

Parks Meeting Summary

Meeting Description: A community open house on parks was held on November 8, 2018. The purpose of this meeting was to gain community insight on the challenges and opportunities at each of our parks with an emphasis on smaller, neighborhood parks. Presentation materials were designed to inform and elicit comments from the public on each of the following parks: Pioneer Park, Walter Byron, Meadow Creek, Community Center Park, Old Town Hall Park, Triangle Park, Post Office Park, Kayak Park, and Peak One Park.

The following information is a summary of the main themes and discussion points represented at the meeting.

Overall Themes

Frisco's citizens value access to high quality recreational experiences.

- Frisco has natural assets including surrounding landscape, trails, and world class skiing. Recreation facilities should be designed to strengthen and diversify the amenities available here.
- Frisco should continue to reinvest in and enhance our existing park facilities with a broad range of new, innovative amenities that keep up with current trends.
- Park facilities should be maintained and upgraded to achieve a high level of quality, safety, aesthetic appeal, and function.
- Strive to provide safe and convenient access to all parks and recreation facilities. New facilities should be coordinated with the Trails Master Plan to ensure appropriate connections and access.

Local parks are an important part of our community fabric.

- Parks and facilities should be designed, built, and managed to create spaces for community gathering and promote social interaction, as appropriate for each park.
- Park facilities and amenities should utilize consistent visual cues (signage, site furnishings, and maintenance standards) to communicate public accessibility to users.
- Signage and hardscape elements should communicate linkage to the larger park network.
- New developments should dedicate appropriate space for trails and recreation facilities necessary to meet the needs of the development and its future users.
- Park programming should be consistent with the park's character.
- Recognize that the park system provides important ecological functions and should be maintained and operated to preserve and enhance those functions (i.e. storm water management, water quality, wildlife migration corridors, etc.).

Frisco is the center of a larger community.

- Frisco should coordinate with other agencies (i.e. USFS, Summit County) to meet community park, trails, open space, and recreation needs in a cohesive and efficient manner.

Specific Park Themes and Ideas

Pioneer Park:

- Quiet character defined by tennis courts and forested, natural area.
“Highlight the tennis courts and showcase the quiet nature of the park.”
- Strong support for maintaining as a natural oasis and adding a nature play area with possible connection to the small wetland area. Some support for a basketball court.
- Needs upgraded signage and site furnishings. Landscaping should be opened up to make park more inviting. Pedestrian connections should be improved.

Walter Byron:

- Park is viewed as a place for active recreation, social gatherings, and more developed park amenities.
- Strong support for improved restrooms, community gathering space, improved playground with updated amenities. Develop additional seating along the river.
- Some support for improved water interaction (fishing pier on pond, kayaking, etc)
- Add interpretive signage to wetlands to keep out disturbance and designate Kayleigh’s Pond for more active water uses.

Meadow Creek:

- Character somewhat defined by surrounding uses (transfer center). Use appears to be primarily shorter duration/pass-through in summer and ice hockey in winter.
- Programming to increase year round usage and perception of safety – eyes on the park.
- Hockey users were supportive of lights, better ice, and boards. Possibly a warming hut/restroom facility.
- Adding a dog park to increase use and perception of safety (has limitations).

Community Center and Old Town Hall Pocket Parks:

- Primarily seen as an underutilized gathering space or passive use park for sitting, reading, talking with friends. Areas of refuge for Main Street visitors. Parks need to develop a new identity.
- Some support for affordable housing:
“The land is too valuable for an uninteresting pocket park next to an old, outdated building.”
- Most people commented that both parks feel too private. Revamping of the hard and softscape to promote feeling of openness and develop into a more of an urban plaza.
- Multiple people posed the idea that the 3rd Avenue right of way be converted to a green space or plaza.
- Possible location for farmer’s market or beer garden.

Triangle Park:

- Current character defined by entry feature. Viewed as a gateway to the community and Main Street. Sets tone and expectation for Main Street visitors.
- General comments are it is an attractive and appropriate entry feature.
“Keep open and uncluttered as gateway to Main Street.”

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- Support for adding more art, and redesigning entry feature to allow more room for landscaping/park features. Work on this park should be scheduled to coincide with the completion of intersection improvements by CDOT in 2020.

Post Office Park:

- A garden oasis on Main Street. This area is appreciated and enjoyed by users passing through to the post office.
- Some support for connecting to the trail along the creek, demonstration garden, and adding picnic tables.

Kayak Park:

- Somewhat unknown by many community members.
- Strong support for programming to promote and better utilize the park and create opportunities for engagement with the river. Kayak demos, toy boat races, kids play area (during low flows), deck overlook.
- This area is viewed as an important gateway to Main Street and should be upgraded with welcoming signage and landscaping.
- Improve pedestrian connectivity between park, parking area and Main Street.

Peak One Park:

- Viewed as a private, neighborhood green space. Most commented that it should be maintained as an open lawn area, possibly adding a small playground for neighborhood use.