

# Lake Boren Park DRAFT Master Plan Concept - 20 June 2016

1. Rank your top three favorite elements from the Draft Concept.

	Score*	Overall Rank
(7 & 8) Amphitheater & Stage	113	1
(15) Beach	86	2
(31) Off-leash Area	72	3
(4) Expanded Parking	51	4
(14) Beach Boardwalk	45	5
(22 & 23) Canopy Walk Trestle & Span	44	6
(21) Trees	41	7
(37) Lake Boren Dock	27	8
(17) Picnic Shelter Improvements	27	9
(33) Lake Boren Promenade	26	10
(5) North Parking	21	11
(13) North Sweep Boardwalk	21	12
(12) Cross Park Promenade	19	13
(18) Additional Tennis Court	18	14
(34) Lake Boren Boardwalk	17	15
(27) Boren Creek Path	14	16
(9) Community Room(s)	14	17
(26) Shelter (learning center)	12	18
(19) Skate Spot	11	19
(25) Boardwalk to Learning Center	10	20
(24) Cattail Walk	9	21
(16) Community Garden	8	22
(6) Newcastle Plaza	8	23
(29) Boren Creek Bridge	8	24
(36) Lake Boren Stairs	7	25
(35) Promenade Deck	7	26

Total Respondents 128

	Score	Overall Rank
(10) Plaza Trellis	5	27
(20) Stone Garden	4	28
(30) Path around Parking	2	29
(28) Boren Creek Stairs	0	30

Total Respondents 128

\*Score is a weighted calculation. Items ranked first are valued higher than the following ranks, the score is the sum of all weighted rank counts.

2. Rank your three least favorite elements from the Draft Concept.

	Score*	Overall Rank
(19) Skate Spot	164	1
(31) Off-leash Area	105	2
(18) Additional Tennis Court	64	3
(9) Community Room(s)	48	4
(5) North Parking	43	5
(7 & 8) Amphitheater & Stage	36	6
(4) Expanded Parking	34	7
(16) Community Garden	33	8
(15) Beach	29	9
(26) Shelter (learning center)	28	10
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(14) Beach Boardwalk	1	29

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(33) Lake Boren Promenade	0	30
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3. List any elements which may be missing from the design(s).

Count	Response
1	0
1	A 9 hole disc golf course could be added to the park. Adds a great amenity at very low cost.
1	A larger community center Rental boats and water activites
1	Dock 37 rebuild please!!!
1	How about a turf field to play soccer?
1	More picnic tables and scattered benches
1	More play structures/areas
1	More threes and paths for walks
1	Please don't start the off leash dog debate again - the area is way too small
1	Solar powered trail lights.
1	Splash pad for kids
1	Splash pad! Doesn't need to be big but this would be great for summer months
1	Training course with 10 stations with different exercises
1	Wanted to make sure the play area for kids is kept and potentially enlarged/enhanced
1	Waterfront cafe or bar to sit on deck over lake boren and have a drink
1	Where is the missing link on the north end of Lake Boren to allow for a waterfront trail?
1	Will the stage have power and lighting? How far in advance could a group reserve the stage?
1	You should preserve or relocate the fuchsia garden.
1	nothing. Please do not waste any more Newcastle citizen's tax dollar money.
1	rowboat, canoe rentals
1	seating at dog off leash?
1	Looks like a lot for our little park--I like it just as is. If we make it too nice--then we get outsiders using instead of residents----we pay for it--they use it! Just like Coal Creek Parkway--"I-405 East"!
1	I hope that the path that has been torn up by tree roots gets fixed. I love walking around the park but the path is quite bad.
1	It's a very small park. What we have now is perfect. I don't know why City is trying to build all things around it. It's totally waste taxpayer's money.
1	The kids park needs to be larger and more functional - kids are quickly bored there. Seattle has done a great job of making the parks unique -- ziplines, larger slides, climbing rock walls -- the playground will be outdated without some of these added elements.
1	Is there a boat or canoe launch? That would be nice. Assuming the water is clean enough for that sort of activity. Shuffleboard court would be fun.
1	A more substantial beach area (bigger than the one shown in the draft plan) would be a solid investment.

