existing park amenities as well as a vision for the next 20-years of park development and management.

REGULATORY CONSTRAINTS

Cultural Resources. Due to the cultural significance of this area to the Native Americans, any excavation or ground disturbance must be coordinated with the

State Historical Preservation Office and the Tribes of Grand Ronde and Siletz Tribes.

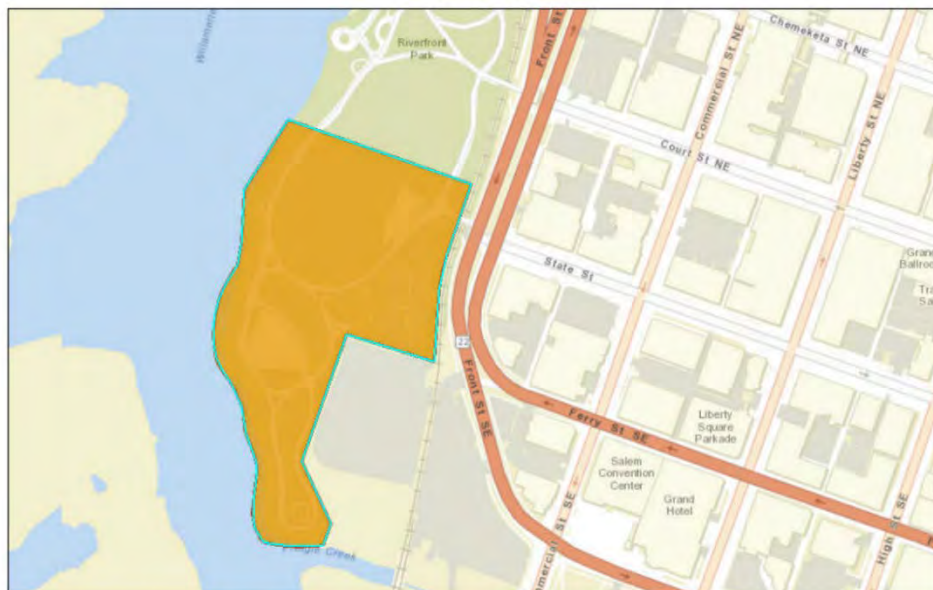
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. The existing park is capped with 2-feet of fill. This existing cap is a barrier that needs to stay intact, thereby limiting the depth of excavation. The new 4-acre parcel will also need to be capped prior to any public access. This process will require coordination with Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Land and Water Conservation Fund. The southern half of Riverfront Park is encumbered by the Land and Water Conservation Fund which is administered by the National Park Service. Due to federal funding, there are requirements that the land be retained and used for public outdoor recreation in perpetuity. Any property acquired or developed through Land and Water Conservation Fund shall not be wholly or partially converted to any other non-recreational use without approval of the National Park Service pursuant to Section 6(f) of the Land and Water Act and regulations.

Figure 1: Land and Water Conservation Fund Area Map

February 2, 2016

Riverfront Park
LWCF 6F



Approximate spatial location of current LWCF 6f boundary. Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) has made significant efforts to ensure the accuracy of the 6f boundary, however, 6f boundaries shown are approximate. 6f boundaries are only updated periodically and may not reflect new grants, conversions or boundary changes. Anomalies in street representation and file map accuracy can and do occur. Boundaries should be verified with OPRD Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Program staff.

Related Grants/Sponsor:
41-00875 / City of Salem
41-01105 / City of Salem
41-00936 / City of Salem
41-00939 / City of Salem
41-00714 / City of Salem
41-00130-26 / City of Salem
41-00130-38 / City of Salem

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Sources: Esri, HERE, DeLorme, USGS, Imagery, Intermap, P. Corp.,
NRCAN, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), Swisstopo

Willamette Greenway. The majority of Riverfront Park falls within the Willamette Greenway (see Figure 2 on page 4 and Site Analysis Diagram on page 12). The Willamette Greenway is regulated under Statewide Planning Goal 15 and Salem Revised Code Chapter 600. The goal of the regulations is to “protect and enhance the natural, scenic, recreational, historical and economic resources of the Willamette River corridor.” The Willamette Greenway is composed of two boundaries; the Riparian Buffer boundary; and the Compatibility Review Boundary.



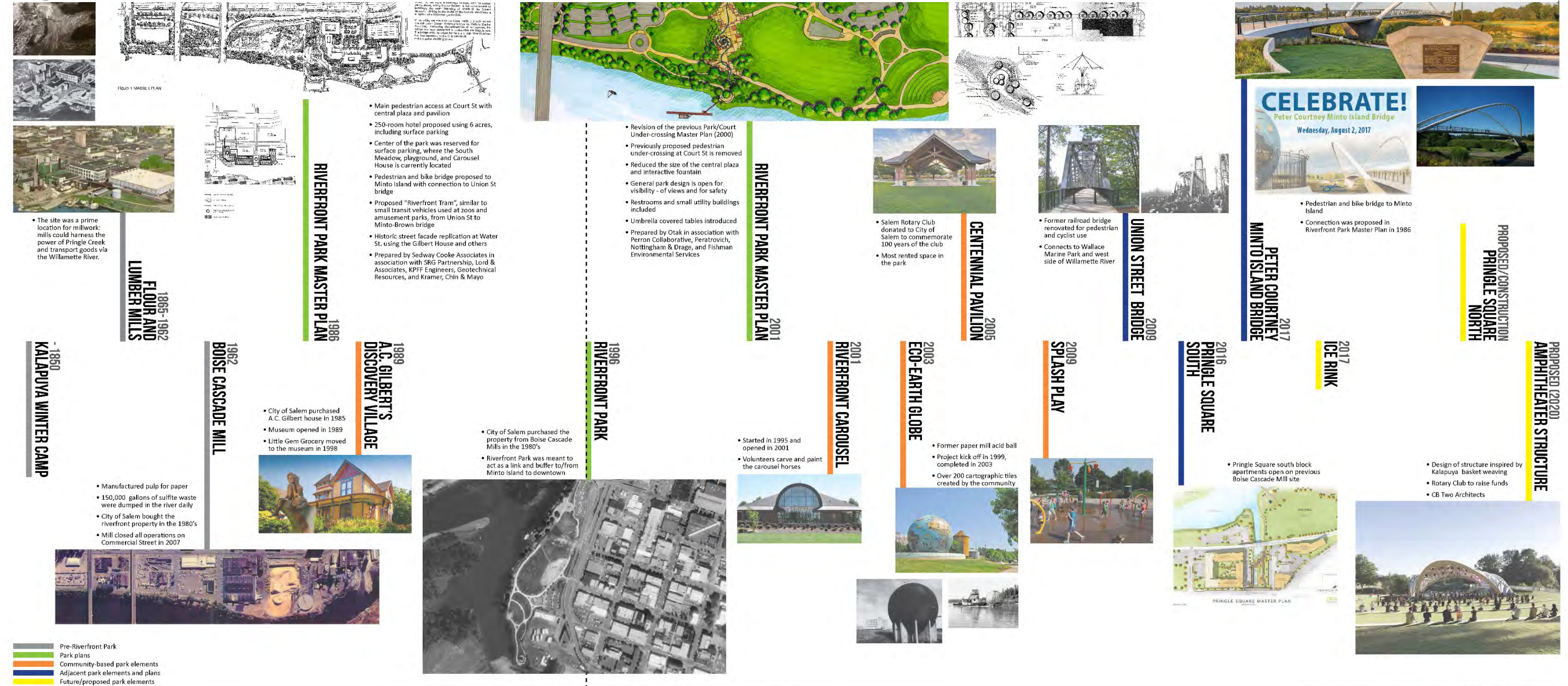
The Riparian Buffer extends 75-feet inland from the Ordinary High-Water elevation and the Compatibility Review Boundary extends 150-feet from the Ordinary Low Water. To protect the scenic value of the Willamette River, structures within the Greenway must be “water-dependent, water-related, and river-oriented uses” (SRC 600.001(f)). Any structures within the boundary must also have compatible lighting and colors as defined in the code.

Figure 2: Greenway Setback – Overlay on Master Plan

Greenway setback line



Figure 3: A Brief Timeline of Salem Riverfront Park



Public Process

The master planning process for Salem Riverfront Park included a robust public outreach effort. In addition to three public meetings a focus group was formed to provide specific viewpoints from vendors, event organizers, volunteers, and sponsors of focused projects such as the Riverfront Carousel Addition and the Rotary Club of Salem Covered Stage and Amphitheater. Focus Group meetings typically preceded the public meetings and were used to help focus on issues for presentation at subsequent public meetings. The public was also encouraged to sign up for project updates: 770 people took advantage of this option.

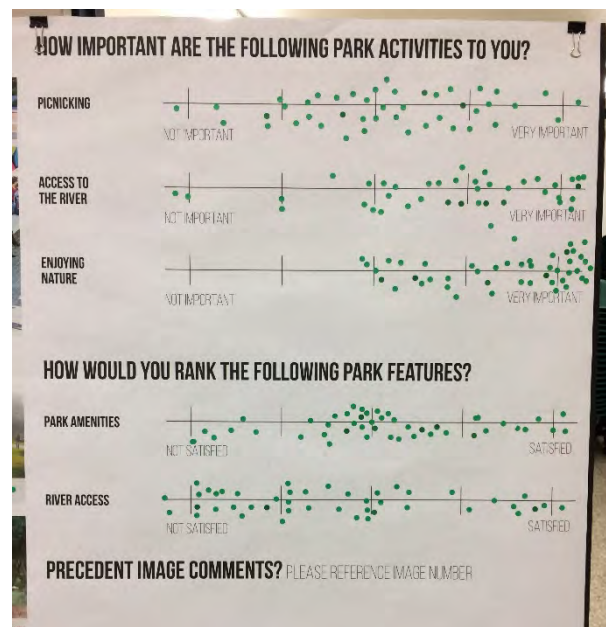
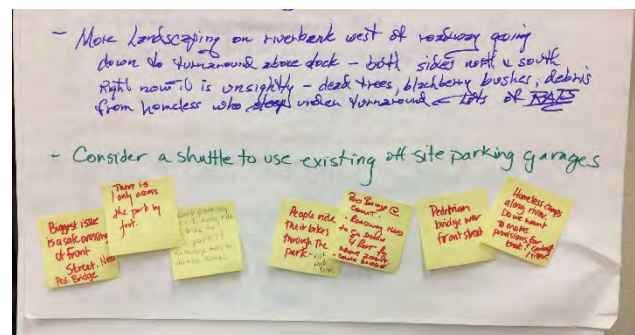
In addition to the focus group and public meetings, information was posted on the City's project website as it was developed and included on-line questionnaires, project graphics, future meeting dates, the results from prior questionnaires and key outcomes of meetings.

Following the three public meetings the Draft Master Plan was presented to the Salem City Council in a work session on September 24, 2018 and then to the Salem Parks and Recreation board on October 11, 2018. A final presentation of the Draft Master Plan was presented to the Salem City Council for their adoption on November 13, 2018.

Complete transcripts of focus group and public meeting notes can be found in Appendix A.

Question 4: What do you like/enjoy most about Riverfront Park?
736 answered/ 129 skipped question

What do you like / enjoy most about Riverfront Park?	
Key Words Searched	Responses Containing Key Word
River	169
Walking	151
Play Opportunities/ Playground	149
Access (to river, nature, trails, other parks, Minto Brown, downtown)	123
Open Space	91
Views	71
Events/Concerts/Amphitheater	65
Carousel	52
Biking	31
Gilbert House	19
Splash Pad	13



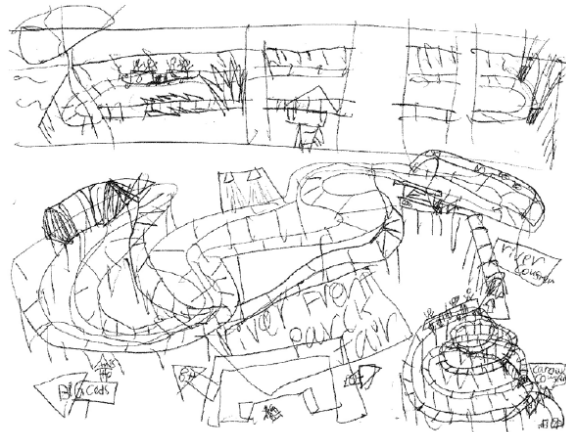
Public Meeting No. One Summary

On January 18, 2018 the City of Salem hosted a public open house from 6pm to 7:30pm at Pringle Hall to introduce the Salem Riverfront Park Master Plan process to the public. Unofficial counts place the number of attendees at approximately 50 people including adults and children. All participants seemed actively engaged in and appreciative of the format and process for the open house (see Appendix A for complete public meeting notes).

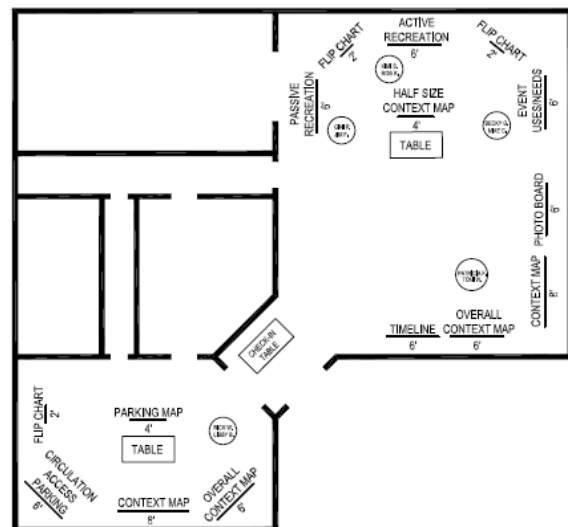
Five information stations were arranged around Pringle Hall. Other stations addressing specific topics were arranged around the hall and included:

- Events
- Parking/Access/ Circulation
- Active Recreation
- Passive Recreation

Project team members hosted each station. At each station, participants were asked to respond to a series of questions by placing a single dot indicating their opinion along a graduated scale associated with each question. Participants were given an additional three dots to place on sample images to indicate their opinion about what best represented potential improvements that might be incorporated into the new master plan for Riverfront Park.



Young participant's view of active recreation



Pringle Community Hall – Open house layout

Public Meeting No. Two Summary

On February 22, 2018 the City of Salem hosted the second public open house at Pringle Community Hall to introduce three concept alternatives for the design of Riverfront Park to the public. Unofficial counts place the number of attendees at approximately 50 people including adults and children. Participants examined alternatives carefully and were eager to express their opinions.

A brief presentation summarized the information collected during the first public online survey and introduced the three concept alternatives. For the remainder of the meeting participants were able to browse boards, ask questions, and vote for their preferred concept alternatives. Information stations, including a station with existing conditions maps, were arranged around Pringle Hall.

Project team members hosted each station. Each station included an overall site plan of the design and a smaller, supplementary board showing the Court Street Entry area in more detail. Each site plan identified 7 specific concept areas:

- Pringle Creek
- Amphitheater
- Riverfront
- Court Street Plaza
- North Activity
- North Entry
- Court Street Entry and Streetscape

Participants were each given 7 dots to place on one of the seven focus areas on any of the three concept alternatives (21 choices total). Placing dots on the focus areas was an indication of support for these specific concepts. At a fourth station, participants were given three additional dots and were asked to rank the overall concepts in order of preference.

Participants also were given the opportunity to comment by writing on flip-charts at each station or completing separate comment sheets.

See pages 14 -16 for alternative concepts. See Appendix A for full meeting notes.



Dots per zone on Concept A

	Concept A
Pringle Creek	12
Amphitheater	4
Riverfront	10
Court St Plaza	4
Court St Entry and Streetscape	6
North Activity	2
North Entry	8

Dot counts per zone for Concept A

Public Meeting No. Three Summary

On September 18, 2018 the City of Salem hosted the third public open house at Pringle Community Hall to introduce the Preferred Design Alternative. Unofficial counts estimate the number of attendees at approximately 53 people.

A brief presentation summarized the design process; community input from previous meetings and questionnaires; popular elements from the alternative concepts; and regulatory requirements affecting the design such as the Willamette Greenway. Because of potential conflicts with greenway requirements the proposed Rotary Club of Salem covered stage was moved to a new location in the undeveloped part of Riverfront Park to the south. This increased separation between events and allowed greater public access to the rest of Riverfront Park when events were in progress at the new amphitheater location.

The presentation was followed by a brief question and answer period and open house when the public could look closely at plans and perspective drawings and ask questions of team members at stations set up around the room.

Large format illustrated plans of the Draft Design Alternative were located at each end of the room and a series of perspective drawings of major portions of the design were located in between these two stations at the side of the room.

The final design was well received. Questions or comments included:

- Ensuring accessibility was addressed
- How will the existing amphitheater be used?
- Is a dog park included?
- What is the status of the Pringle Creek trail?
- Was noise taken into consideration when locating the new amphitheater?
- Adding restrooms is good.

See Appendix A for full meeting notes.



Master Plan Process

Existing Conditions and Site Analysis:

Riverfront Park has very defined boundaries presenting both opportunities and constraints to the development of the park. As the park name implies the Willamette River and to a lesser extent Pringle Creek, provide opportunities to interact directly with the waterfronts along the western and southern park boundaries. Having access to the Willamette River and Pringle Creek ranked highly in surveys and meeting comments.



Front Street, a major six lane arterial and part of State Highway 22, paralleled by a railroad right-of-way runs the length of Riverfront Park's eastern edge creating a sense of isolation from downtown Salem. Heavy traffic, poor visibility and physical distance create significant barriers to Riverfront Parks connection with downtown Salem. Improving connectivity between the park and downtown Salem ranked highly in surveys and meeting comments.



Direct access to Riverfront Park from downtown is limited to one of three crossings along Front Street: at State Street, Court Street and Union Street. The limited pedestrian access encourages the community to drive to the park increasing demand for onsite parking at the potential cost of open space.

Other influences on potential development within Riverfront Park include the Willamette Greenway overlay which restricts development within this zone to river related uses. The Oregon Marine Board which governs recreational boating on Oregon's navigable rivers will also play a role in Riverfront Park development.

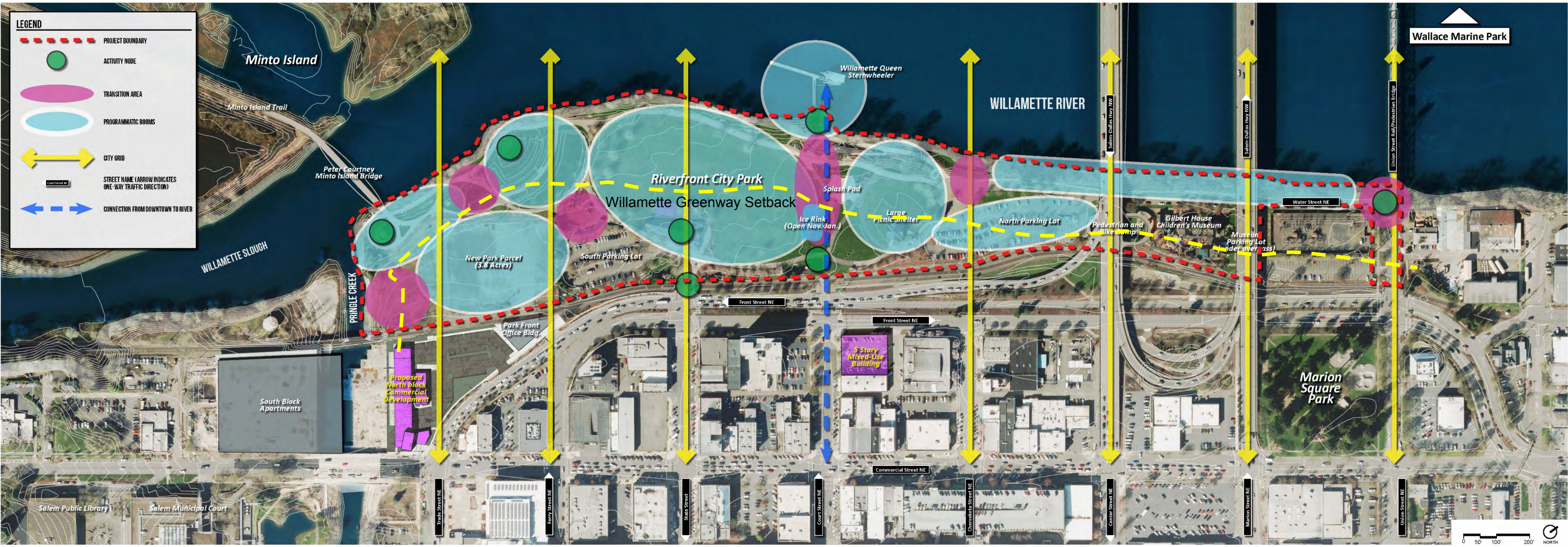


Contaminated soils and Department of Environmental Quality requirements for capping or removal of identified hazards result from Riverfront Park's history as an industrial mill site creating additional development issues.

Figure 4: Existing Conditions



Figure 5: Site Analysis



OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS
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- Connectors – links two or more primary use areas
- Primary Use Areas
- Primary Entry (Court Street)
- City Grid
- Project Area



Design Alternatives and the Design Process

During the second public meeting participants were able to browse informational boards, ask questions of City staff and the design team and provide comments regarding each of the preferred concept alternatives and vote for their favorite. Each alternative focused on 7 specific sub-areas of Riverfront Park:

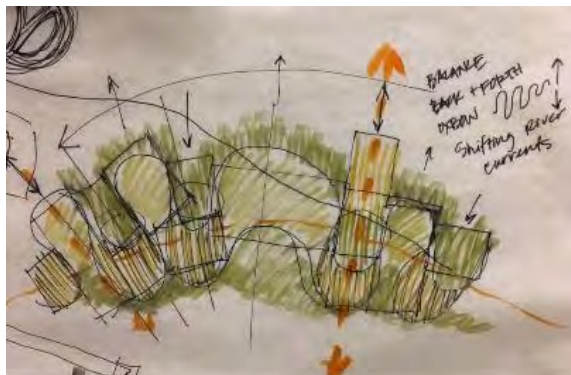
- Pringle Creek
- Existing Amphitheater
- The Riverfront
- A Court Street Plaza
- A North Activity Zone
- A North Entry at Union St.
- A Court Street Entry and Streetscape

Information gained through previous public meetings as well as on line questionnaires were instrumental in developing the three alternatives. (See pages 14-16)

In addition to information on people's favorite activities, their concerns, and their hopes for future development each alternative responded to the physical constraints and opportunities identified through the site analysis process.

As a result of regulatory issues in The Willamette Greenway regulations the proposed location of the stage sponsored by the Rotary Club of Salem was moved from the existing amphitheater site to the newly acquired parcel at the southern end of Riverfront Park. This had the added benefit of creating greater separation between events and recreational uses.

Locating the new performance area outside of the Greenway Boundary and having only river dependent, water-related, and river-oriented uses within the Greenway Boundary meets the requirements of SRC Chapter 600 and Statewide Planning Goal 15.



What do you like / enjoy most about the Park?	
A Place to Walk, Run and Bike	"Being able to walk and run next to the river." "Bike paths across 2 bridges!"
Open Space	"Open space and views are the most important part of Riverfront Park."
A Place to Gather	"A great place for people to get outside, take kids to play, go for an extended run or bike ride, take in an outdoor concert, etc."
Location and Connectivity	"I enjoy that it is a gathering place for our town that is free to use and is beautiful."
Activities and Amenities	"There are so many things I love to come and walk with other moms, visit the playground, Minto, take the walking bridge to the west side, the carousel, splash pad, run around in the grass, visit the various events...."

What would you like to see at the Park in the future?	
New amenities.	"Food options, like a food truck or two." "A bigger amphitheater for bigger/better concerts."
More of the same.	"More shade areas close to the playground."
Better connections to the Willamette River.	"More small places to sit out of the rain and sun and enjoy the view of the river." "Large, low profile dock for rowing, dragon boats, paddle sports and/or community racks or boathouse for rowing shells."
Covered play area; more bathrooms.	"A large covered area for free play with picnic tables at the end." "Better access and restrooms to make park more user friendly."

Figure 6a: Design Alternatives – Concept A

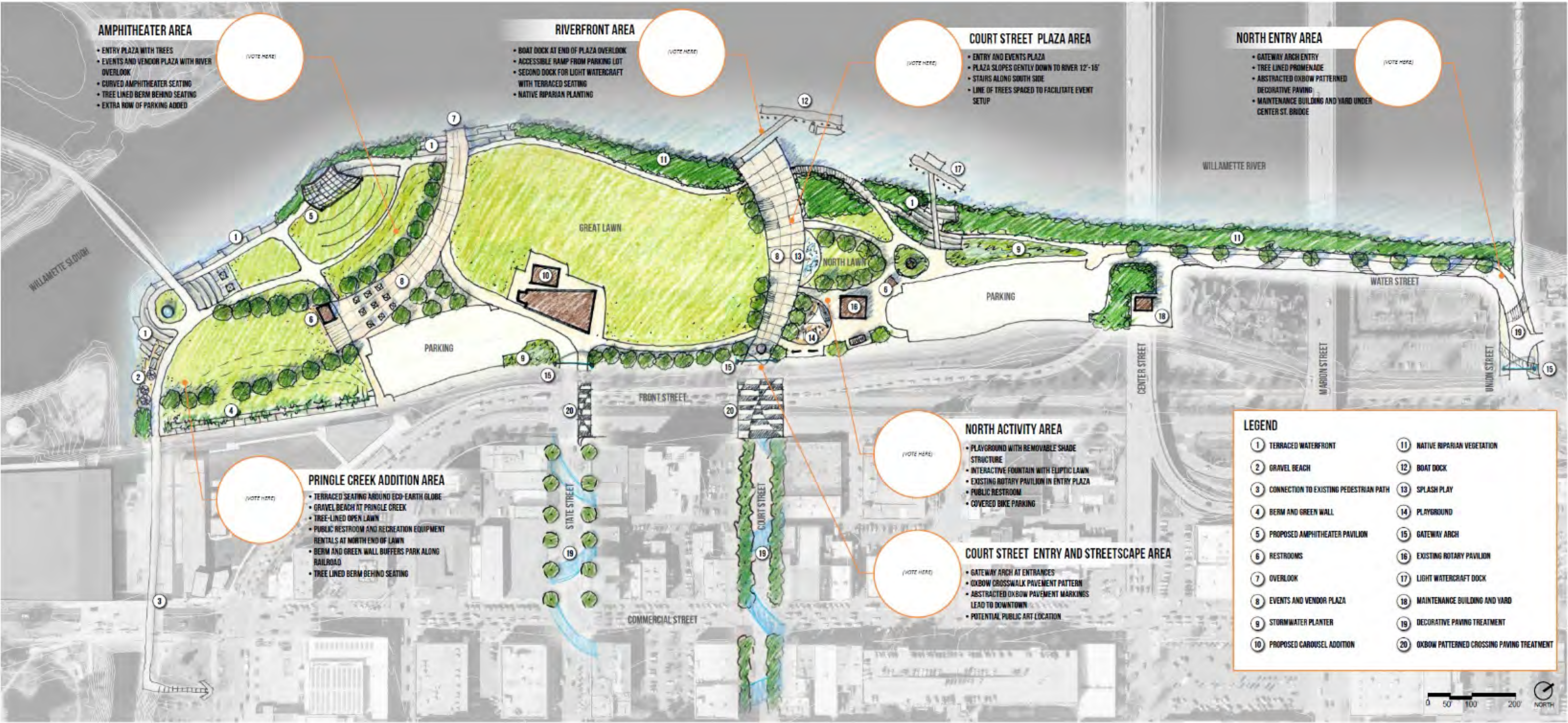


Figure 6b: Design Alternatives – Concept B

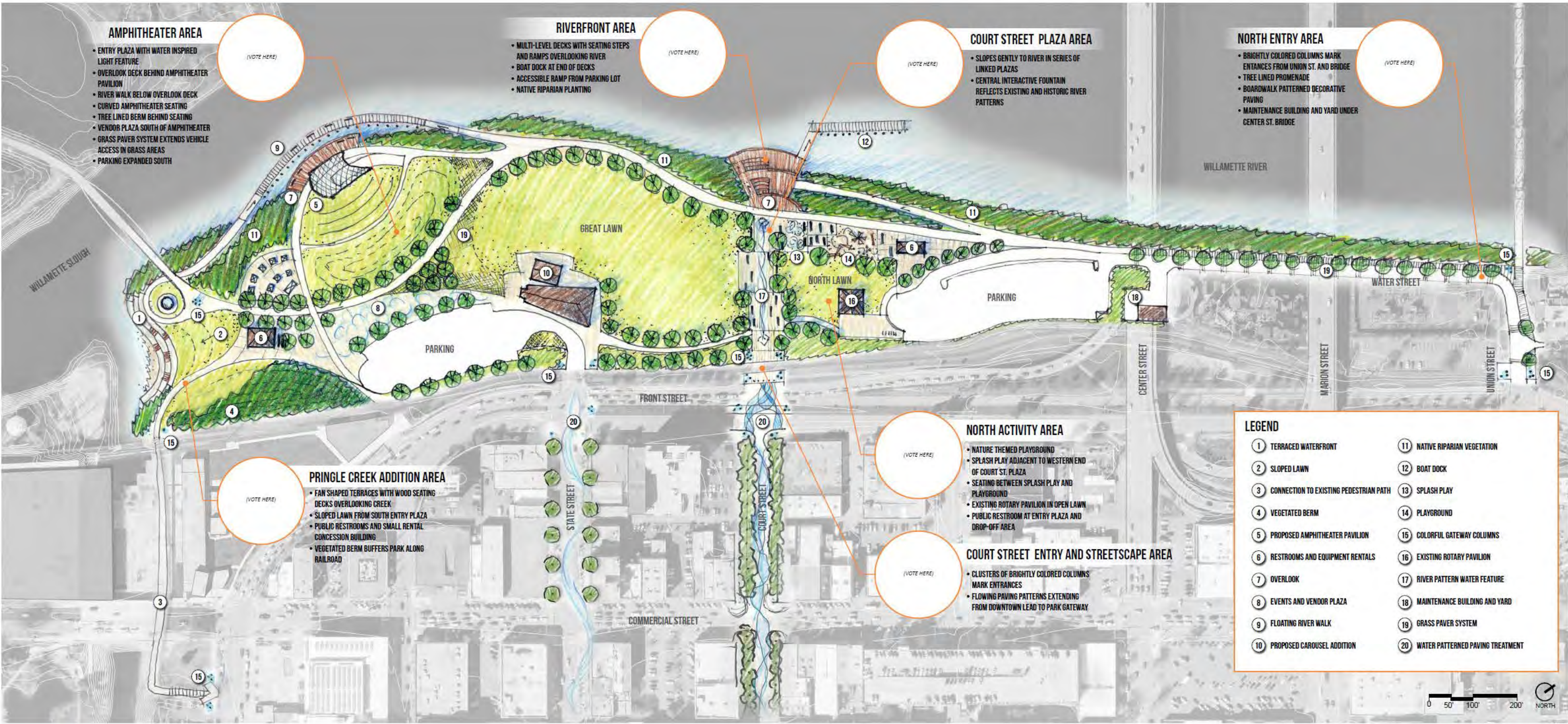
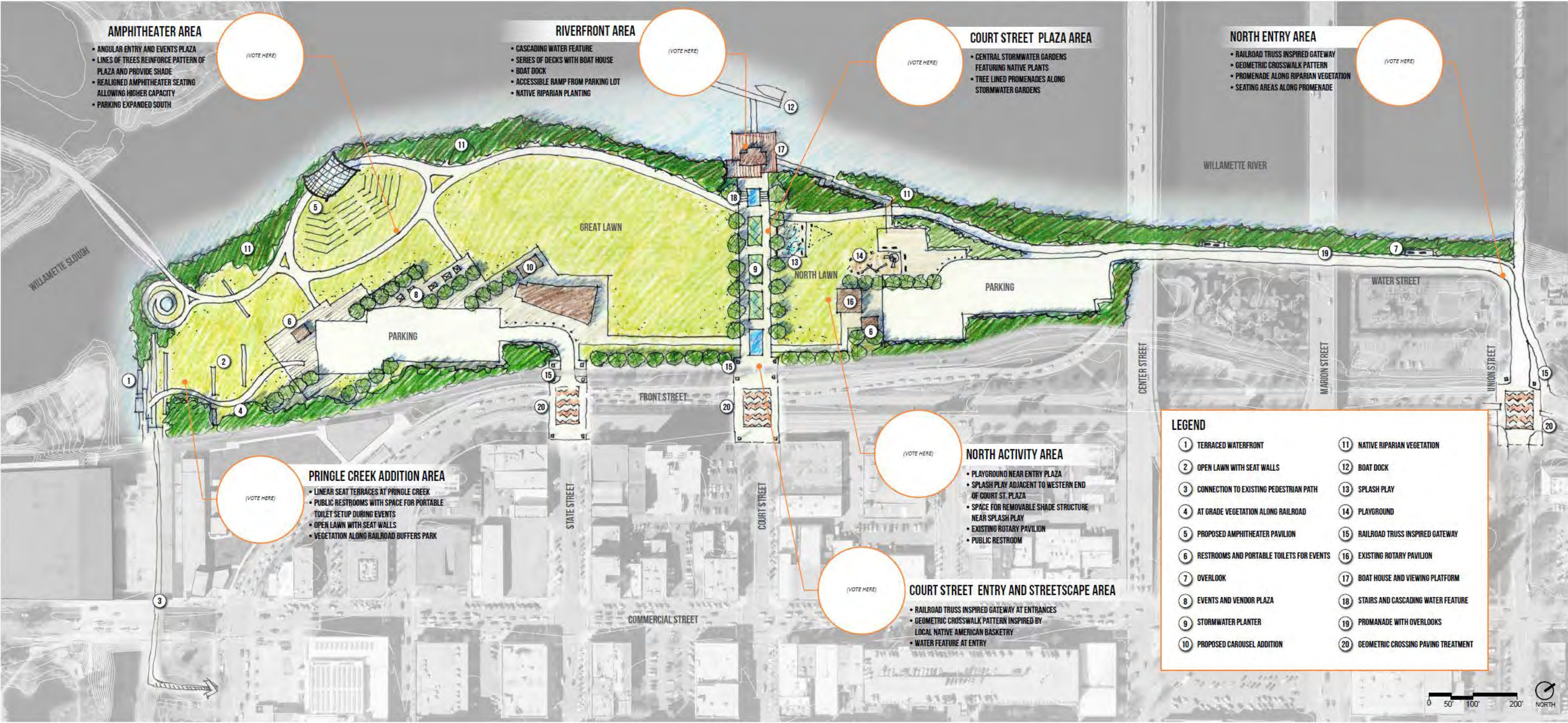


Figure 6c: Design Alternatives – Concept C



Master Plan

As with many master plan processes the final design often represents an amalgam of features from prior alternatives. The final design evolves based on a deepening understanding of public reactions to design proposals; physical limitations imposed by the site itself; and responses to regulatory requirements.

The Master Plan presented on page 18 is a response to these factors.

Proposed new amenities in the Master Plan:

- Two new restrooms; one near the Rotary Pavilion at Court St. and the other at the south end of the park
- Expanded south parking lot (50-60 spaces)
- New performance area with covered stage and sloped, grass amphitheater
- An elevated seating area behind the covered stage
- A floating boardwalk near the mouth of Willamette Slough
- An enhance arrival plaza suitable for food carts that also provides large vehicle access to the performance area
- Enhancements to the existing playground including; shaded seating, a slide, and boulders for seating or climbing
- A covered picnic area above the existing amphitheater stage and a labyrinth paving pattern on the stage
- An expanded dock for non-motorized river access with a rental kiosk at the top of the bank
- A Court St. entry plaza
- Creating a “festival street” with special pavement along the south end of Water St. for events
- A relocated and expanded Parks Operations maintenance yard
- Enhanced riparian areas along the Willamette River and Pringle Creek
- Four park gateways at the Union St., Court St., State St., and Pringle Creek park entrances creating visual links to downtown Salem

The Master Plan presented at the public meeting on September 18, 2018 was received with general approval. Comments posted on line on the City’s project website were also generally positive. Issues and questions raised by most are typically resolved through the design development and construction documents phases of a project.



Figure 7: Master Plan



LEGEND

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| ① FUTURE BRIDGE | ⑥ ARRIVAL PLAZA | ⑪ STONE TERRACES - NATURE PLAY | ⑮ EXPANDED DOCK | ⑳ NEW RESTROOMS | ㉔ BIKE SHARE |
| ② PRINGLE CREEK GATEWAY | ⑦ LABYRINTH PAVING OVERLAY | ⑫ EXPANDED PARKING (55-60 SPACES) | ⑯ SEASONAL FACILITY | ㉑ ENHANCED RIPARIAN AREA | ㉕ SMALL PLAZA AND GATEWAY ELEMENT |
| ③ NEW RESTROOMS | ⑧ PICNIC PAVILIONS | ⑬ FLOATING RIVERWALK | ⑰ COURT STREET ENTRY PLAZA | ㉒ KAYAK RENTAL | |
| ④ OVERLOOK | ⑨ SLIDE MOUND | ⑭ PROPOSED CAROUSEL ADDITION * | ⑲ EXISTING SPLASH FOUNTAIN | ㉓ FESTIVAL STREET | |
| ⑤ COVERED STAGE & AMPHITHEATER | ⑩ EXISTING PLAYGROUND AND EXISTING RESTROOMS | ⑮ GATEWAY ELEMENT | ㉔ EXISTING ROTARY PAVILION | ㉕ MAINTENANCE BUILDING AND YARD | |

* SUBJECT TO SEPARATE OUTREACH AND APPROVAL PROCESS

Greenway Setback

0 50' 100' 200' NORTH

Implementation Costs & Priorities

The preliminary estimate of probable costs for development of the Riverfront Park 2018 Master Plan is based on precedent imagery like those at the right to establish the range and unit costs of materials included in the construction estimate.

The costs of development in the estimate do not include soft costs such as design and permitting fees. Contingency allowances for variations in market construction costs and other factors include a low of 20 percent and a high of 40 percent.

The low end of the estimate of probable cost is \$5,988,010 and the high end of probable cost is \$7,110,361. These costs do not include the cost of the Rotary Club of Salem covered stage which will be funded by the Rotary Club of Salem. See Appendix D for detailed cost information.

Upon reviewing the overall project costs, City of Salem priorities, currently planned work, and public desires, a preliminary first phase of development has been identified focusing primarily on development of the newly acquired property. Significant features are identified on the master plan by number keys and include:

- A new amphitheater - #5
(Rotary Stage is funded through a separate agreement with the City of Salem)
- A Riverview Plaza and Overlook - #4
- Completion of Pringle Creek Trail - #2
- A new restroom near the new amphitheater - #3
- Expanded parking - #12
- A new Entry Plaza - #6
- Plantings, pathways, utilities, and other infrastructure

Execution of the Phase One and other elements of the master plan will be dependent on available funding.



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Appendix A

Meeting Notes: Focus Groups and Public Meetings

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INTRODUCTION

On January 18, 2018 the City of Salem hosted a public open house from 6pm to 7:30pm at Pringle Hall to introduce the Salem Riverfront Park Master Plan process to the public. Unofficial counts place the number of attendees at around 50 people including adults and children. All participants seemed actively engaged in and appreciative of the format and process for the open house.

Five information stations were arranged around Pringle Hall (figure 1). At the entrance to Pringle Hall were located a sign-in table and a general background and project information station (figure 2). Other stations addressing specific topics were arranged around the hall and included:

- Events
- Parking/Access/ Circulation
- Active Recreation
- Passive Recreation

Each station was hosted by two of the project team members including representatives from the City of Salem, GreenWorks – Landscape Architects, Barney and Worth – Public Outreach, and Rick Williams Consulting Parking. At each station, participants were asked to respond to a series of questions by placing a single dot indicating their opinion along a scale associated with each question. Participants were given an additional 3 dots to place on provided images that indicated best represented potential improvements that might be incorporated

into the new master plan for Riverfront Park.

Participants were also given the opportunity to provide additional comments by writing on flip-charts at each station or completing a separate comment sheet.

The following meeting summary includes comments from station hosts regarding their interactions with people visiting the respective stations and summaries of the information gathered at each station.

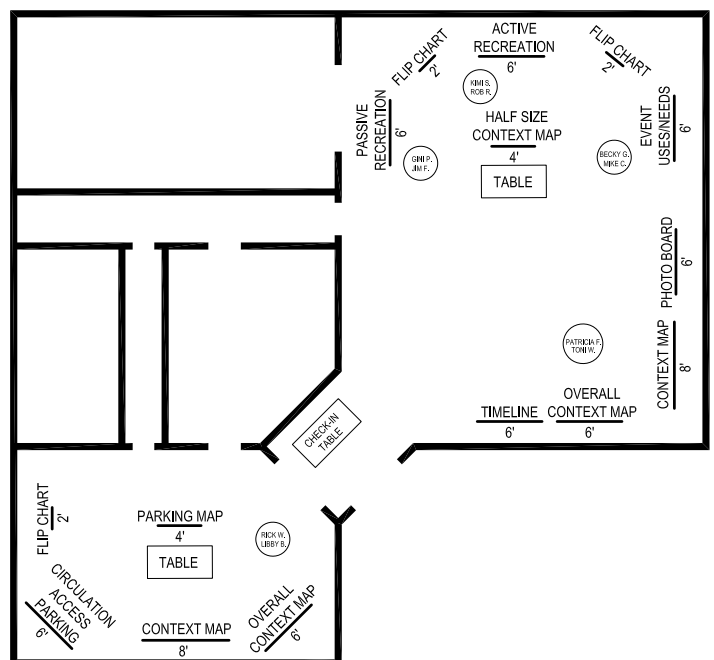


figure 1 - pringle hall open house layout



WELCOME AND GENERAL BACKGROUND STATION

HOSTS: PATRICIA FARRELL/TONI WHITLER (CITY OF SALEM)

There was a lot of interest in the proposed new trail connecting Mirror Pond/Civic Center along Pringle Creek to the new 3.8-acre parcel in the park: “How, when?” Some people commented that the parking situation could be fixed by eliminating permit parking and standardizing parking meters. People were interested in the parking proximity circles (distance from park to downtown) shown on the map. As noted at the Access Circulation station, people suggested using Pringle Creek at the Slough for a river access point. A representative of OPRD- requested inclusion of the Scenic Bikeway option through Riverfront option on one of our alternatives.

Several people mentioned the Carousel addition, including why they didn’t know about this proposal; however, no one objected to the addition and thought it was a great idea. A few individuals wanted to know if all three bike rental stations (shown on map) are going to be placed and what types of bikes will be available. They were referred to the Active Recreation station, so they could give input on their thoughts about the bike and other types of facilities.

This station consisted of an overall context map (figure 2.1), general site background board, existing photo board (figure 2.2), and a site-scale context map (figure 1.1).



figure 2 - welcome and background station

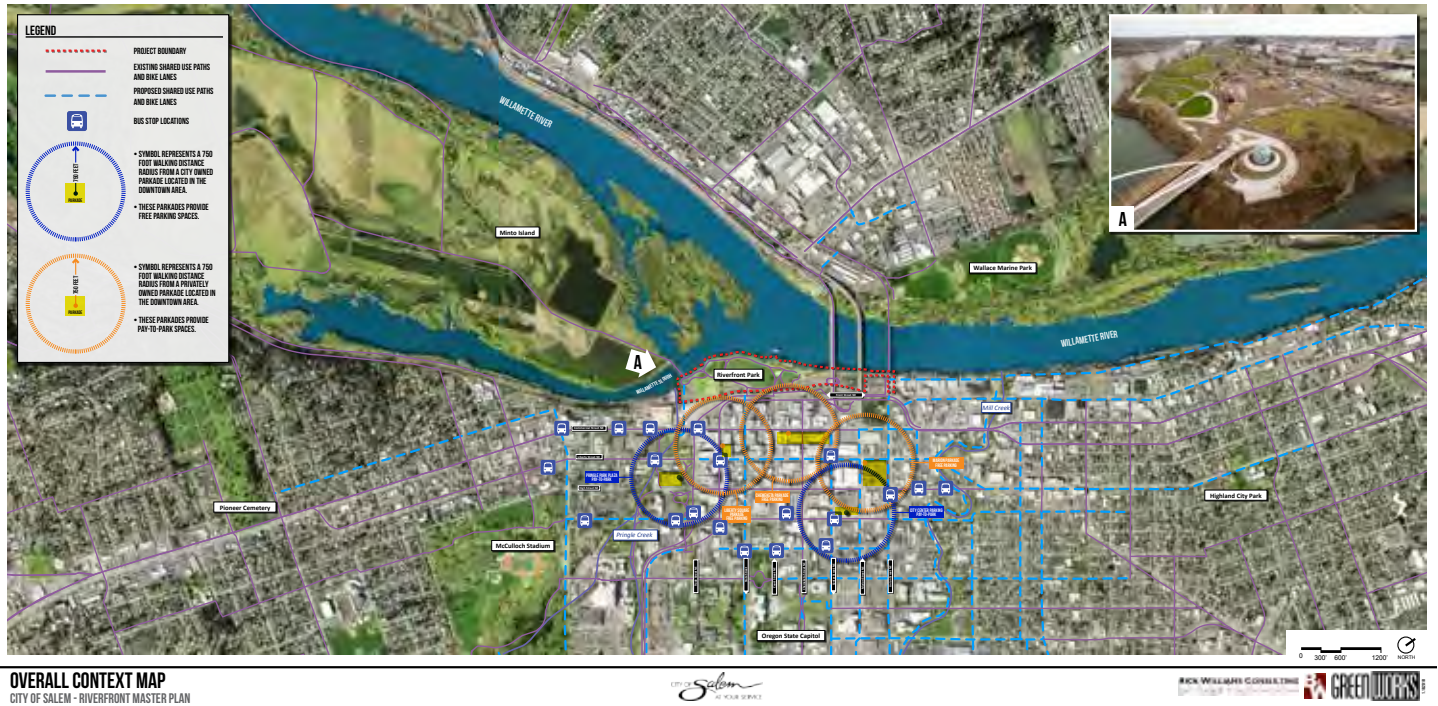


figure 2.1 - overall context map



figure 2.2 - existing site photos

EVENTS STATION

HOSTS: MIKE CORRENTE/BECKY GEORGE (GREENWORKS/CITY OF SALEM)

People seemed to engage with the precedent photos once it was explained that they were not necessarily to be directly applied in the same manner or scale to our project. People were enthusiastic and wanted to be sure they got their dots to give their vote.

Most people visiting this station ranked attending a public event at the park as very important, while attending a private event was not important. The dot exercise also indicated that most people were less than satisfied with existing event amenities and event space.

Precedent images that ranked highest (top six) in preference are:

1. a scene with a movie being projected on a big screen in a grassy area (image 14);
2. a plaza with temporary vendor space (image 5);
3. a plaza and floating riverfront dock (image 6);
4. a plaza with colorful sport court markings (image 7);
5. a terraced grass amphitheater stepping down to a small stage on the river's edge (image 12) and
6. a very urban plaza seen in two seasons, summer with grass, a fountain, and perimeter seating and winter with a large sunken ice rink (image 18).



Events - Precedent Images

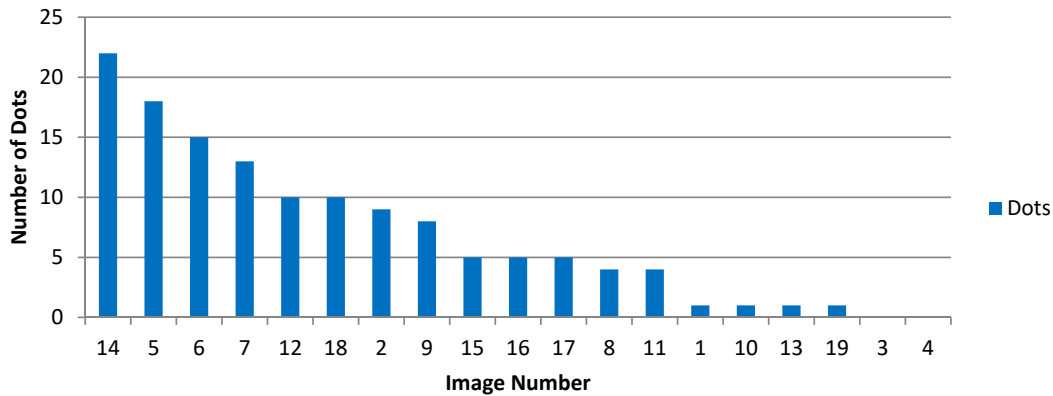


figure 3 - events precedent image dot count



figure 3.1 - events voting board with attendee's dots

PASSIVE RECREATION STATION

HOSTS: JIM FIGURSKI/GINI PIERCY (GREENWORKS/GREENWORKS)

Visitors to the Passive Recreation station seemed to value their votes and took their time placing dots on precedent photos. There seemed to be an even split between those that enjoyed the soft, vegetated riparian edge and those that enjoyed more developed, urban amenities. There was an interest in river access overall, whether it was visual or physical. Spaces for spending time in the park, such as sitting and picnicking, versus walking, were generally of higher interest.

People leaving comments (dots) at this station viewed access to the River and enjoying nature as important to very important, in fact “enjoying nature” received no negative votes. This was reflected in the satisfaction level indicated in the dot exercise. Most votes (dots) were ‘satisfied’ with overall park amenities but expressed mild to high dissatisfaction with current river access.

Precedent images that ranked highest (top six) in preference are:

1. a vegetated riparian habitat edge (image 7);
2. a ramped (and vegetated boardwalk that leads down to a river (image 19);
3. an articulated wood lounge deck by the river (image 17);
4. a very urban (France) water front with broad paths and seating areas right on the water (image 10);
5. an abstract cascade of concrete cubes leading to the waters edge (image 14); and
6. a terraced and vegetated path leading down to the river (image 20).



Passive Recreation - Precedent Images

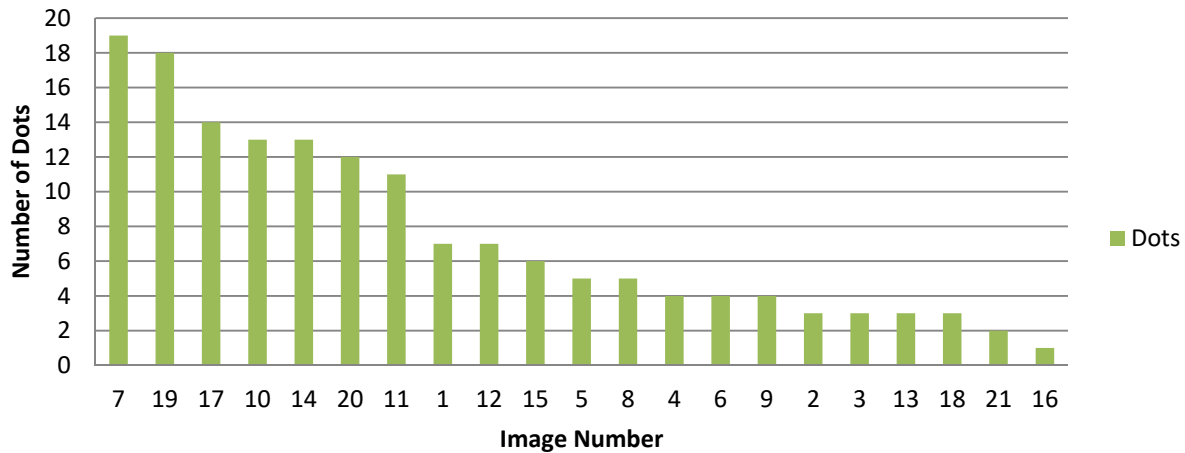


figure 4 - precedent image dot count



figure 4.1 - passive recreation voting board with attendee's dots

ACTIVE RECREATION STATION

HOSTS: ROB ROMANEK/KIMI SLOOP (CITY OF SALEM/BARNEY & WORTH)

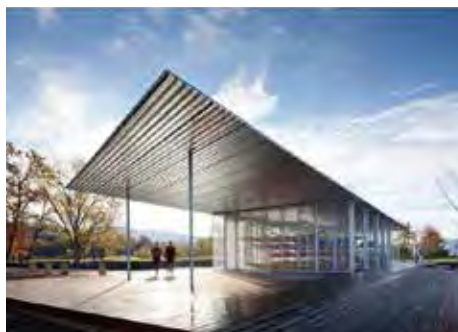
Perhaps the biggest area of agreement at the active recreation station focused on kayak launching and river access. Many participants were concerned with overcrowding of facilities in the park. These people responded well to the precedent image of an open lawn / open space. Another notable “group” focused on the play structure and nature-based play images. A few commented on the need for a second, more northern playground. Others mentioned the need for cover/shade over play equipment. One of the images was labeled “Updated Play Structure” – a few mentioned that the current playground was already updated. Some had very specific interests, such as disk golf. Comments related to shade applied to rainy days, not just sunny days. Other comments included: limiting lighting at Minto Park; keeping Riverfront Park natural; not adding single-use courts; and parking and the location and amount of wayfinding.

Most people visiting this station ranked biking/ skating, walking or jogging on trails and physical

access to the river as important to very important. Many people ranked access to a playground as very important. There seemed to be general satisfaction with park amenities and general dissatisfaction with river access.

Precedent images that ranked highest (top six) in preference are:

1. a nature based playground (image 13);
2. a large open lawn area ringed by trees (image 2);
3. planted terraces leading down to a river edge (image 18);
4. an informal kayak launch and river access point (image 16);
5. a boat house on the river for kayaks and general river access (image 15); and
6. a two-way tie between an image of a bike path below an overpass with mileage information (image 1) and a tree-lined bikeway (image 8).



Active Recreation - Precedent Images

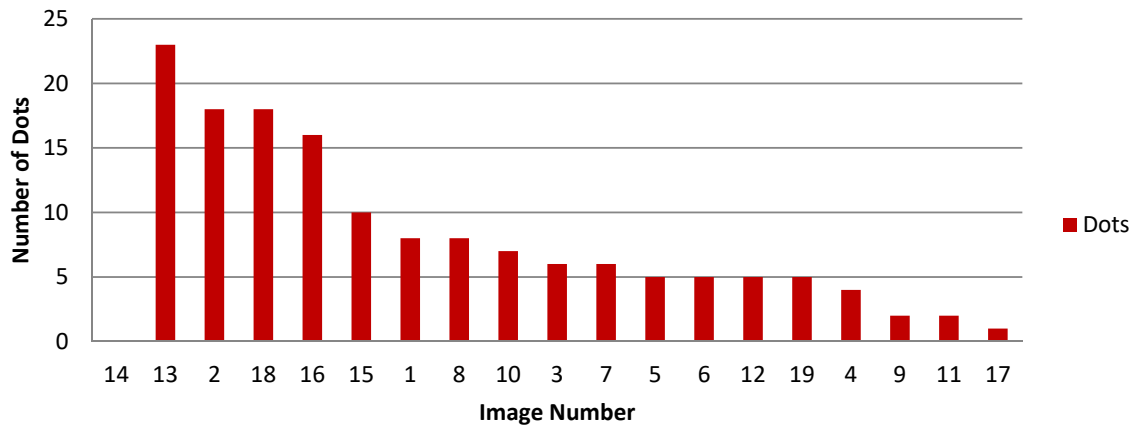


figure 5 - precedent image dot count



figure 5.1 - passive recreation voting board with attendee's dots

CIRCULATION, ACCESS, AND PARKING STATION

HOSTS: RICK WILLIAMS/LIBBY BARG (RICK WILLIAMS CONSULTING/BARNEY & WORTH)

People visiting the parking/access station were very engaged and very much valued their “votes.” The first wave of folks at the station very much wanted more parking. As we were able to talk to them more, particularly about the availability of parking in garages off-site, more people spoke to that as a reasonable option, which led to ideas about wayfinding, safe crossings, etc. The precedent photos were very useful; many people mentioned it helped them visualize possibilities. As to parking, people really liked the grass treatment (eco lots) concept for providing parking (if necessary) creating an opportunity to use the space for park events, etc. (not just parking).

Two attendees asked me to pass on to the team that they really liked the format of the meeting and are looking forward to the next one.

Responses (dots) to questions posed, indicated that most people thought pedestrian and bike access

was very important. Vehicle access ranked highly, but the importance of vehicular access was more distributed. Responses also indicated that there was some disagreement about safety within the park; general satisfaction with bike and pedestrian access; and general dissatisfaction with vehicular access.

Precedent images that ranked highest (top six) in preference are:

1. a tree lined promenade (image 2);
2. a separated bike and pedestrian trail along a waterfront (image 5);
3. vegetated stormwater swales in a parking lot (image 10);
4. a gateway with an overhead, arched banner (image 4);
5. a four-way tie between small wayfinding signs (image 16), a grass-paver parking lot (image 19), interpretive signage (image 20) and stormwater planters along a street (image 25).



Circulation, Access, and Parking - Precedent Images

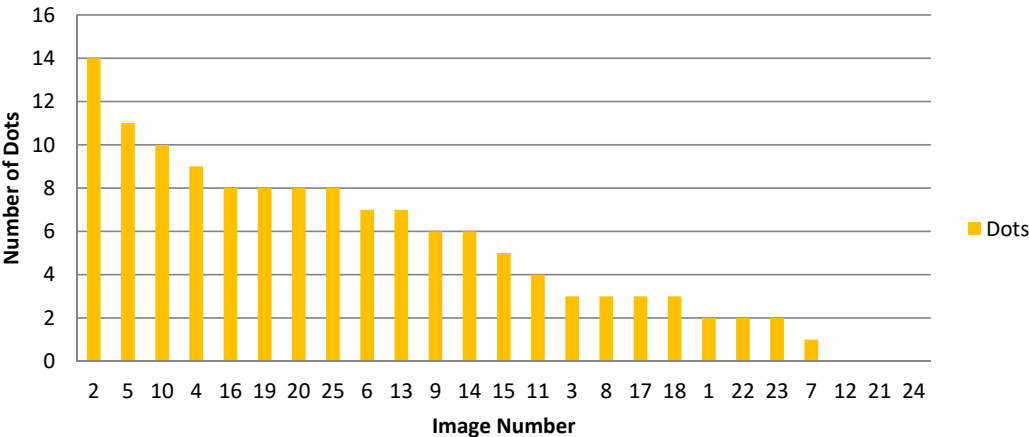


figure 6 - precedent image dot count



figure 6.1 - circulation, access, and parking voting board with attendee's dots

CIRCULATION, ACCESS, AND PARKING STATION, CONT.

HOSTS: RICK WILLIAMS/LIBBY BARG (RICK WILLIAMS CONSULTING/BARNEY & WORTH)

In the parking dot exercise, most people reported they do not “park” their bikes at the park; they ride through the park. People with kids were the exception to this comment. Also, South Salem residents were interested in access to the park with a more direct route to the Minto-Brown Island Bridge. One participant from the Grant neighborhood (north neighborhood) said that if the meeting had been held in their neighborhood, the preferred entrance would be on Water Street.

Parking dot exercise:

In response to how people currently enter the park (blue dots) there were three main entrances identified leading with the State Street crossing of Front Street (to Carousel House); followed by the Court Street crossing of Front Street (to water play area) and then at the terminus of the Union Street Railroad Bridge. In response to “where should the entrance to the park be located these three locations were repeated in sequence with the addition (highly ranked) of an access point from the Pringle Creek Trail at the north end of the park.



figure 6.2 - parking dot exercise count

COMPILED COMMENTS FROM COMMENT FORMS

SEE APPENDIX FOR ACTUAL COMMENT CARDS

- Keep amphitheater cover to existing stage footprint and keep low to not block river view. Temporary, removable cover?
- Keep multi-use, open space, natural look of Park, especially along river. Don't add more buildings or single-use courts, areas.
- Remove the concert structure when not in use to protect the view.
- Turn 3.8 acres into parking lot
- Find a place for a large skate park
- Don't overfill the park
- No lighted paths at Minto
- Keep Minto Brown natural. No more lights. Better police patrols of Riverfront and Minto. More parking on south end.
- City needs to acquire south bank of Pringle Creek.
- Parking at Carousel inadequate – need to double
- How about a permanent ice rink – multi-purpose in undeveloped area?
- I support Riverfront Carousel expansion.
- Need wayfinding to direct people to parkades.
- Need larger restrooms with separate janitorial room.
- Need restrooms at north end of park.
- Please improve access to Union Street bridge for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Invasive plant removal
- Need highwater line indicator through park (e.g., January 19, 2012 flood) historic extent of river
- I strongly object to any plans for increased lighting on the bridge as it leads to Minto Park. No nighttime lighting at Minto.
- I almost hate to appeal for more parking, but I think more is needed at South end. But it needs to be controlled – limited to 2-3 hours or metered or??? To make it more accessible.
- No special use courts like bocce, pickleball because when not being used, they are a waste of space.

COMPILED COMMENTS FROM FLIP CHARTS

SEE APPENDIX FOR FLIP CHART PHOTOS

Flip charts were placed at each of the four topic stations. Guests were asked to reference precedent image number with their comment. If they did so the number(s) is listed within parentheses (#) below. However, it may be useful to note that some may have been using numbers to form a list.

EVENTS-

1. Too many events!
2. Leave riverbank the same/no development to the edge.
3. I strongly disagree with the above 2 comments.
4. Move amphitheater to new 3.8 acre area, so that it doesn't block views of the river. Position it so that people sit with sun to their back, not in their face.
5. Move amphitheater out of park. Consider alternative sites for events especially sights (sic) with hardscape like Peace Plaza and Window to the West.
6. There are enough restrooms – almost never a wait – but restrooms could use a re-model.
7. If playground were moved just to the south onto the underdeveloped land there would not be a pinch point – crowded area right at main entrance to park.
8. If you expand current dock could we add a public swimming area with it.
9. Cover for amphitheater is ok, but limit to existing footprint and keep LOW
10. Mixed use play area with portion covered so kids could play under cover while it's rainy. (1/3 play equipment, 2/3 smooth court)
11. We love attending events at the park and visiting downtown businesses before and after.
12. I strongly disagree with #5. RF is Salem's centrally-located living room and gathering place.
13. Modification of stage needed. Current design is too large, too obstructive. Design other collapses and put it away for the 8 months of no use. Europeans so this – all over Europe amphitheaters are mobile.
14. Bend's Les Schwab stage in bend is a simple, minimalist design. Much preferred. New park parcel: softscape this parcel. No need for more asphalt/parking. Grass/trees/shrubs are good!
15. Plank houses, totem poles, more bathrooms

COMPILED COMMENTS FROM FLIP CHARTS, CONT.

