

# **COLUMBIA PARKS AND RECREATION**

## **Public Comments for**

### **Valleyview Park Improvements**

**Meeting Held June 20, 2017**

**Online Comments were open from June 15, 2017 to June 26, 2017**

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

- New playground location and playground look great.
- I like bringing the playground closer so it is not hidden. The swings do need to be removed.
- Love moving soccer field around. Much better (balls go down the hill). Like the idea of moving playground up on the higher area and closer to street.
- I like the playground and soccer goal improvements. I also am happy you will be leaving the basketball courts.
- Line of sight will be much better and lighting will be better. I really like the safety improvements to the bridge.
- I like that you plan to replace the playground and modernize the equipment. I like that you are improving the access path to the playground.
- Bridge and playground improvements will be great.
- I'm not sure what the ground will be under the playground, but please don't use pea gravel. We prefer a solid rubber surface such as what you have at Smithton Park.
- I am curious about what material will be under the playground equipment.
- Brush about halfway down the existing trail to the existing playground needs to be cut back. It is frequently over the trail. It would be nice to ensure there will be at least partial shade over the playground equipment.
- Add or change one of the swings to a 2-person swing (like a mommy and me swing). Also, could we have rubber mulch instead of pebbles or rocks beneath the equipment?
- You should include a park or play area for smaller children, and add a swing for special needs children. Also, the swing where an adult can swing with a baby are awesome, too. Eldon, MO park has both of those swings and it's really awesome.

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

- Would LOVE to have the other half of the trail to be paved for stroller accessibility.
- We need speed bumps on Garden to slow down traffic. Would like to see the trail completely paved.
- Another covered picnic table would be nice.

- I am concerned about the loss of some of the foliage and trees. I like the privacy that it provides me from park users. I have enjoyed this park very much over the last 8 years and look forward to some improvements.
- We need water – a water fountain – we will help pay! More signage stating dogs must be on leash – especially by the townhouse entrance. Maybe less play equipment and more land improvement. Train the neighborhood to remove the honeysuckle. I would really like
- I would really like to see the walking path loop get sidewalked or blacktopped to make it easier for strollers and kid bikes. It would be really nice to have a couple of benches at the playground for the parents to sit (in the shade?). Perhaps the Boy Scouts troops that meet a Knights of Columbus could undertake this project. Would it be possible to build some bird feeders or houses on the back side of the walking trail?
- If a solid surface could be added under the playground, it would make the structure actually accessible. The cost would equal out over time. The addition of a sidewalk thru the middle of the park would be well utilized. Paving the entire path should be an improvement goal.
- Like how the baseball field and playground has been re-positioned. It was too far away before.
- I like that the swings will be close to the other playground equipment and that they include toddler and big kid seats. I love that the playground is closer to the roadway rather than tucked at the bottom of the hill.
- I love that you are putting in new playground equipment. The proposed equipment looks great.
- I like that the playground will be moved closer to the front of the park and that the swings will be beside the equipment.
- I like that the proposed play area can be used by 3-4 year old children and that it has multiple skill levels for all children above 3 years old.

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