

SUMMARY MEMO

Date: August 8, 2008

To: Tigard Park and Recreation Advisory Board;
Dan Plaza and Steve Martin, City of Tigard Parks

From: Ryan Mottau, Project Manager, MIG, Inc.

Re: Park System Master Plan Questionnaire Results

COMMUNITY QUESTIONNAIRE

The Tigard Park and Recreation Questionnaire is one of several outreach methods utilized for the Park System Master Plan Update. The questionnaire was available online and in paper form in both English and Spanish. The paper forms were available at community locations, such as the public works offices and at the Tigard Balloon Festival. Two hundred and forty nine respondents answered some or all of the questions (partially complete forms were accepted, accounting for some total responses of less than 249). Some questions also allowed for multiple responses, bringing the total responses for that question over 249. While these self-selecting, non-random results are not directly attributable to the population as a whole, the results support many of the findings of other public involvement activities.

Below are several key findings, followed by tables showing each question and the corresponding response for each community. In the analysis of individual questions, comparisons are made, where appropriate, to the recreation survey and other public involvement findings. The final question included an opportunity to provide any other comments, which are provided verbatim. The final pages of this summary are a copy of the final questionnaire as it appeared on paper. The questions online were identical to this instrument.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

- Parks, recreation services, trails and open spaces are very important to Tigard's quality of life.
- Tigard residents use parks to enjoy the outdoors, exercise and play sports, and participate in family activities. These uses match closely to the benefits respondents value most.
- Questionnaire respondents indicate a need for more local parks and facilities.
- Many responses and comments request a community/recreation center to support programming and community activities in Tigard.
- In addition to large facilities, respondents indicated a need for additional playgrounds and sports fields.
- A wide variety of recreation programs are needed, primarily special events, aquatics and outdoor/environmental programs.
- The questionnaire reached a younger portion of the population than the phone survey, as well as some visitors to Tigard parks.
- Trails and natural areas remain important for preservation of nature, enjoyment of the outdoors and for connecting to and enhancing neighborhoods.

DEMOGRAPHICS

1. What is your age?

Answer	Count % of Total	2000 Census	2008 Survey
10-14	17 7.2%	7.8%	N/A
15-17	4 1.7%	4.6%	N/A
18-24	5 2.1%	10.6%	2.0%
25-34	35 14.8%	19.2%	2.5%
35-44	118 50.0%	20.9%	10.2%
45-54	48 20.3%	16.7%	16.8%
55-64	9 3.8%	8.4%	21.5%
65+	0 0.0%	11.8%	42.1%
Total	236		404

- Respondents to the questionnaire tended to be younger than respondents to the recreation survey effort also included in this plan update.
- Unlike the survey, the questionnaire was able to reach some young residents of Tigard.
- 10-14 year-olds represented approximately the same percentage of questionnaire results as they did in the 2000 census population.

2. Are you male or female?

Answer	Count % of Total	2000 Census
Female	164	
	69.2%	51%
Male	73	
	30.8%	49%
Total	237	

- Females accounted for 69% of questionnaire respondents. This is an over-representation of females.

3. Do you live inside the Tigard city limits?

Answer	Count % of Total
Yes	171 72.77%
No	58 24.68%
Don't know	6 2.55%
Total	235

- Approximately three-quarters of respondents live inside the Tigard city limits.
- Many respondents living outside the city limits reside in nearby cities.

3(b). If you do not live in Tigard, from where are you visiting?

Answer	Count % of Total
Unincorporated Washington County	36 65.45%
Portland/ Multnomah County	12 21.82%
Somewhere else in Oregon	3 5.45%
Surrounding counties (Yamhill, Clackamas, Marion)	3 5.45%
Other (Some answers collected separately)	1 1.82%
Total	55

- Over half of the respondents live in unincorporated areas of Washington County.
- Over 20% of the respondents live in Portland or Multnomah County.

4. Where in Tigard do you live?

Answers used for reference purposes only.

PARKS AND RECREATION

5. How important are parks, recreation services, trails and open space to Tigard’s quality of life? Check one.

1 Not important	2	3 Important	4	5 Very important	Total
1	2	13	23	194	233
0.43%	0.86%	5.58%	9.87%	83.26%	100.00%

- Over 93% of the respondents feel that parks, recreation services, trails and open space is either important or very important to Tigard’s quality of life.

6. Which of the following benefits of parks, recreation services, trails and open space are most important to you? Check two.

Answer	Count % of Total
Provide opportunities to enjoy nature/outdoors	120 48.4%
Promote youth development	108 43.6%
Connect people together, building stronger families and neighborhoods	68 27.4%
Improve health and wellness	48 19.4%
Protect the natural environment	44 17.7%
Enhance community image and sense of place	30 12.1%
Provide opportunities for lifelong learning	7 2.8%
Help seniors and disabled people remain active	2 0.8%
Provide cultural opportunities	2 0.8%
Total	429

- The two benefits most respondents thought were most important were providing opportunities to enjoy nature and the outdoors (48%), and promoting youth development (43%).
- Several people indicated “Other” mostly indicating the importance of all choices.

7. What is the primary reason that you use parks in Tigard? Check one.

Answer	Count % of Total
Play sports	73 33.2%
Walk or bike for exercise	43 19.6%
Enjoy the outdoors/nature	35 15.9%
Participate in family activities	32 14.6%
Picnic and general leisure activities	14 6.4%
Attend special events/concerts	10 4.6%
Meet friends	7 3.2%
Use a specific facility at a park	3 1.36%
Don't use parks	3 1.36%
Total	220

- The most frequently chosen reason to use Tigard parks was to play sports (33%).
- Walking/biking for exercise (19%), enjoying the outdoors and nature (15%), and participating in family activities (14%) were also frequently selected.
- These primary reasons match closely with the major recreation opportunities provided in Tigard as described by stakeholders and focus group participants.

