



Recreation Park / Penny Playground Improvement Project

October 2015

Project Background

Recreation Park and Penny Playground are favorite destinations for Chehalis families and visitors, but aspects of the park are showing their age. The City of Chehalis is seeking to renovate and improve the park to make it more modern, safe and enjoyable for current and future Chehalis residents.

Developing a Design

The City of Chehalis has created three design concepts that reflect different levels of improvement and cost. All the concepts address drainage, park access, parking and safety. The differences between the designs are in how other features could be included in a future Recreation Park.

Possible improvements include:

- Better drainage
- Improved parking and access
- New community buildings (Hess Kitchen and VR Lee Building)
- Better lighting
- Rehabilitated or rebuilt Penny Playground
- Improved or redesigned ballfields
- New restrooms
- New picnic shelters
- Amphitheater or stage

The three concepts can be viewed at www.recreationpark.publicmeeting.info.

Help develop the vision - provide your feedback

In late October and early November 2015, the City of Chehalis is requesting public feedback on the project. The current three conceptual designs show a range of possibilities for Recreation Park and Penny Playground improvement. Now the city wants to know residents' visions for using the park and playground. How do you use Recreation Park? What do you value in a community park? How do you weigh green space versus more parking?

There are two ways to view these concepts and provide your feedback: attend one of the two open houses, or visit the online open house website. The online open house contains all the information from the in-person open houses, along with survey questions and a comment form for you to provide feedback.

In-Person Open Houses

Thurs, Oct. 29
6 – 8 p.m.
VR Lee Building
221 SW 13th Street

Thurs, Nov. 5
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
City Hall
350 N. Market Blvd

Online Open House

Website live Oct. 15 – Nov. 13:
Learn about the project & take the survey:

www.RecreationPark.publicmeeting.info

Current Facilities at Recreation Park

The conceptual designs are based on interviews conducted with stakeholders and user groups in the last three months.



Project Schedule

Later this fall, Chehalis City Council will make a decision on the scope and direction of the final design. A final design will be presented to the public in early 2016, and construction will begin as soon as spring 2016.

Milestone	Date
Public involvement period	Oct. 15 – Nov. 13, 2015
Presentation to City Council by Project Team	Nov. 23, 2015
City Council decision on preferred concept	Nov. – Dec. 2015
<i>Tentative:</i> Additional public involvement	Feb. – Mar. 2016
<i>Tentative:</i> Final design completed	Mar. 2016
<i>Tentative:</i> Construction begins	May 2016

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