



KING SCHOOL PARK FUTSAL RESURFACING

Survey Summary

March 2016

1. Overview

The purpose of the King School Park Futsal Resurfacing survey summary is to:

- Understand who uses King School Park
- Understand people's experience with King School Park
- Ensure that the community-based proposal to the park will provide benefits to all Portlanders and park users

2. Background

Green King Committee approached Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) with a grant they applied through Fields for All which would provide local youth with safe, healthy and high quality playing surface. PP&R directed Green King Committee to use PP&R's Park Proposal Process.

3. Methodology

PP&R partnered with Green King Committee to reach out to various local community based organizations (CBOs), non-profit agencies, King School Elementary children and parents, religious organizations, and the local community to notify them of the potential community-based project to resurface the existing King School Park tennis courts to become a dual futsal court.

PP&R and Green King Committee invited community members to attend a community meeting about the proposal on Thursday, February 11 from 6:30pm – 8:00pm at King School Elementary's cafeteria.

We notified the community about the meeting through lawn signs in the park, fliers delivered to adjacent neighbors and electronic notifications sent to King Neighborhood Association, local King School Park neighbors, King School Elementary, and various CBOs and non-profits. The purpose of the meeting was to present the community-based proposal to resurface the existing tennis courts at King School Park for use as futsal courts.

PP&R provided comment forms at the community meeting. Also, we supplied the comment forms online for two weeks after the community forum. PP&R and Green King Committee created a Spanish version of the comment forms which we provided at the meeting and made available online. 246 comments were received.





This information represents the opinions of the 246 individuals who responded to the survey. This summary provides an idea of how those who participated in the survey felt about the park and the proposed improvements. Not every individual answered each question, so the total number of participants answering each question differs.

4. Summary of Findings

246 individuals participated in the King School Park Futsal Resurfacing survey. This is a high response rate for a community park.

In general, 79% of the participants indicated that they were “Strongly Supportive” or “Supportive” of the resurfacing of the existing tennis courts to futsal courts. Reasons for this support includes: futsal courts will be used more often, they will create active and positive spaces, and the use will develop communities.

The diverse ethnicity and age of respondents reflects the work on the park of the Green King Committee to create an inclusive process.

Question #1 - How far do you live from King School Park?

244 individuals responded

- 62% less than one mile
- 20% between one mile and two miles
- 18% more than two miles

Question #2 - How often do you visit King School Park? (please check one)

242 individuals responded

- 36% a few times a year
- 22% once or twice a week
- 21% every day
- 21% once or twice a month

Question #3 - I come to King School Park to (check all that apply):

241 individuals responded

- 35% Other (please specify)
- 35% Bring my children to the playground
- 31% Relax, read, walk
- 24% Play basketball
- 21% Run





Question #4 - How do you get to the park? (check all that apply):

243 individuals responded

- 77% Walk
- 24% Drive
- 21% Bike
- 6% Public Transit
- 3% Other

Question #5 – With the community's support, Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) has an opportunity to replace the damaged and deteriorated King School Park tennis court with a resurfaced futsal court. In addition to futsal, the court will provide an improved recess playing surface for King School students during and after school.

What is Futsal?

Futsal is a game of soccer played between two teams of five players each in a smaller court.

Below, please indicate your level of support for the following statement.

Replace King School Park's damaged and deteriorated tennis court with a resurfaced court to be used for futsal, school recess and after school programming.

242 individuals responded

- 60% Strongly Supportive
- 19% Supportive
- 16% Neutral
- 3% Strongly Not Supportive
- 2% Not Supportive

Please explain why you selected your option:

(number indicates amount of times comments were mentioned)

- 67 Supportive proposed improvements
 - 29 Futsal/soccer will be used more often
 - 15 Kids can be active, and they will use it more often
 - 5 People will use the futsal courts
 - 4 Futsal will attract broader community
 - 4 My kids like soccer
 - 1 People play soccer
 - 16 Approve the project, great idea