8. If you seldom use or do not use the parks or trails in Tigard, what are your reasons? Check two.

Answer	Count % of Total
Too far away; not conveniently located	52 20.97%
Lack of facilities	35 14.11%
No interest/no time	12 4.84%
Feel unsafe	11 4.44%
Don't know where they are	11 4.44%
Poorly maintained	9 3.63%
Don't know what's available	9 3.63%
Too crowded	6 2.42%
Do not have transportation	3 1.21%
Total	139

- The most frequently selected reason for not using parks or trails in Tigard was inconvenient location (20%), followed by lack of facilities (14%).
- Safety, maintenance and crowding do not seem to be major issues in Tigard parks.

9. What types of parks are most needed in Tigard? Check two.

Answer	Count % of Total
Small parks in neighborhoods	116 46.77%
Large multi-use parks that serve the whole community	108 43.55%
Natural areas	67 27.02%
A park consisting mainly of sports fields	47 18.95%
Linear trail corridors	36 14.52%
Parks in creek corridors	18 7.26%
No additional parks are needed	5 2.02%
Total	397

- The park types most respondents thought were most needed were small neighborhood parks (46%) and large multi-use parks that serve the whole community (43%).
- The need for new local park service matches the results for question 8 indicating distance and lack of facilities as reasons people are not using parks.
- The 2008 Recreation Survey also showed support for additional park land.

10. How should natural areas be used? Check one.

Answer	Count % of Total
Limited public use (trails, viewpoints, etc.)	55 24.44%
Depends on the site	45 20.00%
Semi-active recreational use (picnicking, playgrounds, etc.)	34 15.11%
No public use (preserved for wildlife habitat)	3 1.33%
Combination of the above	88 39.11%
Total	225

- Most respondents thought that natural areas should be made a combination of limited public use, semi-active recreational use and preservation.
- Stakeholder interviews elaborated on the mix of preferred uses and the desire to maintain some land with no access to preserve habitat.

11. What is the primary reason to develop more trails in Tigard? Check one.

Answer	Count % of Total
Experience nature	60 27.40%
Exercise	54 24.66%
Recreation	48 21.92%
Increase non-motorized transportation options	39 17.81%
No additional trails are needed	10 4.57%
Improve children's access to schools	8 3.65%
Total	219

- The most frequently selected reasons to develop more trails were to experience nature (27%) and to exercise (24%), followed by recreation (21%) and increasing non-motorized transportation options (17%).
- In the other comments written into question 16, many responses indicated a need for additional trails and pathways throughout Tigard.
- Stakeholders identified a number of locations for trails to serve these top reasons. An additional need was also indicated to develop trails or sidewalks for transportation reasons.

12. What type of recreation facilities are currently most needed in Tigard? Check two.

Answer	Count % of Total
Pool/Aquatic center	114 45.97%
Community center	90 36.29%
Playgrounds	72 29.03%
Sports fields	70 28.23%
Gyms	23 9.27%
Tennis courts	18 7.26%
Basketball courts	12 4.84%
BMX facilities	9 3.63%
No new facilities are needed	8 3.23%
Total	416

- Pool/aquatic center (45%) received the most responses for most needed recreation facility, followed by community center (36%). This finding is consistent with the support for a recreation center shown in the 2008 Recreation Survey.
- Playgrounds (29%) and sports fields (28%) were in the second tier of responses. These choices again match with the need for local parks and additional facilities noted in previous questions.
- Gyms, tennis and basketball courts, and BMX facilities received few responses.
- Very few respondents felt that no new facilities were needed (3%).

13. What types of programs are most needed in Tigard? Check two.

Answer	Count % of Total
Special events (concerts in the park, festivals)	76 30.65%
Aquatic programs	70 28.23%
Outdoor/environmental programs	55 22.18%
Sports (baseball, Ultimate Frisbee)	47 18.95%
Before and after school programs	39 15.73%
General interest classes (music lessons, computers)	38 15.32%
Fitness classes (aerobics, yoga, etc.)	33 13.31%
Drop-in activities	33 13.31%
Arts (drama, painting, etc.)	32 12.90%
No recreation programs are needed	5 2.02%
Total	428

- Special events (30%) and aquatic programs (28%) received the most responses.
- Outdoor/environmental programs (22%) and sports (18%) were in the second tier of responses.
- Before and after school programs (15%), general interest classes (15%), fitness classes (13%), drop-in activities (13%), and arts (12%) received a similar level of responses.
- Very few respondents felt that no recreation programs are needed (2%). This is also consistent with focus group findings and the 2008 Recreation Survey, which show considerable support for additional programming.

14. Which age group is most underserved by current recreation services? Check one.

Answer	Count % of Total
Elementary school youth	44 24.58%
Middle school youth	30 16.76%
All groups are adequately served	28 15.64%
Adults	26 14.53%
High school youth	15 8.38%
Preschoolers	15 8.38%
Young adults	12 6.70%
Seniors	9 5.03%
Total	179

- The age group with the most responses was elementary school youth (25%).
- After middle school youth (16%), respondents felt that all age groups are adequately served (15%), though adults (14%) was close.
- High school youth (8%), preschoolers (8%), young adults (6%), and seniors (5%) received the least amount of responses.
- Many

15. Which other groups are underserved by current recreation services? Check one.

Answer	Count % of Total
Families	99 60.74%
All groups are adequately served	29 17.79%
People with disabilities	18 11.04%
People with low incomes	13 7.98%
People from diverse cultures	4 2.45%
Total	163

- Families (60%) were by far the most frequently selected group thought to be underserved by current recreation services.
- People with disabilities (11%), people with low incomes (7%), and people from diverse cultures (2%) had fewer responses than “all groups are adequately served” (17%).

