

Meeting Summary

Mount Jefferson Park Community Meeting – November 18, 2014 Mount Vernon Recreation Center, 7:00pm

Comments on the Concept Diagram:

Keep the trail a trail and don't add "places of interest" or "activity nodes"
Not enough trails in Alexandria

Workshop Activity: Each table has a park map. Use the dot stickers to show what areas you want to PRESERVE AS IS (red), ENHANCE (yellow) and TRANSFORM (green). Use the blue dot on the corresponding worksheet to identify your top priority.

Preserve as is - Red Dots:

All along the trail, concentrated on the southeastern end
At and just east of the Stewart Avenue right-of-way in the open area

Enhance - Yellow Dots:

All along the trail, concentration at the Raymond Avenue entrance
On the Stewart Avenue right-of-way, pedestrian entrance

Transform – Green Dots:

All along the trail, concentration at the Raymond Avenue entrance
All along the "park road" on the Oakville site
In the City land that will be returned to the park with redevelopment

Top Priorities - Blue Dots:

Move off-leash dog area away from the street
Dog exercise area further from the cross street
Retain wild area close to animal hospital where the fox and raccoon have their dens
Due to difficulty/lack of enforcement, this is becoming a defacto linear dog park. Many of the suggestions and expressed desires just reinforce this! It does not meet the requirements for a dog park! Supporting statement that more dogs will come with the new development
Make it a no cell phone zone
Put up "quiet please" signs
Make dog area a zone for off leash. Start at end of current dog park through the park. Times 6:00am to 9:00am and 4:00pm to 7:00pm only
Retain walking path along ridge, but mitigate neighbor privacy as much as possible
Need major enhancement/transformation of entrance from Custis
Keep Topography and berm
Do not put road adjacent to the park, have the townhouses back up to the park
Put access at Calvert, not Stewart to minimize splitting of the park
Move dog run area away from road
Equalize/minimize noise for those living on East Randolph
Find a way to make entire park off-leash, dog owners seem to use the park the most

Limit access to the ends to maintain linear pedestrian traffic flow; use a bridge if Oakville needs a pedestrian bridge to connect to Del Ray
Develop separate trails for people so they are away from dogs
Abate mosquito problem for those that live on East Randolph
Address drainage throughout the park
It's not even a ¼ mile – leave it alone!! (multiple check marks in support)
Enhance park route from East Raymond and if pedestrians' access to Triangle (shops, cafes, etc.) then formalize opening to Triangle

General Comments:

Current trail is an accident. Move trail off top of berm to mitigate noise, return to more natural state for wildlife and not dogs, put trail on east side and mark it at grade at Rt. 1
Path was straightened and it should be more meandering on eastern end of trail
Remove poison ivy – YES! No, keep it (rebuttal??)
Glade areas (existing) are wonderful.
Move the (Oakville) road and let the townhouses back up to the park. Put the road in front of the townhouses
The glade between the “dog park” area and berm is great feature, very tranquil with room to move aside from others
I agree with Peter – a fence is needed along the one side of the park and the cross traffic should be on a bridge above
I am against a fenced dog area. Rather would like times of day that are off-leash throughout the park
Dogs off-leash are ruining the grass and causing a sound problem – maybe park doesn't work for dogs
I always thought it would be nice to have a mural on the warehouse walls – a tribute to the time the railroad went through here. Some sort of nod to the past would be nice
Improve drainage and generally beautify the access from East Raymond since there's water, mosquitos, unimproved path problems. Install lighting along the path also
Why is it necessary to connect to Oakville at all?
Love the idea of a bridge to link new while retaining privacy of existing
Minimize noise at/from Route 1
Protect privacy from park traffic for the neighbors
Wide open area for ball tossing