

FAIRVIEW PARK: RENOVATE SHELTER AND NEW PLAYGROUND PROJECT

Interested Parties Meeting: November 21, 2013, 5-7pm, at the ARC

Attendance: 10

Completed Comment Forms: 6

Please comment on what you like or dislike about the proposed potential improvements.

- The best park planners in the state are working on the best little park in town.

- Should not use concrete paths. The parking lot is not necessary. There is plenty of parking.

- I don't think we need the playground. Everything else looks good.

- Would like to see grass pavers rather than concrete on the parking lot and paved trails. Concerned about runoff on concrete which promotes erosion and kids exposed to too much concrete. Would like to see nature themes playground equipment but think it would be neat for kids to actually climb real logs brought in from construction sites elsewhere. If rain gardens are needed butterfly gardens, cattails and sunflowers to attract birds would help offset the paved parking lot. Parks should be places for kids to connect their feet with the earth and watch birds, squirrels and other wildlife. If climbing equipment would be neat to have real looking turtle or caterpillar sculptures or flower buds to crawl in and out of or a spider web sculpture to climb in and out of. Kids need to be encouraged to not be restricted to concrete sidewalks. Grass paths have been shown to improve autistic and ADHD conditions.

- I like the choices of pervious surfaces that are being considered and have already been used. I don't like the parking lot going up so close to the tree roots—more paved surfaces and manmade structures eliminate sound buffers that nature provides—more noise and storm water runoff...

What would you change about the proposed potential improvements?

- Widen sidewalk on Fairview to accommodate pedestrians, strollers, etc. - lots of students walk and cycle to Fairview. Install a theme playground (i.e. nature, bug, etc.) Add bike racks and bike repair station. Add water fountain with dog bowl. Add climbing boulder. No plastic in playground. Clean up nature trails and better signage or opening.

- I would only do the shelter house. I would not do another playground, but if you think you must it should be really natural, logs, natural wood and brown gravel.

- No playground.

- You all seem so sure you're right, and that we who don't like your plans are "holding you up" -there is an "urgency" about these parking lots, shelters and paved trails that is disturbing! Also, I wish Parks and Rec would take some of your funds to plant privacy bushes for the residents along the paved trail in Audubon and Bonnie View. These are the residents along Bray Street out to Cunningham and Rollins. I was told at this meeting that more parking lots and paved trails were inevitable because of the "direction" the city is "developing" -I don't like what is happening to Columbia-I did not vote for our mayor and this boom in construction seems money-driven and "out of control". Everything is based on convenience and obsession with convenience and saving time-no one can walk through the woods in this city anymore-it is inconvenient. It saddens me to see how Columbia is losing its nature like my native California!