

**RICKI RUIZ**

City of Gresham



# GRESHAM - ROCKWOOD

- ▶ 29 Developed & Undeveloped Parks in the City
  - ▶ Have playgrounds
  - ▶ Basketball Courts
    - ▶ Fields
  - ▶ Picnic Areas
  - ▶ Disc Golf

# AN ISSUE

- ▶ Lack of additional attention in the parks
  - ▶ Lack of population
  - ▶ Lack of unused land



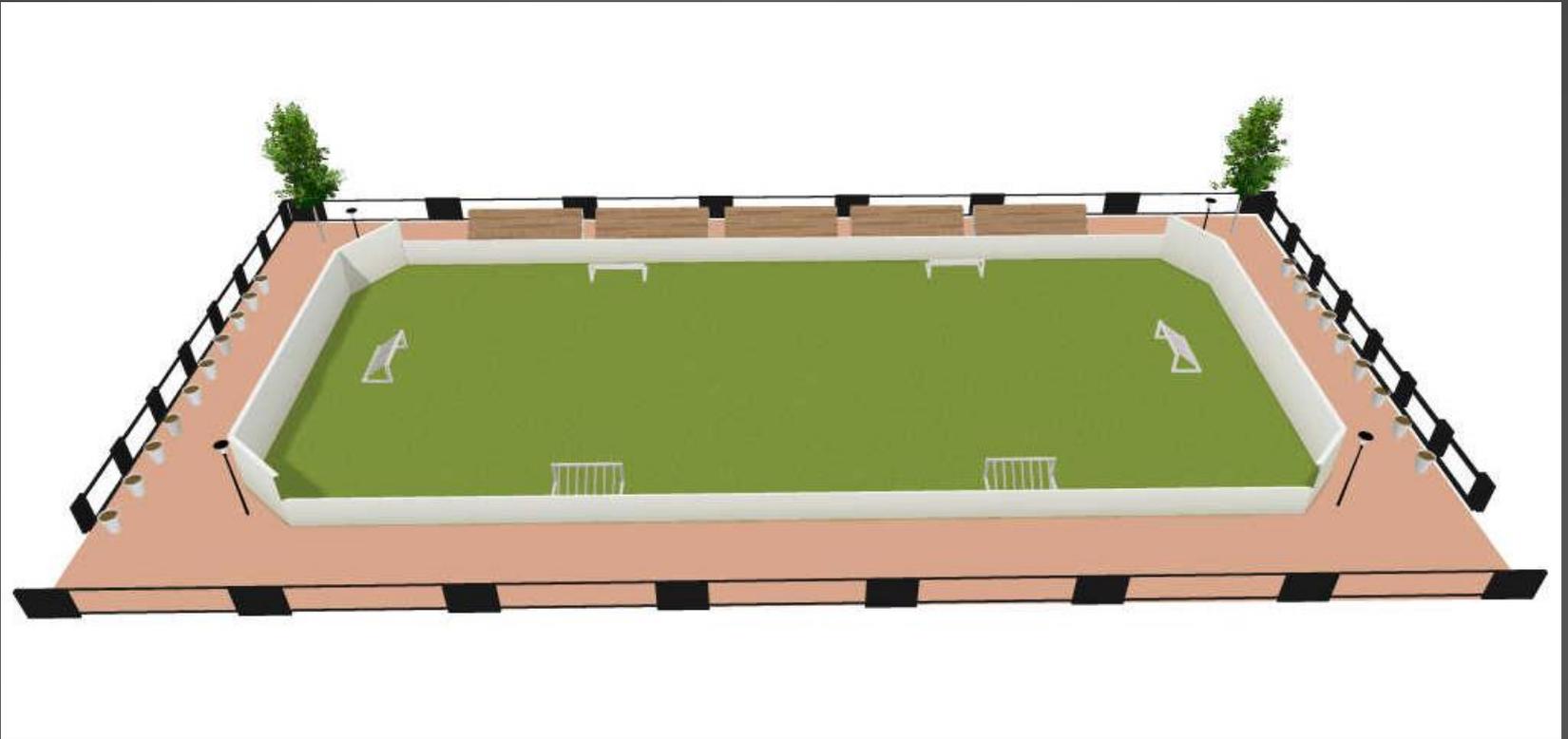
Vance Park – 1400 SE 182<sup>nd</sup> Ave

# ISSUES WITH VANCE

- ▶ Lack of park attendance
  - ▶ Crimes
    - ▶ Drug Dealing
- ▶ An outdoor roller skating rink



# THE DREAM



# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

► Partnerships with...

ADIDAS

PORTLAND TIMBERS

CITY OF GRESHAM

MULTNOMAH COUNTY

ROCKWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOC.

AC PORTLAND

PROVIDENCE

U.S. SOCCER FOUNDATION

AND MORE...

Funds:

\$15,000 GRANT FROM U.S. SOCCER  
FOUNDATION

\$8,000 GRANT FROM THE CITY OF  
GRESHAM

\$90,000 FROM THE REST







▶ SNAKE COURT:

SPORTS – Offer sports programs to the underserved

NEIGHBORHOOD – Outreach to neighborhood in need

ACTION – Perform hands on work

KNOWLEDGE – Learn and teach the dynamics of self discipline, team work, and health

EMPOWERMENT – Impact the served population to pursue higher education, high leveled athletics, and community service

# SNAKE COURT POPULATION

Based off volunteers, local business owners, and participants, the average weekly attendance of the site are:

**September to October – 700 – 800 Per Week**

**October to November – 450 – 550 Per Week**

**November to December – 300 – 400 Per Week**

Numbers gathered from day by day attendance averaging it through the week.



# MOVING FORWARD

- ▶ Davis Court – One small size futsal court at Davis Park adjacent to Davis Elementary
  - ▶ Construction begins late May
  - ▶ Open to the public July 21<sup>st</sup>



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COME