



Manzanita Ridge Neighborhood Park

Key Takeaways from the second round of public outreach *(August 2023)*

Formerly known as the Shevlin West Park Site, the first round of outreach conducted by Bend Park and Recreation District (BPRD) was to solicit name recommendations for this new 3.5-acre neighborhood park. BPRD received 86 unique name suggestions, which were shared with the naming committee. At the recommendation of the naming committee, the BPRD board of directors approved “Manzanita Ridge” as the park’s name.

With the new name established, it was time to learn more about the experiences and amenities people desired to have in their new park. BPRD conducted public outreach to gather this information. The outreach consisted of an online survey and two open house meetings. The survey was open from August 8-21, 2023 and received 157 responses. It was emailed directly to HOA managers, the Summit West Neighborhood Association and to individuals on the project information list. It was also available on the project website. An onsite open house was scheduled, but changed to a virtual platform due to smoke and heat. There were 18 attendees who participated in that virtual open house. A second open house was added to accommodate folks preferring to meet in person. It was held at the district office due to weather uncertainty, and there were eight attendees.

Below is a summary of the key information received from the survey. More detailed survey data is included in the following pages. The input from this round of outreach was used to develop the initial conceptual designs for the park site.

Key Takeaway #1: Nature Rules! Regardless of what people plan to do in the park or the features they want to see, one thing is clear, people are drawn to this area because of the existing natural beauty. Many of the comments received expressed how much people love the views and the surrounding natural character. A strong desire was expressed for the park to fit into and compliment that character.

Key Takeaway #2: There needs to be something for everyone. Multi-generational interest and play were desires expressed across all age ranges. Although there were not any survey respondents under the age of 18, many adults taking the survey noted having children of all ages living at home. In addition to both children’s and multi-generational play areas ranking high as preferred amenities (especially when considered in aggregate), respondents indicated they plan to visit the park with family members and friends of varying ages. The park should not only have features appealing to different age groups, but also contain features that can be enjoyed by multiple generations together.



Key Takeaway #3: People want to belong. A sense of community, connection and inclusion were common themes throughout the survey responses. While some expressed clear preferences for age groups, features and activities they would rather *not* see in the park, the majority of the respondents indicated that they see the park as a place to gather, build community and get to know their neighbors. They want to feel as welcome in the park as any other person. They see the park as an extension of the neighborhood that brings people together.

Key Takeaway #4: When it comes to park features there are strong opinions, and they are not always aligned. There are some noticeable leaders when it comes to what people want to do and see in the park. Walking is the most common experience people want to have in the park by a wide margin. The next most popular experiences are play and observing nature. The highest-ranking features are natural areas, soft surface trails and a shade structure/shelter.

Some activities and amenities are more polarizing, with strong opinions on both sides. They include:

- Active vs passive use
- Whether the park should have an open lawn
- Children's play area, both whether the park should have one and the aesthetic

The issues noted above are not one-off comments received, but re-occurring themes in the survey responses. As noted in Key Takeaway #1, there is an overwhelming desire for the park to celebrate the natural beauty surrounding it. Other popular desires are trail connections, shade and no lighting.

