

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE 1 – EXISTING CONDITIONS AND SCOPING

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Overview

Open house meetings were held on Tuesday, April 28th at Holladay City Hall, and Thursday, April 30th. The purpose of the meetings was to present existing conditions of the Big Cottonwood Regional Park, and to receive input regarding concerns, issues and ideas related to the park.

Eighty-three (83) members of the public signed in at both meetings, although the actual number attending was probably slightly higher. Approximately 102 comment submissions were received, most addressing multiple issues. The majority of comments were received via email, and others were provided on comment forms provided at the meetings.

Verbatim comments conclude this report.

Summary

Approximately 214 issues, topics, concerns or ideas were addressed in the 102 submissions, the overwhelming majority of which concerned Holladay Lions Park. The input addressed 24 broad categories of concern, as indicated in the summary table on the following page.

More than one-third of all issues expressed a desire to maintain Brighton Meadows and Serendipity Stables in their current locations. Most of these comments expressed desire for the current operations to be maintained without change, while a few indicated that changes or modifications to improve operations of the two facilities should be considered.

Approximately sixteen –percent expressed the desire to maintain existing natural areas, informal walking and biking paths, wetlands, and similar uses, presumably at Holladay Lions Park. Many of these comments expressed a concern that county parks are over-programmed and biased toward active sports and uses, and that the natural areas are valuable remnants of nature in the built-up area.

Almost ten-percent of responses stated a belief that no more sports fields should be developed, and the same number expressed a desire to maintain and improve walking, biking and hiking opportunities in the park, particularly at Holladay Lions Park.

Eight-percent of the responses expressed a desire that an off-leash dog area established at Holladay Lions Park, and an additional two-percent would like to see a similar facility considered at Hillview Park.

Responses receiving two to three percent of the total addressed concern that public funds are unavailable for improvements or changes; a desire that sports and active uses be concentrated near the recreation center; a desire to strike a balance between built/ natural areas and preserve the diversity of uses and informal uses currently supported at Holladay Lions Park; concern for noise and traffic impacts near the recreation center to nearby residences; the need to better maintain the existing wetland areas as they exist; a desire for better maintenance of the park; a desire to open Hillview Basin Park to public use .

Public Open House #1 – Comments by Broad Category

Nr.	Comment Topic, Issue, Concern or Idea	#	%
1	Keep existing leased equestrian uses at Holladay Lions Park	72	34
2	Maintain existing natural areas at Lions Park/ Maintain wildlife and habitat	34	16
3	No more sports fields	20	9
4	Maintain and improve walking, biking and hiking opportunities and facilities	20	9
5	Provide off-leash dog area at Holladay Lions Park (in existing natural area)	18	8
6	Don't waste public funds that don't exist on new fields and major changes	7	3
7	Concentrate structured and active uses near developed areas/ recreation center	6	3
8	Make Hillview Basing Park into an off-leash dog area	4	2
9	Strike a balance between built/ natural areas; preserve diversity of uses and informal uses	4	2
10	Consider impact of noise and traffic on surrounding neighbors	3	1
11	Maintain wetland area at Holladay Lions Park	3	1
12	Maintain Existing Facilities better	3	1
13	Open Hillview Basin Park to public use	3	1
14	Maintain and replace trees	2	1
15	Maintain a fence between equestrian uses and off-leash dog uses	2	1
16	Improve maintenance of existing uses and facilities, natural areas in particular	2	1
17	Keep informal sports opportunities (kite flying, etc.) at Holladay Lions Park	2	1
18	Provide overnight camping opportunities	2	1
19	Improve noticing of neighbors	1	<1
20	Consider parks as part of the "big picture" plans for surrounding areas	1	<1
21	Provide additional restroom north of ballfields at Holladay Lions Park	1	<1
22	Provide volleyball facilities (indoor and outdoor)	1	<1
23	Maintain disk golf at Creekside Park	1	<1
24	Upgrade existing sports fields at Cottonwood Regional Park	1	<1
	TOTAL	213	100

Verbatim Comments

- As the off leash user group is being squeezed out of more and more areas and then being told that there are too many of us at what areas are left (watch for information on Parleys/Tanner-big trouble there), it is apparent that the solution is to provide more off leash space. Salt Lake County is currently working on a new master plan for Big Cottonwood Park - a huge green space running all the way from Holladay City down to 900 E. It includes equestrian space, ballfields, pavilions, jogging paths, etc. What it doesn't include is even a discussion of space for off leash dogs. And it most likely won't - unless we make our voices heard. Attend this meeting and tell your public officials that you are just plain tired of being chased out of space, that you are just plain tired of being treated like second (or third) class citizens and that your need for space to recreate with your dog off leash is being ignored. Salt Lake County has control of most of the large green spaces in the valley, they absolutely NEED to stop ignoring us. Right now the County offers off leash space at only one place - Millcreek Canyon and only half of the time. Our user group is large - and growing - we deserve consideration when these determinations are made. To completely ignore our user group in the planning of this large park is very short-sighted and demeaning. "BARK NOW OR FOREVER HOLD YOUR LEASH!"
- I am unable to attend the two public meetings scheduled in the week of April 27. Therefore, I am sending you this e-mail as written comments for the proposed design of Big Cottonwood Regional Park and Holladay Lion's Park. I strongly support designating the Holladay Lion's Park a horse riding park. Holladay Lion's Park has an existing history and layout for horse back riding, which is unique and crucial in preserving western spirits and traditions. It is essential to diversify the uses and functions of urban parks. It would be a shame if every park in Salt Lake Valley is the same - grass, trees, rec centers, etc. During the planning and design, please keep in mind to allow each park its uniqueness and various types of use. Please have the foresight to envision how unique and important a horse riding park is to the public and to the next generation.
- I am unable to attend the meetings being held on this proposed plan this week, so I wanted to share my concerns with you via e-mail. Presently, this parcel constitutes one of the very few undeveloped open spaces left in Holladay. People who enjoy a more natural setting can ride horses, walk dogs, or hike through an area with water and lush vegetation which attracts birds and offers respite from noisy group gatherings or sports events common at parks developed into recreational fields. At a time when we are looking for ways to reconnect with nature without burning a lot of fossil fuels to get away from developed areas, this is truly a unique place. In addition, this land currently hosts two very successful and respected horseback riding stables, Serendipity and Brighton Meadows, which have been in operation for generations - 35 years in the case of Serendipity. These stables offer riding lessons through the county recreation centers, and serve the substantial equestrian needs of east-bench communities. The only alternatives are one stable in North Salt Lake, one in Sandy, one in Draper, and the South Jordan equestrian complex. Again, to use these facilities requires burning a lot of fuel if you live in the city or east bench communities. Furthermore, you presently have two business entities which pay leases and taxes to the county and the city; if you eliminate them, you are further eroding the commercial tax base of Holladay, already devastated by the loss of Cottonwood Mall and Video Vern-area businesses, with little foreseeable commercial development in sight.
- Finally, I cannot see that we need additional sports fields, picnic pavilions, or public gathering places. The fields behind Holladay Elementary are in place, the Cottonwood Park baseball complex is just down the street, there is a park across from Holladay-Lion's Fitness Center, and numerous public school fields abound in the vicinity. How will the county maintain, provide security for, and assure adequate access to such a

