

Interested Parties Meeting – April 21, 2016
for
Gans Creek Recreation Area Concession Building and Restrooms

Please comment on what you like or dislike about the proposed concession building and restrooms:

We like the family restroom.

The seating area seems ample for recreational use. Is there a possibility that the seating would be shaded or covered.

The restrooms.

I really liked the idea of having bathrooms out at the park. Portable toilets get nasty and messy very fast. I think it is always a good thing to expand and improve parks or recreation areas for children and events.

I like the idea for additional restrooms, hopefully they're built to keep out mosquitos during the hot weather.

I like the dog park. Is it an off-leash, fenced area?

Will there be lighted fields? There really needs to be to lengthen amount of time you can have games daily. Turf fields should also be considered.

I like the proposed changes to the area. I think it will be a great improvement and will get a lot of use.

I like that the city is developing parks that aren't just paved trails. Please stop paving everything.

I like that there will be real bathrooms instead of park port-a-potties. Tables (especially under shelter to get out of the rain/sun) are great.

What additions or changes would like to see for the proposed concession building and restrooms?

We would like to see a room designated for breast feeding and pumping. If holding long tournaments then it would provide access for somewhere to pump or feed for new mothers.

We would like to see a splash ground for plans in the park's future planning.

I am a little concerned that the best rated fields are the last ones to be installed.

An extra area for food trucks would be nice, to add variety in food choices. I didn't see it noted on the plans but is there water fountains? Access to drinking water would be nice.

The plan is a great plan overall but I agree that there should be some room for at 1 or 2 food trucks. I understand that this may cause issues with space/traffic possibly during the times where there are events going on but I feel that it would be a great thing for out of towners and to help promote the food truck business around Columbia and provide options to the families that do come there and want something other than the concession stand. Not saying the concession stand shouldn't be an option as well but it would be nice to have both.

Is there a need for that many soccer fields? I think another nature sanctuary in Columbia would be a better idea or another disc golf field. Anything that adds more forestry is a good thing versus a field that needs to be cut every 2 weeks. Or adding a playground could work too. In addition, will the concession stand serve any other purpose than on game days? Maybe it can be made accessible to those who want to have birthday parties at the park. If not, I'm for the spacing for food trucks.

I would like to see a golf course! I did not see one.

Not sure how the food concessions will be handled. If there are on-site concessions, or if vendor is by truck, please make sure there are healthy options available. Not everyone likes soda and candy bars. Some kids and their parents actually like fresh fruit and vegetables or healthy smoothies.

Fewer playing fields. Earlier discussions when the tax was proposed talked about an indoor basketball facility with the potential for an indoor track. That would be much better.

I would add in a playground area. Many soccer families travel and attend games together. Siblings and parents would really appreciate having a play area. It will help the concession stand, because families will be less likely to leave to find a fast food area so the little siblings can play.

Please consider food trucks instead of concessions stands at Gans Creek. The concessions stands generally sell food that is not healthy like candy for one thing. For another the food trucks don't require infrastructure. For another thing, the food trucks are interesting and provide a variety of food.