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ACTIVE RECREATION-

1. Disk golf
2. (15) Expand from kayaks to include rowing shells/dragon boats. Note: rowing shells can be 60 ft long. Must also have long/wide/low dock with straight ramp. Dock= 80-100ft long. See Portland boat dock by OMSI.
3. (16) “informal” would mean beach access and convenient parking better on west side.
4. (18) Physical access to the river – yes, but protect and maintain natural features/banks/vegetation – enhance/restore riparian veg!
5. Control bikes
6. Little or no single-use courts/development. Keep open for multi-use. Support passive over active.
7. Rollercoaster al over parck. (sic)
8. Large skate park
9. Large covered area (play in rain)
10. Playground now is congested. Too many people, not good sight lines = don’t feel safe. If another covered play area, it would divide the kids and be more enjoyable/usable. Covered area like a cross between the current picnic shelter (design) and a school covered play area. Maybe a futsal court FOR KIDS. Permanent goals.
11. Shade
12. Futsal courts
13. Basketball courts
14. Keep it pedestrian and pet friendly
15. Boat launch at South end of slough for recreation boating in summer and emergency rescue water craft by Salem Fire and Police during Winter high water times for East bank of the Willamette River.
16. Volleyball or badminton courts

PASSIVE RECREATION-

1. Paddle-wheel artifact “Jean” – find a home in Riverfront Park – large sculptural element possibly.
2. Improved State Street access. Visual growth of park into First two feet of State Street. Limit parking on last block. Create vendor space or better tenant mix at foot of State Street.

COMPILED COMMENTS FROM FLIP CHARTS, CONT.

SEE APPENDIX FOR FLIP CHART PHOTOS

3. Please keep the riparian area vegetated with native species and manage invasives.
4. (8, 10, 12, 18, 19, 20) – Do not turn riverfront/river banks into concrete and rocks! Keep natural features /functions. (1, 3, 7) Restore native mature riparian veg.
5. (7) Maintain open space (grass) for river view and transient use (festivals) etc. with no permanent structures needed.
6. (8) Enjoying nature at Riverfront is an oxymoron. The nature part is at Minto Bridge; Riverfront is for our City's "Living Room" and gathering place and playground.
7. (9) Wide paths and open spaces with grass/riparian veg. to accommodate recreation and passive enjoyment
8. (10) More shade please. A small arboretum area would be soothing. The trees and plants need more care in general. They look messy.

CIRCULATION, ACCESS, PARKING-

1. Garage on dev site – multi-level. PDX airport – like COUNTER/sensor system
2. More parking desired
3. Need more parking on south end
4. Eliminate middle lot to allow entrance/gateway
5. More restrooms
6. Turn reserved parking (84) stalls in north lot to public visitor parking. We'd DOUBLE parking in North lot.
7. More landscaping on riverbank west of roadway going down to turnaround above dock – both sides north and south right now is unsightly – dead trees, blackberry bushes, debris from homeless who sleep under turnaround – lots of RATS
8. Consider a shuttle to use existing offsite parking garages
9. I don't park my car – I only ride my bike to the park!! Encourage more to do the same!
10. Biggest issue is a safe crossing of Front Street, need ped. Bridge
11. Pedestrian bridge over Front Street
12. I only access the park by foot.
13. People ride their bikes through the park (not park them)
14. Ped. bridge at Court. Roadway needs to go down 4 feet for about 200 ft. Cover bridge.

COMPILED COMMENTS FROM FLIP CHARTS, CONT.

SEE APPENDIX FOR FLIP CHART PHOTOS

15. Homeless camps along river. Do we want to make provisions for that?
Garbage/litter.
16. Better State Street access. Bring the park visually into State Street.
17. Bigger playground
18. Deal with the parking problem. (ie. Inform public of the parkade)
19. Build UP on parking instead of using more acreage. As the city grows, we will want to have more nature space.
20. (3, 4) Grand entrance
21. Expand the south lot to the south to add stalls
22. Lots of parking on the 3.8 acre parcel
23. Commit to vegetating with native species (**yes!)
24. Keep wayfinding signs unobtrusive. Not need IN the park – hard to get lost.
Some signs helpful downtown to direct the park (**agree)
25. Maintain existing open space (grass) and view of river.
26. Complete connection under commercial street (*)
27. Unsafe to cross Front Street – walking/biking (*)
28. Better wayfinding from parkade to Riverfront Park
29. More shade trees in park. Native when possible. Improve the seasonal displays – LUSH.
30. Family friendly, pet friendly play area
31. Metal gate entrance
32. Dog friendly is important!
33. PLEASE connect Riverfront Park with Keizer Rapids Pk. Via bike/sts
34. Secure bike parking in RivPk.

COMMENTS FROM TABLE MAP –

1. Map suggests river level is this high, but that is rare/flood stage. The majority of the time boats cant pass under this bridge (Minto)
2. Need a way to get down to the slough from the Earth Globe area (or similar area). Kids and I like to skip stones there
3. Shade for PM concert viewers at amphitheater
4. Emergency boat launch ramp for a water rescue, for Salem Fire and Police. Presently there is no location for a water rescue on the east bank. When flood waters of Willamette River are raging a watercraft WILL NOT BE LAUNCHED from west Salem boat ramp. (per officials). 5-6 years ago a Nat. Guard helicopter was brought in on a body recovery.

COMPILED COMMENTS FROM FLIP CHARTS, CONT.

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5. Consider expanded low profile dock tied to these posts 100ft x 12 ft. use for dragon boats, rowing, paddling – put a few racks for rent.
6. Covered area for (play in rain) soft platform
7. Enclose existing play area for safety. Fewer openings.
8. Connect bike path with Keizer rapids
9. Picnic tables

New Park Parcel - 3.8 acres:

1. Tree grove with tables and flowers
2. Kayak dock and bridge across creek
3. Parking
4. No parking
5. Kalapuya museum/center
6. Family friendly and pet friendly park/play structure along Pringle creek – destination – restaurant or cultural/interpretive center
7. Covered play area and smooth court (soccer), more trees
8. More trees and CO2
9. Boat house with dock access. Stage regattas in the area (rowing) and paddling dragon boats
10. Futsal court and covered area for play area/recreation
11. Move playground to corner of brownfield near parking – alleviate overcrowding at entrance
12. Keep views and plant some vegetation – DON'T use for parking

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Personal information other than names have been redacted.



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- ③ Find a place for a large skate park
- ④ Don't overfill the park.

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1. CITY NEEDS TO ACQUIRE SOUTH BANK OF PRINGLE CREEK
2. PARKING & CAROUSEL INADEQUATE - NEED TO DOUBLE
3. HOW ABOUT FERRIS WHEEL - MULTI-PURPOSE IN UNDEVELOPED AREA?

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- I support Riverfront + Carowal Expansion.
- Need was finding to direct people to parkade.
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Need restroom at north end of park.
- Please improve access to Union St Bridge for
pedestrians and cyclists.
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*Keep Minto Brown Natural, No more lights,
Better Police Patrols at Riverfront & Minto,
More parking on South end.*

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No lighted paths at MINTO

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FLIP CHART PHOTOS

- ★ **PADDLE-WHEEL ARTIFACT "Jean"**
 found a house on Riverfront park - large sandstone almost perfectly.
 Improved State Street access. Visual growth of park into First 100 east of State Street. Land parking on lot west. Create public space on better front view at foot of State Street.
- ★ Please keep the riparian area vegetated with native species & manage invasives.

8, 10, 12, 18, 19, 20 - Do not turn riverfront/river banks into ~~any~~ concrete or rocks. Keep natural features/function.
 1, 3, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95, 97, 99, 101, 103, 105, 107, 109, 111, 113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127, 129, 131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143, 145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159, 161, 163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173, 175, 177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191, 193, 195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207, 209, 211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239, 241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255, 257, 259, 261, 263, 265, 267, 269, 271, 273, 275, 277, 279, 281, 283, 285, 287, 289, 291, 293, 295, 297, 299, 301, 303, 305, 307, 309, 311, 313, 315, 317, 319, 321, 323, 325, 327, 329, 331, 333, 335, 337, 339, 341, 343, 345, 347, 349, 351, 353, 355, 357, 359, 361, 363, 365, 367, 369, 371, 373, 375, 377, 379, 381, 383, 385, 387, 389, 391, 393, 395, 397, 399, 401, 403, 405, 407, 409, 411, 413, 415, 417, 419, 421, 423, 425, 427, 429, 431, 433, 435, 437, 439, 441, 443, 445, 447, 449, 451, 453, 455, 457, 459, 461, 463, 465, 467, 469, 471, 473, 475, 477, 479, 481, 483, 485, 487, 489, 491, 493, 495, 497, 499, 501, 503, 505, 507, 509, 511, 513, 515, 517, 519, 521, 523, 525, 527, 529, 531, 533, 535, 537, 539, 541, 543, 545, 547, 549, 551, 553, 555, 557, 559, 561, 563, 565, 567, 569, 571, 573, 575, 577, 579, 581, 583, 585, 587, 589, 591, 593, 595, 597, 599, 601, 603, 605, 607, 609, 611, 613, 615, 617, 619, 621, 623, 625, 627, 629, 631, 633, 635, 637, 639, 641, 643, 645, 647, 649, 651, 653, 655, 657, 659, 661, 663, 665, 667, 669, 671, 673, 675, 677, 679, 681, 683, 685, 687, 689, 691, 693, 695, 697, 699, 701, 703, 705, 707, 709, 711, 713, 715, 717, 719, 721, 723, 725, 727, 729, 731, 733, 735, 737, 739, 741, 743, 745, 747, 749, 751, 753, 755, 757, 759, 761, 763, 765, 767, 769, 771, 773, 775, 777, 779, 781, 783, 785, 787, 789, 791, 793, 795, 797, 799, 801, 803, 805, 807, 809, 811, 813, 815, 817, 819, 821, 823, 825, 827, 829, 831, 833, 835, 837, 839, 841, 843, 845, 847, 849, 851, 853, 855, 857, 859, 861, 863, 865, 867, 869, 871, 873, 875, 877, 879, 881, 883, 885, 887, 889, 891, 893, 895, 897, 899, 901, 903, 905, 907, 909, 911, 913, 915, 917, 919, 921, 923, 925, 927, 929, 931, 933, 935, 937, 939, 941, 943, 945, 947, 949, 951, 953, 955, 957, 959, 961, 963, 965, 967, 969, 971, 973, 975, 977, 979, 981, 983, 985, 987, 989, 991, 993, 995, 997, 999, 1001, 1003, 1005, 1007, 1009, 1011, 1013, 1015, 1017, 1019, 1021, 1023, 1025, 1027, 1029, 1031, 1033, 1035, 1037, 1039, 1041, 1043, 1045, 1047, 1049, 1051, 1053, 1055, 1057, 1059, 1061, 1063, 1065, 1067, 1069, 1071, 1073, 1075, 1077, 1079, 1081, 1083, 1085, 1087, 1089, 1091, 1093, 1095, 1097, 1099, 1101, 1103, 1105, 1107, 1109, 1111, 1113, 1115, 1117, 1119, 1121, 1123, 1125, 1127, 1129, 1131, 1133, 1135, 1137, 1139, 1141, 1143, 1145, 1147, 1149, 1151, 1153, 1155, 1157, 1159, 1161, 1163, 1165, 1167, 1169, 1171, 1173, 1175, 1177, 1179, 1181, 1183, 1185, 1187, 1189, 1191, 1193, 1195, 1197, 1199, 1201, 1203, 1205, 1207, 1209, 1211, 1213, 1215, 1217, 1219, 1221, 1223, 1225, 1227, 1229, 1231, 1233, 1235, 1237, 1239, 1241, 1243, 1245, 1247, 1249, 1251, 1253, 1255, 1257, 1259, 1261, 1263, 1265, 1267, 1269, 1271, 1273, 1275, 1277, 1279, 1281, 1283, 1285, 1287, 1289, 1291, 1293, 1295, 1297, 1299, 1301, 1303, 1305, 1307, 1309, 1311, 1313, 1315, 1317, 1319, 1321, 1323, 1325, 1327, 1329, 1331, 1333, 1335, 1337, 1339, 1341, 1343, 1345, 1347, 1349, 1351, 1353, 1355, 1357, 1359, 1361, 1363, 1365, 1367, 1369, 1371, 1373, 1375, 1377, 1379, 1381, 1383, 1385, 1387, 1389, 1391, 1393, 1395, 1397, 1399, 1401, 1403, 1405, 1407, 1409, 1411, 1413, 1415, 1417, 1419, 1421, 1423, 1425, 1427, 1429, 1431, 1433, 1435, 1437, 1439, 1441, 1443, 1445, 1447, 1449, 1451, 1453, 1455, 1457, 1459, 1461, 1463, 1465, 1467, 1469, 1471, 1473, 1475, 1477, 1479, 1481,

1. Architecture of Plank House is related to Great House in the sense that both share
 a basic form that will appear & that is based on the elements of a circle & a rectangle &
 a triangle. Plank House design is different from Great House.
 2. Plank House like Great House is a single, minimalist design. Much 'preference'
 about Plank House ~~design~~ design is this period. No need for more explicit features.
 3. Great House of Plank House is a good &

Plank houses, totem poles, more buttresses

- 3. Need prearranged time for people to come and go
- 3. I strongly suggest with the above 2 comments
- 4. Non-ambitious to say if someone is in this I don't think most of the center
 (note: I = that people in a room to start but not a chair table)
- 5. There are other things not at hand

Consider alternative sites for events especially right with back stage like Pears Place and kitchen is the best

- 6. There are enough tables - don't need a table - get rid of the old table in the room
- 7. If they get out and put up with each other the envelopes here there will be a first point - could see right at once
- 8. If you expand current back could we add a public swimming area if it

Cover for playground is OK but had to get rid of playground

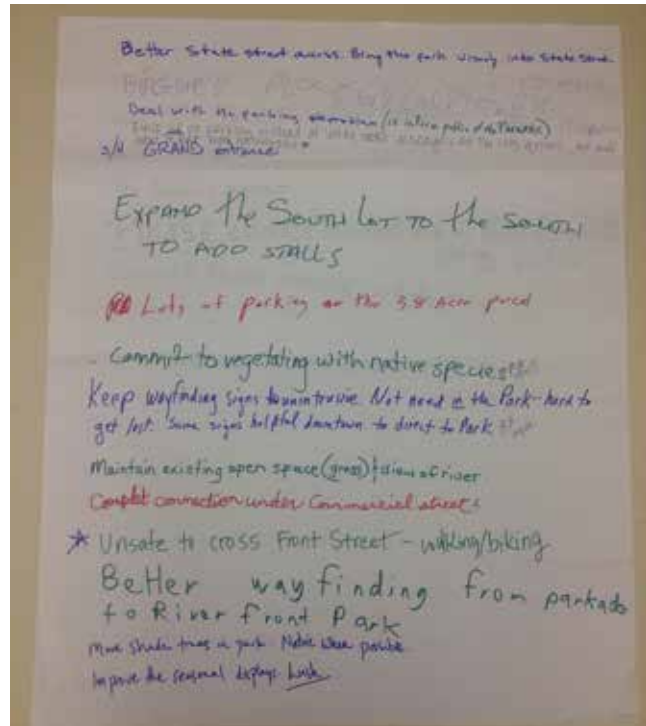
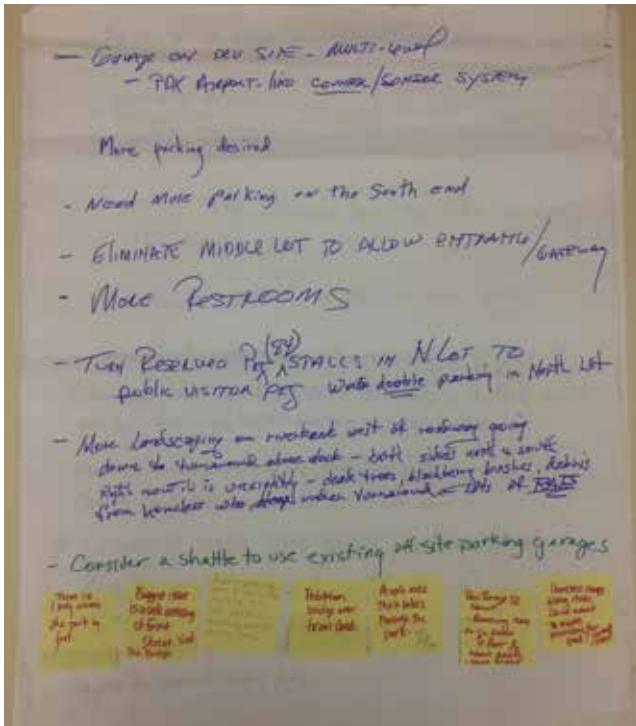
More use play area w/ portion covered so kids could play under cover when its rainy (1/2 play equipment)
 its smooth over
 a big low standing screen at the back and using that as a screen when it rains

I strongly disagree with #5 RA is John's centrally located living room & gathering place.

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FLIP CHART PHOTOS, CONT.



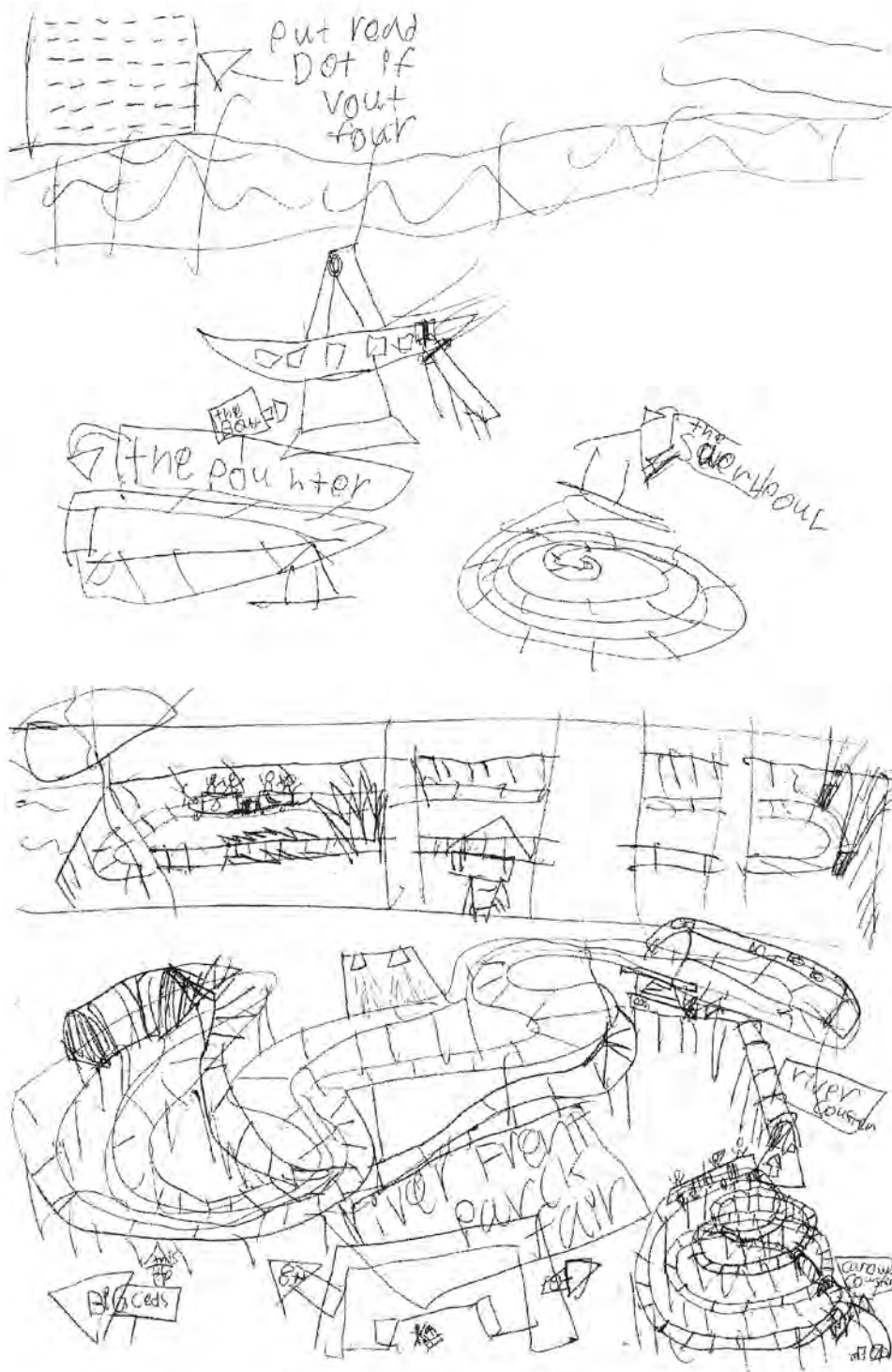
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OTHER COMMENT PHOTOS



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APPENDIX D

QUESTION RESPONSES

EVENTS

questions	quadrant				
	0-25	25-50	50-75	75-100	
1	2	3	13	25	How important are the following park activities to you: attend a public event?
2	20	17	4	0	How important are the following park activities to you: attend a private event?
3	7	11	18	4	How important are the following park activities to you: park amenities for events?
4	3	19	15	5	How would you rank the following park features: event space?

ACTIVE RECREATION

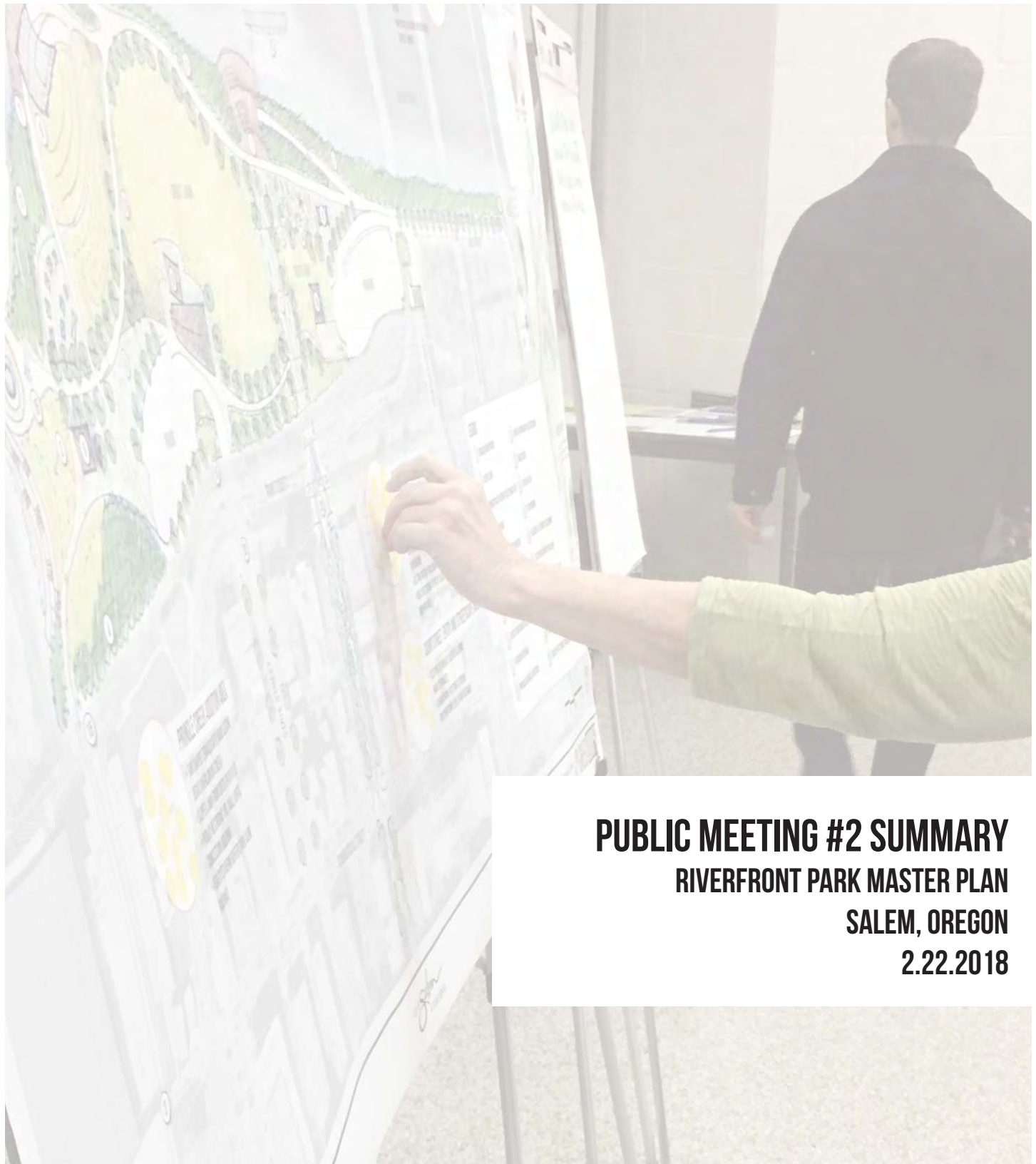
questions	quadrant				
	0	25-50	50-75	75-100	
1	2	6	12	24	How important are the following park activities to you: biking / skating?
2	0	2	10	31	How important are the following park activities to you: walk/jog/run on the trails?
3	2	6	12	27	How important are the following park activities to you: physical access to the river?
4	11	7	10	17	How important are the following park activities to you: playground?
5	0	16	20	11	How would you rank the following park features: park amenities?
6	19	10	6	4	How would you rank the following park features: river access?

PASSIVE RECREATION

questions	quadrant				
	0-25	25-50	50-75	75-100	
1	6	14	15	9	How important are the following park activities to you: picnicking?
2	4	4	12	21	How important are the following park activities to you: access to the river?
3	0	2	12	32	How important are the following park activities to you: enjoying nature?
4	7	15	14	11	How would you rank the following park features: park amenities?
5	16	13	7	8	How would you rank the following park features: river access?

CIRCULATION, ACCESS, AND PARKING

questions	quadrant				
	0	25-50	50-75	75-100	
1	1	1	4	36	How important are the following park activities to you: pedestrian/bike access?
2	10	10	9	14	How important are the following park activities to you: vehicle access?
3	5	12	6	19	How would you rank the following park features: safety?
4	6	7	21	9	How would you rank the following park features: pedestrian/bike access?
5	11	14	8	10	How would you rank the following park features: vehicle access?



PUBLIC MEETING #2 SUMMARY
RIVERFRONT PARK MASTER PLAN
SALEM, OREGON
2.22.2018

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INTRODUCTION

On February 22, 2018 the City of Salem hosted a public open house from 6pm to 7:30pm at Pringle Hall to introduce three concept alternatives for the design of Riverfront Park to the public. Unofficial counts place the number of attendees at around 30 people. All participants seemed actively engaged in and appreciative of the format and process of the public meeting.

A brief presentation by Jim Figurski (GreenWorks) summarized the information collected during the first public online survey and introduced the three concept alternatives. For the remainder of the meeting participants were able to browse boards, ask questions, and vote for their preferred concept alternatives. Information stations were arranged around Pringle Hall (figure 1), including a station with existing condition maps. Four stations addressing concept alternatives included:

- Concept A
- Concept B
- Concept C
- Concept Voting

Each station was hosted by a project team member including representatives from the City of Salem; GreenWorks, Landscape Architects; and Barney and Worth, Public Outreach. Each concept station included an overall site plan of the design and a smaller, supplementary board showing the Court Street Entry area in more detail with an axonometric view. Each site plan was divided into 7 focus areas:

- Pringle Creek
- Amphitheater
- Riverfront
- Court Street Plaza
- North Activity

- North Entry
- Court Street Entry and Streetscape

Participants were given only 7 dots to place across the same seven concept areas of each of the three concept alternatives (21 choices total) to indicate support for these specific areas. At a fourth voting station, participants were given three additional dots and were asked to rank the overall concepts in order of preference. Participants were also given the opportunity to provide additional comments by writing on flip-charts at each station or completing a separate comment sheet.

The following meeting summary includes comments from station hosts regarding their interactions with people visiting the respective stations and summaries of the information gathered at each station.

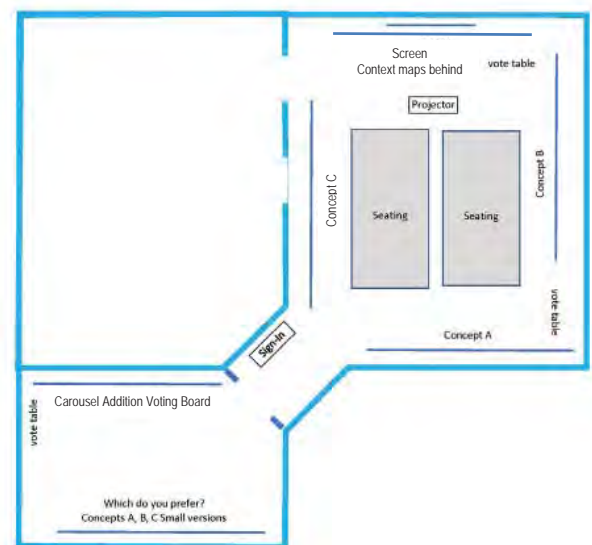


figure 1 - pringle hall open house layout



figure 1.1 - site boundary shown on context board

PRESENTATION AND CONTEXT

The brief presentation introduced the participants to the project timeline and process. Results from the first public online survey were reviewed, including top-rated precedent images, how the public mainly uses the park, and their concerns with change in the park. After this, an overview of the design process that generated three concept alternatives was given, including how the information from the previous public meeting, focus groups, and online survey was used.

Context maps of the site and surrounding area were provided to illustrate existing conditions, transportation locations, and parking information.

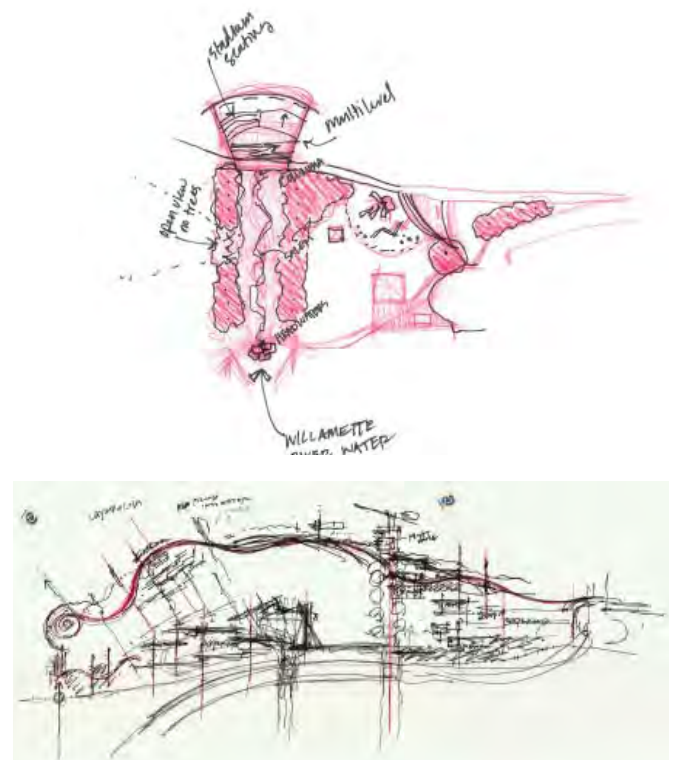


figure 2 - preliminary concept development sketches



figure 2.1 - introduction presentation with context maps beyond

CONCEPT A

HOSTS: JIM FIGURSKI (GREENWORKS)

Builds on curved river forms such as gravel bars and wave patterns.

Participants voted primarily for the Pringle Creek and Riverfront focus areas in this concept. The areas incorporated terraced access to the water with a gravel beach at Pringle Creek. Those focus areas with the least votes included North Activity, Amphitheater, and Court Street Plaza with 2, 4, and 4, votes respectively.

The majority of written comments had to do with the placement of the playground and whether or not the park would benefit from a second playground.

	Concept A
Pringle Creek	12
Amphitheater	4
Riverfront	10
Court St Plaza	4
Court St Entry and Streetscape	6
North Activity	2
North Entry	8

figure 3 - concept area dot count



figure 3.1 - concept A board with voting dots

CONCEPT B

HOSTS: GINI PIERCY (GREENWORKS)

Celebrates the presence of the Willamette River.

Focus areas with the highest number of votes were Amphitheater, Riverfront, and North Activity areas. Areas received 10 or more except the North Entry, which had vote count of 8.

Questions centered on events and how they would impact circulation in the park. Parking came up frequently, but did not dominate the conversation. Comments from participants for and against increased parking in the park were balanced.

Written comments were varied, but multiple comments mentioned the River walk with support.

	Concept B
Pringle Creek	14
Amphitheater	30
Riverfront	18
Court St Plaza	14
Court St Entry and Streetscape	11
North Activity	16
North Entry	8

figure 4 - concept area dot count



figure 4.1 - concept B board with voting dots

CONCEPT C

HOSTS: FLORA YEH (GREENWORKS)

Extends straight lines and angles found in the City street grid.

The Riverfront and Pringle Creek focus areas received the most votes in this concept, with votes of 14 and 10 respectively. All other areas received 8 or fewer votes.

Comments were made in support of the rectilinear parking layout allowing an increase in parking capacity.

Written comments referred to adding more programmatic elements to this design concept.

	Concept C
Pringle Creek	10
Amphitheater	5
Riverfront	14
Court St Plaza	7
Court St Entry and Streetscape	8
North Activity	7
North Entry	5

figure 5 - concept area dot count



figure 5.1 - concept C board with voting dots

FOCUS AREA VOTE COMPARISON

All the focus areas in Concept B consistently received a higher number of votes than those same areas in the other two concepts. See the chart below for comparison.

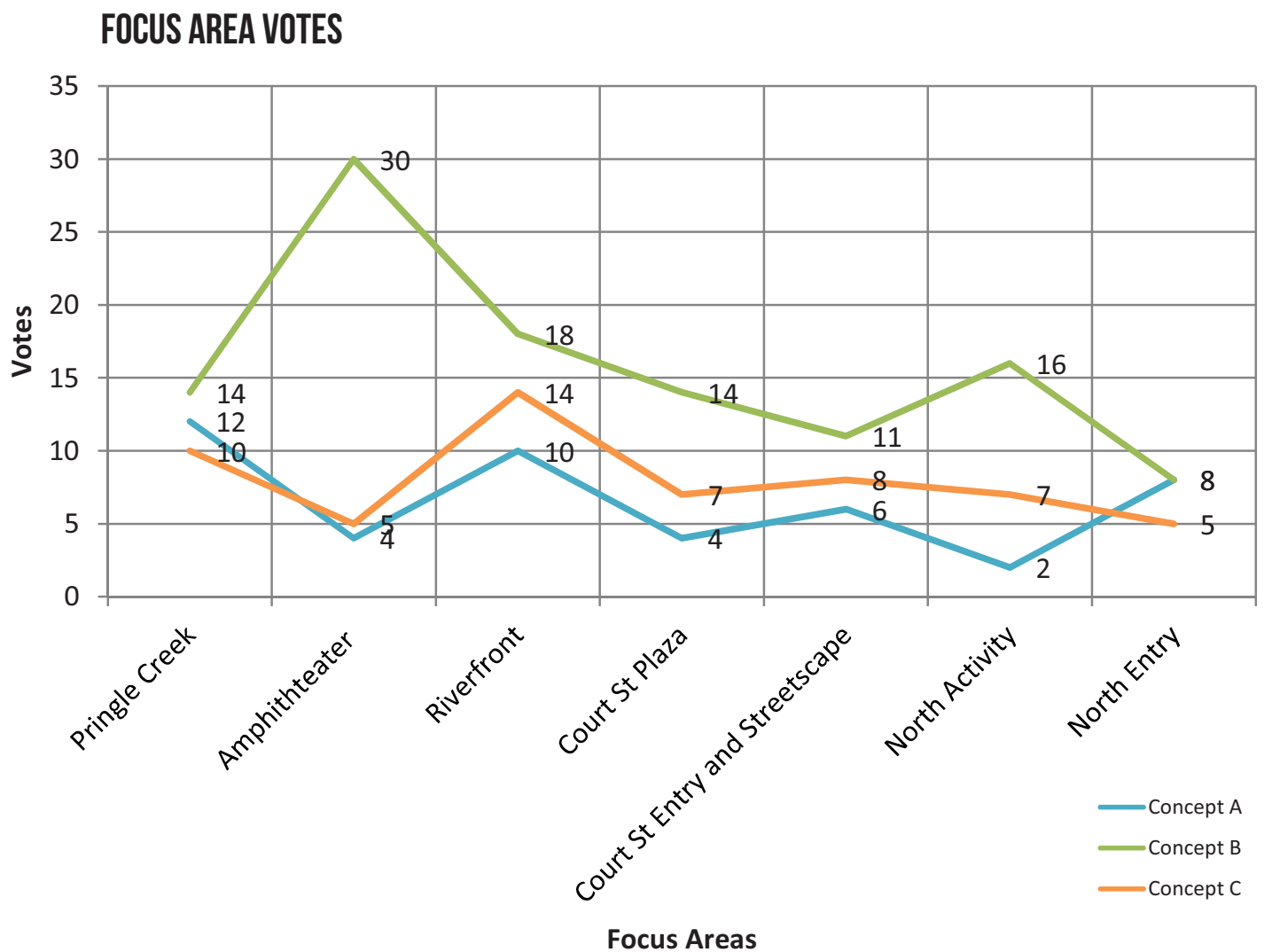


figure 7 - concept area trends

PREFERRED CONCEPT

HOSTS: KIMI SLOOP (BARNEY & WORTH)

A clear preference was expressed by participants for Concept B, which garnered 86% of the Most Preferred vote and only a single Least Preferred vote. Concepts A and C were closer in participant preference, with a near tie of 11 and 12 Preferred, and 12 and 13 Least Preferred votes respectively.

Some participants volunteered reasons for their preference: many did not like the curved paths in Concept A; many liked the River walk, size of the dock and decks, the treatment along Court St., and

the open feeling of Concept B; and did not like the rectilinear form of Concept C. It is important to note this is a random sampling.

The majority of participants voted in support for the Carousel House Addition.

Most written comments were related to the carousel house expansion, ranging from ideas for additional programming to mention of limited park space for such an addition.

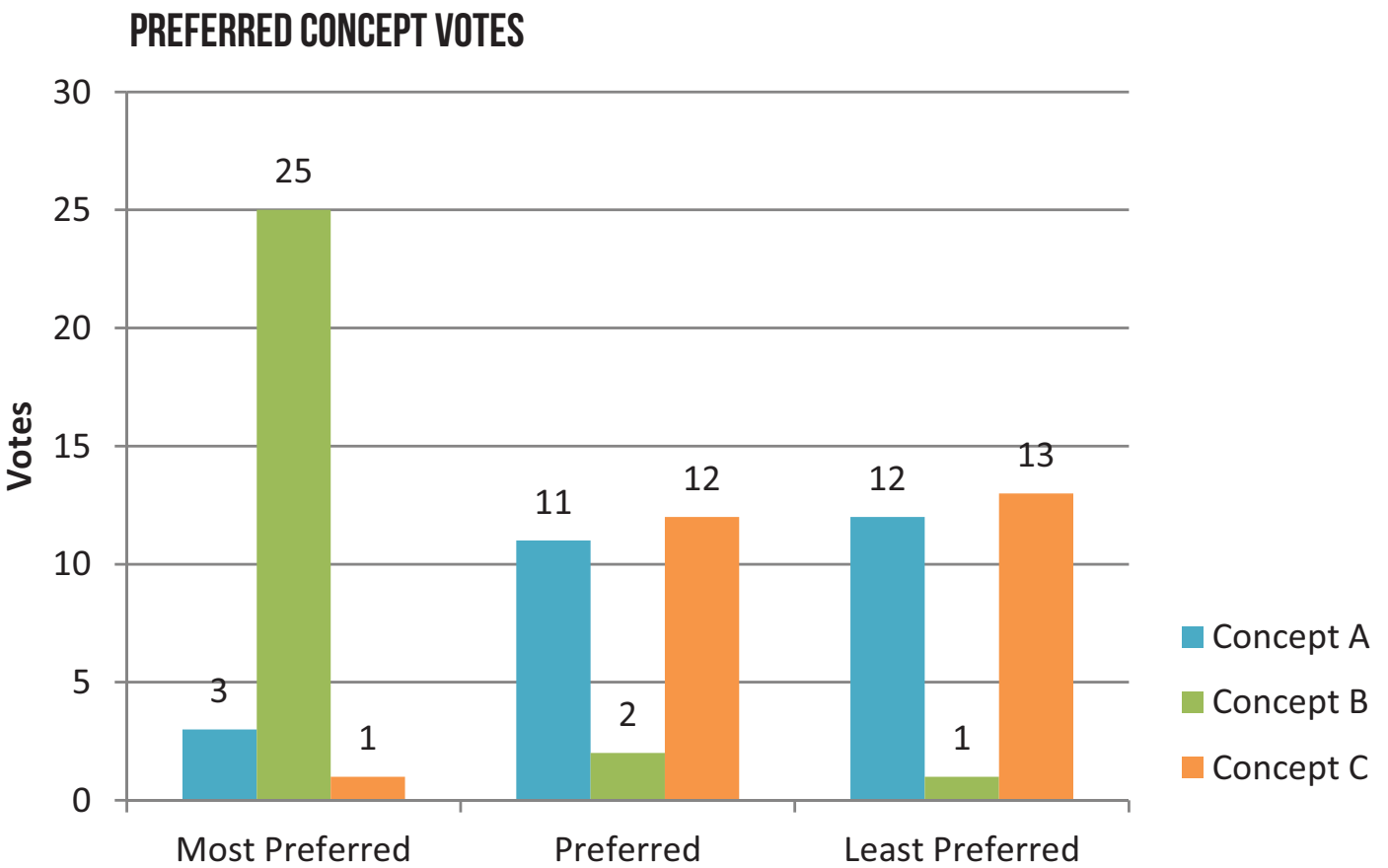


figure 6.1 - preferred concept trends

COMPILED COMMENTS FROM FLIP CHARTS

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Flip charts were placed at each of the stations.

CONCEPT A-

1. Restrooms need to be closer to event area – better 2 restroom areas
2. Should there be 2 playgrounds? Do people visiting carousel also visit playground? If they do should there be a playground near the carousel?
3. In this concept – playground seems too close to street/park exit
4. If you add a north playground, also have a south playground
5. Fountains for kids to play in. Don't need any decorative fountains since surrounded by water anyway

CONCEPT B-

1. Would hate to see ANY proposal that involves private events to close portions of the park
2. Not sure maintenance area under Center St. bridge wouldn't be broken into
3. Love the floating River Walk
4. Change parking to rectangular to get more spaces
5. No more parking
6. Good playground location, Riverwalk is awesome. Modest parking additions welcome.

CONCEPT C-

1. Sensory garden for the blind
2. Permanent concrete skating rink – roller skate for summer, ice skate for winter
3. I would be concerned with seating or benches that might promote homeless to sleep on Union Bridge walkway.
4. Add more parking close to Court St. to loop to existing east parking lot
5. Parking structure with multiple floors
6. Like the additional parking spaces gained by switching to rectangular design
7. Don't like water feature at entry
8. Don't like any hardscape plaza solutions as "Court St. plaza"
9. Replacing the phased crossing at Court with a single crossing will cause traffic to be congested on the exit ramp and Center St. bridge. The phased

COMPILED COMMENTS FROM FLIP CHARTS, CONT.

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crossing walk for both drivers and pedestrians (safety!!)

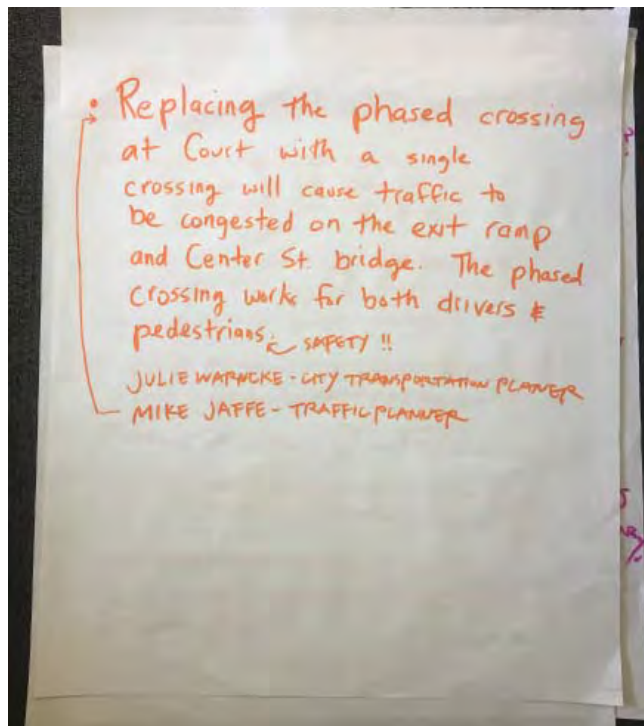
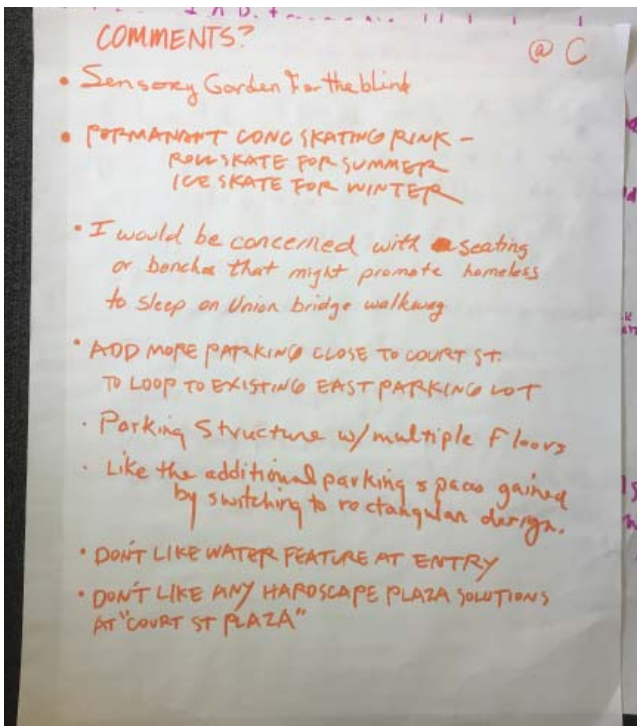
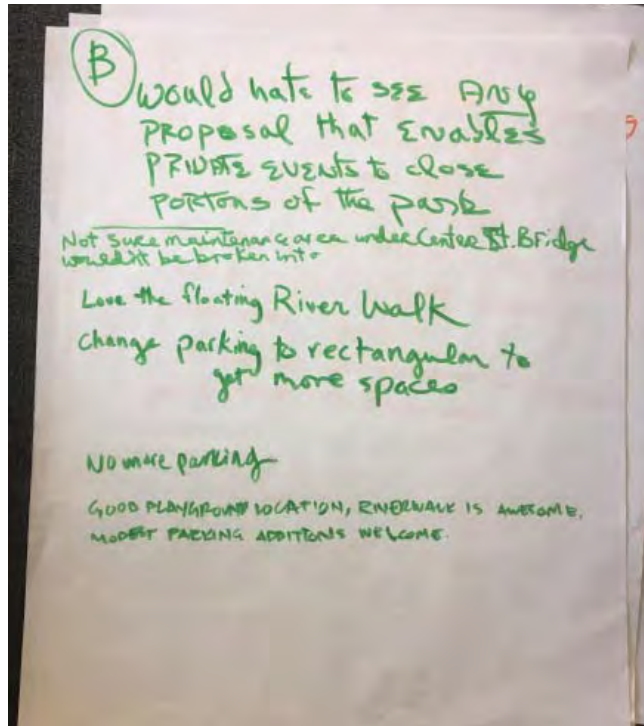
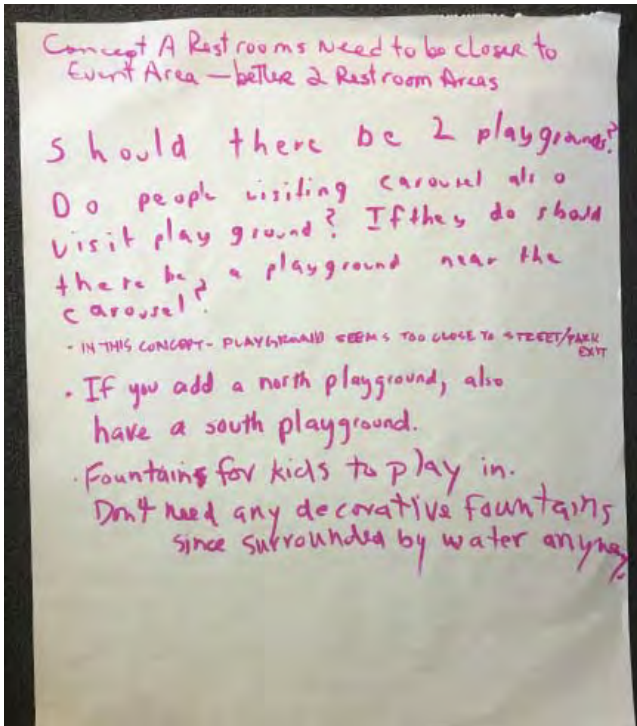
10. --Julie Warncke – city transportation planner, Mike Jaffe – traffic planner

VOTING/CAROUSEL-

1. Have a dedicated bike route through park (avoid playgrounds) and high volume area for pedestrians
2. Carousel: starting to feel cluttered with snack machines, vendors, etc.
3. Play up books: characters of horses more theme
4. Hospital: repair for carousel horses, kids would <3
5. Electrical component for carousel
6. Park too small for carousel expansion

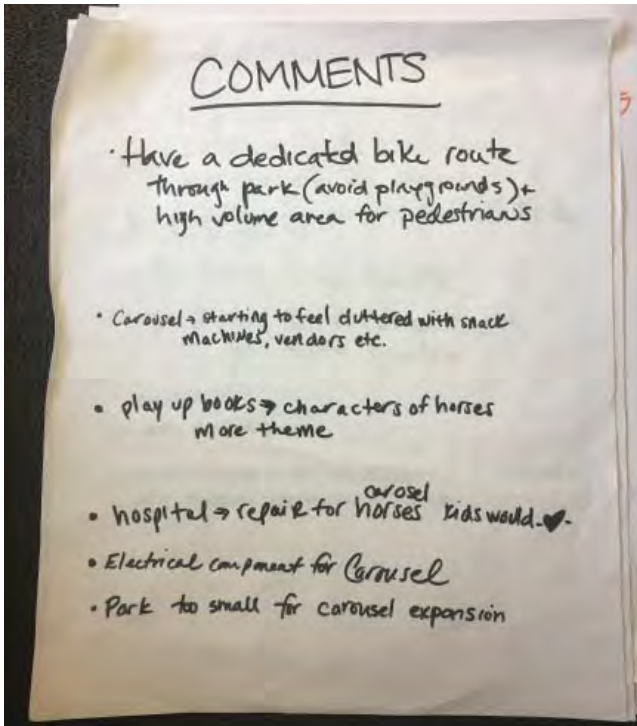
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FLIP CHART PHOTOS



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APPENDIX B

VOTE COUNTS

CONCEPT AREA VOTE COUNT

Votes per Area								
Concept	Pringle Creek	Amphitheater	Riverfront	Court St Plaza	Court St Entry and Streetscape	North Activity	North Entry	Total Area Votes
Concept A	12	4	10	4	6	2	8	46
Concept B	14	30	18	14	11	16	8	111
Concept C	10	5	14	7	8	7	5	56

PREFERRED CONCEPT VOTE COUNT

Preferred Concept Votes				
Concept	Most Preferred	Preferred	Least Preferred	Total Overall
Concept A	3	11	12	26
Concept B	25	2	1	28
Concept C	1	12	13	26

APPENDIX B, CONT.

CONCEPT PREFERENCE BOARD WITH VOTES

PLEASE SELECT YOUR MOST PREFERRED, PREFERRED, AND LEAST PREFERRED CONCEPTS:

LIMIT ONE VOTE PER CONCEPT, PER PERSON

CONCEPT A



1ST MOST PREFERRED

2ND PREFERRED

3RD LEAST PREFERRED



CONCEPT B



CONCEPT C



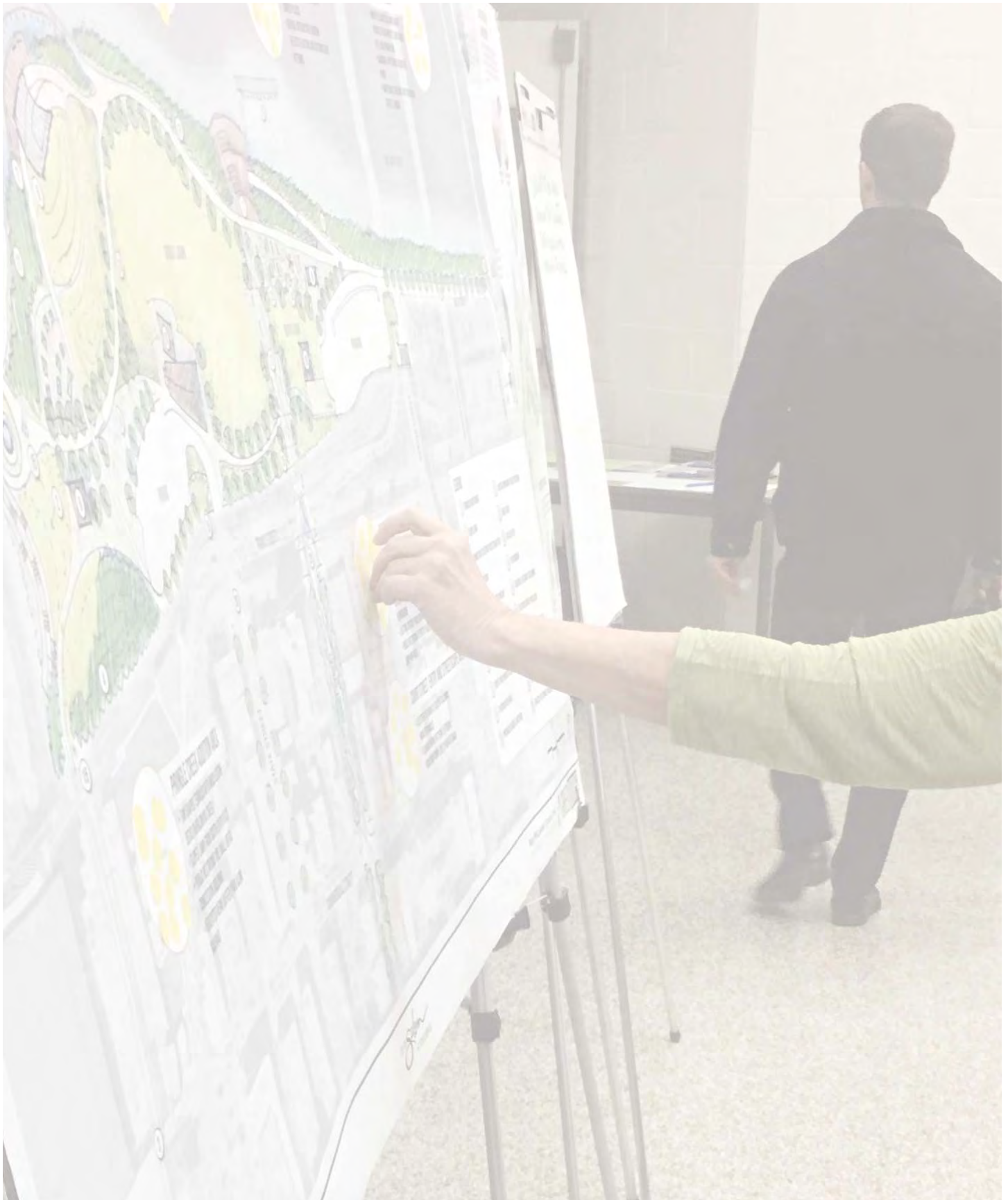
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PUBLIC MEETING #3 SUMMARY

RIVERFRONT PARK MASTER PLAN

SALEM, OREGON

9.18.2018

City of Salem Riverfront Park Master Plan Update

Public Meeting #3

MEETING DETAILS

Date: Tuesday September 18, 2018

Time: 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Place: Pringle Hall, Salem Oregon

Purpose: To report back on public process, review alternative design concepts, present Draft Master Plan and seek feedback from public on priorities for implementation

Format: Presentation (with Q/A) followed by open house format

AGENDA

Item One: Welcome & Master Plan History (Patricia) 1 min

Item Two: Process to date

- public values (Patricia) 2 min

- existing conditions (Jim) 2 min

- alternative concepts (Jim) 3 min

- public feedback on alternative concepts (Patricia) 2 min

Item Three: Draft Master Plan Concept

- refinement of assumptions: amphitheater location (Patricia) 3 min

- key elements of draft master plan concept (Jim) 17 min

Item Four: Next Steps and Questions (Jim) 10 min

Item Five: Open House and Comment Period 50 min

Presentation (Items 1-4)

A 30-minute presentation to kick-off the meeting will include a PowerPoint that addresses:

1. Summary of values from the community survey
2. Site opportunities and constraints (GreenWorks analysis)
3. Alternative concepts (GreenWorks)
4. Summary of public feedback on the alternatives (summary of February open house and on-line survey)
5. Draft Master Plan (GreenWorks)

At the end of the presentation, Jim will take questions and explain the comment process.

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Open House (Item 5)

There will be two of the same displays – one in the back of the room and one in the front of the room to make it easier for people to participate. Each display will have:

- Draft master plan
- A flip chart for comments

There will also be one set of enlargements Boards with enlargements (perspectives) of key areas (South, Central, Northern); set up on the side of the room.

COMMENT PROCESS

- Flip charts for participants to write comments
- Comment cards for participants to write comments

ROOM SET-UP

- GreenWorks and Barney & Worth arrive between 4:30 pm and 5:00 pm to help with set up.
- Chairs will be set up for viewing presentation
- Large drawings of Draft Master Plan; one at each end of room.
- Boards with enlargements of key areas (South, Central, Northern) and perspective of new amphitheater area (jeff's); one set along the side of the room.

MEETING MATERIALS

- GreenWorks to provide easels, flip charts, display materials and presentation.
- City of Salem to provide refreshments, sign in sheet, nametags and comment sheet, etc.

Meeting summary (DRAFT) to be provided by GreenWorks and Barney & Worth for City Review.

City of Salem Riverfront Park Master Plan Update

Public Meeting #3

Notes from Salem Riverfront Master Plan Open House #3

September 18, 2018

Questions/comments during presentation:

- Does the city own the land to connect the pedestrian bridge to the south?
- Is there a dog park in the master plan?
- What is the future use of the old amphitheater?
- Please plan for park access for people with disabilities – wheelchairs, those who are blind, the elderly, etc. Include braille on signs, have access to the kayak rental for people with disabilities, etc. Make it all ADA accessible, especially the dock. For events, require sponsors to include accessibility in their plans. Don't let booths block paths, require sign language interpreters and signs in braille, etc.
- What is the status of the Pringle Creek trail? Who is financially responsible for the trail?
- Was noise taken into consideration with the new amphitheater location? There are lots of residents nearby – concert now can be heard outside the park and there are many concerts...
- Will the seating in the new amphitheater be the same or different than the old amphitheater?
- Where will the movies in the park be located?
- With the increased utilities project, will there be more lighting?

Comments during the open house:

- Separate users on the paths
- Have covered seating near the splash pad
- Incorporate a landing/boat ramp for emergency water boats (State, Marion Co, Polk Co). There needs to be one on this side of the river near the park that can be accessed all year long. When the water is high, boats can't dock nearby.
- Concern about the river flow and algae growing in front of the park.
- Would like to see a boat ramp at Minto Brown Park entrance for both kayaks and emergency boats.
- Modify the special use permit requirements to require events to have interpreters and other accessibility items. In other words, apply the ADA rules to private events.

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Good Efficiently Presented
Renderings of Glases Excellent
Liked Having Space for dialogues and
Conversations

I was struck by Pat's comment some
plans were really so far in the future (50 yrs)
as to be of any serious consideration in present
planning! - for many logical reason
Amphitheater is a poor plan using sloping lawn
plan impossible for those with disabilities to
use - a sea of blankets and different height
sk chair backs - so will not be able to see stage -
in fact many will not! Poor Board design

Optional

Name: Linda Coons Contact Information: 503-393-3457

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1. Excellent session and responses to questions.
Besides other issues discussed, I kept to provide support for the Place Mosaic becoming part of the next phase of the carousel addition expansion and vision.

Optional

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Email: abphalan@yahoo.com

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- Concerns about seating at amphitheater:
line of sight issues if some people are sitting
in tall chairs; others on a blanket or on beach chairs.
- Like to see the Peace Mosaic at Riverfront
Park.

Optional

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Willamette River

Dig a water channel at south end of park to slough.

2 things - People could float the channel on intertubes.

- It would flush algae out of slough to lower water hazard.

Slough

Courthouse Bridge

Creek

Center Bridge

Optional

Name: *RON STERBA* Contact Information: *503-400-9191*

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All of these plans look great!
Super exciting!

Now that we have the new bridge connecting to Mintz, I would love to see a path that allows people to - as you're walking across the bridge away from Riverfront Park to the right - to walk along by the water. The views back across looking at Riverfront Park would be excellent, and would give people additional options of things to do once they crossed the bridge.

Optional

Name: _____ Contact Information: _____

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STAKEHOLDER MEETING #1 SUMMARY
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Stakeholder Meeting #1 Meeting Plan

MEETING DETAILS

Date: Thursday, November 30, 2017
Time: 11am to 1pm
Place: Pringle Hall, Salem Oregon

Purpose: To seek feedback from stakeholders on their vision for the future Riverfront Park

Format: Small group facilitated discussions

AGENDA

Item One: Introductions and Meeting Goals (Patricia) 5 min

Item Two: Review Project Schedule and Process (Jim) 5 min

Item Three: Visioning Assignment One (small groups) 25 min

1. What is your vision for the future Riverfront Park – primarily event, primarily recreation, or primarily experiencing nature?
2. How does the current layout fit with your vision?

Item Four: Groups Report Out – Highlights (facilitators) 8 min

Break for lunch 25 min

Item Five: Visioning Assignment Two (small groups) 25 min

1. What needs to change (added or removed) in the park to create your vision?
2. How do you see Riverfront Park fitting in the overall civic life of Salem?

Item Six: Groups Report Out – Highlights (facilitators) 8 min

Item Seven: Next Steps and Q&A (Jim) 19 min

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION DETAILS

- Participants will be divided into 4 groups by counting off 1-2-3-4. Each group will likely have between 5-8 participants based on RSVPs to date.
- Each group will have a facilitator and a note-taker

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- (facilitator) and other city staff (notetaker) Group One: Patricia
- (facilitator) and Mike Corrente (GW) (notetaker) Group Two: Rob Romanek
- (notetaker) and Rick Williams (facilitator) Group Three: Kimi Sloop
- (facilitator) and Gini Piercy (GW) (notetaker) Group Four: Jim Figurski
- Each group should select a participant or the facilitator to report out group highlights
- Kimi will be timekeeper

ROOM SET-UP

- GreenWorks and Barney & Worth arrive between 10:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. to help with set up.
- Two rows tables facing the projector screen with boards at either side.
- Chairs organized in circles or by tables for small group discussions with easels for flip charts and space at either side of the room for site context maps (11x17 copies will be provided for tables).