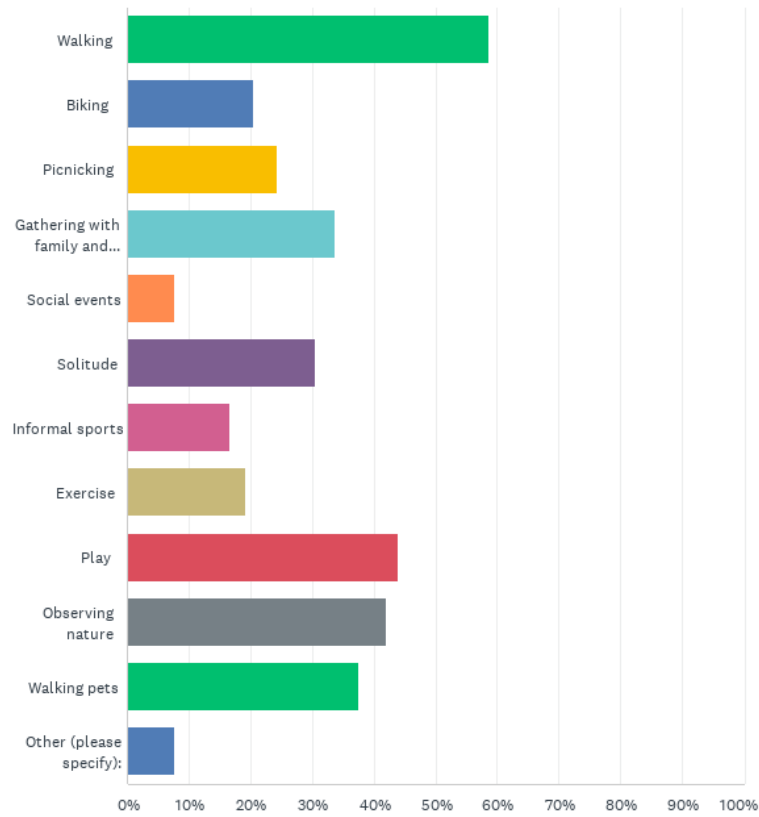
Key Takeaway #5: There are some concerns. Although walking pets is the fourth highest ranking experience, there were many concerns expressed regarding off-leash dogs. The concerns ranged from habitat destruction to fear of being around dogs off-leash. Several people recommended an education component as part of the project to inform folks about the importance of keeping dogs on their leash. Other concerns include parking and increased traffic (90% of respondents indicated they plan to walk or bike to the park) and water use by the park landscape.

For questions and comments, please contact the project manager, Bronwen Mastro, (541) 706-6152, bronwenm@bendparksandrec.org



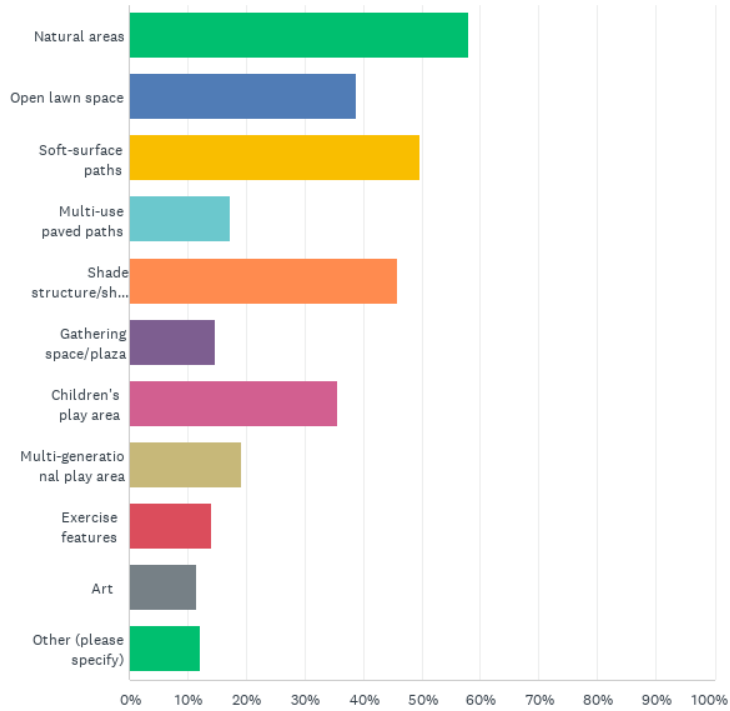
Survey Responses

Q1 What experiences would you most like to have in your neighborhood park (select top three)?





Q2 What features would you most like to see in your neighborhood park (select top three)?
If you have not yet done so, please visit our storymap to see reference images.





Question 3: Word Cloud Summary

Q3 I want to feel _____ in my neighborhood
park.