developed area? We are in severe fiscal times, and this plan will create ongoing expenses. Most seriously, drawing traffic to this area will forever change the look and feel of the whole neighborhood, and increase teen and gang crime activities, which are already spreading eastward at an alarming rate. In summary, please do not confuse development with improvement. We have a wonderful natural resource; please leave it alone.

- I am a concerned taxpayer in Salt Lake County and have been for 50 years, I am tired of the waste of our county resources on duplication of services. The Big Cottonwood Regional Park is an area that should be preserved as it is for the wildlife that uses the park and also outdoor enthusiasts who spend time there. We are currently spending a huge portion of our State and County budgets on our public schools that have large grass areas that should be used for soccer games. These grass areas are currently being watered, fertilized and mowed and should be used for more than just a few minutes of activity during the school day. Let's leave the park alone and use the resources we already have in place.
- It seems there is a push to get rid of more horses and the rights of horse people in the Salt Lake Valley. As a taxpayer, I am appalled by the suggestion to integrate more soccer fields into the Holladay area, particularly when nearby public school fields remain unused after school. I am in favor of continued use of county land by Serendipity Stables and Brighton Meadows and find that these stables should remain in the Holladay area. Use the fields that we already have and don't take the beauty of these animals from our area. We as taxpayers should have some say in this. I am a horse owner and rider....having to travel further and further outside of Salt Lake to own horses and ride.
- As a taxpayer I am appalled by the suggestion to expand soccer fields, particularly when nearby public school fields remain unused after school. I am in favor of continued use of county land by Serendipity Stables and Brighton Meadows. There are other parks for soccer, and only one for a vestige of wilderness. The demand for soccer grows, and there are not enough fields. One of the major reasons for this is that the public schools no longer allow use of their fields for after school soccer practices and games. To me, as a tax payer, this is a waste of resources. Why pay the substantial expense of water, fertilizer, and mowing for both schools AND extra soccer fields? And why double the demand on our scarce water resources unnecessarily? It seems to me a much more responsible solution would be to negotiate with the schools, double use those fields, and leave the natural park and the last horse facilities the way they are now.
- As a resident and tax payer I am shocked and appalled at misuse of our Natural Resources in this city. With the west expanding and the need to conserve water it is shocking that the city wants to build more soccer fields. There will come a time when we cannot afford to have soccer fields and golf courses on every corner. It has come to my attention that the schools do not permit the use of their fields after school hours. With the economics and budget cuts this state faces why would you even consider building new fields and wasting more water and polluting more streams and rivers for more fields when there is a way to conserve and use our land resources more appropriately. Where these soccer fields are projected to be is an outrage. Open, natural space is becoming very limited in SLC. I enjoy walking in these spaces and seeing the natural beauty of Utah and seeing the wildlife. I also enjoy watching the horses that border these places. I will not support another resource wasting project. Please consider the alternative to building these parks and make a deal with the schools and get double use out of their fields. Again with Utah school system facing budget cuts maybe they can earn a little income so the children of SLC can be educated properly and still play soccer.
- As a taxpayer I would urge you **NOT** to consider spending the money it will take to create soccer fields in the Big Cottonwood Regional Park when we have nearby schools with unused fields. County money is tight, the budget is tightly trimmed, yet I am being asked to fritter away much needed funds to satisfy the

wishes of a relatively small group of people. We are not discussing "needs" here we are only discussing "wants".

