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As we live on the West side bordering the park where the new fence is, we have two trees in our yard. We want to make sure any new trees don't interfere with the growth of our trees. Jerry	Thank you. It is the intent that any new trees will not compete with neighboring trees.
Nice job! Thanks for keeping us posted...	Thank you, and you are welcome.
I think the new park idea is excellent, but I think we should either transplant or leave the grape trees. I think right now they are a point of community pride and gathering, as well as giving the whole area an enchanted effect.	The grapevines will be salvaged and replanted on the new trellis.
please look at leveling ground to be at grade with sports court, especially on north side. may need 1 to 2 feet retaining wall between court and fence. also put trees on southeast close to lot line so as to make more room for kids to toss balls and play on grass.	Re-grading is limited around the pickleball court and will not include walls or major leveling due to cost and additional site impacts. Trees will be strategically located to provide shade and as much open grass play as possible.
Space for two pickle ball nets and two basketball hoops. Thx	The addition of a second court is not achievable within the available project budget.
Please keep the basketball hoop! I beg you to keep it. This is a critical item for kids in the neighborhood that are too old for the swings and slide at all the other parks. I know all the other neighbors also feel this way. Please! Please! Please! Thank you!!	Yes, the basketball hoop will remain. As part of a future improvements, it is possible the hoop and padding will be upgraded.
Seating? Picnic tables? What's on the court pad? This looks incomplete.	Yes, picnic tables will be added to the project site and can be moved freely throughout the park.
Are you removing the blackberries and the grape arbor. The grape vines are in full bloom now (mid late August) and they're beautiful. Please keep the arbor. How will you call it blackberry park without the blackberries?	The variety of blackberries in the park are an invasive species that will be removed. This was discussed during public engagement. The addition of other non-invasive berry patches was discussed in early conceptual design, is not achievable within the available project budget. The removal of the blackberries will provide more open usable park space. A new arbor will be installed in a different location.
Please do not take all of the blackberries away! We have enjoyed picking them for years and years! Thank you	see above
Will there still be blackberry bushes as part of the park? I feel like this is the most important element of the park for the community.	see above

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It's hard to tell from the renderings but will there still be a pickle ball and basketball court? My family use the park most for the court	see above
It's hard to tell from drawings if split rail fence will remain and grape arbor existing plant and ground surface will remain. Just hard to tell from pictures. Also what type of trees will be planted?	Yes, the split rail fence will remain. At this time the tree species have not been determined, however, they will be specified in the construction permit plan set. A new arbor will be installed, and the existing grapevines salvaged and replanted.
To me it looks kind of small and with a similar footprint of what's there. I'm glad the sport court stayed, but the playground doesn't look very exciting.	The play area footprints will be larger than what is currently on site. The play elements were voted on by the community and will provide various activities. Yes, the sport court will remain.
Thank you for keeping the pickle ball court!	It was determined the court is beloved park asset.
Would love 3 swings if possible!	Three swings are being provided, two belt swings and one basket swing.
Since you are going to tear down the grape arbor, which is a beautiful structure that we built with our own hands, I want to salvage the lumber so I can rebuild it at my own house. Please do not wreck it and haul it away as scrap. Tell me when you intend to demolish that site and I'll take it down myself. Seems like a bizarre shame to tear down a beautiful shady community gathering space and replace it with some vertical wooden poles for kids to "play" around, but that's your decision.	As public property, the City does have surplus process. If you would like to have further conversations about this, please contact the City's project manager.
It looks great, hope the construction can start soon.	Construction will start soon after permits have been issued. The neighborhood will be notified before construction starts.

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<p>Thank you for all the work that has gone into this!!</p> <p>My daughter was disappointed there weren't more "climbable" structures. The 8yr olds and above seem to use the playground to climb and play a version of tag on and around the structures. The current structure has a platform they use all the time. The pictures of "similar structures" showed a few logs horizontally at shoulder height, which would help a lot. Vertical logs are nice to look at but not very functional.</p> <p>We'd love to see more of the park taken up with climbing structures. Perhaps a climbing wall? Any chance for a volleyball net? Thank you!!</p>	<p>The play space by the trellis does provide climbable features, elevated areas, and other features such as rings. This play structure was selected by the community as the preferred design and is what is achievable within the current project budget.</p>
<p>Looks great - would be nice if there was some sort of climbing apparatus to add to the playground area. Thanks for keeping the pickle ball/basketball court!</p>	<p>See above</p>
<p>Excited to see pickleball courts being included in the planning. But didn't not see any rendering of them. Are they being procured separately from the first go around park development?</p>	<p>Yes, the pickleball court will be resurfaced and striped as part of a separate project in 2022. This is anticipated to take place soon after the completion of the play area improvements.</p>
<p>Please add futsal court to sport court.</p>	<p>See above.</p>