16. Do you have any other comments about Tigard’s parks, recreation services, open space and trails?

Respondents were given an opportunity to add any additional thoughts to the paper and online forms. The verbatim responses are included below.

- You can't have too many parks.
- We would love to have a public outdoor swimming pool.
- We would love more bike or walking trails connecting the parks that are already here.
- We would love it if Tigard had a Recreation Community Center. One similar to Tualatin Valley Park & Recreation or Southwest Community Center that offered a variety of classes and camps as well as a swim park would be ideal. I have spent a lot in other cities and in CC for lessons and camps over last 10 years.
- Why don't we have any parks on Bull Mountain (not underneath power lines)? Highest taxes, lowest number of benefits???

- What's going on with the property by Bonita Park? Metro used to own it and now it is being developed?!?! That is totally WRONG!!!
- Yes, I do. The city of Tigard should set a good environmental example in the planning and care of parks. This means plant only native plants, which need less water and little care, use low impact landscaping equipment (watch sound and energy pollution) and provide recycling containers for debris.
- One of my pet peeves as I walk around Tigard is the numerous basketball structures on sidewalks. They are not only a hazard to walkers, but are also dangerous as the kids usually use the street as their basketball court. If there is not an ordinance against these, there should be and if there is one, it should be enforced. On the other hand, I recognize that the kids need a place to play. How about opening up all the water tank facilities to the public and installing equipment such as basketball backboards, horseshoes, and whatever else space allows. Make those areas you already have serve more than one purpose. You could even put skate rinks on top of the towers. Since this would really affect adjacent homeowners, sound walls could be up. I am sure it would be cheaper to put up sound walls and make a few changes to existing properties than it would be to buy new park areas. I live next to one of these water tank yards and although the thought of added noise is not welcome, it pains me to see so much potential park area going unused especially when I have to dodge kids playing in the street when I drove through the Hillshire neighborhood. If there are reasons that these yards cannot be used, the how about installing basketball backboards at the end of all the stubbed of streets in the area?
- We really need more! Too many houses!
- We really need a Parks & Recreation District or we need to join Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation.
- We pay a LOT of money every year to use the Conestoga Recreation Facility and the Sherwood YMCA. We would LOVE to see Tigard have something comparable that would benefit all age groups and offer a wide variety of sports and activity and fitness classes.
- We need to create a park and recreation district/department that provides management for indoor and outdoor activities. This department needs to work with current club sports and activity organizations to provide facilities that allow NEW sports and activities a chance to become established and to grow in our community. The city needs to consider all sports and activities equally not just the over powering organizations that currently dominate the fields and parks we have today. Our community needs to allow equality for all activities not just the current organizations that can afford to pay for the facilities.
- We need sports/activity programs for our youth (ages 8-15) that offer them the opportunity to grow and learn, but ones that also doesn't strain a family's financial resources.
- We NEED recreation centers like Conestoga in the THPRD program that combine park, playground, gym, aquatics and classes for youth and adults.

- We need more. There has been lots of development and the developer's have not been required to put in parks, trails or other amenities. It would be good if Tigard would insist on this in order to build in this area.
- We need more walkways in the Tigard city because it is easy to go to near stores and parks.
- We need more trails up on Bull Mt. and we have to have an aquatic park/recreation area for Tigard use.
- We need more sidewalks! I live .5 mile from my son's school, yet I'm terrified to ride bikes back and forth to pickup/drop-off because the route is through a heavy traffic area (people cutting through to avoid 99W) and I don't feel safe. With the cost of gas and just the need to stay fit, it really annoys me I have to use a car to go somewhere so close. I am particularly concerned about the 100th/Murdoch area. All of Murdoch is heavily traveled, as is the area of 103rd, 100th and 98th streets.
- We need more of them all.
- We need an affordable YMCA type facility in Tigard for families.
- We need a parks & recreation program similar to Tualatin Valley that provides programming for all groups. We also need more neighborhood parks- especially on Bull Mtn.
- We need a community center. It is terrible that we must go out of the community to participate in parks and recreation activities. I cannot believe the amount of money that I have spent at Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation and Portland Parks and Recreation for my family to take classes and summer camps. I'd much rather spend that money in Tigard! Community recreation facility please!!!!
- We love the nature trail along the river and cook park. Thanks.
- We have to get in the car and drive to reach a park. We need a trail system to connect parks and neighborhoods. Sidewalks would help.
- We have a few large parks but very little medium sized parks within easy walking distance. I would love to see a crosswalks and trails that lead to small neighborhood parks. Build a sense of community that encourages a safe family environment.
- We are really tired of paying for out-of-district fees to Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation district. Why can't Tigard with all its higher income families, get an aquatics/sports facility like the one at Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation. We don't charge all these Beaverton people for the use of our dogs parks (of which they have none!), and yet they want us to pay to use their facilities...and even when we pay, we can only use them AFTER the in-district members have gotten in first.
- We absolutely need a community recreation center like a THPRD recreation center. I have no options for my young children to participate in dance/music/sports/aquatic activities in the Tigard area. We are always "out of district" and therefore have very little choice about what activities we can

participate in. This is especially important for those Tigard families whose children are or will be in the Beaverton School District.

