

Meeting Summary:

IP Meeting - Grindstone Creek Trail Development

Site:

Waters-Moss Memorial Wildlife Area

Date:

August 30, 2012

Summary:

Members of the Parks and Recreation staff met with members of the Columbia community to discuss the proposed development of the Grindstone Creek Trail. Members of Allstate Consultants presented the public with their recommended plans for the routing of the Grindstone Creek Trail and citizens were encouraged to provide feedback concerning the proposed route and the alternative routes presented by the firm. Staff members and Allstate Consultants discussed the proposed routes for the trail and why certain options for the trail route were recommended over other proposed alternatives.

Citizen comments and general discussion focused on access to the trail, ADA accessibility and the influence of the trail on neighborhoods adjacent to the proposed route. Citizens and park staff also discussed the overall plan for the city's trail system and how the Grindstone Creek Trail development would fit into the master plan for providing trail access to residents of Columbia. Park staff also spent time with citizens discussing the budget for the \$1.57 million dollar project and the projected timeline for approval of the proposed route and dates for construction of the trail.

The meeting drew 63 members of the Columbia community and each attendee filled out a comment form to express their opinions of the proposed trail along the Grindstone Creek. Park planning staff will compile the comment forms and post all comments to our website to allow the public to view citizen opinions of the proposed trail. Staff also determined that additional comments should be taken through the city website to collect additional information from citizens unable to attend the meeting.

City Council Members in Attendance:

Barbara Hoppe - Ward 6 Council Representative

Park Staff in Attendance:

Mike Hood – Director

Mike Griggs – Assistant Director

Mike Snyder – Park Development
Superintendent

Toney Lowery – Senior Park Planner

Gabe Huffington – Park Services Manager

Allstate Consultants Staff in Attendance:

Brian Harrington

John Holmes