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## October 19th Open House for Concepts Options A & B Summary

The following is a summary of the design open house held at the Pleasant Valley Community Center on Tuesday, October 19, 3-5pm and 6-8pm.

### 1. Sign in Sheet (see attached)

### 2. Summary of Feedback Forms (see complete spreadsheet of all responses)

There were 44 total responses left on the feedback forms.

#### **QUESTION 1. AT FIRST GLANCE, WHICH CONCEPT OPTION DO YOU PREFER?**

Option A - 20

Option B - 20

Non-Committal - 4

**Take Away:** The preference between the 2 was evenly split, many of the respondents liked certain items from both options. The revised option will need to look closely at the specific items from each plan and how people responded to them.

#### **QUESTION 2. LIST A FEW (1-2) REASONS WHY YOU LIKE THAT OPTION AT FIRST GLANCE?**

Option A- For most of the people that liked this option it is clear they liked it at first glance because the access to the beach is closer to the parking lot.

Option B- For most people that liked this option there is consensus they like it because it appears simpler, less maintenance and more natural.

**Take Away:** Looking at options to move the accessible beach access closer to the parking lot and simplifying option A may be a good direction when revising these to one final concept.



**QUESTION 4. NOW, LIST A FEW OTHER ITEMS YOU LIKE ABOUT EITHER CONCEPT. (TRY TO LIST AT LEAST 3).**

Many of the items listed for this question were also the same as the secondary items mentioned above. Frequently listed items included: Swings, Benches, and Picnic Shelter. Several mentions that more smaller picnic shelter would be desirable over a larger shelter.

**Take Away: Look at items that were most frequently mentioned to include in the final concept design. There was mention in a few comments, that both options showed A LOT of items, this was intentional to get feedback. Now is the time to choose what people responded to most strongly to include in the final concept.**





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### **QUESTION 6. LIST ANY OTHER ITEMS YOU DO NOT LIKE, ABOUT EITHER CONCEPT.**

Again, many of the items listed for this question were also the same as the secondary items mentioned above. Frequently listed items included: concern about protection of the dune and the stability of the dune protection (seawall system), concern parking turnaround is adequate, concern over distance from parking for the accessible ramp and picnic shelter.

**Take Away:** The discussion on many of the comments strengthens that overall, respondents desire a natural looking/simple solution and that accessible access is desired closer to the parking area.

### **STICKY NOTE COMMENTS:**

Option A:

1. Would really like absence of sheet pile if possible
2. Is signage and grass area really necessary? Seems like an unnecessary obstacle for plowing, cars, bikes, etc.
3. Removable stairs
4. Outdoor shower
5. Dog park - so many people travel with pets
6. No sand bags, metal seawall
7. Try mobi-mat sidewalk without low concrete wall
8. Picnic shelter wonderful idea
9. Too complicated, prefer option B
10. Individual picnic shelter with 1 picnic table like Manistee 1st Street Beach.

### **STICKY NOTE COMMENTS:**

Option B:

1. Prefer changing rooms with feet showing
2. Swings will knock down dune grass
3. Love the handrail along mobi-mat in steep areas
4. Thanks Committee! Thanks designers!
5. Shelter area is not a high priority, personally.
6. Dog park - so many people travel with pets
7. Handrails on steep parts would be great with the mats
8. For either option I prefer the simpler way for their to be access for all, with the fewest structures that may invite a lot more folks than already come.
9. Shelter house that hold one picnic table to keep families separate, so 5-6 would be great.
10. I wonder if the bags or the lower wall is best, seems like the wall is more problematic for ever...(sic?)
11. Love the mobi-mats rather than the concrete

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- 12. Picnic area
- 13. Shelter too far away from the parking lot
- 14. Like the natural look
- 15. Keep it simple and more natural
- 16. Please keep it simple with ease of access
- 17. Keep as simple and natural as possible please
- 18. Monkey bars
- 19. No sand bags
- 20. Access ramp to the beach, if you're disabled this is a longer distance from the cars for beach access
- 21. Dog hours, 6-9am 6-9pm only, people aren't cleaning up messes
- 22. Removable stairs (2)
- 23. Maybe the sunset station backs up a little to allow more natural frontage
- 24. No sand bags, all metal
- 25. Picnic shelter closer to parking
- 26. Is this grassy spot necessary? (Referring to turnaround)





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27. Would like to see sheet pile removed and naturally managed.

### **QUESTION 7. FINALLY, ANY OTHER THOUGHTS? PLEASE LET US KNOW.**

Final comment thoughts seemed to center around concern/design to have a design that is natural looking, stable enough to protect the beach/dune and reflective of “small town” Arcadia. Many varied comments, a lot of mentions to add a foot washing station.

**FINAL Take Away:** In general, a final concept that is similar to Option B with some elements from Option A (access closer to parking, and incorporating an observation pier as the main items) blended together will be developed.

Some of the most discussed items to include from the comments are: swinging benches in general, several smaller picnic shelters vs. a single large shelter. Reducing or removing the concrete walkways. There were also several comments about pushing the entire design back even further from the lake, a final concept will also take this into consideration with the necessary engineered protection (likely just the low profile sheet pile sea wall)

Other items: it appears the changing rooms were not desired (they could always be added later at some point). No one seemed to have strong feeling about volleyball or game area. It seemed like most people did like the idea of the swing benches and trees on top of the dune like how it was before. Most people like the revised parking arrangement with cart parking included, look at making sure accessible parking and turnaround/drop off space is adequate. Several comments about why landscaping is necessary in the parking area, most likely not understanding this can help with stormwater management and grant funding. Most people seemed to like the additional sidewalk to keep pedestrians out of walking in the parking lot. Many comments desired a play area, but no strong opinion on type of play equipment, reference previous stakeholder comments to include play space/equip for all and all ages, concept would provide space for indiv. items to be determined.