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CATLIN ROTARY SPRAY PARK DESIGN MOVES FORWARD

KELSO, WASHINGTON, JUNE 9, 2017 –

A design workshop and ice cream social for Catlin Rotary Spray Park held on June 7th drew over 40 people who reviewed two draft concept plans for the overall park site. Attendees included families with children ranging from newborns through teenagers, seniors, and community and park advocates. Kelso Mayor David Futcher and City Councilors Kimberly Lefebvre and Larry Alexander were also on hand to scoop ice cream.

As a result of the 30 comment forms received at the workshop, the City intends to proceed with refining “Option A” to address community preferences. Option A was preferred by a margin of 2:1 over Option B, and favored particularly for its age-specific play areas and café seating. The most-liked elements of Option B, such as a multiuse sport court and fitness stations, will be considered in the revisions to Option A. Additionally, suggestions for more shade and seating areas, a chess area, and activities tailored to teenagers and those with special needs will be evaluated.

Refinements to Option A will also address safety improvements, such as completely fencing the play areas and spray pad area, adding more on-sight lighting, and creating better visibility and connections between the Senior Center building and the park. Above all, the design will improve safety by creating a park that is in active, healthy community use year-round.

The refined plan will be presented to the Kelso Park Board at the next Park Board meeting. The Park Board will make a recommendation to City Council, which will make the final decision on the plan later this summer or fall.

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