- I am a taxpayer in salt lake county and have heard that you are considering changing the use of county lands where two stables lease the park. Finding open space where you can take your dogs, horses and kids to enjoy some wildlife, large trees and birds is becoming very scarce in Salt Lake City. Turning this park into a soccer field is NOT my idea of the best use of taxpayer money. I don't want my tax dollars used to turn a little bit of wild into more soccer fields. The suggestion to use school grounds for soccer practice and games seems to me to be much more efficient and better use of tax dollars, water resources and land resources. The ground at schools is already being cared for and you can use taxpayer dollars to do updating to those grounds and turn that into multi-use area also. The Big Cottonwood regional park is already multi-use in a way that cannot be recreated on any school grounds and needs to be protected as is. I would support use of taxpayer funds to make the park more accessible (parking and such) so more people know of its existence. Please do not turn this small piece of nature and turn it into manicured lawns. We need a place to breathe and watch and hear the birds and other small animals that could never exist on a soccer field.
- As a taxpayer I am appalled by the suggestion to expand soccer fields, particularly when nearby public school fields remain unused after school. I am in favor of continued use of county land by Serendipity Stables and Brighton Meadows. Why double our tax expense creating redundant fields when we can simple negotiate with local schools to utilize the ground already in existence. Is this a subtle attempt to systematically rid Salt Lake of our horse industry? I hope not! Let's examine a better use of our school grounds and public lands. Let the wild stay wild and let the school grounds in existence be better utilized.
- I was not able to attend the public open house meeting yesterday. However, I would like to voice my hope that the equestrian area continues to be a priority in the re-design of the facilities. My daughter has ridden at the Serendipity Stables for several years. In that program, she has learned not only how to care for and ride horses. She has learned how important it is to work as a team with her horse to achieve her goals. We kid her that this is a life lesson because she will use those same skills in life to achieve her goals in school and in work. However, it isn't just teasing, it is true. The children who ride at the stables learn to care for the horses and maintain the property to keep their riding area safe and to keep the area clean. Please continue the equestrian activities and continue to allocate adequate space for these activities.
- RE: Serendipity Stables and Brighton Meadows. As a county tax payer I'm appalled at how we spend our money so quickly. I know soccer fields are needed but so are the horse facilities. Use the school fields for soccer and leave the stables as they are.
- I just got through reading what you are planning for these two boarding stable. I realize that the kids need areas to play in , but I also do believe that the people who own horses also need a place to play, and as tax pays they also should have some rights. Granted they are on county leased property. But there is not just a seasonal sport but year round and they are buy feed, paying board, vet farriers, fuel for their truck, they are basic pay their way for their hobby. These stables are a year round operation , not just for 3/4 months of the year. We are a small entity but we do and will continue to be in the years to come. Thank you for your consideration.
- I am writing with regard to the SL county master parks plan, specifically the Holladay Lions area of Big Cottonwood Regional Park. I am a resident of the city of Holladay. I love this park the way it is. It is so refreshing to have an area within the city where there is wildlife. I walk there almost every day with my dog and I have seen ducks, geese, foxes, pheasant, and hawks. I very much enjoy stopping by the horse

stables and watching the horses. I know there is always a demand for more soccer fields and baseball diamonds, but this is such a wonderful place the way it is, I hate to see it destroyed for yet another field. For those of us without children, it feels like our needs and preferences are under-represented and decisions are always made for the benefit of families with children. There are many of us who walk around the nature park on a daily basis and enjoy it. Please consider keeping the Holladay Lions area of Big Cottonwood Regional Park as a nature park, the way it is.

- I was just made aware of plans to change the current use of the Brighton Meadows area into soccer fields. I would like to express my strong feeling that this change should not take place and that the current usage of this area should remain as is. It seems that there are other solutions to this issue that would not involve the transformation of this habitat. For example, it has been suggested that school soccer fields in the area would work just as well for the purposes intended. After all, grass is grass and a flat soccer field is a flat soccer field. However, the marshy habitat would not, and could not be replaced. While it is understood that population growth or other factors may demand changes in the future, for the time being it seems that there are equally suitable solutions available without the need of changing the status quo.
- I write to you as a taxpayer, a soccer mom, and as a concerned citizen. I worry whenever I hear about my tax dollars being spent frivolously, and I understand there is a plan afoot to create soccer fields in Big Cottonwood Regional Park and at the last two east end horse stables. You'd think as a soccer mom I'd be all for this, but I'm not. I raise my family to be aware of the environment, and by changing these areas into soccer fields we are forever damaging places that serve the community in ways soccer fields never could. Do you have children, Mark? Have you seen the way their faces light up when they see a horse up close? How many opportunities do we have for that to happen over here in our east side neighborhoods? Well, I can think of two, and I'd hate for those two opportunities to turn into water- and fertilizer-thirsty soccer fields. I'm quite certain my child won't get the same sense of awe out of a manicured lawn as she does out of offering a carrot or apple to a real, live horse. As for Big Cottonwood Regional Park, it would be a travesty to lose even a bit of the natural beauty of that park. My child has the opportunity to see wildlife and walk in shady wilderness as we use the park for family walks, picnics, and geo-caching. I've been told there are perfectly good school soccer fields that go unused in the afterschool and weekend hours. Doesn't it make sense to negotiate the use of those fields with the schools? Why destroy wilderness when there is another, more sensible option to consider? Why water and maintain additional fields when we could save water and time by only maintaining the school fields? In our current environmental state, shouldn't we be making the choice that preserves wilderness, saves water, and leaves our children with opportunities to experience wildlife. I've only received a brief picture of what the plan is for soccer fields in/near Big Cottonwood Regional Park, and I admit that the limited information I have received might not have laid out the plan in a totally accurate way, but I felt compelled to let you know what's important to me - as a parent, as a taxpayer, as a mom, as a lover of wild spaces - before this issue goes further into consideration. I thank you for your time and consideration.
- As a horse owner and as a taxpayer I am appalled by the suggestion to expand soccer fields, particularly when nearby public school fields remain unused after school. I favor continued use of county land by Serendipity Stables and Brighton Meadows for horse related activities. I know both women involved, and have seen young people who have benefitted from their involvement with horses. This issue seems to come up periodically! There is precious little place in Salt Lake County for horse-related activities anymore, and I believe they are worth preserving. In addition, the property in question provides habitat for many species that don't live on soccer fields! Thank you for considering my views!
- I'm happy with uses as shown on maps. I like best unmaintained natural areas, and would like to see them preserved or even increased, where possible. PLEASE LEAVE BRIGHTON MEADOWS AS IS, IN PARTICULAR.