MEETING MATERIALS

- GreenWorks to provide easels, flip charts, sticky notes, sign in sheet and nametags etc.
- City of Salem to provide lunch.

Hard copies of materials (GW to provide):

- (2) Site Context Map, 3'x8' landscape
- (2) Site Photos board corresponding to the Site Context Map, 3'x6' landscape
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- (4-5, one per group table) Questions posted to the group, 11x17

The PowerPoint presentation will include (GW to create):

- Introduction (1)
- Meeting agenda (1)
- Site Context Map (1-2)
- Site Photos (4-6)
- Previous Master Plans (3-4)
- Zoning Map (1)
- Questions

Meeting summary (DRAFT) to be provided by GreenWorks and Barney & Worth for City Review.

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Stakeholder Meeting #1 Meeting Plan

MEETING NOTES:

MEETING DATE: 11.30.2017 MEETING NO: Stakeholder Meeting 1

PROJECT: Riverfront Park Master Plan PROJECT NO: 117147.1

ATTENDEES: Project Consultant Team,
City of Salem representatives,
Stakeholder group representatives

DISTRIBUTION:

PREPARED BY: Jim Figurski (GW),
Kimi Sloop (BW),
Michael Corrente (GW),
Gini Piercy (GW) DATE: 12.5.2017

Group 1

- Not easy to find garages and then navigate city
- Benefit to downtown businesses is walking for parking
- Some sort of commercial building-kayak rental, bikes
- Restrooms needed at north end (by pavilion)
- Other types of activities-fitness, beach volleyball, bball, interactive
- Flexible space

Vision

- Better visibility for Front St.
- Better connectivity to downtown state & court
- More signage
- Relationship to other parks and creeks
- Front St./North of RR Bridge in future
- More parking-included RV and buses
- Better water and electricity
- Stage placement, varies (noise)
- How to mitigate noise
- Uniquely utilitarian-not a “box”
- Currently lg. events park in the grassy
- Access for large vehicles

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- Safety of Front St.-alternatives (bridges)
- Some events outgoing space
 - 4th of July
 - Bite and Brew
- Vendor space/utilities better
- Circulation of non-event people
 - Fencing of venue needed
- WValley Scenic bikeway
 - Rerouting thru park
 - Clyde tourists
 - Signage needs improvement for pedestrians/bikes
- More parking=less park
- Walk Zone?
- Off-site parking could help
- Bike parking needed
- Visibility from South Side
- Any ground dist. Activity-CTGR
- History of site-North America
- Tourism-Front St. access
- Bathrooms
- Rules at parking in downtown garages unclear
- Can we become less vehicle dependent
- Perception that there is no parking-not necessarily true in garages

Group 1 Highlights chosen for group reporting:

- Visibility of Riverfront Park and signage coming into park
- Connectivity to park/downtown/other parks
- Safety of getting in/out of park – Court Street. Want skybridge over roads
- Parking – need for more but also utilize downtown parking garages – better signage.
- Water hookups, electricity, access for large vehicles
- Events outgrowing footprint of park. Expand, but be respectful of people using other parts of the park.
- Create space in amphitheater for vendors, food, etc.
- Restrooms – add, especially north end
- Willamette Valley Scenic Bikeway – people want to reroute over bridge to the park
- Discussed adding a commercial building on the site. No conclusion – just a thought, something to look at.
- Look at what the new amenities are, and what other cities do.
- Active uses in the park – basketball, pickle ball, exercise course, etc.

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Group 2

Question 1/Q2

- Gateway to events, ____ nature
- Location for events
 - Memory walk and historical info/path
 - Garden
- Hub for a variety of activities
 - Move away from typical events to more community focused
- Gateway/Connectivity/Walking/Biking
 - Connect more to downtown w/ paths
- Make more “connections” to history of park
- “Interpretive” elements
- Make use of natural setting
- Include:
 - Cycle-Share
 - Natural back drop
 - Incorporate drainage, maintenance for site
 - Safety issues at Carousel parking

Q2/Q4

- Function-vehicle
- Detour people around events/performances
- Use level of Minto Island Bridge
- AMR poor use of space
- More power
- Traffic urc. by carousel
- North Entrance/Gateway
- Public not aware of north parking lot
- Parking limited
- New parcel should address circulation issues
- Park downtown to go to park
- Keep flat ground
- Not over programmed
- Steps at AMR are problematic

Group 2 Highlights chosen for group reporting:

- Cycle sharing coming to the park – multimodal
- Improving/embracing the river – canoe recreation
- Did not agree that there should be heavy recreational uses in the park. Let it be what it is - a beautiful park.
- Reclaim Marion Square Park as a more active park area – basketball, pickle ball, etc.

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- Gateway to the City and other parks. Does it need a promenade? Physical gateway?
- Include history, public art
- Events – cannot eliminate, but maybe manage better.
- Want to use the park trails, etc. and can't when events happen. Enable people to use the park at the same time for different uses.

Group 3

Vision

- More recreation **
- Lost nature
- Can be all 3 *
- Passive recreation
 - Bike
 - Frisbee
 - Walking
- Anti-recreation
- Functions pretty well as all 3-nature bumped to #3
- Events more of an emphasis now
- Popular rental event park
- Try to merge downtown w/ park-one body
- Why can't it be all three-use the docks more
 - not mutual exclusive
- Originally-people used park to be passive recreation-nature, walking
- Don't develop entire park
- Intermittent events-Ok-Keep natural area
 - Limit number of events
- No other place to go for events
- Avoid making the park a revenue source
- Like existing culture
 - Not more events
 - Not more development

Current Layout

- Overall layout good
- Layout fits well-good connections to other parks
- Bike area for new section
 - Infrastructure (connections for bikes)
 - Alignment bike access (skateboarders, scooters)
- Parking problem
- Mobility problem

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- Difficult to get there by walking or biking
- Safety to downtown needs improvement
 - Bridge to downtown?
 - Tunnel not really practical, floodplain, safety
- Maintain core large greenspace area! Especially if new area becomes parking or playground
- Amphitheater
 - no shade
 - not well located
 - Need amphitheater-just improve it
- Drinking water, power & restrooms. Needs to be improved (services)
- Better walk access (river)
- More or enhanced restrooms-none on North end, especially near picnic area
- Visually connect downtown to park-art leading to park

New Parcel

- Good location
 - Pedestrian connection (Gateway)
 - Parking
 - Restrooms
 - Enhanced Amphitheater
 - Recreation use
 - Bike infrastructure-bike playground amenities (like Gear Park)
- Add shade structure to amphitheater
- Can't remove anything-not practical
- Protect greenspace from development
- Improve/more detailed criteria for using the park
- Control development-greater criteria/limits for who & what uses the park
- Enhance dock area and access by boat
- Maintain existing greenspace (not including new park)
- Remove substation-cover it/hide it
- Natural play area
- Spread activities North and South (both)
 - Example-put a playground at north end-near picnic shelter-with restrooms-natural playground (all age groups)-shaded
- Natural shade-trees
- Safety is OK
- Lighting is OK

Overall Civic Life

- City/Co Park-Regional draw
- Part of downtown identity-can't fully be part of downtown until parking/cars addressed

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- Example 3rd St in McMinnville
- Park can be a flagship for improved bike/pedestrian connectivity in Salem
- Improve transit access to park
- More active transportation in downtown/access to park
- Recognize how Wallace/Minto Brown & Riverfront as 3 different connected parks are part of Salem
- Bridge is one of the best things about the park
- When telling people about Salem, some mention parks

Summary

- Keep the flavor of the park
- Connectivity
- More/protect passive recreation
- Add shading and restrooms
- Spread activity throughout park
- Identify w/ downtown

Group 3 Highlights chosen for group reporting:

- Reinforce the idea of connectivity and balance park uses
- Get rid of electrical substation
- Keep the flavor of the park – don't add more heavy development, buildings, etc.
- More opportunities for passive recreation, active transportation opportunities
- Add shading and restrooms
- Add connections the downtown to the park

Group 4

Vision

- Supporting infrastructure:
 - Restrooms
 - Parking
- Planting/Habitat:
 - Birds and other
 - Education
- Event Park
 - Salem's front door
- Waterfront facility opportunity
 - Fixed elements
 - Year round
 - Views/access to water
 - Food, place to stay vs. more thorough
 - Year round-new parcel

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- Open space <3
- Wild river edge
- River interaction
 - Kayak
- Front Door:
 - Two downtown crossings but needs safety
 - Traffic access to park is difficult
 - People give up
- Unified image of park
- Control access of people to riverfront-wildlife
- Park is not one category-blend
- New parcel-parking extension
- Free parking in town next to park-but not connected to park
 - People take advantage of free parking in park
- Shuttle? ADA? Access:
 - Economic
 - Recreation
 - Distance
 - Visual
 - Different age groups
 - Safe
- Danger of encouraging parking/driving by focusing on increasing parking
 - Alternative access
 - Need more bus and public transit
 - Walking, bike share

Group 4 Highlights chosen for group reporting:

- Agree with need for restrooms and parking
- Make the park more visible. More of a gateway.
- Keep native plants.
- Don't add to riverfront because of the wildlife that is there.
- Overpass from downtown to the park
- Change the timing of the signal lights for people to cross the street to the park.
- Rentals for bikes, kayaks, etc.
- New parcel – restaurant?
- Expand park north with new property
- Restaurants along the waterfront to eat and watch the water.



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Stakeholder Meeting #1 Meeting Plan

MEETING DETAILS

Date: Wednesday, December 13, 2017
Time: 11am to 1pm
Place: Pringle Hall, Salem Oregon

Purpose: To seek feedback from stakeholders on programming elements for Riverfront Park

Format: Small group facilitated discussions

AGENDA

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| Item One: Introductions and Meeting Goals (Patricia) | 5 min |
| Item Two: Review Feedback from Focus Group Meeting #1 (Jim) | 5 min |
| Item Three: Progressive discussion of key issues (small groups) | 30 min |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic 1: circulation/access/parking• Topic 2: passive recreation/river access/natural areas• Topic 3: event uses/needs• Topic 4: active recreation uses/needs | |
| Break for lunch | 15 min |
| Item Three continued: Progressive discussion of key issues | 30 min |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic 1: circulation/access/parking• Topic 2: passive recreation/river access/natural areas• Topic 3: event uses/needs• Topic 4: active recreation uses/needs | |
| Item Four: Groups Report Out – Highlights (facilitators) | 10 min |
| Item Five: Next Steps (Jim) | 5 min |
| Public Comment: | 10 min |

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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION DETAILS

- Participants will be divided into 4 groups by counting off 1-2-3-4. Each group will likely have between 5-8 participants based on RSVPs to date.
- Each table group will start with one set of facilitators/topic. They will discuss the topic for 15 minutes, then the facilitators will move to the next table and discuss the same topic. Before lunch, each group will discuss two topics. After lunch, they will discuss the other two topics.
- Each Topic will have a facilitator and a note-taker
 - (facilitator) and other city staff (notetaker) Topic Three: Patricia
 - (facilitator) and Mike Corrente (GW) (notetaker) Topic Four: Rob Romanek
 - (facilitator) and Jim Figurski (notetaker) Topic One: Rick Williams
 - (facilitator) and Gini Piercy (GW) (notetaker) Topic Two: Kimi Sloop
- The facilitator will report out on the key similarities/differences between each group.
- Each notetaker will be responsible for timekeeping.

ROOM SET-UP

- GreenWorks and Barney & Worth arrive between 10:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. to help with set up.
- Four tables with chairs with room for easels with flip charts at each table.
- Project boards located on the outside of the room.
- Each table to have a precedent image board corresponding to the topic of discussion located at the end of the group table.

MEETING MATERIALS

- GreenWorks to provide easels, flip charts, sticky notes, and hard copies of materials.
- City of Salem to provide lunch, sign in sheet and nametags etc.

Hard copies of materials (GW to provide):

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- (1) Precedent Image boards corresponding to each topic
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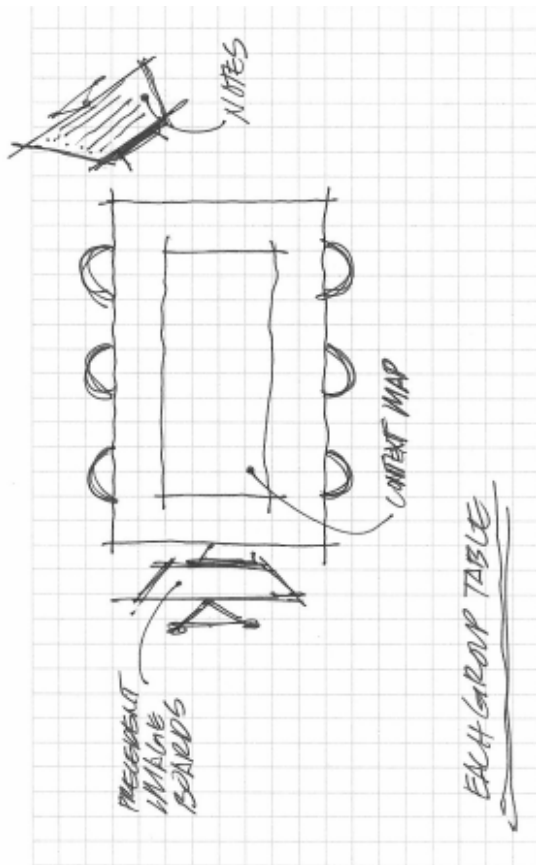
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- Meeting agenda (1)
- Review of last meetings feedback
- Site Context Map (1)
- Precedent Image Boards (4)
- Previous Master Plans (3-4)
- Zoning Map (1)
- Key Issues for each group
- Next Steps
- Questions

Meeting summary (DRAFT) to be provided by GreenWorks and Barney & Worth for City Review.



Summary Notes
City of Salem
Riverfront Park Master Plan Update
Focus Group Meeting #2
12/13/2017

Notes gathered for each topic from Focus Group Meeting #2 have been reviewed and condensed below. Included are scans of the Context Maps and Precedent Image Boards with corresponding notes.

Focus Group Meeting #2 Summary Notes

Topic 1: Circulation/Access /Parking

Circulation

- The entrance from State St. (Riverfront Carousel) to the park is seen as a physical connection (road and sidewalk), but needs improved visibility.
- Multiple entrances to the park have been identified as potential “gateways.” They are in need of physical elements to locate them. Public art could be incorporated, such as those found near the Convention Center on Trade Street.

Access

- The entrance from State St. to the park is seen as a physical connection (road and sidewalk), but needs to be improved so that it is more visually seen.
- There needs to be more time to cross Front St. and should be more visually identifiable.
- ADA parking and senior access should be considered in regards to walking distances during events.

Parking

- Overall comments reflect the lack of parking and accessibility for school buses, large trucks, and vendor equipment during events.
- More handicap parking is needed, especially during events.
- Parking is available downtown in garages and on the street. People can walk to the park and events. However, some voiced the parking downtown is too expensive.
- The South Lot is full most of the time, while the North Lot is empty.
- Some feel parking in the 3.8 acres is needed to alleviate the problems associated with the South Lot, while others feel no parking spaces should be placed there, but perhaps the new area could provide better circulation and a drop-off area.

Topic 2: Active Recreational Uses/Needs

Playground

- Enlarge area.
- Provide new bathroom.
- Relocate playground adjacent to Splash Pad or near the north parking area.
- Gilbert House has a playground, consider sharing options with public.
- Make current playground area a rental location or gateway.

Kayak/Existing Dock

- Expand the existing dock to accommodate a kayak launch and support other uses safely.
- Provide kayak rental area and safer public access to river.



Exercise Equipment/Area

- There is support for and against having adult exercise equipment.
- If exercise equipment is provided, it should be in one area, not spread out along a trail.

Organized Sports/Activities

- “Senior” or “low-intensity” focused activities are desired.
- Place activities at North end.
- Space or courts for Pickle Ball, Basketball, Volleyball are desired.

Skate Park

- No skate park in Riverfront Park, skate park at Marion Park should be redone.
- Skate park could go underneath the Center St. overpass (similar to Eugene skate park).

Topic 3: Events

3.8 Acres

- Include bus/RV parking
- Use a portion of it for emergency access to venues/concerts, amphitheater.

Event Parking/Access

- Provide shuttles to and from parking garages for events.
- If parking expands, it should be minimal or for event personnel/(un)loading.
- Need more signage/communication for available parking.
- Move permit parking to garages and cover metered parking for events.
- Parking for events takes away from Gilbert House and Carousel parking.

Event Support

- Insufficient supply of power and potable water.
- More shade is needed.
- Permanent restrooms are need to be expanded and new facilities provided at the center and north end of the park.
- Provide temporary bike corral/parking with staff for events.
- Security plans should be put in place.

Amphitheater Concerns

- Currently no access behind for parking and (un)loading.
- Move playground to north in park and provide access through this area for amphitheater.
- Amphitheater lacks shade.

Topic 4: Passive Recreation

Pringle Creek

- Integrate bridgehead and path along creek.
- Use a portion of the 3.8 acres for access to the creek.
- Provide some sort of “treatment” to the Creek wall.
- The health of the creek is an issue.
- Pringle Creek Confluence provides a (potential) fish and wildlife benefit.



River Amenities

- Expand existing overlook behind amphitheater.
- Provide a floating boardwalk.
- Dock enhancements.
- Provide visual and physical access.
- Provide separate area for kayak related elements.
- Remove invasive plants, replant with native trees and plants for bank stabilization.

Interpretive Opportunities

- Provide public art.
- Incorporate Kalapuya, Willamette River and Slough, Paddle wheel and Riverboat history into park.
- Public education does not have to be a sign.
- Include wildlife-Osprey, Swallows.

Resting/Viewing Elements

- Area for seating/tables/wine & dine.
- Consider views from Bridge.
- More benches with protection/shade.
- Native plant demonstration garden.
- Consider a balance between views and trees.
- Provide restrooms and drinking fountains.
- Provide a balance between passive and active uses, open, space and lawn.



Context Map and Precedent Image Boards



1. ACCESS AND RENTAL SPACE
2. RELOCATE PLAYGROUND BY SPLASH PAD AND LARGE PICNIC SHELTER, PROVIDE NEW BATHROOM
3. PROVIDE PEDESTRIAN AND BIKE ACCESS ALONG PRINGLE CREEK TO SOUTH END OF PARK
4. CREATE A "GATEWAY" AT STATE AND UNION STREETS
5. REDO SKATE PARK AT MARION PARK, LEAVE IT THERE AND ADD ADDITIONAL ACTIVE USES
6. PROVIDE A 100 SPACES IN THE 3.8 ACRE AREA



1. CREATE A SEAMLESS PEDESTRIAN AND BIKE PATH FROM PRINGLE CREEK PARKADE TO SOUTH END OF PARK
2. PLAZA INSTEAD OF PLAYGROUND
3. CREATE GATEWAYS IN 5 ENTRANCES
4. EXPAND OVERLOOK BEHIND AMPHITHEATER
5. PROVIDE FLOATING BOARDWALK
6. BETTER BOARDWALK MULTI-USE/PURPOSE, BOATER ACCESS
7. CREATE A PEDESTRIAN AND BIKE ACCESS PATH BETWEEN THE ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION AND THE NORTH PARKING LOT



1. UNKNOWN





1. SKATE PARK UNDER BRIDGE OVERPASS WHERE THERE IS CURRENTLY A PEDESTRIAN RAMP
2. ENTRANCES AT STATE ST., COURT ST., AND UNION ST. ARE CIRCLED

TOPIC 1: CIRCULATION/ACCESS/PARKING



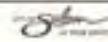
1. INFORMATIONAL KIOSK OR SHELTER INCLUDING WAYFINDING - 1(✓)
2. SPECIAL PAVING TREATMENT CONNECTING PEOPLE TO/FROM DOWNTOWN AND THE PARK - 3(✓)

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TOPIC 2: PASSIVE RECREATION/RIVER ACCESS/NATURAL AREAS



PASSIVE RECREATION - RIVER ACCESS - NATURAL AREAS
CITY OF GASTON - BROADBENT MASTER PLAN



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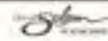


1. OVERLOOK AND PATH - 1 (*)
2. VEGETATED RIVERBANK AND PATH - 1 (*)
3. WATER ACCESS - 2 (*)

TOPIC 3: EVENT USES/NEEDS



EVENT USES AND NEEDS
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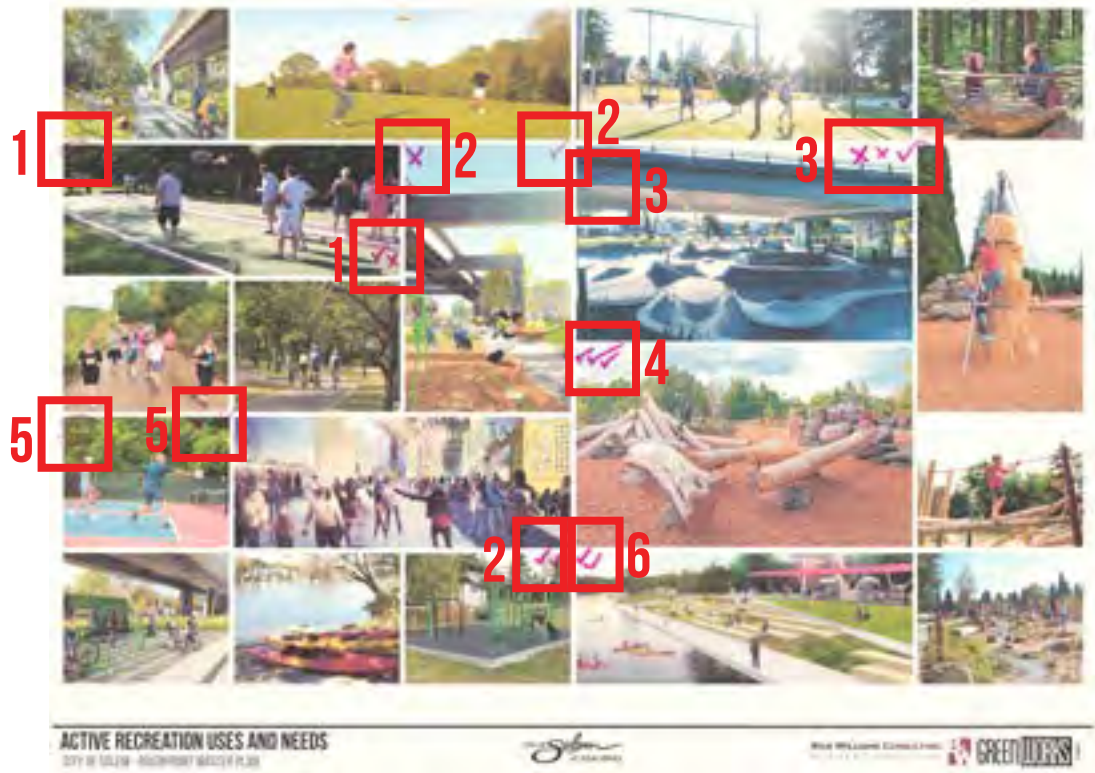


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TOPIC 4: ACTIVE RECREATION USES/NEEDS



- 1. BOCCIE BALL - 1 (NO), 1 (X), 1 (-), 1 (✓)
- 2. ADULT EXERCISE EQUIPMENT - 1 (X), 3 (✓)
- 3. SKATE PARK - 1 (MAYBE), 1 (✓), 3 (X)
- 4. NATURE PLAY - 3 (✓)
- 5. PICKLE BALL - 1 (NO), 1 (X), 1 (-), 1 (✓)
- 6. KAYAK AND WATERFRONT ACCESS - 2 (✓)

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STAKEHOLDER MEETING #3 SUMMARY

RIVERFRONT PARK MASTER PLAN

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MEETING DETAILS

Date: Thursday, January 8, 2018
Time: 11am to 1pm
Place: Pringle Hall, Salem Oregon

Purpose: To report back from the open house, present initial design concepts based on input and seek feedback from stakeholders on design concepts

Format: Presentation with small group facilitated charrettes

AGENDA

Item One: Review of public input (Jim)	10 min
- community survey	
- open house #1	
Item Two: Site opportunities and constraints (Jim)	10 min
Item Three: Presentation of alternative concepts (Jim)	10 min
Item Four: Design Charrette (small groups)	75 min
(includes break for lunch)	
Item Five: Table report backs (small groups)	12 min
Item Six: Next steps (Jim)	3 min

Presentation (Items 1-3)

A 30-minute presentation to kick-off the meeting will include a PowerPoint that addresses:

1. Summary of comments from the community survey (based on the slides that Jim sent earlier)
2. Themes from the community open house (from summary report)
3. Site opportunities and constraints (GreenWorks analysis)
4. Alternative concepts (being developed by GreenWorks)

At the end of the presentation, Jim will explain how each small group will spend the next hour or so working with one of the alternative concepts and modifying it to create a park design that they like.

Small Group Discussion Details

- Each table will be a small group; participants will not be asked to move table unless the number of participants at each table is lopsided.
- Each table will have one facilitator and one note taker as follows:
 - Patricia (facilitator) and Toni (notetaker)
 - Rob Romanek (facilitator) and Kimi Sloop (notetaker)
 - Mike Corrente (facilitator) and Rick Williams (notetaker)
 - Jim Figurski (notetaker) and Gini Piercy (GW) (notetaker)
- Each table will have a set of materials including a base map, the alternatives, trace and pens.
- **Step 1:** Go around the table and do **introductions**.
- **Step 2:** Briefly **review the alternative design concepts** and ask participants to **select one alternative to use as the starting point**.
 - Each table can self-select which concept to use to create their alternative plan. They will work on only one alternative the entire time. It is OK if we don't have one table working on every design concept – that alone is telling. If the table can't agree on one design concept quickly, remind them that they can take components from the other design concepts and use the design concept with the most support as the starting point.
- **Step 3:** Using the selected design concept as the starting point, **ask the table what they like/want to change with the concept**. What do they not like? Are there other elements from other concepts that they would want to add? What types of uses do they want to see that are not included in this concept?
 - You can take notes on the trace or on the flip charts. This part of the exercise is to get people talking about what they don't like and do like based on what they heard about the public preferences and site opportunities and constraints. If it makes sense to draw, feel free to draw on the trace.
 - Steps 2 and 3 may be combined depending on how the conversation is flowing. Steps 1-3 will likely take about 30 minutes.
- **Step 4:** Put pen to paper and **draw the ideas using trace**. What modifications to this plan would they make? Where would certain uses go? What should the new parcel be used for?
 - The final alternative should include what the table wants to see in the park and where.
 - The focus does not need to be exclusively around passive recreation, active recreation, events and parking/circulation. Unlike our previous discussions, these topics can now be integrated and discussed together – how do they relate to each other? Where should more of one go? Is more/less needed?
 - Make notes on the map and the flip chart.
 - The conversation may go back and forth between a conceptual discussion of likes/dislikes to actually drawing the ideas on the trace. There is no right or wrong answer.
 - We will break for lunch during the charrette time when the food arrives/when it is a good stopping point. This may not be the same for everyone. It will be someone of a

working lunch – facilitators are asked to regulate their own table re: when the break occurs and how long it should be. Allow 30-45 minutes for the drawing part of the exercise.

Small Group Report Out

Each small group will have 3 minutes to present their alternative to the entire group.

- Ask a participant to share the elements of the concept. If no one will, the facilitator or notetaker can report back.

ROOM SET-UP

- GreenWorks and Barney & Worth arrive between 10:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. to help with set up.
- Four tables with chairs with room for easels with flip charts at each table.
- Overview map of the park located on each table.

MEETING MATERIALS

- GreenWorks to provide easels, flip charts, sticky notes, and charrette materials.
- City of Salem to provide lunch, sign in sheet and nametags etc.

Materials (GW to provide):

- Site Context Map, 1.5'x4' (4, one per table)
- Alternative concepts (one each per table)
- Trace
- Markers
- Tape
- Easels
- Flip charts

The PowerPoint presentation will include (GW to create):

- Introduction
- Meeting agenda
- Summary of the community survey
- Themes from the community open house
- Site opportunities and constraints
- Alternative concepts
- Questions

Meeting summary (DRAFT) to be provided by GreenWorks and Barney & Worth for City Review.

Focus Group Meeting #3 – February 8, 2018
Salem Riverfront Park Master Plan
Concept Alternatives Discussion

Group 1:

Facilitators: Patricia and Gini

From notes:

- Celebrating Water is the preferred base concept
- Likes making entrances more “grand”
- Likes Floating river walk
- Likes having multiple river access points (alluvial) and access to parking (for kayak drop off etc)
- Keep permanent restroom at south end and north
- Important to keep big open space
- Likes some trees around lawn
- Likes the “headwaters of the river” river sculpture
- Likes kayak rental at river (boat rack) with close to parking at north (alluvial plan)
- Use native plants along riparian area
- Celebrate the watershed
- Art at grade – avoid visual clutter (signage)
- Likes terraced seating; some by eco globe - like the seating in cultural intervention
- Buffer parking with trees
- Coffee shop? Maybe temp/food carts
- Keep some historical remnants (terraces from cultural intervention – old mill piece)

From summary:

- Started with celebrating water design and took elements from alluvial framework
- Court Street entrance could include elements of the confluence of the Willamette River
- Liked Riverwalk. Concern about getting stuck on it.
- Celebrate watershed – not just water
- Kayak rentals – include
- Use native plants
- Didn't like the beach in celebrating water, but like the terraced seating in Cultural Intervention.

Group 2:

Facilitators: Rob and Kimi

From notes:

#1 Alluvial Framework:

Positives –

- The beach – access – like the terraced seating
- Bike/trail access to Minto Brown

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- Children's playground near splash pad

Negatives-

- Looks like a lot of hardscape area
- Vendor space – hard to tell if it's enough space and if location is close enough to amphitheater.
- No restrooms by amphitheater
- Perhaps a map of sq. ft. paved vs unpaved would be helpful
- Bus stops? Drop-off location?

#2 Cultural intervention

Positives-

- Amphitheater seating
- Improved vegetation along riverfront
- Increase in shaded area

Negatives-

- Trail had obstacles to get to Minto Brown park
- Restrooms not close to river/water
- Don't like pier installations

#3 Celebrating Water:

Positives:

- Riverwalk
- Family zone off of path – nature play, splash pad – add strider track/scooters, skateboards
- Union street treatment
- Shade trees that don't drip sap 24/7
- Vending space

Negatives:

- Riverwalk
 - Will path and seating be under water in winter?
 - Riverwalk is barrier to getting to river edge and put your toes in the water
 - Water safety/quality of the river access points
- Concern about homeless taking over the overlook and deck
- Overlook and deck needs ADA access (current turnaround for Willamette Queen needs to be maintained)
- Interactive water feature – what if you don't want to get wet? Blocks walkway. Move away from path and deck
- Need designated access point for kayaks to launch
- Look at possibility of linking amphitheater with south meadow

Preferred design:

Generally-

- Bike parking throughout – covered, ample
- Decentralized restrooms for 2 year olds and 80 year olds, family restrooms
- Riverwalk have bumpouts for people to sit or possibly fish
- No trees hat drip sap!
- Flat space is better than sloped near ampiutheater because more flexible for events vendors
- *Start with celebrating water*
- Add path under commercial to Minto from alluvial frame work (direct access)
- Remove interactive water feature; add splash pad near nature play area
- Add restrooms as buffer by parking near amphitheater
- Add turnaround near deck for kayaks/ADA
- Soft paths to river – add access so people don't create own paths
- Like amphitheater space now

From summary:

- Best – Celebrating water
- Like the water features and how it provides an entry to the park
- Like the Riverwalk and the multi-level overlook
- Pulled features out of Alluvial framework
 - Liked the entry under Commercial and the straight shot to Minto Brown
 - Liked the beach/river access points
- More restrooms at both ends of park
- Play area together with splash pad – like location at north end
- Don't like the interactive water feature location
- Like more shade in the park
- Add a second dock for kayaks and ADA accessibility

Group 3:

Facilitators: Rick and Flora

From notes:

General Comments-

- Use more of existing parking for greenspace amenities
- Encouraging people to walk more
- Mitigating front street as a deterrent to walking access
- Better management or removal permitted parking

Alluvial Framework (Concept A)



- Like larger lawn area
- Like extra dock
- Looks like more parking
- Are there some areas to sit and view (benches)
- Really like access point to river
- Good idea to move maintenance functions under bridge
- Need restrooms north and south
- Need more info on lighting and security (at night)
- Does pavilion conflict with splash pad?
- Consider paid parking – reasonably priced
- How surfaces interact with large vendor and maint. vehicles

Celebrating water (Concept B)



- Carousel is too much
- North and south restrooms
- Really like the river walk
 - How does safety work?
 - More access point on to?
 - Does it impede access to the park from the river?
 - Down size the walk – eliminate the south end
- Good if parking increases
- Like variety of areas
- Same issue regarding landscape on east edge. Do not block visibility into park from downtown.
- Play structure looks very interactive in this design
- Like the river inspired lighting

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Cultural Intervention (Concept C)



- South parking lot feels bigger – plus
- Can/should food and beverage be incorporated into the design (all concepts)
- Boat house as primary visual vs alluvial view? Questioning location of boat house, location could conflict with current events – ex: dragon boats
- Can amphitheater have less physical seating to become more of a natural bowl shape of lawn (ex: Bend Les Schwab)?
- Tree line on eastern edge blocks view into park. Shouldn't become a barrier
- River path looks like it won't serve maintenance or emergency vehicles
- Examine vehicle turning radius on pathways intended for maintenance and emergency and vendor vehicles
- State street entrance to parking lot feels restricted
- Ensure north and south restrooms
- There is better separation of paving and splash pad in this design

From summary:

- Blend of celebrating water and alluvial framework
- Looks like a larger green area
- Like the additional dock
- Want places to sit and view the river – places to relax and contemplate
- Move maintenance functions under the bridge
- Need restrooms on both ends of the park
- Pavilion and splash area may conflict with each other
- Liked the Riverwalk
 - How does safety work?
 - More access points onto it
 - Does it impede access to the park from the river?
- How is landscaping to the park from downtown/eastern edge going to impede the views?
- Liked the river inspired lighting – by the carousel

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Group #4:

Facilitators: Jim and Veronica

From notes:

- #2 access seems choppy
- #1 chosen as the base
- Large open space in #1
- Different spaces in #1
- Native American patterns

From summary:

- Best - Alluvial framework
- Celebrate the entrance from the railroad bridge
- Like large open space; grand lawns
- Better integrate the carousel into the park
- Didn't like the cultural intervention circulation
- Look at Native American cultural components of the area

Appendix B

Public Input

Web-based Surveys and Meeting Comments

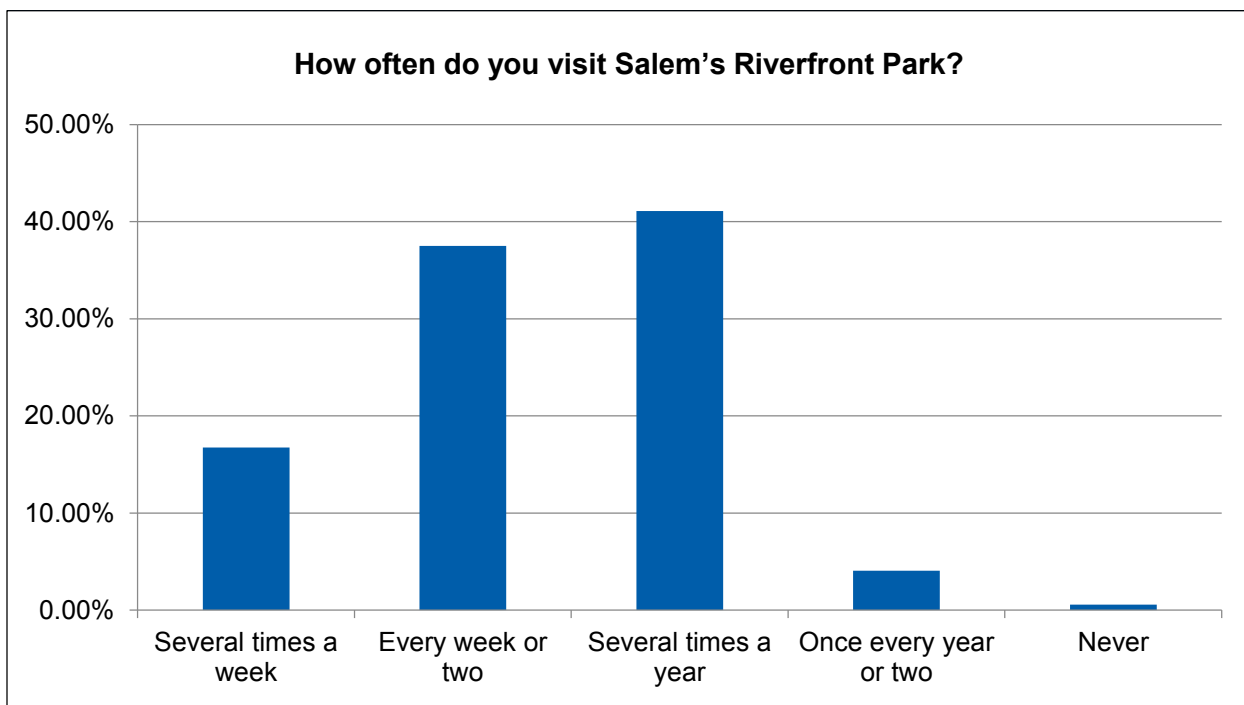
COMMUNITY SURVEY #1

Survey Overview

The City of Salem Public Works Department administered an online community survey from December 4, 2017 through January 25, 2018. This survey focused on collecting the interest, views, concerns, and preferences of local residents and park users. This information was used to prepare design alternatives for the Riverfront Park Master Plan Update. A total of 868 survey responses were received, including 6 hard-copies completed at a public meeting held on January 18, 2018 and 3 responses submitted through a Spanish language version of the online survey.

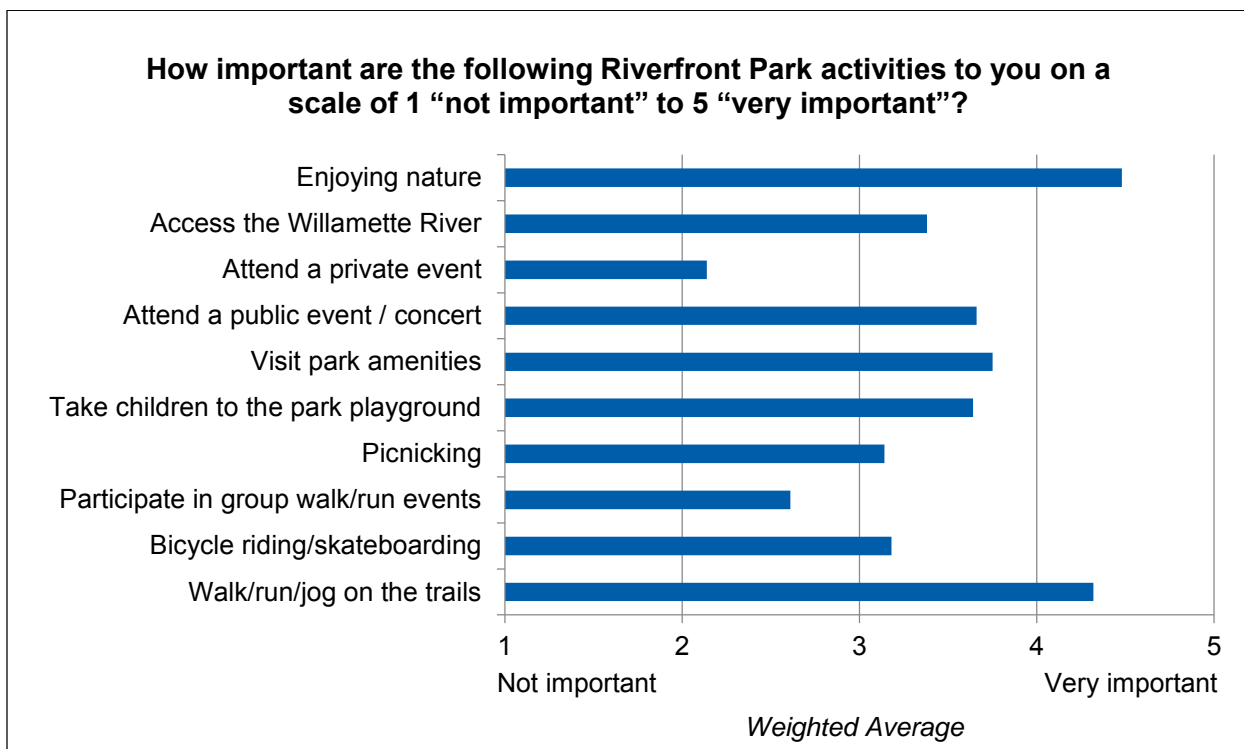
Survey Results

1. How often do you visit Salem's Riverfront Park?		
Answer Choices	Response Percent	Response Count
Several times a week	16.76%	145
Every week or two	37.49%	322
Several times a year	41.09%	355
Once every year or two	4.07%	35
Never	0.58%	5
Answered question		862
Skipped question		6



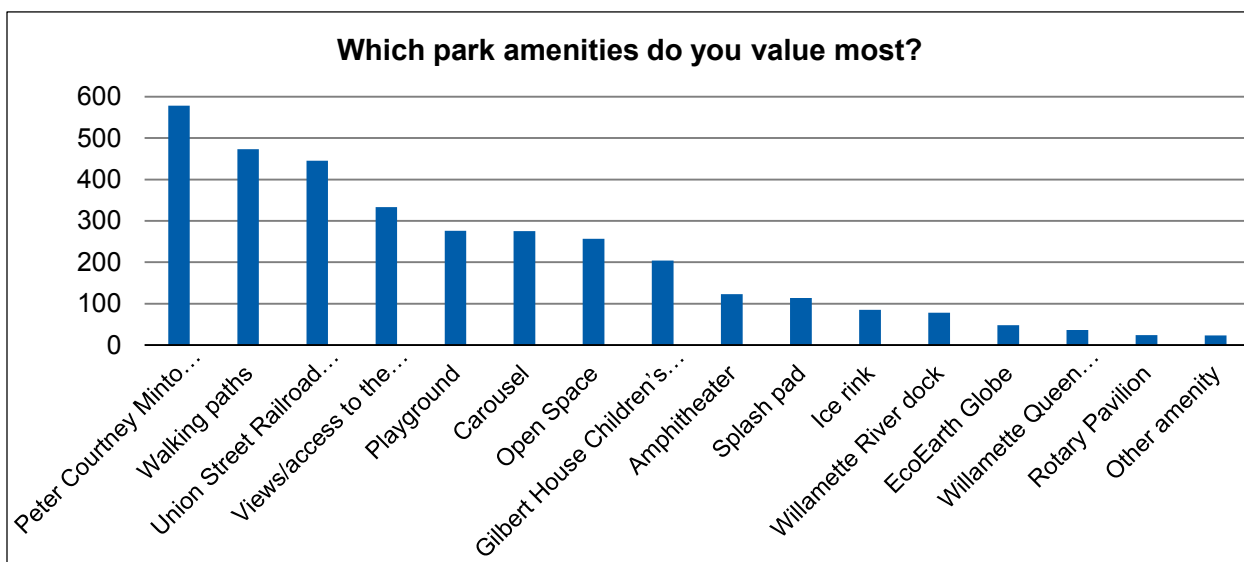
2. How important are the following Riverfront Park activities to you on a scale of 1 “not important” to 5 “very important”?

Park Features	1	2	3	4	5	Weighted Average	Response Count
Walk/run/jog on the trails	23	39	97	187	519	4.32	865
Bicycle riding/skateboarding	165	129	186	139	238	3.18	857
Participate in group walk/run events	251	157	219	120	105	2.61	852
Picnicking	121	140	228	213	147	3.14	849
Take children to the park playground	163	57	99	137	400	3.64	852
Visit park amenities (for example, the Riverfront Carousel, amphitheater, splash pad, Rotary Pavilion, AC Gilbert House Children’s Museum)	75	90	153	192	348	3.75	858
Attend a public event / concert (for example, Movies in the Park, Bite & Brew)	53	86	212	259	253	3.66	863
Attend a private event (for example, a wedding or company party)	334	213	194	73	39	2.14	853
Access the Willamette River	122	139	164	159	276	3.38	860
Enjoying nature	18	21	80	153	589	4.48	861
Answered question							867
Skipped question							1



3. Which park amenities do you value most? Please select 4 choices.

Park Features	Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 3	Choice 4	Response Count
Carousel	91	50	59	76	276
Gilbert House Children's Museum	60	65	43	36	204
Amphitheater	32	21	27	43	123
Playground	78	86	70	43	277
Splash pad	11	33	37	34	115
EcoEarth Globe	10	11	14	13	48
Peter Courtney Minto Island Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge (connection to Minto)	252	139	106	84	581
Union Street Railroad Bridge (connection to Wallace Marine Park)	72	204	91	78	445
Rotary Pavilion	3	5	8	8	24
Ice rink	8	21	24	33	86
Willamette River dock	16	14	30	18	78
Walking paths	111	86	188	88	473
Open Space	43	52	61	102	258
Views/access to the Willamette River	51	50	76	158	335
Willamette Queen Sternwheeler	4	7	10	15	36
Other amenity (please specify below)	9	1	1	13	24
Other amenity response					47
Answered question					862
Skipped question					6



Number	Question 3 Response for Other Amenity
1	I LIKE THE RINK AND PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION.
2	Living Xmas Tree
3	I appreciate views to the Willamette but access to it is less important to me.
4	biking trails
5	Mountain bike paths. A bike or would be better.
6	Dragon Boat Access
7	More trails
8	Decent bathrooms. Walking the whole park with views of the river...
9	Carousel
10	Paved pump track, something like the Geer Park pump tracks
11	A new skate board park ia needed in this town.
12	farmers market / food truck pavilion
13	I love all of the above.
14	Kayak docking station on the Willamette River dock
15	Kayak launch at dock
16	TheWillamette Queen is lame and needs a remodel
17	Bike paths
18	drinking fountain
19	Please do not crowd the park with more structures...leave open spaces
20	The dock is small and seems unsafe. A larger dock would be nice but low on the list. Amphitheater priority #1
21	Good restaurant(s) with river view.
22	Would like coffee shop in park
23	Festivals like the Bite!
24	Remaining eco-friendly to our environment, preserving nature, recycling, and maintaining the infrastructure with earth conscious materials
25	Fix the roads in salem
26	Blackberries &, dead tree imb & debris need to be cleared from the river bank. It's an eyesore now!
27	Anything all can enjoy and open, natural space
28	Amphitheater and Pavilion as essential to events
29	I work downtown so having picnic tables not around the playground is nice for lunch timea
30	quality public restrooms
31	Access to the river for our dragon boats. We have five teams using two boats and are out on the river every day. Would like to have space to dock a third boat.
32	Bathrooms

Number	Question 3 Response for Other Amenity
33	Connectivity to downtown, west Salem and Minto brown
34	Boat house for non-motorized craft (canoes, kayaks, rowing shells, dragon boats, paddle boards)
35	Small fenced dog area
36	The Willamette Queen offers to value to the park
37	The Carosel & Union St Railroad Bridge & open spaces
38	Access to nature
39	view nature
40	Habitat; nature
41	Large low profile dock: rowing, dragon boats, paddle sports
42	Habitat; nature
43	nature
44	Summer Festivals
45	Access to Pringle Creek @ the Wil. Slough
46	Patinar sobre ruedas durante el verano (* Rollerskating during the summer)
47	Conciertos en español (* Concerts in Spanish)

* Denotes translated text

4. What do you like / enjoy most about Riverfront Park?	
Response Count	742
Answered question	742
Skipped question	129

Number	Question 4 Response Text
1	It's family friendly.
2	Concerts, events, kids playspace
3	I enjoyed the ice rink and the open space.
4	Close to city center walking/running/biking paths and the amphitheater
5	So many things to enjoy - including all of the items in the last question - that it is nearly impossible to choose a favorite. Also, it is fun to see all of the community enjoying this space. I also like that there are more year-round activities now.
6	enjoy that it is a urban park with all of the different activites but crossing over to minto island park you have a very natural park so focus on a park with structure since we now have a way to get to nature by crossing minto island bridge
7	River access and a walk in the park.
8	Proximity to river and downtown, open-ness, connection to Minto and Wallace
9	Lots to do and access points to the railroad bridge and pedestrian bridge.
10	It's a beautiful place to walk my dog and sit down and just relax for a while and enjoy the view of the river.
11	A safe place to walk alone.
12	Open space and views are the most important part of Riverfront Park. Our wonderful Urban Forest precludes openness and views of the sky and horizon.
13	Open space with walking trails
14	Access to a variety of recreation opportunities
15	The opportunity to be in the urban core and have such exceptional access to nature, especially via the Minto bridge, and abundant opportunities to engage our children in the park amenities
16	Paths, we enjoy walking/biking on safe paths. The expansiveness of the park, it's open, there's lots of space & nature
17	The wide paths with enough room for multiple people to fit, and grass on the sides of the paths invade you're going fast on a bike or other things and you need to slow down or avoid people.
18	The open space, green grass, the playground for kids, the carousel, and bridge to Minto Brown. Parking is lacking though.
19	The wide open spaces! Lots of walking room and fields to play in.
20	The connection to the river views, the calming presence of the water, and the opportunity to walk or bike over a quiet bridge.
21	PATHS CONNECTING RIVERFRONT TO WALLACE AND MINTO BROWN.
22	I LIKE ITS CONTROL LOCATION WITH THE BRIDGE OUTLETS.

Number	Question 4 Response Text
23	VIEW AND RIVER.
24	HOW OUR CITIZENS USE IT ALL THE TIME IN MANY WAYS.
25	Biking to it through Minto/Brown
26	river access and walking and bike riding paths: the connection to Minto Brown Park
27	Convenient access to Minto and Wallace, comfortable and safe place to walk/run at night
28	I love the open space, connection to nature, the features that bring out families (carousel, playground, Gilbert House). Lastly, the Peter Courtney Bridge linking Minto to downtown is phenomenal.
29	Walking along the river. Amphitheater events
30	New walking paths and connection to Minto Brown.
31	It is kept up with and is nice a large area
32	how its always maintained
33	Having it be a safe place to take my kids and enjoy Salem, including the bridge, carousel and park.
34	The variety of areas for everyone to enjoy all kinds of activities.
35	I like how it connects the urban core to nature. I also like how it offers a beautiful and democratic cross-section of our society.
36	Trails
37	Having access to nature at the heart of our city
38	It's a great green space and it's fantastic to see people utilizing it. It's great to walk or ride my bicycle there.
39	It's a nice place to escape and enjoy the outdoors in the city.
40	The Douglas fir tree, that is lighted every Xmas
41	I personally enjoy the paths and meeting up with friends there to bike around or going to places around to BMX.
42	It puts a spotlight on Salem and draws people downtown.
43	The beauty, the walkability, and the space for activities
44	being able to take my kids to play on the playground and ride scooters
45	Lots of open space & we'll maintained amenities.
46	Walking and enjoying scenery.
47	Family tome
48	Green space downtown
49	Paved paths
50	Walking/running paths
51	Nature and the views
52	cleanliness and access to other parks. biking and walking trails
53	Open space, paths for running and biking
54	Having a large place where community can come together and enjoy different things.

Number	Question 4 Response Text
55	connectivity to the community and proximity to the river
56	Being able to walk One way or another, a good distance. Concerts, fireworks. The grass and events.
57	Variety of activities, shade/sun grassy areas
58	The beauty and how large it is. We Love going to all the events there! We also love riding bikes with our little kids.
59	It's beautiful. Lots of space to run and play and set up a picnic without being right on top of someone
60	Multiple options for play for my young kids. Running and biking paths
61	All the options of things to do
62	Paths and amphitheater
63	The open space huge grassy areas for kids to play ball
64	I live in west salem and I love parking at Wallace marine and walking/scooting/strolling with my kids across and through the park, ending with a visit to the playground, carousel, or GH museum.
65	Lots to do
66	Access to three parks during a run
67	The number of activities all in one place
68	Playground and running paths
69	Space, picnic, trails, bridge, playground
70	The mountain bike trails throughout the park
71	Connection to all parks, open spaces in between to allow for ones own activities to be enjoyed in a public space without feeling inhibited
72	Walking the dogs around the park
73	View of the water
74	I love it all, but the walking paths is what I use the most.
75	I like the visual openness- my daughter can run ahead of me and I can still see her and feel safe
76	Access to Minto Brown
77	Running and bicycling with kids
78	The natural beauty and trees
79	The views, bridge to Minto Brown, attending events like 4th of July and Bite n Brew
80	Pathways
81	Paths and open spaces
82	Nature and river
83	Connection to nature and biking paths
84	The space and well kept grounds, options of things to do.
85	Beautiful, green, open space with easy access to walking trails on both sides of river.

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86	open space nature
87	Place for families to play, eat, exercise
88	The wide open, well groomed spaces-The bridges,
89	Nature walks, a place for kids to play/ride their bikes
90	Large open expanse of walking paths and gathering places for people to enjoy. Wonderful community asset!
91	Walking along the river.
92	View of river, clean environment, family friendly amenities
93	Having a place to walk in the city area
94	Having a space for my kids to play/ride bikes.
95	Paths for running, community access to all different sorts of activities, regardless of whether they apply to me or not (I don't have small children any more but I still value the great playground structure and carousel!)
96	Being able to take my daughter to the carousel, playground, and go for a walk all at one location.
97	The connections for walking and biking to West SALEM and Minto Park by the two active transportation bridges.
98	Running, playing in the grass areas
99	It's an enjoyable central location to meet up or enjoy nature.
100	Bicycling and the bridge to go really far out to Minto Brown.
101	Its wide spectrum of variety that the park offers...from just going for a walk, to attending a concert.
102	Running paths
103	Location and connections to other parks
104	The open grass fields, wide path ways to run along to Minto, the water fountains placed throughout the park also are nice to use in the summer time. Of course the new bridge being the highlight of the immediate riverfront/downtown area.
105	Family friendly for the most part
106	Walking
107	The connection to the river. I recall visiting Seaside, Oregon as a child before the mega hotels were built to block the view. The river is a precious natural resource and gives our city a sense of place. The more we can do to make it it accessible, visible (without blocking views from downtown), and keep it as a natural area, the more livable our city becomes. Clean rivers and access to nature is paramount, yet the value can easily be overlooked.
108	Family activities
109	Walking our dogs and playground
110	It's location downtown, and all the amenities.
111	Beautiful place to take my kids to play or exercises
112	Wide open running space

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113	A great place for people to get outside, take kids to play, go for an extended run or bike ride, take in an outdoor concert, etc.
114	I like being able to walk around it and look at the water from both the park and either of the pedestrian bridges. I enjoy it when they have different food festivals in the summer.
115	I like the atmosphere and variety. It is a safe, open place I can bring my kids for hours. They play on the playground, on the stage, we take walks, ride the carousel and head down to Gilbert House. And now we can get there from Minto!
116	Even though I don't visit often, I have a young child that will start visiting so the playground, bathrooms, carousel and bike trails I enjoy.
117	The central location and range of activities that are available to children and adults
118	Walking the pathways and bridges, my kids. love the playground and carousel.
119	Family friendly paths (not huge hills for little to walk up) beautiful views of the river and great bridges for bike access to different areas
120	The paths!
121	I primarily go to the park to access the river. I paddle on a dragonboat team.
122	The availability of walking/ riding paths with water/ nature views. Activities are nice too. Love the amphitheater, globe, carousel and Gilbert house. Ice skating is fun too, but would rather have roller skating. Riverfront is my favourite park
123	Walking around and enjoying the views of the river
124	Walking paths and views of the river. A large park setting to hang out with friends for games or food.
125	Connection to Wallace and Minto to downtown, makes Salem a very unique city.
126	I like that there are several different amenities to choose from at one park. I also like that it's in central Salem.
127	Access to open space and nature, access to running/walking trails
128	A safe communal space to bring our daughter. We love they the carrousel offered anacyivity we can enjoy when it's raining.
129	Playground with open space to run
130	We love to hike between Minto and Riverfront. We usually stop at the playground and carousel for the kids too.
131	It's versatility
132	The variety of amenities
133	Walking and taking grandchildren to playground and Carousel.
134	Gathering of community
135	Large area for family picnics, playing, games, walking, taking in things like Gilbert House.
136	Access to the river via the dock, I love my dragonboat team!
137	River access
138	Scenery
139	I love the beautiful, well kept access to beautiful nature connecting to downtown
140	Splash pad

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141	Open space for the kids
142	Carousel, bike riding
143	AC Gilbert and the playground
144	It's clean and well maintained
145	It's multi use areas: park, paths, carrousel, ice skating etc
146	The open grassy area to play, run, sit
147	I like its central location so it's easy to meet people from all parts of town. I LOVE the bridge and access to Minto Brown - I frequently see bald eagles when I'm walking that path. And as a mama to little kids, we thoroughly enjoy the Gilbert House, the playground and the carousel.
148	It's beautiful- connects west Salem all the way to Minto- the carousel, the ice rink, the children's museum. I love it all. What a gem.
149	The awesome playground and picnic areas.
150	Close to many things, bathrooms available year round, nice playground, nice splashpad.
151	The play ground
152	Outdoor space, trails, activities for families
153	The feel of nature so close to downtown
154	Multiple things to enjoy in one place
155	The ability to easily transition from carousel, play ground, bike riding, picnic, walking bridge, playing on open grass....
156	beautiful
157	Spacious and well maintained
158	Playground and carousel
159	Play structures for the kids, carousel, and walking paths
160	How the paths are connected to two other parks
161	It's a great place to meet friends and for kids to play.
162	Walking the paths and bridges
163	Lots of playground space
164	Clean and fun place to be outdoors with kids
165	The open space combined with good activities for kids
166	There's much to do
167	The way it brings together community
168	Connectivity and paths to west and South salem. Greater areas being walkable/bikeable as means of transportation and leisure
169	Carousel and movies in the park
170	Paths, views, and the connection to West Salem and Minto Brown Island Park. (We are a family with young children.)
171	The running and biking opportunities with my family (wife + 4 kids).

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172	Carousel
173	Walking paths and Accessibility to West Salem and Minto Brown
174	Nature
175	The bridge that allows us to easily bike from the Riverfront to Minto Brown.
176	Walking and open space
177	Riding my bike through and play with my kids
178	Walkability
179	The running/walking/biking paths that connect to an extensive trail network.
180	Location along the river, and proximity to downtown
181	open space. views
182	Biking around with my friends and family. Although the train bridge and the Wallace Park section don't feel safe anymore
183	With the two pedestrian bridges, it has become such an inviting place to walk, run, and be outside. I love the increase in activity since the new bridge went in. I love this new access to Minto Brown's natural areas and dirt running trails
184	It's a great refuge from the city noise. Like being near the river and now especially the Minto-Brown bridge linking to Minto Brown Park.
185	Variety of possible activities, proximity to downtown, traffic free corridor for cycling to Minto Brown
186	Location, views, easy access to downtown, West Salem, & Minto-Brown
187	I love the events like movies in the park as well as the beautiful view/access to the river.
188	Open space, playground and splash pad.
189	the carousel, and the lawn
190	car-free connection between union st railroad bridge and minto brown park
191	Taking my step daughter to the Gilbert House, playground and carousel. Going for walks across the pedestrian bridges (would have included if had more than four choices), and enjoying spending time walking and looking at the river
192	Openness
193	Variety of amenities. Keep adding more!
194	Concerts and events held there
195	walking, access to a relatively undeveloped park (Minto) near downtown
196	The natural beauty of watching wildlife near the river. Also the way it seems to bring people together overall.
197	There is NO convention center or hotel there.
198	Having a family picnic and going for a walk on one of the many trails to visit. I love that riverfront has a lot of other families and is clean and mostly safe.
199	I love the beautiful open space with views and a safe area to walk in and walk my dog in, and the bridge to Minto Brown contributes to this.
200	The park and the friendly people who always come around.

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201	That it is kid friendly nice play structure and splash pad, short walk to the Gilbert house, lots of on-site parking, flush bathrooms next to the playground, a nice size paved walking path.
202	Variety of activities in close proximity. Fair choice of indoor/outdoor options
203	I live in Lincoln city Oregon and I frequently come into Salem to shop, see films and go to a resteraunt. Whenever we visit we walk or bring our bikes to make use of the trails.
204	I enjoy everything my 2 year old enjoys. Hahaa playground, splash pad, nature, stroller friendly paths.
205	Activities for kids
206	How neat and clean it is.
207	I enjoy the open-ness of the park, the walking trails and the fact that I can bring my child here for multiple activities (not just a playground.) we love to look at the river, walk to bridges, and ride scooters on the walking paths.
208	Open space.
209	Carousel and playground
210	The whole package! It's great to have one space with all these amenities. Also the fact that it is walkable from my NE neighborhood. The splash pad is clutch in the summer.
211	There are so many things! Gilbert House is our main one but I love to come and walk with other moms, visit the playground, Minto, take the walking bridge to the west side, the carousel, splash pad, run around in the grass, visit the various events, and enjoy the view. We are really enjoying being able to walk to Minto and getting a great view of the river and wildlife from the bridge.
212	Walking trails, open space
213	The beautiful river and nature
214	I appreciate that it's a beautiful and clean place with lots of different options for taking my toddler and with great walking trails with access to nature.
215	Walking paths with children
216	Walk along the river path & bridge connections from west Salem to minto park
217	Walking the paths and bridges
218	The beauty of it with all the trees, green grass and the size.
219	Walking and views
220	The paths, the openness, the ability to use the pedestrian bridges.
221	Variety. We are able to hike to the park, Walk the trails, Play at the playground, Ride the carousel, Visit the Gilbert house and more. Every day is a new adventure in a familiar location.
222	Open space, walking & riding access to multiple parks
223	The open spaces, play equipment and the views of the river.
224	The perfect combination of accessibility and nature
225	Walking trails and views of the river
226	The River Front Park brings the community together, like a town square. There is something for almost everyone to enjoy.