Connected_{free} Happy_{fun} Quiet_{dogs} Peaceful_{community}
Relaxed_{calm} safe_{Shevlin Park} nature_{Part}
welcome_{neighborhood} peace_{beauty} natural

Question 3: Individual Responses

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| Serene | Happy and calm | Peaceful |
| Quiet. (no pickleball, tennis, basketball etc. that are noisy.) | Relaxed in nature | welcomed |
| like I am close to nature, and that I can learn more about living next to natural spaces when I visit the park | Peaceful | safe |
| Healthy, engaged, stronger | serene walking | Like I am in Shevlin Park |
| At peace, and happy to meet folks | Like this is a gathering space | safe. Dogs must be on a leash, with periodic enforcement. |
| Peaceful | Like I'm in nature | peaceful |
| Active | Happy | inspired, peaceful and safe |
| Included | Part of a community. Safe. | a sense of community |
| Quite | Relaxed | with nature |
| peace, natural, ease, fun | Safe and quiet | Peace & quiet, with easy access to Shevlin Park and the adjacent conservation area. |
| calm and contentment | A sense of openness | Peaceful |
| In nature | Safe place for my kids | like part of a multigenerational community in nature |
| Relaxed and comfortable | like I can play with my grandchildren | like I'm in the forest |
| Joyful | Relaxed place to enjoy natural surroundings | Solitude |
| relaxed | Welcomed | Fun |



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| connected to my neighbors | Relaxed | Safe |
| Calm | Relaxed | Safe |
| At home | Happy and stimulated | Outside |
| Excited, creative, playful! | Peaceful in nature | Calm |
| Safe | happy | Safe |
| a sense of community | I want to feel safe in my neighborhood and free from lots of traffic coming through my neighborhood. | safe |
| Connected | safe | At peace |
| Connection to nature and community | Connected to nature. | Relaxed |
| Community | Like I can meet my neighbors and have our kids play | Safe, secure and peacefully quiet |
| Central Oregon outdoors | Quiet | relaxed |
| safe and not bothered by unleashed dogs | beauty | peaceful |
| Relaxed and fit | uncrowded | welcome |
| Harmony with the natural beauty of Shevlin Park to the west | in nature | at ease |
| Relax and in nature | Safe | rejuvenated |
| Relaxed | safe | peaceful |
| Safe | connected to nature | As if it's natural |
| Peaceful and retain the feel of neighboring Shevlin Park | welcome | Safe |
| free | Beauty of nature | Comfortable |
| At peace | In nature | Quiet |
| Solitude and one with nature. Welcoming and safe for dogs. I do not want to hear screaming children. | safe | Connected |
| Alive | peaceful and a connection to nature | Joy in nature with loved ones |
| Relaxed/Proud | relaxed | Invigorated |
| Relaxed | free to meet neighbors | safe |
| A fun place for kids to play | Part of nature | Welcomed with kids |
| Safe | like the whole neighborhood is welcome | Active |
| Safe! | Relaxed and safe | secure and safe |
| At peace | Peaceful | Playful |



Question 4: Word Cloud Summary

Q4 I want my neighborhood park to reflect the community in the following way(s):

landscape kids play neighborhood natural environment inclusive nice community
 peaceful people fun reflect elements Gathering inviting family integrated
 park blend area Natural landscape natural Shevlin Park
 nature enjoying nature place welcome space paths play
 Shevlin surrounding safe kids Multi-generational shade enjoy Respect
 natural beauty needs come together quiet walking paths plants walk