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1	We need pickleball courts or, at least, mark all of the tennis courts for pickleball. The tennis courts are now used regularly for pickleball in the evenings, especially during concert nights and for a tournament during Newcastle Days.
1	I would like to see funds allocated for someone to police the park in the high-usage times (weekends, holidays, summertime).
1	Saving the gardens. A gazebo for weddings and family special events - a money maker for the city.
1	The idea here is to add new amenities, not just make the park prettier. Near the beach add a location for peddle boats or canoes; add a snack shack; be more aggressive with the wetlands walk making it a running trail with workout stations; do more with the eastside by adding a parking area (right in/right out) off Coal Creek Parkway and have a "carryable" boat launch; move the off leash area to be west of the existing parking; use your current off leash area for small playfield/picnic area; the new location of the stage and amphitheater do not allow for large attendance-July 4th and Newcastle Days are in the 1000's, even the concerts draw over 500. The sound is directed away from large portions of the park and parents like to be able to watch their children in the playground while listening to the music. etc. etc.
1	Now this is being called a skate area, and it was called a skate park on the previous survey. I presume they are one in the same, and I feel that this is a very bad idea for several reasons, such as, a nuisance to the nearby property owners and liability issues for the community.
1	Lake Boren Park is almost perfect the way it is. Where on this survey can we express the wish of most people I talk to, that we mostly just leave well enough alone? Please understand that every time an "element" is "added" on top of open space, that open space is SUBTRACTED. That is, it removes a part of the park's open, flexible, unstructured space, and reserves it for specific people who wish to undertake a specific activity. When a big open field is broken up by massive stone seat-walls and a stage to mildly enhance concert seating on four days of the year, it means that no one can run freely through it to play ball, fly a kite, throw a frisbee, enjoy the open view, or any number of other things. When a giant parking lot is built to support large gatherings at the park on six days of the year, it means that no one can watch the ducks swimming or geese nesting in and around the retention pond that was bulldozed to make way for empty pavement. When the grassy area by the playground is replaced by a huge concrete pit designed exclusively for roller-toys, it means that no one else can play there for any other purpose, like the impressive group of youth I saw just the other day doing acrobatics around the rocks. Since the city has acquired new property near the lake, it makes sense to provide some public access to it, but please tread lightly, and please don't ruin what is already the best park in King County with feature creep. The concept photos I saw at the public meeting looked like something out of the middle of San Francisco. We are not a big city, and we don't need or want a big-city park. The miracle of Lake Boren Park is that, standing at its center and looking out at the fields and trees, you can almost forget you're in a city at all. Please leave that the way it is, for all of us. Less is more.
1	This isn't necessarily missing from the design but I really would like to walk around the lake. I know there are homes and such in the way so some roads will be involved but that's fine. So I think all the boardwalks and such that make the lake trail as nice as possible are valuable; but with the "only pick 3" I didn't want to use my 3 options for just the walking enhancements but I feel all of these are important.
1	Most of the design elements, with the exception of the dog park and particularly the skate park, seem to be okay, although I'm not sure all of it needs to be done. It is an ambitious plan--a nice one, but I'm concerned about the cost to tax payers--especially if we, who border the park, have to pay for a skate and dog park we don't want outside our bedroom windows.
1	A trail around the lake close to the water Roofed shelters on the waterfront for benches and picnic tables
1	A snack shack south of the Beach . Boardwalk with Gazebos along south/southeast shore of the Lake. Public Art in the Park. We paid \$900,000 for new property, why do this just for a wetlands interpretation trail. Promote the Lake instead with a nice boardwalk and Gazebos like Coulon Park in Renton. Interfaces with Newcastle trail system & Historic Cemetery should also be promoted. The amphitheater needs to be much bigger than shown. You need to do a better job of communicating differences in Concepts with revisions to the diagrams,maps (configuration control?) and the processing of public comments used or not used. Will the results of this and previous surveys be summarized and published? Newcastle Public Works needs to step up with press releases to educate the community about this project. Don't expect the Community Activities Commissioners to be the Evangelists if they don't even have a Catechism explaining the Master Plan.
1	A font size so that I can read the numbers and the improvements. Size 1 type is not legible, and makes a voter not know what in the world the plan actually shows.