- Tigard would really benefit from a large facility such as the Tualatin Valley Parks and Recreation center in Beaverton. It would give everyone an opportunity to come together as a community while promoting health and wellness in a safe environment.
- Tigard residents have nothing comparable to the classes offered by the City of Portland Park and Recreation or Tualatin Park and Recreation and are required to pay out of district fees to participate in those programs. Most of the for profit sports organizations do not provide adequate services for children that are not athletically talented but wish to participate in recreational sports. I personally find this the absolute worse thing about living in Tigard. By the way, I feel that providing the option of choosing "All groups are adequately served" for questions 14 and 15 without providing "None of the groups are adequately served" as an option doesn't offer a true picture of resident's feelings. I chose the option that most applies to my family, but I certainly don't believe that the other categories are well served.
- Tigard needs to step it up and become more like Tualatin or a Lake Oswego. They have so much more to offer. We desperately need a community center with a swimming pool, and one that offers classes, sports opportunities, etc. We shouldn't have to go out of district and pay outrageous fees to do so.
- Tigard needs some facilities like Sherwood's YMCA and Beaverton's community centers.
- Tigard just does not seem to get the picture, or care. We have lived here for 11 years now and been asking for parks up here on Bull Mt. for years.
- Tigard needs more local parks like THPRD are has. These parks serve the neighborhoods better than the large multi-use parks like Cook Park.
- Tigard NEEDS a sports community center. This center could be shared by Tualatin and Tigard. Sports, activities, and community activities should be supported. When my children were younger, I would consistently drive to other cities for sports and activities (Sherwood, Beaverton YMCA, Southwest Community Center). Now they are older and I still wish we had a community center in our area.
- Tigard needs a swim and recreation center.
- Tigard is frankly well underdeveloped when it comes to family parks, yet way overdeveloped when it comes to homes and townhouses. There really needs to be requirements placed on builders, to see that parks are mandatory for every 50 to 100 homes built, making us truly a livable city.
- Tigard has too few parks, as developers tend to develop every square inch. There should be more neighborhood parks. Without them, we have too much pressure on Cook Park and school fields. Also, because of the hassle of having to drive to a park, our children don't have the opportunity to use as much as they could (and should!). Neighborhood parks are the critical need.

- Tigard City Council must absolutely take a more active leadership role in advocating for parks and recreation in our community!
- There is a huge demand for a recreation center with classes offered to a variety of age groups. I pay huge amounts of money to use Tualatin Hills in addition to the money that I already pay through taxes to the parks and recreation district of Tigard. We would benefit greatly by having an indoor facility for swimming that does not have to work around the high school programs. Our kids need a place to have classes in the winter/compromised weather months.
- The trails are wonderful for exercising and exploration, but as a parent, I would like to see an aquatic center/recreational facility/facilities like the ones in Tualatin Hills. For the number of people in the Tigard area, we are forced to go to places like Contestoga Aquatic/Recreation facility and have to pay "out of district" fees. I have a toddler and 7 year-old and cannot take both to the Tigard Swim Ctr. for open swim, at the same time due to my youngest age child. Tigard has a lot of open space for children to play yet lack in playground equipment.
- Summerlake Park's playground needs repair and there's no restroom at the main playground area. We appreciate you thinking forward about the needs of Tigard residents. We LOVE Tigard!
- The lack of parks in the unincorporated Bull Mountain Area impacts quality of life and limits a sense of community.
- Thanks for giving a chance for input. It would be nice for Tigard to have a community center with pool, multi fields, gym, and meeting space, like in Beaverton (by Southridge).
- Stop giving out so many building permits – we're tremendously overgrown and our home prices suffer as a result. Instead, use the space to give the people that already live here a decent park system.
- Tigard's park & recreation system is an embarrassment compared to Beaverton, Lake Oswego and Portland. We need to prioritize parks over new home developments, new townhome and apartment communities. We don't need to be the low cost housing solution for Portland and Beaverton's food service industry employees.
- Stop building houses and condos in the Bull Mt. Meadows/Progress Ridge area!!! Enough is enough!!! We need some parks and open spaces in this area!!!
- Some type of music events that could serve the community and a aquatic center, skate park, outdoor swimming pools.
- Recreation needs must be addressed immediately.
- Question 14- All group are underserved.
- Preserve Bull Mountain area. Stop adding apartments, row houses, single-family homes.

- Please, please, please ...give us some more parks, open areas, fields for sports, play structures, trails, water features, etc. I also believe Tigard needs a recreation program similar to what Beaverton has - swimming center, sports classes, art classes, etc. I absolutely LOVE Tigard and our community, however if we had more parks within walking distance and recreational activities/classes Tigard would be an even better community.
- Please stop the over development of the hills surrounding Tigard. It is such an eye sore and the streets are so steep it is almost unsafe to drive and nearly impossible to walk especially with the extreme density and amount of people and vehicles.
- Please open the trail that was recently closed along the Tualatin River. It was replaced by a concrete sidewalk. I want to walk on a trail!
- PLEASE develop a park and recreation community center to service our families in Tigard. Currently families pay other parks and recreation facilities extra money for any programs they wish to participate in! Our families and our community deserve a place of our own to love and share with others as well. Also, having natural places to visit and nice parks to play in (young and old alike) is one of the great ways to encourage health and wellness! I love the parks in Tigard, and look forward to exploring more of them. Parks and recreation is a vital part of a community!
- Thank you for understanding that. Thank you for your time.
- Please continue to add bike trails. I know you have a huge project already but keep working in bike routes when developing roads. We need ultimate frisbee at Cook Park. Have canoe/kayak trips organized from Cook Park to Brown's Ferry Park. The cleaning staff at Cook Park are incredible!
- Parks should be dispersed throughout the community to provide access to a broader range of users. Bull Mt. is one example of a park deficient community.
- Our family pays out of district fees to use the Conestoga facilities in Beaverton for our swimming lessons and other parks and recreation. services. They not only have more available times but their facilities and teaching are far superior. We have lived in other communities with recreational facilities that included gyms, workout facilities and classes and it has been a wonderful asset to the community. I would support any effort to bring these types of facilities to Tigard!
- Need park on Bull Mountain!
- Need more.
- Need a youth program like Tualatin does.
- Need a park & recreation district.
- More Soccer Fields are needed.