Question 4: Individual Responses

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| Nature centric; neighborhood centric (not a park with amenities that will draw people from outside the neighborhood) | Respect for the natural beauty surrounding the area; things that blend into the surroundings | Natural space |
| Nature. See #3 | I want it to reflect the wild space we are rapidly losing | A focal point to build community relationships: play, socializing, welcoming |
| integrated into nature, low key gathering space, transitioning into nature, educational ...fire, critters habitat, logging, plant species in high desert | Integrated with nature | Natural |
| People here love healthy living. Having an outdoor space that reflects and provides a path to that | Close to nature even in an urban environment | This particular area is incredibly rare. It would be great if folks had a few moments to learn about this natural area and how we all need to protect it. |
| Open and inviting | Natural environment. | As it's adjacent to a nature conservation area and Shevlin Park, it needs to reflect the neighborhoods. No ball |



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| | | fields and artificial lighting. |
| Conservation minded | connected to the natural environment | Bike friendly |
| Gathering place | Special attention to inspired and thoughtful design and curation of structures, art and flora. Honor the connection to the surrounding nature preserve while still providing modern and timeless design elements. | Inclusive for all |
| Dark sky (aka no lights), plants that won't compromise the wild area or Shevlin Commons environmental values, quiet for the residents close by, respecting the park boundaries and not having the whole park be a lot of paths through places that are not public | I would like the park to be a place where all ages are welcome and where kids can feel like it is a safe and fun place to go to. I would really like the park to remain private for the Shevlin community and be a place where the local community comes together to know one another. | Stay natural |
| Multi-generational | Blending in with natural landscape | Beauty of the natural high desert, native species, soft walking trails, easy upkeep, welcoming for all. |
| In the CC&Rs for Shevlin West it states: "No noxious or offensive activities shall be carried on upon any Homesite, not shall anything be done or placed on any Homesite that interferes with or jeopardized the enjoyment of other Homesites or the Common Areas or Common Maintenance Areas, or that is a source of annoyance to occupants." So I'd think this park would reflect the community by not encouraging noisy activities by building sport courts (e.g. pickleball, basketball, horseshoes). | environmentally friendly, free from light contamination | Natural landscaping - not overly developed. Trees. |
| Peaceful, quite | As close as nature to possible | Support kids with disabilities have a safe place for caregivers and their kids won't run off |



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| conservation-forward, inclusive, visually blends with nature, inviting | Inclusivity, respect for others enjoying nature and having a place to recharge and get to know one another. | No lawn, Kids and adult play areas, enjoy art and nature. |
| Blends into landscape. This is very near Shevlin Park and the landscape hopefully reflects the high desert. Not too much nonnative plants, things needing watering, etc. | Space for all different types of ages and abilities | Respect of nature in a natural setting. |
| Nature conservation | Interconnectivity between the neighborhoods surrounding it, and with Shevlin Park. | Fun and approachable |
| Focus on kids playing | No grass - we are in a desert and the landscape should reflect the native plants in the area, not water hogging grasses | Natural surroundings |
| Inclusive play structures and walking paths | Accessibility and celebrates nature | Natural wood and shade |
| Inviting to all | Inclusivity! Families of multiples often struggle to get to parks because they are either geared for littles or bigs... not both. Bathrooms, COVERED playground, many swing varieties, and stroller / scooter walking paths would be incredible. | Young family and nature based |
| Have a good play space for both little AND big kids. An enclosed and shaded space with adequate seating for grandparents would be lovely. | Passive and quiet | consistent with the surrounding environment |
| Supporting the natural beauty, native plants, birds and animals. | Natural elements, but inviting spaces. | I want the park to reflect a place to relax , enjoy nature and to enjoy solitude. |
| A nice place for walk that is peaceful and safe. | natural | Respect for nature |
| Gathering and connection | There are many families with kids in the area as well as older adults. It would be nice to include shared spaces for multi-generational play and connection, while maintaining a natural environment feel. | Space to come together, relax, hang out, kids can play while enjoying nature. |
| Kid friendly - it seems like every other house in this area has at least one kid under the age of 10. Having a play structure that is suitable for | Beautiful and tall like the mountains around us, and inviting to enjoy the nature | Clean, quiet and very natural. No disturbance of the natural surroundings. |