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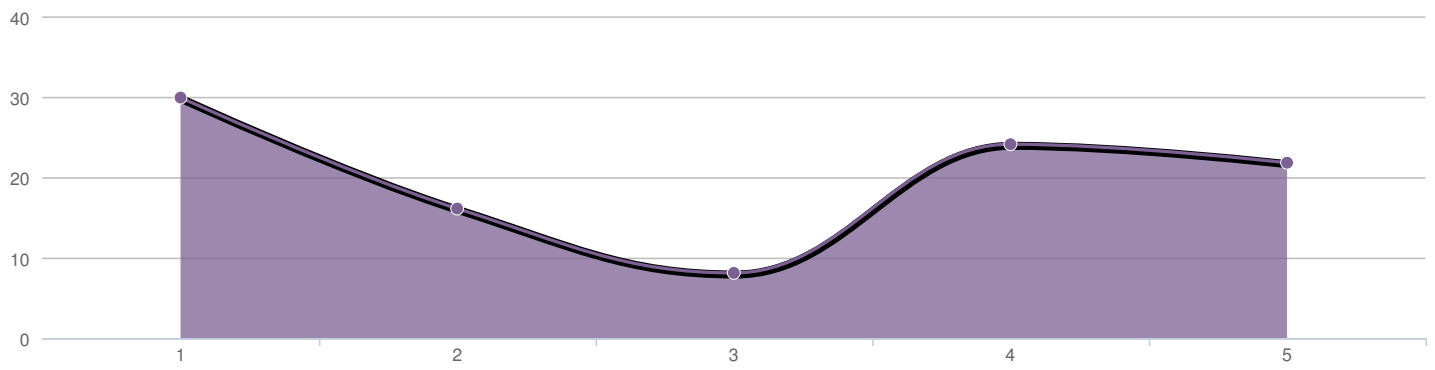
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1	Hopefully it provides for a lot more benches and small picnic tables, which can't be seen on your drawing.
1	I think preservation of what currently exists is an element that is missing. I think we also need to consider future fiscal sustainability. Yes, right now we have lots of money to spend, the economy is good. What is the plan for when hard times happen again? Will we be able to appropriately maintain all of these improvements when the next "2007" happens? Many of the options - skate park, amphitheater, dog park - are taking areas that are able to be used by everyone and making them only available to a particular subset of residents. This is net negative. In addition, we should be considering payback on investment with respect to how often the new elements would be used compared to how often the existing elements are used currently. For example, the amphitheater will only be used a few days a year. The field, as it is, is used every day. Personally, I prefer to use a blanket on the ground rather than sit on a concrete bench. Also, I think this survey is poorly designed. There is an implicit assumption in the design of this survey that I think Lake Boren Park needs improvement. I don't, I think that Lake Boren Park exceeds the needs of the Newcastle community. The only improvement I think needs to be made is the electrical from the upper pavilion, near the park, to the parking area. Currently, it's extension cords to lights. The last time I saw it it was propped up with a piece of electrical conduit. This is a safety risk and I don't think this meets electrical code. Why not spend this money on making a new city park as part of the new developments down on 66th?
1	Please make the tennis courts also amenable to pickleball, a great senior sport that is very popular in Newcastle, and is the fastest growing sport in America!
1	The new design is missing a number of elements that currently exist in the current park, namely, uninterrupted wide open spaces with trees, shade, and nature. The proposed amphitheater, for example, adds a bunch of concrete barriers that will only be used a few times a year, and at the same time removes an element from the design.
1	Definitely parking if it isn't already considered. A lot of people have been talking about this and I'm sure anything that will be made on this property will attract a lot of people.
1	A trail should connect the east end of the Boren Creek Bridge (29) with trail 33 along the east side of the lake. That's especially true if the canopy walk gets postponed or rejected. Estimated costs of the various options, as dollar amounts and/or as percentages of the City's income, should be included to make any public input really meaningful.
1	Make sure to maintain the snow sledding path in the Northwest corner of the park. The new promenade may and skate area wipe that out. Also retain the fushia garden, please.
1	USING the actual lake would be great. what about paddle boats or canoes for borrowing/renting? city could even make money renting them out.

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#### 4. How supportive are you of a small community room facility in the park?