- 11 Futsal/soccer is fun and healthy
 - 1 I prefer tennis, but futsal will serve more people
- 52 Creates positive spaces and communities
 - 32 New active spaces creates positive activities
 - 12 Brings community together
 - 4 Open to growth and try new things
 - 2 Gives area more active and vibrant feeling
 - 2 Good for kids; good for community
- 22 Tennis courts are currently not utilized
- 12 Neutral
 - 11 Does not affect me; I don't care; I don't use that area
 - 1 I like soccer, but I like tennis as well
- 11 Not supportive with proposed improvements
 - 5 If tennis courts were repaired, tennis users would utilize it
 - 4 We need more tennis courts. I like tennis.
 - 2 It is the closest tennis court in King Neighborhood
- 7 Supportive the condition of
 - 6 I would support this space if it will be a multi-use space
 - 1 Please keep one tennis court open
- 6 Improves security concerns
 - 3 Futsal courts decrease violence; less crime
 - 3 It will be a safe place for our kids
- 4 Unable to make an informed decision due to lack of information
 - 2 Unable to make an informed decision
 - 1 Who uses the tennis courts? Will those users be displaced?
 - 1 Do people use the tennis courts?
- 4 Others
 - 1 Replace tennis courts with natural area
 - 1 Kids with transportation difficulties will now have access to recreation
 - 1 Money could be spent on more important things
 - 1 There are other tennis courts around the area





Question #6 – What else would you like us to know?

(number indicates amount of times comments were mentioned)

- 34 Supportive of improvement
 - 18 Good idea. Please build it! You all are doing a great job
 - 5 I support the improvement
 - 4 I like soccer
 - 3 Kids will benefit
 - 2 Futsal serves the local community
 - 2 Improving King School Park is great
- 9 Need more information
 - 3 What is the detailed timeline?
 - 2 What are the pros and cons for futsal courts at Montavilla?
 - 2 What are the on-going financial arrangements?
 - 1 What/who is the “community support” coming from?
 - 1 Could futsal courts be used for tennis or multi-use area?
- 6 Opportunity to improve security concerns
 - 6 Positive activity increases neighborhood safety
- 5 Prefer multi-use space
- 5 Prefer tennis courts to be resurfaced
- 3 Current courts aren’t utilized
 - 3 Not many play tennis here
 - 2 I rarely go to the courts
- 2 Futsal courts will serve more folks in the area
 - 1 Futsal is more culturally appropriate for our neighborhood
 - 1 Soccer is more widely played
- 1 Permitting concerns after futsal courts are constructed
- Other ideas
 - 3 Add lighting to the futsal courts
 - 2 Update basketball courts
 - 1 Athletics programming through SUN school or PIL when futsal courts are available
 - 1 Research type of turf for courts; no cancerous materials
 - 1 Make King School Park a football area
 - 1 Maintain our community parks and provide open spaces
 - 1 No corporatization
 - 1 Use grassy areas for other programmatic use
 - 1 Put a soccer field instead of a baseball diamond
 - 1 Build a new water fountain





Question #7 – I am age:

- 33% - 10-15 yrs
- 2% - 16-24 yrs
- 13% - 25-34 yrs
- 30% - 35-44 yrs
- 16% - 45-59 yrs
- 6% - 60-79 yrs
- 0% - 80 & over

Question #8 – I am:

- 63% - Female
- 36% - Male
- 1% - Other

Question #9 – How many children do you have living with you under the age of 18?

- 35% - No children
- 21% - 1
- 30% - 2
- 7% - 3
- 3% - 4
- 4% - 5 and more

Question #10 – If you answered question #9, how old are they?

- 19% - 0-2 yrs old
- 48% - 3-6 yrs old
- 45% - 7-10 yrs old
- 31% - 11-14 yrs old
- 21% - 15-17 yrs old

Question #11 – Regarding residence, I:

- 52% - Own my own home
- 24% - Rent my home
- 24% - Other





Question #12 – I identify as: (please check ALL that apply)

- 6% American Indian/Alaska Native
- 5% Asian
- 22% Black or African American
- 33% Hispanic or Latino
- 2% Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- Less than 1% Recent African Immigrant
- 1% Slavic/Eastern European Immigrant
- 50% White
- 5% Some other race (please specify)