- More skate parks please :)
- More restrooms
- More parks needed
- More open space and natural areas. Let's protect what little is left!
- More needs to be done to prevent litter.
- More fields for sports. A community center for basketball. I am willing to serve as volunteer for a committee looking into these items.
- More bike paths that connect to other bike paths in Tigard. Better maintained bike paths - usually rocks, garbage or no clearly marked bike path.
- Make use of existing land first like the West Side Trail and Metro parcels scattered around the city. It is frustrating that this land is available but not being utilized.
- Make a skate park and a swimming pool because it is very hot please.
- Lower the density of housing in the Tigard and unincorporated Tigard areas, thus lowering traffic and more people would ride bikes again. Parks should be built giving the kids areas to play within walking distance from their homes.
- Like the trails that were added at Cook Park - we just like to hike and enjoy the outdoors - great if there was another Cook Park-type option...
- Less natural area should be used for recreation and other populated areas should have the recreation area.
- It would be great to have a community outdoor pool, more tennis courts, more shaded playgrounds around the community.
- It would be great to have community facilities like Tualatin Hills Park District or Portland public parks.
- It would be great if Tigard had a community center, offering low cost classes for the community, specifically for children and young adults.
- It is very unfortunate that there is so much new development, particularly on Bull Mountain, with no regard to park areas. The lot sizes are so small children have no place to play. In the midst of an obesity epidemic in children, I think this is a very important issue to address.
- It appears there is a priority on which parks and trails are maintained first. Some less popular parks are not as well maintained. Who decides? What criteria are used?
- I'd love to see more undeveloped green space and trails that's just open for public use.

- I'd like to see a parks and recreation like Tualatin Hills park and recreation which serves everyone in the community.
- I would suggest an outdoor pool. Every good city needs one so people can have fun in the *sun*!
- I would love to see more baseball fields, running trails, and small neighborhood parks. Too much development is going in w/o any of the land being used for parks. I want a park that I don't have to drive to.
- I would like to see Tigard build a community center that has a swimming pool, fitness center, and activities center with daycare similar to Southwest Community center in Portland that people of all ages can go to stay active when there is inclement weather. A place that youth can go to stay busy and active.
- I would like to see more bike trails available.
- I would like to see a community center that offers swimming and exercise programs like those offered at other locations, aka, YMCA Sherwood or Multnomah SWCC at Gabriel Park. Walking trails, a place for all members of the family to learn and exercise, and to have summer programs.
- I wish we had a pool (like Harman in Beaverton) with warmer water for elderly/disabled. It costs me \$300/yr to go to Harman (\$100 plus \$200 out-of-district-tax fee). Also, work-out facilities (gym) like Elsie Stuhr Center and many other Beaverton sites.
- I wish there were more options for families who would like to enjoy the park with their dogs off leash.
- I wish the City of Tigard would join Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation. We are in Washington County too.
- I will not vote for any type of recreation center such as Tualatin Hills Recreation Center- it is too much money and not something used by the majority of citizens. It would primarily benefit families with kids under school age, or parents looking for before/after-school childcare, and special sport activities. I also do not wish to supplement low income or illegal immigrants in your vision.
- I was sorry to see the baseball fields at Durham elementary bulldozed. Seems like we have plenty of playgrounds, but we need more baseball and soccer and basketball facilities for casual games. I am also concerned about security on some of the trails. As a female runner, I think there are too many remote trails. This is not safe to run on without my large dog. I would not be comfortable allowing my kids to go on some of the trails alone.
- I think you should make more parks for teenagers.
- I think the reservation fees to use the picnic shelters are too high.

- I think that Sherwood's Sunset park is a great example of what a park should be...Great play structures for the kids including water feature and sand play. Covered areas for picnics, space for sports and lots of green space. Tualatin also does a very nice job! I think you should start by updating the play structures at Summer lake Park and Cook Park-they are old and outdated! I am so thankful that you are building a park on Bull Mountain-So overdue! Trails for biking and running would be great too. A community center with Aquatics would also be wonderful but we could probably start by expanding some art and cultural opportunities at the library until we have the funding.
- I think it would be neat to have a recreation program where there are more classes offered for all ages, similar to other parks and recreation. Programs in other cities such as Tualatin Valley Parks and Recreation.
- I requested over a year ago that a barrier be installed on a bad curve in the bike path near Windsor to prevent small children from falling in the water. When it was repaved, the curve was changed and it slopes right to the water. This has still not been completed.
- I moved here from Beaverton and have been really disappointed by the lack of parks, trails and recreational facilities.
- I am really tired of going to Tualatin Parks and Recreation facilities for all my kid's swimming and sports classes and most of our family recreational activities. I would really like to see this caliber of activities and options made available to Tigard residents.
- I am glad to see the city is looking into this. Having more trails and large open parks can really make Tigard a special city to live in. As of right now, Tigard is no better if not worst than most of the outlining Portland Cities. Having Trails and Parks may not bring in a lot of tax dollars like a new housing development but it makes the city a better place to live.
- High quality sports fields (multi-use turf surfaces) are needed.
- I believe Tigard is severely lacking in park and recreation services, with excessive investment in open spaces and trails, particularly on Bull Mountain.
- I would like to see Tigard develop a report to the public that shows the cost vs. benefit of trails and parks. It is my belief that Tigard has over invested in trails that are rarely used, and under invested in neighborhood parks, that I believe would be frequently used.
- I find my family driving to Tualatin to enjoy Jurgens or Ibach Park. These are perfect examples of neighborhood parks that Tigard should be striving to achieve.
- Lastly, I would like to see Tigard implement facilities similar to Tualatin Hills Recreation District. For that matter, Tigard should join the Tualatin Hills Recreation District.

