

## Responses from Twin Lakes Recreation Area Proposed Improvements Comment Forms

26 Responses - Web Survey conducted 8/7/2012 - 8/19/2012

12 Responses - Hard Copy Comment Forms from 8/2/2012 Interested Parties Meeting

### Question 1: What do you like about the proposed improvements?

I like the pool and water slide. There isn't a public outdoor pool in this area of town that I know of and it would be nice to be able to take my older kids there as Little Mates cove is not appropriate for them anymore. We are members of the ARC but would really like an outdoor pool option in this area of town!

The improvements to the little's mate's cove, additional pay features, slides and improved concessions.

Love it. This is a place my family will love to go!

I think the improvements are great. The area needs updated. I would definitely focus on the swimming/pool areas since that is what brings myself and friends (playgroup for small children) to the area.

This would be incredible! We are raising our 22 month old son in Columbia and we are excited he gets to learn, grow, and explore in this City.

I love that there is a regular pool. We definitely need this on the south side of town! We take our little ones to Little Mate's Cove, but they are outgrowing it quickly. The regular pool and water slides will be a welcome addition!

additions to pirates cove

I think this is a great idea as long as it provides a safe environment for EVERYONE and not just one population. There are some of Columbia's parks that we will not visit.

LOVE the idea of the bigger concession stands and improvements to the existing play areas in little mates cove. Not sure whether the photos are just examples, but the one I really love is the small covered slides, with the little wooden structure over them. I would highly recommend doing away with the existing, very long winding water slide feature on the opposite side of steeper slides. It doesn't work, the kids can't slide down it (not steep enough) so they try to walk down it. It's not fun, and it encourages dangerous choices. Also love the dog washing station!

I like that you are keeping the existing regular season dog park and the winter dog park.

I love the added covered shelter, play field, and improved building. My favorite things added are the 25 meter pool and the additional play featured (especially the water slides but all the others would be great too). Additional parking is wonderful. The small dog park is fantastic! Really looking forward to the final master plan completion!

I like the addition of a pool.

The improvements are great and I approve of most of them but I wish the surrounding neighbors would've been officially notified via mail or email of the proposed plans and meetings held. There is a partial burden on us to be aware of our surroundings but there is a burden on the city as well to notify those directly affected by changes to the park. I had no idea of this improvement until today (8/7). My address is on Cherry Ridge Ln (65203), which backs up to the entrance road to the park so this directly affects me and my neighbors.

Swimming pool, additional parking, and the winter dog park.

Lots of improvements for toddlers/young children. Was there 8-5-12 and area needs improvement. Okay for babies & young toddlers but families with older siblings need activities.

Looks good-

Any improvements are good ones. Little Mates Cove has been basically unusable as there are chips in the bottom of the pool area, sprinklers that do not work, and slides that don't slide. Growing up in Columbia, I recall having the larger area with sprays coming out and into the lake. What happened to that lake, I don't know, but making it a winter dog park seems like a waste if the children's area could be expanded into that area.

Like the new features and upgrades to Pirates Cove.

These improvements are greatly needed and will be wonderful! I love the attention to creating new spaces with water slide and pool. I especially love the new areas that could be created in the Cove area.

Small dog park! Awesome! Also dog wash is a brilliant idea. Like the eventual lake trail as well.

I am glad that there is interest in improving Twin Lakes Park. I think it would be good to make a real trail in the dog park where a trail is permanently worn. Additional shade trees would be great. I like the idea of adding a larger pool (for adults, I assume) to the pool area. I like the idea of the hillside water slide, though I am concerned that it will cut off the eastern access to the dog park and it's not mentioned either way here. The water slide will also need to be locked down in winter to keep kids from getting in there- there were often skateboarders in the Little Mates area- and a water slide could be a real danger without supervision. I like the idea of a dog washing station, too. I hope improvements are really made this time to the old sand beach area in the winter dog park. Those were promised years ago when the winter dog park was opened, and improvements never happened. The ground is uneven and hazardous to people running after their dogs in that area.

Trail cutting through dog park More shade trees in dog park Dog washing station

I like the addition of the small dog park and the shade trees. It isn't clear from the design where the entrance to the small dog park would be and whether it will have access to the water. I hope that it is accessible all year and does have access to water. It would also be nice to put some shade trees in or near it.

The water slide is a much needed addition.

Love the proposed dog washing station.

Love the improved water features. Water slides sound amazing as does the addition of a 25 meter pool. We've only lived in the area for 2 years but as far as I know there aren't any public swimming facilities on this side of town. These improvements are much needed. Would love to see it all happen!

25 meter swimming pool! We need at least one public swimming pool south of Broadway

Small dog park! With water access please.

Like: fenced, separate small dog park

Like: fresh water availability

Like: that these plans can be put into use immediately

We like the idea of more picnic areas, a special area for small dogs, and the dog washing station

No bike trail! We have 100 miles of bike trails and 2 dog parks! They can go around. They own enough land in the city. Handicap accessible to entrance w/ picnic table.

Look good. Esp dog spray area and small dog area

I love the idea of a small dog park. I agree with the continuation of the winter dog park to keep dogs from the ice. Please consider putting rules into place such as NO INTACT MALE DOGS!!

Definitely supportive of the small dog area. It is not only smart and effective but safe. Would like to suggest some type of rule against intact males. Almost all incidents between dogs at dog parks involve dogs that are not neutered.

