

Dogwood Neighborhood Park

Draft Concept Plan Comment Summary

Comment Period: April 13-28, 2010

This is a summary of the verbal and written comments from the April 13, 2010 public meeting, and the written comments submitted through the project Web page April 14-28, 2010. This summary reflects a range of opinions, and is not intended to present a word-for-word transcript.

An updated proposed concept plan will be developed based on neighborhood feedback, program needs, project funding and site requirements. This plan will be mailed to neighbors for final review and input in late May 2010.

Question 1: What do you like about the draft concept plan?

- Separate playgrounds for different age groups
- That most of the property will be kept natural
- Bike/pedestrian paths
- Sidewalk along NE 124th Avenue in front of the park
- That the park will be multi-use/purpose
- Playground equipment
- That the trees will be preserved
- Irrigated open lawn play area
- Benches
- Overall design, layout and content
- Future picnic shelter – would prefer it have electrical outlets
- Location of irrigated open lawn area

Question 2: What do you dislike about the draft concept plan? Is there anything you would change or move?

- Add trash can to southeast entrance.
- Concerned about how easy it will be to maintain the bark path, especially in the rain. Consider using gravel instead.
- Add a small off-leash dog park to the southwest corner, where two sides would already be fenced. Move rain garden to northwest corner to make room for dog park. Would be willing to help pick up dog waste.
- Don't like the asphalt trail's proximity to the housing development on the north side. Would prefer a large loop trail instead.
- Include more informal or natural seating options throughout the park (tractor seats, boulders, logs, etc.).
- Move the two play areas closer together so parents can keep an eye on all their children.

- Don't automatically add screening plants to along the entire northern property line. Ask each neighbor what they'd prefer.
- Add more benches or picnic tables around the toddler play area.
- Add a concrete seat wall (like at Greyhawk Neighborhood Park) to the west side of the older children's play area or on the east side of the path across from it.
- Make sure that paths can be added to the park into future housing developments planned on the west and south sides of the park.
- Include a drinking fountain.
- Neighborhood to the north would be willing to raise funds to install a BBQ grill and/or a horseshoe pit at the picnic area.
- Prefer plastic to wooden benches.
- Don't put ground cover plants under the trees.
- Add a bench along the south side of the woodchip path or next to the rain garden.

Other general comments:

- Choose native deciduous trees and include barriers around the trunks to deter mice and rabbits and prevent damage.
- Prevent any motorized vehicles from accessing the park.
- Don't allow any on-street parking – road is not wide enough.
- Do not include an off-leash dog area.
- Rename the park "Ethel Zeiler Neighborhood Park" after the previous owner who planted and hand-tended the trees in the park back in the 1920s.
- Concerned about how the speed limit currently increases from 25 mph to 40 mph next to the park.

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