- Hello,
- There are two empty fields near the corner of Hall and Slatter. It seems to me that one of them would be a good place for a play park. It's a bit far to walk with strollers to Cook Park or Durham Elementary.
- I have recently moved to Tigard and I see a lot of good in the trail and park system. I have been actively seeking out information about the various connections and trails, but can find no information other than a basic map of only the most improved trails. In order for the true benefit of the network to be realized, maps and suggested routes need to be publicized. By leveraging Google maps, for instance, the City of Tigard could offer an interactive approach to its trail and parks system. Now that GPS popularity and use has grown, innovations in that area could also be introduced to help people engage in (sub) urban hiking.
- Having a parks and recreation program similar to Conestoga has been needed in Tigard for MANY years. I hope we are able to provide something like this in the not so distant future.
- Great!
- Don't develop the area behind the library and the RR tracks. Why did we try to sell it to a developer?
- Doggie parks
- Cook Park is a wonderful facility and is well maintained by COT, safe, and heavily used. Thank you. I have an idea to improve the baseball facility there: Build a snack bar/press box structure between fields 1-2 to accommodate tournaments and more use.
- Cook Park is a great place for families!
- Cook Park is a beautiful park, but when it is being fully used, the parking is insufficient. There is no real "recreation district" in Tigard and I am unaware of any organized services. I know there are other parks in Tigard, but they are just taking up space. They are not big enough in which to do anything. A city should be concerned about the youth. Busy youth do not cause trouble.
- By far the biggest need in Tigard is an expanded and connected trail system for bicycles, off-street, that is safe for children. Unless you like biking 3 feet from cars, there are precious few options in the entire SW metro area. How about a trail that utilizes the power line over Bull Mountain, then follows Summer Creek to connect through Summer Lake Park and into the Fanno Creek trail. Second need is a decent aquatic center.
- Bull Mountain has really been let go. The developers do not seem to be held accountable for keeping some trails or green space for the residents.

- Biking in Tigard needs major help. There are no real trails that kids can ride bikes on. The Fanno Creek trail has lots of road crossings, and even when you string it together isn't very long. How about having 5+ miles of trail that doesn't require road crossing or riding on the "bike lane" next to cars doing 40mph. We currently have to drive to Portland (or further) to find a decent trail for a family bike ride. Next priority is an aquatic center, that is city centric not school district centric. Being a Tigard resident in the Beaverton school district results in out of district costs for everything recreational.
- It would be nice to see more dog parks
- An outdoor community pool would be great.
- We also need doggie bags. If these were available, maybe people would pick up after their animals. Also, need garbage cans!
- A community center would be great. Think of Portland Parks or Tualatin Hills. Southwest Community Center is a great resource for those in that area-It would be great to have access to some place like that.
- A community center in Tigard would be an excellent addition. Trails, sidewalks, neighborhood parks. Anything that we can do to make Tigard more "walkable" is what I hope to see.



TIGARD

park & recreation questionnaire

Dear Community Member,
The City of Tigard is updating the Park System Master Plan. We would like your help determining what types of park facilities and recreation programs are needed to meet the park, recreation, open space, and trails needs of our growing community.

This questionnaire will be distributed to area residents at community meetings and events such as the annual Balloon Festival to reach as many people in the area as possible. The questionnaire is also available online at the city's website at:

www.tigard-or.gov/community/parks/psmp

Please return this questionnaire at the meeting or event where you received it. Otherwise, please return to Public Works, in person (13125 SW Hall Blvd) or by fax (503-684-8840). If you have any questions, please contact me at 503-718-2583. Thank you for participating!

Sincerely,
Steve Martin, Park and Facilities Manager

- What is your age? (Check one.)

1. ___ 10-14	5. ___ 35-44
2. ___ 15-17	6. ___ 45-54
3. ___ 18-24	7. ___ 55-64
4. ___ 25-34	8. ___ 65+
- Are you male or female? (Circle one.)
- Do you live inside the Tigard city limits? (Check one.)

1. ___ Yes
2. ___ No; Please tell us where you are visiting from _____
3. ___ Don't know
- Where in Tigard do you live? (Please provide at least your street name and cross street.)

Your street name: _____

Nearest cross street: _____

5. How important are parks, recreation services, trails and open space to Tigard's quality of life? (Check the box that reflects your answer.)

1	2	3	4	5	6
<input type="checkbox"/> -----	<input type="checkbox"/> -----	<input type="checkbox"/> -----	<input type="checkbox"/> -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not		Important		Very	No
Important				Important	Opinion

6. Which of the following benefits of parks, recreation services, trails and open space are most important to you? (Check your top 2 choices.)

