

## **26<sup>th</sup> and I Street NW Park Project**

### **Community Questions.**

#### **General:**

##### **Can we add access points for entry for supplying ground cover?**

DPR currently plans to have accessible entry points to the playground and dog park.

##### **Is there a water source for the site and if not, are there plans for one?**

There is no water source for the site and no funding in this project for one. Additionally, there are no alternative options for watering the landscaping.

##### **Can you add ground cover to the ground between the two parks?**

DPR currently only have tree plantings in our planting plan based on our current budget.

##### **Where will the sign go? Can the sign here to be seen from both sides walking down 26th street?**

We will show the sign locations at the final community meeting.

##### **Can you fix the light between the two parks?**

We will investigate if the light is under the purview of DPR/DGS or DDOT/DPW and if this will fit into our budget.

##### **I didn't hear any mention of lighting... was that included?**

We may replace the light fixture heads, if needed, but the existing poles will likely just need to be painted. No additional lighting was budgeted for.

##### **Are there maintenance doors included in the fence for both parks? If so, where?**

These will be shown on the final concept plans, likely near the DC Water Easement.

##### **Who maintains the EWF ground cover (expenses)?**

Often 'Friends Of' or 'Community Groups' donate annual 'topping' of EWF. Otherwise, DGS will top the EWF based on their budget and schedule.

##### **Where will trash cans be placed outside the parks?**

We will show the trash can placement at the final community meeting.

#### **Dog Park:**

##### **Can we push the dog park back as far as possible towards K street?**

DPR will work closely with DDOT and within existing conditions and our budget to extend the dog park as much as possible.

##### **Benches: Can we use metal benches?**

Yes. DPR's standard bench is solid recycled metal. (<https://dumor.com/products/bench-58>)

**Can we save money by removing the agility items?**

Yes. DPR has removed them from the plans.

**Can we move poop bag station closer to entrance where trash cans will be?**

Yes, we will locate this as close as possible to the entrance of the dog park.

**Can you ensure as much of the fencing is decorative as possible (at least on 26th street)?**

Yes, we plan to use DPR standard ornamental fencing along the street for the playground and dog park. For the dog park, we will need to install wire mesh at the base to prevent small dogs from escaping.

**How often do you have to replace engineered wood? Who pays for it?**

There is periodic maintenance to replenish. There is a complete refresh in approximately 15 years.

**Does the engineered wood bunch up against the chain link fence when dogs run ... as it is doing now with wood chips?**

It will be important for the community to assist with raking the EWF to ensure a smooth surface is maintained.

**What does the vestibule entrance look like (both as it was presented and if we were to gain additional space towards.**

This will be shown in the final plan.

**Is an area for smaller dogs possible?**

Based on the square footage of the dog park we do not recommend dividing this space as it will limit running space.

**Cost to Relocate trees in existing dog park- what kind are they?**

The final plans will include landscape plans with tree planting locations and species.

**Playground:**

**Equipment: Can we remove the shade umbrella as it's not in line with the historic district and re-configure the layout so that the toddler area is in the corner where the tree is and put swings closer to the far side (near the new dog park)?**

The shade structure has been removed from the plans. We will review the playground layout with Kompan, the playground vendor, to ensure safety is the key priority.

**Can we move the tower to fill dead space and create more space at entrance of park?**

We will update the playground plan and do our best to accommodate all requests

**Can we use money from dog agility equipment for a multi-generational "exercise" equipment (monkey bar?) from the same wooden line and manufacturer as the kids park items.**

We have shared this request with our playground vendor to see how they might be able to incorporate this into the park design depending on space and funding.

**Benches: Can we use metal benches for durability and not an issue with heat if they are in the shade. Move closer to the existing tree for shade?**

Yes, DPR's standard bench is solid recycled metal and we will place them in the shade where possible.

**Are sandboxes approved for DC playgrounds?**

DPR does not recommend using sand in playgrounds as it is not ADA accessible, it attracts animals to defecate in and it makes a general mess.

**Can the entrance be on the plaza side for safety purposes (vs exit/entrance on 26th street?)**

Yes, this change has been made for an accessible entrance.

### **Plaza:**

**Configuration: Can we keep the existing tree box in the center but expand it a few feet on each side?**

Yes, we will adjust the tree planting boxes.

**Can we add additional tree boxes at the back end where benches currently are and on the street side to better "frame" the plaza with greenery?**

We can explore this possibility.

**Benches: Can we use the same metal benches but with dividers to prevent sleeping and make ADA compliant? Configure them so that they are facing each other on both ends of the park for conversational purposes and between new flower boxes.**

Yes, DPR's standard bench is solid recycled metal and a divider can be installed. We have reoriented them to ensure they are adjacent for better conversations, yet open to the plaza so visits feel safe.

**Repairs: Can you fix broken bricks, stone wall that is cracked and paint the light poles black and ensure that the light figures are working? Will you clean up/remove the plantings between the current dog park and plaza.**

Yes.

**The plaza has a center rectangle garden - is that retained in the future design? The new plan is for the plaza to be expanded for community gatherings. The benches will be moved back to the west, the planters will be relocated to the perimeter of the plaza, though new trees and tree boxes will be installed.**

The planters will be adjusted to better serve the community with a larger center planter and more tree planters to increase the tree canopy in the plaza.

**Will the brick be resurfaced/fixd/repaird?**

Yes, DDOT will install a new brick sidewalk along the street and DPR/DGS will repair bricks as needed in the plaza.

**Where will the trash cans be placed?**

Trash and Recycling Bins will be placed near the entrance to the dog park and playground.

**Where will bike racks be installed? (per DDOT requirements)?**

Typically DPR installs at least 3 bike racks per DDOT's requirements and we will show the placement in the final design meeting.

**Will there be signage in plaza or just between parks?**

We will show the sign locations at the final community meeting.

**What is the purpose of this brick plaza?**

This existing plaza can be enjoyed by the community for both passive and active recreation, such as gathering, picnics, farmers markets, reading among other uses.

**Types of "tribute" benches available for one of the benches (Robert/Norrene Vogt tribute bench) Costs of each option.**

Attached, please find a flyer describing the standard Dumor steel bench that DPR uses in its parks. Visit <https://dumor.com/products/bench-58> for current pricing.

**Cost of table with swinging seats to replace one end bench conversation area?**

We do not have a standard plaza swinging bench but would be happy to review any proposed donation from a commercial grade vendor.