

PARKS AND RECREATION POLIC PLAN UPDATE

JUNE 12, 2008 OPEN HOUSE COMMENTS

The City has asked citizens to respond regarding park usage. I would like to make a comment about Edora Park. When this park was changed from a general use park to a Frisbee park, the neighborhood lost a very valuable resource. As more and more of the park has been changed from general use to Frisbee golf, we have lost our park. There is literally no general park left. In general, the Frisbee golfers are rude to people trying to use the park (and stay out of their way) and even sometimes try to hit other park users with their Frisbees. Language is generally very bad, even when children are present, and alcohol is very often in use illegally in the park by the golfers. Why can we not get at least some of our park back as a general use park? We need this very much. Let other city parks take some of the burden for Frisbee golf and give us our park back.

Expand sports/Triple Crown for City \$.

When does open lands tax expire? We are already not receiving the amenities planned in community parks for decades. Let's ditch open lands, and start applying that money to existing parks (upkeep and development), new sport and venue facilities, and making fitness facilities available to community members on an affordable basis (ie: Windsor, Loveland, and Lafayette facilities as examples)

I think the purchase of land is most important! If it sits "unused" for 10 years it's still a place for wildlife and it keeps it out of the hands of developers. I actually like the less developed areas and it allows for kids to think up their own play activities.

Nail down the land ASAP

Minimize and concentrate maintenance

- eliminate turf grass wherever possible
- design for minimum maintenance
- maintain what really needs it (facilities, not ground cover)

Trails are heavily used, useful, and enjoyed –need as much as we can get.

Don't slow down acquisition unless forced to.

I believe small, accessible public spaces are important-limit consolidation-spread it around.

More turf fields would be appreciated. We have to run major ultimate events in Denver (Dicks) because we do not have the facility in F.C. Establish a tax district to help fund it and park maintenance? It would bring tourist \$ to FC and be useable by several sports groups – thanks Holly Wright FC Ultimate

One use for open space is an airpark for radio control aircraft. This would be a partnership with local clubs which would cost the city nothing, maintain the character of the open space, and serve a larger number of local pilots. Such partnerships are common on the Front Range and across the nation.

Fossil Lake Ranch next to Zach Elementary – A nice playground and shade to serve the huge number of children in the neighborhood would be great. Trees are great but the shade is missing for almost 20 years. Man-made shade would be great.

Bicycling is the new golf! We need 5-15 acres near downtown for a unique competitive and recreational cycling park. A velodrome at the center, with a closed paved criterium course, a MTB short track, and BMX or MBT jumps. These are combinable for cyclo cross racing as well. These courses also would be used by joggers, walkers, skaters, roller skiers. The Rodale cycling and Fitness Park adjacent to the velodrome in the Trexlertown, PA is a model facility. Competitive cycling for all ages is popular – see the 6 day races at the CSU oval – whole families are racing. Racing bicycles cures inactivity and obesity at any age. It needs supporting facilities just like soccer, baseball, swimming, ice sports. Get us the land and we'll do the rest!

Velodrome at Legacy Park? Maybe pave one of the dirt trails at McMurry Ponds into a criterion course loop. I'd racewalk on it!

Velodrome at Legacy Park

The Sunday night oval races have demonstrated there is substantial and enthusiastic support for cycling events in Fort Collins. I would love to see a velodrome located in this city.

Cycling park. F.C. has many facilities for golf, softball, football, etc. but there are no cycling parks. Build a multi-use cycling park in F.C.- north of Mt. Ave. for use as velodrome, cyclocross, BMX, etc.

Velodrome at Legacy Park?

There is a large disc golf community in Fort Collins that would be extremely appreciative of a new 18-hole disc golf course to relieve the extreme overcrowding at Edora Park.

NCDGC would be willing to provide all labor for building a new 18 hole disc golf course in Fort Collins (ie. Installing baskets, pouring concrete). All we need is the land to put it on. If you did a survey on any given day at Edora Park you would see the overwhelming number of players, club members and rec, that come through. I have been playing for over 10 years now and can

see the growth every year. It used to take a little over an hour to play 18 holes and now with all the traffic it is at least a 2 hour course on a slow day.

I moved to Fort Collins 5 years ago from Kansas. After having fallen deeply in love with Disc Golf, was surprised to find Fort Collins' enthusiasm with the game. I'm here to help voice concern with the size of the disc golf community and our limited resources here in Fort Collins. The wear at Edora is evident and to keep up with demand more courses are needed. This will reduce other traffic opening the park for all patrons. Pay to play may be a solution for financial issues. Volunteer work will be provided with the NCDSC being active in community development.

PDGA#20415 www.PDGA.com I moved from CA. They put a disc golf in Golden Gate Park years in the making working with City park- arborist and it worked Pls hear the plead of the Disc Golf community. Man hours volunteer is not a issue. Gotta go Gotta Throw.

We need at least one more disc golf course in the FC area due to rapidly gaining popularity. Edora Park gets dangerously overcrowded on a regular basis. With the amount of available space in the area, NCDGC would be glad to do the necessary labor for a new course. –thank you-

It would be wonderful to see some open land dedicated to the rapidly growing sport of disc golf. It is relatively speaking very inexpensive, very low maintenance, and could even be pay to play. Persons of all ages play disc gold, and it is a great family activity.

Disc Golf is growing by leaps and bounds. There are so many competitive players and even more Recreational players than our one 18 hole course can handle. Here in is where the problem lies. There is to much volume on one course, with too many cross over activities. The need for more 18 hole courses in the Fort Collins is now!!!!

I'm excited to see the improvements to Edora and especially the disc golf course. But there is over 100 people in the club and we are only able to play at Edora. We need another quality course to support this growing sport. We are a college town and this a cheap, fun, and positive sport for the college town. I started playing at age 13 and I'm 25 now. I've seen it grow first hand. We could have a \$5 course fee like in Sundance Ranch in Red Feather to help costs. Or a % of tournaments and leagues. I'm here to see Disc Golf grow. What else can we do? Partitions, fund raisers, City Council meeting.... Let the Disc Golf club know.

Note: Inform Danny Burdick at Dannyburdick@msn.com when the next meeting is concerning Disc Golf. Thanks.!