

## **South Waterfront Lincoln Landing / River Road Design Comments Received from the Public Meeting**

- “My experience is that the regulatory agencies will not be excited about using a natural wetland for stormwater treatment. Unless it is in real poor shape, it is not likely to fly”
- “Walk the dog. Yes.”
- “Incorporate a butterfly garden. Native only.”
- “Keep the lawn open.”
- “Put a children play area at the corner of Dixie and River Road.”
- “Kayak / Rowboat launch off of the Lincoln Street Landing.”
- “Cycling / bike rentals in the deck area by the landing.”
- “Don’t put Basketball, tennis courts, beach volleyball in the open spaces.”
- “The horseshoe court is not a bad idea – it could fit on one of the arboretum points if it was small enough.”
- “Plenty of trash and recycle bins.”
- “Enjoy Public Art. NO! Too much weird stuff. Butterfly garden.”
- “A place to bring children to play is important and festival event space.”
- “I like the idea of a basketball court and a tennis court.”
- “I want a beach volleyball court.”
- “Walk the dog only in the arboretum or along the river on the extreme north side of the riverwalk.”
- “Why? Just keep your dog on a leash.”
- “Provide doggie pooh bags. Here, here!”
- “I like the rest/relax, picnic/eat lunch, people watch, watch activities on the river, exercise, jogging, walking ideas.”

- “Arboretum: define in this context. How big, etc.”
- “The horseshoe court is BRILLIANT!”
- “Other program elements: interpretive signs, trash & recycling facilities (sustainable).”
- “Minimize concrete.”
- “Just rest and relax.”
- “Parking??”
- “Keep it open (Riverplain Park Lawn).”
- “Good idea for a play area in the arboretum.”
- “Kayak / Rowboat / Launch rental, cycling and renting bikes – YES!!”
- “PARKING??”
- “Horseshoe court – GOOD 😊!”
- “Dave, would it be safe for off set parking? (arrow to the south side of Phillips Ave. in the block just prior to existing Barber St. (just north of the school), which is outside the Park & Road project boundary delineation).”
- A drawing suggests 2 way on existing Barber, with circular drives for pick up (off Sevier where existing school yard is with traffic flow heading west) and drop off (off Barber where existing spaces are, with traffic flow heading south).
- “Other program events: it’s important to provide passive space.”
- “Dog Park!”
- “Tunnels / pathways under roadways for the local wildlife to be able to travel safely from one side to the other, similar to the wildlife corridors they have in the Smokies.”
- “Velodrome.”
- “Make the lawn area stay open space – other areas would be active areas.”

- “How about restrooms after residential is constructed for eyes on the street?”
- “Velodrome on Riverplain park lawn!”
- “Why are the views to directly across the river (shown in red) considered unattractive??!”
- “I agree – the green is cool and clean and better than concrete!”
- “No wake area in the rowing lanes – Patti.”
- “The basketball, tennis, and volleyball courts are too much paving.”
- “Yes on the horseshoe court!”
- “Walkways that cross grass use as permeable grid, or ‘grasscrete’, which is grass/concrete.” (included diagram of a ticktacktoe pattern of grass in squares between concrete sidewalks).
- “Like the beach volleyball court.”
- “Badminton and croquet equipment rentals.”
- “Badminton / croquet rentals are a great idea”
- “Enjoy public art – budget 1% for the ARTS!”
- “Tree survey! Please preserve mature canopy and plant native and hearty on additions to landscape.”
- “Lets have a wildlife / habitat (including trees) survey & incorporate existing natural treasures.”
- “Keep the wetland natural and not too engineered.”
- “Is Riverplain Park lawn better elsewhere?”
- “Maybe the lawn is better downriver as in the Vision Plan. Vision for this site is wetland / eco-sustainable nature experiences.”
- “In regards to the back formations, if metaphorical, also make them ecological.”
- “Cover? Looks like not a habitable edge.”

- “In opportunities and restraints section: there is an existing forest on the park land. Very interesting that you omitted it from the drawing.”
- “DOG PARK!”
- “Is there on-street parking on River Road??”
- “Put large quarry rocks for climbing in the play area.”
- “On the riverwalk / arboretum, preserve existing forest.”
- “Looks like all replanted trees instead of the existing forest. From across the river, the existing vegetation looks like a continuous row. Keep it.”
- “The bank sculpting is weak, unvegetated low eco-function, low habitat diversity edge.”
- “Please don’t raze all the existing river edge vegetation keep it bountiful and natural.”
- “The kayaks at the floating dock are important!”
- “There is a working example of kayak rentals in Seattle.”
- “I don’t think a basketball court would be a good idea for the park design; maybe a tennis court, but I think more of a passive focus should be considered, augmented by the bicycle-water sports features and the children’s play area. Lighting also is important at night to make people feel secure. A special thanks to Gavin and the design team for an excellent job!” – Monty Stanley
- “The presentation was clear and informative. Emphasis I would like to see environmental values of wetland and arboretum. Being center city orientated these sites will offer another view of world. I’m at the age I can take time to stop and smell the flowers. Leave open spaces for children just to run and families can sit and picnic. The only hard fixture would be basketball court with two half courts. Folks want to shoot hoops not play a full court game. As the area fills with new families give them option to provide input. In the larger park spaces look for places for organized sport fields. Size of turnout reflects area of focus, Gay Street Bridge eastward to Island Home. When Riverwalk area in front of Baptist westward is clearer, Kerbela Temple venue works. Until then South Knoxville Baptist Church or the elementary school are better venues.” – Gary Deitsch