Very good ideas. Now and earlier

The small dog park is the best part. Would be great to see at other parks around Columbia.

All amenities area great. Consider dog wash at ground level for large dogs. Some type of notice for small children to be careful.

Like what is proposed and covered by finding already set aside. Small dog under 30lbs definite!

No intact dogs permitted w/ number to call if someone shows up w/ intact.

## Question 2: What would you change about the proposed improvements?

Larger pool if possible!

I do not think there needs to be a pool added. The great thing about pirate's cove is that it is geared towards smaller children. It's the one place we can go and not have to worry about older kids running crazy and not allowing the small kids to have fun. Please keep this area geared towards younger kids!

Given it's geared towards families and smaller children, I'd encourage more shaded areas.

I'm not sure.

This would be incredible! We are raising our 22 month old son in Columbia and we are excited he gets to learn, grow, and explore in this City.

The additional parking may not be necessary. We spend a lot of time at the park, and I've never seen it full. Save the green space if possible.

eliminate the pool

I see a "Cashier" area and concessions, but don't know if there is a charge. My concerns are regarding the safety of the visitors.

Loads of water features for the kids (fountains to run through, water "guns" waterfalls, more pirate-y themed "stuff" Keep the slides for the little ones and keep a lot of the areas shallow enough that they can still play there. A water jungle gym like Oakland's would be a great addition.

I would NOT include a "small" dog park. some of us come to the park with both a large and a small dog.

I don't see details about the 25 meter pool but I would love to see it have a shallow end or a zero entry. I would also love to see a spray ground added somewhere (all of the spray grounds in town seems to be in central Columbia or east of town, none on the south/west side). I would love to see improvements to the playground. It is geared towards older kids and I would like to see some equipment for younger kids (once again, not a whole lot of high quality parks for little kids on the southwest side of town). It would be great to have it more like Bethel or Rock Quarry. We have Fairview Playground but are so limited in its use since it's a school playground. Others we have are very small or not appropriate for young children. Thanks for taking our suggestions!

I would prefer a larger pool.

Speed bumps on the entrance road - leaving a small bike lane for cyclists. Bike racks and perhaps lockers to encourage biking to the park.

n/a

Do not care about dog park as I do not have pets. To me, only dogs on leashes acceptable in public park.

I'd make sure there is non slip flooring. My mom fell there several years ago playing with my niece and nephews and has never regained her sense of taste or smell!

Scratch the winter dog park idea and make that area into a lake again for older children to play in; with slides and water sprays that used to be there. Pirate's cove is no longer family friendly and getting it back to being family oriented will greatly increase revenue for families on that side of town and whom do not want to go indoors to another pool.

Would love to see some shade trees around the playground (not many shaded playgrounds in Columbia). Also, there are often dogs running loose around the playground so some type of fence to protect little ones would be nice.

I hope the Cove will still be used mainly for younger kiddos and create a different space for older kids.

Do we really need another playing field? I like the lake as it is.

I'm really not liking the additional parking added on the eastern side, as that hill has been a good sledding hill and the parking lot will take away some of that hill. It will also add cross traffic at the traffic circle, which will be dangerous as most of the people go the wrong way in the traffic circle. I think more parking should be added along the access road behind the shelter. Traffic builds up from the west end of the parking lot, not the east end (for 10 months out of the year, at least). I'm not sure that I like the idea of filling in the lake for a bigger playground area. I wish the money would be spent on putting up more lights. I do not approve of taking away such a huge swath of the winter dog park for small dogs only. That is way too much space for small dogs only, when medium and larger dogs need the room to run (especially in the winter). Small dogs have the whole world as their playground because they are tacitly allowed everywhere. Twin Lakes is one of the only places that allow real running room for big dogs. Taking away so much winter dog park space for small dogs seems totally unfair to all medium and large dogs. A small dog park area does not need to be more than 25' by 25'- small dogs take up little space and run slowly. If not, they can be mixed in with bigger dogs (as they are currently).

I would like to see the exposed concrete dock removed from the current winter dog park/proposed small dog park. It's an awfully big drop, especially for little dogs. Hope they install year-round restroom facilities.

Nothing

Nothing

Concerned about a trail going through the dog park and individuals walking through will NOT be careful about keeping gates closed behind them. Seems to me there are plenty of walking/biking trails in town, but now they want to take over one of the few areas dedicated for dogs?

It looks amazing, can't really think of anything I would change.

Need larger swimming pool! Possibly a deep area.

Add water access to small dog park.

Like: No access to lake area

Like: Dog wash stations

Like: Lights

Not sure how necessary the play field is. Really like the idea of pool and slide!

Trash can in back of park by gate poop w/ no place to put it THANKS!

Can we be assured that the proposed trail, which would finally enclose the lake will not be dedicated to bikers so that you no longer allow dogs to be off leash?

Please place up signs with a number to animal control and the consequences to having an intact male that is not neutered. Intact males are naturally more aggressive and a hazard to all dog parks.

Need dog waterers    more shade

Keep an area for small dogs to have access to water in winter park area. Continue the gravel walk all the way to MKT trail. Need water bowl for dogs.

I would like to see dogs over 10 months to be spayed/neutered. I have broken up 4 fights at the dog parks over a year and a half and all involved and started by an unneutered dog.

Pool would be great, but I probably wouldn't use.

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### **Other Comments:**

Thank you for your interest in improving the dog parks. I am originally from out of state and Columbia dog parks far surpass anything I've seen in the other cities and are an asset for residents.