- I am 15 and have lived along the park my entire life. For the past two days I have passed out roughly 75 fliers about the public meetings. Around 99% of the people I talked to were really enjoying themselves. When they asked me what had been talked about and I told them they had talked about getting rid of the horses, they all couldn't believe it. One lady said, "I won't let it happen." Another lady said, "I come here every day from Sandy just so my dogs can have a lovely walk in nature where it isn't so busy and noisy. Most people love the park to walk their dogs in because everyone is so nice and friendly.
- Currently, I ride horses several times a week at Serendipity Stables. I do not speak of a passing interest, but a love I have committed to since 1987. For twenty years, this parcel of land has been my oasis of connection to my past and my love of nature. I grew up riding horses, and I finally found a place convenient to ride. I had explored stables in Sandy and West Jordan, but I spent more time commuting. I really looked at this location as a God-spent blessing. However, one person's justification for land use is not a compelling reason to determine public policy. However, if you take my story, and multiply it by the numerous boarders and students at Serendipity Stables, you have a new perspective. Then you must multiply the score of riders that use the facility daily—rain, snow, or sleet. This is not a seasonal hobby. This is not occasional use based on a spontaneous mood. The riders are dedicated and utilizing the property to full capacity. This is one of the last open spaces in the valley. Once gone, it can never be replaced. Public land must be not just planned for the present but future needs. A limited resource like Holladay Lions Park is one legacy that can be passed onto the next generation. Sue Hall is a great steward of the land. She is dedicated to maintaining the property to standard few could do. I visit soccer fields covered with litter, playgrounds covered with graffiti, and land turned into concrete wastelands. Hopefully the board realizes that conserving not utilizing land is the only decision.
- I'm a member of Serendipity Stables and would like to ensure that its role in the community continues for many years to come. Serendipity Stables has been an incredible part of my life for 10 years, and everyday I see how it benefits every child and adult who is a part of the stables. Personally, I have gained a strong work ethic, communication skills, and confidence through my work at Serendipity. I learned that I enjoy teaching children (I am one of the student riding instructors) and this realization is helping to guide my decisions as I prepare to enter college next fall. The Stables is also very beneficial for my physical well being' team sports such as soccer and basketball were not my strong suit, and horseback riding offered me an excellent opportunity to remain physically and mentally fit, as it does for many people. Through the children I teach at the Stables I see how access to horses benefits them; I see shy children come out of their shell and gain friends, children with self-esteem issues increase their confidence dramatically, and I am told by the parents how their skills their children obtain through horseback riding helps them address issues in other parts of their life. Serendipity Stables is important to so many people, and its removal would be detrimental to many parts of the community.
- Concern: Three years ago at a county park master plan meeting we were promised that we would receive individual letters concerning status changes, etc. To date I have received nothing. Most of us at that meeting are still actively using the park but were not given any heads up on this open house. Hopefully, you really do want as much public input as possible. Please continue to use the Holladay Lions Area as an equestrian use area. We cannot emphasize enough how beneficial this activity is to both the individuals and the community as a whole.
- I would like to see the dog park and marsh area near the Equestrian Center at Holladay Lions area. There are sooo few areas that are open and peaceful in the city areas. I live next door to the park and would not want to see more baseball, soccer fields with lights, cars and loud groups of people. I like walking my dog there and seeing the horses too and watching what goes on at the park. There is also a variety of birds that go there if the marsh area is gone they go away too. It's nice to see the trees. I've seen fox running around in there. Please keep this area peaceful place!!

- I currently use the Brighton Equestrian Center horse riding as I don't own my own horse. The facility provides classes learning how to have willing relationships with horses which has helped me and others have better relationships with people. The Meet the Mustangs classes are open to public and provide non horse owners the chance to be around horses. There are fewer places for horse owners to go in the valley and non horse owners who enjoy being around horses. The kids camps help teach children responsibility and work ethics, building relationships and being outside. I live in Holladay and can walk to the Equestrian Center so also utilize the dog walking path and park which is also nice to have in the city. It doesn't seem that these things are costing the city or county any money, as it would if something else had to be built there.
- I think the Hillview Basin Area should be off leash dog park! Keep Brighton Meadows Equestrian Center!
- The equestrian activities enhance and maintain the Holladay uniqueness. More people travel long distances to enjoy the horse activities. Hillview area should be an off leash dog area.
- Brighton Meadows provides a rare and unique experience with our wild horses . It provides a place for children to experience classes.
- I want to see all areas to maintain its diversity of dog park, equestrian center, a place for people, animals and nature! Maintain wetlands –
- I want to see the future plans preserve the dog park and Brighton Meadows equestrian center as it exists now.
- What an amazing experience to escape traffic, crowds, cement, housing . . . and experience this little oasis of cooling grass, trees, the magic of mustang horses, see the classes at Brighton Meadows with the children as I walk the park path. Mustangs – they capture excitement and curiosity in people. Brighton Meadows provides a RARE experience with the horses. Mustangs are getting edged out of existence. Don't take this away—this equestrian center from the mustangs. Don't edge out the natural habitat for people of this area. Horses, people, nature is getting choked out by the progress of the almighty dollar.
- I board my horse at Brighton Meadows and support the programs there. Future use ought to be the same as existing use. This is a home for mustangs (wild horses) that are gentled and used as schooling horses for children. I am concerned about preserving the existing natural habitat: all of its forms. I want to protect the natural wetlands through managed leases. This area is crucial to keep preserved (Holladay Lions Park) in addition to the other parks - No further building and destruction of valuable natural habitat!
- I am a law abiding citizen of Holladay and when I walk in the Holladay Lions County Park I am not allowed to walk off-leash. I and many dog owners police the park all hours of the day rain or shine. We pick up litter, other people's dogs poop, watch for any activity that would be illegal—drugs, alcohol. If an area for dog owners cannot be arranged within this area then me would be willing to respect and share the park during particular hours set for those of us that are responsible dog owners. I think the county needs to look at better accommodations in all the parks for all the citizens that have dogs. The existing parks are barren and disgusting places to go enjoy time with our animals. My ultimate dream would be to designate the entire wetlands and wooded area OFF LEASH. It cannot be developed for sports, etc.

