



Parks Master Plan Open House

La Center Community Center

Tuesday, March 3, 2015

Comments from attendees:

<p>Maintain road in and out of Whipple Creek; Post signs in parking lot reinforcing leash law; Post sign designating trailer parking from auto parking, post in parking lots; connecting fairgrounds to Whipple Creek, something like what Cle Elum has in its WA State horse park. Expand Daybreak Park for trailer parking and expand trails along the river.</p>	<p>I am in favor of the proposed plan in regards to the trails which could be used by bikers/hikers and equine users. I realize that the equine use would require more capital because the plan would have to accommodate horse trailer and vehicle which would require a larger parking area.</p>
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<p>I enjoy the county, state and national parks from horseback weekly. I would like more horse trail/multi-use trails, better and marked parking for horse trailers. It would be great to have a vault restrooms at Whipple Creek at the main parking lot. It would be great to have a parks rep attend WTRA on every 4th Thursday meeting, 6:30pm at Saddle Club, once a quarter. And attend BCH meeting on every 1st Monday, 7pm, at Round Table, JM Plaza in Hazel Dell.</p>	<p>I enjoy the county, state and national parks from horseback weekly. I would like more horse trail/multi-use trails, better and marked parking for horse trailers. It would be great to have a vault restrooms at Whipple Creek at the main parking lot. It would be great to have a parks rep attend WTRA on every 4th Thursday meeting, 6:30pm at Saddle Club, once a quarter. And attend BCH meeting on every 1st Monday, 7pm, at Round Table, JM Plaza in Hazel Dell.</p>
<p>Parks people need to get out and visit various "horse organizational meetings, such as BCH, WTRA, etc., especially the 6 and 20 year master planners. Roads in general: pot hole repair. Pot holes damage vehicles and trailers in many various ways.</p>	<p>Your laptop survey: good, however one singular glaring unimpressive addressment – a one liner to horses! Totally unsatisfactory. This county needs considerable more horse trails. Additionally those that do exist need repairs and maintenance (in many cases). Further, your address of horses (lack of) would grant you an "F".</p>
<p>Enforce parking signage. For example, parking that is designated horse/horse trailer parking. No other parking such as no car, motorcycles, etc. Creates many, many problems for pickups with horse trailers. Those that violate, fine or ban, or both. This also applies to those that do damage. More horse/multi-use trails.</p>	<p>Work with private facilities such as Clark County Saddle Club to help them grow. CCSC relocation possible to 40 acres west of 503, S. of 179th in line with trail to Whipple Creek and Chelatchie RR trail.</p>
<p>More trail connections for equestrians: Whipple Creek – Fairgrounds-park. Fairground-county property on 10th – county property across from 164 to old road bed that goes under freeway to county property along Whipple Creek to Union,</p>	<p>Use of eco-green grid to replace paving for bikes instead so costs are better and path is more multi-use. Kayakers harass the duck hunters on Vancouver Lake.</p>

then get to the property behind Northwoods cemetery (Whipple Creek woods). (hand-drawn map submitted)	
Change the county signs that give horses a negative impression. Put horses higher up on the sign.	Bonneville Park, equestrian use – get something going. Green Mtn Trail – acquire entrance. Day Break Park – Trust fund.
Keep Bratton Canyon Park natural with minimum development and continue to be open to the public and able to reserve for special events occasionally. Developing a network of connecting green space to hike/ride bike. Ex: rails to trails.	For kids under 12: climbing rocks/boulders/trees/stumps; low water spray type features like Ester Short Park; more playground equipment; another park in the middle of the county.
Turn on water features earlier, based on temperatures.	Please protect old-growth trees when designing new parks. In existing parks, some trees are subject to a lot of wear and tear. Try to save them. Thanks for asking residents for input.
Fill in pot holes at Whipple Exit NW 21 st .	Add leash law signs at parking lot.
Vancouver Lake not a place you go by yourself. Sketchy safety, lots of trash.	Most parks seem well maintained. Keep up the good work.
Equestrian trails on Whipple Creek Woods property – gravel the unofficial trails to control mud and erosion.	Promote wildlife habitat in all parks. Bird view areas, for instance.
Some covered walking areas would be wonderful for the rainy season.	We need more horse friendly trails/parks.
Leave some places in a natural condition for wildlife, e.g. bushes, dead trees, etc.	Keep old growth trees and large natural areas. Horses not everywhere, only in larger parks to eliminate damage. Solve the English Ivy problem at Whipple Creek, awful!
Protect existing trees and vegetation as much as possible. New construction – try to save trees. And watch for damage done to trees in existing parks.	Responsible horse/dog owners care about the trails/parks. They use and take care to <u>not</u> cause damage. They also volunteer their time to maintain/improve those areas for further enjoyment of all.
Keep some minimally developed with trails and limited facilities. People can walk and see a river and less “busy” space.	