#### Statistics

Sum	254.0
Average	2.9
StdDev	1.6
Max	5.0
Total	87



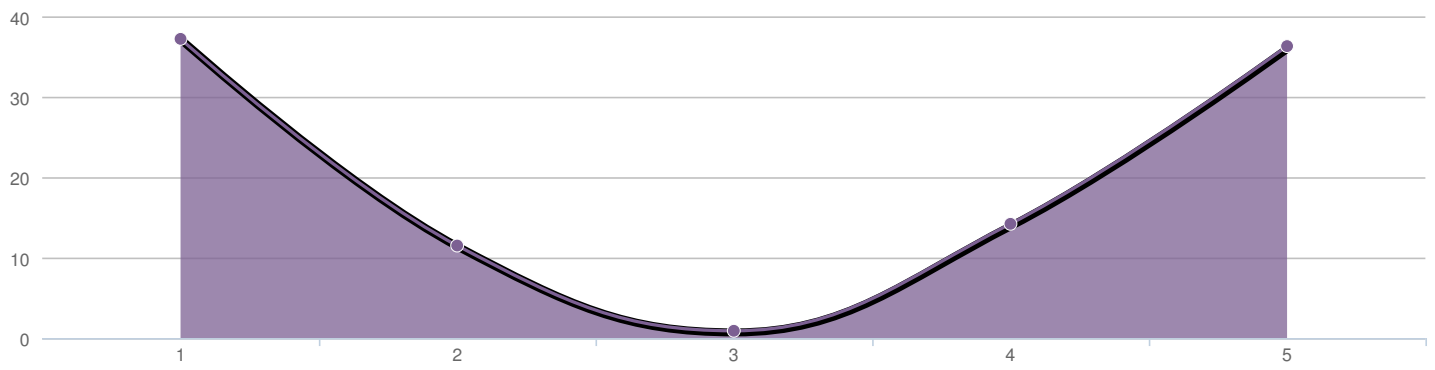
## Comments

Count	Response
1	0
1	Don't need it and will be vandalized. Who will maintain and over see it?
1	Having a community room can be a great community-builder.
1	How would it be managed? There are no employees at the park or security.
1	I would prefer a larger community facility
1	I'm neutral. I have a hard time envision what this room would actually be used for.
1	Library has community rooms. Do we really need more?
1	Meetings can be held at City Hall or in private homes.
1	More facilities to maintain (expense). Why not use City Hall.
1	Not supportive. Do not waste Newcastle citizen's tax dollar money.
1	Other things are more important in the park
1	Small room is a must - a larger facility would be even better!
1	So so
1	Sometimes it would be nice to rent such a facility out for parties during cold weather.
1	The Newcastle Library has a space for this.
1	The community is not utilizing the community rooms available.
1	The one at the fire department in Bellevue is adequate.
1	There are better uses for the limited space in the park than this.
1	We have sufficient community rooms at the library.
1	Will the room be staffed? I would support an expanded bathroom.
1	Yes if Newcastle residents can rent it for private functions at a nominal rate.
1	Yes if the Newcastle residents can rent nominally for private functions
1	good central location for public events
1	high cost, high maintenance, who would use it?
1	I don't think this is necessary at all. There are plenty of spaces to meet at Newcastle Library AND the YMCA.
1	Meh. I'm guessing it will be like others I've seen = not used much by the majority, overused by a few.
1	I don't see why this is needed at the park. Use existing buildings elsewhere in the community for this purpose and keep our outdoor space
1	level of support will depend on cost to build, but assuming within the budget without sacrificing essentials, sure would be nice to have.

**Count Response**

1	I don't think it's needed. Like the "learning center" it might be costly to build, maintain, and staff. And there are other community facilities: YMCA, library, and the City-owned former CCUD building.
1	A place to gather, commune, laugh, artistic expressions and break bread out of the elements is essential for a healthy community
1	There is the opportunity for a community building down the street on 129th, so I am not in support of duplicate services and costs.
1	It is somewhat difficult to weigh in on these elements without information about cost. It seems like a community facility would have ongoing costs and need to be staffed. I don't think that is a good idea.
1	Too much for the small space. You a ruining the park circular walk and the quiet peaceful nature of the park!
1	This is not a wholly bad idea, but please don't let it get out of hand. A small extension to the existing bathroom structure seems more reasonable than a whole new building.
1	Doesn't Newcastle City Council already have a meeting room that could be used for community purposes?
1	This would be a good location to hold annual homeowner meetings and other community related activities. It could also be used as an after school place for the neighborhood kids.
1	we have community room with YMCA , Also King county library can use for meeting work shop or other use if city have we own the other expand for up keeping and maintain .
1	Newcastle is one of the most isolated communities I have ever been a part of -- maybe this will be help build some inclusiveness.
1	Town Hall and the Library are close by and I believe they have community space. I'm more interested in green/outdoor space.
1	Depends on the cost and whether it detracts from cost elements to improve south & southeast shore of the Lake. Don't need the Garden area since the previous Fuchsia Garden failed and people/Club quit supporting it.
1	Hopefully, a facility like this will be very attractive in the future for small group get-togethers.
1	I personally have not seen a need for this. I am not sure how it would benefit me in the future. If I saw how it was a benefit, I might view this differently. I don't have knowledge in this area.
1	I don't think that this will be used. The library is close and has a community room. In addition, there are pavilions for gathering. Why not make a room available at city hall for community gathering? (perhaps you already do?)
1	Since the park closes at dark, how much use would there be during the day when the weather is nice? Most community activities take place in the evening.
1	We need a larger community room because, of course, the library has little parking for any scheduled event, in the glass bubble little rooms about to be inundated with overflow parking from the terrible six story apartment buildings.
1	I feel that this is unneeded and a bad use of our tax dollars, and isn't there a room for people to meet at in City Hall?
1	This really depends on costs for use, reservation availability, and other factors. This should really be part of the Library and not the park.