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227	Opportunity to run and walk, as well as connections to neighboring parks.
228	A good free form place to take the family. Nothing is really blocked off. You can go anywhere. Movies in the park is fun too.
229	Open space and views of river
230	Large open spaces and well kept paths.
231	Well maintained park with lots of activities...
232	the trails, wide open views, being able to connect to other places via trails.
233	The way it connects South Salem, Downtown and West salem
234	The trails
235	Being able to walk with friends side by side and sign with them in comfort (in American Sign Language). It's a nice refuge from buildings in the downtown area. Peace/tranquility yet close to downtown, being able to cross the bridge to Minto Brown is huge.
236	Running on paths
237	It is a big open space by the river
238	Open space.
239	Open space and beauty of the place.
240	being able to walk along the river in a natural environment
241	Open space, natural areas, access to Nature on Minto-Brown Island Park
242	Seeing people of all ages enjoying the park
243	The fact that community events bring people into our city and into our downtown who maybe wouldn't normally visit there.
244	The open spaces and walkways.
245	Views and variety of activities
246	Views to the river, being able to access the river, and the events that take place there.
247	Bike paths
248	Family friendly
249	Running Trails and playground
250	It's location between Wallace Park and Minto Island Park. I also like the many, many events the park hosts, even if I only attend a few.
251	nice paths for walking
252	Peter Courtney bridge, which allows safe bike-ped access to Minto Brown Park.
253	The ability to part take in organized runs for charity and being able to access the playground and paths to enjoy an evening stroll with the family.
254	Large, inexpensive for indoor and outdoor options
255	range of activities, access to Minto Island for walking/biking
256	Open spaces
257	Walking paths that are kept clean. The peacefulness so easily accessed from West Salem where I live. Using the pedestrian bridge to get there! World beat has been wonderful

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	along with other events that involve learning more about our city. The views of the river, wildlife etc... watching kids play in the fountain. Christian music events. Speakers involving the city or holidays such as MLK.
258	Playground, carousel, paths
259	It's a destination. In one visit there are several activities that can be enjoyed.
260	Access to river views and bridge to Minto Brown.
261	Large park connected to other parks by paths/trails. Most of these trails are along the river which also is important
262	Having a safe place for my family to run & play.
263	Free access to a great park
264	The activities and events held there. We need to be creative to increase the energy in the park
265	Close to downtown, the river views, open green space, and some of the covered space.
266	Access to the walking paths and open space are priceless.
267	The beauty and walking/playing space.
268	The open, multi-use green space. I like how it's so popular and people are there nearly at all hours that it feels safe to go there any time. I like the cultural events that make it a gathering place.
269	Walking paths and connections to adjacent parks for running. City should work with Marion County and private property owners adjacent to Wallace Marine Park to extend pathway on the West Salem side along the Willamette River. Property is EFU which limits opportunity for land acquisition due to minimum parcel size (160 acres with full water rights). The solution is a trails easement. Grant is available for trail easement acquisition through OPRD. Google it. Lots of grants for MUPs, talk to ODOT.
270	Views, wide open space, something for everyone. Heart of Salem
271	easy to get to from west salem - connectivity. walking/running paths proximity to downtown
272	walking/relaxing
273	It is a nice , clean, large place to enjoy walking, and a variety of activities.
274	Access to river for watersports and fishing.
275	access
276	Access and availability ... lots of great things happening there. Plus just having access to other areas of Salem is so wonderful for walking, biking and overall ability to enjoy the scenery and the bonus of being able to get physical activity in such a beautiful space.
277	A place for everyone to enjoy being outdoors and viewing nature
278	Open space & river connection.
279	I love living in a city with such beautiful access to the Willamette River. The park is serene much of the time, and lively and fun during community events. I love seeing the sunsets over the backdrop of the park and river. I also like visiting the Friends of Bush Park plant sale in the spring. ... In general, I think the city does an amazing job of providing stewardship for our parks and green spaces, including Minto Brown. Thank you for allowing us input in the planning process, and for enhancing our quality of life through public parks.

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280	The running/walking paths and connection to the larger Minto Brown Park.
281	A nice, relaxing setting to hangout in the Summer
282	I like the continuous access from all parts of downtown. I like being able to walk across the bridges to other parks and other parts of Salem.
283	Events and walking the paths with dogs
284	It's very walkable. I like seeing the wildlife and plants.
285	the multiple things it has for my children
286	Walking paths and access to the other two large parks
287	Location and open flexible spaces.
288	Open space for walking and visibility
289	Bicycle access
290	Using it to commute by bicycle to/from downtown (work) to River Rd. S. (Home).
291	It is a multi-use, automobile free zone.
292	green space, views of Willamette River, people enjoying the outdoors
293	The variety of events and activities it provides for all ages
294	That there is open space and view of the river for the whole community to enjoy.
295	Open late. Connects to minto brown park. Clean. Beautiful
296	It's beautiful and green, it represents what Oregon is all about when people visit the capitol
297	We live in West Salem. My husband and I like to park at Wallace Marine and walk over the bridge, through the park and over the Peter Courtney Bridge. We love seeing the kids, the playground, the river views. I am 59 and have a one year old granddaughter who I take to the park when the weather is appropriate. Hopefully we will go more often as she gets older. We have already visited the Carousel and the Gilbert House.
298	I love how much more there is to do now. The ice rink was a great addition this winter. I also enjoy how connected the parks are now...being able to run from Wallace to Minto without getting on the roads is amazing.
299	Gilbert house
300	Free parking available for park users is nice.
301	The bridges connecting 3 parks, the beauty, nature.
302	The scenic area that it's in and the opportunities for recreation it provides.
303	Being able to get outside and walk my dog and feel safe.
304	The open, green space with lots of room for lots of people to get outside and walk/bike!
305	Quiet atmosphere
306	It is a lovely green space adjacent to the river right in the heart of downtown with walk/bike connections to both West Salem and Minto Brown Park
307	Running/ walking paths
308	Can walk from West Salem and enjoy the river!
309	Scenery, family activities, paths

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310	The local events and the open area for walking!
311	Continuation of walking/bike paths that connect green spaces and the city
312	Nature access and events.
313	Similar to Pioneer Square in Portland it is the "living room" of the city. A hub for public events and the community to gather.
314	Trails and views
315	Walking
316	Gilbert houss
317	Open greenspace, river views, alternate access to Minto-Brown Park now that new bridge is opened.
318	The variety of different events and things to do there.
319	Family activities
320	The views
321	Going to the events there.
322	Family time st the carousel and playground followed by a bike or walk over the bridges.
323	Walking between the parks and trails. Biking.
324	The community feeling
325	Taking my kids to playground
326	I like a river front public space that accommodates a variety of activities for the people in our city. I am really excited about the bridges connecting so much more of our city west, central and south.
327	walking the trails
328	Accessibility to paths that connect west and east Salem. The park is generally clean and that it never seems overcrowded.
329	We love being able to walk or ride from West all the way to Minto without being on a road. Love it's proximity to the river.
330	Location. View. It has bathrooms
331	We love the carousel. Both the Bridges make walks around town easier and more fun.
332	Playground
333	Views of river. wide sidewalks. Open spaces. Splash pad is great.
334	A safe place to exercise
335	Connection to Minto. Great walking and biking paths.
336	A central recreational space in the city center that allows for a variety of recreation and cultural events.
337	it's big and a clean space
338	River
339	Bringing community together
340	River Rock concerts

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341	Ice rink. Carousel.
342	The combination of urban and natural amenities.
343	Open space with room for the family to play.
344	downtown open space, history
345	The carousel and the vast lawn space
346	The nature and fun bridges and things to do with young children.
347	Being able to take my kids- go to the Carousel, play on the playground, and go for a walk all in one fun area.
348	the thing I enjoy the most about the riverfront park is the happy people and how lively it feels in the summer and even winter. I like the openness and access to the river and the new bridge
349	The amount of space and trails to walk.
350	Green space in an increasingly developed area
351	The different activities you can do
352	Beauty and walking paths
353	Green space.
354	The atmosphere of everyone enjoying nature and being outside and coming together, and the community events like the movies in the park, fireworks etc...
355	Interconnected walkable spaces
356	How separated and spaced out all activities are. Gives open space for everybody to enjoy. We love the playground for all the kids. Could be a tiny bit bigger now that more and more kids are coming to enjoy. Love the beautiful upkeep of the park.
357	The peace and quiet.
358	Natural areas
359	Location near downtown, nice amenities, the river
360	Walking / running paths
361	Walking trails
362	The fact that the river's right there. Easy place to walk, very pretty.
363	The trails and connection to other parks
364	Outdoor space close to downtown
365	I like the space. The walking paths are nice, walking along the bridge is great, and being so close to many restaurants downtown. Also, during the summer is a great time to visit the different festivals. Wish there would be more, with different things and more food!
366	Play area, open spaces
367	Green space in downtown
368	Connection to Minto
369	How well it's taken care of. The grass is always beautiful
370	Walking, picnicing in the summer, taking my family to various events, the open space and access to the river, th carousel and Gilbert house

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371	Proximity to downtown and the river, the playground, the large open grassy area, walking trails. I like that this park is one thing that the city seems to be actually dedicated to taking care of and improving upon and it is an actual open public space that anyone can come just hang out and enjoy life.
372	Open spaces, the proximity to downtown as well as my neighborhood. Walkability. Pretty walking paths.
373	I enjoy having space that is open (without buildings and businesses) where I can take walks or bike rides. I love being outdoors and exercising - this park and the connections to the other parks is a huge benefit and makes me love living in Salem. Please don't fill the park with businesses, it should be outdoor space. If you're going to add to the park, please add things that would help people enjoy being outside and encourage them to get moving.
374	festivals, and the park typically feels safe 24/7
375	Proximity to downtown and the connection to Minto Brown/South Salem
376	We loved the ice rink this year! Our favorite day is to go to the Gilbert House, have a picnic, and then get some carousel and playground time.
377	Open space that allows for multiple groups to gather and for pop up events like the ice rink and movies in the park.
378	Access to river, walking paths, biking paths
379	Nature and the downtown corridor coming together.
380	Stop asking the same question over and over.
381	Variety and diversity of events
382	the views of the river
383	Open spaces to walk around. Great views.
384	Access to paths, trails, and other parks, open spaces, and the existing attractions.
385	The Globe
386	Being near the river.
387	walking trails with great scenery and connections to town/parks
388	Family friendly
389	It's a really nice place to go for a walk, especially in the summer, when much of the rest of the city often feels substantially warmer.
390	It's a great place to run or walk our dogs.
391	The casual feel of the Riverfront.
392	Open space
393	Walking paths and access for dog walking to Minto Brown.
394	The walking trails and bridges
395	The size, the river views, the connection to Minto Brown, the easy access from downtown
396	Events - the global music and bite and brew.
397	The big open space adjacent to downtown
398	Nice green space along the river right next to downtown

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399	the ability to walk through several parks and explore different parts of Salem. the closeness to downtown.
400	It's a beautiful park. The open space, playgrounds, carousel and Minot brown bridge
401	walking paths
402	It's easy access and ability to walk around in the park. and special events like concerts !!
403	walking across bridge
404	The network of paths that connect the park to Minto and West Salem.
405	Watching the river and walking over the bridges and through the parks
406	Activities
407	Summer night movies
408	How big it is
409	The connections to Wallace Marine and Minto
410	Openness, proximity to downtown and the river, lots of people, diverse activities, relaxed atmosphere
411	It's is a good community focal point. Salem needs as many civic spaces as it can get.
412	Seeing the river.
413	Walking Paths Playground Splash Pad Free Things
414	Open space
415	close to downtown; lots of activities for families to do outdoors. Feels safe and clean. Connects to other parks.
416	Walking access to downtown from Minto and Wallace Marine parks.
417	Being able to walk, watch my kids play at the playground and the carousel.
418	Ability to go downtown for errands or lunch or whatever, & then walk, to W. Salem, to MintoBrown, or just at the Riverfront for a shorter walk.
419	Greenery and relaxation and knowing that there's little traffic to intrude.
420	Access to & views of the river.
421	The openness.
422	having safe paths to allow my kids to walk/ run/ bike freely without concern of vehicle traffic.
423	Diversity of park goers
424	Going for long walks, the nature and seeing the water
425	Open air, lots of grass and trees. Nice family environment.
426	Running, crossing the bridge, the views,
427	Cleanliness
428	Seasonal activities and events.
429	It's a natural space right downtown and its a community gathering space. I think of it like a living room for the city.

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430	Central connecting point between West Salem and downtown with bicycle/walking paths and access to other areas of the city.
431	How clean it is, and the variety of activities.
432	The scenic views with access to the water and lots of running/walking paths
433	The ability to get out and enjoy the beautiful views, either by bike, walk, or sitting on a blanket. Then to have access to downtown is wonderful.
434	Biking and family time
435	Views, paths, access to Minto brown and downtown
436	Seeing the water birds in and around the river.
437	I enjoy being able to do many activities there year round.
438	It's a good park to run in while feeling safe.
439	Nice playground, I have young kids
440	The open space, connection to nature and a community place for all.
441	Being able to enjoy peaceful natural setting while kids play at park.
442	Green grass and sunshine! Fresh air! Good exercise and time outdoors!
443	Open natural space that ALL the public can enjoy. Noting ostentatious like the new bridge, but natural things that blend into the river setting. No wider bridges, no new bridges, but keep it the way it is so ALL can enjoy. It would even be great to connect to the north if possible for more open parkway for our citizens to use.
444	The natural beauty and great views of the river.
445	Feels safe on the paths.
446	I love the access and the connections between West Salem, Downtown and Minto. It's perfect for spending the day with family.
447	Being able to walk and run next to the river.
448	The open space, the location, the proximity to downtown—you can go for a walk after a nice dinner
449	the walking paths and open space and view of the river
450	The open space that lets you enjoy games and picnics with friends.
451	Biking along paths and connecting to downtown.
452	Open views and walking in a park used by so very many. That it is really a community centerpiece and accessible to all residents.
453	Enjoying the river
454	River views
455	The new bridge
456	Open beauty so near downtown
457	The views.
458	Prior to this season.... Simple, nature. Not cluttered by buildings, ice rinks, or an overcrowding of people. The location is also conveniently central.
459	The path and amphitheater.

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460	I love that it's so close to the city center and that there is lots of room to run around. My family also uses it as part of our bike commute around town to avoid as many roads as possible.
461	Scenery- nature
462	large nature space
463	Bridges
464	I like going there for lunch and then being able to walk around and relax before going back to work. I also like the idea of having year round amenities in the space where the ice rink is currently. I think it's a good attraction into Salem and I think other things can go in there during the non winter months
465	The open spaces & carousel
466	Walking
467	Carousel, swings, walks
468	I like how easy it is to access from downtown. We enjoy the carousel and playground the most, as we have a toddler.
469	Open area and views of the landscape.
470	Local, carousel, walking paths
471	The outdoor space. I love the connection points so that I can park in West and walk to activities. There is something for all ages.
472	Open area for kids to play
473	The playground, the carousel, and the fact that it's so open.
474	The open space
475	Walking, sight seeing/river views, community events, access to Minto and Wallace
476	Salems Riverfront Carousel ice skating bite brew nice green landscape
477	Unfettered access to the waterfront
478	The large space that provides the residents to do a variety of things.
479	The lack of parking. Ease of access to West salem. The miles of bike path.
480	Walking along the river and the carousel
481	Walking in it and the large open spaces, but with places to sit down too.
482	The walking path with the view of the river. Cleanliness of the park. With the opening of the ice rink, finding a parking space has become an issue.
483	Walking/jogging on the trails
484	Versatility. All kinds of things to do for various ages.
485	The grass areas, carousel, playground and summer concerts
486	Activities for kids. Greats rivers views and walking paths.
487	Going to family walks/bike rides in a beautiful green setting.
488	Going to events and walking through the park from West Salem to Minto Brown.
489	Walking around

Number	Question 4 Response Text
490	Open and clean
491	Access to the dragon boats/kayaking and running the paths
492	Open space
493	Its beauty
494	Summer attractions
495	A place to walk and enjoy nature in the heart of downtown.
496	The openness and easy access to our beautiful river and walking/biking. The connections between West Salem and Minto Brown. The thought that has made it a beautiful focal point in Salem.
497	I love having a multi-purpose space to picnic, bike, toss a ball around, and walk the dogs. I especially love that it is now so we'll connected to Minto!
498	walking paths
499	I love having a safe place to let my kids play that also allows us to bring our dog and ride our bikes if we want.
500	The openness and walking paths, as well as the free community events.
501	Union Street Railroad Bridge, Osprey and Eagles
502	Both bridges that connect all of the parks.
503	I like the layout, it's a good walk about.
504	Open spaces and walking paths
505	I love that it is a central location in Salem and a great place to exercise.
506	I enjoy the walking paths, the dog-friendly aspect of the park as well as the river views and scenic-ness of the area. I think it is a well organized park.
507	Beauty. Walking.
508	Walking
509	Walking trails
510	The seasonal special events... such as Bite of Salem, Worldbeat, Ice Skating Rink.
511	Play area for the kids, carousel, splash pad, Gilbert house
512	Access to the river and family activities for all ages and abilities.
513	Pokemon hunting
514	walkway, view of river etc, i often stop and eat my lunch there or walk my dog or play frisbee in the big field
515	Nice open areas with great views and easy walkability
516	Location
517	The park is on the Willamette River and it has trails / connection to Minto Brown for walking and biking.
518	Bicycle-pedestrian bridges and the access they provide from downtown and West Salem, the connection of the parks they provide
519	Walking area

Number	Question 4 Response Text
520	Watching Osprey
521	available to the public
522	Easy access to the river and Minto-Brown
523	Love the walking paths & the amphitheater
524	Special place to gather with friends and family
525	That it is open and events there.
526	I like that it protects the riverfront, it is a venue for community events, it offers walking and biking for all of us and I love the two bridges - to walk over to west Salem and to Minto Brown.
527	The peaceful setting in the heart of Salem near downtown. The trees and playground and access to the river. I love that the park holds special events and is hosting a pop up ice rink. Love the carousel as well. Wish we had more playgrounds and a food cart pod.
528	Walking daily along the river. Bringing my kids to the park.
529	The bridge to Minto and the relative quiet
530	I like that it is on the river. I like taking my niece to enjoy the playground, splash pad and carousel. I think it is a really great space for hosting festivals.
531	To be able to access nature, and being able to do this basically right from downtown is amazing. With the new bridge many more miles of walking and bicycling trails and paths have been opened up.
532	River view and bridge access
533	It is a clean, open natural space for many activities.
534	Fireworks on July 4th and the choice of activities available.
535	It is there
536	It's openness to the Willamette River.
537	The walking/biking bridges
538	Its proximity to downtown, the open space, the sheer beauty of the park
539	Open green space and places to take children to.
540	The ability to be in open space and walk the paved paths
541	Walking paths
542	The pathways and easy access to any places
543	Walking/cycling trails. View of the river.
544	enjoying walking and seeing people be outside enjoying themselves. views of the river and trees. now that there is a connection to Minto it's even better.
545	The natural space downtown
546	access to Minto Park. views of the river and wildlife.
547	Amenities (playground, bridges, Carousel, Gilbert House) plus view of the river
548	Walking there daily
549	Lots of things to do for all ages and abilities. Open areas are free to use while also having extra wonderful things that need to cost. Events in the summer are great also.

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550	The "commons" or "living room" feel.... everyone is welcome: young, old, cyclists, skateboarders, wheelchairs -- everyone is included.
551	Multi use area good mix of open grass areas and activities
552	River
553	Family friendly activities & safe walking
554	The view of the Willamette
555	Large open, grassy areas.
556	Great location, view of the river, walking and running paths.
557	Length of connected trails, variety of things to do and see if very nice as well.
558	Beauty as a focal point of our city
559	Walking
560	That the bridges now connect to 2 other parks
561	River! Meeting place. Kids play.
562	Enjoying nature and a place to walk downtown. A gathering space. Strong sense of community pride.
563	Its size
564	It's clean and there are fun events there.
565	A large space that does very well serving multiple interests and activities. An excellent example of a city park!
566	Families enjoying the park
567	Openess to nature and the river. Getting away from SALEM'S CONCRETE & ASPHATE.
568	Wildlife watching, quietness
569	The paths.
570	The views and connection to nature.
571	The river paths, community events, meeting neighbors.
572	The river! i love it that a river of that size goes right through town. It is a historic and beautiful asset to Salem.
573	I like walking the paths and going to events at the park. I also enjoy seeing wildlife along the river. The 2 bridges are fabulous because they connect with other areas.
574	Walking on the paths & across the bridges, watching the river and all of nature.
575	I like when there are events there because it feels intimate and separate from the rest of Salem.
576	Nature
577	All the events that are put on at the park throughout the year.
578	open space; access to nature trails, hopefully more public events (concerts); local artists and food carts
579	Paved walking paths with natural views. Love being able to go for a long walk or run across the railroad bridge. Love the proximity to downtown. Love the splash pad and nice playground.

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580	Many things to do
581	It represents community, everyone can go there.
582	Walking through the park and looking at the river
583	The variety of activities and uses.
584	Access from West Salem.
585	Walk and bike paths near the river
586	I enjoy the River Rock concert series in the summer, and other events that happen in the park. I also enjoy the addition of the ice skating rink.
587	Walk paths and river views
588	Centrally located with great connectivity. I can get to Wallace Marine and Minto Brown, and it's well maintained in a beautiful setting.
589	cycling from Monto
590	Open spaces
591	Open green grass where you can walk, sit or take children on an outing
592	I love walking on the trails and watching the river.
593	The beautiful and natural space
594	The openness and the wide open space. The playground and paths are important too.
595	Bicycling in the park and on the bridges, and watching birds and other wildlife. I also like seeing a diverse group of the people of Salem enjoying the park together.
596	An exciting place to walk and enjoy and play
597	How nice and large it is. Very open. Views of the river
598	Walkability, river views, nature and open space
599	open space and river views.
600	We picnic there frequently. I love the open spaces and we love the merry-go-round. The movies in the park and special events are nice but the lack of parking makes it harder to access.
601	Riding my bike from West Salem into that park and Minto-Brown and accessing downtown Salem.
602	Nature
603	It's location along the Willamette river.
604	location, access to walking trails with views
605	The availability for all people to be at any part of the park when ever it's daylight
606	Walking around paths, bridges, attend festivals like the World Beat. Bring my granddaughter to Gilbert House, Carousel, playground.
607	Being with Nature, enjoying the out of doors with our dogs at the park, bird watching, access to both Minto Brown Island Park and Wallace Marine Park
608	The easy access to multiple parks and proximity to downtown.
609	The Riverfront Park is a great community mixer. It is great to see people of all ages and economic strata enjoying the outdoors

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610	Access to the Willamette
611	Walking
612	Running to the other parks and seeing the river
613	Splash pad, playground and events
614	Access to the river and access to Minto Brown and Wallace Marine
615	Green space, paths, view of river, access to Minto brown park
616	It's very open layout, great access to the children's museum and Minto Brown Park.
617	Family friendly attractions
618	Connectivity to Minto and Wallace parks.
619	The open land (what little is left) and the access to the river and nature.
620	The views of the river
621	The amphitheater concerts, the walkways, access to the river, views of the birdlife, the dragon boat races
622	I love that the two bridges now allow for miles of bike riding. I love that there is a lot of variety in the park and that there is open space for frisbee, picnics, etc.
623	Events, access to other parts of Salem for peds and bikes, access to river.
624	Clean, open space
625	Open spaces, view of river, access to river.
626	The walking trails and biking trails, the open space for adults and children to play in nature.
627	It is a centrally located park with green open spaces for all people in Salem to access and enjoy.
628	Multiple amenities in one place. Walking distance to food and shopping. Open space.
629	open spaces, access to Minto, access to the river, free parking
630	Walking by the river
631	The walking and biking trails and the Taco Bridge.
632	World Beat Festival
633	Walking path and views of Willamette River. Connection to West Salem via RR Bridge. Restrooms!
634	I enjoy that it is a gathering place for our town that is free to use and is beautiful.
635	The walking path and carousel, all the grass.
636	The river
637	The walking paths filled with people enjoying their day.
638	Open space, walking trails, and access to Minto and West Salem. I love that it is basically in the heart of Salem.
639	Cleanliness, variety of amenities, event friendly
640	Proximity to downtown and accessibility
641	The trails and the pedestrian/bike bridges.

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642	Access to new bridge and viewing wildlife on the river and slough.
643	The ability to spend the day with family and kids entertaining ourselves physically in a beautiful setting
644	The paths and views of nature
645	I love the new bridge - I have thoroughly enjoyed making the bridge a part of my running/biking route.
646	The river.
647	The great access to natural areas and views of the river.
648	The walking paths and the fact that I can walk/jog with plenty of options
649	Walking bridge
650	The expansive space, particularly the green space the walking path and views of the river.
651	It's where i go to relax and enjoy nature. It's close enough to everything for me, as far as my home and work go so i frequent pretty regularly. It's big and you can choose where to go from the riverfront.
652	Pretty, gives feeling of close to Willamette River.
653	The nature there as well as the ice rink.
654	Connections to Minto brown and Wallace park - big continuous area.
655	Connectivity from West Salem all the way to Minto and back.
656	Not a super small park but still able to enjoy it on an intimate level.
657	The simplistic design, making a small park seem larger than it is. Having public restrooms accessible for children and families enjoying the park.
658	The opportunity for recreation/nature in the middle of the city.
659	Being along the river and in the riparian area. Watching the birds and wildlife that use the river and riparian area.
660	Paths and the 2 bridges.
661	I like that the park has lots of types of uses and that many kinds of people use the park for different purposes. The park is generally inviting and relatively inclusive for Salem. Although I don't use the playground or attend many of the festivals I appreciate the vibrancy they bring to the downtown. The urban-natural area interface with the opportunity to be near the river for walking, running, and natural history observations are especially prized as a place to have this community mixing. Seeing the migratory and breeding birds along the river is my very favorite thing with special excitement for the Blue Heron rookery, Bald Eagles, and Osprey.
662	The open space. I also enjoy the fact you can come downtown and go into west Salem or head over to minto brown park.
663	Connection to Minto Island; Open spaces, entertainment venue.
664	the open space and access to the river
665	Open green space
666	The walking paths.
667	I enjoy the space highlighting the river's place in our city.

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668	It's clean, open, well cared for area. I live in W Salem, so live the access of the bridges and walking paths to downtown and Minto-Brown park!
669	River access and green space
670	River green area for public use that is great for the community.
671	Courtney Bridge
672	Don't go there,
673	Ability to do several things in one location, like the carousel, playground, and a walk or run
674	open space, views
675	open space that can be used and enjoyed without paying admission, waiting in lines, or having only a single type of use
676	A safe place to take a short walk. The river and birds, the sternwheeler.
677	Proximity of nature/river to downtown--plus the sense of sweeping open-ness and vistas provided.
678	When the kids were younger we went for the play ground. Now we enjoy the walking paths for walking and running, as well as the open space for picnics.
679	The open vistas across the Willamette, the views up the Willamette Slough and access and connection to both Wallace Marine Park and Minto-Brown Island Conservation Area.
680	The beauty of the nature, citizens, especially children, enjoying the park. The proximity to downtown.
681	I enjoy being able to walk- or occasionally bike- in and through the park, including the Union Street and Minto Island bridges.
682	It is the conduit between West Salem and Minto. The new foot bridge is a game changer.
683	Connection and ability to ride/walk without car traffic.
684	That it exists and is part of a longer greenway.
685	Access to river, views
686	The natural riparian area that provides habitat for all the creatures that live in and along the Willamette river.
687	How it is now connected to both wallace marine and Minto
688	Greenspace in the urban core
689	wide open spaces with views of the river and walking paths
690	It's close to home, close to the river, it's always pretty and fun
691	I enjoy the car free environment for walking and bicycling, and the public access for everyone. It's become a great part of the city, making the statement that we care about the environment and enjoy public spaces.
692	The new connection to Minto Brown which offers expanded walking/biking access.
693	Walking paths
694	I enjoy the open grass area and the play equipment
695	a beautiful addition to our city. Makes it unique.

Number	Question 4 Response Text
696	The open space, and the whole community events that take place there. Also the access and view of the river.
697	All the people that use it. It's connectivity to Minto Brown and West Salem.
698	It's right downtown.
699	natural landscape
700	Open space
701	As a family- we enjoy the outdoor playground, views of the river, and the new Peter Courtney Bridge for safe bike riding for our children.
702	Open space for walking, enjoying nature and river views, watching osprey.
703	Amount of waking trails.
704	Large community events like World Beat in proximity to downtown.
705	Multiple uses while maintaining space for enjoyment of nature and reflection. Access to Minot Park
706	Being able to just sit and relax
707	Walking along close to River and Downtown.
708	Everything
709	The many miles of trails, including the bridges.
710	The open feel of the park when there is not an event taking place.
711	Central location. Connections to Minto-Brown & West Salem. Peaceful. Nice views.
712	Bird watching
713	Connection to the Willamette River. Open spaces to be at and walk through. Connectivity to other parks and to downtown.
714	The opportunity for the community to enjoy the "family/community" gathering together in a safe and people friendly environment.
715	Bike paths across 2 bridges!
716	The jogging trails
717	The trails, open space, proximity to downtown, access to West Salem and Minto Brown park.
718	walking
719	The many opportunities for walking in a safe, secure area in our city.
720	Its nice having a little bit of nature in the downtown area. The river is beautiful and seeing so many people out there year round is really comforting.
721	The greenery in and around the park
722	Central location and access to Minto.
723	Walking by the river.
724	Open spaces, seeing citizens using the park More connection to the river would be nice Don't clutter it up with more permanent structures!"
725	I love the choices of things to do with my kids; between the playground, a walk or scooter ride across the bridges, the carousel, Gilbert House, and now the skating rink.

Number	Question 4 Response Text
726	It's proximity to downtown, the open vistas and its flexibility.
727	Healthy Park, Open to Will river sights to see. No Homeless.
728	Open space and view of the river.
729	It's uniquely situated and scaled to be the center of activity for our community. A great event park with activities that has direct connection to a nature park.
730	a place to walk my dog and people watch or look at the river
731	Walking
732	The views of the river, sometimes you are able to see wildlife across the river.
733	The nature conservation area.
734	The amount of trails I can bike on, the views of the river, the open lawns I can read on during a sunny afternoon, the new pedestrian bridge to Minto Brown, the dock and the river queen. The list goes on!
735	My young children love the play ground. But it does get very crowded for the children. And seating on benches is hard to come by, especially on a sunny day.
736	I love that it makes our downtown beautiful and inviting.
737	Caminar y hacer pic nic en familia (*Walk and have family picnics)
738	Llevar a mis nietos al carrusel, y andar en bici. poder caminar con mi esposo, llevar a los nietos a los juegos de agua en el verano, pero hace falta mas actividades como una pista de patinar sobre ruedas para los peques. (*Take my grandkids to the carrousel and bike riding. Go on walks with my husband, take my grandkids to the water playground during the summer, but we need more activities like rollerskating track for the kids.)
739	La naturaleza, caminar, el barco. (* Nature, walk, the boat.)

* Denotes translated text

5. What is your biggest concern about changes to Riverfront Park?	
Response Count	713
Answered question	713
Skipped question	155

Number	Question 5 Response Text
1	I would love to see Disc Golf as an option in this area,
2	Parking for events
3	Lack of river access.
4	I worry that the bridge to Minto will only serve as an easy pathway for the homeless to a new area of camps and that user safety will be compromised.
5	Too many "things" that infringe on just open space. It is a big space, with room for other amenities, but there will be a limit.
6	Only concern is if to many events are set up at park less time for the general public to enjoy if closed for many events through out year with out paying for the event
7	Better / easier boat access to the river
8	It is becoming too full of structures.
9	Not enough parking.
10	There may be less open space or views of the river may be blocked.
11	That it will attract more transients and I won't feel safe to be there alone.
12	My main concern is that the open space will be closed up, crowded with structures, and open views will be restricted or closed.
13	That more structures will be added that will take away views and open space.
14	Wiping out open space and views
15	That future development will stall
16	I don't want space used for parking. What is the newly built building on the new southeast property going to be used for?!
17	The paths changing or things being less accessible for people on bikes or with dogs. Also to much stuff crowding the park, making it feel more packed and loose the openness of it.
18	It'll get too crowded while parking is still limited
19	None
20	Please make sure improvements to the park also help with connections to Downtown! Visitors may not know there's such a great park so close to downtown.
21	NOT ENOUGH NEW GREENERY AND TOO MUCH CONCRETE (WALLS, SURFACES, PARKING...)
22	TOO MUCH TRAFFIC- FOOT, BICYCLE, PETS
23	NEED PARKING.
24	NOT ENOUGH PARKING.
25	Better bike access for whole city. More frequent Public events-Bad weather space.

Number	Question 5 Response Text
26	?
27	I'm not sure what changes are being planned, but a better skate park would be amazing, as the current location feels overrun by transients and I don't think people even want to go there much anymore. And functionally, it doesn't have much going on to draw people in. Sorry, none of that has anything to do with Riverfront.
28	I would like to maintain the green space. I worry about crowding, particularly with regards to parking. I also worry about maintaining safety for those who use the park. I am sensitive to those that are homeless but do not want to see camps set up under the bridge, etc. Green space in urban centers is very valuable. I love that Salem is thinking more about this, and I appreciate that they are getting community feedback. I have lived near Boston Commons and also spent a fair amount of time in Central Park. These spaces are wonderful respites which bring communities together. I think Riverfront (and Bush) could do this for Salem.
29	Cost to value
30	Easier parking access. More family friendly.
31	My biggest concern is if the city of Salem builds a new skate park
32	none
33	Lack of parking, lack of amenities such as food or bike/boat rentals
34	To take away from what is enjoyed and valued there now.
35	I would be concerned that it would become over-developed and lose it's open feel.
36	Flooding
37	Keep views of the river and improve river access.
38	My biggest concern is getting my bicycle there safely. some of the major intersections to get there from going West from East Salem are challenging. So better bicycle infrastructure?
39	that it will become over used by too many people
40	I don't have any concerns everything looks good.
41	Parking/traffic flow
42	Not enough open space or grass
43	We don't need any more walking paths... that money can be put into a new driving bridge.
44	There has got to be more parking. It's so crowded!
45	Too much pavement/parking, please keep it green!
46	Including bike and skateboard access/facilities
47	The increase in the homeless population
48	Shade during the summer
49	Not enough parking possibly, transient people sleeping on the Union Street bridge or near it.
50	N/a
51	not enough bike specific trails
52	Don't fill it up with "stuff"

Number	Question 5 Response Text
53	How long it would take. Seems these 'projects' take a ridiculous amount of time
54	it needs to be better connected to downtown via bike and foot. The access is very car-oriented.
55	Transients scare me to death with myself and grandson's
56	Not enough parking
57	Safety. It needs to feel safe. The bathrooms by the playground do not feel safe.
58	Extra foot traffic
59	More parking
60	Parking
61	I wish the park had a fence blocking the edge of the park near the river
62	The ice rink was an eye sore. Too busy to be able to park and quickly access when desired.
63	Safety (a fence around the playground and splash pad)
64	Large buildings being constructed that take away from the view and block the Willamette.
65	No concerns
66	That transient population won't respect and care for Minto or the new amenities and result in less usability and functionality
67	Cost
68	That they would only address the desires of a single demographic.
69	Not adding more mountain bike trails and losing open space
70	Things like the new walking bridge that looks to modern for Salem.
71	Homeless population near Gilbert hour
72	No concerns. The city has been doing an amazing job making it wonderful!
73	Not enough parking and the increasing Homeless population can make it feel unsafe
74	Illegal activity
75	I don't have any - it is an amazing park
76	More trash
77	Maintaining cleanliness
78	Bums
79	Crime
80	Too many events
81	Too much commercialism. I'd prefer less businesses and more actual park to enjoy nature and biking.
82	I'm concerned that without adaptations to the play areas the over crowding that comes with new amenities could result in children being endangered by so many people being concentrated in one area. It is very hard as it is to keep track of kids in play areas. With added amenities comes even more people.
83	Cramming too many things into the park and making it feel claustrophobic.

Number	Question 5 Response Text
84	overdevelopment
85	Keeping it safe
86	Need more covered places for kids to play in winter/rain
87	Lack of sheltered play equipment, lack of available trash cans near paths and open water areas. Incredibly small parking areas which seem to always be full.
88	I am hoping that more trees will be planted in some of the open spaces to increase our tree canopy and keep the area cooler.
89	Condominiums and privatizing of land, basically overall usage and views being compromised for profit
90	Projects that are too expensive and cost the cities tax payers too much money.
91	I want to make sure it remains event and family friendly
92	Parking/access.
93	That there won't be enough space to run and play. I'd like to see a covered area for play, since this is cold, rainy, Oregon.
94	Too much commercialization. Closing access to the public for private events
95	None
96	None except for keeping the park open & not crowding it with buildings
97	I'm not aware of what changes are coming
98	That no parking will be added.
99	Homeless moving in
100	I don't use the open space much, but I think that having some of that is very important for spontaneous activities like frisbee, etc.
101	The park having no access when events are happening, like concerts, or summer time events such as the bite. It would be nice to use the bridges or the sidewalks without having to go through or into a crowded event.
102	More accessibility to transients.
103	None
104	Development that hinders the access and beauty of the park and river. I'd like to think of the park as an Oregon Beach, accessible to everyone without privatization. It should be accessible for people to enjoy (like the new bridge) and enhance the natural beauty of the environment. I'd like to see less high-rise buildings around the park. Buildings should get progressively taller more toward downtown and then once again smaller toward the capitol. Our views should not be obstructed to the river. And our skyline should reveal the Oregon Pioneer in his full golden glory. Natural areas are easily forgotten yet enhance our everyday well being dramatically. Salem should be good stewards to our river ways and invest in better stormwater and sewage management to protect our rivers and streams.
105	That we will lose things for families
106	Not sure
107	Family friendliness, bathroom safety/availability.
108	That it draws an increase in homelessness like near by Marion park, which feels unsafe to take my children to.

Number	Question 5 Response Text
109	Making it too big and busy
110	Parking
111	The access goes away and it becomes less user friendly.
112	No worries. I think the city has been doing a great job with projects recently.
113	Parking
114	That they help make the park usable year round - even in rainy winter/spring weather
115	not enough parking
116	BATHROOMS!! So sketchy for parents and their kids!!
117	Don't know what changes will occur.
118	The bathrooms are unsafe, filthy and always full. All of those issues NEED to be addressed. Please don't take away any walking paths. Also put more garbage cans near the water so less trash goes into to water. The trash in the water is heartbreaking.
119	That there will not be sufficient parking to accommodate the growth.
120	None so far
121	Losing room on the large grass areas.
122	None
123	I would like a covered play area for children. Children need exercise all year and it seems to rain 9 months of the year.
124	None!
125	Less free open space.
126	Latex allergy! Please do NOT change out playground fall material with rubber! My kids are running out of parks we can go to because of this!
127	That kids get left out of the equation
128	Safety with bathrooms near the carousel/parking. The bathroom doors being opposite of the playground is very unsafe for parents with multiple kids. If one kids had to go, then everyone goes. Also there's no bathrooms on the North end.
129	Losing open space
130	None
131	Lack of fenced in playground. Bathrooms are unsafe for playground use. Lack of parking.
132	Our dock is not big enough, our dragon boat club is growing but are limited because we don't have room for more boats or lockers.
133	Homeless population
134	Not enough play space for young kids
135	Hopefully it'll add more parking!
136	That it gets too cluttered.
137	Not family oriented
138	Na
139	The homeless population

Number	Question 5 Response Text
140	Still being a good safe place to take my children
141	No specific concerns yet, I'm just watching the process.
142	I'm worried there will be less nature
143	Removing beloved amenities.
144	More parking. There is never any parking! We had a birthday at the carousel and non of our guest could park. It was embarrassing. They ended up parking by the splash pad and having to walk across the field. However we loved the venue! Kids had a blast!
145	Things tend to be pricey. The park is a fun, free, place to play. I don't want to see so many attractions that cost extra and create issues for families. The park is its own destination. We can make improvements without adding fee based venues like the Carousel and Ice Skating.
146	The bathrooms. Also the increase in homeless population
147	Not kid-friendly, adult only type activities
148	Too many people, too loud, too much trash.
149	Bathroom location for children
150	I'd love to see a large covered free play/picnic area for our rainy days!
151	I would love to know what is being proposed
152	Too many buildings
153	Too commercialized will take away from the beautiful setting
154	There isn't much in way of sitting down picnicking or covered area. There is one area, but no place to play outside when it's raining... covered play area would be nice.
155	None
156	Sometimes I don't feel like my kids are very safe at the playground. I don't like strange adults loitering around.
157	Wouldn't want to lose the view while walking
158	The person who put in the bathrooms had a huge layout fault. If a parent is at the playground with 2 or more children and one has to use the bathroom.... you cannot see the door to the bathroom and the bathroom doors are direct access to parking lot!
159	Taking away the "freedom" of use in the park
160	There needs to be more parking
161	There isn't enough parking as it is--bringing more people without places for them to park will cause more congestion/frustration
162	Too touristy. Changes that are not focused on the local community but on making Salem look good to outside community only. Things that cost money (ice rink, carousel) as opposed to free walking paths etc
163	That it will lose the wide open space feel and that parking will be a nightmare
164	The unknown
165	I am not concerned. I trust the city to listen to the community and come up with a great plan. This is an opportunity!
166	Not including more sport options such as futsal, soccer or basketball.

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167	Money
168	I hope Green Space is one of the priorities as the park develops further. Looking for a great balance between building structures(so park can be used all year long), parking and green space
169	Over development
170	Would love to see more bike focused amenities, like a pump track.
171	Lighting at night
172	Losing the openness of the park. I appreciate the skate rink but don't use it and think it's an eyesore
173	Updated plan includes any additional parking which would take away from park space
174	That the park is getting too crowded with both people and structures.
175	The homeless won't have a place to sleep
176	too much construction, making it too crowded.
177	Making it safer for kids and family
178	Retain access to dirt running trails at Minto - please don't pave everything over!
179	It will become too busy with more developments like the Ice Rink.
180	Yielding land to future commercial developments as happened to Woodmansee Park.
181	I don't know what changes are being planned & why are changes being made?
182	Too much focus on what you THINK the community wants instead of leaving the park as is. It is one of the only places with access to nature in Salem, a much-needed reprieve. I hope that it is not restricted too much or affected by the residential buildings growing around it.
183	Don't want the park to get too full with buildings.
184	losing nature
185	Paths need to safely accommodate both bikes and peds. Some paths may need to be widened. A special pavement surfacing difference (such as asphalt for bikes and exposed aggregate treatment for peds) to make it clear where bikes are supposed to be and where peds are supposed to be.
186	That too much play areas will be removed, or that the walking paths will be hindered
187	Will get too busy
188	Don't add an expensive restaurant!
189	increased trash and noise
190	Don't want to see it ruined with concession stands with junky food. Also, don't want too many events/festivals to impact the natural beauty.
191	The tendency to cover it with hard surfaces and commercialization
192	Overcrowding
193	That the beauty and tranquility of the park will become too noisy or distracting.
194	Shutting down important and fun aspects to work on other parts of the park.
195	Not sure I have enjoyed the changes that have been made in the recent years.

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196	Homeless population. Overcrowding.
197	I think it would be great if a link can be created between the Pringles creek trail and riverfront park.
198	THat I won't have access to the above areas or it will be unsafe/loud.
199	Nothing
200	The large area and wide paths
201	Don't fill it too up
202	As long as nothing is gotten rid of, and only expanded upon, I am not concerned. If we were to lose the splash pad or another amenity I would be concerned.
203	Fragmentation with buildings.
204	Needs more parkingand shade
205	Parking
206	None at the moment
207	Mixing of bike,scooter with pedestrians.
208	Crowding
209	I wouldn't want too many of the open spaces obscured/filled. But I am supportive of a permanent amphitheater.
210	Will there be enough parking?
211	None
212	Lack of connection between the globe and Pringle park for pedestrians
213	That it will become too commercialized thus limiting who can actually access it. Some events held there now are too costly for many families.
214	Loss of nature
215	The lack of parking and the limited number of bathrooms.
216	Loss of open space
217	Overcrowding
218	I would like more access for cars. Car bridges specifically.
219	Homeless camps
220	Still no separation of bikes and walkers!!
221	Maintaining the safety of the park so that people do not have to worry about running/walking alone or in small groups.
222	I think the Riverfront Park truly makes Salem a more pleasant place to live. However, keeping up the park might be a challenge for the city.
223	Fences and blocked off areas
224	Open space will be lost
225	N/A
226	Maintain biking and walking... with a clear method of keeping these activities safe.
227	too much stuff being built which would hurt the open feel

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228	None. I believe the park can be a important piece of salem
229	Safety. Homeless people are crossing the bridge and breaking into vehicles parked in Minto Brown. I'd prefer we had better support for addiction and mental health recovery vs a rise in police/security officers. I'm worried about the animals in that area leaving due to increased human activity levels as well.
230	None at this time
231	rich people
232	losing off views and access to the river
233	None.
234	Too much build up.
235	Making it too commercial/man made distracting from the natural beauty
236	Overdevelopment of natuarl areas
237	Safety to those using the park due to the increase of homeless/transient people
238	cutting off the park from the rest of downtown. It needs to be more connected.
239	Gets crowded with structures
240	That it would become too crowded, nowhere to park
241	Parking, Safe access (Pedestrian access), proper use of spaces.
242	Parking near carousel
243	Getting too commercial
244	Lack of Parking
245	No doggie bags and amount of dog poo along path in front of Gilbert House
246	Paths are crowded - people not paying attention to multi-use / other users.
247	Not being to able to access the above #4
248	Crowds
249	additional parking
250	crowding park with this and that structure...leave it alone as is.
251	Any constructions that would take away the land/trees/walking paths. Having the trees and wildlife so close to the city I think is a great benefit. I have heard that walking in nature is much more beneficial that walking around buildings such as downtown.
252	I wish there were a restaurant with a view of the river
253	I hope that they reflect the values of the citizens.
254	That the traffic issue on Front Street won't get addressed
255	Improving park amenities drawing more people and not addressing additional parking needs
256	I love the changes. Having a place where there are lots of options of activities & brings the community together is wonderful.
257	Na
258	Too little vision and too many people being concerned about it developing

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259	Getting too crowded with buildings
260	Over-reliance on commercial events that close off access to the park to those who don't pay a fee.
261	It is GETTING TOO CLUTTERED! I particularly dislike the change in the amphitheater. TOO much. The beautiful design of the river and park is being overdeveloped. My recommendation - work on developing the WEST side of the park, it needs revitalization."
262	Parking. It's already tight, and there's never enough for big events. I don't want to see much greenspace sacrificed for parking lots, but it would be nice to have a nearby parking structure occupy one of the currently vacant lots not far away.
263	There is dog feces everywhere due to the new developments downtown like the former boise cascade building. A designated fenced pooping area may be helpful, seriously. More poop stations would help, go overboard, no one likes grenades al over the lawn. Also, make it a code requirement to designate x square footage for dog, with multi-family dev. Dog feces is public enemy #1.
264	Homeless people gathering
265	not sure
266	crime/vagrants
267	Lack of parking.
268	Concerned that access to the river is mostly unimproved (dock is the sole exception). Fear that access will actually worsen rather than improve.
269	Needs additional parking
270	Really not a lot of concerns. Only concern that might come up is the availability to park.
271	I don't want to see more structures in the park.
272	It might become too filled with structures.
273	I would not want a new building or structure to intrude on the open space. I like the openness of the layout. I love the skating rink, but am glad it's temporary, so we can have a more scenic and open park during the summer. I am concerned about those without homes in Salem, but am also concerned about the transient population in our parks. I have had several run-ins with violent homeless people, and want to make sure our public spaces are safe for children and other members of the public. I hope there is gentle, compassionate patrolling of the Riverfront Park and the adjoining parks (Wallace Marine and Minto Brown), and perhaps a longer term solution to homelessness.
274	Limited parking is a concern. During big events, parking is limited.
275	With too much growth it may become too crowded. Not a major concern
276	Parking is often a challenge. I think the park is great, but it seems to get a lot of city planning focus and money. I'm glad we're improving the library/police station, but I'd like to see our city improvements extend to other parts of the city. We have one big park, but what happened to all the little parks that were included in subdivisions in the 50's and 60s? Our communities should have more parks, not just one huge one that you have to drive to get to.
277	Parking, too many people
278	If more "stuff" is added (like the proposed Rotary amphitheater expansion), where are people supposed to park? That's a lot more traffic in the downtown area.

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279	If you add more things then you NEED to add more parking, the parking is terrible, I know you can park other places and walk but I LOVE being able to park and walk little to an event. MORE parking! not more things
280	Real Police Officers not chasing out the vagrants
281	Filling in all the open flexible spaces
282	Access
283	Lack of bicycle parking and the bad planning of subsidized car parking
284	Not being able to commute by bicycle.
285	Reducing it in any way
286	cluttering it with buildings
287	Becoming overcrowded and/or an increase in homeless crowds
288	That we will fill it up with too many structures and not have enough open spaces and views of the river.
289	Homeless in large groups
290	Taking away from the scenery, when I come here I want to have fun but not at the expense of the natural beauty the willamette has to offer.
291	I guess my biggest concern is accessibility. It seems like parking is an issue when there are major events. Hence, the reason we like to park in West Salem and walk over.
292	The homeless population is a growing concern. My wife sometimes doesn't been safe going down when I am not with her and the kids.
293	Too many homeless people hang out there all the time
294	Taking away from the feeling of being out in nature.
295	That walking paths are removed
296	I would like to see the changes to be complimentary to the historical buildings in The down town area. The new walking bridge is to modern and doesn't fit in.
297	Increase in parking/new structures resulting in of open space.
298	Lack of handicapped access
299	That it gets too developed
300	Access to paths
301	That it won't be as peaceful.
302	Parking is already a problem and it could get much worse. Also, around AC Gilbert there's more and more graffiti and homeless camp belongings (including drug paraphernalia), making it uncomfortable jogging by or bringing kids towards that end of the park
303	Making it into too much of a tourist attraction and causing it to be more of a money maker than a local park/event area
304	traffic and over development
305	Keep it as open to all as possible.
306	The focus may not be exactly where it should be. Aesthetics are certainly important but safety and sustainability are equally so.

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307	Losing too much of the natural beauty
308	None
309	Want it to remain a safe and welcoming environment for "more mature" individuals. Having play equipment for young children and their families is wholesome for everyone, but I would be concerned if it became a "teen hangout".
310	That crowd sizes will become bigger than the space or event can reasonably handle.
311	That it doesn't encourage family friendly activities
312	None
313	That is has good security to
314	That too many buildings will obstruct the open green space and views.
315	Would like more access to downtown and other parks along Pringle creek
316	Parking/access to the park/over-crowding
317	Safety
318	There are not more living spaces downtown. We need an extended bike path down through to Keizer along the river. We need a crew that cleans the center and Marion Street bridge access ramps more often because there is lots of trash and smell in there.
319	The homeless people who trash the park and harass the park goers
320	Overcrowding and the City's ability to maintain safety and cleanliness of the park.
321	It not being cared for.
322	Parking
323	Developments around/near the park blocking views, access, and expanse opportunities. Salem should have a river walk area like Chicago.
324	Homeless
325	There is a ton of potential to improve the park and make it a destination for more people. As long as homeless problem stays away from Riverfront Park.
326	Too many parking lots
327	Safety and parking
328	None
329	safety
330	Too much busyness
331	construction, taking away green
332	No concerns
333	No concerns
334	Losing the current character and accessibility of the park and activities
335	less access for public
336	To many bicycles and not enough river access
337	Too many things added that would bring crowds or anything that would take away from the nature

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338	Parking, homeless people
339	Safety after dusk
340	I'm not concerned at all. I'm open to new changes and want to see the park grow. I hope new changes can bring a bigger crowd of ppl and lots of tourists
341	Traffic
342	Not enough nature
343	Less open space
344	Green space being replaced.
345	None. Love seeing Salem expand and bring more to do, and more community together.
346	None
347	Safety. Safety first. Keep children and safety in mind when building things that they can fall from or can harm themselves.
348	Increased foot traffic, illegal activity with no monitoring by the city or convenient method to report issues, etc.
349	Adding and developing features that draw from the natural beauty of the area.
350	Managing vagrant in the area, also keeping most attractions and areas inexpensive or free and easy to access
351	Limited activities - should have pay bikes, kayaks and water activities, advertised events
352	Too much clutter and homeless loitering.
353	Area becoming too crowded with people and things.
354	Losing the ability to enjoy nature
355	None
356	Nothing that I can think of at the moment.
357	Parking
358	Not much to attract childless adults - would like some space that isn't targeted toward people with children
359	Keeping it public and open
360	Cost to attend things like the ice rink
361	Safety, access for all, loss of open space
362	That it will become too crowded with amenities catered towards the bourgeoisie class.
363	My main concern is that someone wants to commercialize our open public space with a "world class house boat and gym etc, etc, etc". This is a terrible idea. Leave our public parks public please.
364	More buildings that would block the open landscape, and businesses that would draw people who aren't interested in being outside to this lovely open area.
365	Ongoing homeless blight.
366	The influx of homeless people who clearly have nowhere else to go.
367	Overcrowding of buildings and pavement

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368	Too many kids :(
369	The Environment
370	The improvements have not come with an increase in available parking.
371	Too many permanent structures taking away from the openness and green grass
372	salem ****ing it up like they tend to do.
373	Destruction of the park/nature.
374	Adding more concrete and removing green/grass space.
375	Keeping it accessible by bike / pedestrians.
376	Closing off the open space with permanent structures.
377	negative environmental impact
378	None
379	More people attract more homeless. We already can't use the trails in north Wallace Marine Park for fear of stumbling across homeless camps.
380	I worry that it will become less safe. I don't want it to become a hangout area for criminals and criminal activity.
381	City subsidizing private businesses to operate in the park.
382	Worried about over building non natural attractions.
383	Expanding buildings, using up green areas.
384	That it might become too built up with amenities
385	None, as long as you maintain the walking paths. I enjoy walking from Wallace Marine to Minto Brown.
386	Not enough parking. Overuse
387	homeless people will take over
388	Parking has become impossible. The ice skating rink is an eyesore and adds to parking woes(and I think would be better at bush park) and all the summer festivals that prevent enjoyment of the park because of fences and traffic
389	Parking for patrons
390	that they won't include the above due to preservationism
391	Filling up the open spaces.
392	As future improvements are made, like the Rotary amphitheater, just continue to make the park safe, accessible, and clean.
393	Too many facilities, not enough green space. Needs more trees
394	Transient sex offenders
395	It's turning ***
396	How scenery can be ruined
397	That too much will be added.
398	Programmed spaces and fencing will compromise access and casual use of the park
399	Loss of open space.

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400	Safety
401	It will become amusement park like. I'm concerned that if there are any more things there that cost money I won't be able to take my kids there without them feeling left out or bad because we can't afford them.
402	Over development
403	Using up all the open space by putting in too many structures.
404	None.
405	The cost
406	That there will end up being too much commercial stuff...events, etc. that make use of the park difficult or impossible.
407	Changes that would allow more vehicular traffic
408	Lack of open space. Don't need any more development inside park.Keep the open spaces and views!!
409	Overcrowding
410	Overcrowding/ free parking availability
411	I would not want it to get so packed with activities that it lost open space and river views
412	The parking by the carousel is bad-not enough parking, that would get worse.
413	Removal of nature areas. That would be bad.
414	Enjoy everything done so far
415	Not enough parking
416	Proximity to downtown and homeless population.
417	I want it to flow with what's already there and be easily walkable but also be a draw to more people to use the park to gather in a regular basis rather than just for special events.
418	Too much commercial development surrounding the park.
419	Making sure there are still free fun things for families to do.
420	That it will become over crowded and take away from the peaceful and scenic environment
421	Crime...transients...this is a Mecca waiting to happen unfortunately. Security guards needed. Parking access directly to the park.
422	Too busy, too many things added so local people can't use as easily, too commercialized
423	Effect on the river
424	I hope it doesn't become inaccessible (to disabled people, homeless people, or poor people).
425	I want the park to continue being a safe place to visit.
426	Parking is very limited, more features will mean it's even tougher to find parking.
427	Parking
428	That it will lose its identity as a green space
429	Increased access amenities without increase in restrooms.

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430	Less nature, more man made things. Pollution.
431	That the natural will be taken away. That the current city council wants to widen the bridges instead of building a new bridge farther north. That the current city council does NOT listen to it's citizens and is pompous. That they will take away the green space we so richly need to preserve.
432	No major concerns, the development seems to be moving in the right direction.
433	getting too crowded and running out of parking
434	The only concern is making sure there is ample parking and that traffic is away from playgrounds and nature areas.
435	I worry that we'll sacrifice open space and walking trails to single-purpose structures and the attendant parking problems.
436	I think it would be great to add more features, but only if more land could be acquired for the park (bleed on over to front street?) because I would be sad to see open space or walking paths sacrificed permanently (special events and ice rink are great and temporary)
437	amptheater and more structures blocking views and picnicking space. i don't like all the concerts in the summer
438	Cutting down on the nature aspect of the park. Will look too industrial, as does the new pedestrian bridge.
439	Connecting to the trail along Pringle Creek.
440	Do NOT make the ice rink a year round feature - it spoils the open spaces and aesthetically diminishes the park. Do have it be a seasonal feature if used well this year. I want the park open, friendly, and safe. Work on those elements and I'll be happy. I am very pleased with your policing efforts and maintenance. This is a great park!
441	no concerns
442	Parking
443	homelessness
444	That we would build in to the open space or lose the river views
445	Don't crowd it with a bunch of stuff.
446	Overcrowding. Lack of parking.
447	Losing the past (ecoglobe)
448	That access would change or be limited.
449	Loss of nature
450	people who vandalize park facilities
451	Limit views of river
452	I just want to make sure that the homeless don't start making camp there like they are doing in downtown. It's a big issue downtown and if that's not dealt with it's going to also hurt the ricerfeont
453	Lack of adequate parking
454	Loss of open space
455	Private events damaging facilities. For example, grass damaged or destroyed.

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456	I would be sad to see too much development occur; of the kind that would bring too much pavement to the park.
457	More private enterprises being operated in public space. Sternwheeler and ice rink have no place on public land in my opinion.
458	Losing spaces and multiple walking paths
459	Please do not take away the free open ended spaces. If only for pay activities remain, we will discontinue use of the park. It is a gem for the imagination and body as it stands now.
460	Too many private events that have high cost.
461	That it will become too dense and populated, taking away from the scenery and openness.
462	Need more restroom facilities. Big events blocking the ability to use the park and joining parks for walking, running and biking and just enjoying nature
463	Loss of too much open space. Still room for some more attractions but not a lot.
464	Parking by carousel
465	Lack of access due to special events and safety due to homeless
466	Putting too much stuff into the space.
467	That more space will be allotted for parking.
468	I would want to keep the grassy fields so people can play frisbee
469	That it will get too commercial and not so much of a park or natural space anymore
470	Lack of parking
471	Too much emphasis on expanding parking.
472	I would like to see the park host more concert-like events, and I hope the new amphitheater stage will allow that to happen more frequently.
473	Stays family friendly
474	No concerns.
475	Safety.
476	That they won't be well thought out.
477	None
478	No restrooms to accommodate increase in people using the space; Too many homeless which makes it feel dirty and dangerous
479	parking and safety
480	Way too many homeless people and needles laying around. Need to relocate them to Portland
481	Lack of parking
482	no parking!
483	Overcrowding with structures.
484	That it seems like the City is throwing everything into Riverfront Park. It is changing from a beautiful openness to a cluttered hodge-podge of things. The initial design is being lost.
485	I am concerned changes in the park might make it less dog or bike friendly.