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| little kids and big kids would be appropriate. | | |
| a natural place to walk and recreate, very few man made materials look, breathe, and smell the CO climate and mountains | Natural landscape | a place where people of all ages can come and have fun |
| shade from native vegetation and landscaping with native flowering plants | I'd like a beautiful place (cultivated flowers/garden, artwork) to gather with friends and family throughout any season. In summer, it needs grass to lounge on and shade (long term trees for shade, short term shade structure) and in winter, it needs places to sit (so grouped raised seating - picnic tables or benches near each other). | wildlife and natural vegetation |
| Need for more tennis courts | consistent with easement and Shevlin Park trails | respectful of walkers |
| Please keep the natural beauty of the surrounding area intact. Please do not make a playscape or dog park in this area. | orientation to outdoor activity | great access to nature |
| An extension of the beautiful community we get to call our home. | Small gathering in nature. | Natural habitat |
| A natural space...not a playground | nature - no homeless. | natural beauty |
| Incorporating nature & various sports | * integrated with the natural surroundings * minimalist, low maintenance * inclusive | Zero scape and minimal use of resources |
| Retaining the natural space of the area | mixed age and use | Outdoor and modest exercise |
| respect for animal and bird habitats | Remain as natural as possible | Nature |
| Pet friendly off leash space | Bend is known for natural beauty and outdoors. I'd love the park to preserve these qualities and not feel like a stale urban based park. | Natural aesthetic |
| inclusive | Multi-generational space with areas for all. Would love to see art incorporated. | Gathering place for family and friends |
| Welcoming, natural area, Place to come together! | Our community is peaceful and beautiful so I think having a large grassy area where we can picnic and look out to the mountains would be awesome! | embrace the natural setting and proximity to shevlin. Include nature play elements for children like roped climbing structures, log climbing structures, log stumps to jump on, etc. |



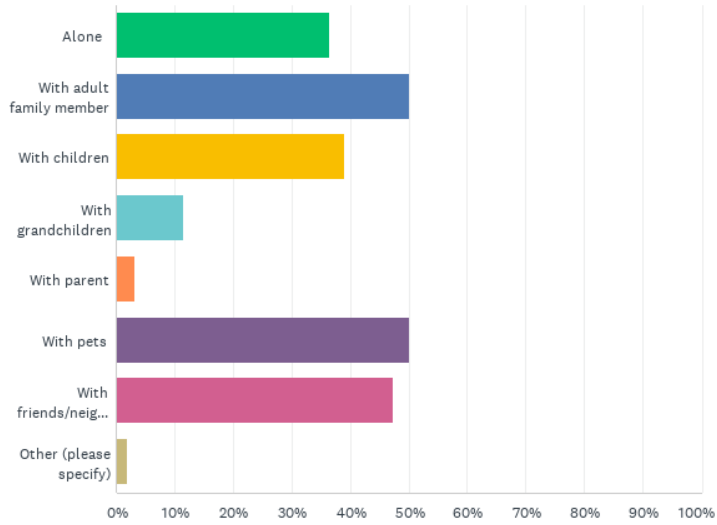
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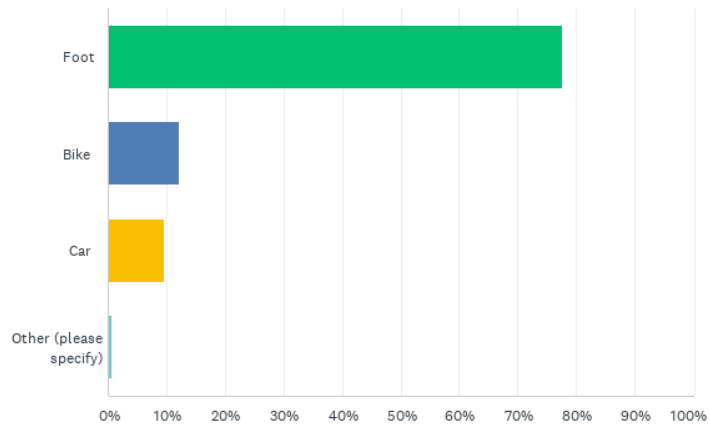
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| Provide some respite from our busy lives | Peaceful, family oriented, gateway to shevlin commons/park areas. | Area for kids to play, grassy area with a focus on the mountain views, place to meet neighbors |
| a place for people to gather and catch up! | Fun for families | Natural landscape, quiet spaces, walking paths |
| That neighborhood is changing from retirees to families and it would be nice to feel welcomed as a family with little kids. There is a quiet snobby vibe to the neighborhood that still feels most prominent. A park with features for kids would be more inclusive of the way the neighborhood is changing as well as grass space for informal sports | A magnet that pulls people together | A space to be active. A play area for older children (like at Rock Ridge) lawn for pick-up soccer and volleyball. |
| A safe place to gather for all people, inclusivity, care and regard to nature and the surrounding natural spaces, a place for children to play and grow. | Peace and quiet and no dog supremacy | |
| Multigenerational use | Suitable for children, soft paths for walks with pets, shade for all to enjoy! | |