### 5. How supportive are you of a fenced off-leash dog area?



#### Statistics

Sum	340.0
Average	3.0
StdDev	1.8
Max	5.0
Total	113

## Comments

Count	Response
1	0
1	Concerned about dog owners not cleaning up after their pets.
1	Dogs are off leash in the park area already. Will there be enforcement?
1	I'm not crazy about dogs.
1	If this is done make it open to all breeds
1	Must be big enough to throw a tennis ball with a chuck it ball thrower. 3/4 acre to 1 acre.
1	My dogs are too big for this, but I'm VERY supportive.
1	Not supportive, please DO NOT build any off-leash dog area
1	Not supportive. Do not waste Newcastle citizen's tax dollar money.
1	Off leash dog areas lead t fights an injuries, so not a fan of those.
1	This would be a great addition to the park.
1	Very much needed
1	Very much needed.
1	We are a community that is very dog friendly and an off leash area would be well used.
1	We don't have a dog, but understand the value for those who do.
1	Would like to see a small dog area and off-leash access to the lake.
1	concerned with clean up after dogs and the proximity to Lake Boren drainage
1	encourages on-leash dogs in park
1	just a bad idea - there is a fenced off leash dog area nearby in newport hills.
1	How often you go to the park I at the park almost daily majority the people with dog some use leash walk with the dog some no leash the dog run free and catch the ball I don't think that many dog owner will have the dog in the area fenced some like to walking excise with the animal.
1	We see dogs off-leash with their owners on the Waterline Trail every day. Adding an off-leash area won't stop that. Off leash dog parks are not attractive, especially during the wet season. Dogs make a lot of noise when other dogs are around.
1	This will disrupt neighbors and be a costly area for the city to maintain. No. The park has plenty of dog walkers already. We don't need more dogs in the park.
1	There are MANY persons who already use Lake Boren Park as a dog park -- dogs off leash, in the lake, etc. Whatever the plan includes, I hope it has funds for rule enforcement. It would help a lot if there were a true designated dog area. Right now people abuse the entire park with dogs off-leash.
1	keeps our community dogs healthy; supports/promotes exercise, connection, smiles, conversation and well being