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486	blocking river view
487	I'm worried about a loss of open space.
488	Loss of access to open spaces, and free community activities. Less access for low socio-economic households.
489	Too much parking lot will be added
490	I wish there were more bathrooms and that the existing bathrooms were cleaner.
491	I'd like better access to the park, public transit, and a lack of public consideration... like with the Peter courtney brigde the town ran roughshod over the public interest in the down town city scapes project.
492	The homeless people that hang out there keep me from bringing my kids anymore.
493	I am concerned about the homeless people who are all over the park. I don't go there as often anymore as a result.
494	The expansion of the carousel concerns me because I feel like expanding it will take away green space unnecessarily. I would like to know why they would expand it. If it were to add more bathrooms or an activity to benefit children, that is one thing. If it is to expand it to add some gimmick to add revenue, I do not agree with that.
495	Parking
496	Ensure access along Pringle Creek.
497	Keep the river views
498	That the city will add niche amenities. The carousel is a good example of only serving a segment of the community. Not really something that benefits everyone.
499	Need more picnic benches, could use some food carts, cleaner bathrooms
500	Limited parking and large crowds.
501	Need more parking but dying want to lose green space to parking lots and buildings, need more bathrooms
502	loss of open space, trees
503	To much being built up to were it looks like a spoof of a 18th century garden of follies.
504	Homeless highway to camping in minto
505	More people at the park means it will be harder to find parking. I do not like driving around in circles looking for parking. Also, I am concerned about an increasing homeless population.
506	Would not like it to become 24/7 "amusement park".
507	More homeless
508	Views
509	Too crowded with structures, events, etc.
510	Feeling crowded
511	Safety regarding so many homeless
512	Provide some access to paths/bridges when paid events are at the park.
513	That it will damage the already eco system

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514	I don't have a lot of concerns - I like the new bridge a lot and I think the other additions are great.
515	Hope for additional parking and shade
516	Keeping views and allowing access.
517	Too much noise and too many events would reduce the feeling of escape that I get by visiting.
518	I worry about the costs. I also hope that the homeless population's needs are also in consideration given Salem's increasing homeless population and how they rely on park space and amenities. Also it needs WAAAAAY more available parking.
519	Would not like to see it over developed, it would spoil it. Keep all of its existing green spaces.
520	I would have to know what is proposed and I don't
521	Overcrowding during popular times and events makes the experience less enjoyable.
522	Removing long standing fare.
523	That the changes will reduce access
524	Overuse - not having it available for daily use by the public.
525	We need more activities. Especially geared towards the 21-35 age range
526	I'm excited to see changes as long as it still serves the public well. I think the new Minto Island bridge was a great investment for the community.
527	It will be over developed.
528	The open space being lost
529	Gets too crowded
530	They're not happening quick enough
531	That the naturalness of the park would be eroded by construction of structures.
532	That the city will pave over more of the park with parking. There's enough parking already - let people walk from downtown if the lot fills up.
533	None
534	putting up too many structures, which decreases open space
535	Adequate parking near Carousel is needed. Also, private events being able to block off portions of the park is a concern if it becomes intrusive to users of the amenities.
536	That it continues to be open, free and safe. That no current parking is taken away and that additional parking is added as possible.
537	That it would have more specifically private events, not inclusive and not community-minded. That there would be more green space allocated to parking and roads.
538	No concerns about changes
539	Lack of parking
540	Parking & access
541	The downsizing and/or elimination of large grassy areas.
542	Keeping transients away and crime rates down

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543	None
544	too much building on the open green spaces
545	Too many structures and amenities being built in it.
546	Doesn't need more amenities. Just care for what's there. Plant natives, remove ivy, etc
547	Ensuring activities are affordable for all Salem residents.
548	I feel cautious about going over to Minto Park because of the homeless people.
549	Opening up secluded areas of adjoining parks to more people, who are perhaps not engaging in lawful activities (i.e. drugs, camping, etc.) and not having the budget to fully patrol/monitor.
550	Becoming unsafe due to unenforced rules & regs.
551	Getting overly crowded with things. Need to keep open to nature!
552	Too many buildings and not enough natural space
553	Blocking views with the amphitheater.
554	Open green space is Very little open green space left. Increasing number of paid events that block public access.
555	Commercialization and clutter. I like the open, green spaces.
556	I want this park to be free of commercialization. This area belongs to the people of Salem and should not be used for profit. I would be concerned about putting up hotels or restaurants in the park area.
557	Parking. Trash. Bathrooms.
558	Too crowded, no parking
559	The new bridge to Minto Brown park and the one to Wallace Marine Park allow the homeless to now be able to camp in the parks or near them the come over to Riverfront and hang out before getting food at the mission. This problem is going to get worse if homeless camping in unauthorized places in the city is not addressed.
560	will be boring and not artistic or innovative; obstructing views
561	Parking, accessible to all
562	Parking is always a problem and I guess it will get worse as our community grows. I hope the park will always be safe.
563	Too much development, replacement of open recreation space
564	Over development.
565	The ice rink is very ugly and feels cuts into the openness of the park.
566	Not enough parking
567	The only concern I have is that it may attract more homeless activity which could then lead to drug activity and paraphernalia left behind in the park.
568	Loss of open green spaces replaced with structures and cement
569	I worry about too many commercial endeavors that will charge for entry. The Gilbert house and carousel are great for attracting people, and then there's a park to enjoy before or after the visit to the paid attraction. But if you keep adding buildings and venues, it loses its "park" designation and becomes more of an entertainment complex. I worry that

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	parking will not be sufficient for the increase in visitors so we will be stuck with parking a mile away and/or paying for parking.
570	Overuse, crowds
571	To much building in the park, placing to many "amenities" in the park such as amphitheater, play ground in wrong locations were there is not enough parking
572	Too many structures that take away from the open spaces.
573	My biggest concern, as a downtown business owner and a daily user of city permit parking, is lack of parking for all the new amazing things going into the park! Even with my paid spot, it's often hard to get a spot because folks ignore the signs! A solution might be more parking on the south side of the park.
574	Too much development, too many buildings and structures
575	Too many structures. More people.
576	I hope there is not too much more open space lost to development.
577	I fear it will become commercialized or taken over by expensive concerts or high cost events that exclude low income families.
578	Equity. Must be open to all. More Spanish language signs. Where is this survey in spanish? Are you doing outreach to the very large and important Latino community here?
579	More buildings and less open space.
580	need to get rid of English Ivy and replace with native plants
581	The lack of open spaces and trying to crowd too many people in too small a space. Also parking
582	That it become so full of new amenities like the skating rink that it's open space is lost.
583	More structures
584	The new amphitheater structure will block views of the river, Minto-Brown park and the new pedestrian bridge.
585	easy bike access
586	Too much stuff destroying nature and too many things that require cash that limits who can be there at all times
587	Lack of parking in front of carousel. We need more parking but I don't want to see a mega parking lot that detracts from enjoying nature and the river.
588	Overdevelopment
589	Will it become too crowded???!!!!
590	I hope that the wide open spaces will remain. Squeezing too many activities in the space at the same time is not good
591	Blockage to the Willamette
592	Endong up with too many structures
593	Taking away from the natural spaces.
594	That any part of the park will be demolished to widen the road or add a third car bridge
595	New amphitheatre is over styled
596	Overcrowding

Number	Question 5 Response Text
597	Over crowding
598	Homeless
599	Too much buildup and buildings. Overuse as some public festival place, taking away access to peace and quiet by taxpayers who want their park, not some carnival.
600	The entrance to the carousel might be closed
601	I like the open space, and hope it doesn't get "cluttered up" with too many structures.
602	That it will become too "developed". I want it to continue to feel like a park and not a fairgrounds
603	Loss of green space, loss of natural landscape.
604	The new bridge makes Minto Park less safe so that I no longer feel that I can walk there alone.
605	Space. View. Access.
606	That they might encroach on the open feel to the park.
607	I do not want anything that limits the public's access to the park. An occasional event is fine.
608	Privatization. Bike access.
609	Too many things taking away from open areas
610	Too much money being poured into this park and other parks being neglected.
611	I would hate for it to become too congested -- too many competing uses.
612	Not sure what changes to the amphitheater will be
613	Maybe try to involve public in decision-making for those who cannot attend meetings or time to be involved in committees. Surveys is a good start.
614	I'm not a fan of the amphitheater plan. It needs some shade built in. See Pendarvis Farm: http://www.vrtxmag.com/articles/pickathon-the-rebel-festival/
615	Too many tall buildings. The new building going up near the globe blocks the whole view now, seems like bad placement to me. It looks generic too, could have made a beautiful building to compliment the view you're blocking but you went with a boring brick square. Nice
616	becoming too commercial
617	Becoming to commerical
618	My biggest concern is that current Open Space will be eaten up by other 'out-buildings.'
619	Aesthetics, over crowding
620	Accessibility and family friendly access.
621	Less bike and walkways.
622	Amplified music disrupts the peaceful tranquility of the park.
623	None
624	losing the natural beauty, too made up
625	Closing it off to the public for special events and interest groups.
626	Lack of parking and bathroom facilities to handle larger crowds.

Number	Question 5 Response Text
627	Homeless population is encroaching. Safety is a big concern. Also there is limited parking
628	Safety
629	Ongoing maintenance costs of a new ampitheatre.
630	My biggest concern would be it turning into a overcrowded dense area where it becomes a struggle to run or bike.
631	Harder than ever to get to.
632	Nothing
633	None
634	Not enough parking for users
635	Activities/events that don't take into account public use or lack of parking. Parking would have to be offsite, which can be dangerous after dark.
636	"Chunking" it up into more uses. Leave the open spaces please. Love the carousel but it really was poorly placed in this beautiful park. I always wondered if the designer, Carol Mayer Reed was consulted when that happened.
637	Loss of open space.
638	That habitat will be destroyed. I worry that the new area to be added to the park will become a parking lot. I would hate to see any part of the park paved over for any purpose.
639	That the city will want to add more surface parking to the newly purchased land.
640	I'd like the waterfront, riparian area to be enhanced and improved with more and better native vegetation. The ecological interface is vital to our community and those downstream. I am also concerned that the park stays safe, clean and inclusive to the public. The bathroom in the Carousel as a compliment to the outdoor playground bathroom is really important. More and better bathrooms to meet needs in the north end of the park would be great, something near Gilbert House perhaps.
641	Trying to put too many things at the park that take away from the open space.
642	Too much space will be allocated to parking. Parking should be for handicap residents; others should walk from parkades, etc.
643	becoming too crowded with structures
644	Start charging for access
645	None.
646	Overdevelopment
647	None
648	That changes make river access difficult
649	Removing pedestrian access facilities such as the center street above path
650	Lack of natural vegetation.
651	That money from inappropriate sources will just be wasted, like urban renewal funds used to build the Peter Courtney bridge that benefits a very small group when there is a severe shortage of parking in downtown. Those funds should have been used to build a parking structure.
652	encroachment on wildlife

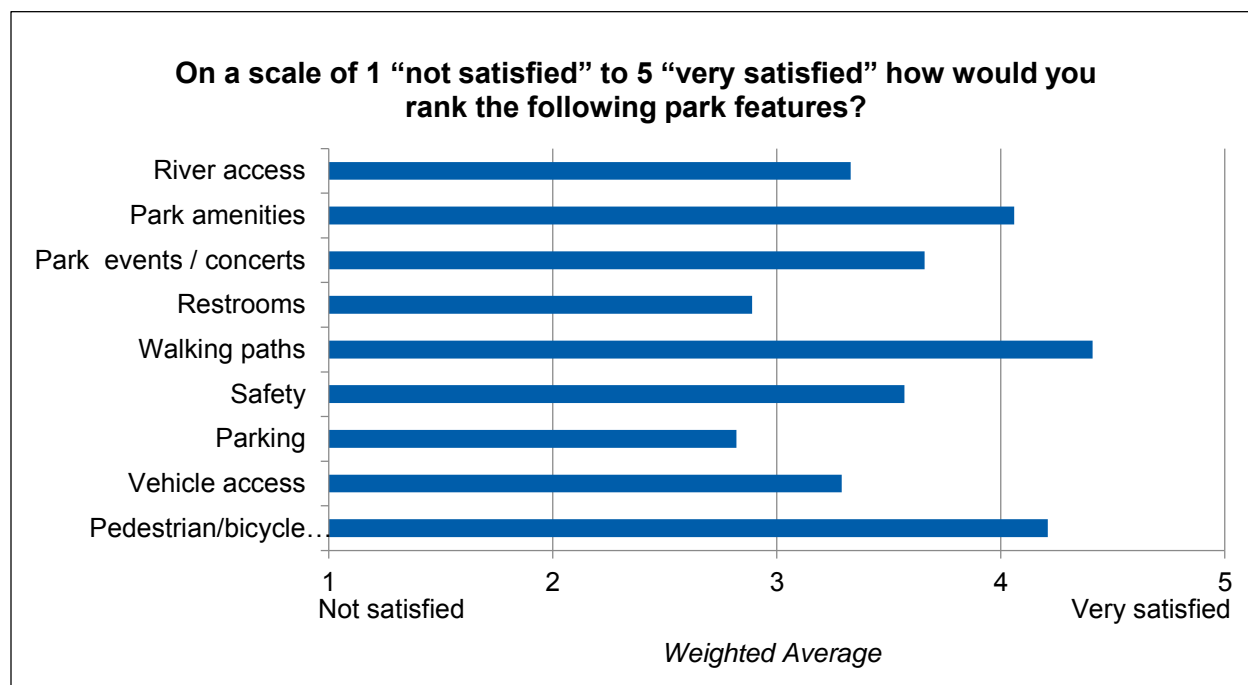
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653	commercialization and structures that take away open space and reduce the park to nothing special. Let the downtown restaurants benefit from park users.
654	Too many conflicting interests, too many people.
655	Visual/structural clutter and uncoordinated development of competing uses.
656	Don't see a need for another amphitheater.
657	That there will be additional hard surfaces at the expense of riparian vegetation and open space.
658	I would not like to see many more "hard" structures added unless it was more playgrounds for children. Let there be a lot of natural, open space. The temporary ice rink is fantastic!
659	Need to continue to improve access to the park from downtown across Front Street. Potential for more attractions in the park is great, need to maintain ability to travel through the park.
660	We need to provide more access on the east side of the river to the Willamette. safe river access is critical.
661	No place to get food or drink and that needs to change as you bring in more people.
662	Hard to find parking.
663	That non power craft access to river or views of the river might be reduced
664	Habitat loss, loss of watershed function. We need less pavement and less turf, more natural area, especially trees - big trees.
665	Losing green space
666	we are going to build too much and do away with what makes the park so special
667	That it might overcrowded and that building will pop all around making it lose that nature feeling
668	My biggest concern is that we will devote more space to the automobile. Instead we need more trees, in my opinion. I would like to see the new land near Commercial Street be developed as a wooded copse, perhaps with benches or picnic tables. Or a native plants garden with signage. Or an art garden. NOT all parking lot!!
669	No real concerns at this time
670	Parking
671	No concerns
672	We need more parking for the carousel
673	That there will be less and less open space and fewer and fewer places to see the river and just appreciate nature. I am not happy about the new building that is blowing our view of the brand new bridge and the eco ball.
674	Not enough parking
675	None
676	Losing the natural views. Hate the amphitheater idea unless it could be one that gets packed away for 9 mos. of the year.
677	We do NOT need the proposed Rotary amphitheater.

Number	Question 5 Response Text
678	My biggest concern about the park has always been safe and effective pedestrian and bicycling access. The crossing at Front St. does not feel buffered enough for young families who want to enjoy the amenities of the park.
679	Filling it up with too many buildings which impinge on open space.
680	Not enough parking. Safety in the evening.
681	Ensure that it continues to serve the community; this could include some appropriately-scaled commercial uses.
682	That it does not become a homeless staged park with tents and garbage
683	Achieving a balance between nature and business. I do not mind the skating rink, but it sure has had an impact on the view. And the landscape. The surrounding area is soggy with grass trampled into dirt. I hope it will be restored to what it was. Next pay special attention to the environmental impact of such and enterprise.
684	Not enough parking to support additional attractions
685	That it won'
686	Too much construction might restrict the use of the park by pedestrians, runners, bikers.
687	No major concerns yet.
688	Limiting access to the whole community. Accessibility to the park. Forgetting the park's history as a vital part of our downtown community and destruction of potential archaeological resources.
689	It will become too commercial and crowded.
690	lack of parking (esp close parking for handicapped), open spaces being taken away
691	Homeless using it as their home
692	Adding too many commercial activities.
693	Do not obstruct view or access to river, or over build
694	It becomes to commercialized.
695	limited access to the things that make Salem Great. If I wanted more stores, and city life, I'd move to one. I love the small town community feel of the park in the summer. I also love all the activities that happen there (World Beat, Color Run, the new Ice Rink). It's the versatile outdoor use that makes the park different.
696	Loss of open space and park become "cluttered" with too many disparate facilities.
697	I work for a festival and am worried about things being permanently built in the park that will force us to redesign/rework our festival. I really enjoy the open space and quietness of the park. I'm not sure it needs anything more.
698	Loosing open space to permanent structures. Ice rink is temporary structure so not a permanent loss
699	Downtown access and parking are the two biggest challenges, I think.
700	Don't want to see any more construction - ie waterfront restaurant, more additions to the carousel, etc.
701	none
702	It will get crowded with amenities, people, events.

Number	Question 5 Response Text
703	We need to find the right balance between filling it with "stuff" and park/open space. Also need balance with regard to parking and access. The park needs better connection to downtown.
704	That it will feel even more disjointed/there won't be flow between the spaces. (Just because it's wide open doesn't mean it feels cohesive.)
705	None at this time.
706	I would like to see food and rental concessions.
707	Removal or lack of native plants and animals.
708	I would be incredibly disappointed if too many non-natural features were added (i.e. a facility in addition to the ice rink and the carousel) because a lot of Riverfront's charm to me is how it is such a lovely, open greenspace only steps from the bustle of Salem. Build more facilities in town, not in the park!
709	That too much of the open spaces will be taken away by other projects like added shelters or features.
710	I hope that the river view is not blocked.
711	Me preocupa que el acceso sea restringido (* I worry that the access will be restricted)
712	No estoy preocupada. Todos los cambios son positivos (* I am not worried. All the changes are positive.)
713	Que haya oportunidad para hispanos, para disponer de los recursos para crear proyectos en el lugar (* More opportunities for hispanics to be able to make use of the resources to create projects)

* Denotes translated text

6. On a scale of 1 “not satisfied” to 5 “very satisfied” how would you rank the following park features?							
Park Features	1	2	3	4	5	Weighted Average	Response Count
Pedestrian/bicycle access	20	27	112	229	384	4.21	772
Vehicle access	60	157	217	171	166	3.29	771
Parking	142	207	183	128	111	2.82	771
Safety	38	81	221	266	165	3.57	771
Walking paths	4	8	69	276	415	4.41	772
Restrooms	113	171	245	168	72	2.89	769
Park events / concerts (for example, Movies in the Park, Bite & Brew)	21	49	268	250	172	3.66	760
Park amenities (for example, the Riverfront Carousel, amphitheater, splash pad, Rotary Pavilion, AC Gilbert House Children’s Museum)	10	39	159	255	309	4.06	772
River access	62	103	262	206	140	3.33	773
Comments (please elaborate)							196
Answered question							782
Skipped question							86



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1	Need more restrooms!! and they should be disbursed around the entire park,not just at one end. It's ridiculous during events!
2	overall enjoy park only problem the occurs at park is parking by the carousel is lacking (not enough during days of nice weather) and at times during dark hours not feeling very safe with some of the people at the park
3	I dont use a lot of the amenities listed. River access is so constrained by slopes and small dock
4	Too many big events with tall obscured fencing clog the park. S ome of those could easily go to the fields at Bush Park.
5	Not sure how you access the river
6	It would be nice to have a restroom at the other end of the park and more parking available. It would also be nice to have more river access.
7	need a better dock
8	I think the park strikes a good balance right down between developed sites (like the carousel) and the open space sites. While I generally don't like the idea of more commercial services in the park, I think the ice rink is fine because winter is such a low-use time.
9	Crossing Front Street to get into the park can be challenging. The presence of transients in the park can also make it feel unsafe. It would be nice to have some police presence or lighted emergency call boxes available in the park for added security.
10	Well everything at the park is pretty well set up, the river looks nice but you can't really swim in it. I just usally go to bike around and hang out.
11	It would be great if there was a small marina on the Riverfront side where people could rent kayaks & paddle boards
12	Anytime the weather is nice we love to take our kids out on the boat for a nice ride or catch and release fishing. The dock is horrible and should be fixed. We can offer more water sports and even season rental stands for SUP and kayaks.
13	More bathrooms near the splash pad/pavilion are needed.
14	Bathrooms near the splash pad would be great!
15	More parking, safer - and more - restroom options needed.
16	Salem has failed to accentuate the Willamette River. While we are not lucky to have a natural sandy bank, very little has been done to develop an area to enjoy river access. River access and park enjoyment are two exclusive things at this point, much different than say, Bend's many riverside parks.
17	These questions are way too bias! For example, the way it reads if I am not satisfied with park amenities you'd perceive that I would like them improved, which is NOT the case. I'd actually like some of them removed.
18	need restroom facilities (or porta potties) on north side of park by pavillion
19	One or more restrooms should be constructed for other areas of the park.
20	More events / concerts
21	I dont care about the events/ carousel/ amplitheater/ etc.
22	It would be nice if there was some way to have the restrooms open year round.

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23	Want a safe environment for kids to be kids in
24	I am concerned about the homeless around the park
25	Easier access for canoes/kayaks.
26	Bathrooms are unsafe and filthy and full all the time. And are locked at unreasonable hours. (I get the safety concern, but Riverfront is BEAUTIFUL to walk at dusk and there needs to be bathrooms available.
27	Would it be possible for a pavilion that kids could get out from the weather and play? just a thought
28	Bathrooms by playground are not very safe. You can't see your kids so you have to round up the whole group to go pee. Especially with the bums!
29	The play structure is set up in such a way that you cannot keep it all in view. River Road Park has much better sight lines so you can easily keep an eye on all children, regardless of age.
30	Parking can be an issue but I don't want to give up any park area for more parking.
31	I have bathrooms a low rating because there only one set near the playground... none on the other side.
32	The bathroom situation.... I mentioned it above.... it's just REALLY bad.
33	Money...has Salem appropriated money to cover all retirement and disability obligations...if not...no money should go to this or any fun unnecessary projects.
34	Need restrooms or porta potties on North end of park by picnic shelter.
35	Bicycle pump tracks
36	Love the ice rink! It adds life to the park during the winter months.
37	my issue with restrooms has to do with those in Minto, not Riverfront. Isn't it about time Minto stopped using porta-potties as restrooms?
38	Wildlife in the wetlands under and near the Courtney Minto bridge needs to be protected.
39	I like that it's a safe environment with not a lot of homeless harassing people like in the streets of downtown Salem. The Gilbert house is always a good place for children to have fun. Parking is always limited though and driveways are narrow.
40	Might be nice to have 1-2 food carts
41	Parking could be bigger in the main entrance, and the playground has a lot of blind spots.
42	At this point parking is adequate. Would hate to see the limited space turned into a parking lot. Trail access from Pringles would allow for parking elsewhere and walking/biking to gain entrance.
43	Self-propelled boaters should have better access
44	I do worry about the homeless population in terms of being able to leave my stroller, etc unattended. Having a security presence would be appreciated.
45	We never use the river
46	In Seattle they have trails marked "wheels" and "heel" to try to keep bikes and pedestrians separate.
47	Love to see families enjoying the park.
48	Parking is a nightmare. There are not nearly enough restrooms for the size of the park.

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49	Please add another category of rating for those of us who do not access certain venues, like the river access
50	Parking needs to be addressed.
51	this question needs an NA box. I don't really have a personal opinion about the carousel or parking. The bathrooms are old and need to be replaced, but the city is always cleaning them which helps a lot.
52	It seems like whenever I try to use the bathroom there I can't. Doors seem to be locked all the time or something.
53	I either run or walk with friends
54	The biggest problem is access across front street. It would be so much better if a large section of front street were put below grade, with large grassy and vegetated areas over the tunnel.
55	hard to get across Front. restrooms often locked. hard to get to the river.
56	Pedestrian/bike access from downtown area is good, can be better. Same with auto access, but with limited parking I'm not sure better access would help. As a local, I know about vehicle access, but visitors probably have a difficult time. I'm not a big fan of weekend carnival style events. During the prime summer months, weekend events dominate the park. I think it's way too much. Let the park and its amenities be the attraction. Mid-week events like RiverRock use the amphitheater in a right-sized manner that adds to cultural vibrancy of community. Other events are too big and take over the park.
57	I wish there was a pedestrian connection to Riverfront from City Hall without having to go through all of the crosswalks and traffic noise through downtown.
58	A boat house or place to rent Kayak's and bikes would be great
59	A sandy beach with lifeguards would be great, but would require much thought, time, and manpower.
60	This park has lots of potential. I'm guessing the park amenities are very popular. The skate rink a prime example, I do hope the mayor's head has healed. I'd like to see bicycle rental, canoe/kayak rental, rickshaw/carriage services and a bus stop.
61	Need a safe way to walk down the bank to Pringle Creek, near its confluence with W. Slough
62	Would be great to have better river access on the east side of the river, Wallace Marine Park doesn't feel as safe as Riverfront Park, so we don't use that side very much.
63	Please consider improving parking and additional restrooms (especially at the north end)
64	Bathrooms need to be cleaned a lot more often than they are
65	Please, please be conscious of overdeveloping and ruining the attractive aspects of the park. Revitalize the west side.
66	There is no need for river access. Wallace marine has a ramp, the current is swift...
67	Need more permanent access to the river and slough. Current adhoc access (except the dock) is marginal and often unsafe.
68	Bathrooms at the Gilbert end of the park would be nice. It's a pretty long walk to the other side and would be good for those who don't have homes, too. Even if they were the visible feet style from Portland, that'd work.

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69	I would like another set of restrooms (not just an outhouse) by the water park side of the park. And MORE parking its terrible if there is any events. And you advertise events but rarely times and dates so we know when to avoid the park if we need to
70	Not enough bicycle parking
71	I love that the bridge now connects to Minto to downtown. I never feel safe riding my bike on River Rd. I've nearly been hit by cars many times. And not that the bridge is opened and I can commute by bicycle I feel safer and more apart of my community.
72	there should be a NA column. I don't use the river for boating or swimming
73	I feel safe during the day. I don't know that I would walk alone at night. I have never done it so I don't know if I'd be safe or not.
74	It would be great to have an actual swimming area and not just the dock.
75	There should be a pedestrian overpass to access the park. Not only is the crossing itself unsafe but it causes severe congestion when events occurs during peak transit times.
76	I actually avoid the park during events! Spoils it for me. Fewer big crowded events the better! I frequently bike into the park from Commercial, and it's very awkward when you get to the driveway having to watch for traffic and turn into the park. It would be great too if that access under Commercial could ever be finished.
77	I don't access the river from the park.
78	Would be cool to have an eatery somewhere
79	River access is slim to none. The dock is not welcoming and the pay off isn't worth it if you make the trek down.
80	I don't think that there should be any on site parking. There's plenty of street parking nearby
81	Covered playground or lit for winter evenings would be amazing.
82	Events are nice, but the park should be mostly open to the general public... Don't take up every week of summer with a paid event!
83	The area near the children's museum is dark and secluded due to the bridge. There are a lot of vagrants and that is not the safe end of the park.
84	Pedestrian/bicycle access from downtown and especially South Salem is still tricky
85	stop wasting money, fix the roads in salem
86	The festivals prevent free enjoyment of the park and it's almost every weekend in the summer
87	more concerts please !!
88	I don't have to use the restroom very often but when I do they're pretty clean which I know must be a struggle given how much use they endure.
89	I'd like to see a small bike park or bike playground to encourage kids to ride their bikes more
90	Need restroom on north side of park.Need to keep river views open, not overgrown.Need a safe canoe/kayak access by Monto Bridge.
91	The amenities are very child oriented. I think we need more year round teen/adult oriented amenities. The ice skating is a good example!
92	Access to bike rentals would be wonderful.

Number	Question 6 Response Text/Comments
93	More events, especially concerts in the park. Food truck/booth and small business trucks/tabletops or markets allowed
94	needs gender neutral restrooms
95	Greater River access and access for all would be good.
96	I don't use the river but love the visibility.
97	There has to be a better/safer way to get to the park. Why can't we go under Commercial (right now there is a locked gate)
98	Please do something about the vagrants. It is a major safety issue with such a young population at play. I shouldn't hve to worry about bringing mace with me on a walk between the Wallace park bridge and the waterfront park
99	Delighted to have the ice rink even though I am not an ice skater
100	All the big events take place when it's 100,000 degrees. Have some stuff in the winter.
101	Safety is probably my biggest concern about the park. My wife does not feel comfortable being there alone with our kids unless she is in an area with other people.
102	Too many drug addicts and homeless running around. I'd never take kids there
103	Would love more restrooms at the Gilbert end of the park.
104	Park amenities are lumped together, yet there are some that I think are better than others. Gilbert House is exceptional. While the others are good, too, it is possible to have TOO MANY amenities and I think the Riverfront Park is getting there.
105	Loved having Capitol Pride at Riverfront this year! It would be awesome to have a bike tuning station out there too.
106	Front St and the RR remain barriers to walking and biking from downtown, as well as the greater busyness of the street grid especially for biking
107	Before the peter courtney bridge you could walk down and skip rocks... now you can't. Ho humm.
108	It is always a concern with safety at night in the park. Because of the relation to downtown, troublesome folk can lurk in the park doing drugs and unquestionable things. This issue always needs to be addressed and taken priority to keep everyone safe.
109	Ensure access along pringle Creek -- from Commercial underpass to the park
110	we need a swing set
111	I do not need access to the river as much as I want to be able to view the river and enjoy the wildlife that depend on the river.
112	Existing park amenities are compatible with park without overwhelming it. It's a good level and type of amenity but any additions might start to degrade the park.
113	Sign bridge use courtesy rules on bridges.
114	I don't bring a vehicle to the park since I live within walking distance
115	Parking is completely inadequate for large events.
116	I must go to Wallace Marine Park to put in my kayak. Ok.
117	More designated parking for River front park
118	I'd like to see a path/bike route that goes from the Bush Park / Gaiety Hill neighborhood to Riverfront park - I think it would bring more people to both parks.

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119	I like events in the park that don't hinder free access.
120	Some of the park amenities are useful, but their buildings are not attractive (e.g., the carousel, picnic pavilion). Try to emulate the classic parks that use beautiful stone constructions (e.g., NYC's Central Park).
121	need restrooms at both ends of park. need more parking.
122	Hopefully more parking with the new area to the south where construction equipment was.
123	Thankful for the new improved crossing to downtown - let's have even more connectivity to downtown and a better connection to the railroad bridge (a bit of a dangerous pinch point)
124	The bathrooms are gross, and limited. The sidewalks on front street going toward the park are very narrow and close to heavy traffic.
125	No more buildings in the park unless yet are restrooms.
126	Homeless population creates safety concerns
127	Need to keep the overgrown trees cut for river views.
128	I don't go to park events such as concerts.
129	Maintain public access to park and pathways.
130	I'd like there to be a boat house for non-motorized boats (rowing shells, kayaks, canoes, paddle boards, dragon boats)
131	Railroad tracks cuts park off to emergency responders if there is a park emergency at a time a train is going by
132	All walking trails need to be maintained better in Minto Brown and Wallace Marine Park. More dog parks and pave more parking areas.
133	Would like o see a boathouse or renatl place with better water access
134	It should be easier to enter the park without waiting for traffic lights or having to walk along traffic for a long distance.
135	Safety in the main part of the park is generally fine. However, the northern portion (near the Gilbert House and Union Street bridge) is frequently visited by some rougher crowds. Some are homeless. Many of them are just walking or enjoying the park like anyone else and I don't have a problem with that. But some of them have mental instabilities and/or apparent drug problems. I like to take my kids to the park and walk around after work. When we leave, it's usually dark, and the walk from the bridge to the parking lot can be a little sketchy at times. I would love to see more lighting in that area. An occasional patrol would be nice, but let's definitely start with lighting.
136	It is impossible to place every amenitie in one park and still have the open spaces and without blocking views
137	Protect the open spaces
138	Need more bicycle parking
139	don't make any more buildings. Save open space, nature watching, native plants
140	Is there any way to have a few paths going lower towards the river and put some benches there?
141	There is adequate access to the Willamette for power boats, however for rowing and paddle boats a low level dock would be appreciated.

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142	Would love a dry dock for rowing shells and kayaks
143	I think that kayak rental should be located at Wallace near boat ramp area
144	Those are not amenities, except perhaps for the splash pad. They are competitors for the area that negatively impact the enjoyment of the park.
145	I neglected to mention how much I love the festivals.
146	The bathrooms are better than porta potties, but they aren't exactly a pleasant experience. The north parking lot has too many spaces marked as "permit parking only". There are several times I have had to park in these spots as there were no other spots available.
147	Get rid of the river queen taking up public access space.
148	It would be nice to access on foot or bike south of State St so you could avoid crossing Front street. Also A river access at the south slough would be a bonus!
149	Bike and pedestrian access from downtown is poor.
150	Please prioritize maintenance of amenities, sidewalks, landscape, bridges, cleanliness!
151	I would love to see expanded access/trails to the north along Front St, as well as, river-view trails to the north and south of Wallace Marine.
152	Would appreciate more direct river access and parking
153	Sometimes I don't feel safe at the park and I wish there were more police on bikes to patrol the paths.
154	Need more river access and boat tour options beyond the sternwheeler such as jet boats
155	There's bathrooms? LOL. Beyond minimal.
156	Maybe a place to be able to rent boats and jetskis.
157	Easier river access for kayakers would be good.
158	We need more access to the water, we need more trees.
159	A better non-motorized boat access point would be great.
160	When events are at the park, such as the bite or world beat, the event people strong arm you to pay to enter a City park or they just won't let you in. There are many other things to do at the park but the event people keep you out. They are rude and unprofessional.
161	We need better connection to the river.
162	There needs to be better access from downtown, specifically crossing front street. The cross walk signs are rarely aligned to allow you to walk all the way across the street and it creates a physical break from downtown.
163	We need to create/improve the acces from edge water / Eola to Riverfront
164	It would be great to have a long, low dock suitable for crew rowing and paddle sports extending out onto the Willamette.
165	Too many "amenities" already. The park's location provides a unique opportunity to create something special. That doesn't require more structures and hardscapes.
166	More access to Pringle Creek would be nice.
167	Like the ice rink
168	Gilbert House is one of the best things in Salem.

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169	Ok with existing level of vehicular access & parking- no more needed. Consider parking meters to manage parking.
170	More river access needed.
171	Need more parking as you expect to bring in more people to use the park. Also need to provide for food access.
172	Safe and convenient river access for the types of boats I use is terrible
173	We need more access to the water, we need more trees
174	River Access is difficult due to steps/steep ramp, not sure if a better area to launch and retrieve kayaks and other non motorized boats could be made
175	I have not used the restrooms but assume they are fine; the parking lot entrance is awkward when exiting
176	I would like to see more natural surface trails in Riverfront and/or Minto Brown
177	The feeling of being safe while walking is declining with the large homeless crowd.
178	Ban the amphitheater idea - it's too much clutter.
179	Pedestrian access from downtown across Front Street is terrible
180	Real-time updating signs for the parking structures (showing how many spaces are open) would be helpful during large events.
181	I love the view of the river; I love people using the park; I love early morning access to the park and walking across the Minto Island bridge with my dog or on my own.
182	Must get Restroom up near Rotary Pavilion!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
183	Easier river access for kayakers would be good.
184	restrooms do not seem clean
185	More river access would be nice.
186	Safe river access other than at the boat dock needs to be improved.
187	I use the park in the hot months for the outdoor events, and cold months to commute to/from work by foot
188	More lights are desperately needed. It gets dark fast in the winter and I don't feel safe walking alone.
189	Pedestrian access across front street needs to change to sky bridge. Remove the light at state street - it causes a traffic safety issue with cars heading south on Front merging and changing lanes to make a right turn at Commercial. It will only get worse! Or add another light to hold ramp traffic so merge/lane change can happen safely
190	Restrooms needed on north side of park near covered picnic area.
191	Too many events and amenities
192	Need restrooms at North end and more/nicer restrooms at South end. Safe access across Front St a concern.
193	I love the park however I think the EcoEarth globe is one of the least aesthetically pleasing or culturally relevant monument I've seen well....anywhere. Rather than remodel it, I'd strongly encourage replacing it with something else (a prettier statue that blends in more with the landscape, for example, or a fountain!)
194	Adding better parking would be great. And more benches by the play structure.

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195	Me gustaría que hubiera mejoras en la señalización peatonal y de bicicletas porque a veces está congestionado especialmente en verano y jóvenes con patinetas podrían lastimar a algún peatón (* I would like there to be improvements in the pedestrian and bicycle signage because sometimes it is congested specially in the summer and young people with skateboards could hurt some pedestrian)
196	Mas oportunidades y apoyo para involucramiento en el desarrollo de,proyectos para minorias (* More opportunities and support for involvement in the development of projects for minorities)

* Denotes translated text

7. What would you like to see at Riverfront Park in the future?	
Response Count	662
Answered question	662
Skipped question	206

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1	Disc Golf, please. This is a great activity for everyone from families to solo individuals and citizens across the entire economic scale. What a great what to encourage more use of our amazing park system.
2	River based activities
3	More events and places to have events besides the amphitheater
4	more outdoor concerts not connected to a particular event. Look at what the City of Independence does, and even the City of Monmouth. They have concert series all summer long.
5	Don't know.
6	Continue adding things that would bring more kids and families to the park like more playground equipment, more parking by carousel, the pavilion is a great idea, more activities since the minto island bridge is in place leave minto island as the park focused on nature keep it simple and have more focus on activity oriented items (planned park)
7	Larger dock. Boat house.
8	More small places to sit out of rain and sun where one could enjoy the view of the river. Maybe some river related art. More interesting plants. Maybe a plaza that could be covered for some winter or summer gatherings
9	Improved amphitheater
10	More events including festivals, concerts and charity events.
11	Restrooms (permanent) at the north end. More parking; especially needed during events.
12	Do not make new amphitheater huge, do not hurt the view of the river or PCMI Bridge.
13	Path connection to Pringle Creek trail
14	A walking connection under Commercial to the other paths/parks
15	Weekly or monthly events such as Orchestra in the park. Continued pedestrian/bicycle access leading up to the park through downtown that is off the road as much as possible to improve safety for children and families
16	More bike/ walking paths connecting neighborhoods like south east Salem neighborhood to the park & all its paths. We love biking & we have small children, it's a challenge to get to the park when they are biking too because we don't want them biking on the roads yet, there's no connecting path from bike path that goes past indigo wellness & library area.
17	Nothing specifically, the parks fairly nice as is.
18	More access to the Willamette. Create a small beach area, as there is no natural shore that people can explore. I would also love to see a sand volleyball court.
19	More direct connection to the river from different areas.
20	I WOULD LIKE BETTER RIVER USE; KAYAKS,CANOES, ETC- PERHAPS ON WEST; ALSO FIX THE 3.8 ACRES.

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21	AN AMPHITHEATOR!
22	loaner kayaks
23	A well designed bike/skate park. Riverfront has wonderful things for young kids to do to stay active, but I, being in my mid 30s and still wanting to play like a kid, would like park features that I would play and progress skills on. I think cycling and skating can span many age groups and be a healthy and entertaining benefit for all.
24	Possibly a restaurant or two - something simple and family friendly. Ice cream, pizza, sandwiches?
25	"Kayak launching area, fishing area
26	Diversity in spaces for people to congregate, seating along the river, Perhaps and indoor outdoor facility for events which could also be rented out but located at the southernmost end of the park"
27	More parking and easier access for families.
28	A new skatepark/bike park
29	Bike rentals, kayak rentals
30	restaurants, ability to rent kayaks or other water activity vehicles, expanded parking
31	I like the idea of a better music venue that the rotary amphitheater could bring. I would hope that it offers a balance of paid, money-making events and those that are free to the public. Riverfront park should be accessible to everyone, and if you had to buy a ticket to access it every weekend of the summer that would be sad.
32	Skate park and bike / pump track (more activities for kids)
33	No new amenities. It will become too crowded.
34	outdoor movies (movies in the park); better bicycle access getting to the park; swimming events in the Willamette; Dragon Boats; pumpkin boat regattas (like the one in Tualatin). This park is one of the great gems of Salem. As many events as possible. Maybe even a parkways bicycle ride to show case it.
35	car shows, with collector cars from the local area.
36	Maybe a pump track on the other side or a bike park there too. The one in downtown is nice but has a problem with homeless and it's doesn't have that much space for all the people biking.
37	Small marina, Riverfront restaurant north of AC Gilbert, small water recreation rentals, bigger splash pad with foam padding, local artist sculptures, fun facts and historical markers around trails to better spotlight Salem points of interest, rentable turf field with lights, playground expansion (as Downtown Salem attracts more families this playground is already overcrowded on nice days), another crosswalk access point near South Block, improved path lights
38	Maintained open space and natural beauty
39	The rubberized ground under the play structure and an area for smaller ones to play safely.
40	More parking, another covered area, more restrooms.
41	More events, Salem on Ice was awesome! Bring it back/keep it longer!
42	Pump track for bikes and a skatepark
43	Another bridge to Polk County

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44	More trees
45	More cleanup around the edge of the river. I see trash on the bank every time I am down there
46	N/a
47	more covered areas. protection from elements
48	Better area parking, but don't take park green space for parking.
49	Maybe more covered areas for playing and eating?
50	better bike and pedestrian access from downtown
51	Events, safety or security, cso.. public safety. Grandson cried. Afraid of needles. More events to just chill out.
52	More parking, fence between playground & parking lot, more picnic tables & trash cans, food cart pod
53	See previous comment! Seasonal outdoor water rentals! Bike rentals too... like the coast and in Bend!
54	A covered play area. Shade for parents watching their kids at the splash pad.
55	More swings at the playground
56	More bathrooms
57	More music!
58	Covered play area, and fencing around walk way near river
59	The update in the splash pad was awesome as was the bridge. Whoever is making decisions is doing great!
60	A covered play area for rainy weather.
61	Keep it green, less buildings the better
62	A large covered play area and a fenced in playground. And bathrooms that are easier to access. I wish the restroom doors faced the playground instead of the parking lot.
63	More security/police presence
64	Not riverside access, but a developed, aesthetically pleasing area along the river that gives the parklike feel as well as river access at the same location
65	More mountain bike amenities
66	More bathrooms maybe.
67	More parking on the south end. A large covered area for playing
68	More outdoor activities, clean ups, educational programs and runs
69	A place for paddlers to launch kayaks, canoes, SUPs
70	More trees planted
71	More things on the minto side, expand splash pad
72	More events promoting local Salem or Willamette Valley businesses or products
73	Bike park
74	Less stuff/buildings. More organic opportunities to enjoy the view, bridge and river.

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75	Skatepark and more bicycle friendly facilities. The new park would be a great area for skating and biking.
76	Utilization of the large field areas with more picnicking areas, restrooms and more play ground options
77	I'm pretty happy with it the way it is. I would like to continue to see events like World Beat, the Bite etc.
78	preserve nature and open spaces
79	Covered play area, maybe more bathrooms
80	More events for small children
81	A large covered play place for kids for when it's raining or during the winter
82	I would love an expanded farmers market type event where local growers and artisans could share their items with the community.
83	More trees and restrooms. More areas with picnic tables.
84	More events / concerts
85	Maintaining what is there without adding a bunch of expenses. Also, the globe is ugly, it should be taken out.
86	I love the ice rink...it would be great if it was permanent but in an area that didn't impede events.
87	A covered play area.
88	Easier access from down town.
89	excited for an expansion of the park, that empty lot on south end has been stagnant for some time
90	food cart
91	More parking! More events.
92	More trails
93	I'd like to see it better integrated with the nearby commercial areas. Pubs, coffee shops, and restaurants convenient to the park would be great. Front street doesn't have much. The new development has a title company which is not the type of business the area needs to make it fun.
94	A trail connecting Minto along the train tracks past South Block apartment accessing the dirt/gravel road into the main entrance of Minto for another way to travel into the park.
95	More kid type activities
96	While it's nice to have some events in the park, it shouldn't be the main attraction. I'd like to see interpretative areas for people to learn more about the city, history and the park.
97	Covered play space so kids can get out in the winter.
98	Safer bathrooms, covered play areas. More free parking !!
99	Another play area at the N end
100	A huge slide similar to the one in Wilsonville's memorial park. Or a water feature similar to Wilsonville's as well. We drive up there to go to their amazing park.
101	Covered play place for in the rain and better bathrooms

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102	Perhaps a large covered play area. Ice skating again. Canoe/kayak/peddle-boat rentals?
103	Maybe a food truck now and then in one of the parking lots. Less people sleeping on benches.
104	A covered play area for kids. We have so many months of rain. The only covered area is filled with picnic tables. I'm thinking like schools have, big covered areas with open space for kids to ride scooters and play with balls.
105	Some covered areas for playing while it's raining.
106	A large covered area for play. Perhaps with a playground and some run around space that is weather protected but still in the fresh air. Having a covered space to get out in the winter and spring or on very hot days to have shade would be wonderful for our kids and family to be able to visit for free.
107	An undercover area for kids to play in the rain, NEW BATHROOMS!
108	A covered play area so kids can enjoy it Year round.
109	Replace and upgrade bathrooms. Get more garbage cans on all the paths especially by the water to minimize garbage going into the water. Fix the issues we have before adding new issues.
110	Expanded dock space, or even a boat house.
111	Kayak rental! Bringing the ice rink back, continue events,
112	More places to sit with a view.
113	More central events, it should be Salem's living room.
114	Covered play area, and some restrooms near the park that are facing the park.
115	Further development of the new area just south of the new bridge on Minto Island. Increase access to side trails and nature view points on that peninsula.
116	We love the park, but a covered area would really be amazing. We have a 2 year old who loves to run around and play outside. An option to do so during the many rainy days at the park would be fantastic
117	Coveres area for rainy day playing
118	More picnic tables
119	A covered play area for kids. P
120	The I've rink again!! More parking, bathrooms and safety with those.
121	Restrooms by Rotary Pavilion
122	Large concerts, covered play area for kids
123	More covered picnic areas and more parking.
124	A larger dock, a walk down river access for kayaks and other boats, a clear view of the river, bathrooms on the north end of the park, more restaurants and vendors and get rid of the sternwheeler. It's old and not well maintained. Just sits on the dock taking up space and looking ugly.
125	More access to the river, and better parking
126	More stuff for kids. Young and old and handicapped
127	Well designed structures for rainy season

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128	More fun for kids
129	I would like for there to be an area for kids to play that is a big space that is covered. We don't have enough places for kids to play when it rains.
130	Covered area for when it rains, picnic benches. More swings for the playground!!!
131	A covered area/ play structure area.
132	A covered children's play area.
133	Indoor Roller skating rink
134	I think Salem needs an open air covered park - with a playground and then open space for kids to play. With all our rain, playgrounds go practically unused several months out of the year. A covered - but still outdoor - play place would be so perfect for our climate.
135	The ice rink again. More trees.
136	A bigger play area! With the spongie bottom instead of bark.
137	I would love a covered play area similar to what an elementary school might have so that we can enjoy the outdoors and get the wiggles out even in the Constant drizzle of the Willamette Valley. It would be great if it was a smooth surface- like a track- that is also soft so kids can play foursquare or tag or jump rope. Ideally, a play structure would also be covered- allowing for shady play in the heat of summer and dry play year round.
138	Covered area
139	Covered play area, more equipment/space for families, climbing wall
140	More trails
141	A covered playground
142	A large covered area for free play with picnic tables at the end and benches around the outside. We have so many rainy days and would love to utilize our beautiful park on those days!
143	skate park that is safer than the one downtown
144	Ice skating year round
145	Covered play area for kids on rainy days
146	Already specified...
147	A large covered area for play, picnics and entertainment. It's Oregon, you go out for fun and then it rains. Something to keep the fun going through the winter months
148	A covered and/or fenced in playground would be wonderful!
149	Another covered area
150	A large covered area where kids can play outside on a rainy day. Maybe some 4 square games painted onto the ground or even a "track" painted on the ground under a covered area for tricycles/ little kid ride on toys. It rains here sooo much a covered area built for large motor movements from kids would be great... and maybe a (also covered) conncted patio where a few parents can sit at a picnic table and watch the kids play but not be directly in the line of fire from stray balls.
151	Another set of restrooms on the other side of the park.
152	Bigger splash pad, updated park equipment. Covered park space.
153	We're excited for the new amphitheater

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154	Yeah, a covered mini soccer area could be cool. Over the road crosswalk from downtown to riverfront
155	A covered open play area for rainy days. More restrooms. Better parking. Better homeless control (safety issue)
156	Covered area for children to play.
157	I would absolutely love to see a large covered area that is open air. 1/3 of it with some sort of play equipment, 2/3rds a surface to play soccer/futsal (could be a smooth surface) etc. Families and kids need a place to run and play on rainy days. Many groups of friends struggle to find places to meet and gather when the weather gets a bit harsher. Riverfront has adequate grassy areas and trails, but the city lacks covered outdoor spaces beyond small/med picnic areas. Also, the existing children's play area is often quite busy and it would be great to have more options for children to disperse the crowds a bit even on dry days.
158	A multi-season open space to cover a playground and sport courts to be used for basketball, futsal and soccer. I've seen these in Arizona as to block the sun, but sheltering the rain is a priority here in Oregon.
159	No bums using it.
160	Permanent Structure for Ice Skating Rink
161	Nature and safe canoe/kayak access by the slough. The dock is not safe, especially for families.
162	Pump track!
163	Bike pump track
164	Less landscaping buffer on Front. More visibility to Front and downtown
165	More trails or a continued launching spot/hub for an even more extensive network of trails.
166	Bicycle pump tracks
167	parking structure, multiple levels
168	This town could really use a nice skateboard park In the open for people can see it. More Vance or something on the Wallace Park side. So there's more foot traffic and safety
169	Improved access down to the river - access that feels safe and comfortable. Maybe a floating dock like in Portland? Something that could accommodate fluctuations in water level.
170	Maintenance of its good appearance and amenities.
171	Bicycle Pump track
172	I believe it's fine just the way it is
173	Ways to bring the community together to improve the city! Fun events to bring awareness of social activism to the city.
174	Shaded seating near the splash pad, trees or covered benches.
175	Food carts. Improved music stage as planned by Rotary Club. Connection from Boise site to Riverfront park.
176	I like a lot about how it is....:) More 'classes' in the summer on the history of the park and area like we had last summer (the weekly meetings) would be fun. More play areas for the kids and adults. A city fair/carnival in the summer would be fun. If the goal is to expand use

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	in the colder months, perhaps an indoor play area in the area that was used for construction of the bridge.
177	A large pavilion for a market and food carts. A stage for the amphitheater.
178	More covered space while keeping it outdoorsy
179	Just about anything other than that fugly, unbuildable stage.
180	I don't really like the ugly vinyl ice skating rink. It's OK but I hope it's removed during the summer months. I actually think the park is pretty fine the way it is right now.
181	more trees
182	The ice rink seasonally every year would be great!
183	Might be nice to have 1-2 food carts
184	A rain cover over the playground and swing sets.
185	More shade. Especially near the splash pad and play structure
186	Larger children play structures. Some undercover play structures. Sports area. ie street hockey rink, tennis/basketball, etc.
187	Pringles creek access to the park.
188	Shade/rain panels over part of the playground equipment
189	Not sure
190	More activities
191	Water-trail, boater access,
192	More parking and more shade
193	Security - VERY friendly security. Just to watch out for theft and safety, not to "roust" or hassle homeless folks.
194	More large walking paths. Another playground with more natural climbing features.
195	Bike trails separate from pedestrian paths. Courtesy on the part of the Wednesday running groups. They run in groups taking up the whole width of the sidewalk.
196	Permanent amphitheater
197	More parking (sometimes on busy weekends or events we end up leaving because we cannot find close enough parking and we have young children)
198	restaurant perhaps.
199	Foot path from the globe to Pringle park
200	More seating/picnic areas
201	Not have reserved parking when you have events at the amphitheatre and the spots are reserved and sitting empty.
202	More swings.
203	Non motorized boat access
204	An additional bridge and more paths near the water.
205	More benches on the east side
206	More tables to eat lunch, kayak docks

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207	More runs!
208	It would be nice to have a few easy spots to put in canoes and kayaks where they did not have to be carried a long way and where the current is not too strong in the spring.
209	Better bathrooms for sure. A connection to the stream that comes in on the North side of the park.
210	A beautiful water front. From the water and the bridge it looks like we dont care
211	Cafe with outside tables Maybe in undeveloped park property.
212	More regular food vendors....
213	a bigger park! Extend it to the north and buy other land to make it bigger.
214	More events using the amphitheater in the summer
215	More fishing areas
216	Better bathroom facilities. It's bad when nothing is going on, even worse with an event. Security cameras or more security telephone stations throughout Riverfront Park and Minto Brown.
217	Paths on the west side of river that connect back around to Minto Park, to make a big loop of trails.
218	More trails down to the river
219	More trees, more walking paths, more covered picnic tables.
220	better access to the river and to the park from downtown. more natural feel rather than buildings everywhere.
221	More natural areas for birdwatching and escaping to nature (good for your mental health you know), more natural areas to include native plants, possilbe a nature center of some sort to introduce community (esp young people) to nature and what they can do to protect it
222	Canoe or Kayak rental down by the dock in the summertime. A food cart here or there, and maybe a bike rental business of some kind. In addition to the EcoEarth ball and Tom McCall sculpture, more public art would add interest and points of reference ...something big, creative and iconic for our community.
223	a restaurant
224	More security.
225	Pedestrian access form City Hall.
226	Boat house, show garden of some sort, better parking and pedestrian access from town.
227	Better parking and supervision of clean, sandy, beach on Willamette River.
228	coffee/drinks wagon
229	Better parking
230	see above
231	I think there is a wonderful opportunity to Connect Keizer Rapids park to River Front park with the addition of sidewalks and bike path. This is a very short bike ride between the two parks however Front Street is not safe for adults much less children. I would like to see a bike lane added to Front Street
232	As above, safe walking access to Pringle Creek, near the Peter Courtney Bridge. More natural riparian vegetation along the river and stream banks.

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233	connection to Commercial St. near Pringle Creek, spread out amenities throughout park, south end is too crowded.
234	as much green grass and open views as possible.
235	More music and events like the blues festival in Portland. We have no place for concerts in Salem! I am happy to pay for those, just wish there were more of them. Also, advertise them another way other than the Statesman. I for one, do not read it as it has such a slanted view of things and at times not truthful at all.
236	Restaurants, shops!
237	playground expansion, acid ball/globe restoration, art installation/sculpture
238	The biggest thing for me and my family is pedestrian and bicycle access to Riverfront Park. We live about 5 blocks from the Union Street entrance and are SO GRATEFUL for the improved access to the park from that direction! Thank you, Salem!! However, access at Court and State Streets still feels unsafe, and the traffic on Front Street is a big downer. Cars drive VERY fast in both directions. Not to mention the buttons to press for the walk signals are too close to the street, in my opinion. Anyway, I've been stuck in the middle of Front Street at the Court crossing for 10 minutes, which trusts me feels like an eternity when you have a 6 year old and a stroller. I would love to see more controlled traffic on Front Street and a pedestrian/ bicycle bridge over Front Street at Court or State.
239	More parking and restrooms at the north end
240	Could the ice skating rink be a roller skating rink during the summer?
241	NA
242	Kiosk buildings offering different foods and goods
243	No additional buildings or asphalt
244	I hope the new pavilion and upgraded amphitheater will provide performances that enhance the ambience of the park and downtown.
245	Maintain the existing green space, and revitalization of the west side.
246	We really need a boat house down on the water with immediate access to the quiet "lagoon" area. The Dragon Boats owned by Salem Multicultural Institute sit out exposed to the weather all year. SMI owns a vintage teak handmade dragon boat that's been in storage for want of better facilities. The dragon boat clubs need covered, safe, lockable storage that will also benefit others who own canoes, kayaks, and other human-powered watercraft. The facility might also serve a business that rents kayaks or paddle boards. I'd like to see use of human-powered crafts encouraged, and possibly keep motorized crafts out of the "lagoon" area behind the Queen. Kayaks and dragon boats have been buzzed by jokers on speed boats and jet skis in that area.
247	Betterbike/ped access across Iliberty and commercial to connect to bush park without dangerous crossings and wait time.
248	More community culture / history like what you find inside the carousel and broader selection of events
249	more landscaped areas
250	better non-motorized boating access
251	More parking, food trucks, dog park, repair the globe.
252	multiple developed river/slough access points

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253	More Parking
254	Just some more parking options, maybe a bike rental area and concession area.
255	It's good as it is.
256	A bit more parking, and more restrooms.
257	I would LOVE to see the greenway path from Bush Park to the Riverfront Park finally completed. It would be wonderful to have a bicycle/walking path that connects the four parks (Bush, Riverfront, Wallace Marine and Minto Brown). Thank you for allowing us to offer suggestions!
258	Year round roller skating that becomes ice skating in the winter
259	Fenced off-leash dog area. Some kind of community art project.
260	More events or attractions mean more people. It's nice the way it is currently.
261	Fence around the park & splash pad to not have to run after my children if they are in that run off stage. An amphitheater would be cool but I love that it is super kid friendly
262	A coordinated effort between river front, minto, and Wallace since they are all connected.
263	More lighting and less homeless
264	More bicycle paths
265	Better pedestrian access to downtown. It feels like it is a thoroughfare for cars and pedestrian access is an afterthought. If Salem as a city is to move successfully into the future and combat climate change we have to focus more on commuting by bicycle or pedestrian activity vs solely on cars. We are moving in the right direction by connecting the parks via bridges. But more can be done.
266	Easier ways to access it by bike. It feels very safe to bike in once you arrive, but navigating through the city to get there still feels unsafe on certain roads.
267	more trees
268	More/easier parking and better bathrooms
269	I like it the way it is currently. Continue to maintain the existing walking paths and grassy open space with connection / views to the river.
270	Security guards
271	To keep the clean family environment for the whole park.
272	I think the ice skating ring is a wonderful addition in the winter. It seems to draw a crowd. I don't really have any ideas for additional items in the park. I like it the way it is. I think the park is amazing with the bridges. It's such a fun place to walk.
273	Closer amenities. I would love to see the area north of the gilbert evolve more from industrial/commercial use to retail/restaurants/living/other amenities. Similar to the evolution of Corvallis's waterfront over the past 20 years.
274	More concerts. The ice rink was amazing, please continue that in the future. Would love to keep going back.
275	A rock wall
276	More concerts in the summer.
277	Continuing open, green space with lots of room for lots of people to get outside and walk/bike!

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278	Private rentals
279	More trees and natural riparian corridor with native plantings
280	More fun runs or du/ tri athalons
281	Fine the way it is!
282	Better parking and ice rink in winter turned roller rink for other seasons. Keep it there!
283	More local concerts and events, and better access to the river. Would also love to possibly have a place for canoe rental? That would be fun.
284	Removal of train tracks, especially near Gilbert House
285	Concerts and food!
286	Pedestrian overpass
287	More benches and places to enjoy the view of the river up close
288	More picnic tables
289	Perhaps an arboretum? A rose garden? Perhaps some artificial waterfalls/more elaborate landscaping? Things to make it a more serene environment!
290	I have nothing in mind at present - but perhaps as this process progresses something will spark my interest.
291	Year around family friendly affordable activities, our city needs more
292	A shopping m/food area
293	More different events.
294	Community pool
295	Live Steam Model Trains
296	Police patrolling
297	A bike path connection to Keizer.
298	Less homeless people More parking spaces More restrooms
299	More restrooms and better lighting in the dark hours.
300	A place to eat, maybe in the new 3 acre parcel. More lights at holiday time.
301	Nothing I can think of
302	More events. My family is always looking for fun community-oriented events to attend.
303	A restaurant
304	New amphitheater. People in Salem want access to good concerts but we do not have venues. Something that can attract more and better artists through out the summer. Albany, OR has done it for years, Salem can too if it's built. More parking near the carousel.
305	A dog park and food vendor or snack bar
306	Increased cultural events, better access to the river (trails, perhaps alongside the riverbank).
307	larger and cleaner bathroom area
308	A nice playground for Kids
309	More concerts and events

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310	Better access of the river. Boat events!
311	I want to see the adjacent road reduced and get on-street parking along it.
312	Seasonal activities like the skate rink
313	Esplanade with coffee, ice cream, alcohol service
314	Extension north
315	More access to the river for fishing and swimming
316	Good restaurant(s). Ferris wheel.
317	More things for children to enjoy. More trails
318	Continued maintenance of the playground, adding more kid friendly playground/climbing equipment
319	More tourists!!
320	More restrooms, more parking
321	Roses
322	More social events
323	More parking when events are taking place.
324	easy access for non-motorized boats
325	More community events, additional parking and restrooms. More for tourists to come to like the skating rink.
326	More shopping, entertainment and eating opportunities
327	Better parking, updated playground, anything that needs updated for looks and safety.
328	Definitely NOT a 'temporary ice rink'. Who came up with that? Don't recall seeing the public indicate a need for a rink in previous survey responses. Yes, I read the responses because I'm interested. More maintenance. More benches.
329	More educational walks and workshops, highlighting the river, trees, plants, and wildlife in the park.
330	some sort of garden
331	Bikes, kayak rentals
332	More holiday events
333	Additional lighting, maybe. Safety concerns with the number of houseless nearby.
334	More paths
335	Better lighting at night
336	I really enjoy the events at the park. I wish there were more different events. They really are the main thing to go to in Salem when the time comes. I think adding more events would really keep downtown more relevant. When I was in Vancouver, BC in Canada, the park downtown holds many events over the summer. Honestly, more food and brew events would be great to have over the summer on Fridays and Saturdays!
337	Covered play ground or lit for winter evening use.
338	Better parking, year round ice skating, more adult friendly space, less vagrancy on north end

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339	Maps indicating trails (both land and water) connecting to other parks
340	The ice rink was a cool feature, but unaffordable for most.
341	Continuing community events, open free space, support for the Gilbert house,
342	Maybe better access to the river, a small beach on the east side of the river would be cool.
343	Bike paths that connect to more areas of Salem. I love biking but our city isn't especially bike friendly. Bike paths that connected to Bush park or other areas of the city would be wonderful though! (And would encourage me to commute by bike more frequently.)
344	Less homeless.
345	Reduction in tents at the park, improved security, more food options in the park, and more kid run/walk events.
346	More integration with museum to make that area and building more accessible and inviting
347	More activities at the riverfront - let Salem Summit rent out kayaks and such by the river please!!!! And other things like that
348	More recycling bins
349	Enforcement of vagrancy policies. There are constantly tents set up under the bridge.
350	Free admission to events. None of this required donation crap to get into a public park.
351	restrooms at the other end of the park.
352	More public activities
353	additional parking at south end, as well as small metal Art umbrellas with a leaning rail, (Similar to the ones in pioneer square in Portland) for shade areas along the outer path
354	More benches/picnic tables, especially covered. Wider paths with designated cycling lanes. Food carts or quick lunch dining options.
355	More events
356	direct connection to Pringle Creek trail
357	Concerts
358	Workout
359	Nothing specific
360	More picnicking areas.
361	More events or concerts.
362	More organized sporting events, Another access point down to the river
363	Farmers market
364	More parking, less events that prevent every day park use
365	food like food trucks. Larger space for concert goers. Things that will draw folks to the park.
366	More trees and better access to the water
367	Less homeless people
368	A bigger amphitheater for bigger/better concerts
369	More movies

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370	The removing of the railroad that separates the part from Front street and the rest of downtown
371	Fewer people living inside it.
372	Bike rentals
373	Disc Golf Course
374	Better connection for walking and cycling to Front Street North of there Park
375	More events. It should be the focal point of the city.
376	Recreation center with gym equipment.
377	Free kids and Family events
378	Preserve open space
379	bike playground or bike park
380	More security, especially on the path to Minto Brown park.
381	Expansion of the park and/or trails further north along the river.
382	More of the same.
383	Open spaces. River views and access for canoes and kayaks by Minto Bridge (to hard to get into boat off of present Willamette Queen dock. Not safe! Tiles are falling off the Globe-- desperately need to be repaired before further damage!! Unsightly now.
384	More security
385	Solid surface hockey rink (for street/roller hockey)
386	An enclosed space for dogs with water access so they can run and get drinks
387	Security watching over the park. More restrooms.
388	Not sure.
389	Rental for canoes, paddle boards
390	A permanent food cart area.
391	A summer season beer garden/food cart. An outdoor fitness area with obstacle course type equipment.
392	More trees and natural landscaping, especially to separate the new commercial development from the park.
393	Expanded "winter" activities for families
394	Bike rentals, classes for the community, and greater parking access.
395	Dog park
396	A few more water stations would be a nice addition.
397	Parking concerns aside, it's fine as-is.
398	Food options, like a food truck or two. I'd love to see one of those really cool natural playgrounds, with a stream and sand, etc.
399	More restrooms
400	More river access

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401	More green space and open areas so that all can enjoy. No additional building, but preserve what is there. Make the space open to all and keep it green and natural.
402	I would love to see an updated ampitheatre.
403	Dog park
404	Another bathroom structure
405	Fewer events that close off the open space except to paid attendees.
406	keep green space and view of river
407	.
408	Large concerts, marathons, and other large scale events.
409	Bike Sharing
410	cute animals
411	Covered or indoor all year long farmer's market to replace the Saturday market on Summer St. something like Olympia has for their outstanding market.
412	a nature park
413	A marathon
414	More bathrooms.
415	Less money spent on the new ampathetear plans....
416	More events
417	I need a better way for my family to bike into the park from south salem. I get as far as the library area and then it's very hard to get across traffic safely. I usually have to go through downtown on streets and cross at the double cross walk thing. Hard to do with young kids riding bikes.
418	More handicap parking
419	Return of the ice rink or a permanent indoor ice rink. More security.
420	More planned events throughout the year and not just in the summer
421	Water access like Bends old mill district
422	Access to river
423	Restrooms at pavilion end
424	A naturescape play area would be lovely.
425	Open space free of private enterprises.
426	Not sure
427	Improved bathrooms. Less vagrants.
428	More things at the ampitheatre
429	More free parking
430	Perhaps some small vendors such as food carts or trucks?
431	More restrooms. Keep the ice rink coming back each winter
432	More picnic tables and benches.

