

Community Survey Results

A survey was done seeking additional ideas for park design related to commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s memory and an amenity that appeals to teens.

Question 1 - How can we celebrate the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in this park?

It is a good, big and beautiful place and nice and safe place to celebrate.

Flowers are very beautiful. Plant a lot of flowers. Roses, lotuses.

He is the one who created the beautiful garden. People are interested in it because of the nice place and more space.

We can see the beautiful flowers and get fresh air. Give flowers to each person. Have music.

We have to plant trees

He is the first one who created the garden, so we have to celebrate him every year.

Because of the flowers, trees, it is a place that make people interested. We also can call that garden 'Dr Martin Luther King Jr

We should celebrate him every year because the garden is very beautiful

Invite friends to come and celebrate him with games, music and more games

I'd personally like to see a paved bike/walk path around the perimeter with plenty of sitting benches and pollinator gardens.

Since the park is in commemoration of Martin Luther King, Jr., I like to see inspirational quotes in the park. They could be on benches or even on site stones.

This would be great questions to ask McDougle and Smith middle schoolers! Please take the time to reach out to the principals, they are looking for ways to connect learning to the community.

Have a statue of Gandhi.

With a statue or a plaque with his name. A monument.

A plaque to commemorate the fight

Making a statue and writing his biography in order to know about him

Making a museum that explains about his life and a monument in person

Create this plaque. See an example below- the blue shapes are tile pieces of mosaic background.



Question 2 What amenity can we put in the back open flat area of the park for teens?

Put chairs where people can sit

Plant more trees and grass

We can create a park for the youth and put in chairs

Plant a lot of colorful flowers. Have a place to read about Dr. Martin Luther King

Put things that make people interested

I think in the back of the garden we have to plan more beautiful flowers

We should do more activities about Martin Luther King Jr. It is very important for us to remember him

Games, reading, soccer, football, volleyball

Keep more things for play

Games for kids

Soccer field and games for children

Skateboards area, basketball courts, soccer field

Making a skate area

Indoor soccer field and a track for exercising

Court

My pre-teen would love to see a bicycle or skate park and/or pump track. I think kids need more safe spaces to bike and skateboard! A climbing wall/structure is also appealing.

I'd love to see the open space left undeveloped. If we commit the land to specific uses (eg pump track), we would restrict it from any other future use. However, leaving the land as it is would allow it to be used for any variety of purposes (as it currently is). Also, consider that this is one of the only open spaces left in Carrboro area, so it would be a shame lose it to development.

I think that some type of multipurpose sports field would appeal to many teens. As for commemorating MLK, I have no ideas.

I agree that a multi-use sports field would be a nice addition. So many of the other fields--understandably--are for leagues and organized sports. My children love to get together with friends after school and on weekends for pick up games of soccer, football, Ultimate, etc. this would probably be fairly low-cost project and would keep the landscape in much the same condition as it is currently. The field does not have to be perfect--think "sand lot" baseball. I think Martin Luther King would approve of more recreational opportunities for our youth.

Teenagers would really enjoy a bicycle pump track, based on seeing tracks based in North Carolina's Warrior Creek (brushymtncyclists.com/the-pum...) and in Telluride, Colorado (telluridenews.com/sports/arti...). It takes very little room and encourages fun, outdoor exercise. The cost to construct such an area is minimal, as it is small (Telluride's article indicates theirs is a 45 x 75 foot space); the Warrior Creek track is small too. The track is entirely made of dirt/clay. Here are plans for building a pump track: leelikesbikes.com/pump-tracks...

Here's another town's article on their new track: teamtowncycle.com/docs/pumptrack411pdf

Constructing the course would also make a great service project for local scouts. This would get teens involved in the early phases and help spread the word about the site.

I think a multipurpose sports and athletics field would be an excellent addition. It would give teens a place to practice our favorite sports and hang out with friends. Parks can never have too many multipurpose athletic fields.

I'd like to see an awesome playground like at "Duke Park" in Durham with tons of climbing structures and 2 and 3-story tunnel slides.

1) Outdoor classroom with free wifi, electric outlets, benches, and roof that is built by and improved by public as needed; a place where community can have seminar to debate issues, and make plans to improve community, and where students can study [outdoors](#). 2) Allow adults and children to build structures on land (like huts and other structures to play in), dig up and play with earth, plants, and animals, and plant things. 3) If there are disputes about people destroying or building structures, then allow people to work it out on their own and/or appoint a mediator. 4) Encourage wildlife and allow plants to grow naturally without maintenance; if people want to maintain it, let them. 5) Offer first come, first serve camping permits (like a national park would. \$10/day) so people/families can camp there. 6) Allow people to sell produce (like a farmers market), and add a water fountain, and bathrooms. 7) Add a locked shed where public can borrow supplies (that have been donated): rake, shovel, pencil, pens, paper, calculator, rope, scissors, magnifying glass, other things that people can plan and build with. The person in charge of handing out supplies can live on land for free and also be in charge of collecting money from campers and enforcing camping rules. 8) Allow people to use space for free and teach classes to public (yoga, tai chi, dancing, science, other fitness, etc) and to host public debates and games.

I feel distressed when I think about how I'm not allowed to build or change things on public and private land (~99.9% of property around me). I have a lot of things that I've learned in schools, etc and I want to explore and test my skills, but I feel confined because of the laws about not "destroying" public property (I'm not sure what "destroying" means and if it extends to digging a hole or building a shelter in a park). I hope there can be at least one space where people can build what they want even if they can't afford to own private property.

How about a flexible, multi-purpose space incorporating multiple ideas that have been suggested in this forum? For example, a space that allows for a market in the morning and sports in the afternoon and camping in the evening. And/or a space with (shaded) outdoor seating with wi-fi and power, but also a playground. Nobody says this space has to "be" only one thing. Unless I'm mistaken, there is a movement among architects to design buildings that "flex" throughout the day or month depending on users' needs; it might be possible to borrow design ideas from that movement.

It would be nice to include some activities for seniors such as shuffle board, bocce ball, and pickleball. For younger people, it would be nice to have a practice wall/outdoor handball court(s).

In general, my biggest wish for the park is for a fantastic natural playground, an alternative to the generic metal and plastic playgrounds found in so many places. Here are a few Here are a few examples:

erectarchitecture.co.uk/project play-scapes.com/play-design/net apesatplay.com/

I support a pump track for teens and a tribute to King as well, perhaps a fountain or flower/rock garden, or an interesting piece of artwork. I do not support a formal playing field, just an informal space that can be used as a playing field if people wish, as they currently do. Anything we add to the park should be of natural materials and not detract from the beauty of the current landscape

Interscholastic mountain biking is coming to North Carolina. We would benefit in local commerce by having a bicycle pump track which offers skill development across all cycling disciplines. Other sports are considerably accommodated in our town. Let's help support the growth and development of young cyclists while also offering an adult skill development that expands and attracts adult recreational mountain bikers who patron local businesses. northcarolinamtb.org