



Bessie Haynes Park Master Plan

Community Engagement Round 2: Refining the Community Vision

Engagement and Input Summary

November 6, 2025

About the Project

The Town of Pecos City has engaged Halff to provide master planning and design services for Bessie Haynes Park, approximately 13.2 acres of land that was the previous site of Bessie Haynes Elementary School. The site is located between East 11th Street, East 12th Street, Mesquite Street and South Locust Street. The primary goal of the planning project is to develop a visionary framework to guide the future development of the park, its programming, facilities, features, general layout, funding requirements and potential implementation strategy through a study site and area context analysis and a robust public engagement process. Community engagement includes two touchpoints, or rounds of engagement, including the introduction of the project and design concept options. Results from this effort shall be used as a roadmap for the future park development, park programming, business operations and management. The master plan will also be used as a promotional tool to generate public interest, support and funding for future parkland development and partnerships.

Engagement Approach and Details

Community Engagement Round 1: Uncovering the Community Vision began in July 2025 and ended in August 2025 (refer Engagement and Input Summary dated August 28, 2025) after which the Design Team prepared two concepts. Community Engagement Round 2 presented those concepts to the public for feedback.

Efforts for Community Engagement Round 2 began in September 2025 and included open house date selection, drafting of survey questions, storyboarding of open house boards, email notifications, updates to the project webpage, posting of project fliers promoting the project. Project outreach materials included a QR code and link to the project webpage, which included project details and an online survey link.

An Open House was held on September 30, 2025 at the Bessie Haynes Park Gymnasium. The meeting was open to all and was conducted in a come and go format with no formal presentation. The objectives of the meeting were to:

- inform the community about the project, tentative schedule, and engagement efforts;
- share existing conditions, opportunities and challenges;
- share preliminary concepts of the master plan;
- invite feedback on the concepts;
- encourage participation in the online survey; and
- share information about next steps.

During the meeting, the project team shared details about the project. Interactive boards were used to determine what participants liked about each concept or what each concept was missing by leaving comments on boards via sticky notes. Participants were provided a link to an

online survey and were encouraged to complete the survey and share it with others in the community.

Feedback from the survey is included in the “survey responses” section.

Participation Summary

The table below includes the times, dates, locations and summary of number of participants at the various engagement opportunities.

Event / Activity Type	Date & Time	Location	Number of Participants
Open House #2	September 30, 2025 6:00-7:30 p.m.	Bessie Haynes Park Gymnasium	12
Online Survey #2	October 1, 2025 to October 15, 2025	Online	138

Input Summary

The survey asked respondents to provide input on a range of questions. The high-level take-aways from survey input are summarized in the table below. Details are available in the survey response section of the report.

The large number of survey participants and comments provided is reflective of the community's interest in Pecos and Bessie Haynes Park. Data received indicates that almost all respondents live within a Pecos ZIP code. Insights from the survey are captured in the “High-level Take-aways” table below. A summary from respondents is available in the survey response section of the report. Full details including all written comments are provided separately to this document.

High-Level Take-aways from Community Engagement Round #1	
Topic Area	Insights
Typical respondent	Nearly all respondents live within a ZIP code that is associated with a Pecos address. Most respondents have lived in Pecos 20 years or more (70.08%) and live more than 1/2 mile from the park (73.73%).

Survey Responses

The online survey had 138 participants, and 138 comments to open ended questions (excluding “How did you hear about this project?” The charts and tables below represent the input received from all respondents to the survey. The project website provides a link to the report of comments received to the open comment questions.