- I am interested in off-leash dog parks in the Holladay area. Right now we have use of Millcreek Canyon only on odd days and Parley's Gully of which we are losing more space due to the Pratt Trail. Families & children have use of every park and every canyon in Utah every day or every year. The dog owner has very limited access to off-leash areas. We like to be able to recreate with our dogs just the same as parents with their children. Too many of us, our dogs are our children and we treat them as such. We need parks that are "au naturale" and not just man-made postage size areas that breed disease as they are over-run with too many dogs and most are just dirt without trees and running water. Owners are not able to recreate and get any exercise when walking our dogs in areas like these. Dogs love to go to the park even though they have large back yards at home to play. They like to go run, sniff, pick-up their emails and leave messages for other friends. This makes for happy and healthy canines and as a big user group, we should not be overlooked as our wants should be heard. Please HELP US and listen. Also, the horses should stay!
- Enjoy walking my dog on leash in informal dog trails. The benefit is walking dog on beautiful tree lined trails with a natural feel. Personally I don't care if on leash or off as long as the area is not developed—no lights, no large groups, seeing the horses.
- Taking classes at Brighton Meadows stables. The only place to work with horses on the ground; to explore non verbal communication and to develop willing relationships with Mustangs. To see first hand the wisdom and sensitivity of the wild Mustang. No other activity . . . no other place offers this environment and this experience. There are very few places at this convenient of a location that have horses and none that have Mustangs with this focus.
- Holladay Lions Area - I take classes at Brighton Meadows. I don't have horse. There are only a few places that have horses in SLC. But no other that have these specific experiences. Working on the ground with the Mustangs.
- Holladay Lions Area - I love walking my dog through the tree lined dirt trails alongside of the horses. There are so few spaces that are open. Not event oriented and crowded. The natural sounds of the birds in the marsh. My kids enjoy the natural walk with a brief break at the playground. I am okay with it being an on or off leash. But would like an off leash option somewhere—like Hillview Area.
- I think the horses should stay. It adds a country touch in the city where a lot of children don't get to see horses.
- Brighton Meadows - It is a very pleasant place to walk, run. I mainly run there several times a week and would not like to see much changed. In fact cannot think of anything worth changing. But one thing—As some of the trees are cut down can they be replaced?
- Parks Generally - More natural unmaintained areas would be good.
- We currently use the natural areas of the Holladay Lions area for walking, bird watching and such things. We would like to preserve their use. 2. We also use the stables that lease the county land and we want that use to continue. 3. We would like the baseball fields to continue at the Big Cottonwood area.

- Holladay Lions Park: I would love to see the horse property remaining as it is. It is great to see the natural habitat, where you can see foxes and other animals. The owner of Serendipity Stables provides extremely valuable services to disabled children (for free) by giving them the opportunity to engage with and ride horses. I myself a child psychiatrist have been referring appropriate children to her. The owner also maintains the property with the help of volunteers, providing to them outdoor experiences.
- There needs to be an off leash open space within this project. It doesn't need to be fancy!!! Just an open area dogs can run free for the people in this area. The Holladay Lions area looks best for dog usage. It doesn't need to be fancy like the Sandy dog park. It needs to be fences for the horses.
- The Holladay-Lions area is adjacent to my home. I like the improvements that have been made, but also strongly favor keeping the undeveloped areas undeveloped. The few remaining wetlands and natural areas add to the good quality of life we enjoy in Holladay. I like the open spaces and wooded areas with walking trails. I also like the horses. All of this gives Holladay its unique and special feel. Please don't develop the open spaces, wooded areas or wetlands. Thanks for keeping the quality of life and the value of our homes high.
- I was under the impression that some of the people involved in this process were focused on eliminating much or all of the horse property in the area. Tonight, everyone I met seemed not to feel that way. I look forward to participating in this process because although I don't live in Holladay I do live in SL County and we use many county facilities.
- I appreciate the diversity of the available activities and facilities. I sincerely hope that the horse facilities continue to be represented in the future. Please feel free to contact me for any additional comment or input. And please notify me of all future meetings regarding the plans for the park areas.
- After an intense review' it is my opinion that Holladay and its surrounding communities need further research. Creating a long term plan (20-30) years in creating a multi environmental use program. We currently enjoy dog, horse and public access conveniently by bike and foot trails. Looking toward the future we already know that "more" urban family areas need to be protected. I hesitate to think that Holladay may one day lose the alternatives family area s to development. We need to protect the Holladay Lions area from future development particularly multi-dwelling uses. Condo, apartment and professional plazas should be, in my opinion, saved for the more highly traveled areas. Bring to date those properties that have fallen to disrepair—particularly the old Cottonwood Mall Areas and surrounding retail area. Combining wetland, Equestrian leases. We need to create a legacy of old Holladay for generations to come. Many communities are trying to artificially create what we already have.
- Very concerned – Mega concerned about keeping balanced uses in the SL area. Sports is ONLY one part of life and many people (me included) do not play sports. Horse activities may be less in # but there are also less facilities. THIS IS IT. Please preserve this opportunity.
- I've lived next to the park for 18 years—and love the unstructured open space in the Holladay Lions portion of the park. People enjoy many creative activities that they can't do elsewhere, that require space and unobstructed property—remote control planes, fishing, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, kite flying, rocket launching. Instead of athletic field, we'd like to see the open, natural space preserved. The athletic fields at Big Cottonwood Area are great—I'd like to see the structured athletics stay in that area. Often I hear that the park is underused. As a neighbor that has a view of the park, I can tell you that many

"communities" of users exist—walkers, dog walkers, remote airplane flyers, medieval war players. These are groups that use the park on a regular basis and probably not be able to find other space.