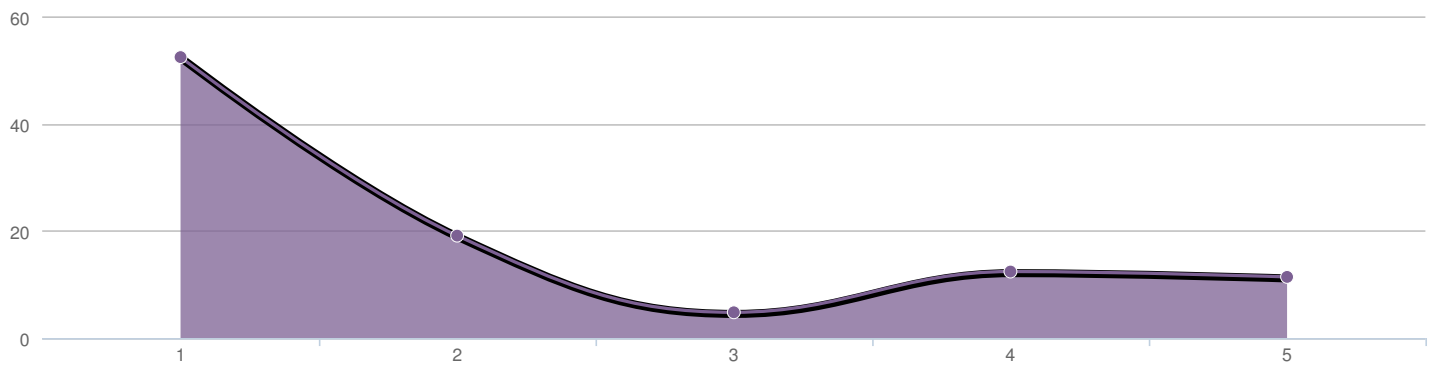
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- 1 The off-leash area is too small. In addition, so many unbelievably inconsiderate people ignore the on-leash rules (my neighbor, who has a dog on leash at all times while she walks in the park, has been bitten by other dogs not on a leash--with not even an apology, nor an attempt by the owner to control the dog afterward. Unbelievable! Also, when some clean up after their pets, if they clean up at all, they dump their full bags of you know what on the power line strip directly behind ours and our neighbors' houses--often on top of the storm water drain located nearby. There needs to be several trash cans along the way thereor something, but actually I doubt they would use it anyway. Full disclosure--I no longer have a dog. Our neighbors on both sides of us--the best neighbors ever--both have dogs. They clean up after them, do not allow them to run off leash, nor have them outside barking at every sound when they aren't home. I would suggest if you want to see a really good example of why I do not want a dog park here, visit the dog park at Woodland Park near the zoo in Seattle--unless they've actually made an effort to clean it up (not in the last 10 years, as far as I know), it's a wonderful example of the pungent mix of dirt, mud, and un-scooped doo-doo--perfect on rainy days and even better on hot days like today--it's not the people who obey the rules that are the problem--it's those who don't--and there are way too many who feel the rules don't apply to them to discount the problem.
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- 1 This has little appeal to me. Furthermore, it is better suited to the proposed park on the DOT property.
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- 1 Dogs leave worms on the ground that can be picked up by people sitting at the concerts. Feces can wash into the lake causing harm.
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- 1 There will be bad smell coming from it, and I see potential for a lot of problems. Dog owners don't always pick up the poop. I know I live on the edge of the park and I see it happening. Some do pick up, but several do not.
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- 1 As a dog owner, I find off-leash parks a little iffy, especially if the area is small and without much interest. Sometimes it also increases the amount of off-leash dogs around the park (which is already heavy in Lake Boren Park). They can smell pretty rank, especially during the summer. And with drainage around Newcastle so poor, I wonder if it would be usable at all during wet periods. There are lots of places around Newcastle to hike and explore with a dog. As a daily user of Lake Boren Park, with my on-leash dog, I just don't feel a dog park will be value added.
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- 1 Since everyone uses the trails as off leash areas [including a former council member I ran into], why use valuable space for more.
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- 1 This is not a good idea, again, for the property owners on the edge of the park, and would probably lower property value, and keep a house from selling. Please think of how you would feel if you owned property of the edge of the park.
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- 1 I am sure people with dogs would like this. I am not a dog owner and have no need for this. I know there are off leash parks by Hazelwood, so there are some in the area. It's good for dogs to have a place to be. I wouldn't want to lose something on order to have this.
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- 1 Dogs are already off leash at Lake Boren. If we get this area does that mean that the leash law will be enforced in other areas of the park?
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- 1 the place will become a dog pee concentrate spot, with the smell of it traveling in the park itself. there are quite a few off-leash parks in Bellevue / Mercer Island check them out and make sure you actually want the same in lake Boren park. It smells like dog pee (and poo as not all owners clean after their pets) from a mile away.
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- 1 I am not a dog owner and do not care to be constantly surrounded by dogs in public areas. However, I realize there are many dog owners desiring this feature. Therefore, although I am not supportive of this feature, I can accept the current proposal.
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- 1 While it would be appropriate to prevent too much fecal matter from entering Boren Creek, a little might actually benefit plants downstream. Water-loving dogs should have an opportunity to play in the creek--maybe for a limited amount of time (say 10 or 15 minutes per outing).
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- 1 A lot of people have their dogs off leash anyways, so at least this would allow them someplace to go.
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- 1 Again, why take space usable by everyone and reserve it for an exclusive use? If dogs are friendly, we don't mind them running around anywhere in the park (and if they're unfriendly, other dogs and dog owners may not want them off-leash either). My three-year-old daughter loves to pet the outgoing dogs, and knows to let alone the shy ones. It would be a shame for everyone to fence them away by themselves.
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**Count Response**

1	We need to direct what few funds the city has, to people activities, amphitheatres, sheltered areas for all kinds of weather, etc. and not dogs.
1	There are plenty of nearby dog parks. There are already too many dogs in the park. Adding a separate dog area will increase dog traffic and associated mess that comes with it.
1	I would like more signage/enforcement of dogs being off-leash in the park. An off-leash area may help with this.
1	Please make sure that any designated dog area is away from the skate park. Most dogs react adversely to the sound of the skate boards. Hopefully there will not be a skate board area. Please do realize that the majority of park users have dogs.
1	There is plenty of room to add this feature. The dog owners in Newcastle would greatly appreciate it.
1	I don't like the proposed location; I'd preserve the woods around Boren Creek as much as possible.
1	I own a dog and an off leash area would be nice but in practice seldom works out. I have used other areas of this size in other parks around the greater Seattle area usually they are a mess (mainly mud); and owners take their very big dogs there which don't play well with my small dog and just let them run free. The only dog park that really seems to work well is the one over at Magnuson. It's gravel, so not muddy and has separated small and large dog areas. Plus for some reason, owners actually pay attention to their dogs in that park.
1	I do not own a dog, but many of our residents do. We need to provide a place for them to socialize their pets and keep them from running off leash throughout the park.
1	It's better than dogs on leash in event areas or trails where they get in fights with other dogs or growl/bark/bite other dogs or people. Dogs are pack oriented not human community oriented.
1	People with dogs have other options and can take the dog on a WALK. It's our kids that need more space to play with each other! Kids first. Dogs second.
1	We have been waiting for one for years--but did not support the former location closer to homes for barking noise. I would not want that in my backyard --but do support an off leash area where it is placed in this drawing.
1	We live within ear shot of the activities that go on in the park and are not excited about the idea of hearing lots of dog barking, especially with a new baby and her nap schedule!
1	This would serve the community well as I often see people waking their dogs in the park. The off-leash park would be a way to build community among dog owners and reduce waste left throughout the rest of the park.