Q5 I plan to visit the park most frequently (select all that apply):

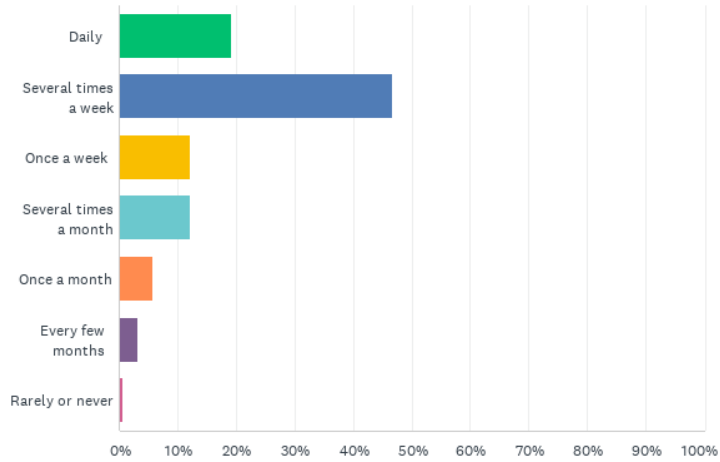


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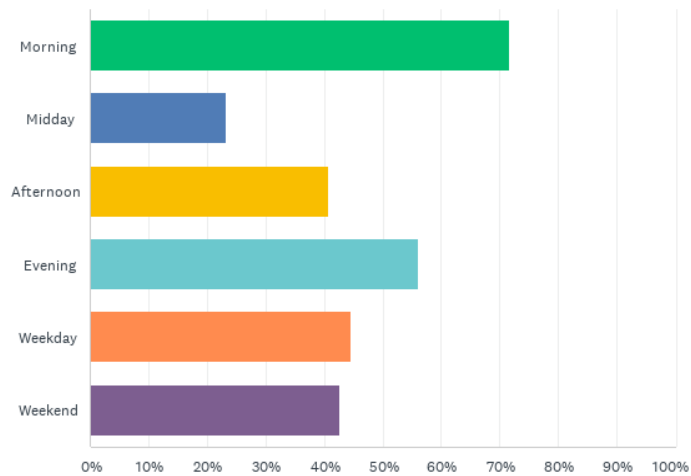




Q7 How frequently do you plan to visit the park?



Q8 When do you expect to most frequently visit the park (select all that apply)?





Question 9: Please share any additional comments

I see the park as a transition from home to an area for socializing and play, that seamlessly connects to the adjacent natural area via a soft trail that if followed would lead one to the Manzanita Trail and into Shevlin Park.

There's a need in these neighborhoods for lawn areas. Also, night skies and mountain views should also be considered in any lighting and structure location planning.

