

PEAKS VIEW COUNTY PARK NEXT PHASE DEVELOPMENT PUBLIC INPUT

Input gathered from public meetings conducted on June 4 and 6, 2013; via Community Voice- online community discussion on the County website; phone calls, e-mails, and letters received as of July 10, 2013. Public comment closed on July 5, 2013.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

TRAILS

- Paved walkways accessible with wheelchairs; hard surface or compact gravel
- Some people just prefer trails

EQUESTRIAN ARENA

- How much would an equestrian arena cost? --- Approx. \$600,000 in 2 acres; not show ring, no lessons day use only, goal is low maintenance, must fit budget and meet standards
- All horses in Doney Park, skate park will bring crime to area. --- Community support through Neighborhood Watch, park watch and adopt-a-park
- Will equestrian arena have lights? --- presents budget and maintenance requirements
- What is your idea of horse arena?--- Day use, non-competitive, no lessons
- Where you have horses, you have flies.
- Challenge to get rid of horse manure
- Equestrian Arena: 100 x 200 is too small, need to have pull-through parking lot for horse trailers
- Perhaps we can alternate use: dog park one day and horse arena one day
- 100 x 200 arena is welcomed, appealing to families with kids
- In the future, plan for covered arena
- No lights on the arena
- Arena will encourage drivers to slow down
- Light it up until 10PM only
- Skate park can be used 5-6 months, while horse arena use can be 6-8 months
- This community is not just about horses
- How about coin-operated lights? --- They break easily
- Lights are expensive to construct and maintain
- Can equestrian arena be rented for events to generate revenue? This will require maintenance cost, free day use, self-directed, standard of care will be community arena

- My input is in favor of an equine arena, as voted for by the neighborhood over 10 years ago. There are more horses in the area than ever. An equine arena is a safe place for children to ride or I should say safer than around the neighborhood roads, where cars drive fast and sometimes there are loose dogs. I am not in favor of a dog park because people have minimum acreage, such as one acre to 2.5 acres on which their dogs run every day.
- I live on Koch Field Rd, and love riding my horses on the equestrian trail in the park. I am writing to voice my support for a Community Arena at Peaks View Park.
- I'm in favor of a community riding arena.
- I would very much like to see a community arena for horsemen. We need an area for all to be able to hold practices and special events. There isn't any place that kids can go to practice and enjoy a day with others on horseback here in Flagstaff. We have a lot of children that are into gymkhanas and no place to practice or hold events.
- I'm all for a horse arena. If we are short on funds, I would be willing to help in any fundraising. I feel that there is less of a need for a dog park, due to the fact that much of Doney area properties all have at least 1 acre and up to 10, maybe more. Dog owners also have access to in town dog parks already, but we do not have an arena for all the horse owners in this area including all age groups. Thanks for hearing us out.
- A new Community Riding Arena per the original Master Plan to benefit the many youth and adult equestrians in the area. While there are many horses in Doney Park, the majority of horse owners do not have an Arena on their property where they can safely train and exercise their horse(s). Many equestrians are within riding distance of this Park.
- Horse arena on the East side would be beneficial to many. I believe an arena on the East side, where most of the horses in Flagstaff are located, would be used by many. It would also probably be usable year round, unlike the Tuthill arena. I believe an arena on the East side, where most of the horses in Flagstaff are located, would be used by many. I also think that in the future an indoor arena at this location be considered. It is amazing that in a town this size, there are no public indoor arenas. It could be rented out by the County for other events like dog agility, to help cover upkeep expenses. The cost of an indoor arena is far lower than the budgeted \$.
- We all have one acre or more for our dogs to run on, but we don't have an arena with good footing for training. Please consider the rural nature of Doney Park/Timberline neighborhoods and add an equine arena for safe practice for our children and grandchildren. Perhaps someday we could even have neighborhood play days for all to participate.
- I think an arena for all the horsemen and women would be great. We need a local arena for all to use.
- A community equestrian arena would benefit many youth in the area. An equestrian arena for use by the youth in the area in which they can get accustomed to their horse and practice riding at all speeds in a safe environment without the necessity of hauling across town. Dogs have yards in which to run off-leash, and trails for exercise when on the leash. The safety of the horse-riding youth should be paramount.

BIKE/SKATE PARK

- Pump track or BMX bike park
- Good location for BMX park
- Build something that will attract teenaged kids.
- Skateboarding is undesirable
- skate park
- concern about graffiti---Community support through Neighborhood Watch, park watch and adopt-a-park
- My wife & I met at a dog park, we don't have kids. Put the money for kids' use
- Will there be skateboarding competition?
- Can we afford a skate park? --- We may afford a small one
- I attended the parks input meeting at Cromer. I agree with the person who said the improvements should be for youth: basketball court, pump course, skate park, etc. If there is any money left then I would put it toward a dog park. The park as of now has a nice playground for small children. It needs more things for older children, youth, teens. I see many horse facilities in private yards. Our properties must be 2.5 acres at least. I think this gives a good area to exercise a horse. Also horse owners can ride out into the forest. I am not a horse owner so I do not know the logistics of horse ownership. I do not understand why you need an arena to exercise your horses.
- Skate/bike/rollerblade park. I think youth-centered activities are the most beneficial in rural communities. Adults have the opportunity to travel outside of their home area for recreational activities... Keeping our youth occupied with healthy outdoor activities is beneficial for all of us! I vote with and for the youth vote on this one!
- I think activities for youth and teens should be provided first; a dog park would be my second choice. Since we must choose an amenity and cannot have it all I think the park should add things for youth and teens. It is dangerous for our youth to ride their skateboards on the paved streets. Maybe they would prefer a basketball court or a BMX pump course. Let us give them a safe place to congregate and have fun. Depending on what is chosen there might be money for a dog park also.
- Small area for rollerblades, skateboards, or paved bike trail. Did you know it's illegal to put any kind of "track" on your property? County Zoning won't allow it. If we put a track or skate park at the new Peak View area, we won't have to drive into town to ride rollerblades or skateboards. Heck it is even scary to ride bikes on the streets out here. How about something for us at the park since there's no sidewalk here?
- SKATE PARK. There are several arenas in the Doney Park area (Cosnino and Crockett ranch, not to mention several private ones, and with 2.5 acre parcels, our own back yards). A covered arena belongs at Ft. Tuthill where it can be rented out and bring income for the County and be used by profit-making organizations. There is a National Forest nearby with MANY trails for horses and dogs for Doney Park residents to use. But there are only 2 skate parks in the entire Flagstaff metropolitan area. For the young folks in the Doney Park area who are NOT horse enthusiasts, a skate park would be used daily! And with the amount of money available for these improvements, it is my opinion that is not adequate to build a quality arena, but is enough for a skate park. The on-going

