



Waterfall & Brown Parks

merriam, kansas

Public Meeting #1 Meeting Notes January 21, 2006

Brown Park

- Need parking near playground in Brown Park for instances such as Mothers wanting to keep an eye on children at the playground while attending a baby in the car.
- Neighbors of Brown Park miss the lost connection at the big hill, but slope stability may be an issue.
- Restrooms – maybe better in Waterfall Park than Brown
- Parking and Access – not currently in a good location
- Maintenance – Currently provided by Public Works. Development of the Parks may result in a change
- Revenue generation?
- Move Playground
- Tennis courts are used
- Add picnic shelter
- Lighting along roadway – pedestrian scale
- Handicap accessible
- Timed security lighting
- Move basketball court
- Playground is good for small kids
- Tennis court was original basketball court
- Want better access to neighborhood to west
- Expand playground
- On-street parking
- No permanent restrooms
- Pavillion that can be rented out
- Acquisition of east properties
- Swings are good
- Civil rights education
- Recycling
- Dual use tennis/basketball court
- Light the path (trail)
- Realign path along the top of the berm (where pedestrian traffic is occurring already)
- Visibility and access near the parking
- Add handball/racquetball courts at the tennis courts
- Mosquitoes are thick in warmer times of the year, design to reduce and add biological controls
- Art display – possibly temporary installations on bollard-type posts.
- Dog park
- Parking – head-in on street



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- Nature area
- Wetland – flooding improvements
- No powerlines! - Kites, Frisbee
- Walking Trail along creek
- Waterfall as focal point
- Flood warning
- How to get to brown park?
- Return streams to natural state
- Clean up under railroad – 47 Trains a day!
- Skate park?
- Not a special event location
- Train – history of railroad
- Seating near train
- Balls could be lost in creek
- Redevelopment around the park
- Encourage use by Enterprise
- Ice Skating
- BMX Bike area
- Fishing
- Train/railroad themed playground
- Clean up waterfall areas (bank stabilization)
- Loop trails
- Rain Gardens
- Gated entries
- 3&2, rugby teams, and soccer are interested in facilities here.
- Use railroad boxcar or flat bed to cross the stream
- Small train ride?
- Engage the community in the stream
- Give detention pond “wow” factor

