

Lake Owasso County Park Redevelopment Project Public Meeting #3

Comments:

1. I would like to see once the park is completed security cameras are installed to monitor the behavior of the park participants behavior. I live next to the park and on summer weekends it gets loud, noisy and trashy also can sheriff patrol the area or can volunteer neighbors walk the park from time to time to watch for problems or issue as they occur.
2. Shelter with kitchen—more trees (evergreens) everywhere solar light in the park- reduce parking on Wabasso. Too much cement nature play is a plus.
3. If a playground (vs) nature play area is chosen, please consider a plan/layout that isn't identical to Island Lake, simply to provide variety for the greater neighborhood.
4. Concept A – Might there be allowance for a 2nd mini playground (one single slide, couple swings, teeter-totter) in the upper right hand corner? Please allow for a wide shoulder or turn lane to the boat ramp for back-up traffic waiting to launch.
5. B- Parking lots seem to cater more to boat/trailer traffic than non-boater use. Too much asphalt. Slight curve to N Owasso Blvd. nice choice to dampen traffic speed; add some to A?
6. I really like the idea of picnic shelter by beach, and a shower. Also really like enhanced courtesy dock (Concept B).

7. Trim oaks over-hanging property on west side of park SOON – 2016 please.
8. Concept A – way too many crosswalks needed to route pedestrian traffic.
9. I prefer concept “A”. Preserve more green spruce while providing adequate parking.
10. I drive by the park almost daily. Seems most day’s shelters are in use kids and families are playing soccer, badminton or volleyball. I hope a space or spaces will continue to be available to support these activities.
11. From 6:10 to 7:00, I did not see any people of color at this session tonight. When I drive by the park on a busy day, I see a lot of diversity. Is any outreach being done to solicit opinions of non-white communities?
12. I hear neighbors concerned about additional crime with more trails, parking and improved facilities. Is the data from any of the other county park upgrades or trail upgrades that support these concerns? If so, then what? Can design features be incorporated that help reduce crime/limit crime.
13. I would like to keep at least 2 shelters for gatherings in addition to the shelter proposed for the beach area.
14. We prefer Concept A for it’s max amenities of natural development.

15. Would be nice to see more boat trailer parking at the Owasso boat launch, or at least closer. I see space limitation can make this hard. What if launch moved to west of beach where it would have lots of boat trailer parking opportunities.
16. I prefer Concept A. It is more fitting for the neighborhood. As a senior citizen I appreciate the peace and safety our neighborhood offers. I'm afraid of crime with some of the approaches of design- no one wants that happening.
17. I prefer Concept A. parking is less intrusive than the other option. I like the 2 entrances to the fishing.
18. Picnic table and grills scattered around like Turtle Lake park off of Hodgeon.
19. I like idea of curve of road (concept B). I think that can help manage traffic speed. Maybe even more would be helpful. (Seems no matter how often sheriff parks in lot, drivers continue to drive too fast for the park area. I would estimate average speed by park is between, 35 to 40 mph. sheriff likely has data or could get it. Nice facilities will attract more people and more pedestrians crossing. I see pedestrian safety as a significant concern especially on busy days.
20. There needs to be toilets on both sides of N. Owasso Blvd so people (children!) don't need to cross the active road.
21. I vote for Concept A. fishing pier is unrealistic. How is pedestrian traffic crossing the street going to be handled?
22. Concept A. need at least 2 pavilions. Utilize green areas with picnic tables and grills.

23. Nice Work! I prefer Concept A because less paved parking and parking is closer to road. I also prefer a shelter with word exposed (if budget permits).
24. The design "A" is better from my point of view. Looking at keeping the activities down to current levels. Seems to be no statistics on current activities with lake and park - 12E number fishing, swimming and sunning etc. and number of autos, trucks and trailers etc. Would be good to have stats so expectations resulting in change can be addressed.
25. Keep lots of trees.
26. We live just west of the park. I really don't like the picnic tables in both concepts within 50' of our home. There's plenty of space to locate them further from any dwelling. Also the nature play area in Concept B. is too close. I like Concept B's fishing pier.
27. Is it good to have vehicles pulling boats exit through the parking area by the beach where there is lots of people-traffic?
28. Concept A. looks best with some modifications.
29. Be sure to continue the signs on nearby streets for "No parking of boat trailers.
30. A short boat launch dock is needed to get in & out of boats.
31. Keep children's play areas away from houses.
32. Re: My letter dated 10/20/16 to Gus: I oppose any removal of existing, functional equipment. I object to the plan in total closing to lack of research in every area!

33. Make sure nature play area work for young children 1-5yrs.
34. Concept B. Add parking, but reduces # of shelters. Seems contradictory.
35. I wish we could keep the playground equipment. It is in good shape and is used by area children.
36. Really like idea of ADA access dock.
37. Keep existing number of shelters and add 1 or 2 more. Keep open areas near shelters for play areas (group's volleyball, soccer etc.)
38. Want fewest boat trailers. More not fewer trees coordination with city.
39. Too much space used for parking in Plan B. The open areas are used now for group activities.
40. Have a least 1 children's' play area.
41. Will there be flashing lights for the cross walks?
42. A life guard is needed.
43. I like concept A. which contains more open space and more shelters.
44. Leave more shore area free and open for **Courage** Center ski program.

45. No enhanced courtesy dock (on Lake Owasso) leave as a straight, fairly short dock for boat launch only (no boat parking).
46. Consider sheriffs input on boat parking. Would more boat parking lead to overcrowding on the water?
47. Turtle Lake: Nice job on storm water central and rainwater gardens 24"? 30"? And cantilevered ends of picnic tables is brilliant!!!
48. Re: Pedestrian Safety- boulevard areas be designed to discourage crossing away from crosswalks (bushes, drainage ditch etc.)?
49. I like more parking if it needs a need. At some time, is there data? Sheriff, Public Works standards, etc. that indicate at what pint of density (visitors per sq. ft. does crowding start to create more safety behavior problems?
50. Concept A – Preferred for overall layout of parking and trails as it makes the best use of the space. Beach building from Concept B is preferred as it's by big enough to accommodate concessions. If building from Concept A is chosen, please allow food trucks.
51. A & B –
 - What does East end of trail link to?
 - Encourage more canoe/kayak use
 - Perimeter screening planning needed east & west sides for visual and noise damping/suppression.
 - Senior living at Rice St., add bocce ball courts to NE area.
 - Add stand-alone grills in vicinity of picnic tables.
 - Add fire ring or 2 at north part.

52. Seems limited space significantly limits options. I have heard of storm water treatment spaces that are built to resolve short-term needs, in conjunction with ponds, etc. These strategies use play field areas that maybe “flooded out” for a day or so after a storm, but otherwise the space is available for soccer, etc. Such a strategy may help “add” space the park.
53. A - For more green space and trail.
- Less parking lot but incorporate more rain water garden like B
 - Need screening plantings on west side to notify neighbors.
 - Move large and small shelter NW to avoid car traffic.
 - Keep pier extension as part of trail system.
54. I left a proposed sign wording last meeting to remember Native Americans.

Our Mission:

North Lake Owasso Neighborhood Group (NLONG) was formed to acknowledge and remember Native American that camped and hunted in our area of Shoreview and central Ramsey County. Our purpose is to search, dig and find Native American artifacts in this region. Results are to be displayed on a marker to educate the citizens of our rich heritage while enhancing Native American culture.