As a person with a residence near the park site I am most concerned with the potential car traffic to and from the park. I'd appreciate it if the design limited car traffic to the area. Thank you

Please be mindful of lighting. This area prefers dark skies with the wonderful stars showing above.

Keep as much as possible an environment like Shevlin Park

- Please keep all of the existing trees
- Plant clusters/groves of aspen trees, and plan to irrigate them 30gal each week. They'll need plastic deer cages on the lower trunks to avoid antler damage, for the first 5-6 years until their trunks get larger and stiffen up, then the deer will ignore them and the cages can come off.
- Please keep the existing brush piles you have out there. These have become major habitat features for the western mountain cottontail rabbits, quail, chip monks, and golden mantles that live here. Jeremy the ODF regional wildfire manager has approved these staying in place, and confirms they will not endanger homes in a wildfire because of their isolated 'stand alone' locations.
- Please be restrained in performing any wildfire mitigation brush clearing. Much of the bitter brush can go, but the large mature old rabbit brush are very important habitat for cottontail rabbits and quail. Without good aerial cover from hunting birds, these native animals will abandon the park.
- When putting in the irrigation system, install an extra 1.5" PVC line along the edge of the developed portion of the park, running north/south. Install 5-6 high gpm volume rotor sprayers, set to 180 degree span, and pointed out into the natural area for wildfire suppression (to be used only during a wildfire). Install a separate manual fire valve (don't rely on an electronic controller). Inform Bend F&R, ODF - Wildfire Division, Shevlin West, and Shevlin Commons of where the fire valve is and train on how to access and operate it. Shevlin Commons is considering working on a similar extension to it's irrigation system.
- In addition to any regular Do's and Don't signage, please focus on the top three main issues we experience out here every day, and please make three separate larger stand-alone signs for: "Entering a Nature Conservation Area. Dogs must be on Leash", "No E-Bikes / No Motorized Vehicles Allowed", "No Drone Flights"
- Please consider diverting some of the project funding to buy more "Dogs Must be Leashed" stand up plastic sandwich signs that Jeff Hagler puts out from time to time. Jeff only has a couple of these signs. Bend needs 12-15 of these signs and rotate them around to more parks. I can tell you, they have a HUGE impact on reducing the number of leash-less roaming dogs (which are seen as predators by the native animals). Having these signs pop up 'suddenly appear once in a while' sends a strong message that dog owners seem to pay attention to. Jeff needs more funding for more signs.



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Thanks! ◦ Also, please cement in a few steel loops in the ground so Jeff has something to chain the 'pop up' signs to. ◦ Consider creating an education sign similar to Riley Ranch that provides interesting education on the local birds and mammals, like the cottontail rabbits and quail (For example, you could point out the importance of the brush piles) Thanks!

Parking concerns?

There are too many unleashed dogs in Shevlin Park. A family member was bitten by one. I'd like a place to go without fear of encountering unleashed dogs.

Please respect our avid stargazing community with night sky friendly lighting (if any).

I don't want a ton of parking for this park since people will use it to access Shevlin park rather than serving as a space for local neighborhood residents.

Want our kids to have a good place to play and stay as natural as possible

Thank you for soliciting our feedback & commentary.

Three Pines HOA has a park in the middle of their homes. It has a stream and pond with natural walking trails. Dog poop bags. Swales and natural area. It has a great feel to it.

We would love to see this park be kept as natural as possible. There is such beauty in it being part of the trails and natural acreage that is surrounding the park. While we have a young child, we would rather it be an open space than structures being added. Thank you!

Thank you, Bend Parks & Rec, for all your work in the City of Bend. We often use Shevlin Park and other parks and trails.

Thank you for securing a space for a public park.

no bright colors please

The manzanita trail above Sparrow Hawk Circle is a seasonal nestling area for nighthawks June-September. It would be wonderful to post this area and ask users to keep pets on leash.

Please design in a way to minimize noise

I hope this park will complement with Shevlin Park already offers, and not duplicate it. A children's play area is missing from Shevlin and would make sense to incorporate here. Please include resources to shade it in the summer!