- Please keep the horses!—Everyone loves them as they walk, ski, run, or snowshoe past. My son has become an avid rider—an interest has developed out of his exposure to the horses in the park. He grew up taking apples and carrots out to the horses. Our family knew nothing about horses. He would not have had nay exposure had he not seen them in the park. Thanks to Serendipity Stables, he has a life-long source of recreation. We already have plenty of athletic fields. Let's provide recreational opportunities to residents interested in more unstructured, non-competitive activities.
- We'd like to see the existing facilities maintained! The pond and water features by the playground has never filled and thrown correctly.
- I currently use many of the parks. My family sleds on the pavilion hill at Creekside, softball leagues at Big Cottonwood, kids play soccer at Hillview and Holladay Lions, play softball at LDS property near Holladay Lions, play at the parks at Holladay Lions, enjoy the foxes, pheasants, snakes, lakes, quails, geese, raccoons, birds and horses in the undeveloped Serendipity Stables in my back yard. We love the horses! We looked all over the county for a place to build our dream home. We found 1/2 acre on 4620 S. and 1725 E. It is an oasis in the busy city. Please consider using tax money to improve and maintain the existing parks, trim trees, improve trail systems, so that those who live here will stay here and not move to out lying areas. We love this location, my kids love the schools. Thanks for your consideration.
- There are so few areas in the Holladay and Millcreek areas that are left as natural green space. I would like to see these main areas stay as natural as possible. Where else can the youth learn skills such as horse back riding without having to travel "way out west" (Herriman etc).I would hope those who currently lease property form the county to run their horses would be allowed to continue. Restricting or changing this use would severely impact so many people's livelihood and recreation. There are so many wild animals in this area (Holladay Lions specifically) that changing the use to more public usage would destroy t his ecosystem. We moved to this area specifically because of the old established trees and wildlife and horses that surround.
- As far as the wetland and park area in the Holladay Lion Park, more attention could be made to keeping the pond cleaner. The best use of land would be to continue with the managed lease use. These leasee's are those who care most about keeping the green space safe and abundant. We would gladly be a part of a community clean up program to help maintain the areas.
- It is my hope that the Brighton Meadows and adjoining equestrian pasture land be left in place as it is my experience that right in the middle of the daily rush hour is a place of sanctuary for mind and body to experience peace and silence which is a rarity in these troubled times. Not only that, the time spent in the midst of our four legged friends is indeed priceless. Please help us preserve this Shangra-la in this place - Brighton Meadows. Let us preserve the wetland we do not need any more development, in structures, condos, retirement homes, etc. The land is precious to all of us . . . we've lost too much of what this valley has been to all of us (old timers) and preserve it for the upcoming generations.
- Having been involved in riding horses since the old days of Valley View Stables at the tope 1700 South, I know the constant loss of area to ride. At present there are few stables between Bountiful and Sandy. More important as a regular stable visitor I can tell you that Serendipity is constantly in use by people of all ages. There are few times of the day when the area is not in use. The value of this establishment is a constant and important factor in future planning.

- We live west of the Holladay Lions Area. We bought our house because of the open green space.
- We use most of the Big Cottonwood Areas. Cottonwood Park—playgrounds, complex softball fields, hills to sled in the winter. We use the LDS ball fields when open, because no close fields are available. You might consider upgrading Hillview's Little League park or building to a new one. Boys and girls at ballparks stay out of trouble. You should also allow leagues to practice at the Holladay Lions field. We do not ride horses, but you should keep the equestrian areas. It's a wonderful and rare resource in the area. We walk in the wetlands and love the wildlife (birds, skunks, etc.). A few more trails might be good. Don't make a road from 45th to Murray Holladay. Could make a fishing pond out of the duck pond near Holladay Lions. We love the expansion to Holladay Lions. We also enjoy the Disk Park. Please don't sell any green space to developers. Its vital to the health and well being and environment of the community. But its also critical to the kids to let them grow up with constructive positive and healthy activities rather than creating gangs, tagging, etc.
- Currently I utilize almost every one of the parks shown here tonight. My biggest concern would be losing any green space at all with any proposed development. Keep the space open as much as possible and concentrate on cleaning and beautifying each and every site with natural landscaping. Maybe a bike path around the circumference of the stables and the Hillview Basin. Possibly a fitness trail. How about a bocce ball, horseshoe pit. Whatever you do, DO NOT make the road a thru street on 1500 East.
- Lives nearby Holladay Lions Park ... Trail around Lions Park perimeter would be nice. A nice bark path for walking (like around Dimple Dell). Would like to see access for policing the area behind Albertson's. Wooded area behind the Senior Center—would like to see it more open to discourage bad behaviors Would hate to see 1590 East opened /connect 4500 South to Murray Holladay as well as a connection between Highland Drive to interior of the park (concerned about attracting a lot of traffic from multiple directions into the interior of the park)
- I do not own a horse but would like to see the horses remain in Holladay Park. I do not own a dog but enjoy the park and the dogs. Pond needs cleaning and brush needs trimming and cleaning.
- We live next to the horses and would love to see them stay. We bought the land next to Sue Hall because of the horses.
- We need some area set aside for an off leash dog section in this proposal of parks. A place large enough for sporting dogs to run. It needs to be fences so horses and dogs don't accidentally run on to each other. Some trees would be nice so its not too hot. It doesn't need to be fancy with all the amenities of the Sandy dog park.
- Anyone who spends time at the Holladay Lions Park will know that most of the patrons are walking dogs. Dogs need to be allowed to stay. This is an important current and future use of this park.
- Mtn. bike trails. Clean up vegetation and garbage.
- I love horseback riding at Brighton Meadows and I want Brighton Meadows to stay.

