

Douglass Park Improvements IP Meeting Comments

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Things you like:

Close to the neighborhood.

I like all the phases, I would ask that the bathroom be addressed.

Thank you for the attention to Douglass Park. The restroom improvements are definitely needed. Thank you!

Unisex bathrooms.

I like all.

The bathrooms did not make the list. Bathrooms need priority improvements as they are essential to a parks function.

Very excited for the Douglass Skatepark Phase 2 expansion.

The skatepark downtown has been a great outlet for me and my buddy. We really enjoy the access to something more central and expanding the skatepark downtown makes it easier to get exercise than driving to Cosmo. I do hope in the future Columbia can use a more renowned or dedicated skatepark builder like Team Pain skateparks. There are really no world class skateparks or skate plazas in the whole state. It would make Columbia that more of a destination or unique to have the best skatepark in the state. Cosmo skatepark is fine for now but it's outdated and terrible for beginner skaters. I hope Columbia can help grow the sport because it seems like we are trying to become a sports hub in the state.

Things you would change:

Change baseball field name. Billy and Bill Bo and not Kelly. Another bathroom in the park.

More Restrooms. More stuff for kids, in playground.

Like to have more inside the park parking.

I would change nothing, just add bathrooms. Not sure what to do about the homeless sleeping in the bathrooms. They don't get cleaned regularly. Maybe make it less inviting for homeless and more appeal to bathrooms.

Unisex bathrooms.

I would like doors on the women bathroom stalls. I would also like an additional family style bathroom option.

I'd like to see backstops at some of the basketball courts. Like at Douglass, Again Street, and at Worley. It would also be great to stabilize the goals with sand or cement so they don't wobble as much. Of course would be great to see the Douglass courts fully renovated or another location with modern surface and equipment.