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433	Ferris wheel by carousel basketball hoops were ice skating is
434	More free events and fewer limited access events that charge admission
435	Being consistent with providing activities during 4th of July and inviting the schools to provide lighting displays for the Christmas season.
436	Tunnels under front street. A path west of the new bridge that skirts north by northwest around the outside of Minto connecting to the main paths.
437	Roller skating rink in the summer where the ice skating is at in the winter.
438	More wildlife, but mixed with walking paths
439	Bigger amphitheater and larger concerts, more food vendors
440	More parking close to the Carousel/Playground/Amphitheater
441	More parking. More concerts
442	Easier river access for kayaking and other water craft launching.
443	I like the ice rink.
444	New bathrooms, safer access from downtown (foot bridge), volleyball, basketball, putting green.
445	Skatepark
446	Volleyball pit, restrooms, more covered space for rain and/or sun protection
447	Better lighting, more parking (not sure how to accomplish that without taking away actual park space)
448	Homeless free
449	more parking
450	More restrooms,
451	A return to the elegant original design when considering future additions. Riverfront is Salem's achievement...a beautiful space that is inviting to all Salemites. Please don't overdo by putting EVERYTHING recreational in Riverfront Park or we will lose it's charm. Once additional structures are in place it will be almost impossible to remove them. Now is the time to think about whether additions help or destroy this Park's unique character.
452	Bike tuning stations! Shakespeare in the park.
453	cafe/restaurant
454	Not really sure.
455	More accessible community cultural events.
456	Cafe/pub! The off-season attraction of the ice rink is a great addition, and maybe more thought to that kind of counter-cyclical programming to fill in the gaps during slack user periods
457	I would like to see more bathrooms. I also wish the playground had the squishy material on the ground rather than the bark chips.
458	Street car service, connect west salem to lancaster, and have it stop at the park... find some way to integrate it into the downtown more, the park feels too separate from downtown. It'd be nice to combine them.
459	Security and police presence

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460	I would like to see blue lights for safety. If an individual feels unsafe, they press the blue lights and the police will arrive on scene. Oregon State had these on their campus. They also provide light in the very dark areas of the park (right across the Peter Courtney bridge)
461	I would like to see adult friendly exercise structures such as chin up bars, push up benches, and other calisthenics type structures like these https://www.google.com/search?q=calisthenics+workout+structure&rls=com.microsoft:en-US:IE-SearchBox&source=lnms&tbm=isch&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwiPqL3mvoLYAhVM42MKHT_2AeoQ_AUICygC&biw=1280&bih=899#imgsrc=CtsHlpHtsI0tLM:&spf=1513013582094
462	Coffee shop. Small cafe. More parking.
463	access along pringle Creek -- from Commercial underpass to the park
464	More events. Additional parking for said events. Addition of trees sparingly throughout open space. Sports amenities: Basketball/Soccer/Volleyball/etc.
465	More parking, cleaner restrooms
466	More shade areas close to the playground; additional picnic tables.
467	Gardens...botanical gardens and community gardens
468	some restrooms by the pavilion would be a reasonable addition, some dogwood trees.
469	More events for everyone not religious or specific things of that nature.
470	Farmers market
471	With new features in place (Courtney bridge, skate rink, improved amphitheater), maybe it's time to see how it's all working together, to evaluate the new dynamics of use.
472	More concerts
473	continue green space; no clutter; keep the park clean and properly maintained
474	Native plants
475	Better safety
476	So far all the park features I find delightful.
477	More concerts movies and events
478	I would like to see weekly concerts in the summer - similar to those in West Salem, Independence and Monmouth - with local/regional bands and a variety of genres that are free or low cost (sponsored by local businesses or by a vendor) - or by donations.
479	Food cart pod. Additional playground structures that are covered to allow children to play when it's raining. Bbq areas and security would also be nice.
480	A clear plan
481	Access via walking paths to town hall/library area without having to use cross walks across front st.
482	More dock space on the east side for dragon boats. These boats, at 40' long have to be permanently docked by the Willamette Queen when not in use.
483	It's fine how it is. Maybe more trees.
484	More food trailers.
485	More seasonal events and easier access for small orgs to put them on.

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486	More bathrooms over by Gilbert house.
487	Open space retained. Connection to the 'Pringle Corridor'
488	Rollercoaster, better amphitheater to attract bigger bands/artists.
489	More big trees and a more 'natural' feel; bike and walking paths that lead to the park from the Bush Park area (see above answer)
490	Covered picnic tables or more trees. Trails that separate foot traffic and wheeled traffic.
491	A dog park
492	Star gazing nights with some of the lights off. Like they do at OMSI.
493	A boat house or some semipermanent dock. Perhaps on Minto brown side near the Audubon parcel
494	More and better restrooms.
495	more trees - plant a little native oak savannah
496	Love it the way it is! But will be excited to also see the new amphitheater
497	parking structure, multi-level. volleyball court.
498	Upgrade or expansion to the playground, additional parking near Carousel.
499	Covered stage at amphitheater.
500	I do not have anything except some more parking in the south area where construction equipment was. It is important for people to be able to park close to the playground, Carousel and walking areas there.
501	Please, NO SMOKING! (ENFORCED). The park features should be more unified - "telling a story" and sharing what the great city of Salem is "about"... inspire pride in our city, it's people, nature and history. Connect with the river. Native plantings with educational signage. Heritage events and landscape that honors agriculture's role in our area.
502	Bigger indoor areas for events, like a bigger meeting hall attached to the carousel or a permanent structure in one of the grass areas. Something that has a large area that can be rented exclusively for events but also can be utilized for public use when not exclusively rented. Like a "public house"
503	Water access for groups
504	More shade
505	Perhaps a family style restaurant directly adjacent to the park. Like a Red Robin or pizza parlor.
506	More family friendly events, cleaner restrooms, improved safety
507	Music events
508	An off-leash dog area
509	Like it as is.
510	River access. Boat rentals.
511	more car shows, concerts
512	All is well, keep it going and take good care of what we have re maintenance and safety.
513	Family friendly priority

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514	More use of amphitheater. NO new structures. Keep openness.
515	Nature education. Removal of invasive plants, such as English Ivy and blackberries.. More native plants/trees/shrubs. We are on native american land, let's not forget that either - reminders should be prominent.
516	Maybe an off leash area for dogs. Many people let their dogs off leash and it is a problem for those of us who follow the rules. If there were an area for off leash dogs, this would contain the problem.
517	Pollinator garden.
518	I would like to see it accessible for all citizens and visitors, with maintenance and safety the highest priority.
519	Non-motorized boathouse for kayaks, canoes, rowing shells, paddle boards, and dragon boats.
520	Bike share stall, more restrooms, somehow more shady areas would be fantastic, a floral garden, another covered shelter.
521	Better access across 22.
522	Food, snacks, drinks.
523	Create a area for food carts or have someplace to buy simple items to eat and enjoy at the park. Ice cream slushy, sandwiches etc..
524	sculpture/art garden, bigger concerts, waterfront access
525	More parking. I don't think it needs anything else new - continue to maintain paths, playgrounds, and open fields as you do so well :)
526	Boathouse, kayak rental,
527	More community events and educational activities.
528	More outdoor concerts!
529	Easier river access other than at the docks/scrambling down the hill by the globe
530	More parking
531	A full court basketball court. An improved version of the one you see in the park next to the Marion St bridge.
532	Small fenced dog area possibly
533	More lighting on the path from the north parking lot to the Union Street bridge, near the Gilbert House. It's dimly lit and there are dark areas near the bridge piers.
534	preserving open space, views, paths
535	Less construction, one parking lot at north end
536	Another bathroom and more parking closer to the children's features. I have difficulty walking and the park is hard for people who have limited abilities and this is true of children with handicappes. All children should have equal access.
537	kayak rental station!
538	More signs and information about natural history and ecology of the area
539	Another playground. More restrooms. Food vendors.
540	I would like to see more parking as one of the uses of the new property.

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541	Bicycle & jogging lane. Food cart in summer spring and fall.
542	Bicycle parking.
543	Free musical events so ALL residents can enjoy the park. More restrooms.
544	Native plants for butterflies and bees, with educational signs, nature walks free to the public, bird houses, kiosks that explain the Native American presence along the river
545	More park benches or picnic tables
546	Preservation of natural areas
547	More parking near the carousel (perhaps create some time limits for some spaces). And also ? ?
548	bike/pedestrian access trails under Commercial & Liberty Sts.
549	That all events are free to the public
550	An attractive cover for the amphitheater stage that does not block the view of the river. More parking by the carousel. Monthly or bi-weekly arts and crafts vendors in the grassy areas, something simple, no food but booths selling arts and crafts and providing information about community non-profits or enrichment opportunities (no religious organizations proselytizing or the army recruiting please)
551	Less development, maintain current access to Nature, removal of invasive species of plants, replace with native plants, activities for children to engage and connect with Nature
552	Coffee/food carts!!!
553	I would like to see a path that connects Riverfront to the walkways along the creek area that goes at least as far as Salem Health
554	A dock for Rowing and paddle water craft.
555	Shaded area by the splash pad.
556	A dry dock for rowing shells and kayaks
557	Hot dog stand
558	Keep the focus nature related, don't overcrowd it with buildings and pavilions.
559	Safer playground for toddler age, food stand.
560	A walking garden area with seating that could display historical information signage. I would also like the ability to have a commemorative area, maybe within this historical garden, that individuals could buy bricks or similar to commemorate a person. The purchase of the bricks/stones would help pay for maintenance of the garden area. I would like to see the ability to have in my will that I would like to have a stone engraved for me upon my death. I could purchase an un-engraved stone as a holder for my area. City could decide on structuring pricing on the bricks/stones for size, estimated holding time, replacement insurance if broken or damaged, or an annual fee once purchased.
561	Fewer buildings, more grass, fewer staged events. Use the Fairgrounds for fairs and festivals!
562	Kayak and paddle board rentals
563	I would really love to see the final connection of the "green trail" from Bush Park through Riverfront Park to Minto Brown. There is only one small piece (under the bridge) that prevents a complete trail.
564	An area with some more trees for shade on hot summer days

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565	Larger park with more natural landscape.
566	It's fine
567	More access to river. Again.
568	More of the same
569	A community swimming pool.
570	A skatepark. More features at the splash pad. More bathrooms with better cleaning/service.
571	South entrance for pedestrian and bikes only. Unpaved walking/running option?
572	The new Rotary amphitheater will be good. I'd like a bike/walk path up Pringle Creek from the park.
573	better ways to fence off areas for festivals
574	Please consider adding a fenced pet area (off leash). Wallace Marine pet area was closed years ago (south of boat ramp). Minto Brown requires driving to for most, even with the new bridge. Many people walk to the park with pets and this would be a great attraction and destination. A well planned area doesn't have to be huge. It would be a great addition for downtown.
575	More classic movies in the park. Princess bride
576	more nature
577	More 'bigger-name' concerts on a weekly or bi-weekly basis over the summer. Buffalo NY has an excellent outdoor venue along the waterfront that (used to be free) is \$5 admission and food and beer sales cover the costs of big name artists.
578	Fenced dog park area and more signs for leashed dogs in the rest of the park. I am a dog lover and owner but am tired of dealing with out of control, off leash dogs in all the on-leash parks I try to take my leashed dogs.
579	Better parking
580	More running events.
581	It's pretty nice the way it is, except parking can be challenging.
582	More Boat tour options such as jet boats and more trails, river access, and play equipment
583	Better access to the docks. Better tie ups for the public boaters ... cleats for tie up seem basic, but there are none at the Riverpark dock. An easier way to get a personal kayak down to the dock, stabilized at the dock, and into the slough. Without having to dodge fisher people. A dedicated fishing dock or pier. Bicycle rentals. SUP and perhaps kayak rentals. A little restaurant or a select number of food carts. More parking and more handicap parking. (My blind husband will haul a kayak to the river so we can kayak. He will never bike to or around the park.)
584	Access underneath the train tracks or across the creek to the south parking lot. More trees and shade.
585	Improved parking and bathroom facilities. Improved safety.
586	More family and dog friendly activities
587	Continued events and healthy activities.
588	A place to rent small boats and jetskis and a small store/stand.
589	More nature scape.

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590	Something entertaining. like the ice rink but, all year around.
591	Food carts
592	More bathrooms and more parking
593	Small changes...not too many at once. We are just getting used to visiting the park and I also see so many other Salem parks (or future ones) underdeveloped and not being fully utilized.
594	More interpretive signage may be helpful along the riverfront riparian zone.
595	A boat house available to all would be a nice addition.
596	Habitat restoration, particularly at the confluence of Pringle Creek and the Willamette River.
597	More trees planted.
598	Native plant and pollinator enhancements along the river bank and in the park and an installation of bird nesting boxes targeting use by Purple Martins, Violet-green, and Tree Swallows.
599	I would like to see it remain a open park.
600	A boathouse; better dock.
601	fewer structures, not packing the park with "amenities"
602	coffee shop, shopping, more events
603	More dog friendly spaces.
604	More riverfront access, waters sport rentals (kayaks, canoes), better crosswalks into downtown.
605	Easier launching for canoes and kayaks and other craft
606	Pedestrian bridge to cross Front Street
607	More trees
608	It would be great for everyone who enjoys rowing crew and paddling if a large, low (1-3 inches above the water) was available to launch and land from. A 60-80 foot x 20 foot low profile dock would be optimal everyone, including rowing crews, dragon boats, and kayaks. A community boathouse and rack system for crew shells would also be wonderful!
609	Integration with the west edge of downtown such that its an easy, safe transition across Front and into the park. Encourage people to use both downtown amenities and parking, and enjoy the park. Restrooms at the north parking lot area. Way finding signs in the park with information about restaurants, coffee shops, Minto-Brown Island Park, Wallace Park.
610	More native plants, more trees.
611	Kayak and non-motorized craft rentals; Willamette swimming area like Poet's Beach in Portland.
612	Perhaps more flowers, plantings, interesting examples of local trees. Perhaps more benches to sit on and water fountains. A "European" coffee/snack area.
613	More attractions to bring people to the park would be welcome. The ice rink is a good idea. Would like to see something like a food cart pod and/or family friendly beer garden, make use of the river.
614	More river access.

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615	Pavilion (covered) so artists could rent space to display items with 5 or 6 food cart spaces (to be rented for park revenue) so the people using the park have a place to relax, eat, and enjoy the great space.
616	Large low profile dock for rowing, dragon boats, paddle sports and/or community racks or boathouse for rowing shells.
617	Less lawn, more trees, more natural areas. Take out the parking lots. People can park in town and walk to the park.
618	A skatepark or skate plaza would be nice. Even if it was just more of a concrete skating rink to allow kids and adults a place with nice concrete and no pedestrians to rollerblade, skateboard, or for little ones to learn to ride a bike would be great.
619	Kayak/canoe rentals? Coffee kiosk?
620	I'm not sure, I already love everything about it
621	More trees. We can't have enough trees! The part of the park near the Courtney Bridge definitely is suffering from lack of trees, many of which were removed to make the bridge.
622	Canoe/kayak rental. It is very frustrating living in a river town, not owning a kayak or canoe, and not being able to rent them near to river access. This would allow great access for people who don't own these or don't have a car to transport a rental from further away.
623	Move the play ground to the new area and turn and enlarge the amphitheater with the new Rotary Club top.
624	More river access
625	permanent ice rink or other major attraction.
626	No more buildings.
627	The amphitheater completed!
628	No suggestions
629	It's developed enough. Let us enjoy what's there
630	No Rotary amphitheatre.
631	Safer access to the park for pedestrians and cyclists, river accessibility, recreation on the river such as stand up paddle boarding, kayak rental etc. and taking away the paddle wheeler which in my opinion disrupts the visual appeal of the river.
632	In the area to be developed, a garden with native plants for education about the flora of our region.
633	More events that are free to the public.
634	More family related events and concerts
635	An emphasis on a quiet space for reflection and contemplation in Nature. No intrusive, excessive noise. Enjoyment of the out of doors.
636	Additional bathroom location. Better river access
637	An added restroom near the Pavilion and development or the undeveloped area with some additional parking and grass and open space that connect to path along the creek.
638	Not much more. I think development is about max.
639	Connection to Pringle Creek corridor. Better ways to access from city.

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640	More of the same. I feel like you are at a good balance level with activities and open space. I would not like to see too many more amenities. I have concerns about the upcoming covering for the amphitheater that it will obstruct views of the Willamette River and the open feeling the park has now.
641	Please do not overbuild...maintain a small town feeling in a large growing city. Police on bikes...keeping the area safe.
642	Better restrooms
643	More parking, access, trail connectivity and open space. Maybe another playground or play spot.
644	No more development or structures. More trees and shade.
645	A sand/beach volleyball court area.
646	I do not really see a lot of physical space for additions. I would suggest looking at the other side of the river, adding an equal-in-quality feel. It would be nice to see more space efficiently used because of the famous bridge.
647	More restrooms, more lights, and more benches.
648	Better bicycle access with downtown (particularly at southern end of park - Commercial/Trade intersection area).
649	More trees between the park and the river.
650	Connect Bush Park AND Willson Park to Riverfront Park via bike/walk paths that don't have to cross any streets.
651	Access to Pringle creek at the Slough, South Bank from east of the commercial st bridge to the river/slough.
652	More open space and natural amenities.
653	Better access and restrooms to make park more user friendly. Bike/kayak rentals.
654	Better designed entrances. There is no sense of arriving at a park. I drove by it many times before I knew it was there or that they were entrances. Trees. Trees for shade. In the summer, it feel like there is little protection from the sun and heat (Oregon oaks would be great). Better designed perennial plantings. Maybe native Oregon plants that will thrive in our heat and summer drought?
655	I want food and rental concessions and more concerts
656	More spaces to learn about natural plants and habitats. Or more peaceful spaces.
657	Something to replace the EcoEarth globe, other than that it's perfect.
658	More benches by the children's play structure. More shade. Somehow figure out how to control the homeless from sleeping on the benches.
659	I would like the political culture to be more pro-active about disallowing illegal campers to loiter in the pavilion.
660	Ranchitos o espacios techados individuales para actividades de pequeñas familias con churrasquera. Ayudaría a evitar que el sol fuerte o desechos de animales incomoden un picnic (* Individual roofed spaces for activies for families with young kids. It would help prevent sun damage or animal waste from bothering a picnic)
661	Lo mencione antes una pista para patinar durante los 365 dias (* I mentioned before a track to skate during the 365 days)

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662	Un concierto cultural organizado por minorias (* A cultural concert organized by minorities)

* Denotes translated text

8. Do you have any other comments or ideas at this time?		
Answer Choices	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	35.86%	195
No / Not at this time	64.14%	349
Answered question		544
Skipped question		324

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1	The river should be the focus of this park but it seems to be ignored.
2	I hope this park stays safe for everyone, especially families and the elderly.
3	I'm concerned that development will stall and we'll be left with the ugly bare space with the ugly crane & new random building which are all currently fenced in, not pleasing to the eye & not being utilized.
4	State street need a visual extension to the park to better commute to downtown.
5	Parking can be difficult. I am not generally interested in paving more areas for cars. However, consideration of access to the park is important. I would like to see more bike / walking paths throughout Salem, connecting the parks and neighborhoods, particularly as the South and West areas sprawl. I am not interested in bike lanes shared with cars on roads. Specifically, I desire walking / bike paths separate from motor vehicle traffic
6	I'm very interested to know what is going to become of the 3+ acres near the foot of the minto brown bridge. I hope that this plan will creatively address the transition space between the urban core and the natural environment offered in the park. And hopefully that doesn't just mean more parking. we should think of downtown and the park as a cohesive whole and try to encourage more commercial development across the street from the park rather than in the park itself. and encourage people to go to the park from downtown. This plan should also address traffic control measures on Front Street in order to encourage connection to downtown. A master plan should consider how much we are willing to alter traffic patterns between downtown and the park after a third bridge is constructed.
7	food carts would be great, especially in the summer. ping pong tables (i love the ping pong tables that are permanent structures in Europe). a water fountain (like the big one in pittsburgh).
8	I've heard rumors about consideration for a BMX park or pump track there and it sounds amazing to me as long as it doesn't get in the way of other people it should be great. Thanks
9	Win over young families. Make the entire Riverfront experience great for them and other demographics will follow. The older voices might be louder and more resistant to Salem changing, but young families are the ones bringing energy and investment downtown.
10	maybe a paddle boat park for the lagoon across from docks
11	More security would be nice since homeless population has increased
12	A dock that people are allowed to swim off of, gain access to the river. My husband does triathlons and has needed to practice open water swimming and it is currently not allowed.
13	My zip is actually 97325. It wasn't accepted below.

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14	Please more mountain bike amenities
15	Sand volleyball, community tournaments (temporary disk golf course, spike ball, badminton, etc.)
16	I also love the ice rink! So glad that is at the park now!
17	need a safe canoe/kayak access by the new bridge to the Slough
18	We just love all of the improvements that are being worked on for the Riverfront. It is such a great event/gathering place for the community.
19	Would love to see a more covered area for kids to play.
20	LOVE the access to Minto. I would love to see better access to get to the park by bike and walking through the downtown. Coming from the northeast, walking and bike access on union street from the adjacent blocks can be tricky as there are multiple intersections without crosswalks. One was improved this last year, but additional safer crossings are needed to improve access to the Park by walking or biking for young families.
21	Having some athletic structures to use would be nice also, like a tennis court, basketball court or two. That area expanding by the new office would be a perfect place for amenities like that.
22	The bathrooms allow for easy kidnapping if a parent doesn't stay close by. With multiple children this can be frustrating. It is very hard to find parking by the carousel.
23	Maybe an area to play for kids on rainy days.
24	I love the design that was chosen for the amphitheater. I hope that is still moving forward.
25	Fix bathrooms and garbages
26	I park at Riverfront during week and see so many homeless people every morning. Wish there was a safe place for them so they aren't under the bridges or in the Rotary Pavilion trying to escape weather...or sleeping on the park benches along Union Street.
27	Just what I wrote above about a covered open air playground/play space.
28	Creepy bathrooms
29	Large covered play area!
30	I would love to see a large covered play area for kids on rainy days
31	Please do not overdevelop. Nature is the most important!
32	Thanks for all of your work to improve this great amenity in Salem. I often come to Salem for work and used to drive to Minto Brown for my after-work trail run. Now I can just run from downtown, and get dinner downtown after my run. The improved riverfront park and access to Minto Brown is such a great asset for the community and my favorite place when I come to visit.
33	More parking near Carousel, on the vacant area being added to the park.
34	If there is concern about conflicts between bikes and peds, please contact me regarding a pavement treatment I saw in Copenhagen. The path was only ~14' wide yet functioned very well for a lot of bikes and quite a few peds. The bikes stayed to one side and the peds stayed to the other side due to a difference in surfacing, some pavement markings, and a few signs.
35	I love the park and am excited at the improvements that will be coming. Please remember: Improve it as you can, but sometimes the best improvement is resisting the

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	temptation of wanting to do 'something'. In other words, careful with each improvement that we are not losing more than we are gaining...:)
36	Would be good to offer N/a choice on questions
37	Salem is rapidly developing and open space is disappearing as a result. Riverfront Park and Minto Brown should continue to serve as a peaceful oasis where one can enjoy the beauty of nature along the river. I think that is what most people enjoy besides the people with kids on the playground. I'm glad the playground is confined to one area and not spread throughout the park. Overall, I'm happy with Riverfront Park as it is. Only thing it needs is perhaps a few more restrooms on north end.
38	how about a bike and pedestrian path that would lead to Portland and Eugene?
39	Bicycle path strip on outer edge of walking paths.
40	Instead of wood chips in the play ground maybe soft rubber
41	The park is a really neat asset to Salem
42	In Minto-Brown I would like to see a Mt. Bike course that folks can get a workout (without foot traffic).
43	The park needs better water access on the east side other than the dock. It is very difficult to carry a canoe or kayak down the ramps.
44	Appreciate the city 'S efforts to make or park a destination. Live the new bridge. Appreciate illuminata regatta at Christmas time
45	Parking is problem.
46	Yes, I attended the Peter Courtney Bridge Celebration. Parking was limited. I tried to park in the lot closest to the Carousel. About ten spots were reserved in that lot, with no one using them. The rest of the lot was packed. I tried calling parking services about the situation and to find out why the spots were reserved. Parking Services contracts out their phone service. You can't actually call and talk to someone. You have to leave a message, and when someone gets around to it, maybe you get a call back. Here is the bottom line: I love ice skating, I have not set foot in the park since the Courtney Bridge celebration. The experience left a bad taste in my mouth.
47	Separate the bikes and people with lines marked
48	thank you for the bridges and paths and bathroom
49	I love the new bridge and connection to Minto Park. Thank you!
50	Access is also difficult walking from South Salem. There are limited sidewalks and places to cross busy streets. People drive around the corner between Commercial and State Street very fast.
51	Not sure about the amphitheater stage ideas I've seen, seems like too much for something that is used only during months when weather permits. Can a temporary solution be explored (sculptural tent, scaffolding) that can go up in May and taken down in Oct?
52	Bike lane added to Front Steet. Safe sidewalk would be wonderful as well.
53	Basketball court would be nice
54	Powers that be tend to want to ADD this and that. Relax and just mow the lawn. Go find something else to do. Thanks for asking.
55	Nice to see the skating rink there, although I only visit it. I do not skate. Having more for the young people to do is really important.

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56	Portland and other cities take better advantage of their river fronts with dining and hotels.
57	I must reiterate - the vitality and attraction of the park is at risk of being diminished by inadequate attention to basic design principles. I have lived in other cities that have ruined rather than enhanced liveability by the development choices for design and growth based other principles other than liveability."
58	To repeat my other comment: a boat house on the water to shelter dragon boats and other human-powered water craft is needed on the east bank, with access to the quiet waters behind the Queen. I personally would like to see motorized craft restricted from entering the quiet lagoon between the Queen and the Peter Courtney Bridge to keep the area safer for human-powered water craft.
59	Please don't add fees and surcharges! We'd rather everything stay the same then have one of the last community gathering places taxed and charged just to enjoy
60	Thanks for your fabulous work! Our parks are gems. They add value to the city and to the lives of residents. I appreciate the work on invasive species, especially in Bush Park and Minto Brown. You are great caretakers.
61	Please consider updating the master plan for Wallace and minto at the same time in a coordinated effort since they are all connected.
62	The city needs to get homeless under control. I am less likely to take my family to Riverfront park or downtown because I have to hurry past homeless that are congregating in areas. Plus the smell of human feces in the alleyways of downtown or in a doorway is a big turn off.
63	More Oregon White Oak trees
64	I don't live in Salem but I grew up in Salem and work in town.
65	Additions like buildings are nice but should be made sparingly. No one wants another section of pointless buildings we want beauty close to the heart of downtown.
66	The ice rink is wonderful fun, and the amphitheatre will allow for great concerts/gatherings, but I do worry about too much development ruining the excellent original vision of ample green, open space.
67	I hope there's a balance of parking and new structures being built.
68	I really don't want to have the waterfront become a tourist hot spot, and less of a local fun place for everyone.
69	Remove the awful train fences or replace them with something prettier and permanent.
70	Bring more fun to the city
71	Make sure the path under Commercial is complete
72	The river is a completely under-utilized resource. It should be a drawing feature of our city. Walking paths, food carts, beer gardens, paddle boarding.
73	A nice restaurant would be great. Fine dining and also another cafe style especially outside in the summer on the water would be great
74	It just keeps getting better
75	Keep the Salem on Ice, its a unique aspect that doesn't take a lot of capital. More cheap festivals.
76	Salem has a large power boat community and I feel Salem does not do enough to support it. Boat ramps are good, but the river conditions for motorized boats are poor.

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77	As I wrote earlier, reduce the number of lanes adjacent to the Park and get rid of the off-ramp that takes drivers off of the bridge to either Keizer or Mission St
78	Opportunity for new businesses
79	I suggest you pull up the responses from previous surveys... Begin there. Pose the suggested ideas from this surveys as options.
80	When I was in Atlanta Georgia, I noticed a parking lot that was covered with solar panels (the cars parked underneath the solar panels). Perhaps the small parking lot by the carousel could also have solar panels. This would shade the area, protect from rain, and create energy. Win, win, win!
81	A native plant garden, Community garden, Pollinator friendly garden, Children's sensory garden, Topiary zoo... Any of these would be wonderful additions
82	I think using the amphitheater for more concerts of more relevant artists, or B-list performers would be great to see more of. Also, just more events at Riverfront would be so great. There only a handful of events that actually happen in Salem and 90% of it happens at Riverfront over the summer. Except out of the 90% it's really only like 4 events. I think a couple more would be great to add!
83	Collaborate with other parks to build an interconnected network
84	Please put in place a comprehensive plan that addresses the homeless issue downtown and in greater Salem.
85	stop wasting money and fix the roads in Salem, we need multiple east/west and north/south free flow routes to accommodate growing population not more parks
86	The park and the walking paths are excellent, no complaints. I look forward to future improvements.
87	I wish that runners who run 4 and 5 abreast would move over for pedestrians. Wed. night runners are particularly rude about this. Several pedestrians also walk with friends and walk 4 or 5 abreast and do not move for walkers coming in the opposite direction. I have also seen dogs not on leashes at the park.
88	I hate construction and I hate the ice rink
89	Please consider adding a Disc Golf Course to Minto Brown.
90	Riverfront Park is a real gem and has matured nicely over the last 20 years. Courtney bridge connection between downtown to Minto Brown significantly increases the importance and value of Riverfront as a central Park connection between downtown, Minto Brown and the rest of the city.
91	Work with the City to make it easier for people to bike to the park--and relieve some of the parking problems without building more lots
92	A pergula along the river for people to sit under
93	I live in West Salem and love being able to walk in Wallace Marine Park, take the pedestrian bridge, and continue to Minto Island without through traffic.
94	Need restrooms on north side of park. Need to remove ivy, dead trees along river bank. Need to repair tiles falling off Globe.
95	Do not allow motor boats on east side of river
96	food cart area.
97	It would be nice to have a garden area where people who live downtown could maintain a small enclosed garden area that was open for walk throughs whenever someone was

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	there working it or even just hanging out. This might need to be a little further in the future when there are more downtown residents though.
98	Security, direct access to the park, community events. Possible food carts.
99	Amphitheater
100	Please do not change the bridges or take away from the park. So many use the park and the open green space is vital to the preservation of air, life, and amenities, as well as beauty, for the people of Salem and it's guests. Building can be done anywhere, but this park cannot be created equally. It is vital to maintain our green spaces for future generations and for our health.
101	I no longer live in Salem but for 8 years, Riverfront was a source of delight and respite for my kids and I. We now visit regularly and enjoy sharing memories and creating new ones with our granddaughter. We still own a house and Salem and look forward to returning in the future.
102	I'm worried about the impact of the new amphitheater, especially if it introduces crowds who are not there to enjoy the open spaces and would be just as happy in a venue in a more industrial part of town. Riverfront Park has been called "Salem's back yard," and we should keep it filled only with things that belong in a back yard: playground equipment, space to run and play, trees, birds, bicycles, etc.
103	Thank you for the survey opportunity!! Not all of us want to attend council meetings, but still appreciate the platform to chime in.
104	I would like to see some structures that create the opportunity for other types of activities like Bike and kayak rentals, interpretive science or art exhibits, and/or other cultural experiences for our community.
105	I'm interested to know when the walk underpasses below Commercial will allow park access without street crossing. Also, I didn't rate the eco ball highly in feature scoring, but it is both a pleasing and unique feature and contains a history lesson/success that I believe has value and would hate to see missing. I do not wish to see vehicle access to the park increase in future planning.
106	Make the river accessible like Bend
107	A larger parking lot near the carousel/playground would be nice, as all the spaces are normally full.
108	Need basketball hoops. Salem saturday market should move there more parking at carousel
109	I would like to see the Croisan scenic Trail become an official trail that connects South Salem with the park system. I'd like to see it abandoned as a minor arterial and maintained as a trail for public use
110	Please add roller skating rink
111	When it is not iceskate weather, maybe bumper cars or some sort of area for remote control car races
112	Would love more dock space - dragon boats and kayaks are competing for space on dock with pedestrians and people fishing
113	Law enforcement to remove drug addicts and homeless
114	There has been talk about expanding the amphitheatre. I am concerned that a shell would just be another "thing" thrown into Riverfront Park, which is already close to being too cluttered.. We have other parks in town, why not spread these ideas around town.

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115	A lot of people seem to want more green space, but Minto really is the "natural" area, and we should not be bashful about gradually filling Riverfront with more amenities as it is a downtown, urban park. It is under-utilized too often now.
116	So excited for the new amphitheater! I think having more options for cars to drive on site would help boost events. More publicity around the available space for work parties would be great too.
117	The parks dept are keeping the park beautiful. Kudos to all the workers. And thanks!
118	Ensure access along pringle Creek -- from Commercial underpass to the park
119	The Riverfront Oak is a jewel. Good job Salem, it needs to be preserved.
120	Please explore various ways to 1. Improve public usage and 2. Define optimal, and maximum occupancy for this space's usage then determine ways to keep under a maximum so as to preserve the resource.
121	It would be wonderful to have a small 'marina' where one could rent kayaks/canoes for a reasonable price.
122	Please more fun
123	Make the park more like point defiance park in Tacoma
124	Please, don't build any more structure (other than the amphitheatre), and don't enlarge any existing structures. It will look and feel too crowded. Since it borders the River, let that be the main attraction.
125	This is a great public area that needs ito have open spaces and lots of free things to do. And keep it safe.
126	The City of Salem needs a vision for why this city is so great - what Salem is "about". The park needs to embody this vision and tell the story to our community... inspiring, pride, hope excitement for where we live.
127	Homeless population seems to creep into the park towards the Gilbert house which has made me no longer comfortable accessing the park from that side alone
128	This park is the best thing Salem could have ever done with this property!
129	More lights after dark... Cleaner restrooms
130	I think that safety may need to be looked at in the future. I run the trails a lot, and wonder if they are safe for all.
131	Do not overdevelop[. IT'S VALUE IS IN OPEN SPACES.
132	I want to emphasize that our urban space is not just for humans. It is also for all kinds of wildlife and we should respect that and provide for these creature's well being and assist them to thrive. Keep the noisy activities at a minimum. We also must remember the history of 1st nations peoples that were here before settlers.
133	Please preserve open space in Riverfront Park.
134	Don't build new structures or expand existing structures. There is very little public open space left in the park.
135	I'm concerned about pollution. I have seen oil slicks around the stern wheeler and under the Peter Courtney Bridge in the Summer.
136	A boat house would be a fabulous idea.
137	Pave the Minto brown parking lots that are gravel.

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138	The ice rink is an eyesore. If you are going to put up an outdoor ice rink then put up an outdoor ice rink. The tent is hideous.
139	Definitely increase the decorations at Christmas time, really do it up big (examples: Rockefeller center or Disneyland) sometimes I feel like the tree is decorated like someone vomited the lights all over the tree. Maybe those city bike rental stations that you see in other major cities? Shakespeare in the park? (Contact Pentacle Theatre or Enlightened Theatrics)
140	Is it possible that a few food carts could have a space there and rotate access to them? AND, maybe a cover over the playground for hot sunny days and drizzle?
141	I love Riverfront Park. It is a destination for me and my family. We have 3 kids, ages 5, 2, and 2 months, and we mostly use it to go on walks and get out of the house. I love that it has options. Sometimes we go to the Gilbert House; other times we ride the carousel. We went to the tree lighting this year and it was great! We went to the dragon boat races this summer and alternated between watching the races and playing in the splash pad. Sometimes we just go for the park. The new bridge to Minto island is a wonderful addition. Now we can expand our walks if want to make them into more of a hike. We love taking out of town visitors there because it shows off the city very nicely. You can see the downtown core, walk across a historic bridge, walk across a new bridge, explore an island that makes you forget you are right in the middle of a city, ride on a carousel, visit a hands-on museum, cool off at the splash pad, walk next to a river, even see/hear a train pass by. I think the ice rink is a fun addition and maybe a permanent fixture? I like the idea of keeping it temporary to increase demand and only bringing it back every few years. I would love to see parking remain free and available.
142	Move all parking to north end. Move children's play equipment to north end or remove from plan. Increase amount of rest rooms.
143	I think the decision about what structures go into the park should have a wider process. I did not like how the idea of adding a structure is not determined by a vote of the people. It is our park and we should have a say beyond just a 'hearing' that is just for show. Why should certain groups or the rich have such a big say in what is supposed to be 'the people's park'?
144	Love the ice rink. Hope it comes back
145	Take care of the homeless so they don't need to hang out at the park. Use the empty retail spaces downtown to make apartments in the malls, buildings, and big box stores. How can you have a carousel, ice rink, and eco-ball and be feeding people under the bridge? Where are the priorities?
146	Would like improved crossing from downtown to the park. Right now I feel penalized as a pedestrian/cyclist having to wait so long for my turn to cross Front Street (and wait twice to cross at Court Street).
147	Better bike access from Bush Park, Pringle Creek
148	Perhaps another restroom near the children's fountain or the north parking lot would be useful.
149	We need better walking access to RFP from south Salem. How hard would it be to create a path from Owens to RFP along the RR tracks??? Such a path would make walking/biking to RFP so much easier, hence less car use to get to RFP or MBP!!!
150	A coffee shop in the area to be developed between Riverfront and the railroad tracks at the south end of the park with additional parking would be nice.
151	I haven't been ice skating yet, but am excited it is there.

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152	I am happy to see the bridges. My family loves to walk them.
153	Riverfront park is own town center. It is where I take any visitors. It is a beautiful focus for downtown Salem. I want to preserve the nature, but would like to see a few places where people could buy food or beverage. Maybe even have this within the historic/commemorative garden. I am thinking that then area to be developed near EcoBall could accommodate this garden area. If underground parking could be created in this area without going through Carousel parking entrance. This could help auto congestion. Signage if parking was available or full would also help with congestion.
154	Yes, stop all this build up. Why does the Rotary get its way with its horrible amphitheater? Did you ask the citizens of this city if they want something like this? Nothing major should be built on this land without a vote.
155	I also love the plant sale each year.
156	Designated long bike path.
157	Thanks for soliciting lots of public comment. I hope you get lots!
158	Designated long bike path.
159	Thanks for soliciting lots of public comment. I hope you get lots!
160	In my 20 year experience of building and grounds maintenance with state properties, I recall many proposed ideas and changes, but little thought is given to the real ongoing manpower, cost and maintenance of whatever is built. Whatever amenities are added need to have the ongoing budget for keeping them in tip top shape. I know homelessness is a reality and concern in Salem but it tends to be very concentrated near Riverfront Park and near the river. I hope that Salem continues to look for solutions so that the park and adjacent areas (Wallace Marine, RR Bridge) do not become campsites, sources for drugs, needles, etc. In other words everyone feeling safe. I do appreciate the city keeping the railroad bridge walking path clean. The bird poo can get really bad, and this is a heavily used path leading to River Front Park.
161	I would really like to see expanded river access and/or trails to the north of Riverfront Park. Further, if its possible, I think a riverfront trail in West Salem from Wallace Marine southwest to Rosemont Ave. would be spectacular!
162	Bathrooms could use more attending to during events and an upgrade in general.
163	The only good bathrooms are at the carousel so more are needed in the middle of the trail and at the other side by River Road
164	Speeding along front street should be enforced and I would support lowering the speed limit there to assist drivers with safe lane changes, and also to improve pedestrian safety. There really is no reason why the speed should exceed 25 mph in this stretch of road and with the pedestrian crossing. Landscaping buffers along the streetscape might be updated. I really appreciate the Pinus contorta - Shore Pines but they are not given appropriate dominance in the space where they are planted so they are not as well viewed, especially with speed of roadway. Also, it would be nice to update the flowering trees along the east side of the streetscape on Front Street. The plums are old, badly pruned and diseased. In general, streetscaping along the east side of Front Street might be updated to encourage more pedestrian traffic and to calm the traffic speeds. Perhaps more traffic calming devices can be engaged. The pedestrian pavilion was a huge improvement installed over a decade ago, but other measures & devices should also be employed to provide pedestrian safety. I realize that this section of roadway is a state highway, but other communities have state highways running through town and traffic speed is controlled successfully with landscaping buffers including larger trees, pedestrian safety markings, traffic calming devices AND increased traffic enforcement. A red light

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	camera might also help if staffing is the issue/excuse for lack of enforcement. Yes, as you might have guessed, I'm a landscape design professional, but I also live here and use the park frequently with grandchildren. I provided some input the last time with the design competition hosted by the city under the Swaim administration. I would support engaging CAROL MAYER REED, LA in the process as her park is the "front yard" of Salem and her design vision should be protected and enhanced in anything we do to change the park and approaches.
165	Riverfront Park is one of the best opportunities for the City of Salem to restore Willamette River floodplains, back channels, riparian trees and vegetation and to educate park users about why this is so important.
166	During events at the park, event people need to be aware that people come to the park for other reasons then there event. Strong arming the public to pay to come to a city park to enjoy the other features is just wrong. events at the park keep people away or people are turned away. If the case is such that the public can not come to a park during a event it needs to be advertised better and signs put up saying no public access.
167	great community asset, thanks for asking!
168	I frequent the city's parks for recreational and leisure activities. As a Salem resident; the park systems is one of the pride of Salem. I'm excited with the new pedestrian bridge connection to Minto-Brown Island Park. The new bridge will make it more accessible for pedestrian and bicyclist. The city of Salem can add green areas to the riverfront park system for its residents. Approaching the state capital from the west; a sizable piece of land used for construction debris exist on the river side of the highway (OR22). This land is part of the old railroad alignment which is visible on Edgewater Street. As a West Salem resident, I have a concern about water runoff from the site draining directly into the Willamette River and safety concerns with the many camps site established on that property. A riverfront park on Edgewater Street would be an improvement to the area. The city of Salem should acquire the site, change the zoning and extend the West Salem Urban Renewal Area to include this site for recreational use. Question: Has the city ever consider building a pedestrian bridge across the Willamette River from Minto-Brown Island Park to connect with the multi-use path on OR22 that will give a direct connection to Polk County and West Salem Residence to the park? The Edgewater Park could serve as the landing for a pedestrian bridge across the Willamette River to Minto Island Park and provide a variety of amenities to the park users. The planning for Peter Courtney Minto Island Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge took decades to become a reality. We need to begin the plans now for the missing bridge that will connect West Salem to Minto Island Park. Minto-Brown Park and Riverfront Park have limited number of vehicle parking space. The Edgewater Park on the other side of the river could provide more parking space and restrooms while minimizing the impacts to the parks and provide access to the park and ride at Edgewater. The property has excellent access to the west and east with two existing underpasses. The old railroad track could establish a trail to the park and connection to the multi-use path that would connect many communities along OR22 all the way to the City of Monmouth. I understand how complicated a pedestrian bridge across the river, but it would increase the access to park for the community, promote healthier living, connect West Salem communities, add a safe route to commute and make Salem a more attractive city to live. I'm anticipating that the funding could be a combination of local, state and federal. With the goals to increase of pedestrian and multi-modal transportation, the federal and state has increased funding allocated for this type of project which the city could apply for that funding. If the new downtown bicycle and pedestrian bridge is a success, I am sure the city will have the support of the residents to build the missing bridge connection that would complete the circle.I understand this will be no easy task to take on, but this endeavor will demonstrate the commitment the city has towards its residents to provide pedestrian facilities that promote health, intermodal

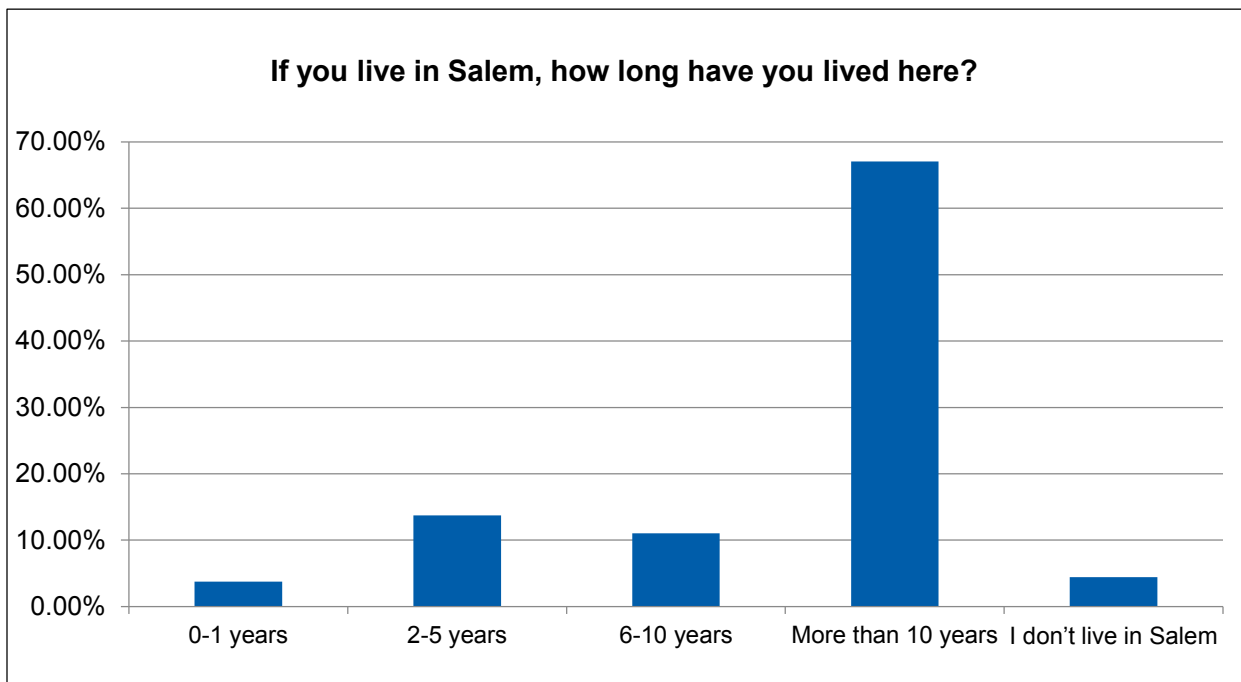
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	transportation, recreational areas, and revitalize the community. It would be great if this feature gets included in the master plan as a long range goal. A short term goal: Fix the Edgewater Trail from Wallace Rd. to Eola Drive. The multi-use is in needs of repairs and has a portion missing from the Rosemont Ave to Eola Drive. We should built the connection on the south side of Edgewater from Rosemont Ave. to Manorview Lane and fix the exiting concrete path to meet ADA standard.
169	Please conserve and promote native species.
170	A dock suitable for rowing and, eventually, a boathouse to store dragon boats, kayaks, and crew shells in.
171	removal of invasive plant species (english ivy), planting of native flora species
172	It is important to keep options open for future generations to experience the waterfront and connections to the river.
173	In the summer it would be wonderful to see the library hold story times in the park and local musicians singing with children. Again, a small cafe for coffee/drinks/snacks outside.
174	River access is critical. As is economic opportunity - can we place a restaurant adjacent to the park? Or paddleboard/canoe rentals? Let's really leverage the park as a tourism driver.
175	As you increase the park usage, you need to remove the paid long term parking so you will have parking for park users.
176	Start a conversation with enthusiasts for rowing (Salem Rowing Club) kayak and canoe clubs and dragon boat teams (there are several) about the best type of dock would provide safe and convenient access to the river on the east side (out of the main current). The current ramp and dock on the east side is unusable for rowing shells and poor at best for dragon boaters. Connect a large low profile dock next to Sternwheeler. Make it 60 - 80 ft x 20 feet and 6" off the water. Allow storage on dock for rowing crew shells.
177	Riverfront Park occupies a very important area ecologically, the confluence of Pringle Creek and the Willamette River. We need to restore this area to function as a confluence. It is an opportunity to improve habitat, air and water quality. Riverfront Park needs to be more than just a lawn with parking lots. It is also a very important area archeologically and historically. This needs to be recognized.
178	I think there is potential for a skatepark to be built under the bridge overpass just south of gilbert, this would also allow it to be semi covered and usable for more of the year. It would also be nice to see some additional learning type equipment for the kids, possibly mounted telescopes near the bridges so kids could look for wildlife, or some additional signage explaining the local ecosystem
179	Move playground and amphiteater
180	the additional space should be used to add additional parking and add another major attraction to the park. This area is one of the most valued assets to our community. Lets make the best of it.
181	The remaining acres to be developed (by the new bridge, just west of the RR tracks) MUST include more parking. We walk or ride our bikes there 95% of the time, (we live in the Meridian) but even at 7:30 in the morning the Carousel lot is full, especially on weekends. Having more green space abutting the RR tracks isn't really appealing green space. But allocating at least half of that space to parking would be good. It is totally unrealistic to expect people with young families to park in a parking structure, nor is it fair for park users to hog parking spaces in front of businesses that depend upon parking,

Number	Question 8 Response Text/Comments
	such as the bicycle stores (with loading and unloading needs) and restaurants. And more parking is certainly going to be needed when the Rotary amphitheater is completed.
182	Yes - I hope it's not too late to stop the ampitheatre - it's design is too big for that space and should have considered as in Europe - pack it away in out of season times. Look at bend's - how very minimalist and simple theirs is
183	Putting in more structures, like the ice rink, removes people from the natural setting. More emphasis should be on the river and Minto Brown Park, such as with more educational plaques.
184	Adding a downtown circulator between parking structures and the park (and Salem Hospital/Willamette/Capitol Mall) could increase accessibility and use of the park.
185	I love this park (and its neighboring parks) and am so proud of the City of Salem for continuing with the development in face of so much local opposition (which I don't understand, but know is there).
186	It would be helpful to know what types of potential changes are eliciting this survey before I was taking it. Not sure what else to comment about that would be pertinent to the process.
187	When large private or public events that require paid admission are held at the park, it is important to retain public, free access to most of the park and the Courtney bridge. Minimize area that can be fenced for paid admission in order to allow the PUBLIC to continue to use the PUBLIC park on the days that a big event is scheduled.
188	I don't really see the ability to reuse the existing space. I like the openness of the space, and I fear that adding anything to the park will jeopardize it; ESPECIAL as downtown starts to gentrify, it's important to keep critical outdoor venues for a little R&R, as well as, summer festivals and events. That new blank area between the south block and a new building could have a lot of potential. I go to France and visit my friends in Lyon often, and they have a similar space that they invested a lot of work in. It turned in well: Please google La Confluence Lyon for more inspiration.
189	I was extremely frustrated with the ice rink construction. I'm very excited about there being an ice rink in Salem, but the process was frustrating. Parts of the sidewalk were blocked off for two weeks. I was late to work one day because I didn't anticipate having to find another route to work. We (the parking permit holders) didn't get any sort of notice on our cars. There was also (and still is) mud all over the sidewalk.
190	Add two full basketball courts, some tennis courts, and expand the playground equipment.
191	Riverfront Park has little appeal to me in a general sense. It is so wide open and devoid of nature. Maybe that's the point? Maybe it's only an event space? I wish that the city staff did a better job of choosing plant material that would thrive in the beds. I find the perennial plantings to be uninspired or embarrassing. They should either be lush, beautiful and inspiring, or not be there at all. Heck, I'd like a public garden at Riverfront--a stunning display area that changes with the seasons--but that's probably too optimistic.
192	I am concerned about the ever growing homeless population. To be honest, I would use the park more if I felt safer.
193	I'm a city planning student in my third year of my degree and love that y'all are getting so much feedback on riverfront projects! Salem is the best.
194	Minto Brown Island Bridge is amazing! Great job on that! But providing more parks staff or a park ranger at the park during busy times would be great too.

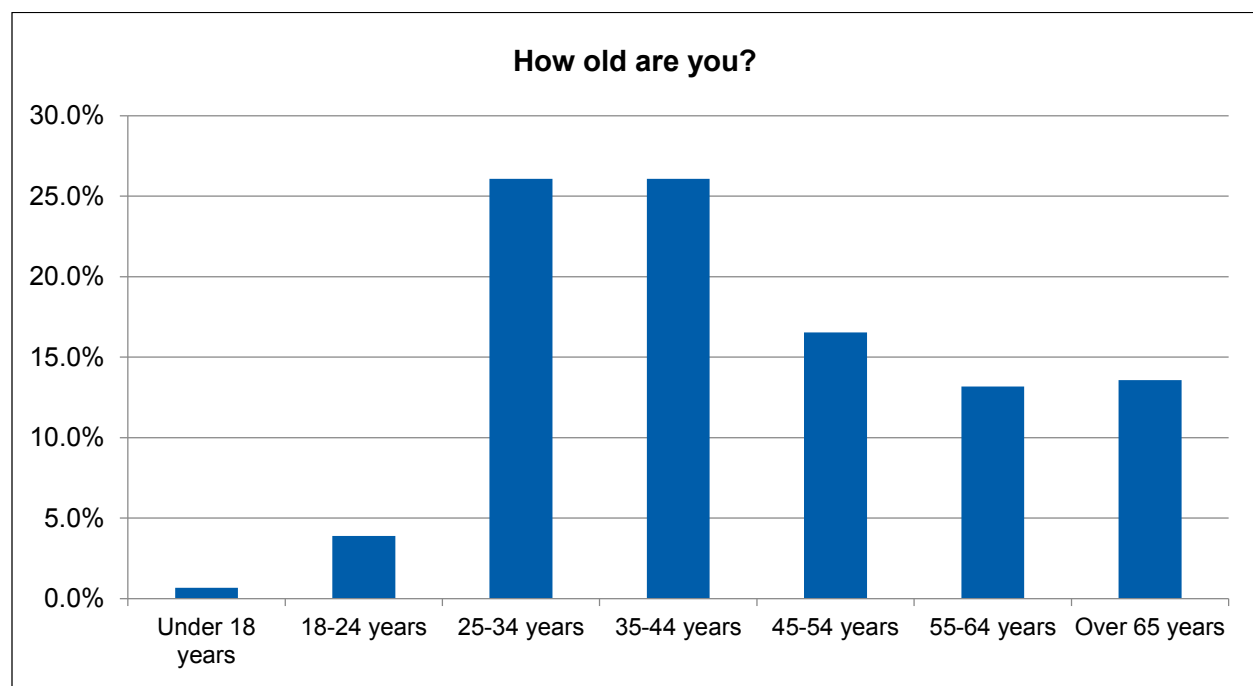
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195	Estoy buscando oportunidad en organizar un evento cultural en el riverfront, cual seria mis recursos y apoyo para este proyecto? (* I am looking for an opportunity to organize a cultural event on the riverfront, what would be my resources and support for this project?)

* Denotes translated text

9. If you live in Salem, how long have you lived here?		
Answer Choices	Response Percent	Response Count
0-1 years	3.77%	28
2-5 years	13.73%	103
6-10 years	11.04%	83
More than 10 years	67.03%	499
I don't live in Salem	4.44%	33
Answered question		746
Skipped question		122

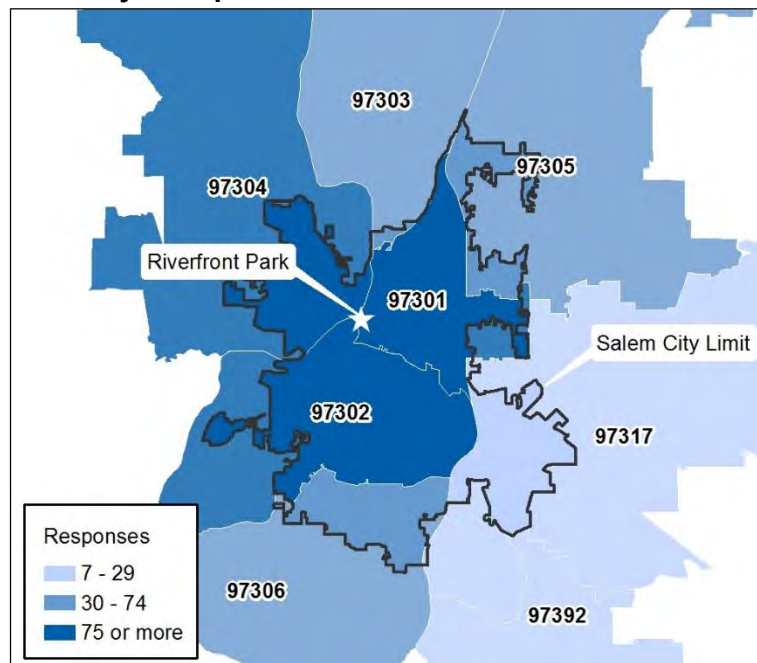


10. How old are you?		
Answer Choices	Response Percent	Response Count
Under 18 years	0.7%	5
18-24 years	3.9%	29
25-34 years	26.1%	194
35-44 years	26.1%	194
45-54 years	16.5%	125
55-64 years	13.2%	98
Over 65 years	13.6%	102
Under 18 years	0.7%	5
Answered question		747
Skipped question		121



11. What is your zip code?		
Answers	Response Percent	Response Count
97301	24.6%	184
97302	27.3%	202
97303	6.8%	50
97304	22.7%	167
97305	4.2%	31
97306	9.9%	73
97308	0.3%	2
97309	0.1%	1
97310	0.3%	2
97311	0.3%	2
97312	0.1%	1
97313	0.0%	0
97314	0.0%	0
97317	2.7%	20
97392	0.9%	7
Other	0.0%	0
Answered question		744
Skipped question		124

What is your zip code?



Salem Riverfront Park Master Plan

Community Survey #2 Results (March 2018)

- 775 completed surveys
- Approximately 80% of survey respondents live in four Salem zip codes: 97301, 97302, 97304, and 97306.
- **Over 50% of survey respondents visit Salem's Riverfront Park more than once a month.** Over 90% of survey respondents visit Salem's Riverfront Park at least several times a year.

Respondents who visit several times a week	16.80%
Respondents who visit every week or two	35.14%
Respondents who visit several times a year	41.47%
Respondents who visit once every year or two	6.07%
Respondents who never visit	0.52%

- **Most survey respondents (67%) have lived in Salem for more than 10 years.** Approximately 25% of survey respondents have lived in Salem between 2 and 10 years.

Respondents living in Salem for 0-1 years	3.76%
Respondents living in Salem for 2-5 years	13.23%
Respondents living in Salem for 6-10 years	11.28%
Respondents living in Salem more than 10 years	67.32%
Respondents who don't live in Salem	4.41%

- **More than half of survey respondents (57%) are between 25 and 44 years old.** Approximately 40% of survey respondents are 45 years old or older.

Respondents who are under 18 years old	0.13%
Respondents who are 18-24 years old	2.73%
Respondents who are 25-34 years old	25.00%
Respondents who are 35-44 years old	32.03%
Respondents who are 45-54 years old	15.76%
Respondents who are 55-64 years old	12.76%
Respondents who are over 65 years old	11.59%

- **Almost 80% of respondents are willing to walk up to two blocks to get to Riverfront Park.** Approximately 53% of respondents are willing to walk three blocks, while roughly 21% are willing to walk one block or less.

Respondents willing to walk one block	16.26%
Respondents willing to walk two blocks	26.50%
Respondents willing to walk three blocks	25.68%
Respondents willing to walk more than 3 blocks	27.05%
Respondents that can't easily walk that far	4.51%

- **Approximately 80% of respondents use the City parking garages occasionally or often.** Only 8% of respondents never use them.

Respondents who never use the parking garages	8.14%
Respondents who occasionally use the parking garages	43.83%
Respondents who often use the parking garages	35.82%
Respondents who always use the parking garages	12.21%

- **The most common reason given (51%) for why respondents are unwilling or unable to use the City parking garages is they prefer to park somewhere other than the parking garages: 29% prefer to use parking lots in Riverfront Park; 16% prefer to use on-street parking; and 6% prefer to park elsewhere.** The City parking garages are too far for approximately 17% of survey respondents and almost 10% of respondents don't feel safe using them.

Respondents that prefer to use lots in park	29.04%
Respondents for which City parking garages are too far to walk	16.80%
Respondents that prefer to use on-street parking	16.48%
Respondents that don't feel safe using City parking garages	9.95%
Respondents that prefer alternative transport (bike, bus, walk)	7.67%
Respondents that prefer to park elsewhere	5.87%
Respondents that didn't know about City parking garages	3.59%
Other (please explain)	10.60%

- 65 survey respondents left comments as to why they are unwilling or unable to use the City parking garages. There were two main themes:
 - **The City parking garages are generally inconvenient, but especially so with children.**
 - *Not enough parking spots in selected parking garages.*
 - *Many of the spaces are reserved and one has to drive higher and higher to find available parking.*
 - *Garages are tight and make it difficult to park a full-size truck.*
 - *My car is too tall with our roof box*

- *If my toddlers are with me it's stressful to park in a garage several blocks away and cross busy streets multiple times.*
- *With 2 toddlers, bikes, and balls, its hard to carry it all if its not close by.*
- *It's more difficult to get children, especially special needs children, from the parking garage to the park*
- **The City parking garages feel unsafe—due to traffic, crime, and/or transients.**
 - *I don't like crossing Front street on foot. Traffic is going too fast and drivers do not pay attention to pedestrians.*
 - *The transients in the parking structures make me feel unsafe leaving my vehicle there.*
 - *I don't feel safe, and I hear frequently, about the break ins while cars are parked.*
- **Approximately 60% of survey respondents support the Proposed Carousel Addition.**
Less than 14% of respondents oppose it.

Respondents who completely support the Carousel Addition	36.73%
Respondents who somewhat support the Carousel Addition	23.13%
Respondents who neither oppose nor support the Carousel Addition	26.53%
Respondents who are somewhat opposed to the Carousel Addition	8.03%
Respondents who are totally opposed to the Carousel Addition	5.58%

- 147 survey respondents provided a comment explaining their concerns to the Proposed Carousel Addition. There were two main themes:
 - Concerns about adding buildings to Riverfront Park:
 - *I support the aims of the addition, but don't like to give up existing green space for more infrastructure.*
 - *Seems there could be better uses for that space, even if it included keeping it empty.*
 - *I would rather see resources directed toward enhancing outdoor activities in the park rather than a new building serving a small potential audience.*
 - Concerns about how the Proposed Carousel Addition will be funded (survey takers were not aware public funds are not proposed for the expansion).
 - *Who's paying?*
 - *Depends if it will mean more taxes...if yes, then I am totally opposed.*
 - *It sounds lovely, but I feel there are issues of greater import.*

- **Concept B was the most preferred concept—receiving the most "Most Preferred" votes as well as the most "Preferred" votes.** Concept B also received the fewest "Least Preferred" votes. Concept C was the least preferred concept—receiving the most "Least Preferred" votes and the fewest "Most Preferred" votes.