- Be sure to include USU Extension Service input for best equine management practices.
- As a taxpayer I am appalled by the suggestion to expand soccer fields, particularly when nearby public school fields remain unused after school. I am in favor of continued use of county land by Serendipity Stables and Brighton Meadows. I enjoy walking through the park and having my niece and nephew be exposed to the various animals that share the park with us. They are also so excited when they get to see the horses and I would much rather my tax money be going to more parks like that than another soccer field.
- We are writing to express our concern regarding plans to expand soccer fields in this park when there are nearby public school fields that are unused after school hours. There are hundreds of soccer fields in the county and as taxpayers we would like to see the diversity in the park system remain with continued protection of this regional park which presents a nature area shared by hikers and horse back riders who enjoy the wildlife of the park. We are in favor of continued use of the county land by Serendipity Stables and Brighton Meadows. Please work more aggressively with the schools to come to a compromise to put fields already available into use instead of taking away another of our delightful outdoor areas.
- As a county resident (I own a home in Canyon Rim), I am appalled at the discussion and plans to destroy Big Cottonwood Regional Park, and its natural state, resident wildlife and adjoining equestrian resources, with the expansion of yet more soccer fields. I not only regularly bird watch and take my disabled son for walks through the park, one of the last vestiges of nature in our urban sprawl, but also board my horse at Serendipity Stables, where my son and others benefit from therapeutic riding and spending time in nature, experiences otherwise sorely lacking in our community. We don't need more soccer and baseball fields! Especially in this economy with the crisis crippling necessary human-services programs of local governments including Salt Lake County, it makes no fiscal sense to destroy a wild, self-sustaining urban ecosystem to replace it with more resource-sucking facilities, pavement, and artificial lawns that will require maintenance, security, lighting, fertilizer, pesticides and water. As businesses and non-profits are finding it necessary to do in this troubled economy, I instead implore you and other decision-makers to be creative in utilizing, sharing, and maximizing existing resources to satisfy needs for multiple uses like soccer and other lawn games, i.e. school grounds when not in use. Please don't eliminate or compromise the last remaining islands of wild areas and equestrian parks on the east side of the County!
- I am a resident of Salt Lake County and own a home near Emerson School. As a taxpayer I am appalled by the suggestion to expand soccer fields, particularly when nearby public school fields remain unused after school. It seems a double expenditure of resources to build more soccer fields, when many existing fields go unused and under utilized.
- I am in favor of continued use of county land by Serendipity Stables and Brighton Meadows-as it adds a small but welcome sight of wetlands and a resource that is not available anywhere else in this central urban landscape.
- I was given your names as contact persons regarding the Master Planning Process for Holladay. One area of particular concern to me is the plans for the Big Cottonwood Regional Park. Currently there are two horse stables, Serendipity Stables and Brighton Meadows, utilizing leased county land located in that particular area. These two stables are the only horse stables on the east side of Salt Lake City. I understand that there is a growing need for soccer fields and that this area is being considered as future soccer needs. However, I do not see the need to build more soccer fields in the area when there are multiple schools nearby that could be used after school for that purpose. It makes better financial sense to utilize what is already in place before building new structures/areas and leaving the existing school grounds unused. As a

taxpayer, I am appalled by the suggestion to expand soccer fields, particularly when nearby public school fields remain unused after school. I am in favor of continued use of county lands by Serendipity Stables and Brighton Meadows.

- I am writing in response to the Big Cottonwood Regional Park Master Plan. I missed the April 28th open house but want to communicate my feelings on this space. I literally grew up at Serendipity Stables. I spend my non-school hours riding Serendipity horses until I was lucky enough to buy my own and then I traded labor for part of my monthly board dues. It was at Serendipity that I developed an appreciation for the natural world and open space. My daughter is having a similar experience now at Brighton Meadows Equestrian Center. Both of these facilities make excellent use of the space they occupy, their operations are top notch and so very unique in the middle of our city. Please don't let the pressure of development compromise the equine functions of the Holladay Lions area. This is a very special part of our city and my own world. Thank you for your time!
- Please keep Brighton Meadows Equestrian Center and the horses. It means a lot to this community and we do not want to lose it.
- Please consider keeping the Brighton Meadows Equestrian Center at the park. The horses have made a considerable difference in my life and in the lives of others including children. The center is in such a great location and offers a variety of workshops, training, riding lessons and camps for kids. It would be a great loss not to have this available.
- We currently use the wooded area (highlighted on map) northwest of the Senior Center for walking, jogging and walking the dog. Please do not disturb this natural area, it's a great place to get away from the structured areas that surround it. The dogs love it as do the birds and other varmints that inhabit the area. We have so few of these areas, and it's so convenient to the neighborhood. I'm sure it takes very little maintenance and no improvements would be necessary. Thanks for your consideration.
- Leave it as is. This area is unique in wildlife. We have fox all kinds of birds and mammals. To destroy any of it including the horse stables would be wrong. Remember when it's gone you can't bring it back. And make it no leash.
- Holladay Lions Area: The use of the property for equestrian purposes is such a beautiful and unique resource for our community and is indispensable for us to have as a contrast to all the sports facilities, etc. It would be beneficial to have a public restroom somewhere north of the baseball fields.
- Big Cottonwood Area: Please leave "the bowl" south of the softball fields. It is great for pick-up soccer games; the upkeep of the grass could be improved . . . (i.e. leveled, seeded, etc.). Hillview Basin Area: Does not provide any service to the public—if any area could be focused on this would be it.
- I would like to see the balance stay the same as it is now. More sports areas infringe upon those in the areas that don't have it now. It would be a crime to lose more open area and nature walks to more sports areas.
- There are so few places of peace left anymore—especially ones with unique animal life and horses. I know the people in hospice care appreciate the pastoral setting. My son and his friends played soccer for a while when they were young and quickly tired of it. My daughter has ridden horses on this property for 22 years—by comparison. She has given lessons and worked with blind riders, the emotionally handicapped

and the physically handicapped. Troubled people can bond with horses when they can't bond with people—it's a wonderful thing to do for our community. I have watched pots lie this become subdivision ball parks etc. There are so few places like this. I think it would be a tragic loss for this to be taken for anything else. If you live in the city and want to ride a horse you have to drive to Park City or American Fork to even find a horse anymore. Even New York City has room for Central Park! Thank you for permitting this wonderful experience and bit things to Sue Hall too. Please keep it the way it is.

