

Grindstone Nature Area and Garth Nature Area Restroom Projects IP Meeting Comments

March 20, 2014

Please comment on what you like about the proposed potential improvements. Please be concise.

Would like more parking at Grindstone Nature Area. I feel the restroom are a great improvement and needed, especially for people traveling on the trails.

What would you change about the proposed potential improvements? Please be concise.

Nothing that I can think of.

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I like the aeration set-up. See my e-mail loftus.mary50@gmail.com

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Earlier e-mail

Garth dog park meeting

Mary Loftus <loftus.mary50@gmail.com> Wed, Mar 19, 2014 at 7:35 PM

To: AJLowery@gocolumbiamo.com

I hope to attend. The proposed rest room looks great. The first gate to the dog park entrance is in very bad condition. This winter when they plowed snow, it went against the gate. The person on the plow did not shovel out the gate. Therefore a lot of plastic ties were broken trying to shove the gate over the pile. I think the gate may have to be replaced. It could trap a small dog. The dog park etiquette sign was fallen off.

A doggy hose off area near the drinking fountain or the new rest room would be very helpful. It would be good to get the pond scum off the dog before you take him/her home.

A wind break somewhere in the park would be greatly appreciated. one proposal is to place some bus stop like shelters in the park. Another idea is to place 3 or 4 4 ft. fences in the back of the park on some pea gravel where there are 3 cedars. Dogs and people can pass by the trees. Picnic tables can be placed on the gravel. Try standing in that park on a cold windy day. The humans will stay longer and the dogs won't be cheated of play time. If the wind break is strategically placed the dogs will be less likely to run unto weak ice.

One guy brings his kid in a wheelchair to the park. More pea grave around the entrance would help. It would be nice to have a pea gravel trail around the pound. This would help other disabled people.

Hope to see you at the meeting.

Mary A Loftus, 902 Thames CT. Columbia, 573-449-6215, loftus.mary50@gmail.com My dog is Libby a yellow lab mix. She gets to the park everyday unless I am snowed in at my cul de sac.

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We have several people in wheelchairs that come to the park. Would like to have concrete poured at least to the benches on the south side of pond. Need trash can at top parking lot where you go on trail.

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Bigger park - expand west

Repair gate to entrance - Kid and dog hazard

Aerate Water

Repair holes in fences around park

Restroom very much wanted

Shelter for winter participants

Be consisted with "doggie bags". either tell us to bring our own or keep supplies available - and make a sign stating to "bring your own" if that is going to be the norm. There were 32 dogs March 20 and no bags, overflowing trash can, park full of poop.

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