	<i>Most Preferred</i>	<i>Preferred</i>	<i>Least Preferred</i>
Concept A	36.62%	38.38%	25.00%
Concept B	43.55%	39.42%	17.03%
Concept C	21.87%	20.88%	57.25%

- The last question invited survey respondents to submit general comments—and 156 people did so. Most comments expressed opinions about park amenities that the submitter would like to see in the park. Below are the themes of the comments submitted.
 - **The green space and natural elements of the concepts are popular—especially the trees, access to the river, and rentals. Many commenters would like to see even more natural features.**
 - *Whatever happens to the park, it cannot become a cheap carnival. It must value green space above all else. Central Park is still mostly green space...this should also be true of our most urban park.*
 - *I like the idea of having access to the river for swimming and for making the views more accessible. I also like leaving open a lot of green space - the ability to install a temporary ice skating rink was genius and I believe we need to leave flat green space available to continue to allow these types of innovative and temporary additions to the park.*
 - *Love the access to water level of A and B design. And absolutely LOVE the concept in design A referring to the rentals of kayaks and canoes and water sports!! Amazing!!!*
 - *The river view is one of the defining characteristics that makes this park so unique—take advantage of the view. I love the idea of being able to rent bikes, canoes, and paddle boards. This is an excellent idea that can make this park a regional magnet and powerful tourist attraction; just make sure life jackets are made available near the beach and boat docks.*
 - *There should be areas with more trees in a naturalistic pattern rather than all in rows, as the concepts seem to show. In the summer, shaded areas will be very appreciated.*
 - *I like the idea of adding vegetation and trees (we need shaded areas) as well as *some* hard surfaces but am concerned that some of the designs are too busy and add a little too much structure and hard surface. I like the green, the river, the openness.*
 - **Many commenters submitted concerns—specifically about traffic safety, transients gathering in the park, and the cost of the project.**

- *I'm very concerned with changes to the Front Street crossing. The way it is set up now there is a natural break point that is helpful when hauling children to the park. All three concepts appear to dispose of that break point which will make crossing Front Street much more hazardous and potentially deadly, especially for families with children.*
- *The main problem with the park is the speed and amount of traffic on Front Street. Whatever slows traffic down and improves the crossing of Front Street is the biggest thing you'll do to improve the park for me.*
- *This plan will be great only if Salem addresses the homeless issue downtown. Otherwise we are just creating a great area for panhandlers and drug use.*
- *I love the idea of beautifying this park. My daughter and I visit it multiple times a week, but no amount of upgrades will keep it family friendly if the city keeps allowing homeless people to live in it. I don't feel safe at this park anymore.*
- *Why can't we keep most of the park as is rather than spend a great deal of money to take out things like the restrooms and playground and move them.*
- **Riverfront Park needs more parking and restrooms.**
 - *I really do think you have to have more parking at the Waterfront, really no way around that. Though I am willing to walk a few blocks, with my 6 years of experience with a downtown organization, I know that people think there is a problem if they have to walk more than a parking lot on site.*
 - *We keep adding to the riverfront, but have not added parking. Finding a parking spot is already very difficult, adding attractions will draw more people and make the problem worse. I feel parking needs to be addressed.*
 - *Creating viable walkways to the park is a good idea, but seems supplemental to the main issue of providing parking at the park location. People will walk to the park for fun after shopping/eating downtown, but if their primary intent is to go to the park, they will expect to park at the park itself.*
 - *Make sure there are bathrooms very close to the kids' areas. Make sure there are bathrooms at both ends of the park.*
 - *More restrooms needed.*
- **Riverfront Park should have more than one playground and special attention paid to the placement of the playground(s).**
 - *Please more playground structures! These get a lot of use by families and one small structure at the north end doesn't seem sufficient. Maybe a traditional structure in the proposed area and a natural structure toward the other side of the park? (Having playground access at the*

amphitheater allows families with small children to participate in events without our children running around annoying people.) Also, please don't put the playground by the road.

- *What children in our community need most is a covered area to play at during rainy weather. It could be anywhere within the park. It could even be placed at the south end where it would be away from the majority of the main features. What about leaving the existing playground and building a second more natural looking playground (in addition) to a covered area. The playground is often overcrowded.*
- *I have small children and the placement of the playground is the most important to our family. For safety, we do not want to be so close to the street as in Concept A, nor the parking lot in Concept C.*
- *I feel it's important to keep the playground away from the main street.*
- **Other frequently suggested features include paths that accommodate multiple uses, amenities for bikers, dog-friendly additions.**
 - *I would like to see the pathways through the park remain wide or be wider to accommodate pedestrians, their dogs and bicycle traffic.*
 - *Try to find a way to get different user groups of the paths to self-segregate. For example making some sidewalks intentionally harder to navigate for wheeled devices, such as decorative cobblestones, or grass breaks in the sidewalk, while adding smoother areas that are wider, and potentially also adding items like skate-able benches or ledges, bike racks/stands, and signage to try and mitigate conflicts between slow users of the walkways (walkers, dogs, children) and faster users (bikes, skates, skateboards).*

Appendix C

Parking Memos

● WHERE DO YOU PARK YOUR CAR? ● WHERE DO YOU PARK YOUR BIKE? ● WHERE IS THE CURRENT PARK ENTRANCE? ● WHERE SHOULD THE FUTURE PARK ENTRANCE BE LOCATED?



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DOT COUNTS

- # Where do you park your car?
- # Where do you park your bike?
- # Where is the current park entrance?
- # Where should the future park entrance be?

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Jim Figurski, Greenworks
FROM: Rick Williams, RWC
DATE: February 4, 2018

RE: **Metered Parking and Free Parking**

Jim

You had indicated to me that the City of Salem is moving forward with putting meters in the parking lots at Riverfront Park. In that regard you asked me to provide some input on how this might impact operations and access. Below are some brief bullet points for consideration.

- “Metered parking” in an off-street lot means that parking would be provided in a pay-to-park format. Given the parking supply is in a contained off-street lot, it is more likely that the lot would be controlled by parking pay-stations/kiosks rather than tradition coin operated meters. A single parking pay-station can control as many as 100 stalls (depending on lot design) and are more efficient and aesthetically pleasing than having to put (for instance) 100 single head meters at every stall.
- If a lot is intended to be time limited for visitor access (e.g., a two/three-hour time stay), pay-to-park is more efficient for enforcement as the pay-stations issue a receipt that is placed in a car windshield (i.e., pay-and-display) or record a stall number or license plate number electronically (i.e., pay-by-space or pay-by-plate). This allows enforcement personnel to immediately document a violation as the start and end time for parking are basically recorded in real time. The receipt also provides the customer verification of their transaction and a visible notice of when to return to their car. In many cities with pay-to-park technology, enforcement costs are significantly lowered because of this. Also, visitor lots with pay-to-park technology generally turnover more efficiently (because of the time stay restriction/ receipt notice); thereby serving more vehicles over the course of a day.
- A free timed (2-hour stall) would require that the enforcement officer first arrive at the site and chalk a tire or record a license plate number before enforcement starts and return exactly two hours later to record an end time. As a result, the average length of stay in a free timed stay is generally longer than the posted time stay; reducing the efficiency of the lot and taking more enforcement labor to assure turnover.
- Pay-stations also allow for variable rates that assess different hourly rates for different time stays and/or different rates by day of week and/or time of day. New technologies can also be integrated to allow for paying at the pay-station or by phone or app.

- Though, at times, a controversial discussion; pay-to-park if implemented correctly creates more efficiency in the parking system and provides more access capacity over an operating day (due to turnover).

I hope this helps answer your questions. Let me know if there is more that you need.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Background

In October 2013, Salem City Council modified downtown on-street parking, removing the 2-Hour time limits that were in place for the majority of on-street stalls located in the Downtown Parking District. This change allowed users of on-street parking to park without time limitation (No Limit stalls). In October 2014, Salem City Council again modified on-street parking in the Downtown Parking District, bringing back time restrictions; this time in the form of 3-Hour time limits. In addition to the change to on-street time limits, in October 2014 enforcement was extended to 9 PM and the cost for off-street daily parking permits was reduced from \$5 per day to \$3 per day. The City restriction prohibiting downtown employees of parking in the free customer parking (both on and off-street) was not affected through any of the parking modifications made by Salem City Council.

This report summarizes and contrasts the differences in parking behavior from May 2017 to May 2016, after reformatting the system occurred. The entire downtown is comprised of 26 blocks of parking (plus off-street in Riverfront). A Core Retail Node has been identified within the downtown which represents the destination of most on-street visitor trips. The Core Retail Node is comprised of only 9 blocks, 35% of the downtown parking area, but contains 45% of all on-street parking stalls in the study area.

Findings: On-street supply

- The 2017 peak hour occupancy for the entire parking district's on-street system fell to 73% compared to 77% in 2016.
- 30-Minute signed stalls, while never exceeding 85% occupancy have, the violation rate jumped up significantly to 14% from 9.8 % in 2016. This stalls should be prioritized for selective enforcement. While a 3-Hour base standard may require less vigilant enforcement (high degree of compliance), 30-Minute Signed stalls should be enforced with frequent regularity to reduce the violation rate.
- The average length of stay in 2-Hour Signed stalls significantly increased from 2 hours and 0 minutes in 2016 to 2 hours and 50 minutes in 2017. While these stalls are provided in limited quantity (11), users are not honoring the posted time stays. These stalls may be good candidates to be converted to 3-Hour stays, consistent with the rest of the downtown parking district.
- 3-Hour Signed stalls appear to be performing well. Parkers only utilize half of the time allowance (1 hour and 30 minutes), with very little violations, only 3% of users are violating the time stay.
- The number of vehicle trips in 2017 (4,088) decreased by 12% when compared with 2016 (4,559), which is not as significant a falloff as experienced in the Retail Core (-17%). Overall

this represents a decrease of 471 trips accessing the on-street system over an average weekday.

- The turnover rate, an indicator of the parking system's operating efficiency, has remained fairly high, with results from each survey at 6.67 turns (per stall) over a 10 hour day. This is only slightly lower than the last few years rate of 7 turns per stall. This is a positive (and perennial) bellwether for how the on-street parking system is operating.
- Through active management of the on-street parking system Downtown Salem has virtually eliminated vehicles parking in excess of 5 hours in a single stall. Less than 1% of unique vehicles parking in time limited stalls¹ park for 5 hours or more. There were 28 identified vehicles in 2017, two less than the number recorded in 2016 (30).
- The number of unique license plates, also a measure of downtown's vitality, is down 10% over 2016, the equivalent to 361 fewer patrons accessing downtown.
- Violation rates in Downtown Salem are still some of the lowest in the industry – however they are up in 2017 at 3.6% compared to 2016 at 2.3%. Regardless, having rates under 4% is remarkable.

Findings: Retail Core Node

- Peak hour occupancy for all stalls in the Retail Core Node decreased nearly four percentage points from 90% in 2016 to 86% in 2017.
- Hourly occupancies in 2017 were lower than those of the previous year in 9 out of the 10 hours surveyed. The only exception is from 1:30-2:30pm, 2017 was 86% which is 4 percentage points higher than in 2016 at 82 percent.
- Peak hour occupancies for 3-Hour Signed stalls decreased slightly from 93% in 2016 to 90% in 2017, which is still beyond the design capacity of the on-street system.
- Peak hour occupancies have significantly increased for 30-Minute Signed stalls from 71% in 2016 to 91% in 2017. ADA Accessible stalls saw a similar increase but not as dramatic.
- The number of vehicle trips parking in the Retail Core decreased noticeably (-17%) since last year from 2,608 in 2016 down to 2,227 in 2017. This metric, along with Unique License Plates, are bellwethers for downtown's economic vitality
- The vehicle turnover rate for the Retail Core is down slightly from 7.05 in 2016 to 6.45 in 2017. This means there is an average of 6.45 vehicle trips per stall in the Retail Core in a 10 hour period. A high vehicle turnover rate is a sign of the on-street system functioning efficiently.

¹ All vehicles parked for 5 hours or more in a single stall were parked in 3-Hour Signed stalls.

- The violation rate remains low but nearly doubled to 4.2% in 2017 versus the impressive 2.2% rate in 2016. The switch to generous 3-Hour stalls is probably a contributing factor in the low rate.

Findings: Off-street Supply

- Hourly off-street occupancies have increased overall compared to 2016, with the exception of the first two hours of the survey (8:30 and 9:30 AM) where occupancies were notably lower than 2016 levels.
- Off-street parking facilities appear to be serving the desired user group effectively, but there remains abundant availability in nearly all facilities throughout the Parking District.
- There are a combined 42 fewer vehicles parked in the peak hour in the Marion, Chemeketa, and Municipal Parkade in 2017 compared to the previous year. These figures should be cross referenced with the number of permits sold in each facility to determine a correlation between the two measurements.
- However, there are an additional 106 vehicles parked in the Riverfront Surface Lot and Liberty Garage during their perspective peak hours.
- 2017 had higher hourly occupancies in 7 of the 10 hours surveyed when compared to 2016 figures.

Recommendations

- ❖ ***Posted Time Stays Continue to Work:*** Despite the generous 3-Hour time restrictions all stalls within the Retail Core have an average time stay of 1 hour and 30 minutes, which means the time restrictions are not artificially reducing the turnover rate and the system is operating efficiently.
- ❖ ***Targeted Enforcement of Shorter-Term Time Stays:*** The current turnover rate of 6.67 is still quite good, but a slight decline from the past few years. It is recommended the City continue to monitor average length of stay and its corresponding turnover rate. The 30-Minute stalls violation rate jumped up to 14% in 2017; similarly the violation in 2-Hour Signed stalls more than doubled to 54%. It may be worth prioritizing these stalls for enhanced enforcement until the violation rates decrease to a more desirable range (7% - 4%).
- ❖ ***Move to Priced Parking [same as 2016]:*** The Retail Core on-street system continues to exceed the 85% occupancy threshold (industry standard) during the peak hour. This results in a deficiency of available parking. Best practices would suggest moving to more aggressive management – shorter time stays, more rigorous enforcement, or priced parking. Based on the findings from this study Salem has a well calibrated system with sufficient enforcement. As such, the City should consider moving to a paid on-street system, both in the Retail Core to bring occupancies at or below the optimal 85% threshold, and throughout the entire parking district to counter balance

implementation in the Core and to disburse utilization throughout the whole Parking District (as it is today).

- ❖ **Off-Street Communications [same as 2016]:** More cities are turning to technology to enhance the customer experience such as providing real-time parking availability counter systems in their off-street facilities. This provides the user with assurance of parking availability, lessens visitor angst, reduces vehicles circling, and decreases congestion. Parking availability counters are most effective when they are strategically located in the right-of-way where users can easily identify availability status and proceed accordingly. These real-time counters can also be incorporated into websites or apps that can relay usage information directly to users even before their trip begins. The City may want to consider this as a future option for system enhancement².

Summary

The City of Salem continues to do a good job of engaging in proactive parking management and the dynamics of the system are providing encouraging results. The recalibration of time restrictions and strict enforcement of the prohibition of employees parking in the Retail Core has remarkably reduced the number of violations and virtually eliminated the number of users parking for 5 hours or more. Despite the generous time restrictions (3-Hours), the system turns over at an impressive rate, 6.67 turns in a 10 hour period. These measures have resulted in allowing more customers, visitors, and employees to access the downtown by vehicle year over year.

Despite some decreasing occupancy and vehicle trip numbers in the on-street system, the off-street supply has experienced a corresponding uptick in utilization and vehicle hours parked. This translates to an increased number of customers and visitors coming to the downtown that may be choosing off-street parking alternatives, leaving more availability in the on-street supply. Conversely, as with many successful and active downtowns comes the burden of congestion. In spite of great management efforts, Salem still faces parking deficit in the Retail Core during the peak hour – currently a 6 stall deficit. To bring the system back into balance (i.e., reducing occupancies below 85%) will require more aggressive management strategies. Salem should consider piloting a paid parking system in the Downtown Parking District.

The off-street system, even with increased utilization, continues to be significantly underutilized, with occupancies reaching only 54% in the peak hour. This presents both a challenge and an opportunity for the City. It is evident that many downtown employees use the public off-street parking supply, but the challenge, particularly when the Retail Core reaches saturation during the midday peak, will be to foster greater customer and visitor use of those facilities, which we may be beginning to see the early signs of now. There is a finite supply of on-street parking, when that system reaches capacity (Retail Core), users have essentially three options: park further away and walk, come downtown on an alternative

² This enhancement could be implemented in the current off-street environment and/or under a system where all off-street users would pay park (not just employees), although the latter would be envisioned further into the future.

mode (e.g., bike, bus, walk), or simply park off-street. Moving to a paid on-street system would ease on-street parking congestion by shifting users into the available off-street supply thereby helping to restore balance the overall parking system downtown

I. Background

In June 2006, the City of Salem completed a comprehensive inventory and capacity study for its downtown parking (on and off-street). Since completion of that study, the City has implemented significant changes in the format and management of the parking supply it controls to increase operational efficiencies, improve customer access and turnover and to create more varied parking options for downtown employees. The City continues to evaluate parking activity in the downtown on an annual basis since the original 2006 study.

In October 2013, Salem City Council modified downtown on-street parking, removing the 2-Hour time limits that were in place for the majority of on-street stalls located in the Downtown Parking District. This change allowed users of on-street parking to park without time limitation (No Limit stalls). In October 2014, Salem City Council again modified on-street parking in the Downtown Parking District, bringing back time restrictions; this time in the form of 3-Hour time limits. Neither modification affected the explicit regulation which stated downtown employees were prohibited from parking on-street from 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM.

This report summarizes and contrasts the differences in parking use that has occurred since these changes were implemented. For simplicity and ease of comparison purposes this report evaluates findings from the last two data collection efforts, May 2016 and May 2017. This side-by-side comparison will clearly highlight changes in parking characteristics from year to the next.

The 2017 study is intended to:

- Replicate the methodology for parking occupancy/utilization derived from previous studies;
- Contrast year-over-year parking activity in the downtown;
- Compare system efficiency metrics such as peak hour occupancies, average duration of stay, unique vehicles, and vehicle hours parked;
- Report off-street facility occupancy data, coupled with vehicle hours parked to determine full parking saturation and peak vehicle utilization of the combined on and off-street system; and
- Display occupancy heat maps showing where and when constraints occur within the parking system.

II. Elements of the Parking Utilization Analysis

To be consistent with previous years and to assure the ability to compare results in an “apples-to-apples” context, the inventory analysis has been conducted in a uniform manner in each study year.

Important elements of the analysis include:

- (1) Development of an up-to-date inventory template for all parking in the study area. This involved cataloguing all parking stalls in the study area by time stay type (on-street) and location in publicly controlled parking supply (on and off-street). All off-street facility stall counts were validated and updated as necessary to reflect any changes that might have occurred between study years. Table 1: Downtown Salem Parking System Inventory (*page 13*) summarizes the inventory.
- (2) A complete data collection survey of parking utilization on a “typical day.” On-street stalls were surveyed on Tuesday, May 23, 2017. Off-street facilities (garages and lots) were surveyed on Wednesday May 18, 2017.³
- (3) Measurement and analysis of the on-street supply included:
 - a. Quantification of all stalls within the study area parking inventory.
 - b. Hourly occupancy counts for a 10 hour period between 8:30 AM and 6:30 PM.
 - c. Parking turnover analysis.
 - d. Parking average length of stay analysis.
 - e. Graphic display of parking occupancies in heat maps by hour of day.
- (4) Measurement and analysis of the off-street supply included:
 - a. Quantification of total supply in publicly owned off-street facilities.
 - b. Hourly occupancy counts in each facility for a 10 hour period between 8:30 AM and 6:30 PM.
 - c. Graphic display of parking occupancies in heat maps by hour of day.
- (5) Identification of parking surpluses and constraints in the parking supply.
- (6) Comparative analysis of data from 2016 study.

In short, the purpose of this parking utilization study is to produce a succinct and accurate analysis of existing parking dynamics in downtown Salem that objectively contrasts usage patterns from one year to the next. Special emphasis is placed on the overall number of unique vehicle trips made to the area over the survey day as a measure of downtown’s growing vitality.

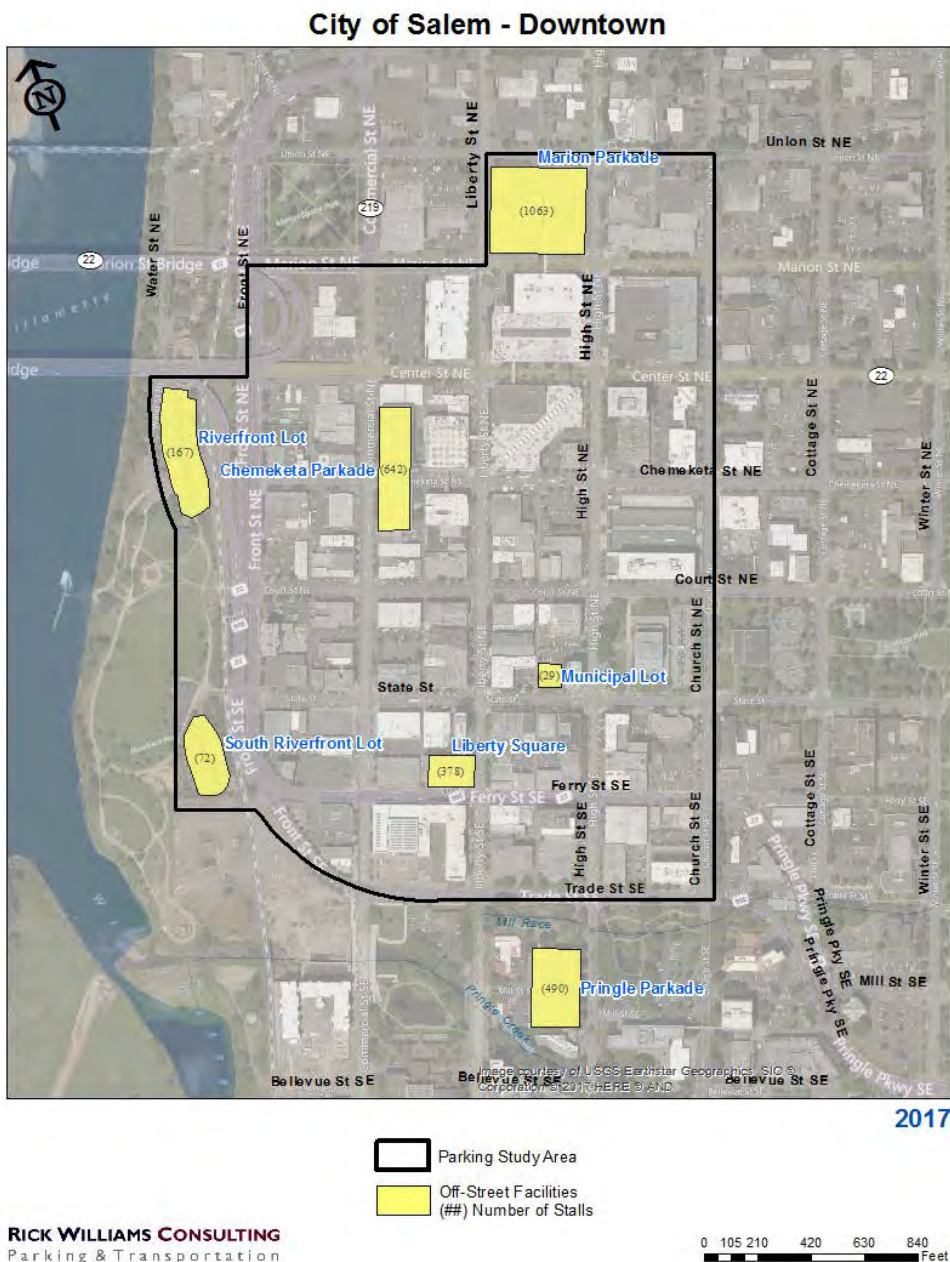
³ These dates were chosen in consultation with the City of Salem and coincided as closely as possible with previous study years. During the survey days, public schools were still in session and no major events were scheduled for the downtown. The weather was mild, partly sunny, dry and ranged in temperature from the low 60’s to the low 70’s depending on the day.

III. Study Area

The parking inventory study area was provided in consultation with the City of Salem. The study zone is effectively the same as the 2016 downtown study area and includes the entire commercial area of the downtown generally comprised of the area bounded by Marion Street NE and Union Street NE (on the north), Trade Street SE (on the south), Front Street (on the west) and Church Street (on the east).

Figure A displays the study area examined during the data collection effort.

Figure A: Downtown Parking Study Area



IV. Methodology

On-Street Supply

The consultant team, as a rule, conducts parking studies on a “typical day” of the week – when school is still in session and no atypical events are scheduled within the study area. Similar to 2016, there was little to no construction work taking place in the downtown that effected parking behavior or the physical parking environment during the data collection hours.

The survey was conducted over the course of 10-hours, beginning at 8:30 AM and concluding at 6:30 PM. The survey involved hourly counts of each occupied on-street parking stall in the study area using license plate numbers.

Off-Street Supply

The selected survey day for the off-street supply was chosen using the same criteria as the on-street (i.e., typical day). Hourly utilization counts were taken between 8:30 AM and 6:30 PM in seven City parking facilities. Six of the seven off-street facilities are maintained and managed through the Parking District and one is not.⁴ In total, 2,841 off-street stalls are in the City’s off-street parking inventory.

The three garages and one surface lot within the Parking District total 2,351 stalls and include:

■ Marion Parkade	1,063 stalls
■ Chemeketa Parkade	642 stalls
■ Liberty Parkade	378 stalls
■ “Municipal Lot”	29 stalls
■ Riverfront Lot	167 stalls
■ South Riverfront Park Lot	<u>72 stalls</u> (adjacent to Carousel)

Total Stalls (Parking District): 2,351 stalls

One garage located outside the Parking District totals 490 stalls:

■ Pringle Parkade	490 stalls
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Total Stalls (outside district): 490 stalls

⁴ Publicly owned facilities not in the tax district have been tracked and surveyed over time to provide the City information necessary for its evaluation of more efficient management strategies and/or rate schedules, however they are not included in discussions that would be related to expenditures from the downtown parking district budget or revenue projections.

V. Format of the Parking Supply

A total of 3,971 parking stalls were surveyed during the study. Of that total, 3,481 stalls are located within the Parking District; 1,130 on-street and 2,351 off-street stalls. The remaining stalls (490) are located outside the Parking District in the City-owned Pringle Parkade.

As of 2015, the on-street public parking supply is now provided in the form of signed, time restricted parking; the majority being 3-Hour stalls.

Off-street parking remains free to customers/visitors. Downtown employees are able to purchase parking permits for use in garages and lots (e.g., Chemeketa, Marion, Liberty Parkades, and Riverfront). The on-street supply has always been intended for customers/visitors, and not for downtown employees.

Table 1 provides a breakout of all parking surveyed in the 2017 study with a comparative column summarizing the inventory from the 2016 study.

Table 1: Downtown Salem Parking System Inventory

Stalls by Type	2017 Stalls	% of Total	2016 Stalls	% of Total
30 Minutes - Signed	40	3.5%	39	3.5%
30 Minutes - Metered	1	< 1%	1	< 1%
2 Hours - Signed	11	1.0%	10	< 1%
2 Hours - Metered	6	< 1%	6	< 1%
3 Hours - Signed	1,019	90.2%	1,003	90.4%
Carpool Only	5	< 1%	5	< 1%
ADA accessible	43	3.8%	38	3.4%
No Limit / Unrestricted	5	< 1%	7	< 1%
<i>On-Street Supply Subtotal</i>	<i>1,130</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>1,109</i>	<i>100%</i>
<i>Off-Street Supply Subtotal (Parking District)</i>	<i>2,351</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>2,351</i>	<i>100%</i>
<i>Off-Street Supply Subtotal (Outside District)</i>	<i>490</i>		<i>490</i>	
Total Surveyed Supply	3,971		3,950	

The parking inventory, both on and off-street, was relatively consistent from 2016 to 2017, yet with a notable 21 stall increase in the number of on-street parking spaces. There were few changes to the on-street stall formatting with minor adjustments to ADA (increase of 5 stalls), No Limit/Unrestricted (2 stall reduction), and 3-Hour Signed stalls (a 16 stall increase).

The surveyed off-street supply totals 2,841 stalls. The most significant publicly controlled off-street parking resource is the Marion Parkade, which maintains 1,063 parking stalls. Results for all garage use/occupancy (in and outside the Parking District) are summarized in **Section VIII** (page 27) of this report.

VI. Nodal Analysis – Retail Core

The Retail Core is the heart of downtown Salem’s retail district, which has operated at its design capacity⁵ during the midday peak since the first parking study in 2006. The Retail Core is the area bounded by Center Street NE (*on the north*), State Street (*on the south*) Commercial Street (*on the west*) and Church Street (*on the east*)⁶.

Figure B provides a map of this nodal zone.



⁵ The occupancy level or number of vehicles that can be parked in a facility or area before it becomes difficult for a driver to find a space; causing inconvenience, congestion, and increased travel times. The parking industry identifies the threshold at 85%+.

⁶ The boundary line bisects the streets listed in the node description; only the block faces on the node side of the boundary are included, the opposite sides of the streets are excluded from the nodal analysis results.

Format of the Supply (Retail Core)

The number of on-street parking stalls within the retail core is currently 508 (45% of all stalls in the downtown study zone). The number of core stalls increased by 13 from 2016 levels, adding 10 3-Hour Signed stalls, 2 ADA Accessible stalls and one additional 30-Minute Signed stall.

Since the formatting changes made in 2015, the retail core is made up of predominantly 3-Hour Signed stalls, which represent 91% of all stalls in the core. The other two stall types, 30-Minute Signed and ADA Accessible make up an equal share (approximately 4%) of the remaining stalls in the retail core..

Table 2 provides a comparative summary of the on-street parking inventory for 2017 and 2016.

Table 2: Retail Core Node Inventory Comparison

Stalls by Type	2017 Stalls	% of Total	2016 Stalls	% of Total
30 Minutes - Signed	22	4.3%	21	4.2%
3 Hours - Signed	462	90.9%	452	91.3%
ADA Accessible	24	4.7%	22	4.4%
Totals	508	100%	495	100%

Key Findings – Retail Core

Table 3 provides a year-over-year comparison of parking performance by stall type within the Retail Core. Key findings from the table can be summarized as follows:

- The 2017 peak hour for the on-street public supply is between 12:00 and 1:00 PM, the same peak as the previous study.
- Peak hour occupancy for all stalls in the Retail Core Node decreased nearly four percentage points from 90% in 2016 to 86% in 2017.
- Peak hour occupancies have significantly increased for 30-Minute Signed stalls from 71% in 2016 to 91% in 2017. ADA Accessible stalls saw a similar increase but not as dramatic.
- Peak hour occupancies for 3-Hour Signed stalls decreased slightly from 93% in 2016 to 90% in 2017, which is still beyond the design capacity of the on-street system.

- Interestingly the average duration of stay for 3-Hour Signed stalls increased by 9 minutes from 2016 to 2017. Whereas, the average duration of stay has decreased by 6 minutes for ADA Accessible stalls.

Table 3: 2017 On-Street Parking Utilization - Retail Core Node Comparison

Downtown Salem On-Street Parking Utilization – Retail Core Comparison							
Type of Stall	Year	Stalls	Peak Hour	Peak Occupancy	Stalls Available	Average Length of Stay	Violation Rate
All Stalls	2017	508	12:00 – 1:00 PM	86.2%	70	1 hr/ 33 min	4.2%
	2016	495	12:00 – 1:00 PM	89.7%	51	1 hr/ 25 min	2.2%
Usage by Time Stay							
30 Minutes (Signed)	2017	22	1:00 – 2:00 PM	90.9%	2	N/A	13.1%
	2016	21	12:00 – 2:00 PM	71.4%	6	N/A	9.2%
3 Hours (Signed)	2017	462	12:00 – 1:00 PM	89.6%	48	1 hr/ 34 min	3.7%
	2016	452	12:00 – 1:00 PM	92.7%	33	1 hr/ 25 min	1.9%
ADA accessible	2017	24	1:00 – 2:00 PM	62.5%	9	1 hr/ 28 min	N/A
	2016	22	1:00 – 2:00 PM	50.0%	11	1 hr/ 34 min	N/A

Table 4 provides an annualized side-by-side comparison of parking metrics for the Retail Core Node. From the table the following conclusions can be derived:

- The number of vehicle trips parking in the Retail Core decreased noticeably (-17%) since last year from 2,608 in 2016 down to 2,227 in 2017. This metric, along with Unique License Plates, are bellwethers for downtown's economic vitality
- Similarly, Unique License Plate counts were down by 16% for the Retail Core, meaning 339 fewer visitors parked in the Retail Core.
- Vehicle hours parked on-street are down 7 % from 2016 (a similar decrease to the 2015/16 comparison). In 2017 there were 3,455 vehicle hours parked versus 3,699 in 2016.
- The vehicle turnover rate for the Retail Core is down slightly from 7.05 in 2016 to 6.45 in 2017. This means there are an average of 6.45 vehicle trips per stall in the Retail Core in a 10 hour period. A high vehicle turnover rate is a sign of the on-street system functioning efficiently.
- The violation rate remains low but nearly doubled to 4.2% in 2017 versus the impressive 2.2% rate in 2016. The switch to generous 3-Hour stalls is probably a contributing factor in the low rate.

- Vehicle hours parked in violation though a bit higher in 2017 at 3.8% (versus 2.3% in 2016), is so minimal that it has little impact on the parking system. Even vehicles parked 5 hours or more in a time limited stall are very low – 22 (2017) and 16 (2016), which again points to a high level of user compliance with posted time stays.

Table 4: On-Street Parking Metrics – Retail Core Node

Use Characteristics	2017	2016	Change
Average Length of Stay	1 hr/ 33 min	1 hr/ 25 min	+8 min
Vehicle Trips	2,227	2,608	-17.1%
Vehicle Hours Parked	3,455	3,699	-7.1%
Unique License Plates (ULP)	2,140	2,479	-15.8%
Turnover Rate (number of cars to use a single occupied stall over a 10 hour period)	6.45	7.05	-0.6
Violation Rate	4.2%	2.2%	+2.0 % points
Ratio of Vehicle Hours Parked in Violation	3.8%	2.3%	+1.5 % points
Vehicles Parked 5 hours or More (% of Vehicle Trips)	22 (1.0%)	16 (0.6%)	+8

Occupancy and Constraint – Retail Core

Figure C (*below*) provides a comparative look at hourly occupancies in the Retail Core over the course of the survey day. Some key findings include:

- Hourly occupancies in 2017 were lower than those of the previous year in 9 out of the 10 hours surveyed. The only exception is from 1:30-2:30pm, 2017 was 86% which is 4 percentage points higher than in 2016 at 82%.
- The largest differences in occupancy levels in the Retail Core are between 8 and 10 am. The next 7 hours (from 11:30 PM onward) follow a more similar occupancy level pattern as found in the 2016 study.

Figure B: On-Street Parking Utilization - Retail Core

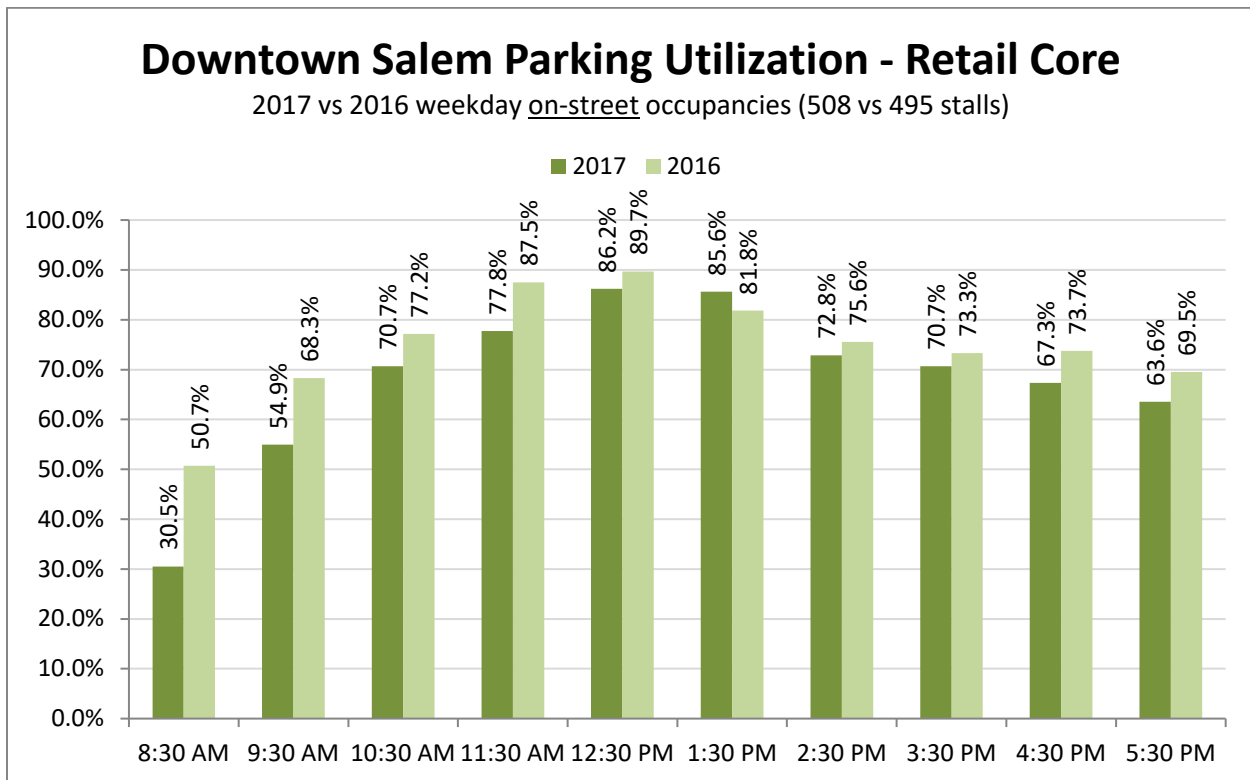
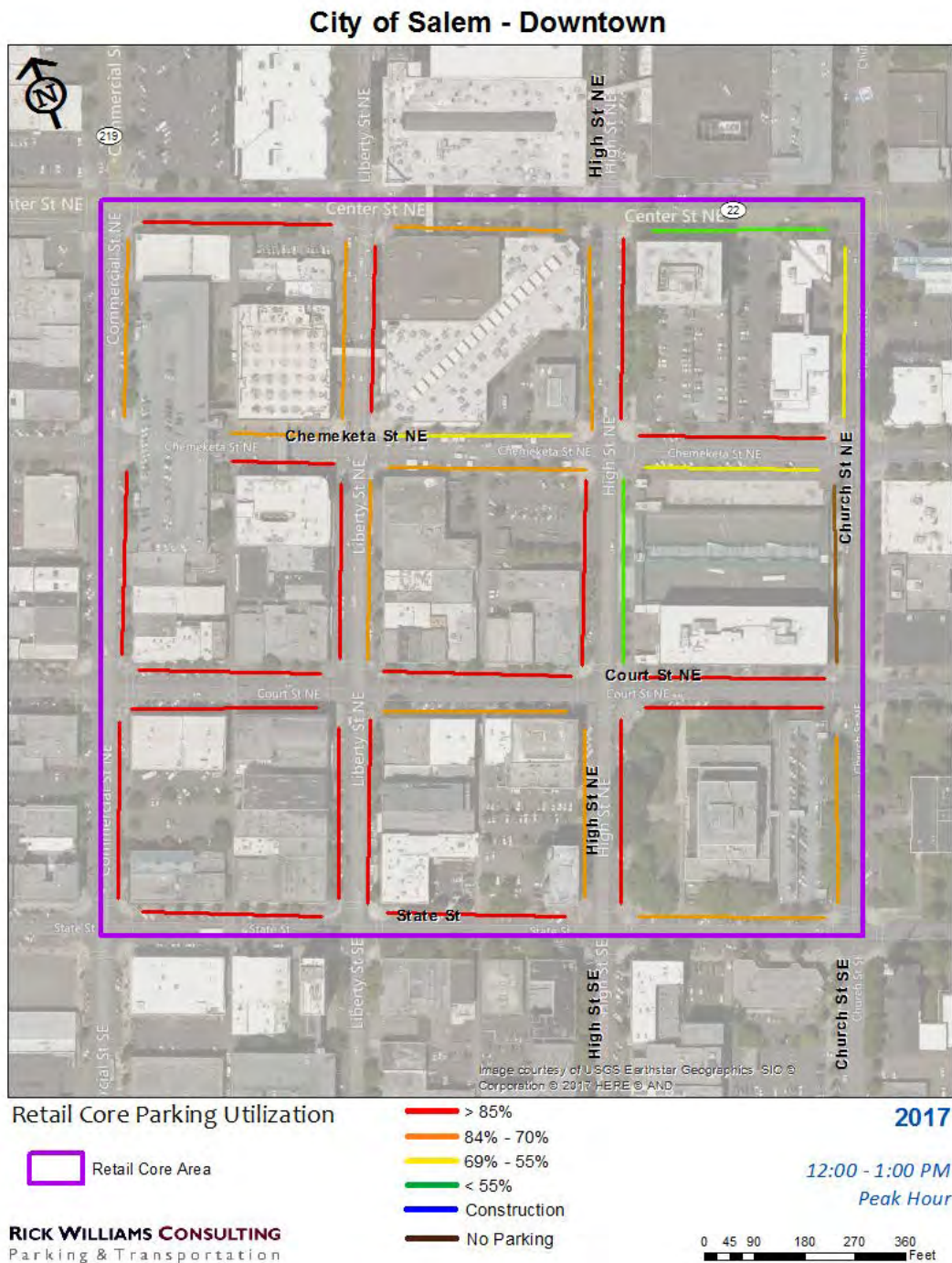


Figure D (page 20) provides a more granular look at occupancy constraints at the block face level in a “heat map” format⁷. The heat map shows a range of occupancies using color – the red (or “heat”) indicates areas of constraint (85% or greater), orange indicates occupancies of 84% or 70%, yellow indicates occupancies of 69% to 55%, and green indicates occupancies less than 55 percent.

Figure D shows the distribution of parking occupancies in the Retail Core by block face during the peak hour, 12:00 – 1:00 PM. As the figure illustrates, the Retail Core is highly constrained (*shown in red*) during this period of the day. Of the 35 individual block faces in the study zone, 19 (or 55%) exceed 85% occupancy and are by industry standards at or over design capacity. This is noticeably lower than in 2016 where 75% of the block faces were above 85 percent. This level of use creates an environment where it becomes difficult for a driver to find a space, causing inconvenience, congestion, and increased travel times. Thirty-one percent of the block faces (11) are performing well with occupancy rates between 70% and 84%, meaning there it is more likely for someone to find a space when they need one.

⁷ Heat maps have been created for each hour of the survey day for the entire study area. These maps are available from the City of Salem. A combined peak hour on and off-street heat map is provided in **Attachment A**.

Figure C: Peak Hour Occupancy Heat Map - Retail Core



As the figure shows, the Retail Core remains constrained during the peak hour, at that time there are 70 parking stalls available within the 9 block area. Despite the generous 3-Hour time restrictions, all parking stalls within the Retail Core have an average time stay of 1 hour and 33 minutes, which means the time restrictions are not artificially reducing the turnover rate and the system is operating efficiently.

VII. Characteristics of On-Street Parking

System Wide Comparative Findings – by Stall Type

The following section provides a comparison of parking utilization characteristics from the 2016 study to the results from the previous year. The figures provided here include the entire on-street study area as depicted in **Figure A** (page 11). **Table 5** (below) summarizes 2016 and 2015 parking use patterns categorized by stall type. These findings provide insight in how each stall type is serving the desired or prioritized user group.

Key findings from **Table 5** can be summarized as follows:

- The 2017 peak hour occupancy for the entire parking district's on-street system fell to 73% compared to 77% in 2016.
- The midday peak hour has remained consistent over the years, occurring between 12:00 and 1:00 PM in the afternoon.
- In 2016 there were 253 on-street stalls available in the peak hour. In 2017 that number rose to 304, which is consistent with the overall decline in occupancy rates.
- 30-Minute signed stalls, while never exceeding 85% occupancy have, the violation rate jumped up significantly to 14% from 9.8 % in 2016. This stalls should be prioritizes for selective enforcement. While a 3-Hour base standard may require less vigilant enforcement (high degree of compliance), 30-Minute Signed stalls should be enforced with frequent regularity to reduce the violation rate.
- The average length of stay in 2-Hour Signed stalls significantly increased from 2 hours and 0 minutes in 2016 to 2 hours and 50 minutes in 2017. While these stalls are provided in limited quantity (11), users are not honoring the posted time stays. These stalls may be good candidates to be converted to 3-Hour stays, consistent with the rest of the downtown parking district.
- Conversely, the violation rate in 2-Hour Signed stalls is even higher than its elevated rate last year, increasing to 54% in 2017 from 27% in 2016. As previously mentioned, consideration should be given to converting these stalls to 3-Hour or these stalls could be targeted for a more frequent enforcement cycle, similar to 30-Minute Signed stalls.
- 3-Hour Signed stalls appear to be performing well. Parkers only utilize half of the time allowance (1 hour and 30 minutes), with very little violations, only 3% of users are violating the time stay.
- Users continue to exploit the small number of No Limit stalls, which easily reach 100% occupancy early in the day and maintain that level throughout most of the day. One notable difference is that this year, the average length of stay decreased to 3 hours versus 5

hours and 25 minutes in both 2015 and 2016. This could be an indication the employee parking programs are working well to free up the on-street system for visitors.

Table 5: On-Street Parking Utilization Comparison

Type of Stall	Year	Stalls	Peak Hour	Peak Occupancy	Stalls Available	Average Length of Stay	Violation Rate
On-Street Peak	2017	1,130	12:00 – 1:00 PM	73.1%	304	1 hr/ 30 min	3.6%
	2016	1,109	12:00 – 1:00 PM	77.2%	253	1 hr/ 26 min	2.3%
Usage by Time Stay							
30 Minutes Signed	2017	40	1:00 – 2:00 pm	72.5%	11	N/A	13.9%
	2016	39	1:00 – 2:00 PM	64.1%	14	N/A	9.8%
30 Minutes Metered	2017	1	2:00 – 6:00 PM	100%	0	N/A	100%
	2016	1	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM 2:00 – 3:00 PM	100%	0	N/A	0%
2 Hours Signed	2017	11	9:00 – 10:00 AM	72.7%	3	2 hr/ 50 min	53.8%
	2016	10	5:00 – 6:00 PM	40.0%	6	2 hr/ 0 min	28.6%
2 Hours Metered	2017	6	4:00 – 6:00 PM	50.0%	3	1 hr/ 17 min	0%
	2016	6	11:00 AM – 1:00 PM	33.3%	4	1 hr/ 9 min	0%
3 Hours Signed	2017	1,019	12:00 – 1:00 PM	76.2%	243	1 hr/ 30 min	3.0%
	2016	1,003	12:00 – 1:00 PM	80.4%	197	1 hr/ 26 min	2.0%
Carpool Only	2017	5	12:00 – 1:00 PM 4:00 – 5:00 PM	40.0%	3	2 hr/ 45 min	N/A
	2016	5	5:00 – 6:00 PM	60.0%	2	4 hr/ 0 min	N/A
ADA accessible	2017	43	1:00 – 2:00 PM	51.2%	21	1 hr/ 21 min	N/A
	2016	38	1:00 – 2:00 PM	42.1%	22	1 hr/ 19 min	N/A
No Limit	2017	5	1:00 – 5:00 PM	100%	0	3 hr/ 0 min	N/A
	2016	7	8:00 – 9:00 AM 12:00 – 1:00 PM 3:00 – 5:00 PM	100%	0	5 hr/ 25 min	N/A

Comparative Findings – Characteristics of the On-Street Parking System

Table 6 summarizes key usage characteristics between the two study years. While findings are generally similar from one year to the next, it is important to take note of the recent changes between 2016 and 2017. The table below highlights some of those distinctions.

Table 6: System Wide On-Street Parking Characteristics Comparison

Use Characteristics	2017	2016	Change
Average Length of Stay	1 hr/ 30 min	1 hr/ 26 min	+4 minute
Vehicle Trips	4,088	4,559	-11.5%
Vehicle Hours Parked	6,128	6,570	-7.2%
Unique License Plates (ULP)	3,881	4,242	-9.3%
Turnover Rate ⁸	6.67	6.97	-0.3
Violation Rate	3.6%	2.3%	+1.3 % points
Ratio of Vehicle Hours Parked in Violation	3.3%	2.6%	+0.7 % points
Vehicles Parked 5 Hours or More (% of vehicle trips)	28 (0.7%)	30 (0.7%)	-2

Key findings from **Table 6** can be summarized as follows:

- Similar to the Retail Core Node, the average length of stay is consistent with the previous year, 1 hour and 30 minutes (2017) versus 1 hour and 26 minutes (2016).
- The number of vehicle trips in 2017 (4,088) decreased by 12% when compared with 2016 (4,559), which is not as significant a falloff as experienced in the Retail Core (-17%). Overall this represents a decrease of 471 trips accessing the on-street system over an average weekday.
- The turnover rate, an indicator of the parking system's operating efficiency, has remained fairly high, with results from each survey at 6.67 turns (per stall) over a 10 hour day. This is only slightly lower than the last few years rate of 7 turns per stall. This is a positive (and perennial) bellwether for how the on-street parking system is operating.

⁸ Average number of vehicle trips able to use a single parking stall over a 10 hour period

- The number of unique license plates, also a measure of downtown’s vitality, is down 10% over 2016, the equivalent to 361 fewer patrons accessing downtown.
- Violation rates in Downtown Salem remain some of the lowest in the industry – having rates from both surveys under 4% is still remarkable.
- Through active management of the on-street parking system Downtown Salem has virtually eliminated vehicles parking in excess of 5 hours in a single stall. Less than 1% of unique vehicles parking in time limited stalls⁹ park for 5 hours or more. There were 28 identified vehicles in 2017, two less than the number recorded in 2016 (30).

Moving to Evade

Table 7 provides a brief overview of observed “Moving to Evade” parking behavior where users (typically employees) choose to move their vehicle every few hours to avoid receiving a parking citation with for the purpose of utilizing convenient, proximate, or ‘preferred’ parking stalls close to their place of work.

Table 7: Summary of *Moving to Evade* in Downtown Salem

Parking Citation Avoidance	2017	2016
Occurrences of license plates observed moving to evade parking citations (percent of unique plates)	160 (4.1%)	251 (5.9%)
Number of moves observed	184	295
Average moves per unique license plate	1.2	1.2

The following can be derived from the data presented in **Table 7**:

- 2017 showed a significant decrease in the number of vehicles *moving to evade*. In 2016, 251 vehicles (6% of total) were found to be moving to evade; today (2017) 160 vehicles or 4% of all unique vehicles are shown to be doing the same.
- The City of Salem has a policy prohibiting employees¹⁰ from parking in free customer parking (both on and off-street) or risk financial penalties. This policy has proven effective; efforts should be made to keep this policy in place and enforced.

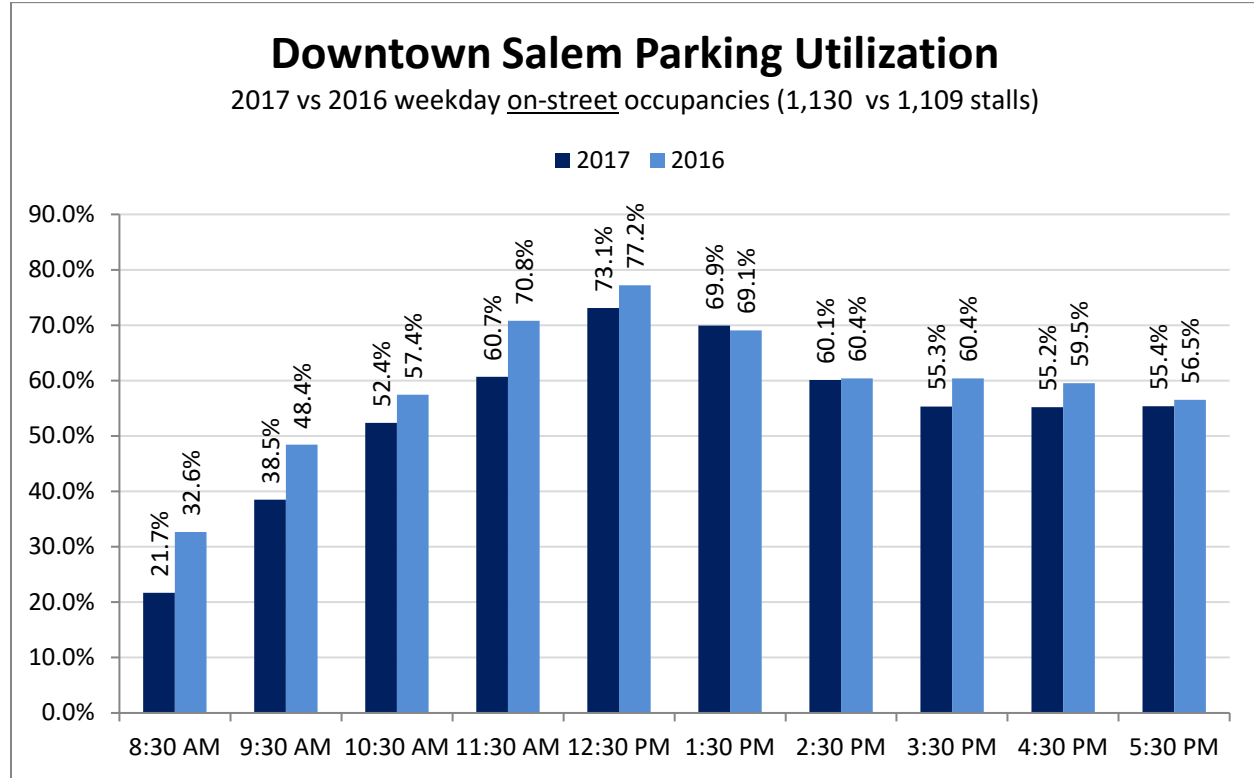
⁹ All vehicles parked for 5 hours or more in a single stall were parked in 3-Hour Signed stalls.

¹⁰ The inclusive policy also includes volunteers, jurors, and students.

Hourly Occupancy Comparison

Figure E provides a comparative snapshot of hourly occupancies for the 2017 and 2016 studies.

Figure D: Hourly Parking Occupancies Comparison



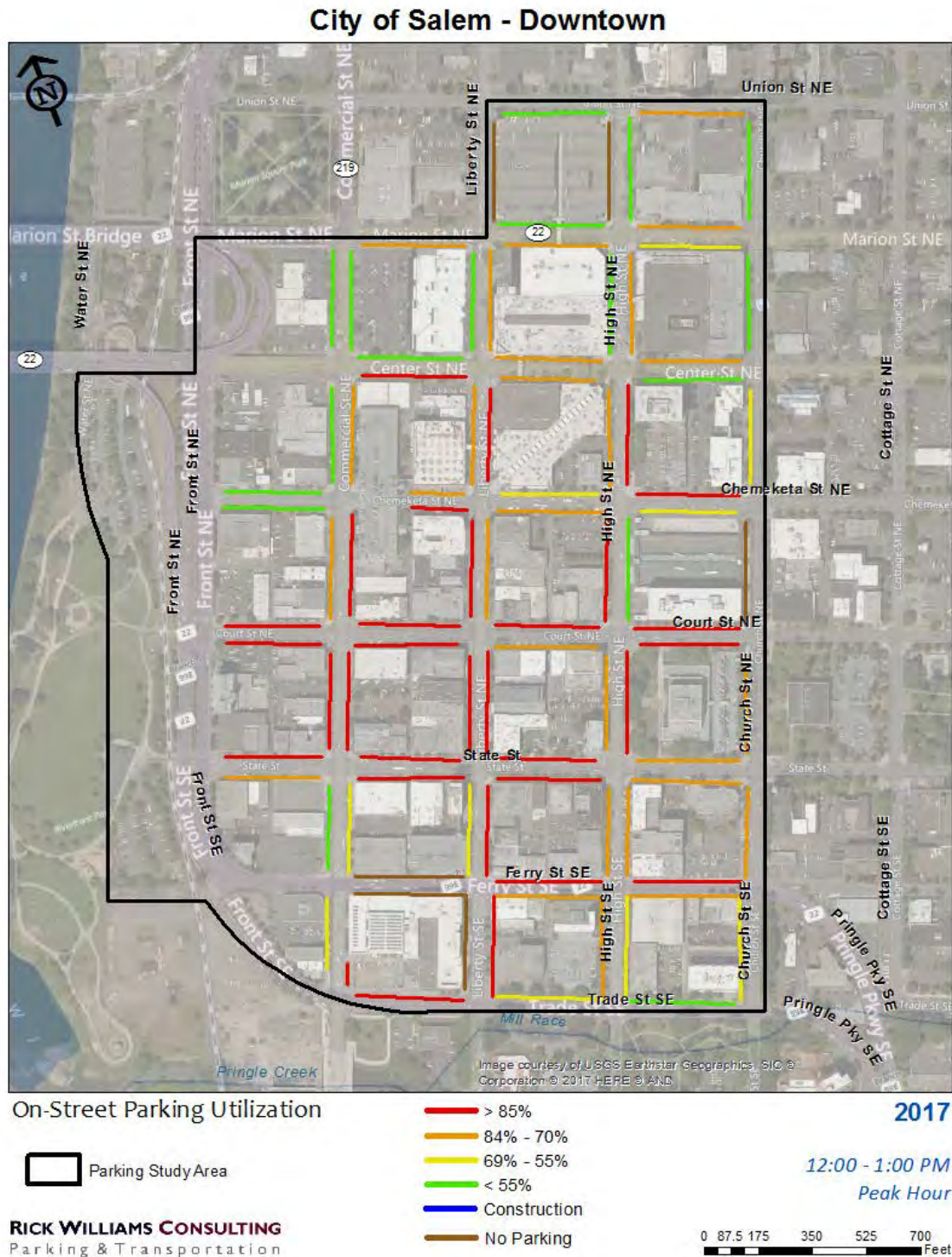
The following can be derived from the data presented in **Figure E**:

- Not surprisingly, the pattern of occupancy for the larger study area mimics that of the Retail Core Node, albeit at slightly lower levels.
- Hourly occupancies in 2017 are lower overall than 2016 levels. The only hour that exceeds 2016 levels was at 1:30pm.
- Afternoon occupancies are mostly in line with a typical downtown parking demand curve which decreases steadily after reaching the peak hour. In both cases (2016 & 2017) occupancies level off and remain somewhat steady in the afternoon and early evening hours.

Figure F provides a bird's eye view of parking occupancy constraints at the block face level in the form of a heat map. **Figure F** shows the distribution of parking occupancies for the downtown study area by block face during the peak hour, 12:00 – 1:00 PM. As previously shown (in **Figure D**), the Retail Core is highly constrained, but there are other areas of the downtown that experience similar conditions. At the corner of Ferry and Liberty Streets, 3 of the 5 abutting block faces are at 85% occupancy (or more), the remaining 2 blocks are more evenly occupied (between 84% and 70%) and (between 55% and 69%)

respectively. Also nearby there is constraint at Court St NE and High St, 5 of the 8 block faces are at or above 85% occupancy and two are relatively high at between 70% and 84%. Of the 86 block faces in the study zone, 31 exceed 85% occupancy and are by industry standards at or over design capacity.

Figure E: Peak Hour Occupancy Heat Map – Downtown



VIII. Characteristics of Off-Street Parking

While the combined on-street system operates at approximately 73% peak occupancy and the Core Retail Node at 86%, it is important to evaluate how the off-street system operates in relation. This is particularly important to understand, as the physical limitation of the on-street system will require directing customers and visitors into off-street locations. As such, understanding available capacity in the off-street system and its ability to absorb demand growth will be important.

Figure G shows the seven publicly owned parking facilities and their geographic locations in relation to the downtown study area. In all, seven facilities were surveyed, totaling 2,841 stalls (as described in Section V. Format of the Parking Supply, *above*).

Figure F: Downtown Salem Public Off-Street Parking Facilities



Off-Street Parking Utilization – Combined System (Downtown Parking District)

Figure H summarizes hourly occupancies within the combined 2,351 stalls that comprise the off-street system within the Downtown Parking District (see facilities inside black boundary, shown in **Figure G**, page 27). Findings indicate:

- Hourly off-street occupancies have increased overall compared to 2016, actually reflecting a similar rise in the 2015 numbers. The 2017 peak occupancy reaches 54 % versus 49% in 2016.
- 2017 had higher hourly occupancies in 7 of the 10 hours surveyed when compared to 2016 figures.
- The hourly demand curve for the 2017 survey is more like a typical demand bell-shaped curve compared to the flat (more consistent across all hours) curve in 2016.
- Off-street parking facilities appear to be serving the desired user group effectively, but there remains abundant availability in nearly all facilities throughout the Parking District (see **Table 8**, page 29).

Figure G: Off-Street Parking Utilization Comparison

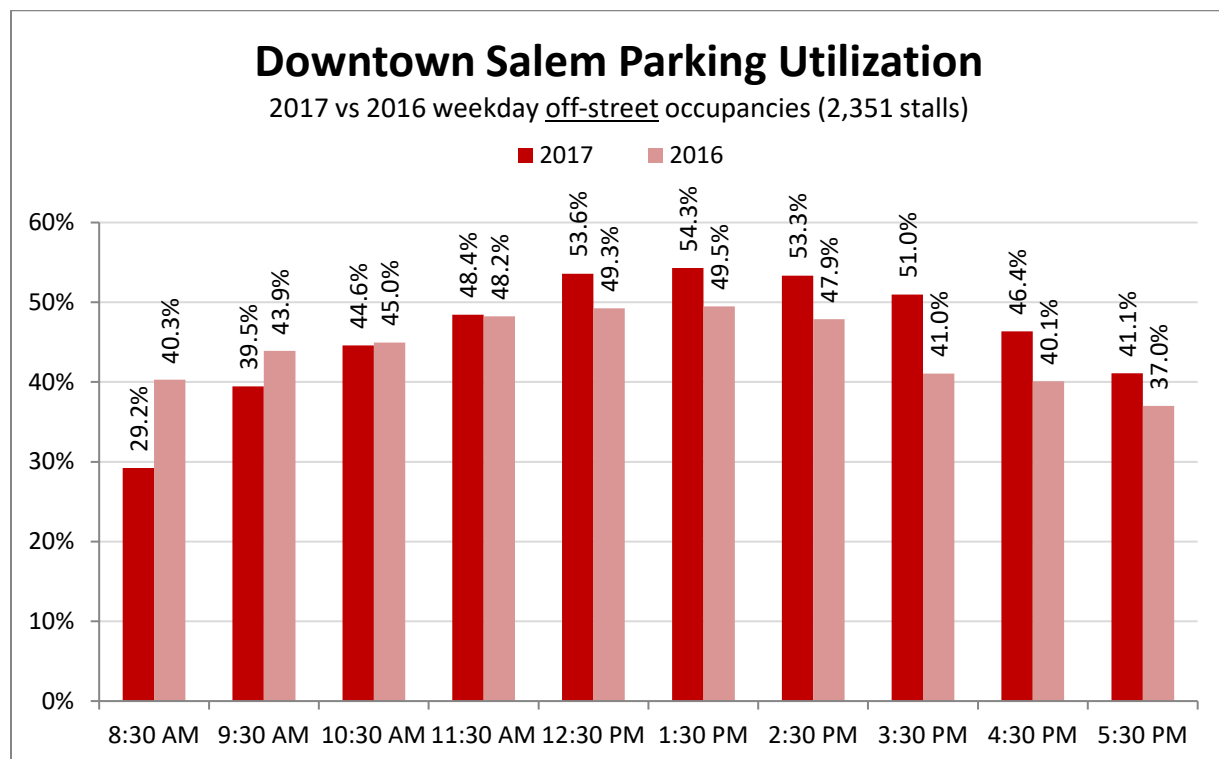


Table 8 (below) provides usage information for each off-street facility, both within and outside the Parking District. In general, there is an abundance of available off-street parking available in the peak hour and throughout the workday; though slightly less than the previous years' surveys. At present,

during the peak hour when demand on the parking system is highest, there are about 1,100 (1,074) off-street parking available for use by customers, visitors and/or employees within the six Parking District facilities (i.e., Marion, Chemeketa, Liberty, Riverfront Surface Lot, South Riverfront Park, and the Municipal Lot). When all (7) facilities are aggregated in **Table 8**, the number of unused stalls balloons to 1,364.

