

**Cobb Park Meeting – August 18, 2022**  
**Chat Question & Answer**

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- 1. Conceptually I like the idea of performances etc. here, but is that wishful thinking without making any changes to the traffic flowing around it?**
  - The plaza will be set back from the surrounding roads to reduce the impact of noise. Also, there will be a berm planted with trees to help buffer the traffic sounds.
- 2. This park is a great addition to MVT, as dog owner and I'm sure everyone else might want to know, will it be a designated fenced area for our best friends with four legs?**
  - There will not be a fenced area designated for dogs in Cobb Park. For groups interested in a new dog park in your neighborhood, information on the dog park application process can be found here: <https://dpr.dc.gov/page/dog-park-applications>
- 3. Was consideration given to closing the piece of 3rd street that separates the two green spaces (making it contiguous)? I'm sure DOT could weigh in on any traffic impact, but it would be nice to make this park as large as possible.**
  - The small, triangle park is currently under National Park Service jurisdiction. Any decisions to close a street would require action by the District Department of Transportation.
- 4. I am hoping nothing will change with the adjacent grassy area, since I use that to take my dog out (south of H and north of Mass).**
  - This project will not impact the small triangle parks between 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NW and 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW.
- 5. Will the park be closed over night?**
  - Yes, the park will be closed overnight.
- 6. Now that I see the park will be fenced, I am concerned that Cobb Park will become an unofficial off-leash dog park. Has this been taken into consideration?**
  - Dogs on leash will be permitted in the park. There will be rules posted noting all dogs are required to be on leash.
- 7. The fence doesn't look tall enough to keep anyone out at night. As a female who takes my dog out over there, I am very concerned about loitering in the park from homeless, etc. and/or those hiding in the park...safety is my concern to attract those staying in the park.**
  - The fence height will be 42". It will be locked overnight. The fence height is not higher partly in response to comments from other regulatory and permitting agencies who raised concerns the park would not feel welcoming with higher fences.
- 8. 100% agree, traffic calming is sorely needed to make the park more pleasant and to make the street safer in general. People treat Mass Ave like a highway.**
  - Requests for additional traffic calming should be made directly to the District Department of Transportation.

- 9. I see a potential conflict between the berms/trees needed for buffering from traffic and concern about safety, or at least safety perceptions. if one feels like there are tree/earth walls around the park and it's not open lines of sight, will people feel safe in there after dark?**
- The maximum height for the berms will be 2.5'-3' so that people can easily see over them.
- 10. Will this park accommodate holding community fitness classes such as yoga, etc?**
- Yes, the park will provide large, flexible spaces for group activities. Organized groups will require DPR permits through our normal process.
- 11. Thank you for making it fenced, I have a 2-year-old and this is the only way I would feel comfortable with her playing there.**
- The children's play area will be fenced with a gate for safety.
- 12. Will there be bike racks?**
- Yes, the park will have bike racks.
- 13. Please try to consider all options for adequate lighting, etc. I am very concerned about at night this being a homeless installment and a big safety concern.**
- The park will be lit with a combination of pole lights and bollard lighting.
- 14. Have public restrooms been considered here? DC has a severe lack of public restrooms.**
- No restrooms are planned for this park. We have structural constraints throughout much of the park due to its location over a highway tunnel, so no buildings are included in this project.
- 15. Will the lights remain on during the night?**
- Yes, the lights will remain on at night.
- 16. Will the park close at sunset or at a fixed hour daily, regardless of the season?**
- DPR standard operating times are from sunrise to sunset.