

FORT WILLIAMS SURVEY QUESTION INPUT & IDEAS

FORT WILLIAMS PARK PUBLIC INPUT- Renovation of the Ft Williams Bleachers at the Parade Ground SURVEY.

o avoid any confusion the survey should call the BLEACHERS the “bleachers” and not “AMPHITHEATER” which conjure up a whole different thing in my mind and in others.

(alternative names - Revitalization of the parade grounds, BLEACHER REHABILITATION or RECONSTRUCTION)

We want to survey's **primary focus to the bleacher restoration project**, but since we are paying for a survey, does it make sense for us to ask a couple of questions about Goddard mansion and revisit the 'pay & display' concept for out of town users? Will these other topics dilute our primary focus?

Would you like the Fort Williams Bleachers to be rebuilt?
How important is it to you that the Fort Williams Bleachers be rebuilt?

What uses do you foresee for rebuilt seating in that area?

Estimate cost of bleacher renovation in the section near the tennis courts current soft ball field is approximate \$500-600 thousand dollars. Do you agree with the town renovating this area? using public and private donations to fund renovation.

(Maybe not ask the following - but would be useful to know:)
Should an attempt be to raise private funds for some of the cost, with naming opportunities in the project? Would you personally be interested in a naming opportunity within a reclaimed granite slab from ship cove in the bleacher renovation if the minimum donation was ...\$5,000

For what events do you think the community could/would use renovated or refurbished bleachers at the parade grounds?

Do you think the area might be used for other purposes and if so what?

Would you be interested in contributing financially to the renovation of the bleachers (donations in concert with Town/Fort Williams fund monies)

Would you agree with the use of the renovated bleachers for public or private revenue producing events to help support renovation and maintenance needs in Fort Williams Park?

or
Are you supportive of more revenue generating events in the bleacher/parade ground area of Fort Williams for the benefit of the community and Fort Williams budget/maintenance?

If not, would you support renovation of part of the bleachers into a multipurpose

community/schools gathering area/multipurpose natural seating area at a cost of approximately 500,000- 600,00 without promise or plans for income generating events there?

What type of events would you like to see in the park:

Graduations

Weddings

Large concerts

Weekend long concert festival

Symphony concerts

Small concert series

Silent movies

Summer evening movies

festivals

School performances and concerts

Professional performers and concerts

Shakespeare in the park

other theater

Children programs

Nature programs for all ages

Corporate retreat/events (allowed for revenue generation)

Comments:

WHAT OTHER USES of the renovated Bleachers , if any, do you foresee?

Would you support these broadened uses of the park irrespective of the bleacher renovation?

If you support or envision events at the renovated bleachers, how many more organized events per year would be appropriate given the current use of that area & of the Park:

No more events, and no more revenue generating activities in the park even if revenue is for maintaining and improving the park

1-2 more large* events (than present level of activity at that location) a year a

1-2 more medium or large each month

once a month (concert or festival series) for the local community? / or ? for the wider greater portland area public (large event - more revenue for the park)

once a week, smaller events, - community focused events

once a week open to all members of a wider public

(*small is less than several hundred people , Medium 400- 1000 people) Large > 1,000- 3,000 people (similar in size and scope to the 250th PSO celebration))

Do we have flexibility for folks to write in suggestions within a survey?

We want to ensure that we have a representative sample of the community answering these questions because we want to ensure that we have the neighborhoods represented that will potentially impacted by larger events, if we find there is an appetite for larger events.

Would you be interested making a donation to and/or a naming opportunities in the bleacher

renovation project if historic stone is used to rebuild at the parade grounds?

Other questions it would be good to know:

Would you be interested in contributing to the establishment of permanent toilet facilities in the Park? These toilets would not have running water since the Fort does not have water lines within the park.

Do you think alcohol should be allowed in the park for special events?

Future of Goddard Mansion

Pay & Display for out of town users?

Do we want to include a sketch of proposed project in mail survey?

Does it make sense to have a distinct section of the survey for design, uses and potential revenue?