Table 8: Off-Street Parking Utilization by Facility

	Garage/Lot	Stalls	Metrics	2017	2016
Downtown Parking District	Marion Parkade	1,063	Peak Hour (PH)	1:00 – 3:00 PM	2:00 – 3:00 PM
			PH Occupancy	47.1%	47.4%
			Stalls Available	562	559
	Chemeketa Parkade	642	Peak Hour (PH)	1:00 – 2:00 PM	1:00 – 2:00 PM
			PH Occupancy	43.8%	49.4%
			Stalls Available	361	325
	Liberty Parkade	378	Peak Hour (PH)	12:00 – 1:00 PM	12:00 – 1:00 PM
			PH Occupancy	69.8%	57.7%
			Stalls Available	114	160
	Municipal Lot	29	Peak Hour (PH)	12:00 – 1:00 PM	11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
			PH Occupancy	89.7%	100%
			Stalls Available	3	0
	Riverfront Surface Lot	167	Peak Hour (PH)	12:00 – 1:00 PM	10:00 – 11:00 AM
			PH Occupancy	91.6%	55.7%
			Stalls Available	14	74
	South Riverfront Park	72	Peak Hour (PH)	1:00 – 3:00 PM	9:00 – 11:00 AM
			PH Occupancy	100%	100%
			Stalls Available	0	0
Outside Parking District	Pringle Parkade	490	Peak Hour (PH)	1:00 – 2:00 PM	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
			PH Occupancy	40.8%	43.9%
			Stalls Available	290	275
	Subtotal Off-Street Supply (Parking District)	2,351	Peak Hour (PH)	1:00 – 2:00 PM	1:00 – 2:00 PM
			PH Occupancy	54.3%	49.5%
			Stalls Available	1,074	1,188
	Subtotal Off-Street Supply (Outside District)	490	Peak Hour (PH)	1:00 – 2:00 PM	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
			PH Occupancy	40.8%	43.9%
			Stalls Available	290	275

	Garage/Lot	Stalls	Metrics	2017	2016
	Off-Street Surveyed Supply	2,841	Peak Hour (PH)	1:00 – 2:00 PM	12:00 – 1:00 PM
			PH Occupancy	52.0%	48.2%
			Stalls Available	1,364	1,471

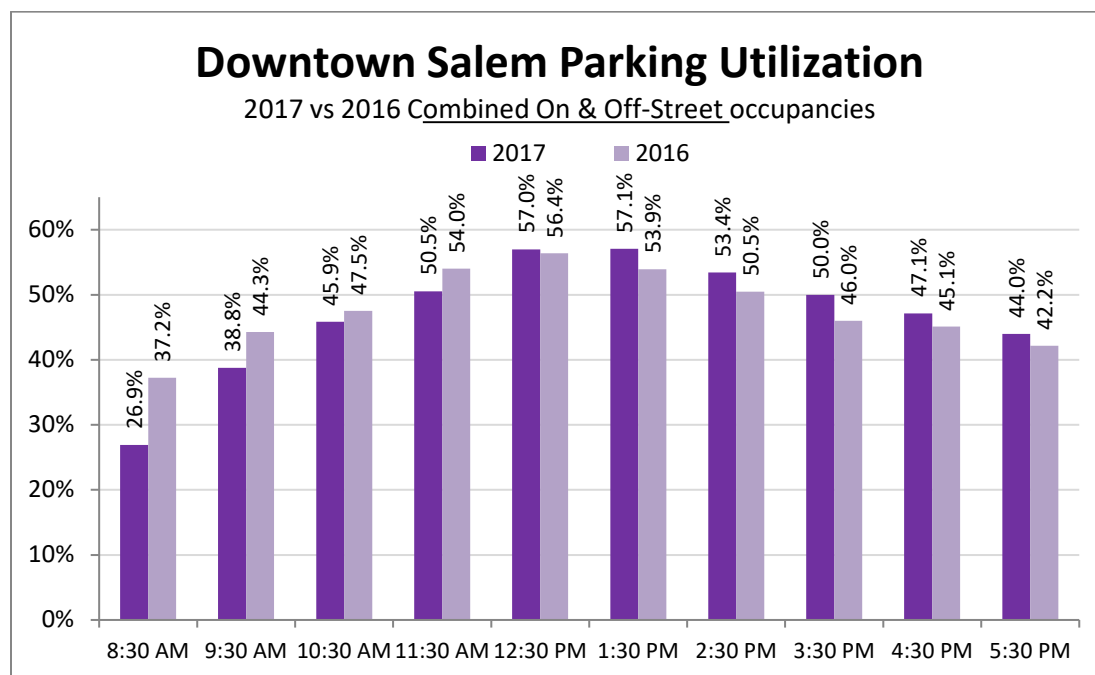
Additional findings derived from **Table 8** include:

- There are a combined 42 fewer vehicles parked in the peak hour in the Marion, Chemeketa, and Municipal Parkade in 2017 compared to the previous year. These figures should be cross referenced with the number of permits sold in each facility to determine a correlation between the two measurements. Attachment B provides a current accounting of permits sold for each facility (to be updated by City of Salem staff).
- However, there are an additional 106 vehicles parked in the Riverfront Surface Lot and Liberty Garage during their perspective peak hours.
- There were 15 fewer vehicles are parked in the Pringle Parkade during its peak hour.

Combined On and Off-Street Parking Utilization – Downtown Parking Area

With any operating system it is important to isolate and investigate how individual components function. It is equally important to look at how a unified or combined system operates. To that end, in the parking industry some of the most successful systems have well-integrate on and off-street parking

Figure H: Combined On & Off-Street Hourly Parking Occupancy Comparison



facilities that complement and support each other. Such is the case in downtown Salem. The on-street system is intended for shorter-term (less than 3 hours) visitor/customer trips, while the off-street system is intended for longer-term (greater than 3 hours) visitor, customer, and employee trips. These two (sub) components when managed properly create an organized, balanced parking system that is easy to use and provides access for all users.

Figure I 3 illustrates hourly occupancies for the combined on and off-street system for two study years.

Key findings from **Figure I** include:

- When occupancy data from the on and off-street systems are combined the results tell a different story – they show occupancies that exceed 2016 results in 6 out of the 10 hours surveyed.
- While on-street utilization has experienced decreases over the previous year, utilization of the off-street system has matched or slightly exceeded those decreases, showing higher overall volumes.
- The 2017 study showed stronger afternoon occupancies, while the 2016 study had higher morning occupancies. In truth, utilization rates are fairly balanced over the course of the two surveys (although showing overall growth in the system, albeit incremental growth).

Table 9: Aggregated System Wide Parking Utilization Comparison

Parking System	Year	Stalls	Peak Occupancy/ Hour	Stalls Available	Unique License Plates	Vehicle Hours Parked
On-Street System	2017	1,130	73.1% 12:00 – 1:00 PM	304	3,881	6,128
	2016	1,109	77.2% 12:00 – 1:00 PM	253	4,242	6,570
Off-Street System (Parking District)	2017	2,351	54.3% 1:00 – 2:00 PM	1,074	N/A	10,847
	2016	2,351	49.5% 1:00 – 2:00 PM	1,188	N/A	10,395
Off-Street System (All)	2017	2,841	52.0% 1:00 – 2:00 PM	1,364	N/A	12,562
	2016	2,841	48.2% 12:00 – 1:00 PM	1,471	N/A	12,273
Combined System (Parking District)	2017	3,481	59.9% 12:00 – 1:00 PM	1,395	3,881 ¹¹	16,975 ¹²
	2016	3,460	58.2% 12:00 – 1:00 PM	1,446	4,242	16,965

¹¹ On-Street only figure

¹² On and Off-Street combined figure

Parking System	Year	Stalls	Peak Occupancy/ Hour	Stalls Available	Unique License Plates	Vehicle Hours Parked
Combined System (All)	2017	3,971	57.1% 1:00 – 2:00 PM	1,704	3,881	18,690
	2016	3,950	56.4% 12:00 – 1:00 PM	1,724	4,242	18,843

From **Table 9** the follow insights can be derived:

- On-street rates were lower in 2017 than in 2016 overall; while off-street rates were higher in 2017.
- The peak hour occupancy for the combined system reaches 60% in 2017, nearly a two percentage point increase compared to 2016.
- Though the on-street system displayed higher number of unique vehicles the combined parking system showed a slight increase in activity with 10 additional vehicle hours parked, 16,975 in 2017 compared to 16,965 in 2016.

IX. Recommendations

Based upon the findings in this study, RWC offers the following recommendations for consideration, some of which are reiterated from the previous year:

- ❖ **Posted Time Stays Continue to Work:** Despite the generous 3-Hour time restrictions all stalls within the Retail Core have an average time stay of 1 hour and 30 minutes, which means the time restrictions are not artificially reducing the turnover rate and the system is operating efficiently.
- ❖ **Targeted Enforcement of Shorter-Term Time Stays:** The current turnover rate of 6.67 is still quite good, but a slight decline from the past few years. It is recommended the City continue to monitor average length of stay and its corresponding turnover rate. The 30-Minute stalls violation rate jumped up to 14% in 2017; similarly the violation in 2-Hour Signed stalls more than doubled to 54%. It may be worth prioritizing these stalls for enhanced enforcement until the violation rates decrease to a more desirable range (7% - 4%).
- ❖ **Move to Priced Parking [same as 2016]:** The Retail Core on-street system continues to exceed the 85% occupancy threshold (industry standard) during the peak hour. This results in a deficiency of available parking. Best practices would suggest moving to more aggressive management – shorter time stays, more rigorous enforcement, or priced parking. Based on the findings from this study Salem has a well calibrated system with sufficient enforcement. As such, the City should consider moving to a paid on-street system, both in the Retail Core to bring occupancies at or below the optimal 85% threshold, and throughout the entire parking district to counter balance implementation in the Core and to disburse utilization throughout the whole Parking District (as it is today).
- ❖ **Improve Wayfinding [same as 2016]:** While off-street occupancies are higher this year, improving way-finding signage on-street may help guide visitors to off-street lots to help alleviate on-street congestion.
- ❖ **Off-Street Communications [same as 2016]:** More cities are turning to technology to enhance the customer experience such as providing real-time parking availability counter systems in their off-street facilities. This provides the user with assurance of parking availability, lessens visitor angst, reduces vehicles circling, and decreases congestion. Parking availability counters are most effective when they are strategically located in the right-of-way where users can easily identify availability status and proceed accordingly. These real-time counters can also be incorporated into websites or apps that can relay usage information directly to users even before their trip begins. The City may want to consider this as a future option for system enhancement¹³.

¹³ This enhancement could be implemented in the current off-street environment and/or under a system where all off-street users would pay park (not just employees), although the latter would be envisioned further into the future.

IX. Summary

Summary

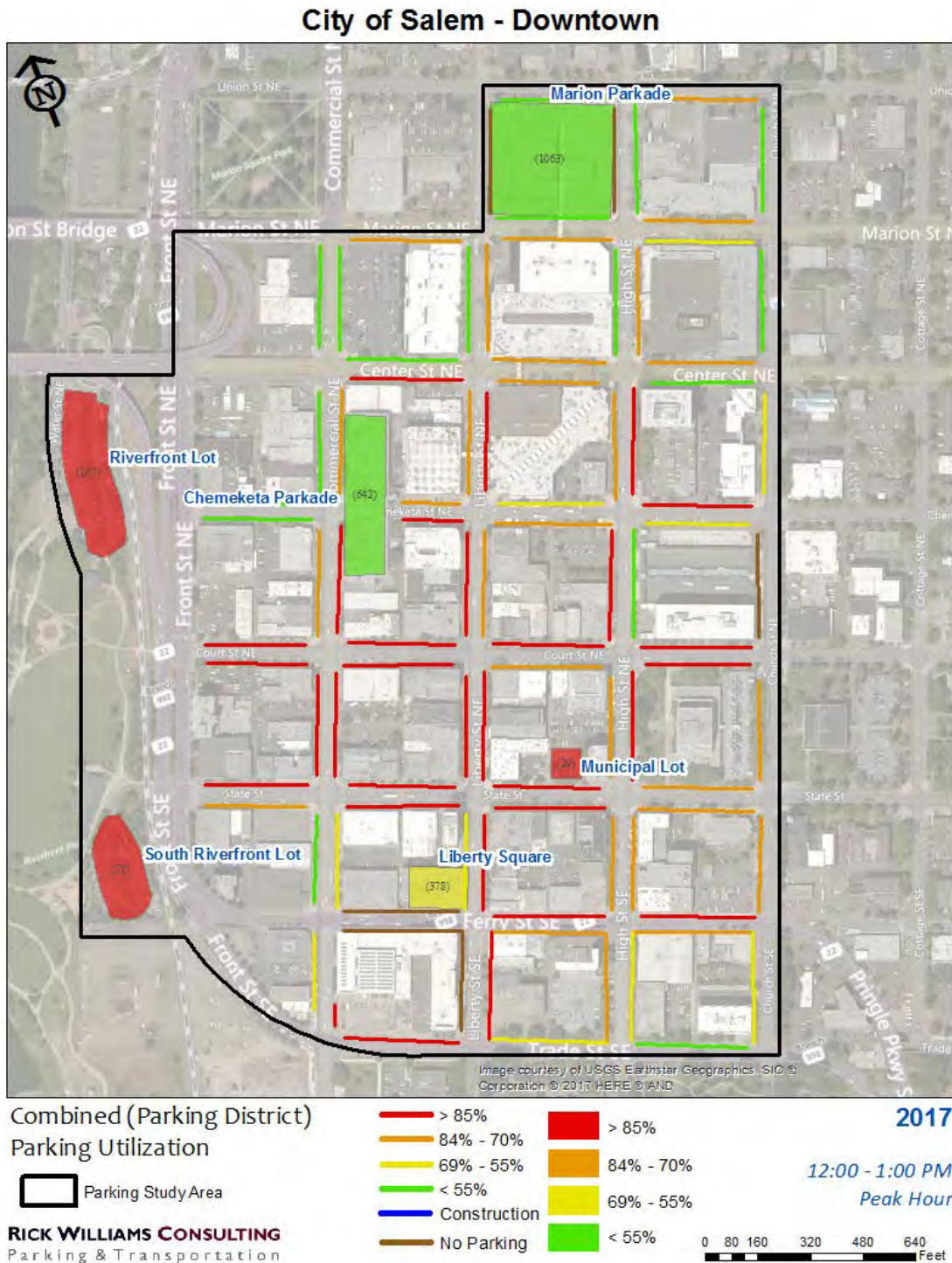
The City of Salem continues to do a good job of engaging in proactive parking management and the dynamics of the system are providing encouraging results. The recalibration of time restrictions and strict enforcement of the prohibition of employees parking in the Retail Core has remarkably reduced the number of violations and virtually eliminated the number of users parking for 5 hours or more. Despite the generous time restrictions (3-Hours), the system turns over at an impressive rate, 6.67 turns in a 10 hour period. These measures have resulted in allowing more customers, visitors, and employees to access the downtown by vehicle year over year.

Despite some decreasing occupancy and vehicle trip numbers in the on-street system, the off-street supply has experienced a corresponding uptick in utilization and vehicle hours parked. This translates to an increased number of customers and visitors coming to the downtown that may be choosing off-street parking alternatives, leaving more availability in the on-street supply. Conversely, as with many successful and active downtowns comes the burden of congestion. In spite of great management efforts, Salem still faces parking deficit in the Retail Core during the peak hour – currently a 6 stall deficit. To bring the system back into balance (i.e., reducing occupancies below 85%) will require more aggressive management strategies. Salem should consider piloting a paid parking system in the Downtown Parking District.

The off-street system, even with increased utilization, continues to be significantly underutilized, with occupancies reaching only 54% in the peak hour. This presents both a challenge and an opportunity for the City. It is evident that many downtown employees use the public off-street parking supply, but the challenge, particularly when the Retail Core reaches saturation during the midday peak, will be to foster greater customer and visitor use of those facilities, which we may be beginning to see the early signs of now. There is a finite supply of on-street parking, when that system reaches capacity (Retail Core), users have essentially three options: park further away and walk, come downtown on an alternative mode (e.g., bike, bus, walk), or simply park off-street. Moving to a paid on-street system would ease on-street parking congestion by shifting users into the available off-street supply thereby helping to restore balance the overall parking system downtown.

ATTACHMENT A

2017 On and Off-Street Parking Peak Hour Occupancy Map



Appendix D

Itemized Cost Estimates

Overall

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Phase One

Salem Riverfront Park Preferred Master Plan							
ITEMS:	Unit	Unit Cost	Qty.	Low 20% contingency	High 40% contingency	Notes	GREENWORKS
New Park Addition						\$854,700.00	\$997,150.00
Riverview Plaza Paving	SF	\$15.00	3,500	\$63,000.00	\$73,500.00	Assumes permeable pavers (decorative)	
Retaining Wall @ Plaza	SFF	\$65.00	150	\$11,700.00	\$13,650.00	SFF: square foot of face - conc. wall averaging 3.25' in height	
Steps @ Plaza	SF	\$9.50	500	\$5,700.00	\$6,650.00	Steps left and right of Riverview Plaza	
Railing with Seating @ Plaza	LF	\$400.00	125	\$60,000.00	\$70,000.00	Railing with table top (bistro) and seating integral	
Restroom (4 unisex)	EA	\$150,000.00	1	\$180,000.00	\$210,000.00	Pre-fab structure from Romtec with some customization	
Utilities for restroom	LF	\$250.00	600	\$180,000.00	\$210,000.00	Assumes Power, sewer, water come from existing restroom location at Playground	
Lighting	EA	\$2,500.00	8	\$24,000.00	\$28,000.00	General site lighting - 8 poles	
Pringle Creek Trail	SF	\$8.00	5,500	\$52,800.00	\$61,600.00	Concrete Path - from E. property line to Enviro Ball exist. Paths - appx. 275' long, avg. 20' wide	part of Vehicular Circulation for amphitheater
Plant Beds	SF					Trees, shrubs, groundcovers, mulch	
stage area	SF	\$3.50	4,000	\$16,800.00	\$19,600.00	Beds left and right of stage	
perimeter of amphitheater	SF	\$3.50	17,500	\$73,500.00	\$85,750.00	Beds on back side of amphitheater berm	
RR beds	SF	\$3.50	17,500	\$73,500.00	\$85,750.00	Bed along RR tracks	
Topsoil for plant beds	CY	\$25.00	1,450	\$43,500.00	\$50,750.00	Assumes 12" depth of topsoil	
Irrigation	SF	\$1.00	39,000	\$46,800.00	\$54,600.00		
Bank Restoration (plantings)	SF	\$1.00	19,500	\$23,400.00	\$27,300.00	invasive removal and native planting along Pringle Creek up to Minto Bridge	
Amphitheater						\$596,655.00	\$812,113.75
Amphitheater Cover				?	?		
Amphitheater Stage				?	?		
Amphitheater fill	CY	\$15.00	2,500	\$45,000.00	\$52,500.00	Clean fill	
Fill for cap of contaminated soils	CY	\$15.00	3,100	\$55,800.00	\$65,100.00	Clean fill to cap contaminated soils - does not include area under pavement or structures	
Seeded Lawn for Amphitheater	SF	\$0.35	68,125	\$28,612.50	\$33,381.25		
Topsoil for lawn area	CY	\$25.00	1,275	\$38,250.00	\$44,625.00	Assumes 6" of topsoil over entire seeded area	
Irrigation for lawn area	SF	\$1.00	68,125	\$81,750.00	\$95,375.00		
Vehicular Circulation	SF	\$10.00	16,650	\$199,800.00	\$233,100.00	832.5 feet of 20' wide conc. around stage back to parking lot - Excludes Pringle Creek Trail - see line 17 - Excludes Plaza Paving	
Pedestrian Circulation	SF	\$8.00	5,000	\$48,000.00	\$56,000.00	appx 500' of 10' wide conc. - center path in amphitheater	
Existing Amphitheater and Play Area						\$2,544,055.00	\$2,976,397.50
Picnic Shelters at exist. Amph.	ea	\$35,000.00	4	\$168,000.00	\$196,000.00	Polygon custom shelters with some modifications	
2 picnic tables at each shelter	ea	\$1,250.00	8	\$12,000.00	\$14,000.00		
access paths to shelters	SF	\$8.00	2,800	\$26,880.00	\$31,360.00	assumes 350lf @ 8' wide - includes allowance for paving under shelters	
Labyrinth at existing stage	SF	\$15.00	1,250	\$22,500.00	\$26,250.00		
Added trees in Amphitheater area	ea	\$350.00	25	\$10,500.00	\$12,250.00		
Floating Boardwalk	SF	\$125.00	10,000	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,750,000.00	Appx. 1000 lf including paths up and down banks for access - avg. 10' wide	
Parking Lot expansion	SF	\$6.50	16,875	\$131,625.00	\$153,562.50	appx. 55-60 spaces plus, curbs, landscape	
Main Entry Plaza	SF	\$15.00	14,375	\$258,750.00	\$301,875.00	Assumes permeable pavers (decorative) rated for vehicular traffic	
Bollards at plaza edge w/parking	ea	\$500.00	18	\$10,800.00	\$12,600.00	removable bollards at flush curb - vehicular access for events	
Expanded Play Area	LS			\$250,000.00	\$300,000.00	Landscape/irrigation/soils/drainage/ground level slide/seating	
Enhanced Plantings between parking and RR track	SF	\$2.50	18,750	\$56,250.00	\$65,625.00		
Gateway Elements at State St.	LS	\$50,000.00	1	\$60,000.00	\$70,000.00	assumes irrigation exists in this area	
Bank Restoration (plantings)	SF	\$1.00	30,625	\$36,750.00	\$42,875.00	invasive removal and native planting along Willamette from Minto bridge N. to end of river walk path up bank.	
North End of Park						\$1,992,600.00	\$2,324,700.00
Gateway Element at Court Street	LS	\$100,000.00	1	\$120,000.00	\$140,000.00	Court St. to Union Street	
Gateway Plaza at Court Street	SF	\$15.00	10,000	\$180,000.00	\$210,000.00		
Kayak rental/dropoff	LS	\$35,000.00	1	\$42,000.00	\$49,000.00	Minimal structure w/locking bays for storage and power	
Kayak launch dock addition	SF	\$125.00	1,000	\$150,000.00	\$175,000.00	dock 10' wide by 100' long	
Expanded gangway to dock	SF	\$95.00	1,000	\$114,000.00	\$133,000.00	gangway 10' wide by 100 long	
Enhanced paving at exist. Splash Pad	SF	\$12.50	7,500	\$112,500.00	\$131,250.00		
Restroom at Picnic Pavilion (4 unisex)	EA	\$150,000.00	1	\$180,000.00	\$210,000.00	Pre-fab structure from Romtec with some customization	
Utilities for restroom	LF	\$250.00	950	\$285,000.00	\$332,500.00	Assumes Power, sewer, water come from existing restroom location at Playground	
Enhanced Plantings along RR track	SF	\$2.50	32,500	\$97,500.00	\$113,750.00	assumes irrigation exists in this area	
Special paving at traffic circle and road	SF	\$15.00	15,000	\$270,000.00	\$315,000.00	replaces asphalt with permeable pavers	
Added trees throughout N. end	ea	\$350.00	60	\$25,200.00	\$29,400.00		
Convert exist. AC paths to Conc.	SF	\$9.00	5,500	\$59,400.00	\$69,300.00	appx. 550 of AC paths near splash park and picnic pavilion - convert to conc. 10' wide	
Gateway elements at Union Street	LS	\$35,000.00	1	\$42,000.00	\$49,000.00	includes pavement treatment	
Relocate Maint. Area	LS	\$150,000.00	1	\$180,000.00	\$210,000.00	includes fencing storage, parking	
Bank Restoration (plantings)	SF	\$1.00	112,500	\$135,000.00	\$157,500.00	invasive removal and native planting along Willamette from Minto bridge N. to end of river walk path up bank to Union St. entrance	
Master Plan Total							
Low						\$5,988,010.00	High
						\$5,988,010.00	\$7,110,361.25
						Low w/20% contingency	high w/40% contingency

PHASE ONE SCOPE AND COSTS

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Seeded Lawn for Amphitheater	SF	\$0.35	68,125	\$28,612.50	\$33,381.25	
Topsoil for lawn area	CY	\$25.00	1,275	\$38,250.00	\$44,625.00	Assumes 6" of topsoil over entire seeded area
Irrigation for lawn area	SF	\$1.00	68,125	\$81,750.00	\$95,375.00	
Vehicular Circulation	SF	\$10.00	16,650	\$199,800.00	\$233,100.00	832.5 feet of 20' wide conc. around stage back to parking lot - Excludes Pringle Creek Trail - see line 17 - Excludes Plaza Paving
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Restroom at Picnic Pavilion (4 unisex)	EA	\$150,000.00	1	\$180,000.00	\$210,000.00	Pre-fab structure from Romtec with some customization
Utilities for north restroom	LF	\$250.00	950	\$285,000.00	\$332,500.00	Assumes Power, sewer, water come from existing restroom location at Playground (note- might be closer source?)
				\$2,250,937.50	\$2,626,093.75	

Appendix E

City of Salem Reports

Organization

30-Nov 13-Dec 8-Feb

Total	36	29	31
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Parks and Natural Resour	Rob Romanek	Parks Planner	rromanek@cityofsalem.net	7385	PW 325	Yes
Parks and Natural Resour	Toni Whitler	Parks Outreach	twhitler@cityofsalem.net	7304	PW 325	Yes
Natural Resoucrs Outrea	Deborah Topp		dtopp@cityofsalem.net	7388	Bldg 2	Yes
Engineering	Aaron Kimsey	Engineering	akimsey@cityofsalem.net	7392	Salmon Run	Yes
Parks Operations	Jennifer Kellar	Parks Operations Manager	jkellar@cityofsalem.net	6284	Shops 14	Yes
Urban Development Dept	Sheri Wahrgren	Downtown Revitalization Mar	swahrgren@cityofsalem.net	2495	UD	Yes
Community Development	Bryce Bishop	Community Development	bbishop@cityofsalem.net	2399	CD 305	Yes
Transportation Planning	Anthony Gamallo	Transportation Planner	agamallo@cityofsalem.net	7352	PW 325	Yes
Recreation Services	Becky George	Recreation Supervisor	bgeorge@cityofsalem.net	7577	PW 325	Yes

Comments Received by City of Salem from Project Website

Toni Whitler

From: webmaster@cityofsalem.net on behalf of brandondesjarlais1212@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 11:05 AM
To: RiverfrontInput
Subject: Contact Patricia Farrell
Attachments: ATT00001.bin

Your Name	Brandon DesJarlais
Your Email	brandondesjarlais1212@gmail.com
Your Phone	5038817739
Street	1463, Fir Street S
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97302
Message	Let's put a skatepark in Minto across the new bridge!

This email was generated by the dynamic web forms contact us form on 2/28/2018.

Toni Whitler

From: Brian Kaufman <brianckaufman@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 4:06 PM
To: Toni Whitler
Cc: Patricia Farrell
Subject: Re: Keep me updated!

Thank you Toni,

I own Bo & Vine Burger Bar downtown, and looking at another restaurant concept too. I'm also working with CB2 Architects on a concept for an indoor/outdoor futsal facility in Salem. All that to say I'm invested in seeing Salem thrive!

- Brian

On Mon, Feb 12, 2018 at 2:23 PM, Toni Whitler <Twhitler@cityofsalem.net> wrote:

Hi Brian,

I have added you to our email list. Thank you for participating!

Sincerely,

Toni Whitler

Park Planner I

City of Salem | Public Works Department

[555 Liberty Street SE, Suite 325, Salem OR 97301](#)-3513

twhitler@cityofsalem.net | [503-588-6304](tel:503-588-6304)

From: Brian Kaufman [mailto:brianckaufman@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 2:20 PM
To: RiverfrontInput <riverfrontinput@cityofsalem.net>
Subject: Keep me updated!

Please keep me updated on Riverfront development!

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Brian Kaufman
brianckaufman@gmail.com

Toni Whitler

From: webmaster@cityofsalem.net
Sent: Thursday, December 28, 2017 11:08 AM
To: RiverfrontInput
Subject: Contact Patricia Farrell

Your Name	Deborah Weiner
Your Email	Deborah.ann.1@comcast.net
Your Phone	9712410599
Street	2165 NW Willamette Drive
City	McMinnville
State	OR
Zip	97128
Message	Hi. I walked with friends from Riverfront Park across the new bridge and around Minto-Brown Island Park yesterday. It as our first time and although there were signs we got disoriented. Luckily a friendly dog owner pointed us back in the right direction. Do you have a printed map with the trails? I looked on-line but didn't see one I could download. We loved the park and want to return. Thanks! Deborah

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Toni Whitler

From: webmaster@cityofsalem.net
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 1:40 PM
To: RiverfrontInput
Subject: Contact Patricia Farrell

Your Name	Doug Parrow
Your Email	dparrow@comcast.net
Your Phone	503-931-0588
Street	6782 Amy Ln NE
City	Keizer
State	OR
Zip	97303
Message	<p>Hi, I think the re-route of the WVSB is a no-brainer — either now or in a year — with the availability of the Courtney bridge. I tend to discount the reports of user group conflicts. There are and will always be a few reckless jerks (bicyclists and pedestrians) and there is no cure for stupid. I suspect that those percentages are much lower among touring cyclists and it is not as if WVSB users are going to cross the bridge in pelotons. (The Salem Bicycle Club frequently crosses the Union Street bridge in numbers which necessitates single file riding and caution when passing pedestrians. We manage.) Certainly, my perspective is affected by the fact that I despise and don't use the River Road multi-use path because it is narrow in places, would be equally prone to user conflicts if a significant number of people used it, and prompts wrong way riding at the southern end. Doug</p>

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Toni Whitler

From: Elaine Sanchez <elaine@eksanchez.com>
Sent: Monday, October 01, 2018 12:53 PM
To: RiverfrontInput
Subject: Suggestion for Bikes & pedestrians

Hello,

My husband and I attended the Riverfront Master Plan meeting recently. We are impressed and thrilled with your ideas. We love and appreciate all of our parks, and we frequently walk at Minto Brown and Riverfront.

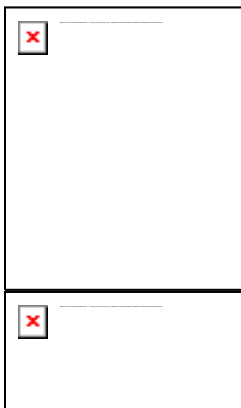
The only thing that mars our enjoyment and makes us feel unsafe is the rudeness of bicyclists. They frequently scream past us at high speed without giving any prior warning. We have held our breath as we witnessed them weaving in between large family groups with small children. We believe it is only a matter of time until someone gets hit and seriously injured.

We think there is a fairly simple solution. Would you consider painting a dividing line in the middle of the paved trails? One side could have the bicycle symbols at regular intervals. The other could have symbols indicating a pedestrian path.

If this isn't a workable solution, could you please come up with another idea that would make sharing the path enjoyable and safe for both pedestrians and bicyclists?

Thank you for your good work and consideration of this request.

Elaine Sanchez



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Toni Whitler

From: webmaster@cityofsalem.net
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 7:06 AM
To: RiverfrontInput
Subject: Contact Patricia Farrell

Your Name	Eric Sahlstrom
Your Email	eric.sahlstrom@gmail.com
Your Phone	5038565091
Street	1586 Ewald Ave Se
City	salem
State	OR
Zip	97302
Message	I really really enjoyed the ice rink this year, even though I wasn't able to personally enjoy skating due to recent knee surgery - I still massively enjoyed being able to watch people having fun. Salem hasn't had anything like this since Skate Palace closed in I think 2001 and that loss has been sorely missed. I think it would be great if the ice rink could be made 1: year round, 2: permanent facility and 3: more affordable. Regardless if those requests aren't met, the ice rink demands to return! I really wish they didn't have to tear it down!!!

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Toni Whitler

From: JAN Nelson <JANNELSON515@msn.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 22, 2018 8:53 AM
To: RiverfrontInput
Subject: Comments on Riverfront master plan

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

I would like to make the following two comments on the plan as shown in the drawing:

1. Bicycle racks are needed near all the main activity areas of the park, including the pavilion, amphitheater, and near the meadows where events are held. This is lacking now and will be worse with added facilities. The only bike rack now is at the playground, which is not convenient for the majority of park activities. The temporary "bike corrals" that are added for some events are usually flimsy and difficult to use, and they are not there for all events.
2. The additional parking spaces seem totally inadequate. I realize it is not possible to provide sufficient parking for major events. However, the current parking lot near the carousel is full more often than not, even with no other events happening. It seems that with added features to the park, the additional parking will not be enough to make things any better than they are now. With the addition of land area to the park, it seems that a little more of it could be used for parking.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jan Nelson
Salem

Toni Whitler

From: webmaster@cityofsalem.net
Sent: Sunday, March 18, 2018 9:31 AM
To: RiverfrontInput
Subject: Contact Patricia Farrell

Your Name	Kevin Anderson
Your Email	Kevin Anderson1573@gmail.com
Your Phone	5035976128
Street	2643 Andrew Ave NW
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97304
Message	<p>City of Salem planning committee, While I'm excited about the planned proposal and potential for Salem's riverfront area, the first priority needs to be removing the homeless tent city that has sprung up on the bike/walking path. Not only is it an eyesore, it is a safety concern and a deterrent for park visitors. I'll give you a personal example, last week I and my 6 yr old daughter went to the Children's museum to enjoy a warm spring day and the Children's museum. What I remember about that visit is when my daughter and I were climbing on the rocks and just over the fence were two homeless people arguing and nearly getting into a fight. Not to mention the streams of homeless walking up all around the children's museum and the eyesore of the trash, dirty laundry, etc, etc. I can tell you that others with young families share the same frustration and concern. My advice, don't waste the city's money on a beautiful park unless you address this glaring issue first. The tent city needs to go and that area needs to be cleaned up now. Thank you Kevin Anderson</p>

This email was generated by the dynamic web forms contact us form on 3/18/2018.

Toni Whitler

From: haymay@mac.com
Sent: Friday, September 07, 2018 9:41 PM
To: RiverfrontInput
Subject: Comment on Riverfront Park improvements

Dear Salem Public Works Dept:

I would like to suggest that **the lighting be increased on the Peter Courtney Bridge**. At night it looks odd to have only the outside of the arches lighted because that does not look like there are two arches, since the lighting on the second arch is not seen when looking from either side. It would look so much better and more dramatic to have BOTH sides of BOTH arches lighted.

Thank you are considering my suggestion.
Mako Hayashi-Mayfield

Toni Whitler

From: webmaster@cityofsalem.net
Sent: Saturday, February 24, 2018 7:48 PM
To: RiverfrontInput
Subject: Contact Patricia Farrell

Your Name	Maria Carmen Gonzalez
Your Email	carmengo2012@gmail.com
Your Phone	5035590679
Street	197 GREGORY LN SE
City	SALEM
State	OR
Zip	97302
Message	Looking at the three plans for Riverfront, I need to know more to decide. One of my biggest frustrations is lack of parking at the carousel entrance, in a nice sunny day the parking lot is almost certain to be full. Are the three designs extending that parking lot? if so what is the difference between them? I'm also disappointed not to see a brick and mortar restroom by the children's play fountain, a porta-potty is not going to work, I was hoping to see an attractive little building with children's and adult's restrooms, did anyone think of this?

This email was generated by the dynamic web forms contact us form on 2/24/2018.

Toni Whitler

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of Email97701@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2018 8:09 PM
To: RiverfrontInput
Subject: Riverside park
Attachments: ATT00001.bin

Your Name	Melanie
Your Email	Email97701@yahoo.com
Message	I would love to see more (and nicer) restrooms. The few you have are always filthy and are so dark inside you cannot see. This park is HEAVILY used and needs more real restrooms, not porta-potties. And please service them more. For the new proposed new area, a pond or some sort of water feature with extra seating would be nice.

This email was generated by the dynamic web forms contact us form on 8/10/2018.

Toni Whitler

From: webmaster@cityofsalem.net
Sent: Friday, January 26, 2018 11:18 PM
To: RiverfrontInput
Subject: Contact Patricia Farrell

Your Name	Mike Darling
Your Email	msgtret90@gmail.com
Your Phone	503-351-0282
Street	477 LaRussa CT NE
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97301
Message	Please include me and my address on the Riverfront Park Master Plan mailing list. Thank you so much.

This email was generated by the dynamic web forms contact us form on 1/26/2018.

Toni Whitler

From: Pamela Bilderbeck <missmiaux@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2018 12:49 PM
To: RiverfrontInput
Subject: Suggestion for riverfront space

I would like to see a Labyrinth go into the space. People who are interested in labyrinths travel all over the world to find them. I've only walked a few but the experience of walking a labyrinth is always calming and soothing. I think it would be a beautiful addition to the riverfront and suitable for a city named after Peace.

It would take minimal construction or building supplies and would be cost-effective as it's flat, not a structure.

It's multi-cultural and non-denominational.

It's open in all seasons.

It only needs to be built and then maybe cleaned off periodically but minimal further upkeep yet it will draw visitors. Local people will regularly visit a labyrinth for contemplation and meditative walks and other people will come to Salem specifically because we have a labyrinth.

<https://labyrinthociety.org/>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Labyrinth>

Toni Whitler

From: Richard Personal <richardfberger@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 18, 2018 9:42 AM
To: RiverfrontInput
Subject: Riverfront master plan

Please consider NOT adding parking. Parking is not green space.

I believe the existing lot near the carousel should be used for handicapped parking and buses only. There is a lot of parking on the other side of the park that is underutilized a lot of the time. There are lots of multimodal access points to the park, let's promote that and not add more car parking.

Thank you for considering my input! Sadly, I cannot make the open house this evening.

All the best,

Richard

Sent from my iPhone

Toni Whitler

From: webmaster@cityofsalem.net
Sent: Monday, February 05, 2018 2:56 PM
To: RiverfrontInput
Subject: Contact Patricia Farrell

Your Name	Richard Hughes
Your Email	hughes97405@gmail.com
Your Phone	5419335542
Street	PO BOX 5506
City	EUGENE
State	OR
Zip	97405
Message	Please consider the re-routing of the Willamette Valley Scenic Bikeway through Riverfront park and Minto Bridge. This new route will allow users to experience the beauty of Salem while offering a safer option.

This email was generated by the dynamic web forms contact us form on 2/5/2018.

Toni Whitler

From: webmaster@cityofsalem.net on behalf of vicitaus@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2018 12:10 PM
To: RiverfrontInput
Subject: Contact Patricia Farrell
Attachments: ATT00001.bin

Your Name	Vici Taus
Your Email	vicitaus@gmail.com
Your Phone	562-505-8609
Street	699 Cascade Dr NW
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97304
Message	<p>This note responds to the request for input that is posted on the fence near the carousel in Salem's Riverfront Park. The core of our input begins with a question: What is the relationship between Riverfront Park planning and the tented campgrounds that are increasingly visible and populated on both the shore of the Willamette River across from the river park and on the circular pedestrian ramp that begins on the Marion Street Bridge and ends near the Gilmore Children's Museum? Our perception is that comprehensive Riverfront Park planning can be achieved with consideration of those areas and can't be achieved without consideration of those areas. We realize that acknowledging and dealing with the underlying problems that result in those campsites is daunting. Yet - it seems unrealistic to go forward with Riverfront Park planning unless those factors are included for consideration. Thank-you in advance for any response.</p>

This email was generated by the dynamic web forms contact us form on 2/26/2018.

Dear Mayor and Councilors,

The Riverfront Master Plan is being considered tonight. The Plan has many good features, especially the new amphitheater and the surrounding paths and amenities. Please consider the following suggestions for improving the Plan a little further.

South End

- Please replace the floating boardwalk (9 in Figure 1), with a removable ramp down to the alluvial fan at the mouth of Pringle Creek. The picture below doesn't show the two acres of potential parkland at the mouth of Pringle Creek. See the aerial photos, Figures 2 and 3, and recent photo Figure 4. Getting people to this alluvial fan will allow more people to skip rocks, wade, picnic, explore, and fish. See Figures 5 for evidence that people really want to use this area.

Figure 1 South End of Riverfront Park

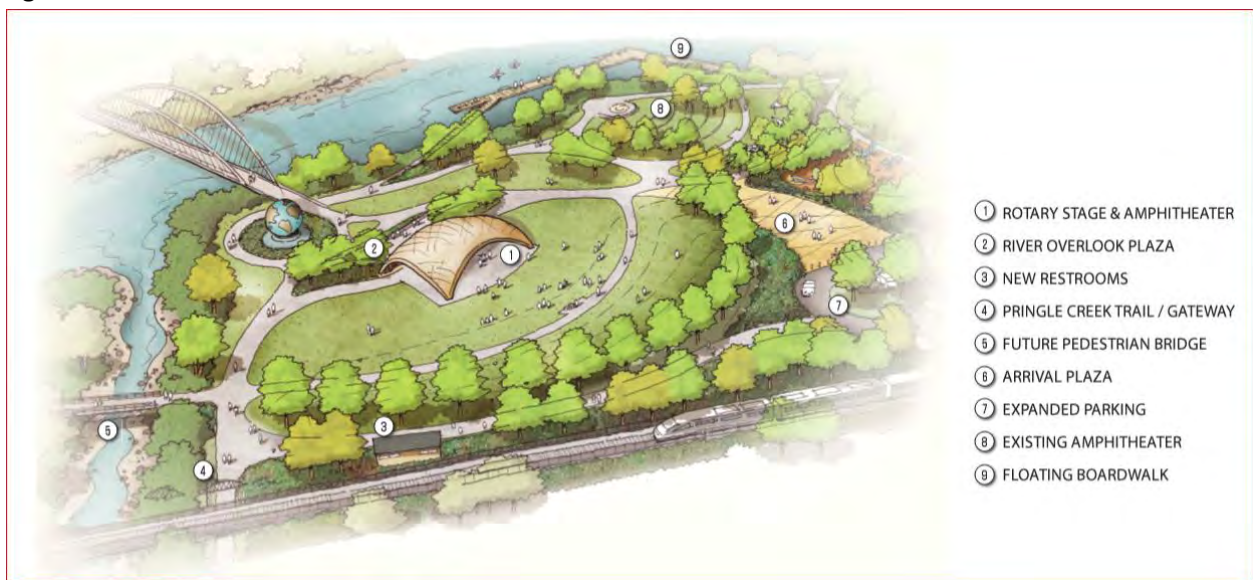


Figure 2. Aerial photo showing large area that could be made accessible above and to the left of the Earth Ball.



Figure 3, Pringle Creek Alluvial Fan.



Figure 4. Pringle Creek Alluvial Fan.



Figure 5. Trails to Alluvial Fan, note the rock bridge constructed to aid access.



North Meadow Area

- Add the Boardwalk to the upstream end of the City's dock so that this is a loop path. People like loop paths, the dock currently gets very little use.
- Add a playground to the left of the new bathrooms (3) on the large empty field. This added playground would be well used being near parking, bathrooms, entrances, the pavilion, and the splash fountain. It will take some pressure off the Carousel parking lot during concerts, etc.
- Use artificial turf under the ice rink. The area is still not restored, see Figure 7. Turn it into a flat putting green-like surface and people could putt, lawn bowl, etc.

Figure 6. North Meadow Sketch



Figure 7. Turf restoration from ice rink.



North Entrance

- Use the Maintenance area (25) for kayak and bicycle storage and rental. Under cover is a big benefit and it is close to parking but away from busy streets.
- The entrance at union has trains, tracks, and is congested with vehicles. Move the bike share under the bridge, (25).
- An small plaza and gateway element is needed at Union Street , but the Gothic arches and turrets of the Marion Street Bridge, see Figure 9, could make a fairy tale entrance to the park. Make this the main gateway for people coming from the north. Gilbert House would be a great partner for adding dragons Figure 10, knights, and maidens to the structure.

Figure 8. North Entrance.



Figure 9. Castle gateway to/from park.



Figure 10. Dragons should be included, Mathilda, age 5.



Thank you for your efforts to improve Salem.

Respectfully,

Mark Wigg

Toni Whitler

From: Robert Chandler
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2018 9:30 AM
To: Patricia Farrell; Toni Whitler
Subject: Riverfront Park Master Plan: Comment from Britta Franz

Good morning, Patricia and Toni:

I received a phone call from Ms. Britta Franz who had a comment on the Riverfront Park Master Plan. I told her I would pass it on.

Regarding the proposed Floating Riverwalk, Ms. Franz is concerned that this feature represents a significant risk to park users, primarily that someone might fall into the river. She was also concerned about the cost of the Riverwalk and whether regulators would ultimately approve it. Her recommendation was that it be removed from the plan until a thorough assessment of the risks and regulatory aspects could be conducted.

On behalf of Ms. Franz, thank you for considering her input.

Best regards,

Robert

Robert D. Chandler, PhD, PE

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October 11, 2018

City of Salem
Riverfront Master Plan
Public Comment

I am commenting on the disabled accessibility of the proposed amphitheater for the Riverfront Park in Salem, Oregon. I have lived in Salem for 30 years. I love the park and go often with friends, mentees and/or my dog.

Since Riverfront Park was built I have gone to many festivals, movies, concerts and other events in the park. I love the current amphitheater because of the tiered seating.

I am physically disabled with arthritis. I cannot get up and down from the ground, or from chairs lower than 12 inches. The ledge seating is perfect. While the ADA standards are an excellent advancement, there are many considerations to improve the lives of the disabled, which go beyond those standards. One thing the standards do not consider is the perception and feelings of the individual. If I am put in a special area with chairs I am separated from the friends I have gone with to the event. If I am put in a special area I feel like I am singled out and put on display – “hey, look at my disability.” Again, the current amphitheater design avoids both of those issues and functions extremely well. My friends in wheelchairs can sit with us by situating at the end of a row. I probably will not go to events if there are no tiers.

The carousel is a focal point and important (and fun) attraction at the park. I hope that they are able to build their addition.

I would also like to encourage the placement of more public art in the park. I feel that the “River of Peace” mosaic is a perfect fit for the park.

Yours,



Toni Kramer
1945 Royal St NE
Salem, Oregon

Toni Whitler

From: Robert Chandler
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2018 12:13 PM
To: Toni Whitler; Patricia Farrell
Subject: FW: oh oh.....better late than never.....AWK.....The Riverfront Park !!!...just got home to write this/

Patricia & Toni,

Forwarding an email I received a short while ago from Ms. Franz. The "...as discussed yesterday" refers to the meeting Ms. Franz and I had on 10/10 during which we discussed the expected increase in population in the Salem area over the next few years.

Robert

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From: Britta Franz [mailto:brittafran@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2018 11:44 AM
To: Robert Chandler <RChandler@cityofsalem.net>
Subject: oh oh.....better late than never.....AWK.....The Riverfront Park !!!...just got home to write this/



Please do **not** VOTE on the Riverfront plan tonight...!!!!

Did "STAFF" review this plan with any of our respected Local AIA s??? or invite REVIEW. Critiques from the board members....or anyone professional?

Please do **not** VOTE on this tonight...!!!!

IT IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH!! 

The north end is especially without envisioning the 21st century's majority of visitors....

PLUS AS DISCUSSED TOGETHER YESTERDAY

IN ANY CASE : RE "the walk on water walk..."

The Plan should have the "walk along the water" presented correctly before it is accepted by the Board and is presented to council.

Hastily;..Britta



City of Salem Reports

Staff Report to City Council



Staff Report

File #: 18-489

Version: 1

Date: 11/13/2018

Item #: 3.3c.

TO: Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Steve Powers, City Manager

FROM: Peter Fernandez, Public Works Director

SUBJECT:

Riverfront Park Master Plan

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

ISSUE:

Shall City Council adopt the proposed 2018 Riverfront Park Master Plan?

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the 2018 Riverfront Park Master Plan.

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND:

The proposed update to the Riverfront Park master plan will provide additional amenities to the public while preserving and enhancing many of the existing features of the park. The total estimated cost for all improvements, excluding the performance area, is 5 to 7 million dollars. The new master plan will guide the park management and development for the next 20 years. Implementation of the master plan will occur over that timeframe and is dependent on availability of funding and public interest. The proposed Riverfront Park Master Plan is available online at

[<https://www.cityofsalem.net/CityDocuments/riverfront-park-draft-master-plan-report.pdf>](https://www.cityofsalem.net/CityDocuments/riverfront-park-draft-master-plan-report.pdf)

The 26-acre Riverfront Park is the City's premier urban event park located in the heart of downtown Salem and adjacent to the Willamette River. As an urban park it is a regional draw to residents and visitors, and its proximity to downtown Salem enhances opportunities for connectivity to businesses, restaurants, entertainment, the river, and other trails and parks. With the Union Street pedestrian bridge to the north of the park and the Peter Courtney Minto Island Bridge to the south, Riverfront

Park is connected to Wallace Marine Park and Minto Brown Island Park.

Riverfront Park is the location for a variety of community events and activities including the World Beat Festival, Cherry Fest NW, River Rock concert series, Fourth of July fireworks, summer movies and concerts, the Gilbert House Children's Museum, and the Riverfront Carousel. Each year the park is the site of numerous outdoor walking, running, and multisport events, as well as private events such as weddings, corporate functions, and birthday parties.

Individual park master plans are intended to guide park management and development for the next 20 years. The last master plan for Riverfront Park was completed in 2001. A park master plan update is necessary due to many changes that have taken place in the park over the past several years. These include the acquisition of a four-acre property located at the southeast corner of the park; the opening of the Peter Courtney Minto Island pedestrian bridge; the operation of a winter ice rink; and the proposed donation of a new covered stage and performance area.

The City acquired approximately four acres of vacant land in 2015. The site was formerly part of the Boise Cascade Mill bleach plant operation. This property provides new opportunities for Riverfront Park as it is located at a key southern terminus of Riverfront Park. The parcel borders Pringle Creek, the Eco Earth Globe, and the Peter Courtney Minto Island Bridge. Due to residual site contamination from past industrial uses, the property will need to be remediated to meet Oregon Department of Environmental Quality requirements prior to public access. Remediation will include capping the site with clean fill material and/or paving.

Another important development in Riverfront Park is a proposal by the Rotary Club of Salem (Rotary) to donate a covered stage (performance area). The performance area, including an associated grass amphitheater, will allow for an extended calendar of outdoor events as well as provide permanently installed and improved lighting and electrical systems. Rotary has completed an extensive public outreach process, selected a design, and chosen an architecture firm. Rotary is in the process of raising funds for the performance area and hopes to complete it as part of their 2020 centennial celebration. Through Council adoption of the 2018 Riverfront Park Master Plan the location of the performance area within the newly acquired four-acre area will be confirmed.

Riverfront Carousel is proposing to construct an annex to their building that will encroach into the south meadow. Construction of the annex will require removal of existing vegetation and trees, regrading of the slope, and new landscaping, all in the area immediately west of the Carousel. The proposed addition is shown on the draft master plan to illustrate the potential future structure. A Council decision regarding the Carousel annex will occur at a later date. Prior to the Carousel proposal being considered by Council, the proponents of the Carousel annex must first conduct a thorough public review and comment process and receive an endorsement from the Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

Public Process

A landscape architecture firm, Greenworks, was hired through a Request for Proposals process to work with the City's Parks Planning staff in the master plan update. Greenworks is a consultant of record.

The Riverfront Park master plan effort included a significant public outreach process. The City website was updated throughout the project and people could sign up to receive email reminders and updates. All neighborhood associations were notified of public meetings and online surveys. The CANDO Neighborhood Association and the Downtown Advisory Board were given presentations about the master plan schedule and process. In addition, the Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was kept apprised throughout the process.

Three public planning meetings were held at Pringle Community Hall between January 2018 and September 2018. Approximately 30 to 50 people attended each of the meetings and participated in lively discussions focusing primarily on their vision for the future of the park, future park amenities, and general opinions about how the park should evolve over the next two decades. In addition, two online surveys were conducted to solicit public input and over 1,600 responses were received. Reports on each of the public meetings as well as a parking and transportation memo are included in the master plan.

Input was also gathered through three stakeholder meetings that focused on vision, park function, and master plan alternatives. Participants in the stakeholder meetings included event organizers, non-profits, trail and recreation enthusiasts, agencies, community activists, downtown business owners, and Tribal representatives. A list of stakeholders who were invited to attend is included in Appendix A of the master plan.

The first meeting and online survey focused on gathering initial input on existing and potential future park amenities. The main messages from the first public meeting were to keep the open space of Riverfront Park and not add too many amenities so that it becomes cluttered. People love to walk and enjoy nature, while also attending public events, taking kids to the park, and being near the river. Many also desired more parking, more restrooms, and more shade.

Knowing that parking is an issue at the park, the first meeting was used as an opportunity to educate people about public parking options in close proximity to the park. The online survey also solicited input about people's parking preferences, uses, and knowledge of alternative public parking options.

Public input from the first meeting was used to develop three alternative plans presented at the

second public meeting. Feedback was sought on individual park elements as well as the overall master plan alternative. People reacted favorably to a variety of ideas shown in the conceptual plans, including expanded access to the Willamette River through a broad river promenade, floating boardwalk, expanded dock, and restored river banks. The concern about parking led the project team to analyze parking opportunities within walking distance of the park. The second meeting emphasized parking and circulation and graphically displayed the analysis of walking distances between the park and the downtown parking garages. The second online survey also specifically queried respondents about their use and knowledge of public parking options outside of the park in nearby downtown.

The third public meeting was held September 18 at Pringle Community Hall. At this meeting the draft master plan was presented and public feedback was solicited both at the meeting and on the City website. Approximately 53 people attended this meeting. The draft master plan showed the proposed location of the new performance area in the 4-acre parcel rather than in the existing amphitheater location. Overall feedback was very positive.

A Council Work Session was held September 24 and the draft master plan was presented to council for preliminary review and feedback. All Councilors and Mayor Bennett were present. The draft master plan was well received with some comments focusing on the desire to keep open views and not block with too many new trees.

The draft master plan was presented to the Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for recommendation on October 11, 2018. The public was invited to attend this meeting to provide their comments. The Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board endorsed the plan and recommended it for Council adoption. A copy of the Board's Action Report is attached, as well as copies of submitted and stated comments from the public (Attachment 1).

The Downtown Advisory Board provided a letter of support October 25, 2018 (Attachment 2).

A public review of the draft master plan has been open on the City website since early September 2018. All comments received are included in the appendices of the 2018 Riverfront Park Master Plan.

Proposed New Park Amenities

Taking into account public feedback, the master plan includes several new or improved amenities to the park, including:

- Two new restrooms, one near the Rotary pavilion at Court Street and the other at the south end of the park near the performance area and the future Pringle Creek trail;
- Expanded parking in the south lot with approximately 55-60 new parking spots;
- A new performance area with covered stage and grassy sloped amphitheater;

- An elevated seating plaza behind the covered stage, overlooking the river and bridge;
- A floating boardwalk at the mouth of the Willamette Slough;
- An enhanced arrival plaza, suitable for temporary food carts or gathering area, and large vehicle access to the performance area;
- An enhanced playground with shaded seating area and nature play features of mound, slide, and boulders;
- Enhancements to the current amphitheater with scattered trees and covered picnic areas for use during rain and sun and a labyrinth paving pattern on the old stage. This area can continue to be used for smaller events;
- An expanded dock to provide additional space for river access along with a future rental vendor kiosk at the top of the slope;
- An entry plaza at Court Street;
- A "festival street" paving along end of Water Street for use as separate event area;
- A relocated and expanded Parks Operations maintenance yard;
- An enhanced riparian area along the Willamette River and Pringle Creek; and
- Four new park "gateways" at Union Street, Court Street, State Street, and Pringle Creek park entrances. These gateways will provide visual links between downtown and the park for increased visibility.

Willamette Greenway

The Willamette Greenway is regulated under Statewide Planning Goal 15 and *Salem Revised Code* Chapter 600. The goal of the regulations is to "protect and enhance the natural, scenic, recreational, historical, and economic resources of the Willamette River corridor." The Willamette Greenway is composed of two boundaries: the Riparian Buffer boundary and the Compatibility Review Boundary. The Riparian Buffer extends 75 feet inland from the Ordinary High Water elevation, and the Compatibility Review Boundary extends 150 feet from the Ordinary Low Water. In order to protect the scenic value of the Willamette River, structures within the Greenway must be "water-dependent, water-related, and river-oriented uses" (SRC 600.001(f)). Any structures within the boundary must also have compatible lighting and colors as defined in the Code.

Originally, the Rotary-proposed new performance area was to be located at the site of the current Riverfront Park Amphitheater. However, the existing amphitheater stage is fully within the Greenway Boundary. As such, developing a new covered stage would require meeting the Willamette Greenway

code requirements which would be difficult given the design and lighting needs for a new performance area. Pursuing an exception or variance to Statewide Planning Goal 15 and City code would also be difficult and time consuming. It was also determined that moving the covered stage out of the Greenway but keeping it at this location would significantly reduce the seating capacity and impact the existing playground. There was also a strong desire expressed by the public to keep the views from the river promenade to the Peter Courtney Bridge and Minto Brown Island open and spacious.

To address all these issues, the master plan shows the future performance area in the 4-acre undeveloped park parcel. This ensures proposed non-river related amenities are located out of the Greenway boundary. In addition to meeting Willamette Greenway requirements, locating the covered stage and amphitheater in the 4-acre parcel also allows for a more expansive seating area, better circulation for event vehicles and support facilities, a continued use of the existing amphitheater for smaller events, and a new bridge/river overlook at the rear of the covered stage.

Locating the new performance area outside the Greenway Boundary and having only river dependent, water-related, and river-oriented uses within the Boundary meets the requirements of SRC Chapter 600 and Statewide Planning Goal 15.

All amenities located within the Greenway buffer or compatibility boundary will meet Willamette Greenway code requirements for color, screening, and lighting and may require Greenway Development permits prior to construction.

Robert Chandler. PhD, PE
Assistant Public Works Director

Attachments:

1. SPRAB Action Sheet and Public Comment
2. Downtown Advisory Board Letter of Support



SALEM PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD ACTION SHEET

OCTOBER 11, 2018

BOARD MEMBER ATTENDEES

Present: Tony Caito, Woody Dukes, Diana Dickey, Dave Fridenmaker, Bill Fujii, Kasia Quillinan, Carol Snyder, Patty Tipton, Micki Varney

Absent: None.

ISSUE

Should the Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (SPRAB) endorse the 2018 Riverfront Park Master Plan and forward to City Council a recommendation for master plan adoption?

DATE OF DECISION

October 11, 2018

BACKGROUND

The Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board has participated in the Riverfront Park master plan process and also received regular updates at their meetings. Board members were also on the email update list to receive survey and meeting announcements throughout the planning process.

On October 11, 2018, the Board received a presentation by lead consultant Jim Figurski, Greenworks, and Patricia Farrell, Park Planning and Natural Resources Manager, that included a summary of the planning process and the final draft master plan. Two public comments were received during the comment period.

ACTION TAKEN

Motion: Chair Quillinan moved to accept the draft master plan, Member Dickey seconded the motion.

Vote: All members voted in favor of the motion.

October 11, 2018

City of Salem
Riverfront Master Plan
Public Comment

I am commenting on the disabled accessibility of the proposed amphitheater for the Riverfront Park in Salem, Oregon. I have lived in Salem for 30 years. I love the park and go often with friends, mentees and/or my dog.

Since Riverfront Park was built I have gone to many festivals, movies, concerts and other events in the park. I love the current amphitheater because of the tiered seating.

I am physically disabled with arthritis. I cannot get up and down from the ground, or from chairs lower than 12 inches. The ledge seating is perfect. While the ADA standards are an excellent advancement, there are many considerations to improve the lives of the disabled, which go beyond those standards. One thing the standards do not consider is the perception and feelings of the individual. If I am put in a special area with chairs I am separated from the friends I have gone with to the event. If I am put in a special area I feel like I am singled out and put on display – “hey, look at my disability.” Again, the current amphitheater design avoids both of those issues and functions extremely well. My friends in wheelchairs can sit with us by situating at the end of a row. I probably will not go to events if there are no tiers.

The carousel is a focal point and important (and fun) attraction at the park. I hope that they are able to build their addition.

I would also like to encourage the placement of more public art in the park. I feel that the “River of Peace” mosaic is a perfect fit for the park.

Yours,



Toni Kramer
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Salem, Oregon

Downtown Advisory Board

October 25, 2018

Ms. Patricia Farrell
City of Salem
Parks Planning and Resource Manager
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Subject: Draft Riverfront Park Master Plan Update

Dear Ms. Farrell:

Thank you for presenting the draft Riverfront Park Master Plan to the Downtown Advisory Board members at their September 27, 2018, board meeting. Many of the proposed elements of the Plan support goals and objectives of the Downtown Strategic Action Plan and Riverfront-Downtown Urban Renewal Plans which has a primary objective to encourage a variety of river-oriented uses.

Urban Renewal investments have played a critical role in the development of Riverfront Park by providing funds to improve a former brownfields site into a park. Funding was also used to convert the Union Street Railroad Bridge to a pedestrian/bicycle bridge, connecting Wallace Marine Park with Riverfront Park, and again with urban renewal investment to construct the Peter Courtney Minto Island Bridge Trail. The completion of the Peter Courtney Minto Island Bridge and Trail is the last critical link in connecting 1300 acres of parks and more than 20 miles of off-street trails.

As we move forward with the development of the Downtown Salem Streetscape Design Plan, one of the goals of the Plan will be to enhance the connection between Riverfront Park and downtown Salem through downtown streetscape improvements.

We appreciate you keeping the board updated on the Master Plan development and look forward to the future implementation of projects proposed in the Plan.

Cordially,

Downtown Advisory Board

Chair: Jill Munger
Vice Chair: Aaron Terpening