

## **Gonzales Neighbourhood**

### **Abakazi Gardens**

1.) How is the park actually used?

a.) How could it be used better?

2.) Is it shown as a “Most successful park?”

- Yes

a.) What makes it special?

3.) Are there any ideas for enhancing/ improving this park?

4.) Are there any obstacles to accessing this park? If so what are they?

5) Other information:

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## **Glenlyon – Norfolk School**

1.) How is the park actually used?

- Dog walking on fields to west

a.) How could it be used better?

2.) Is it shown as a “Most successful park?”

a.) What makes it special?

3.) Are there any ideas for enhancing/ improving this park?

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5) Other information:

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## **Observatory**

1.) How is the park actually used?

a.) How could it be used better?

**2.) Is it shown as a “Most successful park?”**

- Yes X 2

**a.) What makes it special?**

- Great views

**3.) Are there any ideas for enhancing/ improving this park?**

- Telescope

**4.) Are there any obstacles to accessing this park? If so what are they?**

**5) Other information:**

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## **Gonzales Park**

**1.) How is the park actually used?**

- Picnics
- Late night kids
- Beach is major recreation area

**a.) How could it be used better?**

**2.) Is it shown as a “Most successful park?”**

- Yes x 2

**a.) What makes it special?**

- Wonderful beach
- Unstructured
- Non commercial
- Play value for kids

**3.) Are there any ideas for enhancing/ improving this park?**

**4.) Are there any obstacles to accessing this park? If so what are they?**

**5) Other information:**

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## **Hollywood Park**

**1.) How is the park actually used?**

- Sports

**a.) How could it be used better?**

- Better drainage on fields

**2.) Is it shown as a “Most successful park?”**

- Yes

**a.) What makes it special?**

- Tennis
- Good, well used playground
- Multi use

**3.) Are there any ideas for enhancing/ improving this park?**

**4.) Are there any obstacles to accessing this park? If so what are they?**

**5) Other information:**

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## **Pemberton Park**

**1.) How is the park actually used?**

- Sports
- Wild flowers and fauna
- Lilies in trail

**a.) How could it be used better?**

- Open public walkway between Pemberton and Margaret Jenkins
- Better drainage on fields

**2.) Is it shown as a “Most successful park?”**

**a.) What makes it special?**

**3.) Are there any ideas for enhancing/ improving this park?**

**4.) Are there any obstacles to accessing this park? If so what are they?**

- Chandler - Gonzales walkway is closed

**5) Other information:**

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## **Wilmer – Maddison Greens**

**1.) How is the park actually used?**

- Sometimes mountain bikers ride off bumps and trees

**a.) How could it be used better?**

- Manage as a wild area

- Needs traffic management plan on adjacent roads

**2.) Is it shown as a “Most successful park?”**

- Yes

**a.) What makes it special?**

- Wild flowers & oaks

**3.) Are there any ideas for enhancing/ improving this park?**

- Enhance green space
- Traffic management to make pedestrians a priority

**4.) Are there any obstacles to accessing this park? If so what are they?**

**5) Other information:**

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**Current unmet park/open space needs in your community?**

- Short of parks
- Need good sports fields
- Develop snichets (walking lane linkages)
- Safe passages from pedestrians (esp. kids) need to connect parks that we have. - Dedicated bike trails without cars
- A network between parks/schools & tourist attractions (e.g.: connect with safe routes to schools & tourist attractions (e.g. connect with safe routes to school).
- Connectivity and integration is the key
- Young children should be able to ride to school thru the network of parks
- Connectivity may also allow protection of remnant Garry Oak ecosystem
- Consider acquiring Garry Oak areas for protection

**Future needs:**

- Different plantings for boulevard ground cover
- Links walk ability
- Jogging trails
- Walking trails with boulevards & play parks/ benches
- Replace trees to reflect climate changes needs
- Need to think outside the park box
- Future needs are for places/spaces that evoke joy and work for kids and that are connected
- Support protection of native plants and ecosystems to help maintain resilience of biological options as a hedge or insurance against climate change.
- Bike routes will help reduce vehicle use and CO2 emissions

- Habitat acquisition and protection
- Infill pressure will reduce private green space...how will we counteract this?
- Fitness, recreation and sports. People need to be healthy.

**Ideas for acquiring new parks and public open spaces or enhancing the existing ones?**

- Linear parks
- Repurposing
- Right of Ways
- Grant easements
- Implement Greenways Plan
- Focus acquisitions on connectivity
- Acquire “next door” lots as available & add to existing parks
- Need acquisition fund like Saanich
- Make greenways happen
- More people priority roadways
- Use road closures to enhance green space
- Parks plan for Wilmer/Madison Green
- Greater use of limited access agreements

**General Comments:**

- Value on little pocket parks
- Problems with connectivity & non street access
- Have nature trails & walks for all ages
- Implement greenways plan
- Treed streetscapes are valued (e.g. Moss, Despard, Gonzales, Hollywood)
- Streetscapes are valued ( rock walls & hitching posts)
- Protect rare remnants of Garry Oak Ecosystems.