

Interested Parties Meeting – 11th & 20th of February, 2014
for

Norma Sutherland Smith Park

PUBLIC COMMENT FORM

(Received during 2-week online comment period)

**Please comment on what you like or dislike about the
Comprehensive Park Plan**

It looks fantastic! The splash pools are such a great attraction – would love to have more of them in Columbia – so nice to see this one on it's way!

**Please comment on what you like or dislike about Phase One of the
Comprehensive Park Plan**

What additions or changes would you like to see on the plans?

Just wondering if a full basketball court would be a better option due to allowing multiple groups to play the sport vs just one group at a time... just suggestion – love the water ideas – over 3000sf of splash pool is excellent!

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The “park” part, playground, splash, basketball looks great. The trail will be a wonderful addition.

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This is small and I think the other side @ the other parking lot would be used more.

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Any type of playground equipment will be utilized.

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Like the sidewalk along Brown Station Road. Love the extreme fitness trail!
Really Love the skate plaza for the future. Please make sure to have tennis courts.
Could the trail connect to anything?

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Please keep the trail... avoid big obstacles near the housing development in Tuscany
Ridge.

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As a Tuscany Ridge homeowner, I like the layout of the park and fitness trail as designed.
We cannot wait to see it complete.

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I would request strategic placement of the fitness trail obstacles to preserve the view of
the homes in Tuscany Ridge.

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I would like to see the end of the park closest to the school to develop first. To also include walking trail.

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I think the plan for the Norma Sutherland Park is very well thought out & developed. This park would be a great addition to these two neighborhoods & to this side of town.

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Comprehensive Park Plan**

I would encourage the Parks Dept. & City Council to consider switching the order of the development, starting with Phase II first & following with Phase I when funding becomes available. I believe the playground, basketball court, shelter, & fitness trail would be the most popular aspects to the park for both the neighborhood residents & the school. If funding is a concern, maybe the costlier aspects of Phase II (skate park & splash zone) could be moved to stay in the new Phase II.

What additions or changes would you like to see on the plans?

Thank you for bringing a park to our side of town!

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I'm thrilled to see the plan! I believe the park will provide many opportunities for the students and staff at Alpha Hart Lewis. The trail will allow for both running clubs at the school to have an area to practice. The chance for students to be able to use the park and gain responsibility to care for the area is welcomed!

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We'd much prefer the phase started at the other end which would include the trail, the playground, a partial parking lot, as well as the ½ court basketball area.

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I'd like to see the playground area with a wide variety of features for children at various ability levels and age levels.

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We are so excited about the upcoming project that will be coming to our Alpha Hart Lewis school neighborhood. We were told that would like some feedback!

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Comprehensive Park Plan**

What additions or changes would you like to see on the plans?

We would love to see the first phase begin on our side of the road (the entrance off of Waco Road) and include the playground, large pavilion, basketball courts, and walking trail, so that our students could begin to utilize these facilities as soon as possible!

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On this plan it looks good for the most part. The skate spot looks small, another 1,000sf would really help with kids who want to learn with some extra space to expand. I can see this being very popular with it being across from a school.

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The skate spot needs to be bigger. As a mom with a younger child, I believe with more space the more experienced skaters can have room to do their thing while kids who are just learning aren't getting in the way.

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Again, about another 1,000 sq. ft. on the skate spot.

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I think the plan looks good; kids and adults should like this. Well thought out plan. I like the lakes as it will be great for wildlife. Make the larger lake as deep as possible to hold fish all year.

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Trails look really nice, and having a shelter will bring in a lot of use.

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I like the number of different activities that will be possible in the park. This park will be a great addition to the neighborhood and to the north side of Columbia. Love the fitness trail!

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The entrance at Brown Station Road is in a slight valley. The road is not well lit at night and speeds are fast. I am concerned that unless the road is widened and improved, accidents would be very likely. There are also deer that move across the road in this area.

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Improvements to Brown Station Road entrance.

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Consider more direct connectivity for school children through the park to Alpha Hart
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Bigger and cover the skate park.

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The skate park is awesome! Needs about another 1,000 sq. ft.

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More square footage in the park.

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I don't really like how small it is, it could be a little bigger. Also, it's a little out of town for most people. I do like the idea of a "skate spot" but if it is only a "skate spot" it should be more convenient.

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Comprehensive Park Plan**

Skate Park needs to be built in Phase 1.

What additions or changes would you like to see on the plans?

I would add at least 1,000 more square feet. Also, I would change the location to Stephens Lake Park. I think the best idea would be to expand COMO Skate Park and put up lights, either that or make an indoor skate park.

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I would like to see versatility in the design of the skate park portion of the plan, as well as the size of the skate park. In order for beginners to progress at skateboarding, there needs to be lots of different obstacles for them to work with and become well rounded athletes.

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I dislike how little space the skate park portion is given, as well as the fact that there should be a sheltered portion of the skate park in order to be protect from inclement weather.

What additions or changes would you like to see on the plans?

More skate park space and an indoor/overhead shelter for the skate park and more funding for the skate park.

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I think the skate park is an awesome idea, there just needs to be more square footage.

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I am excited about the possibility of Smith Park and wanted to suggest that the second phase of the project be switched with the first phase. I believe that the park facilities located next to Alpha Hart Elementary School would be more utilized than the facilities currently designated for the first phase. In particular, I think that staff members and classes would frequently use the nature trail that is currently being planned for Phase 2. Also, I think our families would often utilize the park (particularly during the summer months) if it were located next to the elementary building. Please consider making your current phase 2 the priority. Thanks so much.