- ___ Provide opportunities to enjoy nature/outdoors
- ___ Promote youth development
- ___ Improve health and wellness
- ___ Protect the natural environment
- ___ Provide opportunities for lifelong learning
- ___ Provide cultural opportunities
- ___ Help seniors and disabled people remain active
- ___ Connect people together, building stronger families and neighborhoods
- ___ Enhance community image and sense of place
- ___ Other: _____

7. What is the primary reason that you use parks in Tigard? (Check one.)

- ___ Enjoy the outdoors or nature
- ___ Use a specific facility at a park
- ___ Play sports
- ___ Picnic and general leisure activities
- ___ Walk or bike for exercise
- ___ Meet friends
- ___ Participate in family activities
- ___ Attend special events/concerts
- ___ Don't use parks

8. If you seldom use or do not use the parks or trails in Tigard, what are your reasons? (Check your top 2 choices.)

- ___ Not interested/No time
- ___ Feel unsafe
- ___ Lack of facilities
- ___ Poorly maintained
- ___ Too far away; not conveniently located
- ___ Do not have transportation
- ___ Don't know where they are
- ___ Don't know what's available
- ___ Too crowded

9. What types of parks are most needed in Tigard?

(Check your top 2 choices.)

1. Small parks in neighborhoods
2. Large multi-use parks that serve the whole community
3. Natural areas
4. A park consisting primarily of sports fields
5. Parks in creek corridors
6. Linear trail corridors
7. No additional parks or natural areas are needed

10. How should natural areas be used? (Check one.)

1. No public use (preserved for wildlife habitat)
2. Limited public use (trails, viewpoints, etc.)
3. Semi-active recreational use (picnicking, playgrounds, etc.)
4. Combination of the above
5. Depends on the site

11. What is the primary reason to develop more trails in Tigard? (Check one.)

1. Increase non-motorized transportation options
2. Experience nature
3. Improve children's access to schools
4. Exercise
5. Recreation
6. No additional trails are needed

12. What type of recreation facilities are currently most needed in Tigard? (Check your top 2 choices.)

1. Sports fields
2. BMX facilities
3. Tennis courts
4. Basketball courts
5. Playgrounds
6. Community center
7. Gyms
8. Pool/Aquatic center
9. No new facilities are needed

13. What type of program is most needed in Tigard?

(Check your top 2 choices.)

1. Outdoor/environmental programs
2. Aquatic programs
3. General interest classes (music lessons, computers)
4. Special events (concerts in the park, festivals)
5. Sports (baseball, Ultimate Frisbee)
6. Arts (drama, painting, etc.)
7. Before and after school programs
8. Fitness classes (aerobics, yoga, etc.)
9. Drop-in activities
10. No recreation programs are needed

14. Which age group is most underserved by current recreation services? (Check one.)

1. Preschoolers
2. Elementary youth
3. Middle school youth
4. High school youth
5. Young Adults
6. Adults
7. Seniors
8. All groups are served adequately

15. Which other groups are underserved by current recreation services? (Check one.)

1. Families
2. People from diverse cultures
3. People with disabilities
4. People with low incomes
5. All groups are served adequately

16. Do you have any other comments about Tigard's parks, recreation services, open space and trails?

Thanks for participating!



TIGARD

Cuestionario Sobre los Parques y el Recreo

Apreciable miembro de la Comunidad,
La Ciudad de Tigard se encuentra actualizando el Plan Maestro del Sistema de Parques y Recreo. Quisiéramos pedirle su ayuda para determinar la clase de instalaciones para los parques y los programas recreativos que sean necesarios para satisfacer las necesidades de parques, recreo, espacios abiertos, y veredas para caminar de nuestra comunidad en crecimiento.

Este cuestionario lo vamos a distribuir a los habitantes del área en reuniones comunitarias y eventos como el Festival Anual de Globos, para llegar a la mayor cantidad de gente de esta área que sea posible. El cuestionario también se puede obtener en línea visitando el sitio WEB de la ciudad en:

www.tigard-or.gov/community/parks/psmp

Por favor devuelva este cuestionario con sus respuestas en la reunión o evento en donde usted lo reciba. De otra manera, por favor devuélvalo en persona al Departamento de Obras Públicas (dirección 13125 SW Hall Blvd) o por fax al (503-684-8840). Si tuviera alguna pregunta, por favor se puede poner en contacto conmigo llamando al 503-718-2583. ¡Gracias por su participación!

Sinceramente,
Steve Martin, Gerente de las Instalaciones de Parques

1. ¿Qué edad tiene usted? (Marque una.)

- | | |
|--------------|--------------|
| 1. ___ 10-14 | 5. ___ 35-44 |
| 2. ___ 15-17 | 6. ___ 45-54 |
| 3. ___ 18-24 | 7. ___ 55-64 |
| 4. ___ 25-34 | 8. ___ 65+ |

2. ¿Es usted hombre o mujer? (Marque una.)

3. ¿Vive usted dentro de los límites de la Ciudad de Tigard? (Marque una.)

1. ___ Sí
2. ___ No; Por favor díganos de dónde viene a visitarnos

3. ___ No sé

4. ¿En Tigard, dónde vive? (Por favor ofrezca por lo menos el nombre de su calle y la otra calle con la que cruza.)

Nombre de su calle: _____

Nombre de la otra calle con la que cruza: _____

5. ¿Qué tan importantes son los servicios de parques y recreo, las veredas para caminar y los espacios abiertos para tener una mejor calidad de vida en Tigard'?