## 6. How supportive are you of a skate area?



### Statistics

Sum	222.0
Average	2.1
StdDev	1.4
Max	5.0
Total	105

## Comments

Count	Response
1	+fresh air and exercise -injuries
1	0
1	Again, not something that our family would enjoy, but a benefit for youth.
1	Concerned about out of Newcastle boarders coming & causing problems.
1	Do not like the element that skating attracts.
1	Give boys something constuctive to do!
1	I don't have children so I am neutral about this.
1	I don't skate, but it sure is fun to watch those who do!
1	It would be nice to have more facilities for teens to play that are near adults.
1	Just leave it alone as a park!
1	Kids need active areas for play.
1	Lake Boren Park already generates lots of noise that affects homes to the West.
1	Need to give older kids something to do at the park.
1	Not a skater, but I can generally support providing this feature in the park.
1	Not supportive, please DO NOT build any Skate area
1	Not supportive. Do not waste Newcastle citizen's tax dollar money.
1	Please keep a skate park out of the plan.
1	Skating is 2010, not 2016.
1	Strongly un-supportive. Skate park only attract trouble and increase crime rate.
1	There is a skate park already in Renton and am not interested in promoting loitering.
1	Think about liability.
1	This only promotes crime activities
1	Too close to the play area for younger kids, who might stray over into that area.
1	Too noisy and hard to police.
1	Vending machines for water and snacks.
1	concerned that the skate area may turn into gaudy graffiti damaged hang out for out of area kids
1	great idea



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1	A Skate Park is by far the worst idea on the list, because it will bring many potential problems! Something like this should be monitored by a trained attendant as it is truly dangerous and there could be life changing injuries, such as, a broken neck and paralysis! Therefore, there are liability issues in addition to great sadness if someone is injured! I feel, that a skate park should not be in any neighborhood park, and should be run as a separate business. I live on the edge of the park in this area, and it is just not fair for us, as homeowners, to have the beautiful landscape ruined and listen to the noise, and view possible graffiti associated with this type of activity. My neighbors and I who live on the edge of the park would go to great lengths to stop this skate park. We should have rights as property owners to oppose this proposed skate park. It would affect us all greatly in a negative way, and would ruin the natural beauty, peace, and tranquility of the park! I am asking others to join with us in opposition to the Skate Park. Do we really want this park to become like an amusement park?.... I think not.
1	Concerned about it becoming an unattended hangout and the space not being separate enough to be safe for passers by, kids, runners... To be uninterrupted by skating outside the designated area.
1	Please DO NOT add a skate park area. There are plenty of other areas for teenagers to skate and it's not something we would like to see money spent on in our park.
1	For at least 10 years I yearned for a rollerblading side path around the park. I stated that to many people including Sonny Putter, the Council at the time and the Mayors at the time. Nothing happened. A skate spot will only attract bad elements and graffiti, while roller blading would have been wonderful.
1	I don't really want this in my community park. I'd really feel bad for the neighbors. It's loud and skater boys are loud.
1	I don't think the Olympus neighbors appreciate this at all (noise, etc.). We need more parking area instead. Let the skaters go to Liberty Park in Renton.
1	I think this is a fun activity for kids to participate in. It gives them something to do that's fairly safe.
1	Its fine but can be noisy and may be too close to the houses, move it by the parking lot or tennis courts. They can be noisy like basketball courts
1	Not very. I was more supportive until I saw the influence that this brings to the neighborhood. It seems to bring kids that are hanging around all day and night causing problems.
1	Renton has a skate park that is close by. There isn't enough property to accommodate everything.
1	I don't think the percentage of "skaters" in the community is worth the cost. Nice idea but may be only used by very few. Also injuries and lawsuits. (I'm a lawyer)
1	Young people need a place to go to work off energy in healthy constructive way; this is a fabulous idea!
1	A skate area will not be used. It takes up space, adds liability, will not be used. There are skakeparks in Bellevue and Renton already.