**Q1. Refer Concept A. Which items should be prioritized? You may select up to 4.
(138 Responses/0 Skipped)**

Response	Percent of Responses
Angled street parking	22.46%
Restroom	71.74%
Relocated art installation	4.35%
Multi-use fields (soccer, football, lacrosse, kickball, etc.)	52.17%
Pavilions/picnicking areas	59.42%
Interactive digital wall	7.97%
Bounce house pads w/ electricity	39.86%
Multi-age/all abilities playground (fenced)	60.87%
Spray ground	26.81%
Plaza/gathering space	36.96%
Public/interactive art plaza	10.14%
Dog run/park	26.81%
Covered exercise stations	26.09%
Event lawn/open space	37.68%
Stage plaza	21.01%
Other (please specify)* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sports Courts (pickleball, volleyball, basketball) (6)</i> • <i>Pool (10)</i> • <i>Indoor gym area/play space (2)</i> • <i>Parking for school drop-off (1)</i> • <i>More trees/shade (4)</i> • <i>Running track/walking path (4)</i> • <i>Partial oval event lawn w/ stage (1)</i> • <i>Entertainment (bowling alley/skating rink/game room) (1)</i> 	18.12%
<p>*Not all open-ended responses are included in the list above. Some responses duplicated existing multiple-choice options, while others—such as park furnishings—are already considered as part of detailed park design. Additionally, certain suggestions, including the provision of slides, rope swings, and similar features that imply water access is safe, could pose liability concerns for the City of Pecos.</p>	

**Q2. Refer Concept B. Which items should be prioritized? You may select up to 4.
(138 Responses/0 Skipped)**

Response	Percent of Responses
Angled street parking	23.19%
Restroom	72.46%
Relocated art installation	7.25%
Multi-use fields (soccer, football, lacrosse, kickball, etc.)	55.07%
Pavilions/picnicking areas	67.39%
Interactive digital wall	13.04%
Bounce house pads w/ electricity	42.03%
Multi-age/all ability playground (fenced)	60.14%
Fitness park	31.16%
Multi-use courts (basketball, tennis, pickleball, etc.)	65.94%
Social games (table tennis, horseshoes, washers, etc.)	49.28%
Other (please specify)* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sports Courts (pickleball, volleyball, basketball) (4)</i> • <i>Pool (13)</i> • <i>Parking for school drop-off (1)</i> • <i>More trees/shade (3)</i> • <i>Running track/walking path (3)</i> • <i>Concert stage (1)</i> • <i>Entertainment (bowling alley/skating rink/game room) (1)</i> 	18.12%
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**Q3. How important is it for the following facilities to be included in Bessie Haynes Park?
(137 Responses/1 Skipped)**

Response	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Neutral	Somewhat Unimportant	Not Important at all
Angled street parking	29.41%	29.41%	16.91%	12.50%	11.76%
Restroom	80.88%	14.71%	2.21%	1.47%	0.74%
Relocated art installation	3.79%	15.15%	40.15%	15.15%	25.76%
Multi-use fields (soccer, football, lacrosse, kickball, etc.)	38.81%	41.79%	11.19%	5.22%	2.99%
Pavilions/picnicking areas	55.97%	35.82%	4.48%	2.24%	1.49%
Interactive digital wall	6.82%	19.70%	36.36%	13.64%	23.48%
Bounce house pads w/ electricity	29.10%	36.57%	16.42%	5.22%	12.69%

Multi-age/all abilities playground (fenced)	70.45%	19.70%	6.06%	2.27%	1.52%
Spray ground	23.48%	33.33%	27.27%	6.82%	9.09%
Plaza/gathering space	49.24%	37.12%	7.58%	3.03%	3.03%
Public/interactive art plaza	12.03%	23.31%	36.09%	12.78%	15.79%
Dog run/park	19.04%	25.37%	18.66%	14.18%	22.39%
Covered exercise stations	20.90%	36.57%	22.39%	6.72%	13.43%
Event lawn/open space	40.15%	39.39%	12.88%	3.03%	4.55%
Stage plaza	26.32%	38.35%	21.80%	6.77%	6.77%
Fitness park	21.80%	34.59%	24.06%	3.01%	16.54%
Multi-use courts (basketball, tennis, pickleball, etc.)	55.22%	34.33%	5.97%	0.75%	3.73%
Social games (table tennis, horseshoes, washers, etc.)	34.59%	39.85%	12.78%	7.52%	5.26%

NOTES:

1. *Green text indicates that one side of the spectrum (i.e. important or unimportant) received 50% more votes than the opposite side of the spectrum. Orange text indicates only a slight lead.*

Q4. Rank in order of preference the following types of trails:

(130 Responses/8 Skipped)

Trail Type	1	2	3	Total	Score
Maintained gravel trails	24.62%	42.31%	33.08%	130	1.92
Paved hike and bike trails	54.62%	33.08%	12.31%	130	2.42
Natural earth hiking trails	20.77%	24.62%	54.62%	130	1.66

Q5. What types of social games would you like to see at Bessie Haynes Park? Select all that apply. (125 responses/13 Skipped)

Answer Choices	Percent of Responses
Table Tennis	44.00%
Cornhole	74.40%
Washers	40.00%
Horseshoes	38.40%
Gaga ball	4.00%
Tether ball	62.40%
Bocce	4.80%
Foursquare	28.00%
Other (please specify)	11.20%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pickleball (6) • Tennis (1) • Volleyball (1) • Frisbee Golf (1) • Swimming Pool (2) • Chess/Checkers (1) 	

*Not all open-ended responses are included in the list above.
Some responses duplicated existing multiple-choice options,

while others—such as walking/running track—are already considered as part of detailed park design.	
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Q6. Is there anything the planning team should keep in mind while finalizing the park concept? (55 Responses/83 Skipped)

Due to the large number of responses (55), a summary is provided below. Full responses can be found on the project website, where a link to the report of comments received to the open comment questions is posted.

- Natural Preservation:** Very few respondents emphasized the importance of keeping Bessie Haynes Park as natural as possible, preserving its beauty and minimizing human impact.
- Safety Enhancements:** Suggestions included enhanced lighting for better visibility and security for vandalism prevention.
- Accessibility:** There were multiple calls to make the park more accessible, including wheelchair access, more parking, and pedestrian-friendly pathways, especially for disabled and elderly residents.
- Facilities and Amenities:** Respondents suggested adding or improving facilities such as the running track and potential water features of various scales.
- Environmental Concerns:** Very few concerns were raised about potential pollution and overcrowding if too many amenities are added.
- Parking Issues:** Parking was a common concern, with suggestions to improve parking options for drop-off and pick-up for the school nearby.
- Recreational Activities:** There were many calls for adding sports courts, emphasizing a need for them to be covered, fenced, & well lit.
- Community Involvement:** Respondents appreciated the opportunity to provide input and emphasized the importance of considering community needs and preferences in the final plan.
- Maintenance and Cleanliness:** Ensuring the park remains clean and well-maintained was a priority for many respondents.

Q7. How close do you live to Bessie Haynes Park? (137 responses/1 Skipped)

Response	Percent of Responses
Less than ¼ mile	19.71%
Between ¼ to ½ mile	6.57%
Between ½ mile to 1 mile	16.06%
Between 1 to 2 miles	31.39%
More than 2 miles	26.28%

Q8. How long have you lived in Pecos? Select one. (137 responses/1 Skipped)

Response	Percent of Responses
Less than 5 years	8.76%
5-10 years	9.49%
11-20 years	10.95%

21-30 years	20.44%
More than 30 years	49.64%
I do not live in Pecos	0.73%

Q9. How did you hear about this project? (135 responses/3 Skipped)

Response	Percent of Responses
Social Media (Instagram, Facebook, Etc.)	80.74%
Friend, family or neighbor	6.67%
E-Newsletter from the City of Pecos	2.22%
City of Pecos Website	8.89%
Flyer	0.00%
Other (please specify)*	1.48%
• Newspaper (1)	
• TOPC email (1)	

Q10. In which category is your age? Select one. (137 responses/1 Skipped)

Response	Percent of Responses
Under 18	0.73%
18-24	6.57%
25-34	35.77%
35-44	37.23%
45-54	10.22%
55-64	5.84%
65-74	3.65%
75+	0.00%

Q11. Do any children 17 or under live in your household? (137 responses/1 Skipped)

Response	Percent of Responses
Yes	70.80%
No	29.20%