(Marque el cuadro que refleje su respuesta.)

- | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No es | | Es | | Es muy | No Tengo |
| Importante | | Importante | | Importante | Opinion |

6. ¿Cuáles de los siguientes beneficios en los servicios de parques y recreo además de las veredas y espacios abiertos son más importantes para usted? (Marque sus 2 opciones principales.)

1. ___ Ofrecimiento de oportunidades para gozar la naturaleza y el aire libre
2. ___ Promoción del desarrollo de los jóvenes
3. ___ Mejoramiento de la salud y el bienestar físico
4. ___ Protección del medio ambiente natural
5. ___ Ofrecimiento de oportunidades para el aprendizaje de toda la vida
6. ___ Ofrecimiento de oportunidades culturales
7. ___ Ayuda a las personas de la tercera edad y las discapacitadas para permanecer activas.
8. ___ Conexión con toda la gente, fortaleciendo así mucho las familias y las colonias
9. ___ Mejoramiento de la imagen de la comunidad y el sentido de pertenencia
10. ___ Otra: _____

7. ¿Cuál es la razón principal por la que usted usa los parques en Tigard? (Marque una.)

1. ___ Me gusta el aire libre o la naturaleza
2. ___ Uso alguna instalación específica en el parque
3. ___ Juegos deportivos
4. ___ Picnic y actividades generales para descansar
5. ___ Caminar o andar en bicicleta como ejercicio físico
6. ___ Encuentro con los amigos
7. ___ Participación en actividades familiares
8. ___ Asistencia a eventos o conciertos especiales
9. ___ No uso los parques

8. Si usted muy poco usa o de plano no usa los parques o veredas en Tigard, ¿Cuáles son sus razones? (Marque sus 2 opciones principales.)

1. ___ No tengo interés ni tiempo
2. ___ No me siento seguro(a)
3. ___ Falta de instalaciones
4. ___ Pobre mantenimiento
5. ___ Muy lejos; no se encuentran convenientemente localizados
6. ___ No tengo transporte
7. ___ No sé dónde se encuentran
8. ___ No sé lo que hay a la disposición
9. ___ Demasiada gente

9. ¿Qué clase de parques se necesitan más en Tigard? (Marque sus 2 opciones principales.)

1. ___ Parques pequeños en las colonias
2. ___ Parques grandes de uso múltiple para beneficio de toda la comunidad
3. ___ Areas Naturales
4. ___ Un parque sobre todo que tenga campos deportivos
5. ___ Parques en el corredor de los arroyos
6. ___ Corredores Lineares con veredas
7. ___ No se necesitan parques adicionales ni áreas naturales

10. ¿Cómo se deberían usar mejor las áreas naturales? (Marque una.)

1. ___ Que no haya acceso al público (preservarlos como hábitat de la vida salvaje)
2. ___ Limitado uso para el público (veredas, lugares de observación, etc.)
3. ___ Uso semiactivo de recreo (picnic, lugares de juego, etc.)
4. ___ Combinación de todo lo anterior
5. ___ Depende del lugar

11. ¿Cuál es la razón principal para hacer más veredas en Tigard? (Marque una.)

1. ___ Incrementar las opciones no motorizadas del transporte
2. ___ Experimentar la naturaleza
3. ___ Mejorar el acceso de los jóvenes a las escuelas
4. ___ Ejercicio
5. ___ Recreo
6. ___ No se necesitan veredas adicionales

12. ¿Qué clase de instalaciones recreativas son mucho más necesarias ahora en Tigard? (Marque sus 2 principales opciones.)

1. ___ Campos deportivos
2. ___ Instalaciones para BMX
3. ___ Canchas de Tenis
4. ___ Canchas de Basketball
5. ___ Lugares de juegos
6. ___ Centro comunitario
7. ___ Gimnasios
8. ___ Centro acuático y albercas
9. ___ No se necesitan nuevas instalaciones

13. ¿Qué clase de programas se necesitan más en Tigard? (Marque sus 2 opciones principales.)

1. ___ Programas al aire libre, amigables con el medio ambiente
2. ___ Programas acuáticos
3. ___ Clases de interés general (clases de música, computación)
4. ___ Eventos especiales (conciertos en el parque, festivales)
5. ___ Deportes (baseball, Frisbee Ultimo)
6. ___ Artes (drama, pintura, etc.)
7. ___ Programas para antes y después de la escuela
8. ___ Clases de bienestar físico (aeróbicos, yoga, etc.)
9. ___ Actividades ordinarias
10. ___ No se necesitan programas recreativos

14. ¿Qué grupo de edad cuenta con menos en los actuales servicios recreativos que se ofrecen? (Marque una.)

1. ___ Preescolares
2. ___ Jóvenes de primaria
3. ___ Jóvenes de secundaria
4. ___ Jóvenes de preparatoria
5. ___ Jóvenes casi adultos
6. ___ Adultos
7. ___ Personas de la tercera edad
8. ___ Todos los grupos no están servidos adecuadamente

15. ¿Qué otros grupos no son servidos adecuadamente con nuestros servicios recreativos actuales? (Marque una.)

1. ___ Familias
2. ___ Personas de culturas diversas
3. ___ Personas con discapacidades
4. ___ Personas de bajos ingresos
5. ___ Todos los grupos reciben servicios adecuados

16. ¿Tiene usted algún otro comentario sobre los servicios en Tigard de parques y recreo, espacios abiertos y veredas?

¡Gracias por su participación!