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- 1 This survey is missing the opportunity to vote 3 times against any form of skate park. It's too close to the houses--one of them mine--& as much as I hate to say it, a skate park brings in an element we don't need in our neighborhood--we have enough problems already without adding more. During summer, although the park is supposed to be closed after dark, there is always some noisy partygoer there--sometimes 7 days a week. I have only called the police once in the 28 years we've lived here, bordering the park, but if we get a skate park, you can rest assured I will be on the phone every time someone is there after hours or is too noisy--and no doubt, all of us who border the skate park will be retaliated against by some irate skater in return--when you will hear from us as well. Once again, it's not the ones who follow the rules--it's those who don't--and there are way too many who feel the rules don't apply to them to discount the problem. I don't want a skate park here more than anything on this list. It might be the one thing to make me sell out and move. I just hope it doesn't bring housing values down. While I understand there are some measures that can be taken for sound abatement, that will not work at night when sound carries up (to our houses)--and face it--there will be those who choose to come at night & they won't get caught--because as the article I talk about below says, they just post look-outs and are gone when the police get there. These are the people causing the problems. Check out the article about Dow Park in Houston--Read the whole article at: [http://www.yourhoustonnews.com/archives/residents-fed-up-with-skate-park/article\\_446c2ed1-4d57-5aae-b8c8-f89c0322b0f1.html](http://www.yourhoustonnews.com/archives/residents-fed-up-with-skate-park/article_446c2ed1-4d57-5aae-b8c8-f89c0322b0f1.html). There are dozens of examples that show just how difficult life can be for a neighborhood with the bad luck to be located next to a skate park (and just as many saying the problem can be fixed--but do you want to risk alienating a valuable segment of your citizens for this?).
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- 1 While I am not opposed to a skate area, I think it needs to be separated from the walkways by a buffer as people on the trails etc may have collisions with out-of-control skaters.
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- 1 I STRONGLY do not support this. I do not think this will be used enough to warrant the cost. In addition, this seems like a liability risk to the city. There are skate parks in both Renton and Bellevue that should satisfy the skating community.
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- 1 They are noisy and dangerous and a place for pecking orders that generally force the younger children to the sidelines.
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- 1 Haven for drug for kids to get into trouble--exactly why happened to my nephew in Portland! and speaking of that--I'm not sure we don't have a problem in our existing parking lot now at the park. I see many guys parked there of the age not interested in park activities. I saw a very drugged looking fellow just this week wandering on the street outside the park on 84th--I almost called police but didn't. He was very out of place and not well. Police need to cruise that lot more often or sit there often to watch what goes on in the existing parking lot.
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- 1 Not at all you will invite whole bunch teenager hanging out at the park some come from other area, come along with graffiti, drinking, vandalism the park, and don't forget we have a new middle school open close by. I have been a resident 20 years in Newcastle. This park is a nice family park ~ each year there are more new families with kids who use this park because it is open, no hidden spots, and parents can keep track of their kids. I think more picnic shelters would be more beneficial and would generate income. I also do not think a new tennis court is needed because it is hardly used currently.
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- 1 can we have an educational garden for kids, or at least preserve the open nature aspect of the park as opposed to erecting more concrete structures ? we are already losing the rural aspect of the town by having trees cut down to accommodate new homes. Let's keep the park as a small oasis.
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- 1 Once again, you've thoughtlessly managed to site this where it will have the most negative impact to the homes on the west side of the park. Please, if you absolutely must have this kind of activity in Lake Boren park, which I don't believe is needed, put it where it minimizes impact to the surrounding homes. If you don't, I and my neighbors will be noisy foes of this part of the plan
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- 1 Not supportive at all. While I think they are a great outlet for kids there are already a number of them in the area they could use.
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- 1 Again, the skate park was studied and it was determined that Lake Boren Park is not a good location for a skate park. Any location needs to be visible to police driving by for security.
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- 1 Skate area will only invite troubles with safety and bring drugs into the area. LEAVE THE PARK THE WAY IT IS!!!!
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- 1 This is the worst idea on the list, for it would be a nuisance and a liability issue. Please think of the property owners who live on the park, and the noise which would occur. Along with this, there could be possible injuries, and it would deface a beautiful park. It definitely does not belong in our Newcastle Park.
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1 There are already places in the area reserved for roller-toys where those dedicated to these sports can congregate. Please don't take away public space from our best public park for such a niche use, whose facility detracts from the beauty that we all enjoy.