This new park is a chance to focus on more native, natural spaces vs more manicured water intensive grass. The natural play structure at Discovery Park is a great inspiration for how one could build an amazing natural space welcoming to children who love to climb and explore



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I'd rather not have a play structure at this park since there is one at the Three Pines park not far away that families can use. I marked "play" as one of things I'd like to do here. I envision playing frisbee on a lawn.

There are many moms who are constantly looking for a park with features for each of their kids needs. A sensory sensitive environment for a multitude of ages is needed. Also making the space more accessible for larger folks so everyone can feel comfortable playing with their kids & friends.

For the children's playground, would love something designed with open nature space nearby. Would also love the playground itself to be intentionally unique from other nearby play structures and have challenging features for little bodies (Compass and Lewis & Clark are well designed in this way). Thank you for your efforts with this!!

A splash pad would be an amazing addition!

We need an open lawn space similar to Discovery Park to gather with neighbors and pets. Our local HOAs understandingly prohibit lawns, so it's important to have a space close by to enjoy something other than manzanitas and dust!

please keep the park separate from the community center at shevlin commons

There needs to be at least 10 parking spaces for visitors outside the community to enjoy the park with their families and friends. If there's only one handicap parking space, it would be an inconvenience for the surrounding neighborhoods to have visitors parking in their neighborhood.

There is one glaring omission in the planing for this park. There is only one handicapped parking spot. Visitors will then illegally park alongside Mt. Hood Drive which is narrow and often used by residents and construction vehicles. Also much of Mt. Hood Drive is a street privately maintained by the Three Pines neighborhood.

We have a family with toddlers and live in Shevlin West. We would love to have access to a play area for our boys that we can visit frequently via walking.

Make it cute :) would love lots of plants, flowers, trees. Maybe even a water feature of some sort. Maybe a dog park if the space is large enough. Would love a play structure for our future children.

We would love it if the park included a basketball court, even a half court.

minimize non-native landscaping and celebrate the natural aesthetics that can include boulders and perhaps a recirculating water feature for wildlife

Prefer natural neighborhood access to walk through to Shevlin as opposed to a destination activity park.

orientation to access to trails to Shevlin Park is important.



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Please keep this as “natural” & in character with the open space as possible. No lawns, brightly colored gyms, murals. Rather, paths, exercise & kids play equipment using materials that are crushed stone/dirt, wood & rope in muted colors vs hard scape & brightly colored surfaces.

This is a wonderful (and quieter) place to hang out and begin a Shevlin park hiking or walking journey. The area is already getting some great use from walkers and joggers.

No dog park, no screaming kids. How about a quiet nature park where we can see wildlife visit. We have lost so much habitat due to this development so please consider a more natural setting

no homeless Make sure they don't have an opportunity to set up tents or live in this park

Thank you for your work.

Why build the park, the demographic of the area doesn't need this park, we already have Shevlin park. We using valuable resources, mainly water to build something that is not needed.

Pickleball & bocce ball

NO dogs! NO hard surface paths! NO restroom! NO picnic structures! Limited impact on the new and congested neighborhood. PLEASE be FireWise aware

Assuming there is a playground, will be taking the kids there regularly. If there is an open lawn area, will bring the kids to kick a soccer ball, throw a frisbee, etc.

This area is blessed with native species. Let's keep what we have and add other native species in the form of trees!

Leaving the area as "natural" won't feel like a park at all so I'm hoping we decide to bring in a lot of grass where neighbors can picnic, throw a ball around, and walk.

Thank you for gathering input from the folks that will use it!

Would love a tennis or basketball court and play area for kids

Hoping this park will somehow connect to Shevlin park trails

Keep it green!

We live on Chianti Lane and use the Discovery Park trails all the time. We're excited to have the Manzanita Trail connect from Discovery Lake (via Discovery West and Westgate) to Shevlin Park!

We are so grateful to have a park!