- I support the continued leasing of land for equestrian use. I started riding at Serendipity Stables in 1987 and I still board my horse there. This has been an extraordinary place to ride and keep horses, and has been an enormous part of my life. At Serendipity Stables we can keep our horses outside rather than in stalls. I have found that my horses do better in this situation. Because it is a residential neighborhood we have always tried to keep things a clean and make sure the neighbors were not negatively impacted. Horse property is becoming scarce especially barns like Serendipity Stables where horses are not confined to stalls. Utah has a rural heritage that should be preserved. I have spent many years with horses and I would love to be able to continue to board at this facility. As a side not a hospice employee told me their patients "get a kick out of watching us." Please consider allowing us to continue to have this amazing place right in Holladay. We all appreciate having had it for t his long, and would love to continue to ride here.
- Please retain existing equestrian facilities and uses. We have enough soccer fields! A broad range of activities and uses is desirable! In addition, Brighton Meadows Stable adopts wild mustangs for its school use, which benefits both the animals and public lands. Brighton also leases space to individual horse owners who otherwise would not be able to keep a horse.
- There is a very vibrant indoor volleyball community with many teenage girls and boy participating in competitive leagues. Unfortunately there are very few places for them to play east of I-15. Inclusion of indoor and outdoor volleyball facilities would be a great help to the volleyball community.
- Overnight camping such as the area behind Wheeler Farm. Fire pits only. Leveled areas for tents. Encourage Holladay City, Millcreek Township, Salt Lake County, etc. to host community get-togethers, i.e. 4th and 24th of July celebrations, Memorial Day, Veterans Day. Outdoor swimming pools. Hiking/biking trails on perimeter of parks including the equestrian areas. 3 walled racquetball courts found in parks across the country (or handball). [20' high concrete; ponywall (4th wall) to catch loose balls]. Skate parks. Amphitheaters. Facilities for outdoor movies
- I appreciate your interest in accommodating varying user groups though I do feel you should consider some space for off leash dogs. There is a huge need for space for this user group and SL County does not provide adequate space for this use. The pavilion north of the softball complex is difficult to access. Particularly for seniors and repairs are definitely needed. Please repair and update the power outlets in the pavilion. A balance between programmed and passive areas is important. I understand the need for playing fields but areas should not be completely programmed. Changes could be made to the current reservation system to allow unincorporated residents priority in their neighborhood county parks just as some neighboring cities reserve their parks for their residents.
- As a county taxpayer, I am very opposed to further development of this natural urban area and the inevitable destruction of nature, marshlands, habitat and wildlife it would cause. I also board my horse at beautiful Serendipity Stables, where my disabled son and I participate in therapeutic riding, which helps him speak and ambulate. Please leave the natural areas and surrounding equestrian resources (the only left on the east side) as is, as there are plentiful soccer and ball fields already. Please be created in you plan to

share existing resources (existing parks, fields, lawn areas and school grounds) for resource-sucking soccer fields.

- I live in Sandy-Midvale area. Been walking my 2 (large) dogs here for 2 years. I am handicapped so Tanner Park is too difficult to use. The new park on 1006 South (approximately) is also quite steep and the unleashed area not large enough for the amount of dogs. So the (ONLY) area left is here. People usually clean up the debris. I've taken many beautiful photos. This is the (ONLY) place left where there are critters (WILD) pheasants, geese, etc. to locate. What a shame to destroy the last of the WILD AREA located in the City. Yes Utah is (family) state but many of us without a family of children also have a family of dogs and horses! It's important to think about the animals without a voice to vote! Share existing resources. Use the unused parks already in existence. Please leave things well enough alone. I have NEVER seen any illegal action—drugs/alcohol or strange people here. Yes, more parks, more money from the economy, more bug sprays, more killing the environment.
- My daughter has been riding at Serendipity Stables for 5 yrs. Please keep Serendipity Stables open and available for all the children and rider who use this equestrian park. They really need it and my daughter would be crushed if it was shut down or no longer operation. Sue Hall has done a wonderful service to the community with her stables and riding lessons. Please keep Serendipity Stables open for us. Thank you!
- Please consider being nice neighbors—right now traffic noise, soccer noise, headlights all affect neighbors on 4620 S. They have taken all trees out of the area north of the Recreation Center. We cannot enjoy a QUIET evening/afternoon/morning in our backyards. Headlights of cars shine in our bedroom windows as cars travel on road north of the Recreation Center. I welcome you to a BBQ in my backyard to hear the soccer claps, whistles, car alarms, and traffic noise. Build up a berm behind our houses on 4620 South. Trees, sound wall . . . something. 4620 South is a dead end street. Please keep it this way. We already have a severe speeding problem on our street. Have sent letter to road dept. for SOME KIND OF SPEED CONTROL FOR OUR STREET.
- The noise from Lions can be bad. Soccer, baseball. Please plant many trees between 4620 S. and the Lions. Maintain the horse riding at Serendipity. No thru traffic on 4620 S. Remove speed bumps in east drive where the cars come in. The lights flash our bedroom.
- I currently frequent the pool at Holladay Lions. I take my children to the playgrounds at all 3 areas—Creekside, Big Cottonwood and Holladay Lions. My older children frequent the Frisbee golf course and we don't want to see that change. My backyard borders the ball diamonds. We love seeing the horses and having open space. Concerns—lots of standing water when it rains. We have a high water table at our house (our backyard is marshy at the low end). I like the open space. I'm wondering what changes you are considering because I like the current uses. The Holladay Lions area should stay as is the pond and birds are wonderful adding baseball diamonds to Creekside is brilliant.
- OPEN SPACE
- Leave the equestrian and drainage water systems. Develop more of the softball Cottonwood complex.
- Please consider the shoreline trail areas as off-leash option (alternate days with Millcreek?) Minimize biker conflict by designating steeper trails such as the trail to "The Furniture" (Living Room) on the ridge above Research Park as "off leash"

- Off leash—would Hillview Basin be an alternative to consider?
- It is disconcerting to me to hear that the equestrian center at Brighton Meadows is slated for replacement/closure for a possible skate park.
- A wonderful facility, the equestrian center provides many people with access to horses and the experiences all too rare in this modern society. If at all possible, I would encourage retaining this valuable facility for now and the future. Surely, another location for a skate park could be found.

- Any off-leash in the master plan?
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- Please consider keeping the Brighton Meadows Equestrian Center and the Horses. This center is a wonderful addition to the area. The services and experiences for those that frequent the Center cannot be replaced. The Equestrian Center pays for itself without any funding. Those of us who love the wild horses enough to save their lives, train them, and take care of them on a daily basis, help contribute to the success of the Equestrian Center. At Brighton Meadows Equestrian Center there are classes for kids and adults. Also Special needs individuals enjoy the activities and classes as well. Many enjoy the various workshops that are also provided. It would be a great lost to many if the Center was forced to closed due to the pending area changes. Please take a moment and consider the benefits that Brighton Meadows Equestrian Center brings to all.