maintenance for an arena or dog park would be expensive in comparison with the lack of maintenance necessary for a skate park!

- "WHEELS PARK". A developed "wheels" park would benefit the youth in our area who are NOT horse-minded. It would get them off of the few paved streets that we have, into a safer environment. With the funding available, this is doable. And consider the on-going maintenance would be minimal compared with the maintenance of any of the other potential facilities, with the possible exception a basketball court.
- Build a facility for wheeled activities: bike riding, rollerblading, skateboarding (see following pro-forma letter). 76 letters received as of 7-8-13
- (Pro-forma letter)

Dear Parks and Recreation Decision Makers

I live and/or work in the Doney Park area and have noted the fact there are no facilities for different active lifestyles other than hiking or horseback riding in this area. Additionally, the lack of sidewalks makes any activities, like bike riding, rollerblading or skateboarding, dangerous in so many different ways. We do not have the foot trail along Koch Field Road, and the facilities at the Peaks View Park and Cromer School, but none are really friendly for rollerblades and skateboards, and they also can be unsafe when used on these activities, since they are not what they were designed for.

With the budgeted funds you have, please consider constructing a facility at Peaks View for the "wheeled" active lifestyle. It is illegal in Doney Park to put any kind of "track/park" for wheeled use on your private property (as per the County Zoning Code). so a facility this type would attract many users.

Foxglenn, Bushmaster and West Street have all have had bike/rollerblade/skateboard parks for years with no difficulty. Please give us a way to utilize three more kinds of activities other than hiking or horseback riding in Doney Park.

Thank you,

(signed)

DOG PARK

- Visit dog park at Bushmaster Park... Some of the amenities are scrap materials from City, lower cost, affordable
- How about a cat park?
- Is it expensive to build a dog park? --- Depends on amenities
- Dogs and horses are top priority. --- We can't afford both
- Flagstaff Pet Assistance League- seek donation and sponsorship to develop dog park
- Dog park: separate small and large dogs, introduction area --- at least two areas, 5' fence, water fountain
- Can we afford a dog park? --- Yes, approximately \$350,000
- I would like to inquire about potential consideration of off-leash dog trails. There are so few places in/around Flagstaff (just 2 small dog parks) where dogs are allowed off leash that it would be nice to

have an area where owners can run/hike with their dog(s) without being tethered together or having to worry about run-ins with horses/bikes. My dog and I have had great experiences with designated off-leash dog trails in Oregon and California and for as many dogs as are in town, I'd love to see such a place here.... potentially a side trail/area off of the Ft. Tuthill trail system? Thanks for your consideration!

- Off-leash dog trails/area. It would be great to have designated trails/space larger than the 2 dog parks available where dogs and their owners can enjoy the outdoors without being bound together by a 5 ft. leash or worrying about run-ins with horses/bikes

BASKETBALL, VOLLEY BALL, TENNIS COURTS

- Basketball court-- can be multiuse
- Volleyball court
- Tennis court --- at least two courts, easy to maintain
- Teenagers can bike to park
- Basketball Court. It's pretty self-explanatory- Let's play some Basketball.

COMMUNITY CERTIFIED WILDLIFE HABITAT

- Community Certified Wildlife Habitat. Doney Park is unique due to its proximity to Rio de Flag. Go wild by providing wildlife with safety and certify the area with National Wildlife Association. Provide garden plots with sponsorship opportunities, bird watching areas, walking paths, and add more benches. Partner with Master Gardeners, local plant nurseries, and the arboretum. The wildlife habitat could partner with elementary school in teaching sustainability and engage students in hands-on inquiries into the natural world. <http://www.nwf.org/How-to-Help/Garden-for-Wildlife/Community-Habitats.aspx>

OTHER AMENITIES

- How about an outdoor cross-training/ circuit course? Within the open space enclosed by the walking trail, construct a boot-camp style circuit/ obstacle course for fitness training
- Don't forget landscaping with a lot of flowers. -- will require plenty of water and irrigation

OTHER COMMENTS

- CPOS money does not preclude anything else in the future
- County Supervisor Mandy Metzger: set realistic expectations, whatever is decided will be it for a while
- CCPR: Develop master plan, then back to the public, need BOS approval, design work will take 1 to 1.5 months, begin work this year and complete next year

- Does not think more money should be spent on the park. Of all the things the county needs to spend money on this is the least important – especially since it's already so nice. He says he never sees the ball field being used. It would be a waste of money to spend more on it.
- Isn't there plenty of room for all the ideas there? I mean I know an arena is huge, especially if they start having events, area will get eaten up pretty fast. But a B-Ball court, a skate park the same size as Foxglenn, and a bark park won't use up a huge amount of space. I just think the money should be spent to diversify the area, not just install one huge feature.